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Nation awaits Sunshine State recount

by DAVID ROYSE
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida officials began recounting nearly 6 million ballots Wednesday to determine the next president, while Democrats and some voters complained of election irregularities. Partial results showed Vice President Al Gore cutting into Texas Gov. George W. Bush's lead.

In one heavily Democratic county, officials said 19,120 ballots in the presidential race were tossed out before they were counted because more

than one candidate was picked. The recount in all 67 counties was triggered by state law because Republican Bush led Democrat Gore by less than one-half of 1 percentage point. State officials said they expect to finish by the end of the day today.

Florida elections supervisors also waited for an undetermined number of overseas ballots, primarily from military personnel and their families. The state allows 10 days after the election for the ballots to come in.

The state counted about 2,300 overseas ballots in the

1996 election — more than the margin separating Gore and Bush this time — so there is a remote possibility that those ballots alone could change the outcome.

The Florida totals, including all absentee ballots received so far, showed Bush with 2,909,135 votes and Gore with 2,907,351 — a difference of 1,784 in a state with 8.75 million registered voters.

After 32 of Florida's 67 counties were recounted Wednesday,

Gore had gained 843 votes.

Pinellas County, which includes St. Petersburg, will have to redo its count because a poll worker inadvertently failed to run an unknown number of ballots through its computer Wednesday,

county Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark said. The county retracted its original announcement that Gore had gained 404 votes and Bush dropped by 61 votes in its recount.

The scrutiny was intense

because Florida and its 25 electoral votes will decide the next president. In an added twist, the state's governor, Jeb Bush, is the Republican nominee's younger brother.

"We thought it would be close. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine it would be this close," Jeb Bush told reporters Wednesday.

Both Bush and Gore campaigned hard in the state and regarded it as crucial.

Some counties completed the count Wednesday and forwarded results to Tallahassee for certification by Republican Secretary of State Katherine

Harris and state elections director Clay Roberts, a Republican appointee. Jeb Bush said he recused himself.

Although both candidates typically pick up votes in a recount, veterans of the process said it is unusual for one side to pick up enough votes to make a difference in the outcome.

In each county, a county judge, the chairman of the county commission and the local elections supervisor, recounted the votes by feeding punch cards through tabulation machines three times. The

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Gore



Bush

Keeping their heads above water



ROTC practices aquatic survival

by KATE JOHNSON
reporter

Before the sun came up Wednesday morning, cadets in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) were jumping into the Gullickson Hall pool dressed in full combat gear in.

At 6 a.m., cadets met to test their water survivability by swimming while carrying their weapons and the weight of their equipment and clothing.

Matt Wolverton, Monongalia County senior and officer in charge of the event, said the water survival training builds confidence and also teaches cadets how to be strong swimmers.

"Water survival helps boost confidence in cadets and also

helps people who may have a fear of water," Wolverton said.

The cadets participated in a 3-meter drop, a don and dunk, a 15-meter combat swim, a drown-proof station and a 50-meter swim.

For the three meter drop, cadets dressed in combat gear stand blindfolded on the diving board. They are pushed into the water and must keep their weapon dry as they swim to the side.

Aimee Reiner, California senior, said the blindfold helps them react to unexpected immersion in water.

"This readies us for combat," Reiner said. "If we were to ever go to war, we would know how to survive. It's good training."

Cadets must swim a side stroke in the 15-meter combat swim. Dressed in combat gear and holding a weapon, the cadet must keep afloat while swim-

ming the width of the pool.

"If you can't get your weight shifted, it feels like you're going to drown," Charles Thornton, Gilbert junior, said.

At the drown-proof station cadets learned to make floatation devices out of the battle dress uniform pants and shirt.

Jim Teter, Parkersburg junior, and Keith Davis, Charleston senior, made the floatation devices by tying knots in the legs of the pants and then throwing the pants over their heads. This action traps air in the pants and makes them float.

The 50-meter swim identifies weak swimmers. These swimmers are then offered a swimming lesson to build confidence.

Water survival helps to train ROTC juniors for advanced camp. These exercises are used at the camp to earn the RECONDO badge.



ABOVE: California senior Aimee Reiner is pushed into the Gullickson Hall pool in full gear as part of the ROTC's water survival training.

RIGHT: Charleston junior Keith Davis, right, and Gilbert junior Charles Thornton use their uniform pants as floatation devices.



'Survivor' can win car from SHEP

by SCOTT NILES
reporter

Looking for something to do this weekend?

How about winning a car? Freshman Impact, part of Marshall's Student Health Education Program (SHEP), is sponsoring the "Car Survivor Series" at Walter "Lefty" Rollins Field Friday through Sunday. Students with valid Marshall IDs may register from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day until Friday at the Memorial Student Center.

The contest is organized by a UNI 101 class and is part of a semester-long series of events.

So what is "Car Survivor" all about?

"There are a whole set of rules," said Julie Cornwell,

Please see **CAR, P3**

Audience, director pleased with 'Earnest' opening night

by STEPHANIE STURGILL
reporter

No one was ever really aware of how important a name could be. Especially the name "Ernest."

Oscar Wilde's comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened Wednesday night in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

"I think that being given the chance to attend these plays, gives students a chance to broaden their cultural experiences," Josh March, Charleston junior, said.

The play, set in London during the early 1900s, involves two young men, Algernon and John, who fake their identities to please the women they love.

Jennifer Smith, Hurricane junior, said, "This type of theatre gives students different perspectives and cultural



"Earnest," a.k.a. John Worthington, played by David Hall, proposes to Gwendolen Fairfax, played by Randi Jayne.

Stand by your man

Campus party leaders support their candidates in close vote

by SCOTT NILES
reporter

Tuesday night, Americans watched intently to see who would become the nation's 43rd president.

On Wednesday morning, many were still watching.

According to wire reports, the results of the election were undetermined as of Wednesday morning because the race in Florida was too close to call, leaving neither candidate with a majority of Electoral College votes.

According to CNN news reports, the recounting of Florida's votes will not be completed until later today.

At Marshall, Wednesday was

the beginning of a waiting game for supporters of both parties.

"Once all this mess is settled, we feel things will fall in Gore's favor," said Derek Scarbro, president of the Young Democrats.

Republicans on campus feel differently.

"I am 100 percent confident that Bush will win," said Kristy Hays, president of the College Republicans.

Hays also said even though the overseas and military ballots have yet to be counted, they traditionally vote Republican.

Scarbro said there has been a lot of talk about the "butterfly" pattern of Florida's ballots,

Please see **VOTE, P3**

DANNEBROG, Neb. (AP) — Now this IS the truth: The National Liars' Hall of Fame has moved. The hall's new home is to be christened Sunday. The hall of fame had been located in the corner of the Big Table Tavern in this central Nebraska community of about 320. But new tavern owners have plans that don't include the hall's 50 items. So, the fibbers' paraphernalia — including a two-way hammer, stink bait and cowboy bubble bath — have been moved.

Page edited by Kimberly Bagby

HIV vaccine failure stirs lawsuit

by ANNE K. KOFOL
Harvard Crimson
Harvard University

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A team of AIDS researchers, including two Harvard University biostatisticians, published an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association last week detailing the failures of an HIV vaccine, despite the protests of the study's sponsor. The sponsor, Immune Response, filed a lawsuit in September for \$7 million to \$10 million immediately following the research team's refusal to include the company analysis of the study's results. The suit specifically names the research team leader, James Kahn, a professor from the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), and the UCSF regents.

While the firm maintains it should have a role in shaping the study's analysis, the scientists — whose findings indicated the HIV vaccine was a dud — said scientific freedom was their guiding principle. Kahn headed the study along with Dr. Kenneth Mayer, an AIDS researcher at Brown University, and two Harvard biostatisticians, Professor of Biostatistics Stephen Lagakos and Deborah Weng Cheng, a biostatistician in the Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research. Immune Response, a California-based biotech company, commissioned the study in 1995 to use 2,500 HIV patients as a test study for the HIV vaccine, Remune. They tested the ability of Remune to boost the immune response of HIV-infected people by reducing the patient's viral

load because "it showed some activity in the lab," Cheng said. However, by May 1999 the patients receiving Remune in addition to standard HIV treatment were faring no better than the control group, causing the Data Safety Monitoring Board and Immune Response to agree to stop the study, Kahn said. Upon presentation of their paper describing Remune's ineffectiveness, Kahn says it was clear they "did not present an analysis that the sponsor wanted." "They wanted the right to review all manuscripts," Kahn said of Immune Response, which the researchers refused because it was "clear it was a way to delay publication." Dr. Ronald B. Moss, vice president of medical and scientific affairs for Immune Response, refused to com-

ment. Calls to the public relations office were not returned. Both Kahn and Cheng stressed their duty to the patients who participated in the Remune study in publishing their negative data. "Patients involved in research treatment should be involved with the outcome," Cheng said. For the researchers, the Immune Response lawsuit endangers the larger issue of scientific freedom and places a conditional value on scientific research. "They're sort of like bullies in a sandbox — they take their toys and escape," Kahn said of Immune Response. "So far my colleagues have been very supportive," Kahn says. "I just hope that people will not wait for sanitized results." Lagakos is currently in Japan and could not be reached for comment.

Online gambling lures college students

by GABRIELLA SPINNATO
The Daily Free Press
Boston University

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — It's as easy as typing a word into an Internet search engine. With a few simple mouse clicks, a credit card and a desire to escape reality, online gamblers find themselves in Utopia. Online gambling, which is legal, is slowly seeping into casual life. Various sites such as iwin.com and casino.com provide individuals with the thrill of gambling in their own home. Gamblers are able to attend various virtual casinos and link to specific games — specializing in anything from solitaire to bingo — putting real money at risk. "College students are often attracted to the convenience and numerous gaming options that online gambling has to offer," said Boston University College of Arts and Sciences senior Nick Johnson. "There is a great variety of the different sports you could gamble on with online gambling. ... It also helps me with bills. ... Once they are out of the way, I am not going to do it anymore," he said. This modern take on gambling, however, has, "all the makings of a disaster," said Gamblers Anonymous member "Holly," who declined to give her last name and place of residence. In particular, Internet gambling is a solitary addiction. Even in action-filled casinos, gamblers isolate themselves from their surroundings, Holly said. "Online gambling is a further extension of this. ... It is a way not to have to deal with any people, and it could be very secretive," she said. Online gambling sites seek to



"hook in" inexperienced gamblers. These sites and virtual casinos are subtly designed to "make it look as though you're simply playing a game," Holly said. In contrast to traditional gambling, online gambling deals with credit cards rather than cash. Players must process personal information and credit card numbers to receive a user password and code. If a gambler loses online, their debts build on credit. Some sites even make it possible to wager one's house mortgage. As opposed to traditional gambling, which has regulations regarding shuffling and playing conditions, there is no legislation regulating online games. "A friend of mine invited me to go to a virtual casino with him. ... I didn't go, it seems like the potential of the same loss of money as traditional gambling without the ambiance of a real casino," said College of General Studies freshman Alex Nenkov. According to U.S. Census Statistics, people ages 18-24 exhibit the most serious form of disordered gambling at a rate two to three times higher than that of the rest of the adult population. Roughly 8 percent to 20 percent of college students have dealt with a gambling problem, according to the statistics.

Frat member holds former girlfriend hostage

by ERIC LEAKE
The Rebel Yell
U. Nevada-Las Vegas

(U-WIRE) LAS VEGAS — Eric Youngren, 22, a former University of Nevada-Reno student, held his ex-girlfriend hostage in an armed standoff with police at a UNR fraternity house Nov. 1, police said. The standoff at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house lasted over two hours and ended peacefully. "Youngren was distraught over the breakup of the relationship with the female," university police Lt. Todd Renwick said. "Youngren then placed the gun to his head and began threatening to kill himself." Upon arrival at the scene, university and Reno police evacuated the neighborhood, freed Youngren's ex-girlfriend and entered negotiations with Youngren that led to his eventual surrender. Youngren was armed with a .357 revolver. He fired one shot into the floor of the fraternity house on University Terrace but no one was hurt. Youngren was arrested and booked in to the Washoe County Detention Center. He was charged with second-degree kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon, domestic battery, as well as obstructing and resisting with a deadly weapon.

Dietary supplement may cause strokes, heart attacks

by ERIN HYUN
Daily Californian
U. California-Berkeley

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Students using the popular dietary supplement ephedrine to shed a few pounds or stay awake during late-night study sessions may need to proceed more cautiously, University of California researchers announced. Analyzing 140 reports of adverse effects suffered by ephedrine users, UC San Francisco researchers working for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found that the stimulant, which occurs naturally in some plants, may cause high blood pressure, strokes, heart attacks and even permanent injury or death in some extreme cases, said Christine Haller, the study's lead author. The researchers determined that 31 percent of the negative effects reported were definitely or probably caused by use of ephedrine and another 31 percent were possibly caused by the stimulant, Haller said. There were also eight cases of death among adults, one fetal death and one neonatal death. Overall incidence of side effects caused by ephedrine

"Of the stimulants out there that are legal, I definitely think that ephedrine is most effective. It's less jittery and a lot longer-lasting."

Eli Cates,
UC Berkeley senior legal studies major

cannot be determined as a long-term study of the drug has yet to be carried out, Haller noted. There are currently an estimated 10 million to 12 million people in the United States who use ephedrine products. The researchers recommend the FDA regulate ephedrine usage more tightly by recommending dose limits, wording warning statements more strongly and banning caffeine as a co-ingredient in products containing the stimulant. But some UC Berkeley students maintain that ephedrine is a safe and effective stimulant and that stricter controls on the drug are uncalled for. "Of the stimulants out there that are legal, I definitely

think that ephedrine is most effective, it's less jittery and a lot longer-lasting," said Eli Cates, a UC Berkeley senior legal studies major. "The FDA's taken too many things off the market lately," Cates said. "The study sounds a little bit inflammatory to me because I know a lot of people who use ephedrine. I'm sure if you take too much, you can get a heart attack, but you can also from (too much) caffeine and aspirin." The documented side effects occurred among people who were using recommend doses of ephedrine, which is generally about 20 milligrams two to three times a day, Haller said.

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ROTC spends weekend practicing battle scenario

by KATE JOHNSON
reporter

Most Marshall students probably spent the weekend hanging out with friends, visiting parents or studying.

But 39 Marshall Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) cadets spent their three days establishing a patrol basis, ambushing and conducting tactical movements against their opposition.

From Friday to Sunday at Camp Arrowhead Boy Scout camp in Barboursville, cadets performed in a platoon-size field training exercise. They were introduced to basic tactics that were designed to develop junior leadership and replicate conditions of combat.

"We make it as realistic as possible," Major Barry Brasseur said.

ROTC juniors are required

to attend the weekend exercise as part of their training for the ROTC advanced camp at Fort Lewis in Washington state next summer.

Seniors plan the event and sophomores and freshmen can choose to attend.

The weekend consisted of cadets reacting in created tactical scenarios involving the enemy.

The scenarios tested and strengthened the cadets' survivability and maneuverability when confronted with a combat situation, MSG Joseph Crider said.

The enemy was a fictitious rogue element being introduced into a third-world country that was preventing the election of a democratic government. The cadets were to stop the rogues from taking over.

This scenario is used at the

Army Training Center, Crider said.

Cadets functioned on minimum sleep in order to test their reactions in a stressful situation, Lt. Col. Michael Scholl said.

One of the tasks the cadets completed was ambushing.

"An ambush is a decisive and deliberate action," Crider said. "It involves the coordination of an assaulting element, a supporting element and a security element working together."

The cadets used M-16s with blank ammunition to complete the assault scenario.

Mel Cummings, Huntington freshman; William Baker, Cross Lanes sophomore; Tony Thompson, West Hamlin freshman; and Glen Blackwell, Charleston freshman, were awarded as top cadets for the weekend.

Recount

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makeup of the canvassing board is supposed to insulate the process from politics, Roberts said.

Two former secretaries of state — Warren Christopher for Gore and James A. Baker III for Bush — were heading monitoring teams sent to Florida on Wednesday.

Even before the recount, the Gore campaign was already eyeing legal options for forcing a new vote in Palm Beach County, where confusion over how to fill out the ballot may have boosted the tally for Pat Buchanan, a senior Gore adviser said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Florida and elsewhere, Democrats grumbled about

long lines at the polls, reports that ballots were late in arriving at polling places and other possible irregularities.

"We've received literally thousands of telephone calls and inquiries and reports of irregularities like ballots appearing and disappearing, voter intimidation, and the totals of this election sort of mysteriously disappearing and growing overnight," state Democratic Party chairman Bob Poe said.

Jesse Jackson said he got calls on Election Day complaining that blacks had difficulty voting in Florida and other Southern states. He said some voters were told there were no more ballots, or that polls were closed.

"What we need is not just a recount by hand, but also a thorough investigation," Jackson said.

NAACP President Kweisi

Mfume said he has asked the Justice Department to investigate alleged election irregularities affecting minority voting. He also wants the government to oversee the recount.

"We are not suggesting foul play, but we are very much concerned that foul play can happen," he said in a statement.

Separately, Democratic officials and voters complained about the way ballots in Palm Beach County were arranged. Voters punched holes in the middle of the ballot, while candidates were alternately listed to the left and then the right.

County officials also said more than 19,120 ballots in the presidential race were tossed out because more than one candidate was picked. Only 3,783 voters made that mistake on the U.S. Senate portion of the ballot.

Celebrity Series hosts first Community College expert

by ANNA L. MALLORY
reporter

The Marshall Celebrity Series hosts Dr. George Baker at 2 p.m. today in the Joan C. Edward's Playhouse.

Baker is the Joseph D. Moore Endowed Chairman in Community College Leadership at North Carolina State University.

Baker, the 11th of 12 speakers, is the only community college expert to speak as part of the Celebrity Series.

Baker's background in community colleges is extensive.

He has worked as dean of instruction and vice president

for general education at Greenville Technical College in North Carolina and academic dean of the Marine Corps Educational Center.

He served on the faculty of the University of Texas and was a visiting professor at several other universities around the country.

Baker's knowledge of community college needs have helped him win awards.

Included among them are those from the governors of Kentucky and Texas for contributions to education, and the American Association of Community Colleges Leadership Award.



photo courtesy of Marshall Celebrity series
Joseph D. Moore

Percussion Ensemble set to perform

The Parthenon

Music from across the decades will be resurrected on campus tonight.

The MU Percussion Ensemble will present a concert at 8 p.m. in the Smith Music Recital Hall.

Music of the Romantic period, Ragtime music of the

1930s and Fusion and Rock music of the 1990s collaborate to form the diverse program for the performance.

Three feature soloists — David Wilson, Matt Wicker and Josh Ruppert — will join the rest of the ensemble in putting a new spin on music from past decades.

In addition to works by

George H. Green, Mike Manierir, Andy Narell, Peter Erskine and Felix Mendelssohn, a student arrangement of the Rush song "Driven" by Andy Streets will be performed.

Admission is free to all. For additional information call the Department of Music at 696-3117.

Earnest

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experiences that students aren't use to seeing around this area."

In the first two acts, Algernon and John try to figure out a way to be christened with the Christian name "Earnest." If they can receive such a name, they may be able to marry the loves of their lives.

In Act III, Lady Bracknell tells her daughter, "don't speak bad about society; that's what people that can't get in it do."

Lady Bracknell reminds her daughter throughout the play that she deserves the best and not to settle for anything less.

She thinks that if her daughter would marry "Earnest," it would be a terrible mistake.

This play was a host to guest designer, Darwin Reid Payne, an adjunct professor of scenography at Wake Forest University at Winston Salem, N.C., and lecturer in scenographic modelmaking at the North Carolina School of Arts.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" will be performed at 8 p.m. today and run through the weekend.

Car

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graduate assistant in SHEP.

The 20 people chosen from those registered will be required to keep one hand on the prize vehicle at all times while overcoming various physical challenges, Cornwell said.

"The contest has been modeled after the 'Survivor' television show," said Jeff Sebulsky, graduate assistant with SHEP. "The 20 people are going to be split randomly into two teams of 10. Each group is going to participate in different challenges and compete against each other."

"The team that loses the competition is going to vote one member of their team off the car. The team that wins the challenge has immunity from the vote. So it will work its way down to two people and one final challenge."

Sebulsky said there will be prizes offered as incentives to leave the car during the contest.

"The last person standing walks away with the car," Sebulsky said.

The type of car has yet to be determined, but is being donated by Rich Toyota, Cornwell said.

The winner is responsible for tax, title, licensing and insurance costs, Cornwell said.

Cornwell said funding for the prize comes from SHEP.

Check-in for the contest is 5 p.m. Friday. Contestants must have their hands on the vehicle by 6 p.m. The event will pause each evening at midnight and continue the following morning at 6 a.m. until a winner is declared.

Information about the contest is available at Prichard Hall 140.

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OUR view

News networks owe apology to their viewers, and candidates

We know journalists are not the most popular people in America. We know the reasons for this, both justified and unjustified.

Election Day 2000 was a disappointment to us — and probably many other journalists — because it provided the public with a justifiable reason to dislike the news media.

Networks predicted that Vice President Al Gore would carry the state of Florida and its 25 electoral votes, only to retract that statement about two hours later when they learned the state was too close to call.

During the days, weeks, months and even years leading up to elections, TV networks and newspapers poll and predict, trying to be the first ones to name the winner.

Some people are concerned these numbers discourage voters, especially predictions given on election night before polls have even closed.

The networks called the Florida vote before polls closed in the part of the state that lies in the Central Time Zone.

A Bush spokesman suggested in an interview that Gore might not have won Florida and, at first, it seemed like nothing more than party rhetoric.

It wasn't. We understand the need and desire to be the first to report a story. But without the facts, the only story is that the media messed up.

We hope this debacle serves as an example to all news organizations that they need to report the news, not make it.

Admitting they were wrong is nice, but we think more needs to be done. Several television and cable news programs poked fun at the newspapers who ran headlines suggesting Bush won.

They really have no room to talk. Their eagerness to be the first to name the president resulted in an incident that reinforces almost every negative stereotype people have about the media.

The networks owe an apology to George W. Bush, Al Gore and anybody who relied on them for accurate election coverage.



"THIS LAND IS MY LAND BOY... NOW GET!"

HER view

Close election points to coming controversies

This year's election night was a virtual teeter-totter of events.

First, news teams projected Gore would take Florida. Then George W. Bush's campaign adviser, Karl Rove, made a couple of phone calls to the networks, and the projections for Florida were magically overturned into the undecided category.

Eventually, Bush was projected to win Florida and in turn, the election. The people of Austin, Texas, cheered. Al Gore made his concession phone call. Florida's projection was overturned once again. The people of Austin, Texas, booed. Al Gore un-conceded.

Never before has America seen a closer presidential race, nor has it seen one with such potential for controversy.

I can honestly say that this is the most controversial race I've seen since the "Twinkies for votes" fiasco in the student government election of my junior high.

When you put together all the events of the past 48 hours, something seems a bit fishy. Let's investigate, "Dateline NBC" style.

The fact that Florida's projection was given to both candidates over the course of the evening wouldn't be that strange if it weren't for two factors.

First, it's not like just one or two of the networks "mistakenly" estimated Gore would take Florida. Every single network had enough reason to believe that Gore would win. It's odd that just minutes after Bush allowed a camera in the governor's mansion to record a statement of his disbelief, that the projections were overturned.

Secondly, it's also odd that this "mistake" was made in Florida, a state in which Bush's brother, Jeb, is governor.

Adding to the potential for controversy is the Palm Beach County "butterfly ballot" issue. It is suspected that many

KIMBERLY MAGUIRE
guest columnist

Floridians who intended to vote for Gore, mistakenly voted for Buchanan as a result of confusing punch card ballots. Funny enough, Buchanan received 2,000 more votes in Palm Beach County than in any other county in Florida.

Because of the extremely close race in Florida, it could be said that these "confusing" ballots may have been a deciding factor in the election.

Many are suspecting that the confusing ballots were "planted" by the Bush team, mainly because the ballots in Palm Beach County were different from practically every other county in Florida.

Then there's the Illinois issue. When my tired little head finally hit the pillow after an exhausting "Melrose Place"-like Election Day, Bush had won Illinois.

Upon awaking the next day, Illinois had been turned over to Gore.

Interestingly enough, Gore's campaign chairman Bill Daley was raised in Chicago, and both his father and brother were mayor of the city at one time.

In coming days and weeks, we should expect to see lawyers and lawsuits start to arise, as a result of these controversial issues.

What we might expect to happen, but not see, are the candidates' connections to influential groups coming into play. After all, George W's father was director of the CIA once upon a time. And the unions favor Gore heavily.

Perhaps the fate of this election lies in the hands of whoever cheats best, which is comforting, because isn't that what America is all about?

Kimberly Maguire is a senior from Long Island, N.Y.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

At Issue

Do you think electoral votes or popular votes should determine the president?



"I don't know exactly what the electoral votes consist of, but I do believe that the popular vote should be the main concern, because it's people's opinions that count and when they use electorals it doesn't seem like it matters if the everyday Joe votes, so I think it's a waste of time."

— Starr Hughes-Lowe,
business management senior from Logan



"Popular votes. Because more people would vote if the popular vote was taken more seriously."

— Ron Cooper,
history freshman from Culloden



"If you base it on the popular votes, the people campaigning will use the media, and only go to the most populated states. They'll forget about the issues in the small states, and they'll tend to get ignored. I want my vote in West Virginia to count."

— Patricia Holbrook,
humanities graduate student from Switzer

— compiled by Elizabeth Lee and Daniel Caldwell

James Harris' IN THE CREW

DOUG'S VIEW ON POLITICAL CONFUSION

I'M JUST WONDERING WHY HAS ELECTORAL COLLEGE BEEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT LATELY? IS IT BECAUSE OF POOR ACADEMICS? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT STATE IT'S IN!

please send comments to harris70@marshall.edu or 311 Smith Hall

HER view

Delta Sigma Theta plans meetings in support of World AIDS Day

Since its appearance in 1981, the HIV virus has become an increasing factor within African American communities. As early as 1982, African Americans accounted for 30 percent of AIDS cases reported to the Center for Disease Control. Taking into consideration that African Americans constitute 12 percent of the United States' population, this is a very alarming rate. There are many factors that

LASHUNDA D. GOARD
guest columnist

contribute to this dilemma. Injection and drug use, social and economical factors and access to care are just a few.

In light of this, the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in conjunction with the Ebenezer

Medical Outreach Center will be hosting several organization meetings for World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

These meetings are designed to educate the youth in regards to prevention and protection against a disease that has claimed so many.

These meetings will allow us to share our views and experiences so that others can learn. We are hoping that through knowledge, this disease can be halted. Our

next meeting is at 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at 1660 8th Ave. We encourage everyone to come and add input in a process that will aid the youth of today. Everyone is welcomed. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at 435-0875 and leave a message. Come join us in making a difference.

LaShunda D. Goard is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

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The "M" Club will sponsor the 10th annual Bring Home the Herd weekend Friday and Saturday. Players, coaches, managers, cheerleaders and anyone associated with the Thundering Herd football team from 1950-59 will be guests of the club.



The main event — Leftwich vs. Bath

by MICHAEL S. ADAMS
reporter

Byron Leftwich vs. Mike Bath has all the makings of a pay-per-view boxing match.

In one corner, wearing Marshall green and standing 6-foot-5, 235 pounds, Leftwich has a career record of 5-4, two straight come-from-behind victories and leads the Mid-American Conference in total offense, passing yards and passing efficiency.

In the other corner, wearing Miami, Ohio, red and standing 6-foot-2, 225 pounds, Bath has a career record of 22-9. He is second behind Leftwich in every category. He led Miami in a comeback win Saturday in a over Ohio University to set up the Eastern division championship game.

"Yeah, the quarterback is the man everyone points to when the team wins or loses," Leftwich said. "But, I think the

focus should be more on Marshall versus Miami than me versus Bath."

But the Marshall vs. Miami heavyweight championship match is for the undisputed Mid-American Conference Eastern Division Championship and holds a much higher prize than Leftwich vs. Bath.

Or does it?
"Fans are going to see the best two quarterbacks in the league Saturday," Miami Coach Terry Hooppner said. "It is going to be well worth the price of admission. There is a championship game being played and a showcase of some great talent."

Both quarterbacks are in the hunt to call themselves the best in the MAC. Leftwich's 2,411 passing yards are a little higher than Bath's 2,058. Leftwich's average of 267 yards-per-game are 39 y.p.g. better than Bath.

Leftwich, who has only thrown for two more touchdowns than Bath, said there is more to the game than a show-down of quarterbacks.

"It is going to be well worth the price of admission. There is a championship game being played and a showcase of some great talent."

Terry Hooppner,
Miami football coach

"You can go out there and throw 400 or 500 yards and still lose a ball game," Leftwich said. "There are 21 other people out there other than me."

Saturday could be a double knockout for the Thundering Herd.

If Marshall wins, it will hold claim to the title of division champions. But, if Miami wins Saturday, the Redhawks have to hope Ohio can finish the Thundering Herd off in Athens a week later.

"I think Coach (Lee) Owens

and Bowling Green's coach paid us a compliment when they said, 'Marshall isn't going to give it to you, you have to take it from them,'" Marshall Coach Bob Pruett said.

"We play for championships here and I don't think our players want to lose it in our house," he added.

Marshall is expecting a big crowd Saturday. Last year when Marshall went to Miami, the Redhawks broke a Yager Stadium record with 30,087 and in 1998, when the Redhawks came to Huntington, the Thundering Herd broke a Marshall University Stadium record for attendance with a crowd of 33,204.

"Anytime we play Miami, they are going to be ready for us," senior defensive tackle Jimmy Parker said.

Pruett said he hopes there is a full house Saturday.

"Hopefully they will bring a few thousand and we can get the fans in here and get 40,000," Pruett said. "Fans make the rivalry."

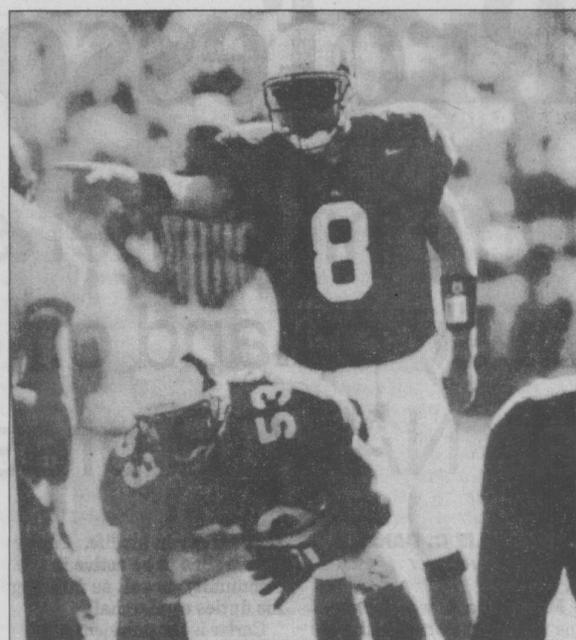


photo courtesy of Mid-American Conference
Miami quarterback Mike Bath will try to lead his team to victory Saturday as the Redhawks take on the Thundering Herd.

Student tickets given out in Towers cafeteria

by MICHELLE JAMES
sports editor

Representatives from the Marshall University athletic ticket office will be in Twin Towers cafeteria today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., allowing students to get their tickets for the football team's Mid-American Conference eastern division showdown Saturday against Miami, Ohio.

Charlie Hagley, director of corporate ticket sales/promotions, said he hoped this would make it possible for more students to attend the game.

"The average student doesn't know when games are," Hagley said. "Our main



Pruett

goals are to inform students and make it convenient for them to come. This is a big game Saturday and we want to be able to get as many kids out as possible."

Marshall football Coach Bob Pruett said that while having a large crowd is important, a large student attendance is also a major factor.

"The most important part of college experience for players is

for students to interact," Pruett said. "Being a former Marshall student and player, and with the fond memories I have, I know players get more energized by our students than our average fans."

"I think if students are pulling and rooting for us it will really make a huge difference," he said.

Hagley said 5,000 student tickets were handed out for the Thundering Herd's first home game against Southeast Missouri State while only 1,200 students picked up tickets for the Homecoming game against MAC foe Kent State.

Pruett said he would like to see a large student showing and has hopes of setting a MAC attendance record.

"Certainly we would like to have a full house and set the record," he said.

Pruett said that the student section is not only a boost for the players but is also a boost for the Thundering Herd coaching staff.

"The students really energize us... energize me. I always look to their section. They might not know it, but they're my gang."

Tennis players fare well in final matches of fall

by WILLIAM FREANEY
reporter

The Thundering Herd's women's tennis team completed its fall tournament season this past weekend at the 2000 Women's ITA Eastern Regional Tennis Championship in Williamsburg, Va.

The tournament featured the top 80 singles players and the top 64 doubles teams in the region. Ninety-one schools were represented.

Senior Anna Ceretto and junior Anna Mitina paired up for the doubles competition of the tournament. They also participated in singles. Senior Sheela Cabiling and freshman Alice Sukner were the other doubles team representing the Thundering Herd. Sukner was also the third alternate in singles competition.

The doubles team of Cer-

etto and Mitina reached the quarterfinal round of the doubles tournament before losing to Marker and Valantin of Maryland.

"We came really close to winning some big matches," Coach Laurie Mercer said. "We are hoping to improve on it from there and be ready for the spring season."

"It was good," Mitina said of her and Ceretto's performance. "Me and Anna had both had three-set games and we both had tough days. We were playing in a doubles match late at night. We supported each other both physically and mentally because we were really tired. Whenever I made a mistake she picked me up, and I was doing the same."

The team will have a long break to prepare for the spring season, which begins Jan. 17. The Thundering Herd will have its first two matches against top 20 teams — Wake Forest and William and Mary. The fall season provided experience in preparation for the spring schedule.

"I think the tournament season is very valuable because it gives us an opportunity to improve our specific game-styles," senior Jessie Watkins said. "It also gets us in a competitive frame of mind to get us ready for the spring."

Mercer agreed. "As we got further along, we played better each tournament," she said. "I feel like what they do over the break in preparing for the spring is important. We are excited about the season. The competition looks good and I think we will be one of the favorites."

The fall season was based on individual results. The results will determine team rankings, both nationally and regionally, for the spring season. Rankings for the spring season will be determined in December.

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Professor also an activist

Dr. Phil Carter stays busy on and off campus as NAACP president

by **LESLIE C. DANIELS**
reporter

Most students would imagine that professors spend their free time in much the same way that students do — enjoying the fact that they have little or nothing to do.

But one professor on campus stays as active in his free time as he does on campus.

Dr. Philip Carter, professor of social work professor at Marshall University and president of the local NAACP, has

that variety in his life. Carter makes time to be active in the community as well as fulfilling his duties at Marshall.

Carter is the president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). As president, he has helped organize a voters' registration drive for Huntington residents.

"African Americans must give back into the community and leave it better off than they found it," Carter said.

"The NAACP also has a story

hour for children where they read to the kids, and it used to take kids to the movies and pay for their tickets," he said.

Carter tries to live his life by the philosophy that all of us have a responsibility to give of the gifts that we have worked hard for and to protect them to the best of our ability, he said.

Carter also said he believes society has a duty to help out the unfortunate.

"Those who are dependent and vulnerable should be assisted by those that have, and it is especially important to African Americans," he said.

"African Americans have a responsibility that is far beyond the expectations to give back to the community."

He said the role models he sought at the University of Pittsburgh and the academic activists he encountered in Cleveland while working for the Congress of Racial Equality influenced his decision to become a college professor.

"When I saw the contributions that could be made through teaching college students and met African Americans, whites, Jews, Catholics and academic activists, I knew that teaching would be a calling that I could identify with," he said.

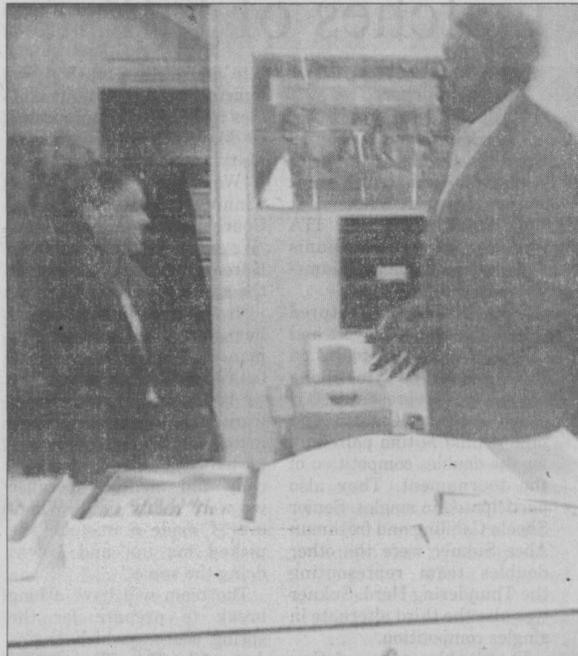
He taught at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., and worked for the University of Oklahoma out of a special project in Washington, D.C. He also taught at the graduate school of social work at the University of Pittsburgh.

"I was involved in institutions of higher learning 10 years or more before I came to Marshall," Carter said.

He became the executive



Carter and his assistant discuss social work activities for the semester. Carter's social work courses include Social Welfare in Appalachia and Social Welfare Policy and Legislation Politics.



Carter discusses the social work program with a new student. Carter taught at the University of Oklahoma before coming to Marshall.

Adam Sandler's latest comedic endeavor anything but heaven-sent

'Little Nicky' lacks coherence, has too many over-the-top performances and lacks endearing charm of Sandler's 'Wedding Singer' and 'Billy Madison'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
for The Associated Press

Adam Sandler showed a goofy, endearing charm in "The Wedding Singer," and had some funny moments in "Billy Madison."

But watching his new movie, "Little Nicky," is like spending an hour in hell, and not just because it's set in the underworld.

As Nicky, the son of Satan (Harvey Keitel), Sandler is just creepy, all twisted and hunched over with a forced speech impediment that sounds like a bad James Cagney impression.

But Sandler has amassed an enormous cast of stars for a nonstop stream of cameos, including fellow "Saturday

Night Live" alums Dana Carvey, Jon Lovitz and Kevin Nealon.

Here's the plot: Satan sends Nicky to New York City to fetch his two brothers, Adrian (Rhys Ifans of "Notting Hill") and Cassius (Tom "Tiny" Lister), who are out spreading evil.

Nicky is a little slow, but he gets help from Beefy, a talking bulldog (voiced by Robert Smigel), who guides him through the mean streets of New York, helps him find an apartment and introduces him to the wonders of fast-food chicken.

(A warning to parents: Don't let the cute talking dog fool you. This is not a movie for kids. Beefy likes to curse, toss back shots at strip clubs and

accost poodles on the sidewalk.)

The film, directed by Steven Brill (who wrote the three "Mighty Ducks" movies), has no real structure.

It staggers from one scene to the next, simply to showcase big-name stars overacting in bizarre scenarios.

After only an hour, the movie feels too long.

Then, after all the crass, vulgar humor, there's almost a religious battle between good and evil as Nicky (now a good person) fights his evil brothers for control of the souls of the people on earth.

This feels totally out of place.

Reese Witherspoon provides one of the film's few bright spots as a bubbly angel who giggles with her girlfriends and watches over Nicky from heaven.

But Patricia Arquette is seriously miscast as an awkward design student, and her meek character gets lost in the sea of over-the-top performances.

The most baffling cameo

comes from Quentin Tarantino, who appears several times as a ranting blind preacher.

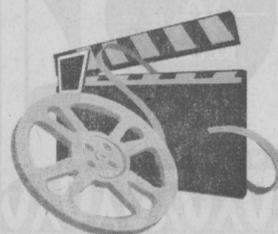
The talking bulldog alone would probably draw throngs of people to the multiplexes.

But a talking bulldog engaging in naughty activities in an Adam Sandler movie about the devil should mean big box-office dollars, despite what any evil critics may say.

"Little Nicky," a New Line Cinema release, is rated PG-13 for crude sexual humor, some drug content, language and thematic material.

It was written by Sandler and Tim Herlihy.

It has a running time of 84 minutes.



and enjoys listening to music.

His favorite genres are the blues, the "Oldies but Goodies" from the 1950s, '60s, '70s, and '80s, hip-hop and R&B. His favorite musicians are John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Jerry Butler and Patti Labelle.

Carter also said he enjoys going to live concerts when possible.

Observing people at meetings and in different situations and environments is another pastime he enjoys.

"I am the student," he said. "I look for and listen to patterns, symbols and how people communicate in every situation."

"I learn what their aspirations are, what do they think of themselves, their level of despair, their level of optimism whether they ask for help and the levels of denial of reality," he said.

Carter teaches social work courses at Marshall including Social Welfare in Appalachia and Social Welfare Policy and Legislation Politics.

What?

by The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Field Museum of Natural History recently returned 10 volumes to the American Museum of Natural History in New York — 92 years late.

It seems Bertholt Laufer, a researcher from the New York museum, took the books with him when he accepted a job at the Field Museum in 1908.

Laufer had purchased 500 volumes for the American Museum during an archaeological expedition to China from 1901 to 1904.

The American Museum didn't even know 10 of the books were missing until it decided in 1990 to computerize its collection.

An earlier inventory of the Laufer books completed in 1918 showed that some of the books were already missing then, so officials began to wonder if Laufer might have been using the missing books for research when he had moved 10 years earlier.

They were returned to the New York museum this autumn.

Happenings...

*your entertainment guide for activities and events at and outside of Marshall.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 10,
Campus Light Ministries,
Weekly meeting, MSC 2W22, 8 p.m. Contact: Dave Greear 529-1545.

MU Anime Club,
Weekly anime overdose. Evangelion, Ranma 1/2 and Berserk, Prichard Hall Room 200, 5 to 9 p.m. Contact: 522-0520.

Marshall University Percussion Ensemble,
Percussion Ensemble Concert, Smith Music Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Contact: Marshall University Department of Music 696-3117.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12
Campus Christian Center,
Free dinner and coffee house, Campus Christian Center, 7 p.m. Contact: 696-2444.

Newman Center,
Mass, Newman Center, 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Contact: Bill Petro 525-4618.

MONDAY, NOV. 13
Baptist Student Union,
Regular weekly meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9 p.m. Contact: Charlie Stephens 696-3057.

Campus Christian Center,
Bible Study, Campus Christian Center Chapel, 8 p.m. Contact: 696-2444.

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