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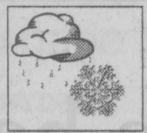


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'Will you marry me?'

Graduate proposes to his girlfriend in Smith Hall atrium

by LARA K. STREIT
reporter

A meeting place turned into one that two people will remember. Until "death do they part". Sean Fugate, an international affairs graduate, proposed to his girlfriend of 10 months, Tamara Ely, a music education major from Huntington in the Smith Hall atrium, where they met several months ago. "We have been going out for less than a year, and before I graduated, we would meet here in the atrium frequently in between classes," Fugate said. So Fugate decided to work this special spot into his proposal. Fugate had several of his friends from Marshall's men's rugby team waiting with signs on their backs that read "Will you marry Sean?"

Each of the players had a rose in his hands. Another person was to signal to the awaiting group when he saw Ely coming down the hall. A large crowd filled the downstairs area of Smith Hall as they waited for the surprise to take place. Comments such as, "I hope she says yes" and, "When will she get here?" filled the air. As Ely finally came into view, the men with signs gave her the roses and turned around as Fugate got down on one knee. "Is this for real?" Ely shrieked. As the crowd held their breath, Ely said "yes" to the proposal. Sighs of relief were heard all around, and the crowd cheered. "I am just relieved to do it, and I'm relieved she said yes," Fugate said after it was over. Ely, still in a daze, said she still can't believe the whole thing is happening. "I feel like this isn't real at all," she said. Ely's mother, Linda, was among the crowd. "The whole setup was very romantic," she said. "I am so happy for the two of them."



photos by Lara Streit
ABOVE: Tamara Ely accepts boyfriend Sean Fugate's marriage proposal Wednesday in the Smith Hall Atrium. Fugate said he wanted to work the atrium into his proposal because the couple used to meet there regularly between classes.

LEFT: Fugate's friends from the men's Marshall rugby team wait to help him pop the question. When Ely came around the corner, each person turned and gave her a rose. After they all turned around, the signs read "Will you marry Sean?" Fugate went down on one knee and proposed. Ely said yes.



Career fair provides job possibilities

by SAEED ALSHAHRANI
reporter

Students had the opportunity to learn about 47 companies Wednesday at the Career Services' Health and Human Services Career Fair 2000. "We have heard much positive feedback from the employers. This is the biggest health job fair we have ever had," said Joe Marshman, career counselor for Career Services. Anna Carson, director of clinical services of Sistersville General Hospital, said, "It is extremely nice to be in the health job fair. We are looking for nursing students and lab technologists. This is our first year to participate in this job fair." Chris McKenna, officer recruiter for the Air Force, said the fair allows companies an outlet for recruiting interested students. He said the Air Force accepts applications from students who have four-year college degrees to become an officer in the Air Force. "We are looking for nursing students," McKenna said. B.J. Summers, program director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington, said, "The health job fair helps us to get many workers from Marshall University. We want people who love kids and can work with them in areas such as physical education and elementary education." Marshman said the fair is an opportunity for both students and companies to meet and discuss possible jobs. "I think it is a good idea to have a health job fair at Marshall," said Patricia Carl, of the Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind. "We are looking for volunteers to work with our kids in recreations." Nora Gao, sophomore psychology major, said the health job fair gives students more job opportunities. "I got a couple of applications so I can see what kind of things I can do when I get out of school," Gao said. "I think we should have a health job fair twice a year to give students more options finding a job." Companies were looking for seniors who are majoring in nursing, exercise physiology, physical therapy, radiation, respiratory therapy, health information technology, medical assistant, counseling, psychology, social work, communication disorders, communications, management and marketing.

MU community unites for injured employee

by KATE JOHNSON
reporter

A well-known member of the Marshall community was injured in late September and friends, students and faculty are now pulling together to help with his medical costs. David Smith, volunteer firefighter and a part of the Marshall community for more than 25 years, was at the Green Valley Volunteer Fire Department on Sept. 23 when a structural fire call came in. On the way to the fire, Smith's truck overturned leaving him

pinned underneath. Smith had to be cut from the wreckage and pulled through the window of the cab. The accident left him paralyzed with a fractured vertebra and a spinal cord injury. Smith came to Marshall in the 1970s as a student and a part-time employee in the bookstore. He earned an A.A.S. in Fire Science Technology, a Regents B.A., a master's in adult educa-



Smith

tion and a master's in safety. Mike Campbell, manager of the Marshall Bookstore, said Smith joined the bookstore staff 25 years ago and has been the full-time textbook coordinator for five years. "It's gut-wrenching for someone who volunteers to get hurt in such a serious manner," Campbell said. "It made our hearts very sad." Campbell and other bookstore employees set up a table in the front of the bookstore in honor of Smith. Posterboard

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Guitar students to perform for home audience in Smith Hall

by SCOTT NILES
reporter

Many students play guitars in their spare time, and are lucky to ever perform in public. A select few, however, will perform on the stage of the Smith Recital Hall. Dr. Leo Welch, director of guitar studies, will present the biannual recital at 8 p.m. tonight. The program will feature solo performances by guitar majors, minors and graduate students as well as a performance by the guitar ensemble. "There will be an arrangement of Appalachian folk tunes for guitar ensemble, Middle Eastern music with percussion and also some jazz," Welch said. "This concert will be a really good concert for anyone who wants to hear a wide variety of music."



photo by Scott Niles

Dr. Leo Welch, left, helps a guitar student. Guitar majors, minors, graduate students and the guitar ensemble, will perform at 8 p.m. tonight in Smith Recital Hall. The program will feature Appalachian folk tunes, Middle Eastern music and

Experiencing a new culture

by SAEED ALSHAHRANI
reporter

Learning foreign languages and cultures are the goals of three Marshall students who are studying abroad in Japan. Marshall has sent students to Kansai Gaidai University in Japan for the past three years. Three Marshall students — Michael Brown, Jason Nelson and Clarence E. Ball — are enrolled in the study abroad program. "The Asian studies program at Kansai Gaidai University is a unique educational opportunity," Michael Brown, history major, said. "Try as it might, Marshall

University cannot possibly expose an individual to such an amalgam of different ideas. "These ideas have changed the way I look at myself and the way I feel about America's place in the world," Brown said. He said he had the chance to meet students from places such as Australia, Germany, the United Kingdom, China, Taiwan and more than a dozen other countries. "My studies at Kansai Gaidai University have helped my Japanese language abilities, but more importantly, they have helped to give me a greater understanding of the world," Brown said.

"It's an understanding that comes not from what I have learned, but from the realization of all the things I have yet to learn. The rest is up to me," Brown said. Clarence E. Ball, studio art major, said, "I have been highly interested in Japanese culture for many years. I find it to be very rich, and to this day, it is respected even by the younger generation. For example, we recently attended a fire festival and most of the participants were younger men around 18 or so years old." Jason Nelson, graphic design major, said he thinks the

Please see **JAPAN, P3**

Glenwood Series, which Welch said gives Marshall a chance to showcase its music department to the Charleston community. Welch said being a guitar major isn't as easy as it sounds. "You have to practice at least three or four hours a day," Welch said. "You also have to take a full battery of music courses and liberal arts requirements. Participating in this ensemble is also a part of what [guitar majors] need to do," Welch said. Adam Frank, guitar graduate student from East

Carolina University, said the guitar ensemble is helpful for students at all performance levels. "I think everybody has something to offer," Frank said. "We're all learning, and we're all getting better." Frank said the guitar program doesn't receive the same amount of attention as other fine arts programs because it hasn't caught on yet. "I think it might take another decade before it really catches on in this area," Frank said. "But it's certainly getting bigger slowly. You can almost sense it."

GOP leaders charge Marquette students with voter fraud

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — The nation's attention was diverted from Florida to a Wisconsin campus, where state Republican leaders have accused college students of voter fraud in the presidential election.

Unofficial Wisconsin results show Democratic candidate Al Gore with a 6,000-vote lead over Republican candidate George W. Bush, but GOP leaders in the state charged Marquette University students with voter fraud in a news conference. The charges are being investigated by Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann.

After the charges were made, the Marquette Tribune, the semi-weekly student newspaper, conducted an informal canvass of Marquette students by telephone Sunday and Monday, said Michael McGraw, who headed the canvass. Of the 1,000 students polled, the Tribune staff tallied 174 voters who cast more than one ballot in the Nov. 7 presidential election, he said.

"We had been hearing rumors from students that it had happened, and the state Republican Party held a press conference Friday and accused students of (fraud)," said McGraw, metro news desk editor at the Tribune who headed the canvass. "So, we looked into it."

The results were amusing and alarming, said Tribune assistant news editor Brian Sharkey, who assisted in the coverage.

According to Tuesday's Tribune, 91 students had voted by absentee ballot in their home states and then again in Wisconsin. Within

the state, 44 students voted twice, 26 students voted three times and 13 students cast four or more ballots.

Students reported voting for cartoon characters, family members, friends and themselves after they cast their initial vote for the man they wanted to succeed Bill Clinton in the presidency.

McGraw said most students probably knew voting more than once was illegal, but not to the extent of a felony offense, which is punishable by a maximum three-year jail sentence, a \$10,000 fine or both, according to the Wisconsin State Election Commission.

"I think they knew what they were doing was wrong, but to the extent that they could be punished — I don't think they were aware of that," said McGraw, sophomore in journalism.

Sharkey said the students slipped their multiple votes through due to the mass confusion at the Memorial Union poll and the Wisconsin registration policy.

"I spent about two hours at the Union polling station, talking to students about how the poll judges and the whole system and everything was unorganized," said Sharkey, senior in journalism. "For a lot of students, this was their first time voting, and they didn't know where to go for help."

However, McGraw defended the same-day registration policy.

"I think it's a great idea," he said. "I'd much rather have people out voting than staying at home because they forgot to register."

Music used to test premature babies

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — Thanks to a research project at Louisiana State University, several premature babies at Women's Hospital are having their ears filled with the sound of music.

Jane Cassidy, a music education professor, is conducting a study with babies between the ages of 28 and 33 weeks in order to see if music has an effect on the development of premature babies.

The study, which began in March and will continue throughout the next year and a half, involves going to the neonatal intensive care unit and playing lullabies for the babies four days a week.

"We are trying to figure out whether music creates anxiety in the baby and if the decibel level makes any difference," Cassidy said. "There is some indication that auditory stimu-

lation will result in faster head growth."

The study includes a group of babies who receive no additional auditory stimulation in the form of music. Researchers compare this group to those babies who hear the lullabies.

Each baby participates in the study only for a week and the baby's head is measured seven days prior to the audio stimulation and seven days after it.

In addition to the head circumferences, researchers are looking to see how music influences a baby's heart rates, respiratory rates and oxygen stimulation levels.

When a baby's heart and respiratory rates are stable and his oxygen stimulation level is near 100 percent, then the baby is relaxed and not fussy, Cassidy said. The study is trying to find out if music aids in the baby's relaxation.

Although some people believe music is too much for the premature babies to handle in their delicate state, previous studies have shown music calms the babies, Cassidy said.

Cassidy is also looking at how different decibel levels of music affect the babies.

In past studies, the males have not experienced the same benefit as females, Cassidy said.

Stella Watkins, a graduate student in music education and Cassidy's student, is also working with the study.

Among other things, the study is looking to determine if males will experience a more positive effect if their music is louder, since their hearing mechanism is not fully developed, Watkins said.

Watkins, who already completed her part of the study, said the project has changed her view of music and its capabilities.

"Music moves beyond what we typically think of it — an aesthetic experience," Watkins said. "I have a wider understanding of what music is capable of."

Although Watkins said no concrete conclusions could come from her small sample of 16 premature babies, she said she believes music does have a physical effect on the babies.

"I am hoping what comes out of this, if nothing else, people realize music can be used [to aid premature babies] and won't cause detrimental harm [to the babies]," Watkins said.

Cassidy said she hopes this study will set a positive image for music in other neonatal intensive care units across the country.

"The most important part [of the study] is understanding that music pushes beyond boundaries," Watkins said.

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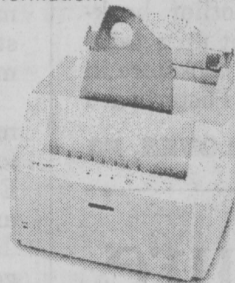
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Training center keeps off-season athletes in shape

by MARTHA SNYDER
reporter

Being an athlete takes dedication. When the season is over, the training has just begun.

The newly opened HIT (High Intensity Training) center at the Huntington Physical Therapy (HPT) building has a way to make training easier and more effective.

"This center has been open for six weeks," Dr. Terry Shepherd, exercise physiologist, said. "The center is designed to enhance an athlete's performance. This facility will prepare off-season athletes to compete at a higher level in the upcoming season."

The center has a variety of machines available for use. One is an overspeed treadmill modified by Shepherd.

This treadmill shows runners what it would be like to run at speeds faster than possible on land, speeds close to 25 miles-per-hour. This speed helps the athlete's muscles adapt to speed and be able to run faster than before.

"We place athletes in a specially designed harness," Shepherd said. "This is to make sure that they do not fall or injure themselves while running."

The Bod Pod may look like something out of a space movie, but it is really used to measure fat weight and lean muscle mass. The Pod takes the place of uncomfortable underwater weighing. It has the capability of displacing air and not water. The idea is based on Boyle's Law where volume and pressure vary inversely with each other.

"The Bod Pod can tell a person's fat composition in six minutes," Shepherd said.

The Wingate Anaerobic Power test is used to measure leg power in a very unusual

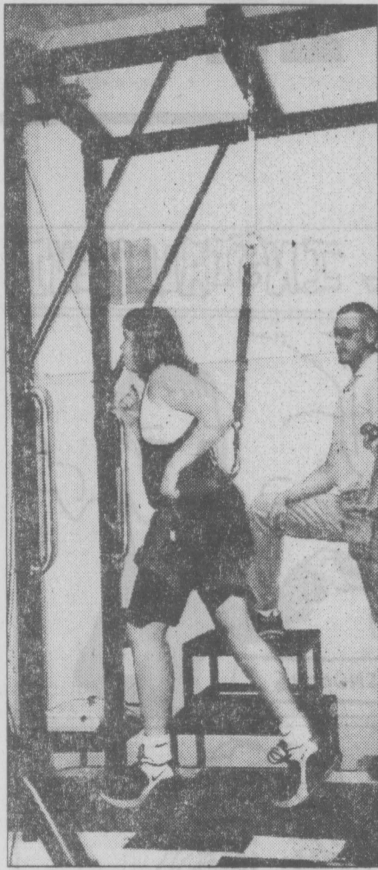


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This overspeed treadmill was designed by Woodway and Dr. Shepherd to help athletes increase their running speeds. The harness is there for extra protection against injury. Sarah Rucker, an athlete in training, takes a test run.

way — by watts. The U.S. Olympic ski team used this machine to measure the power of its athletes and determine which ones are to go on to competition.

The HIT center is located on Fifth Avenue in the back of the Huntington Physical Therapy building.

Athletes must register before they can begin a training program.

Prices for training vary from \$30 to more than \$100, depending on the amount of time spent in the center.

More information can be obtained by calling the HIT center at 529-HITC (4482).

New student council helps graduate students adjust

by MAKIKO SASANUMA
reporter

Just like freshmen, graduate students can have trouble adjusting to college and campus life.

Joining graduate student council may give graduate students a solution to the problem.

Graduate student council is designed to assist graduate students during their career at Marshall, Jan Loudin, president of the council, said.

"We are here to serve graduate students' needs as well as their concerns," she said.

Loudin said one of the graduate students' concerns is that those who did not have their undergraduate program at Marshall may not know the campus well and may have difficulties adjusting to the new campus.

Graduate student council is planning a campus orientation for those students, Loudin said.

"We are here to serve graduate students' needs as well as their concerns."

Jan Loudin,
graduate school student
council president

"We are also planning on having work shops for seniors who are planning on going to graduate school at Marshall," she said.

Graduate student council was certified last April.

Currently, there are 20 council members.

Since the graduate student council is a new organization, one of its concerns is a lack of people who want to join the council, Loudin said.

"We really need to have numbers for it to grow," she said. "Graduate student council is really important because we

are only voice that graduate students can have, and I think that this is something that everybody needs to know."

Graduate student council meets every other week and discusses issues, concerns and events among graduate students.

For example, members suggest improvements on graduate programs at Marshall and discuss graduate students' need on campus, according to Loudin.

"We definitely encourage people to get involved because we know that issues are important to them and this is their best way for those issues to get addressed," Loudin said.

Graduate student council meets at 4 p.m. in every other Wednesday in Harris Hall 236. Loudin said seniors and graduate students are welcome to join.

Additional information may be obtained by sending e-mail to J-Loudin@hotmail.com.

MU music professor presents concert

The Parthenon

Joy Ratliff joins the movies and music with classical training to showcase a range of musical styles.

"Songs from the Movies" will be presented at 2 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Grace Rardin Doherty Auditorium at the Huntington Museum of Art.

Joy Ratliff, associate professor of voice, will present selections from films such as "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Little Mermaid."

Ratliff has landed leading mezzo soprano roles and even performed in Germany.

Piano accompaniment will be provided by Albert Zabel. Suggested admission is \$2.

Employee

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cards and markers are available for students, staff and faculty to write notes to Smith. Campbell said they have taken about 20 post-boards filled with well-wishers' signatures to Smith since the accident.

"His attitude is remarkable," Campbell said. "He's very appreciative of those who signed and sent cards."

Campbell and bookstore employees wanted to do something to help Smith with his substantial medical bills. Campbell called Dr. Mack Gillenwater, professor of geography, to see if he would help start a donation fund.

Gillenwater, former president and current bookkeeper of the University Functions Committee, helped to set up a fund with the committee bank account through which donations for Smith could be accepted. The University Functions Committee sends flowers to faculty and family of faculty in times of illness or death.

"We are happy to assist with the fund-raising by running donations through the account," Gillenwater said. "We have been collecting some money, but we still need some help."

Campbell said it was nice being a part of a community where people are so willing to help others.

Gillenwater said donations total about \$800 so far.

Smith continues to recover at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital of Huntington and is now sitting in a wheelchair a few hours every day, Campbell said.

Donations can be sent to Gillenwater in the geography department in Harris Hall 209 or the Marshall Bookstore in the Memorial Student Center. Checks can be made out to David Smith at the University Functions Committee.

Japan

■ From page 1

Japanese culture is very interesting.

"It's a very complex and private society, almost the complete opposite of ours. There is so much here to learn," he said.

"If you just talk to the right people, they are more than happy to share with you and teach you about their culture," Nelson said.

Brown said, "There are so many admirable cultural traits in Japan it would take hours for me to list them all."

"However, I hate to paint Japan with broad strokes, so I would rather discuss how I have experienced the differences between our culture and that of Japan," Brown said.

Ball said Japanese culture showed him how to blend in to the best of his abilities.

"You have to take an anthropological approach to these things to fully understand what the purpose of their habits are," he added. "Don't compare them to what you think you know about

your own culture."

Brown said he thinks Japanese and American values are strikingly similar, but said he felt frustrated that he could not express himself adequately to others around him.

"I felt uneasy as other people stared at me because I was a foreigner," he said.

Brown said studying in Japan is not something to be taken lightly.

Nelson said the trip was worthwhile.

"The life experience that they will gain from a trip like this is priceless," he said.

Marshall offers study abroad opportunities at universities in Europe, Mexico, Japan and Korea.

"Marshall students can receive academic credit for the courses they take at Kansai Gaidai, and there are many courses offered in English," said Clark Egnor, director of the English as a Second Language Institute (ESLI) and Learning English for Academic Purposes Institutes (LEAP).

WMUL-FM will air an interview with Brown, Nelson and Ball next week.

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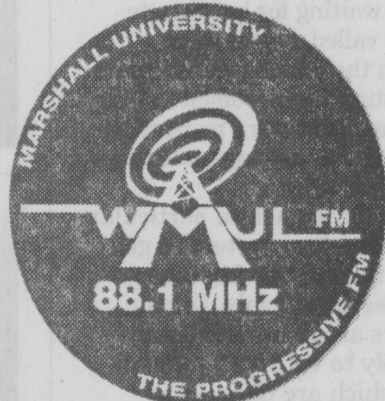
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"Is this for real?"

— Tamara Ely, responding to boyfriend Sean Fugate's creative marriage proposal

THEIR view

Voting by mail works in theory

(U-WIRE) CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon was looked to as a model for the nation.

Once again, the Beaver State was the first to take a step forward, to make things easier for its citizens, to raise voter participation. It was the first state to use a solely vote-by-mail balloting system.

And if the rest of the nation was indeed paying attention, Oregon may have put a stop to the future of mail-in balloting nationwide.

While the rest of America's citizens battled long lines to vote on Election Day, Oregon voters sat back and waited for results to come in. After all, in theory, we could have voted days — or even weeks — in advance.

But most of us didn't. And therein lies the problem.

With mail-in ballots, signatures must be verified in lieu of showing up in person with a photo ID. Verifying signatures tends to take a bit more time than looking at someone's driver's license.

So all of those ballots that came in between 6 and 8 p.m. on Election Day took election officials much more time to count than if they'd voted at the polls.

Whether the problem with mail-in voting is that voters wait until the last minute or it's a slow system of getting signatures verified, one thing is clear: The state, which tried to be innovative by making things easier and quicker, failed at half of that.

Vote-by-mail is easier for voters. But it sure isn't quicker.

We're not encouraging Oregon to do away with mail-in ballots, though, because they did increase voter turnout, which is essentially what the purpose was.

What would be nice, though, would be to find a quicker way to get the ballots counted, so that we don't end up looking like the only state in the nation that can't count.

We would encourage voters to mail their ballots as soon as they've reached a decision. Waiting until the last minute doesn't help anyone. Making a decision won't get any easier at the last minute.

But even if we did have to wait for results, it's encouraging to see so many Oregonians choosing voting over apathy.

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Veterans also should be remembered

I think it's great that Marshall University and Huntington still celebrate the loss of the 1970 football team, but I have a question. How many people were killed in Vietnam on that same day?

Did anybody even notice that Veteran's Day was Saturday? Except for a few sales at the mall, I don't think anybody paid any attention to Nov. 11.

West Virginia has more veterans per capita than any other state in the nation. They have spent months, even years, in hellish conditions to preserve the rights and freedoms they love.

They put their lives on the line every day in places you may never hear about. Those who choose to serve do so not for glory and recogni-

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guest columnist

tion, but for honor and sense of duty.

They have fought in foreign lands because their country asked them to. Many were injured, many more were killed, but all of them were taken from their families and homes and sent around the world in service to the United States of America.

The recent attack on the USS Cole and the terrorist bombing of the Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia three years ago should serve to point out that men and women in the armed forces are always at risk, simply for being in the U.S. armed forces.

Is it right that we should ignore them? Shouldn't we pay attention and, God forbid, a little respect to these brave souls?

Anyone who has ever served in the military, or even visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., would be ashamed to know that 70 football players get the city's flags put at half-mast while the fighting men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are virtually ignored.

Honor your 1970 football team, Marshall, but don't forget your country's real heroes.

Michael T. Doran is a junior from Milton and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Non-traditional students must choose between classes, shows

At Marshall University, I think that the variety of activities is great for the typical student ranging from 18 to 22 years of age.

Conversely, when non-traditional students are dedicated fans of football, basketball and supporters of the Marshall Artists Series, undue pressure has been placed on them to choose between school loyalty and support as opposed to attending their evening classes.

Most evening classes begin at 6 p.m. and end close to 9 p.m., which means that you either skip your class or you miss half the show or the game. When you are attending college, it is your responsibility to be in your class and to get your work done. How is this possible if you are also asked to be supportive of extracurricular activities?

I suggest better coordination of events during the semester, meaning that most events that happen during the week could be tailored to off weeks, like "dead week," holidays and possibly final exam week. This would definitely produce far more well-rounded participation from the faculty and student population, instead of overwhelming them with so many choices. Each individual has to consider his or her own choice in the matter, but it would be a lot easier if supporting these programs did not create a dilemma at the onset.

— Cynthia Hill, Huntington

HER view

More women senators serve United States better

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Hard as it may be to believe, the White House race wasn't the only important news of the week.

The United States Senate has changed greatly not only in terms of party affiliation — where the chamber could still end up evenly split — but also in gender. The last Senate contained nine female members. Next year there will be at least 12, possibly 13. While this is still a small number, it represents significant progress for the responsiveness of the electoral system.

Contrary to what many believe, the low number of women in politics at the national level isn't due to rampant American male sexism. Unfortunately, though, women are affected by certain peculiarities of the American system, including the fact that the odds are stacked in favor of incumbents. Because historically there have been fewer women in political office, they tend to be the challengers. Yet in any given congressional election, incumbents win more than 90 percent of the time, an intimidating prospect for any politician.

Studies by political scientists show, however, that women who run for open seats do as well as men. These same authors conclude that women will benefit most when incumbents retire.

The incumbency advantage is proven in the experience of female senators running for reelection. Of the three women

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running for their second full term, none were defeated. Once in office, these women built coalitions and found the funds that enable them to keep their seats.

Although women are scarce in the House and Senate, they are much better represented in state legislatures. This appears to be the most promising route to electing women to higher office, particularly this year. Both Debbie Stabenow, a House member who unseated a Michigan senator, and Maria Cantwell, a House member who is currently waiting for her Senate race to be called, began their careers on the state level. The problem is getting these women to take the risks and the extra responsibilities involved in moving up the ladder to higher office.

Ultimately, women in particular and the American system in general benefit from having more female elected officials. Female legislators aren't automatically more likely to vote for "women's issues," which are difficult to define anyway. However, it has been shown that a larger female presence in state legislatures translates into more legislation both proposed and passed on issues of concern to women.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

At Issue

With Thanksgiving approaching, what are you thankful for?



"I think I'm most thankful for my family because we've had a lot of problems. My dad has been sick, and he was in a coma a couple years ago, and my brother is always in the hospital. So this Thanksgiving, I think we are all going to get together. That's what I'm most thankful for."

— Jessica VanReenan, English senior from Marlinton



"Life. My family. I appreciate them because I've been away from them, and I miss them sometimes."

— Daniel Moses, art education senior from Summersville



"My health, because that's something that is very important, because if you lose your health, you lose mostly everything. I wouldn't be here right now, I'd probably be in the hospital right now, so I am glad to have my health, to be able to sit here and talk to you."

— Maurice Fearwell, computer information systems freshman from Washington, D.C.

— compiled by Elizabeth Lee and visiting Scholastic Journalist Program participants

The Parthenon's next issue is Tuesday, Nov. 28. We hope everyone has a safe fall break.

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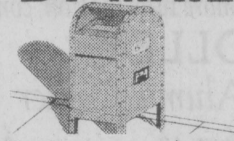
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The Thundering Herd football team wraps up the 2000 season Saturday in Athens, Ohio against the Ohio Bobcats. The Bobcats are 6-4 overall, 3-2 in the MAC Eastern Division. Marshall is 6-4 overall, 5-0 in the MAC East. The game will be televised at 4 p.m. on WOWK.

Preseason ends with victory

by MICHAEL S. ADAMS
reporter

Senior Travis Young could have a huge year if opponents double team Mid-American Conference standouts Tamar Slay and J.R. VanHoose.

Young proved he is not to be overlooked Wednesday in Marshall's 101-80 victory over Premier Sports All-Stars out of Columbus, Ohio, at the Cam Henderson Center.

The 6-foot guard from Zanesville, Ohio, scored 10 of his 18 points in the second half, after Slay got into early foul trouble forcing him to sit on the bench for much of the final period.

"I felt good tonight," Young said. "I want to keep getting better and build some consistency."

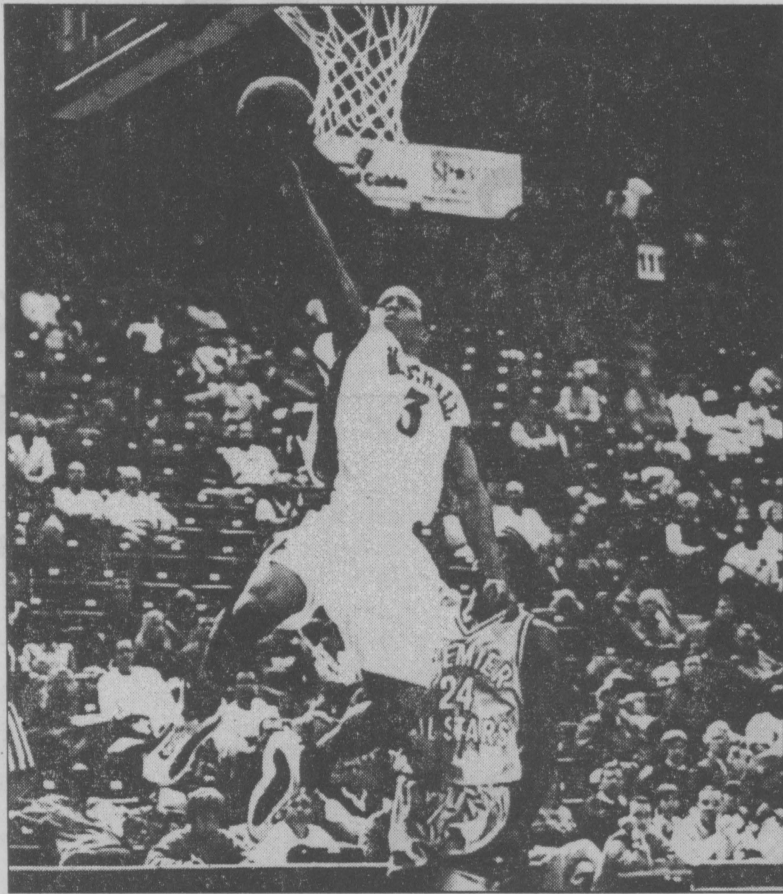
Young was named 1998 MAC Freshman of the Year, after averaging 11.3 points per game. As a sophomore, Young upped his average to 13.9, shooting 46 percent from the field.

VanHoose led Marshall with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Premier Sports' Justice Thigpen was the game high-scorer with 29 points.

"We played well as a team tonight," Marshall Coach Greg White said.

Slay hit two of six three-point field goals and finished the game with 16 points. He was temporarily forced to take a seat after receiving his third foul of the game in the first minute of the second half.

"Tamar really didn't play a lot, but I wasn't going to play him a whole lot, regardless of the foul trouble," White said. "I wanted to play a lot of guys and get the new guys some playing time."



Senior guard Travis Young scored 18 points in the Thundering Herd's 101-80 victory over Premier Sports All-Stars out of Columbus, Ohio.

Marshall went up 22-14 to open the game, behind five field goals from Slay and three from VanHoose.

Senior point guard Cornelius Jackson finished the game with 17 assists. White holds Marshall's single-game assist record of 18.

"I try to come out and get the other guys involved," Jackson said. "If I score, it's just icing on the cake, but it's my job to get the other guys the ball."

Marshall took a 50-34 lead at halftime, behind Slay's 18

points. The All-Stars out-rebounded the Thundering Herd 44-34, but Marshall's depth at the guard position was too much for Premier Sports.

"Our guards are explosive," White said. "We have a lot of balance offensively."

Marshall opens its season against White's former team, the University of Charleston, at 7 p.m. Friday at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Thundering Herd travels to the University of Cincinnati to take on the Bearcats on Tuesday.

Cross country team ends 2000 season

by WILLIAM FREANEY
reporter

Marshall's men's and women's cross country teams ended their season this past weekend at host Penn State University's NCAA District Championships.

The championship was comprised of Division I schools from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Washington D.C.

Georgetown University won both the men's and women's competitions.

The top male runner for the Thundering Herd was freshman Craig Swisher from Bidwell, Ohio, who finished 85th out of 177 runners. Swisher finished with a time of 32 minutes and 51 seconds in the men's 10K run.

"Our guys were really steady," Marshall Coach Jeff Small said. "They had a good day but not a great day."

Freshman Shelby Pride was Marshall's top women's runner, finishing 67th out of 169 runners.

Pride finished with a time of 23 minutes in the women's 6K run.

"I thought, as a team, we pulled together and did what we had to do to finish out the season," Pride said. "With it being a 6K race instead of a 5K race, which we usually run, I knew I had to keep the pace I had been doing. With the weather as cold as it was and the longer length, I felt I did pretty well."

Small said he was proud of the women's effort.

"Our girls really did well," Small said. "We didn't have our top runner, Sara Corley, because she was diagnosed with mono. Our other girls really stepped it up."

With the 2000 season complete, Small looks forward to the next season.

"Both teams are really young," he said. "We have one senior on the women's team

Cross Country Results

Men's results

Name	class	finished	time
Craig Swisher	freshman	85th	32:51
Kevin Batey	sophomore	103rd	33:21
Jacob Porter	sophomore	134th	34:03
Brad Carter	junior	142nd	34:24
Robert Smith	junior	145th	34:36
Jason Redman	sophomore	156th	35:27
Brent Garrett	freshman	173rd	38:17

Women's results

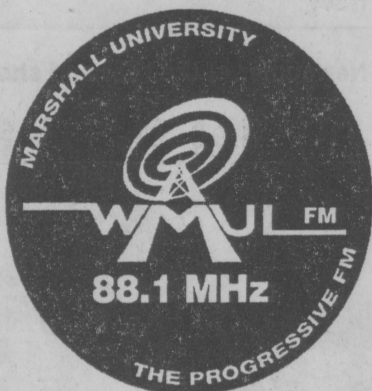
Name	class	finished	time
Shelby Pride	freshman	67th	23:00
Megan Rawlings	senior	123rd	24:19
Lauren Black	sophomore	133rd	24:56
Caroline Fleek	sophomore	135th	25:04
Catie Groll	junior	148th	25:31
Whitney Daniel	sophomore	154th	25:45
Ryann Metheny	freshman	156th	25:50

and none on the men's team. We redshirted our best two runners on the men's team, so we should be very strong next year."

The two redshirts Small was referring to are junior Casey Batey and senior James Kneeland.

Batey was redshirted because the team felt he would be better next season.

Kneeland received a redshirt due to numerous injuries.



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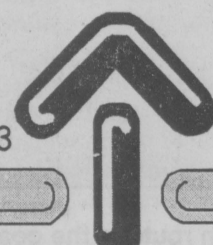
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Rising Star

Freshman women's soccer player breaks school records

by MICHAEL S. ADAMS
reporters

Women's soccer Coach Teresa Patterson knew she had a good athlete when she signed Stillwater, Minn., native Amanda McMahon as part of her 2000 recruiting class.

What she didn't expect was a freshman who would shatter three previous Marshall soccer records in her first season.

McMahon had already led Stillwater Area High School to the 1998 and 1999 Minnesota State title and 1997 runner-up.

She was Minnesota's 1999 "Miss Soccer," 1999 Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year, a two-time All-State selection, three-time All-Conference Selection, a 1999 NSCAA high-school All-American and an All-Midwest Selection.

But little did Patterson know, McMahon was a rising star with determination to prove her talent.

"We knew she had a ton of talent," Patterson said.

"As with any freshman, you tend to not put big expectations on them.

"We didn't expect her to come in and have the impact that she did," Patterson said.

In her first year at Marshall, McMahon led the Thundering Herd in goals with 18, shattering the record of seven set by sophomore Lindsey Jayjack in 1999. Her 18 goals were the third best in the Mid-American Conference.

She also led Marshall in points with 32, breaking another record of 30 set by Jayjack in 1999. Her 32 points were also third best in the MAC.

"Her expectations for herself are none short of those a senior would have," Patterson said. "Amanda hasn't played her best soccer yet."

Her accomplishments didn't stop there. McMahon took 80 shots this season, breaking Jayjack's record of 40, and led the MAC in points-per-game.

McMahon racked up her first collegiate honors when she was named 2000 MAC Newcomer-of-the-Year and was a first team All-MAC selection.

She definitely didn't expect this in her first year of college.

"I am very excited about the honors, but I didn't expect it to happen," McMahon said.

"As nice an honor as this is, I would trade it for a chance to be playing for a MAC title."

McMahon said she didn't know she won the award until Patterson called her into her office.

"I thought I was in trouble,"

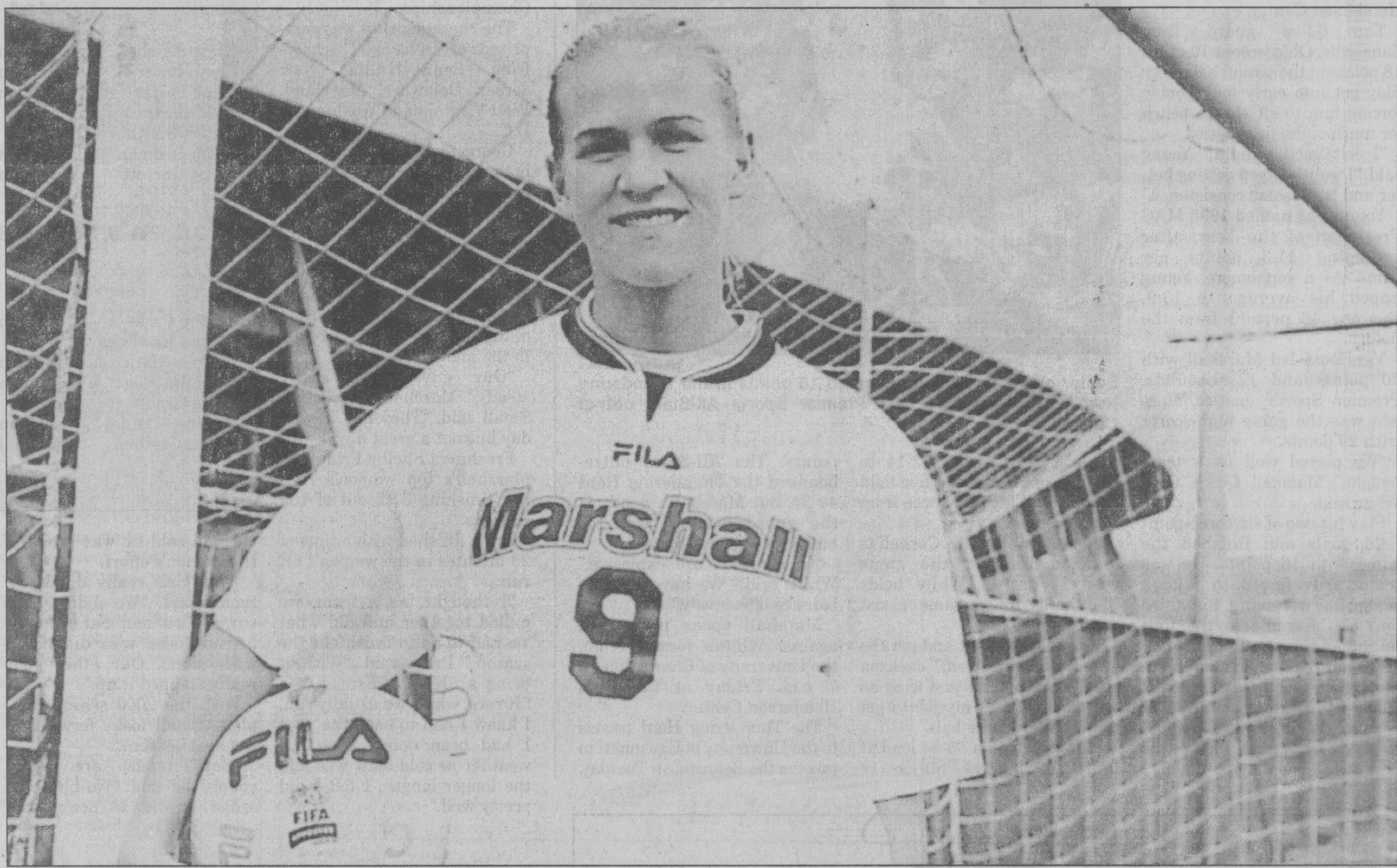


photo by Mike Andrick

Marshall freshman soccer player Amanda McMahon has been named First Team All-MAC and MAC Newcomer of the Year and shattered three school records previously held by teammate Lindsey Jayjack in 1999.

"We knew she had a ton of talent. As with any freshman, you tend not to put big expectations on them. We didn't expect her to come in and have the impact that she did."

Teresa Patterson,
Marshall women's soccer coach

McMahon said.

"She said, 'I have some really exciting news,' and told me about the awards and said, 'Congratulations.'"

McMahon went to Buffalo, N.Y., with Patterson for the MAC finals to receive her awards. It was a nine-hour trip in a van that was well worth it.

Her journey to this point of her career may just be due to being in the right place at the right time.

When McMahon was 8 years old, her gym coach approached her about a new soccer league starting.

She said she went to the first practice in softball cleats and jean shorts and fell in love with

the sport.

"I really didn't know about playing soccer," McMahon said. "I was pretty big into softball, but when I went, I liked it and kept playing."

She went on to play at Stillwater Area High School.

Stillwater produced the 1998 Minnesota "Miss Soccer," who later signed with NCAA women's soccer powerhouse Wisconsin.

In McMahon's senior year, her accomplishments began to raise the eyebrows of several Big Ten schools, including the University of Minnesota and the Lady Badgers of Wisconsin. But those schools didn't interest her.

"I wanted to go away from home," McMahon said.

"I looked everywhere, but I really liked the coaches and team here when I came to visit."

It was much to Marshall's advantage, as McMahon would have a huge impact upon her arrival.

McMahon arrived at Marshall in August to begin summer practice with her new team.

She joined an already young, but talented group of players — including 1999 All-MAC selection Lindsey Jayjack.

McMahon said it was weird playing with a new group of women for the first time.

"I had played with the same group of girls all my life," McMahon said.

"It was hard playing with a new team and trusting them, but it got better as the season went along."

As most freshmen experience, being away from home for the first time can be tough.

For McMahon, being this far



photo by Mike Andrick

After scoring a goal against Ohio University, McMahon, third from left, is congratulated by teammate Kelly Posey. McMahon led the Thundering Herd in scoring with 18 goals in the season, third best in the Mid-American Conference. She led the Marshall team with 32 points, also third best in the MAC.

away from home was especially hard.

"I was really homesick for the first month," McMahon said. "The freshman class is really tight, and they helped me through it."

She scored her first collegiate goal late in the Thundering Herd's opener against Youngstown State. By the time she was playing her fourth collegiate game, she had already scored five goals. She ended the season scoring in 11 of 18 games.

"It is very exciting to see a freshman come in and play the way she played," Patterson said.

"Her strength is her vision. She boasts well for the future of our program."

McMahon got her first cau-

tion in her career against Ohio University. Her physical play sets her apart from most women soccer players, but the 5-foot-5 sophomore doesn't look like she can play as physical as she does.

"I am a little feisty," McMahon said.

"I am pretty serious when I am on the field, but I am pretty laid back off the field."

McMahon is part of an exciting time for the young women's soccer team.

Marshall tallied its best record in its three-year history this season with an overall record of 8-10-1, and returns all but two players next season.

"That is one of the reasons I came here," McMahon said. "When Teresa recruited me, she

said I would be a part of a growing team, and I was excited to be a part of it."

McMahon is majoring in elementary education at Marshall, but has dreams of continuing to play soccer after her career at Marshall is over.

With talk of starting Women's Major League Soccer, she may have the opportunity to live her dream.

"I really love the sport," McMahon said.

"I want to keep playing, hopefully at the professional level. I will keep working at it."

Whatever the future holds for McMahon, her journey to this point has been an exciting one.

If McMahon keeps improving, she may need to get herself a bigger trophy case.



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McMahon fights off a Toledo defender en route to the goal.