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MU sports funding among MAC's tops

by CHRIS NUSBAUM
reporter

A Mid-American Conference comparison report written by a Marshall University professor shows the Herd leading the pack in athletics, but second-string in academics.

The report, published in Spring 1998 by Dr. Mark A. Simmons, professor of pharmacology, states that Marshall is first in athletic expenditures per student, but does not rank with other MAC schools academically.

"As our athletic teams have moved up, there was a lot of talk about academics doing the

same thing," Simmons said. "Generally, I think there is a misconception or a perception that since you're in the MAC, your academics are just as good as the other schools."

The report views three indicators of academic quality — educational expenditure per student, the number of volumes in the library and faculty salaries.

"The main purpose was to find some objective measures of the character and quality of the academic programs and compare them to the quality and character of the athletic program," Simmons said. "This is not a slam on the football team."

"Generally, I think there is a misconception or a perception that since you're in the MAC, your academics are just as good as the other schools."

Dr. Mark A. Simmons,
professor of pharmacology

The study ranks Marshall as next to last in the MAC in educational expenditure per student, with \$1,053 less per student than the average of \$7,526. Ohio University ranks first at \$10,251.

The current library ranks last in bound volumes and peri-

odicals, with less than 5,000 books and periodicals.

Kent State University ranks first in the MAC with over 2,120,000 volumes and periodicals.

Even with the new facilities being built, there may still not be enough space.

"We were excited about the new Medical Building by Cabell Huntington Hospital," Simmons said, "but the space built for the Health Sciences Library is not as big as the space of the original one. They had to get rid of one-third of the journals."

Marshall faculty salaries are the lowest in the MAC, according to the study, and the disparity becomes greater with amount of tenure. Marshall's average is \$42,200. Ohio University's average, ranked first, is \$56,100.

At the professor level, Marshall's average is \$50,500 while Ohio's average is \$71,800.

"If you think academics are important the first thing you do is hire the best faculty you can, and to do that, you have to pay them a good salary," Simmons said.

According to the study, when athletic expenditures per student are ranked, Marshall comes in first in the MAC. Campus facilities rank second in athletic seating capacity with just over 40,000 seats. In athletic expenditures, Marshall is middle of the MAC with \$7.3 million per year.

This is not an attack on Marshall's athletic program,

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Let the fans be HERD!

by JACOB MESSER
assistant sports editor

Miami (Ohio) players may need additional equipment for its Saturday showdown with Marshall.

The RedHawks will wear the usual helmets, jerseys, pants and shoulder pads. But they may find it beneficial to bring ear plugs, too.

Marshall Coach Bob Pruett certainly hopes they need them.

"I want a lot of noise and a lot of cheering from our fans this week,"

Pruett said, his voice filled with enthusiasm. "Our fans get more pumped up for bigger games. I want them to make it hard for Miami to hear."

Plenty of fans will be there to accommodate the desires of the coach.

Joe Arnone, ticket manager for the Marshall Athletic Department, said standing-room-only tickets are all that remain.

"This will probably be the biggest game ever in Marshall Stadium," said Arnone, whose office has averaged ticket sales of 1,500 a day this week.

Miami plays Marshall in a showdown of undefeated MAC powerhouses at 7 p.m. Saturday at Marshall Stadium in Huntington.

The Thundering Herd is 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the MAC, while the RedHawks are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the MAC. The winner gains the edge in



Marshall Coach Bob Pruett said he wants fans like these to cheer the Herd on Saturday against Miami (Ohio). If ticket sales are any indication, Saturday's game should be a loud one. Joe Arnone, ticket manager for the Athletic Department, said only standing-room tickets remain.

the division tie-breaker should the two schools finish with the same league record. Miami is 29-4-1 and has won five straight against Marshall.

Miami Coach Randy Walker expects the Thundering Herd to capitalize on the boisterous roar of the crowd from green-and-white clad fans.

"We know Marshall is going to be a very demanding place to play," said Walker, the winningest coach in Miami history with a 52-34-5 record. "They do a great job with fan support. We know it is a very

difficult place to play."

The Thundering Herd has won 15 consecutive home games and is 63-4 since Marshall Stadium opened in 1991. Marshall has not lost at home since Dec. 16, 1995, when Montana defeated the Thundering Herd 22-20 in the Division I-AA national championship game.

Pruett attributes Marshall's success — both home and away — to its crowd support.

"Southern West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky have a love affair with Marshall," Pruett pointed out. "They

have went through so much with Marshall. They have stuck with the Thundering Herd from the plane crash and losing seasons to the national championships and winning seasons. They have grown up with the Herd and love Marshall athletics.

"They have been unbelievable," Pruett said, referring to the throng of enthusiastic Thundering Herd fans who travel in caravans for road games and gather in masses for home games.

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Open house for families

by SHERRY KENESON-HALL
reporter

Saturdays are usually quiet days for campus, but not this weekend.

Tomorrow campus may be alive with Marshall students and their parents as Student Affairs hosts Family and Parents Day.

In addition to the annual event, the first of two Admissions Days is set for Saturday, said Linda Templeton, associate director of admissions.

"Admissions Day is a kind of open house for the university," Templeton said.

Admissions Day, like Parents Day, provides an opportunity for people to tour the campus. However, unlike Parents Day, Admissions Day is a day for potential Marshall students, not current ones.

"Prospective students from several high schools have been invited to check us out," Templeton said. "People will be here to address academics, financial aid, how to be admitted, student activities and residential halls. It is a basic overview of the university."

Family and Parents' Day, on the other hand, is an opportunity for families of current Marshall students to come and "check out" the campus as well, said Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs.

Family and Parents Day is usually held about six weeks after the start of school, Cockrille said. Traditionally the day has been devoted to

parents and students, but this year there is a change, Cockrille said.

"We are now calling it Family and Parents Weekend," Cockrille said. "We want family members, parents and siblings all to come to Marshall University and share the community with the students."

The goal is to gain not only the interest of parents of Marshall students, but also families of adult students who attend the university, Cockrille said.

Last year nearly 1,000 students attended the Admissions Day in November, Templeton said. This year planners decided to divide the event into two days: Oct. 3 and 17.

So far about 50 students have registered to attend the luncheon for Admissions Day, but Templeton expects a turnout of 500 high school students on Oct. 17.

Family and Parents Day will also offer food to participants, Cockrille said. There will be a brunch and then food at the tailgate party before Marshall takes on the Miami RedHawks.

Cockrille said families like to visit students on these days so only a couple of events were planned with the university.

"The families can attend the brunch and the tailgate party," Cockrille said. "They will also have the opportunity to attend either the football game or the play 'The Heidi Chronicles.'"

There will be an extra charge for the play and the game.

REMINDER

The James Morrow Library will be closing Oct. 4 in order to move the books to the new John Deaver Drinko Library. Both libraries will reopen Oct. 11 at 7:45 a.m. Students are invited to use the Cabell County Library at 455 Ninth St. For additional information call 528-5700.



photo by Sherry Keneson-Hall

Rhodes application nearing deadline

by NORMAN M. WADE
reporter

Rhodes Scholarships offer an opportunity to study at Oxford University in England, but with the Oct. 9 deadline for applications approaching, students may need to act fast.

While the deadline is approaching for this year, it's not too early to start working for next year, said Martha C. Woodward, executive director for the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

The scholarship is a vast "educational broadening" which puts members in the same super-elite club with other Rhodes Scholars such as Bill Clinton," Woodward said.

It is a unique opportunity "that you can't put a value on... it's a job ticket," she said.

Rhodes Scholars are appoint-

ed for two years of study at the University of Oxford, with the possibility of renewal for a third year. All educational costs including travel to and from Oxford are paid on the scholar's behalf by the Rhodes Trustees.



In addition, students are paid a "maintenance allowance" to cover living expenses and vacations.

There is no restriction to a scholar's field of academic specialization or career plans, although the proposed course of study must be available at Oxford.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and between 18 and 24

years old as of Oct. 1 of the year of application. They must also have academic standing to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before going into residence in Oxford the following October.

Students can still complete their applications by Oct. 9 if they are "very disciplined." But the hardest part of the application process is the in-depth essay and tracking of recommendations to meet the deadline, Woodward said.

While no one from Marshall has ever been selected as a Rhodes Scholar, three students are applying this year.

The scholarships, which bring students from many countries around the world to Oxford, were initiated after the death of Cecil J. Rhodes in 1902.

Rhodes, a British colonial pioneer and statesman, attend-

ed Oxford in 1881. According to the program's web site, Rhodes hoped his plan of bringing students from throughout the English-speaking world to study at Oxford "would aid in the promotion of international understanding and peace."

The web page states Rhodes "dreamed of bettering the lot of humankind through the diffusion of leaders motivated to serve their contemporaries, trained in the contemplative life of the mind, and broadened by their acquaintance with one another and by their exposure to cultures different from their own."

The criteria set forth by Rhodes will guide the assessment of applicants. The four standards are literary and scholastic attainments; fondness

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AIDS patient finds patience from God

Group hopes speaker's courage will rub off

by **KATHERINE LEWIS**
reporter

AIDS is an issue some people may not want to talk about, but Steve Sawyer can't say enough about.

Sawyer is a 24-year-old hemophiliac who contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion in 1984.

Lillian Willis, Cross Lanes senior and president of Campus Crusade for Christ, said Sawyer's physician in 1992 found Sawyer had AIDS.

But Sawyer did not tell people about his illness immediately.

When physicians told him he had six to 10 months to live Sawyer began traveling to

high schools and universities telling students about how he copes with his disease.

He has been a full-time motivational speaker since diagnosed and has not let his illness keep him from traveling across the country.

At 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sawyer will be traveling to Marshall University and speaking in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room. Campus Crusade for Christ is sponsoring Sawyer's speech.

Willis describes Campus Crusade for Christ as an international and interdenominational group.

Willis said the national organization raised the money for Sawyer to be able to speak not

the student organization based at Marshall.

Josh Duncan, a Huntington sophomore and vice president of Campus Crusade for Christ, said Sawyer will be talking about how his strength in God has made it easier to deal with his disease.

"Steve helps us to see that no matter what your position in life is, God can show you where to find hope," Duncan said. The speech is open to anyone and there will be no admission charged.

"You don't have to be a member of Campus Crusade or a Christian, anyone could benefit from hearing Steve talk," said Willis, who first heard Sawyer speak at a Campus

"Steve helps us see that no matter what your position in life is, God can show you where to find hope."

Lillian Willis,
Cross Lanes senior

Crusade for Christ Conference in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"Steve's story was so moving I cried because he truly is an inspiration to all of us," Willis said.

Willis said even though Sawyer is dying of AIDS he still finds hope because of his faith in God and finds strength through his fellow Christians. She said Sawyer no longer

takes medication for his disease and his physicians have told him only a miracle would save his life.

Sawyer is praying for that miracle and telling others of his faith and his belief that miracles can happen.

Sawyer will be speaking at the West Virginia University campus before he speaks at Marshall.

Students, faculty act as poets, fictionists

by **KETWAN T. CREWS**
reporter

Poetry, fiction and coffee. What a combination.

Marshall students, faculty and staff gathered for a night of poetry and fiction last Friday at the Renaissance Cafe located at 831 Fourth Avenue.

Professors and students read from their original works.

Dr. Amy Hudock, coordinator of the Women's Studies Program, said student participants were Bob Brumfield, Andrea Fekete, Tom Jones, Rachel Miller and Marged Howley.

Professors participating were Dr. Katharine Rodier, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Mary Moore, assistant professor of English.

The event was sponsored by the Women's Studies Student Association.

"I thought it was great," Rodier said. "The student writers were very professional."

Charleston senior Rachel Miller, coordinator of the event, said this was the first reading the student association has had.

"I think it went really well," Miller, English major, said.

"There was some interesting material and good writing."

Buffalo Creek junior Andrea Fekete said she read a couple of pages from her novel-in-progress, "The Season."

"I was scared at first, but the crowd seemed to like it, so I guess it went very well," Fekete, English writing major, said.

"We had a large reaction from the crowd," she said.

Hudock said, "We didn't expect such a great turnout; it was packed."

The student association is trying to have readings once a month, Hudock said.

Carrot Top tickets are uprooted

by **BRYAN CHAMBERS**
reporter

Students who have a say in what goes on in the campus residence halls are gearing up for the 1998-99 school year.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) officers have been elected and the first meetings for the fall semester will be Tuesday.

Officers were elected by students who attended election meetings for their residence halls.

Tamiko A. Ferrell, residence hall director, said the purpose of the RHA is to provide feedback, recommendations and suggestions for improvement in the residence halls, Ferrell added.

The RHA also acts as host for fund-raising events and community service projects.

At meetings, RHA officers listen to complaints and suggestions from two to three representatives from each floor of the building they are governing.

Angela Kemp, Wheeling sophomore and RHA president of Twin Towers West, said she is concentrating on fund raising and community service projects.

"We have a lot of suggestions, but nothing has been set in stone yet," she said. "We're just trying to get more people involved in the community and fund-raisers."

Ferrell said the Inter-Hall Government Council will meet for the first time at 9:15 p.m. Thursday at Twin Towers West.

Officers will be chosen during the meeting.

Residence Hall Association officers are:

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Angela Kemp,
Wheeling sophomore and RHA president

Buskirk Hall — Stephanie Jeffers, president; Leslie Ray, vice president; Kristin Sparks, secretary and Mindy Lux, treasurer.

Hodges Hall — Adam Knobel, president; John Spadafora, vice president; Jack Hanks, secretary and Matt Casto, treasurer.

Holderby Hall — Carrie Malone, president; Lee Ann Cornell, vice president; Tiffany Hamilton, secretary and Kasha Lee, treasurer.

Laidley Hall — Anna Holst, president; Jason Riggs, vice president; Bea Spradley, secretary and Lisa Littell, treasurer.

Twin Towers East — Brian Davis, president; Austin Fletcher, vice president; Joe Black, secretary, and Jason Jarrell, treasurer.

Twin Towers West — Angela Kemp, president; Megan Terry, vice president; Amy Simons, secretary and Shanyia Braswell, treasurer.

RHA begins with new officers

Choosing Marshall an easy task for some

Economic value, academic reputation, location good for some students

by **KETWAN T. CREWS**
reporter

Some students find Marshall to be a good institution for higher education.

Low cost, academics, location, beauty, and size all contribute to why students come to Marshall, said Linda Templeton, associate director of admissions.

"It [Marshall] is a friendly place and has a great academic reputation," she said.

The amount of scholastic programs available allows the uni-

versity to attract students interested in many different areas of study, according to "Your Future Is Here," a publication of the Office of Admissions.

Marshall offers more than 40 undergraduate and 30 graduate programs.

Marcie Hatfield, Salt Rock junior and public relations major, said she was thinking of others when she chose Marshall.

"I chose Marshall because it was better economically for my parents."

Marshall sells itself as one of the best economic values in the region.

The \$25 million a year in student financial aid makes it even more attractive to students, according to the admissions brochure, which says more than half of Marshall students receive financial aid.

"I came here [Marshall] because it was cheaper than Eastern Kentucky, and they offered me more money," Baltimore, Md., freshman Sherri Langston said.

Some students say Marshall is a convenient location for West Virginia residents and surrounding area students who desire a quality education, but do not want to go far away from home.

"I came here [Marshall] because it was closer to home," Twana Pankey, Beckley junior said.

For some students, athletics make student life at Marshall more distinguishable.

"I attended Marshall University to continue with my foot-

ball athletics," Michael J. Brown, Washington, D.C., freshman and sports management major said.

"I think there's a lot of reasons why people attend [Marshall]," Templeton continued.

"It just speaks out that we are a winning university, and I'm not just speaking about football, but about everything."

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Husband eludes warrants, now charged with murder

HUNTINGTON (AP) — Warrants were issued three weeks ago for the arrest of a Huntington man who was charged with the fatal shooting of his estranged wife this week, police say.

Leon Aliff, 56, of Huntington was charged this week with aggravated murder in the death of Linda Aliff at her home in Chesapeake, Ohio.

Two active warrants for Leon Aliff's arrest were signed in Cabell County on Sept. 11 and 14 for a domestic violence petition violation and a domestic battery charge. The warrants charge that Aliff intentionally grabbed his wife and knocked her head against a brick wall, causing a knot on the back of her head.

One of the cases was set for trial next week.

Another woman, whose relationship with Aliff is

unknown, filed a family violence temporary protective order against him March 2.

On Tuesday, Aliff allegedly broke through Mrs. Aliff's door with two handguns. The couple argued and the fight ended with gunfire, police said.

Lawrence County, Ohio, Sheriff's Deputy Jim Cochran said his department was unaware of the warrants until Aliff was arrested Tuesday.

"There are probably 5,000 unreserved warrants in the Tri-State. I don't see how better communication between states and counties would have helped in this situation," Cochran said.

Although states have been required since 1994 to honor protection orders from other states, it often takes time for local courts and police to catch up with new laws, said Virginia Daniels, executive

director of Branches Domestic Violence Shelter in Huntington.

She said there was no way of knowing whether serving the warrants would have prevented the death of Linda Aliff.

The couple's daughter said Wednesday she was not surprised by her mother's death.

"I don't want people to think that these are isolated incidents; they are not," Angel Aliff said. "I don't remember a time when mom was not afraid of him. He was always violent. He was always angry."

"I moved to Columbus because I knew that if he killed her and I was in the house, he would kill me too," Angel Aliff said.

Leon Aliff's sister, Elizabeth Harless, describes her brother differently. "I love my brother with all my heart," Harless said.

Rhodes looks for scholars

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for and success in sports; truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship; and moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Americans are joined in

Oxford by Rhodes Scholars elected from countries as diverse as Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, Hong Kong, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Uganda, and Zimbabwe, among others.

The United States, with an annual allotment of 32 Rhodes Scholars, provides the largest of the national delegations.

In 1976, the scope of the Rhodes Scholarships was extended when legal changes in the United Kingdom permitted the Rhodes Trustees to open

the competition to women.

American Rhodes Scholars are selected through a decentralized process by which regional selection committees choose 32 scholars each year from among those nominated by selection committees in each of the 50 states. At the close of the 1997 competition, applicants from 292 American colleges and universities had been selected.

More information is available by calling Woodward at 696-2475.

briefly...

Father and son accused of faking crash

CHARLESTON (AP) — A Parkersburg father and son are accused of faking an all-terrain vehicle accident to collect \$1.6 million in insurance money.

Donald S. Pritt and Thomas S. Pritt were named Wednesday in a federal indictment charging money laundering and mail fraud.

Prosecutors say in 1988, Donald Pritt began buying more insurance and lied about his medical history.

According to the indictment, Donald Pritt bought another insurance policy eight days before he and his son went riding on their ATV in Dec. 1990.

White House: Talk education, not Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House wants to break the impeachment talk in Congress Thursday by urging lawmakers to "set politics aside for one day" and pass legislation to modernize schools, reduce class size and improve teacher quality.

President Clinton invited 150 education leaders and more than 60 congressional Democrats to an East Room ceremony to highlight his stalled education agenda in the closing days of Congress.

Lawmakers hope to go home by Oct. 9 to campaign.

Fans support the Herd

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"We have not played a game in which they have not played a major role. They counter the other team."

The other team this week is good.

The RedHawks were good enough to defeat North Carolina 13-10 in the opening game of the season. The Tar Heels were ranked in the Top 10 in preseason polls.

And they were good enough to hand Marshall its only conference loss of the season in 1997, a 45-21 rout in which the Thundering Herd committed eight turnovers and relinquished a seven-point halftime advantage.

That excites — and worries — some Marshall fans like Kyle M. Campbell, Huntington freshman majoring in journal-

ism.

"I'm wondering if Marshall can pull this off," Campbell said, "or if Miami will win again. Miami is expected to win because they are undefeated this season and because they defeated Marshall last season. It will be interesting to see who wins."

W. Alvin Jewell thinks Marshall will win, thanks in part to the cheers from the aggregate of Herd fans inside Marshall Stadium Saturday. Jewell will be leading those cheers. He is Marco, the Thundering Herd mascot.

"The crowd is the 12th man on the football field," said Jewell, Pineville junior majoring in radio-television journalism. "I like to get the crowd pumped up. Home games are easy because I can interact with the fans."

"But I won't have to do much Saturday," he noted. "As soon as that first beer is opened and the stadium gates are opened

the fans are going to be pumped up."

Nancy B. Mullins and Paula G. Stanley, both of whom are Gilbert seniors majoring in communication disorders, said they are already pumped up. Both said they are excited about the opportunity to see the Thundering Herd battle a quality opponent in front of its home crowd.

"They have been winning all these close games in the fourth quarter," Mullins said, "but they have all been on the road. This game is supposed to be a great game and have big implications. And we get to see it. That's why I'm excited."

Stanley agreed. "This is a big game," she stressed.

"If Marshall wins this game, they'll win the MAC championship because the rest of the games are going to be breezes. This will be the biggest game of the season...until we win the Ford Motor City Bowl."

Marshall first in athletic spending

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Simmons said. "This was only to wake people up and essentially say: If we devote quality facilities, quality salaries, quality scholarships, everything you need to succeed, we will excel. This is just a good example of what happens when you devote the resources you need — you're competitive. We should do the same thing on the academic side."

Simmons believes Marshall's academic impact goes further than the campus.

"I think the academic quality at Marshall affects the economic well being of southern West Virginia and if you increase the educational level and quality of academics, you'll increase the economic level of everyone in the state."

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IDCard saves money and time for students

by CHARLES SHUMAKER
reporter

Students' lives are filled with options: light beer or regular, get up or sleep in, go to class or skip.

The Marshall University IDCard gives students a few more choices, only in this case it can help them save money and time in their busy schedules.

Students living on campus depend on their IDs to eat and to get in their dorms. But students who live off campus may not have as much need for their ID unless they take advantage of the points plan offered on their cards.

The points plan allows students to put money on their ID and pay for things using their ID, Michael Peele, interim director of ID services said,

money can be added to the card at anytime and it is worth as much as is put on the card.

"The points plan eliminates the need for cash," Peele said.

With the points plan, students can avoid carrying a lot of cash and can save money by using their IDCard in place of cash. At the Memorial Student Center, students receive a 10 percent discount in the cafeteria and can use the card at some vending machines on campus.

Peele said there are plans for the IDCard to be used in campus laundry facilities, more vending machines and Pepsi machines, printers in the John Deaver Drinko Library and as security for the library.

"There is a good mix of off and on campus students who use the plan," Peele said.

"I noticed the card slots on

the machines, but I didn't know what it was for, it sounds like a good idea," said Amber Stohr, senior psychology major.

On and off campus locations now accept the plan. Both book stores, all cafeterias and some vending machines around campus are presently accepting the points plan.

"I think the points plan is a good idea, I live off campus so it would save time and money, I wouldn't have to get money from the machines so much," Jason Frye, senior education major said.

Peele said students who are interested in adding money to their points plan can come to the ID office in the Memorial Student Center BW31 or pick up a brochure and campus mail the attached form with a check to the ID office.

What's your funktion?



A sunny 71 degree day greeted the band Ethnofunktion as they performed a concert at the Memorial Student Center Thursday afternoon. The performance was sponsored by the Music Department.

Computer skills can be upgraded with courses

by XIAOLIN LIU
reporter

Anyone, from the beginner to the expert, who wants to improve his or her computer skills can do so now at the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development (DCEED) of the Community and Technical College (CTC).

The computer courses are being offered now through December in the division's computer labs. The courses will be separated into three different learning levels.

The beginners level is de-

signed for people with little or no computer skills. It is a hands-on introduction to the fundamentals of operating an IBM and IBM compatible PC. Also, running simple programs, and computer terminology are part of this course.

The intermediate level teaches general computer and keyboarding skills. This course is focused on word processing, file management and spreadsheets.

The advanced course offers areas of expertise for regular users.

Other courses are offered on Windows, Microsoft Office

Suite, Internet, Web page designing, personal and business finance management software, and Adobe Photoshop.

The format of these courses is a combination of lecture and hands-on experience. Each student can receive personalized attention from instructors as enrollment is limited to 20 students for each class.

"It's a lifelong learning process," said Pamela C. Hamilton, director of Non-Credit Programs and Community Services of CTC. "People of all job levels need to upgrade and update their skills."

The computer courses are not

only flexible in content, but also flexible in time frame, Hamilton said. They are either in late afternoons or on Saturdays to be more convenient for people who work full-time.

Following Marshall President J. Wade Gilley's mandate, DCEED is adopting an open-door policy to be interactive with the local community. The non-credit computer courses are part of the division's response to people's needs.

People who have been unemployed for a long time want to update themselves with new technologies, Hamilton said. Some people need very focused

specific, skills training.

The non-credit courses offer learning opportunities to non-traditional students for personal and professional development.

The focus is on students' potentials, not their past performance, thereby eliminating the need for admissions requirements.

"There's a new sense of community," Hamilton said. "We are monitoring current trends, and filling in the community's needs."

More information is available by calling Sara Chapman at 696-3113.

Workshops sponsored by fraternity

by JENNIFER L. TYSON
reporter

A Lewis College of Business student group will host a regional conference Oct. 8-11.

Alpha Kappa Psi coed business fraternity is sponsoring the meeting that will include workshops, a national speaker and historical skit.

Terri S. Thomas, Huntington senior and vice president of membership, said several activities are planned for members, but four workshops are open to alumni and Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business organizations.

Dr. Patricia Broce, faculty adviser and associate professor in the Division of Accountancy and Legal Environment, said 13 regional chapters from West Virginia University and Penn State University, may send representatives.

Four open workshops will be Friday, Oct. 9, at Memorial Student Center. They are "Art of Negotiating," "Personal Finances," "Gender Communication" and "Preparing for the Job World," Thomas said.

Alumni are invited to an etiquette luncheon from 12:30-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, at Four Seasons Catering Inc., 905 Third Ave., Huntington.

Alumni may also attend an awards banquet at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10 at Four Seasons. The speaker is Richard McVay, vice president of college chapters and expansion of Alpha Kappa Psi. James E. Casto, associate editor of the Herald-Dispatch, will impersonate Collis P. Huntington and tell stories about the Huntington area.

Fallaploozza considered success by campus group

by J. TRENTON TURNER
reporter

Those who attended Fallaploozza, the Campus Crusade for Christ's annual fall conference, thought it was more fun than most students are allowed to have.

Eighty students, parents, and staff attended the conference last weekend near the New River Gorge.

Tommy Bridges of Raleigh, N.C., spoke at the conference about "Spiritual Growth."

"He [Bridges] discussed how making people understand that

our world that we live in is not good and not so bad, and people need to understand and accept it," said Chris Lipp, a member of Campus Crusade For Christ.

Fallaploozza was not just about discussion of spiritual growth, the event was also about having fun.

"Two Huntington bands came to the conference to entertain our group," Lipp said. "During the weekend we went rappelling, hiking, played football, and swam in the New River. At night we sat around the bonfire and even sang karaoke."

Now that the Campus Cru-

sade is back from its trip, members have no intentions of stopping the fun.

"Campus Crusade for Christ has weekly meetings called Primetime for all who wish to attend," said Joey Tackett, member of the Campus Crusade For Christ.

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Coverage begins at 6pm with Dennis Black and the MAC Report.

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WVU women shut-out the Herd 2-0

The first year Marshall women's soccer team lost 2-0 Wednesday in its first trip to Morgantown to face in-state rival West Virginia University.

The Thundering Herd remained competitive for most of the first half and kept the score tied at 0-0.

West Virginia's Katie Barnes put the Mountaineers up 1-0 with a goal coming just six minutes

before intermission.

The second half didn't lend much help to Marshall, as Rena Lippa added to the West Virginia lead with another goal at the 55:43 mark.

"It was good for us to get the win," WVU coach Nikki Izzo said.

The Mountaineers limited Marshall to three shot attempts while managing 21 for itself.

To bowl or not to bowl

Postseason hopes for Herd could ride on Saturday's game

by JACOB MESSER
assistant sports editor

When he takes a handoff and runs with a football, Travis Prentice is an endorsement waiting to happen.

Perhaps, Rostex and Energizer would be interested in his services.

Like the fine-crafted watches made by the Switzerland-based company, the Miami (Ohio) running back takes a licking and keeps on ticking.

And like the sunglass-wearing, drum-wielding pink bunny in the battery commercials, the 6-foot-2, 226-pound junior keeps going and going and going.

"He's tough and he's durable," Marshall Coach Bob Pruett said of Prentice, a native of Toledo, Ohio. "He gets better as the game goes on."

Indeed. In three games this season, Prentice has gained 65 yards in the first quarter, 118 yards in the second quarter, 167 yards in the third quarter and 203 yards in the fourth quarter.

Prentice has 553 yards on 111 carries for an average of 4.9 yards per carry and 184.3 yards per game, which ranks No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference and No. 2 in the NCAA. The talented running back averages 37 rushes per game.

"He's going to handle the ball most of the game," Pruett said, referring to Prentice, who runs 40 yards in 4.39 seconds. "If a

team has 60 plays on offense and one player gets the ball 30 or 40 times, you obviously have to focus on stopping him. It doesn't take Kojak or Dick Tracy to figure that out."

This weekend, Marshall will try to figure out what North Carolina, Army and Toledo could not — how to stop Prentice.

Miami plays Marshall in a showdown of undefeated MAC powerhouses at 7 p.m. Saturday at Marshall Stadium in Huntington.

The Thundering Herd is 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the MAC, while the RedHawks are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the MAC. The winner gains the edge in the division tie-breaker should the two schools finish with the same league record. Miami is 29-4-1 and has won five straight against Marshall.

Miami handed Marshall its only conference loss of the season in 1997, a 45-21 romp in which the Thundering Herd committed eight turnovers and relinquished a 21-14 halftime lead. Against Marshall, Prentice ran 30 times for 203 yards and four touchdowns — all then-career highs.

"Travis is the real deal," Miami Coach Randy Walker said. "He's definitely as good a back as there is in college football and he's as good a player as there's ever been at Miami."

"I've been around a lot of great

MORE INFO

■ Live at 7 p.m. Saturday on Fox Sports Pittsburgh and WMUL 68.1 FM from Marshall Stadium in Huntington

■ Game is sold out, standing room only

■ Weather for Saturday: Sunny early morning, mostly cloudy by afternoon

■ Associated Press Writers' Poll: ranks Miami at #33, Marshall at #40

■ ESPNUSA Today Coach's Poll: ranks Miami at #31, Marshall at #34

■ Las Vegas betting line: Favors Marshall by 2.5 points

■ Parlet Cards: Favors Marshall by 3 points

■ Marshall Stats: 4-0 overall, 2-0 MAC

■ Miami: 3-0 overall, 1-0 MAC

■ Series: Miami leads 29-4-1



Quarterback Chad Pennington looks over his offensive line Wednesday during Marshall's practice for this weekend's contest against Miami.

backs and coached a bunch of who have gone to the NFL, and I wouldn't trade Travis for any of them. He combines good size with great speed, which is a tremendous combination."

The RedHawks, however, are more than Prentice.

"They have more weapons than Prentice," Pruett warned. "They can do it all. Miami has a solid offense."

When Prentice isn't running, Miami quarterback Mike Bath is throwing. Bath has completed 29-of-66 passes for 299 yards and one touchdown. The sophomore quarterback also has thrown two interceptions.

Miami's receiving corps includes senior Jay Hall, junior

Trevor Gaylor and sophomores Ty Buxton and Sly Johnson. Gaylor leads the team with nine catches for 104 yards and one touchdown. Johnson has six receptions for 90 yards.

Hall, who missed two games due to broken bones in his right hand, has 61 yards on three catches, while Buxton has caught three passes for 18 yards.

"They have great speed," Pruett said of the Miami receivers.

"They are all good players. They run good routes. Hall just got back. That's good for them, bad for us."

Pruett is equally impressed with Miami's defense, which is

allowing 236.7 total yards, 114.3 rushing yards, 122.3 passing yards and 12.3 points per game.

"They have great quickness on defense," Pruett said of the RedHawks, who rank first in the conference in total defense, scoring defense and pass efficiency defense.

"Their linebackers are outstanding. Their defensive backs cover well. And their defensive linemen swarm to the ball and make plays. This is the best defensive team we'll play all season."

The catalyst of the RedHawk defense is JoJuan Armour, the 1997 MAC Defensive Player of the Year.

A 6-1, 226-pound senior out-

side linebacker, Armour leads the team in solo tackles (23), total tackles (34), tackles for loss (5) and sacks (2).

Other leading tacklers include Paris Johnson with 32, Dustin Cohen with 31, Jay Baker with 28, Brandon Godsey with 24 and Drew Purcell with 21.

Marshall's offense, which is scoring 29.8 points and gaining 393.1 yards per game, presents problems for Miami, Walker said.

"You can get overwhelmed by the passing game," Walker said of the Thundering Herd offense, which is averaging 98.8 rushing yards and 294.3 passing yards per game, "but then they can come at you with the run."

An overview for football fans

by DAN NEWMAN
sports columnist

I've only been here for about six weeks but already I like what I've seen. The professors seem very helpful and attentive, the people are ridiculously polite, and contrary to popular belief, there's plenty of parking available. Oh, there's another thing that I really like as well: Marshall football.

Not only are they 4-0 going into the big game with Miami tomorrow night, but it's that so many people are into it. Coming from the University of Rhode Island, where a 3-8 season was a cause for celebration, it's nice to see what's going on around here. But Marshall isn't the only team that plays college football in this country. There are plenty of other teams out there that are involved. Hence, for those of us who aren't totally into the Marshall football groove, yet, we'll take the time to check out a couple of other things.

The logical place to start is at the top with the top two teams, Ohio State and Nebraska. Or maybe it should be the other way around. The top teams in America have only one job in the month of September: win and win BIG. The Huskers have done exactly this, taking out such powerhouses as Louisiana Tech and the Blazers from University of Alabama-Birmingham. Laugh if you want but their most

impressive game was on Saturday when they thrashed Washington 55-7. The Huskies' ranking may have been somewhat deceiving at #8, but the point being, they took out a pretty good team.

The Buckeyes started out the season as the king but after their first three games they look more like the court jester to me. They had a pretty good showing against WVU followed by a blowout in the home opener against Toledo. The game that should have taken them from the top was against Missouri. OSU won, but it wasn't secure until late in the game. I know that the Tigers came in as a ranked team but all they had going for them was a quarterback who could run in Corby Jones.

As long as each team continues to win, they'll collide January 4 in the Fiesta Bowl to decide who #1 really is. Ohio State clearly has the easier road as they only have Penn State tomorrow and a weaker than usual Michigan squad standing in their way.

Nebraska has to negotiate the likes of Texas A&M, Ricky Williams (a.k.a. Texas), Kansas State and a much improved Colorado team. All of the above won't be easy to get through, but Bobby Newcombe definitely proved in just two games that he's more than an able quarterback. Anyone who puts statistics like 5-8, 85 yards, one touchdown and is still the

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most feared player on the field gets my vote. And with the return of running back DeAngelo Evans from an injury, the juggernaut that is Nebraska football should continue to roll.

Getting back to Penn State, they're involved in the big game of the weekend (besides Marshall-Miami of course). Trying to beat Ohio State is maybe asking a bit much for a team whose best running back isn't 100% following major knee surgery, and has no real passing game. But if Michael Wiley finally comes back to earth, and Joe Germaine starts playing like the backup that he was last season? Take these two factors along with the two-headed quarterback system that the Nittany Lions employ with Kevin Thompson and Rashard Casey and this could be a closer game than the experts think.

Some bits to chew on this weekend:

■ Once again, Michigan's All-American safety Marcus Ray will be out of action due to allegations that he dealt with an agent, something that goes against NCAA rules. I understand that rules are rules, and that if student-athletes want to get involved with these guys, they should just go pro. But, if a guy is good enough to get to the next level, why can't

he test the waters and see what some of these agents are all about?

■ Arizona State and Oklahoma State, come in. Do you read me Sun Devils and Cowboys? Earth to either of you? Here's two examples of teams that were supposed to be in the chase to get into the Bowl Championship Series, and may have a problem getting into the top 25 by season's end. Both got off to horrific starts by losing to teams that they should have taken out, ASU to the Huskies, and OSU to Tulsa (yes, the team that the Mountaineers whacked last weekend).

■ Marshall fans won't like it, but give credit where credit is due. Eastern Michigan's Charlie Batch went from complete obscurity to starting quarterback in Detroit to getting pounded by Minnesota to beating Tampa Bay on national television. Not bad for someone who wasn't even a first or second team all-conference selection last year.

■ Fear not, Marshall fans; I'm not leaving you out. Forget the injuries and last year's game. We're at home and we need this game. Marshall 31, Miami 23.

Dan Newman is a sports columnist for The Parthenon. Comments can be sent to him at 311 Smith Hall.

MU golf team is gearing up

by KRIS SULLIVAN
reporter

As the weather cools, and the leaves start to change and fall, most students are thinking "great football weather," but sneaking onto the course is the Herd's golf team.

Oct. 5, Marshall will head north to Franklin, Ind. to take part in the Legends of Indiana Intercollegiate Tournament. Of the nine man roster, only five will make the traveling team.

Two of the members of the road team, senior Brian Wilkins of Ontario, Canada and freshman Arron Williams of New Boston, Ohio qualified for the U.S. Amateur this year. "It's something they will never forget and it gives our team a boost," Head Coach Joe Feaganes said.

The three other members who will take part in the tournament are all juniors, Jimmy McKenzie of Ashland, Ky.; Sam O'Dell of Hurricane, W.Va. and A.J. Riley of Russell Ky. Captains for this season's squad are O'Dell and Wilkins.

"Because we haven't played any yet," Coach Feaganes said, "we are very optimistic."

He explains that the season is broken up into fall and spring with only three tournaments in the fall.

Both seasons count together, but he said that the fall season is a good time for evalua-

tion and to assess the team. Taking part in the Legends of Indiana tournament next week are 18 colleges.

In the MAC, Ball State, Eastern Michigan, Ohio and Toledo will be represented.

Competing from the Big 10 division will be Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Other colleges present will be, Eastern and Western Kentucky, Louisville, Notre Dame, Kentucky, Penn State and Michigan.

"This is a strong tournament," Feaganes said and some of the teams to watch will be Illinois, Michigan and Toledo. Miami, Ohio won the tournament this past year, but it will not be competing this year.

As far as improving on last year, "We don't talk too much about last year," Feaganes said.

"It wasn't a good year for Marshall golf."

Feaganes continued by stating that Marshall usually finishes very well, but last year is over and they are excited about getting started next week.

Some of the goals coach has in mind for Marshall, which is in District IV, this season is "to win the MAC championship and to be one of the top schools."

Oct. 2, is Herd Golf Day where alumni will play to raise money for the golf team.

Wow! that packs a punch

Tae Kwon Do Club gets ready for some hard hits!

The noises coming from the Henderson Center on nights the Tae Kwon Do Club meets may be a little frightening, but students are not to worry. Club members are only practicing their "Martial Art." The club meets three times a week to follow the teachings of Grand Master Chong W. Kim.

Tuesday in Life!



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All Aboard!

Murder, spooks and love — not your typical train ride



The train chugs through steep mountain passes ablaze with October's kiss of red, gold and orange against the backdrop of the setting sun. The autumn evening fades as passengers are lulled to sleep by the motion of the train. A piercing scream shatters the peace. What's this? Someone has been murdered?! What kind of train ride is this? It's The Mountain State Mystery Train. Whether a fan of Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie or Magnum P.I., the Mystery Train provides an opportunity for would-be sleuths to try their skills at solving a mystery, and enjoy West Virginia scenery along the way. According to a guest information packet provided by the company, destinations are not announced to guests until after the train has departed. Guests are assigned roles in advance and they arrive at the party in character. Each party has a theme, and guests are encouraged to dress in period costumes. The packet mentions a scenario in which a "health care association hosts a dinner featuring low-fat cuisine. A large man falls to the floor and is pronounced dead at the

scene. The guests follow a trail of poor eating habits and unhealthy living to the killer, a secret lover who can no longer bear to see the man of her dreams slowly killing himself."

Terrance "Terry" Bishop, national marketing and sales director of the Mystery Train, said the Huntington-based company has been in business for six years.

The Murder Mystery Theater, a professional acting troop, leads guests through the interactive mystery plot.

Bishop said all departures

with a five percent discount for groups of six to nine people, and a 10 percent discount for groups of 10-19 people.

Ground transfers, meals, refreshments, and overnight lodging are included in the weekend trip.

Bishop said guests will have the opportunity to see fall foliage with the "Leaf Peeper" Excursion. The company does not guarantee fall colors will appear on time, Bishop said.

"The only guarantee is that every year the colors will change."

West Virginia tourism officials predict the colors will turn closer to the third week of fall, Bishop said.

Day trips are scheduled Oct. 16, 18 and 23. The Halloween Murder Mystery Train is set for Oct. 25.

Seating prices for day trips start at \$259 plus sales tax.

There is a five percent discount for groups of six to nine people and a 10 percent discount for groups of 10-19 people.

Included in the day trips are lunch, supper and refreshments. The trips include round trip service from Charleston to White Sulphur Springs.

Departing time is set for 10:30 a.m. and the train will return

8:30 p.m.

The day trips include sightseeing at places such as the New River Gorge Bridge outside of Fayetteville and Pence Springs in Hinton.

For overnight trips, Bishop said accommodations are provided either on the train or at resorts and hotels, such as the Greenbrier Resort and Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, or Pipestem Resort in Summers County.

He said several businesses have used the Mystery Train as a way to bring employees together and learn about a company's message or cele-

brate a company's milestones.

One scenario mentioned in the information packet is "a mystery party with a Forties theme—complete with historical facts about the business disguised as clues—is a great way to celebrate a company's Golden Anniversary."

Bishop also said special charters are available.

"We do take folks to Washington, D.C., Cincinnati and Chicago for longer trips. Several groups have chartered the train to see professional sports teams, such as the Chicago Cubs and Bulls and the Cincinnati Bengals and Reds."

"The Mountain State Mystery Train is West Virginia's only full-time mainline rail excursion operator," he said. "We are also members of the Rail Tourism Network and Forum."

Articles about the Mystery Train appear in the 1998 summer edition of West Virginia Outdoors magazine and in the West Virginia Division of Tourism brochure entitled "Riding the Rails in West Virginia."

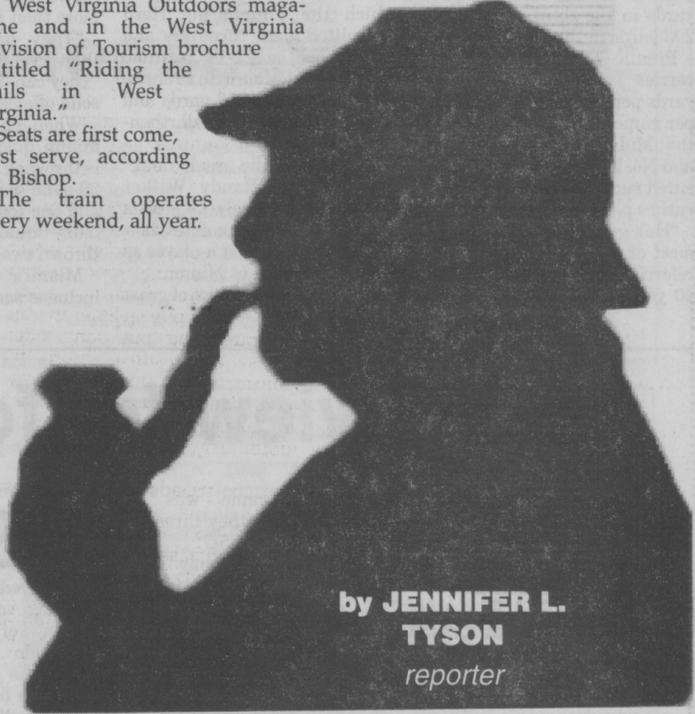
Seats are first come, first serve, according to Bishop.

The train operates every weekend, all year.

MORE INFO

In addition to the Mountain Mystery Train ride, other train trips include a "Lovers Weekend," "Halloween Murder Mystery" and "Leaf Peeper" excursions.

Information is available by calling (304) 529-6412 or by e-mail at: WVmystrain@aol.com



by JENNIFER L. TYSON reporter

A movie that's worth the traffic

Rush to see Rush Hour

by SHERRY KENESON-HALL
Life! Editor

Hollywood hang on! Jackie Chan has finally made a movie that will increase his fan base to include a more mainstream audi-



ence. Chan, noted for his death-teasing stunts, has made a series of recent hits including Rumble in the Bronx, First Strike, Supercop, Operation Condor and Mr. Nice Guy. However none of these

movies had what it takes to make a box office hit — until now.

Chan's secret weapon is the hilarious Chris Tucker. Together Tucker and Chan are one lethal combination: violence and laughter.

Chan plays Inspector Lee, a Hong Kong cop. Lee is serious on crime and proud of his job.

Tucker is Detective James Carter of the Los Angeles Police Department. Carter is also tough on crime, but sees brighter things in his future. He says in the movie that nobody likes the LAPD and in fact his mother lies and tells everyone he is a drug dealer because she is so ashamed of him.

Lee comes to LA from Hong Kong to help investigate the kidnapping of the Chinese Consulates daughter.

The FBI wants to keep Lee out of their way and their investigation, so they ask the LAPD to send over an expendable officer.

Carter and Lee decide that together they are going to crack the case and find the girl.

The movie is full of traditional Chan moves, but with some American style. In one scene Chan battles a group of angry pool hall patrons with a pair of cue sticks.

Chan also miraculously jumps a wall that is at least 12-feet-tall without the aid of a ladder or a trampoline.

The Chan moves are a must-see, with or without a plot.

Movie-goers will be pleased with the plot in this movie, however. Chan provides the action and Tucker provides the mouth.

Tucker's fast tongue is almost as amazing as Chan's fast hands. The two even exchange roles as Tucker serves up some moves and Chan serves up some lines.

The movie is also aided by the witty Elizabeth Pena, (La-Bamba and Jacob's Ladder).

Pena plays Tania Johnson, a LAPD bomb squad member and

Rating: ★★★ 1/2

"Rush Hour" rated PG-13, is now playing at Camelot Theater in downtown Huntington.

enemy of Carter.

With all the violence in the movie, surprisingly there is very little blood.

One of the best parts of any Chan film are the out-takes at the end of the film. Rush Hour has more than just Chan messing up on stunts. The out-takes also include mistakes by Tucker and Chan in both Chinese and English.

Rush Hour was worth the \$6 to see it, and even a bucket of popcorn. It had all the elements of a good Chan film, and all the comedy of a good Tucker film.



Hold on Hollywood! Chan is taking the town by storm.