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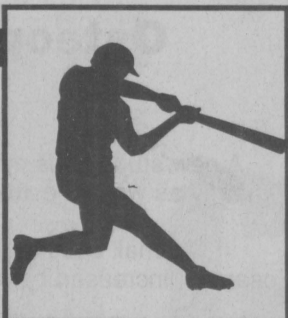
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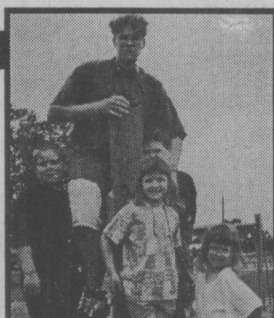
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University to raise \$15 million for sports facilities

by **ROBERT HARPER**
reporter

Marshall University is "Going for the Gold."

In a Wednesday afternoon press conference, President J. Wade Gilley announced that the university plans to raise \$15 million to help build new and improve existing sports facilities.

In order to help finance the improvements, the university

is launching \$8 million dollar "Going for the Gold" fund-raising campaign over the next five years.

The plan calls for a \$5 million-plus renovation to Cam Henderson Center. Bids for the project are scheduled to be opened Feb. 26.

Marshall Stadium also is getting a \$4 million investment. The money will be spent installing artificial grass and adding 10,000 to 15,000 seats.

The general student body also will be receiving nearly \$800,000 in new sports and fitness facilities.

Women's sports also received \$1.6 million to improve facilities and include new sports — soccer and, possibly, crew.

A Marshall University-City of Huntington baseball park is also in the works, Gilley said. Marshall will invest \$1 million into the project.

Gilley said Marshall has been able to raise \$29 million to build the nation's most advanced library, \$100 million for new academic facilities and raise \$10 million for academic scholarships.

"Now is the time to turn our attention to elevating our athletic program to new heights nationally," he said. "We have entered the Mid-American Conference, competed successfully in Division I-A football

and are on track to be competitive in many other sports."

This effort will ensure that Marshall will be competitive at the highest level of NCAA Division I-A as we enter the 21st Century," Gilley said.

One million dollars in endowed athletic scholarships and \$1.6 million for additional, not yet specified, improvements were planned.

Gilley said this will give the university flexibility to

address needs as they arise between now and 2002.

"We've got a challenge," he said. "People say that we have set the bar in the Mid-American Conference, and we have to reset it," said Pruett.

While this program is ambitious, Gilley said "we simply have to look at the Marshall community's outstanding successes over the past few years to realize that, working together, we will succeed."

Herd roams under dome

by **KRISTI R. ERWIN**
reporter

The Herd is accustomed to standing, cheering fans, but the football team got a standing ovation from a different crowd Wednesday.

Members of both the Senate and House of Delegates stood and applauded as coaches and players visited the State Capitol during Thundering Herd Day.

Coach Bob Pruett and members of the 1997 Mid-American Conference championship team appeared before lawmakers, then went to the Governor's Mansion for lunch.

Pruett said, "It was a day of recognition for the whole state and the university."

Gov. Cecil H. Underwood agreed, "It's a great honor for Marshall and for West Virginia."

All-American wide receiver Randy Moss was in attendance, and even signed autographs and posed for a few pictures.

Speaker of the House, Robert S. Kiss, D-Raleigh, presented Pruett and company with a citation.

Part of that citation read, "The Marshall University Thundering Herd football team players, coaches and staff are champions on and off the field, bringing pride and recognition to Marshall University, the City of Huntington, Cabell and Wayne counties and the State of West Virginia, with ability, courage and enthusiasm."

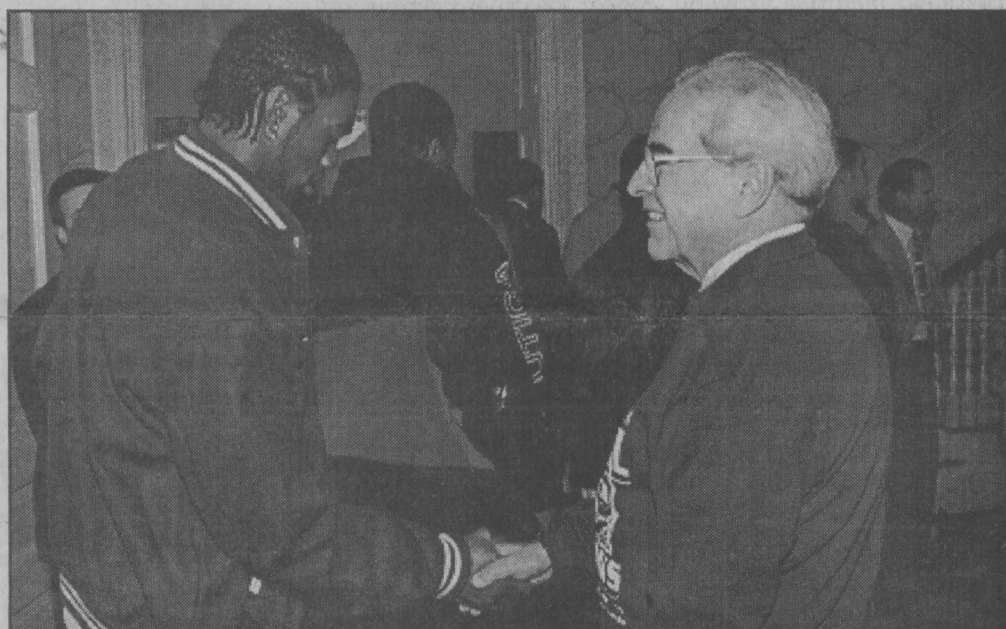
Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin, D-Logan, also presented Pruett and the team with a certificate of appreciation.

Senators gave the team a standing ovation.

Pruett said, "It's an experience the players will always remember."

During lunch at the Governor's Mansion, Underwood said he was "very proud of the team and its accomplishments."

Brian Reed, Charleston senior, said, "Growing up here as a kid you hear



Members of the Legislature honored Thundering Herd players and coaches Wednesday in Charleston. Above, Gov. Cecil H. Underwood shakes hands with All-American wide receiver Randy Moss and, right, greets visitors with coach Bob Pruett at the Governor's Mansion.



about how everything works and it's a nice honor for us to be here."

The players appeared to be having a good time in the Governor's Mansion,

laughing and joking as though they were in their own houses, although quarterback Chad Pennington said, "I'm afraid to touch anything."

Scholars to dispel Appalachia myths

by **LISA M. SOPKO**
reporter

A highly controversial and fascinating look into new research challenging the stereotypes of Appalachians will be discussed on campus Wednesday by a panel of visiting scholars.

The Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA) will sponsor a panel titled "The Cutting Edge: A Critical Look at Appalachian Studies." The discussion will be at 4 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154, according to Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, CSEGA co-director.

"Many of us were raised with the myths that Appalachians were isolated, fatalistic and suspicious of outsiders," Ewen said. "How many of us carry unspoken stereotypes about some of our students into our relationships with them? Do we really know who we, or they are — as Appalachians?" she asks.

"We are pleased to have four leading scholars participate in this panel discussion," Ewen said.

"Together they will provide a unique insight about a variety of topics regarding Appalachian studies."

Panelists are Dr. Wilma A. Dunaway, sociologist and author of the award-winning book "The First American Frontier: Transition to

Capitalism in Southern Appalachia, 1700-1860"; Dr. John H. Hennen, assistant professor of history at Morehead State University and author of the award-winning book "The Americanization of West Virginia: Creating a Modern Industrial State, 1916-1925"; Dr. Gordon B. McKinney, director of Appalachian Center at Berea College and co-author of "The Guide to the Zebulon Baird Vance Papers"; and Dr. Linda Tate, associate professor of English at Shepherd College and author of "A Southern Weave of Women: Fiction of the Contemporary South."

"Some people want to deny being from Appalachia because they have learned a perception that it is bad," Ewen said. "We have a marvelous chance at Marshall to do research into this stereotype."

CSEGA in Appalachia is funded by a Rockefeller Foundation Grant for the Humanities, said Mary Thomas, CSEGA administrative assistant.

"It is dedicated to filling the void of research about ethnicity and gender in the Appalachian region," she added.

The discussion is free and open to the public, Thomas said. Afterward, the audience will have a chance to ask questions and join the discussion, she added.

Eating disorder program set

by **LISA M. SOPKO**
reporter

Marshall University will join hundreds of colleges across the country to participate in the second annual National Eating Disorders Screening Program Tuesday and Wednesday.

"The National Eating Disorders Screening Program is a public outreach effort designed to educate students about the serious consequences of eating disorders," Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student and Greek affairs, said.

"It provides students with the opportunity to hear an educational presentation on eating disorders, complete a screening questionnaire and meet one-on-one with a health care professional."

The screenings will be Tuesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m.

to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of Memorial Student Center.

"All screenings are free and anonymous," Hermansdorfer said. "Those who show symptoms of an eating disorder will be encouraged to make an appointment for a full evaluation."

Eating disorders are illnesses that are associated with severe body image distortion and an obsession with weight, Hermansdorfer said. Sufferers are terrified of gaining weight and continue to diet, binge or purge even as their mental and physical health deteriorates.

"In addition to depression and substance abuse disorders, victims of eating disorders can also develop heart problems, osteoporosis and reproductive difficulties," Hermansdorfer said. "Left unchecked, eating disorders can kill."

Pianist, symphony to perform at Keith-Albee

by **HEATHER HAGER**
reporter

He is a world renowned pianist.

He has several CD recordings, and has performed since the age of 10 for legends such as Lord Yehudi Menuhin and Nelson Mandela.

He has won numerous awards, including first prize and gold medal at the Athens International Piano Competition in 1977.

He is Derek Han, and he will perform the Mendelson Piano Concerto Number Two as he appears with The Berlin Symphony Orchestra in its debut performance in the United States at the Keith-

Albee Theatre tonight at 8.

"The Berlin Symphony is an orchestra with a great tradition which goes back to the times of Beethoven," Han said. "It's a wonderful experience to make music with them. There's something very special about that."

Han graduated from The Juilliard School in New York with a bachelor of music degree at age 18, then proceeded to graduate from The Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy, in 1975.

"It's a very difficult field. It's very competitive and has to be carried by love for the music," he said. "One can only be very grateful for success."

Han now resides in New

York, but said he spends most of his time on the road. "Sometimes I wake up thinking where am I and what am I supposed to play," he said.

Nevertheless, Han said he enjoys the "chances to meet new people, and other audiences are part of the enrichment of every musician who travels."

According to a press release, "The Berlin Symphony Orchestra will perform a program of extraordinary variety. The program will consist of 'Brahms,' variation on a theme by Haydn, Opus 56a; 'Mendelssohn,' concerto for piano and orchestra Number Two in D-minor, Opus 40; and 'Schumann,' symphony

Number One in B-flat Major, Opus 38."

"It's a great opportunity in a small town like Huntington to see something of this caliber," said Robert L. Jarrell, Point Pleasant graduate student. "I wouldn't miss it."

Balcony tickets are still available and are free to full-time Marshall students.

Tickets are \$28 and \$30, and half-price for part-time students, faculty and staff. More information can be obtained by calling 696-6656.

"It's really exciting to have a symphony orchestra of this caliber in Huntington, especially with such an accomplished piano soloist as Derek Han," Grant said.

Osteoporosis drugs prove effective

—Associated Press

A new study adds evidence that an osteoporosis drug works nearly as well as estrogen in strengthening the bones of postmenopausal women.

A small dose of alendronate, sold under the brand name Fosamax, increased bone mineral density in the spines and hips of women ages 45 to 59.

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Student to receive award for research

by SHAWN GAINER
reporter

Ganelle A. Thomas, Ripley medical student, will present her award-winning osteoporosis research at the West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships Awards Banquet Monday in the rotunda room of the state capitol building.

Thomas was selected to receive the 1998 Outstanding Student Research Award for an osteoporosis screening clinic and subsequent health education class conducted during an extended rural placement in her hometown. Medical, nursing and dental students from Marshall University, West Virginia University and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine were eligible to be nominated for the award, given for a selected student research project that targets a health problem at the community level.

"It started as something I had to do. Then I became interested in it," Thomas said, commenting on the fact that she had not expected to receive recognition for her work.

Thomas screened 37 Ripley women for osteoporosis in 1997 by measuring forearm bone density, finding that one-half of the participants showed either fully developed or beginning symptoms of osteoporosis, a degenerative bone disorder characterized by decreasing bone tissue density

"Osteoporosis is ... preventable and treatable, so we conducted an educational seminar."

—Ganelle Thomas, Ripley medical students

which leads to easily sustained fractures and poor posture.

"Osteoporosis is both preventable and treatable, so we conducted an educational seminar," Thomas said.

After submitting the results of the study to the Kellogg Foundation, Thomas was awarded a scholarship to attend the 1997 Network of Community Oriented Educational Institutions for Health Sciences Conference in Mexico City. The conference was attended by 400 participants from 400 nations.

Thomas said she gained more than awards for her rural clinic experience, however.

"You're appreciated in the community," she said.

Medical building to be complete in July

by SHAWN GAINER
reporter

Most departments of the School of Medicine will be moved from the Doctors Memorial Building to the Marshall University Medical Center by the first week of July, said James Schneider, associate dean of finance and administration.

Basic structural work has been completed and the electrical system is functioning. Remaining tasks on most floors include painting and carpet and ceiling tile installation.

"By July 1 all six clinics will be operating full tilt," Schneider said. "As soon as departments move in they will see patients."

The Health Sciences Library and the Rural Health Center will be the first departments to move, beginning in May.

Student Health Services will remain in the DMB because of its proximity to campus. "I think students would prefer to keep the Student Health Center close to campus," Schneider said.

The 185 thousand square ft. complex will house academic offices, conference rooms and instructional facilities as well as patient treatment centers and medical records storage areas. It will be the main work area of approximately 400 people, including faculty, full-time physicians, residents receiving advanced training and administrative support staff.

Schneider said there are several advantages to placing several medical school functions in a single area.

"Faculty will not have to run to different places to teach and see patients," Schneider said. "Also, it will

allow us to consolidate X-ray and laboratory facilities with Cabell Huntington Hospital."

L. Howard Aulick, assistant dean of research and graduate education, agreed.

"The new center will have a lot of benefits to the medical school. It will be a much better facility for academic pursuits."

Currently the \$32 million cost of construction has been met without any funding from the state government.

Cabell Huntington Hospital has provided \$18 million. Additional funds were raised through private contributions, including \$1 million from the medical practice incomes of faculty members.

Two federal grants were procured for the project with the assistance of Sen. Robert C. Byrd.

"We've taken pride in the fact we've done this with community partners, but we could really use state help for equipment, parking and site development," Schneider said.

Specifically, Schneider hopes the medical school will be able to obtain state funding for medical equipment and the conversion of Fairfield Stadium into a parking area.

Also, plans exist to add a cancer treatment center and a child disease treatment center to the complex.

"We're working with all members of the Cabell County delegation [to the state legislature] to gain funding for the project," Schneider said.

The University Medical



photo by Vicente Alcaniz

A lone worker sweeps the atrium floor of the Marshall University Medical Center. The center should open by the first week in July, said James Schneider, associate dean of finance and administration.

Center is expected to solve many problems caused by the housing of medical school facilities in several buildings. "This will build a stronger unity among faculty, physicians, and students," Schneider said.

"Interdepartmental consolidation will be easier as well."

Only 33 residents give blood in dorm drive

by ALISHA D. GRASS
reporter

Twin Towers West residents won a pizza party for having the most participants in last week's "Battle of the Dorms" Snow Relief Blood Drive.

But, the overall results of the drive were not so good, according to Susie Wade, donor marketing specialist and American Red Cross representative.

Nineteen residents of TTW donated blood at the Tuesday, Feb. 10 drive. Holderby residents came in second with seven donors. Hodges and Twin Towers East residents tied at third place with two donors each.

Three participants were not affiliated with the residence halls, according to Gabrielle A. Sulzbach, residence hall coordinator.

The number of participants in last week's drive was low because of the blood drive at the Memorial Student Center the week before, Sulzbach said.

Wade said the goal for the

drive was for 65 people to donate blood. "Thirty-three people donated but we were only able to use blood from 27 donors for a number of reasons," she said.

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BCM to offer retreat

Annual retreat will be at Parchment Valley in Ripley

by TONIA HOLBROOK
reporter

Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) is offering students an opportunity to escape from school this weekend in its annual winter retreat in Jackson County.

"It's a good time of fellowship. Students can forget about their studies for a while," said Rev. Jerry Losh, campus American Baptist minister.

Retreat activities are scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. Friday and will end 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

No pre-registration is necessary but is preferred, according to Losh. Students can pay upon arrival at Parchment Valley at Ripley.

Losh said approximately 40 Marshall students have signed up to attend this year's

retreat, but BCM has taken as many as 140 students in years past.

The retreat is non-denominational and everyone is welcome, according to Losh. "Because BCM is ecumenical, the retreat isn't just for Baptists. We don't push our theology," he said.

As in years past, the retreat will be conducted at Parchment Valley. The retreat site is on 1,300 acres of land in Ripley and is the home of the American Baptist Conference Center.

"Parchment Valley is a beautiful place where you can get away from school life. It's a time of relaxation, peace and growth," said Tony Stillwell, Huntington graduate student and BCM member.

Bible study during the weekend will be led by Rev. Paul Morton, Baptist minister

from Parkersburg. Morton spent 10 years as single adult minister at North Parkersburg Baptist Church and five years as youth minister at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Teays Valley.

Daily activities will include small group interaction, workshops and contemporary singing by "Heart Cry."

Losh said if weather conditions are favorable, other activities will be planned. These activities may include inner tubing, camp fires and a talent show.

In addition to spiritual growth through these daily activities, Losh said the retreat gives students the opportunity to meet students from other schools.

Stillwell said the retreat helps to develop stronger spiritual relationships with God and other people.

Hall of Fame announcer dies

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Harry Caray, who took millions of fans out to the ballgame in a broadcasting career that spanned almost 60 years, died Wednesday four days after collapsing at a Valentine's Day dinner. He was believed to be 77.

The often offbeat Hall of Fame announcer for the Chicago Cubs covered baseball's greats from Musial to Mays to Maddux. Holy Cow! as he would say.

"We're going to miss old Harry," said Stan Musial, the former St. Louis Cardinals superstar once chosen by Caray as the best baseball player he had ever seen. "He was always the life of the party, the life of baseball."

Foreign advisers under fire

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Struggling to be heard over angry critics, President Clinton's foreign policy team defended the administration's threat to bomb Iraq into compliance with U.N. weapons edicts. "There are some things worth fighting for," National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said.

Sent to the Midwest to press Clinton's case for an attack, Berger, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen ran into persistent jeers Wednesday at a town meeting on the campus of Ohio State University.

Clinton, speaking Wednesday night at a Washington fund-raiser, maintained his resolve to take a hard stand against what he called "organized forces of destruction."

"Anything we can do to minimize the chance that anyone will be able to put into play chemical and biological weapons against civilized people wherever they live, we should do," Clinton said. "That is the animating principle here for me."

Albright, Berger and Cohen asserted their preference for diplomacy to pry open Iraq's suspect arms sites and to hold Saddam Hussein to the promises he made at the conclusion of

the 1991 Gulf War to expose all his prohibited weapons and allow the United Nations to destroy them.

"It must be a true, not a phony, solution," Albright said. And she and the other officials offered assurances there would not be "significant losses" among the 30,000 American troops in the Persian Gulf in the event of an attack.

Many in the half-filled sports arena appeared unswayed by the comments.

Dozens shouted out: "One, two, three, four, we don't want your racist war." Others held up anti-war banners and frequently interrupted the speakers.

Albright insisted Saddam "doesn't care a fig about his own people," but one protester, Rick Theis, said near the end of the 90-minute forum televised on CNN: "We the people of Columbus and central Ohio don't want to send a message with the blood of Iraqi women and children."

But many others in the crowd applauded the administration officials.

When Albright was taunted by one questioner about how she could sleep at night, she responded, "What we are doing is so all of you can sleep at

night."

She continued, "We are the greatest country in the world and what we are doing is serving the role of the indispensable nation to see what we can do to make the world safer for our children and grandchildren and for those people around the world who follow the rules."

The audience cheered.

"We need your support," Albright implored toward the end of the "town meeting" arranged by CNN with the cooperation of the Clinton administration.

"You don't have it," a demonstrator shouted back.

Berger sought to frame the debate in broad, strategic terms, saying the long-term security interests of the United States and its allies are at stake.

"Once the United States says that it is intimidated by someone who has the brutality of killing his own people to protect his own misdeeds, then ... we've rendered ourselves absolutely helpless as a nation," Berger said.

Albright then took the case for a tough approach to Iraq to Nashville, Tenn., where on Thursday she will speak to a class at Tennessee State University. She will repeat the performance later in the day at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Appraising the imminent diplomatic mission to Baghdad of U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, the administration threesome stressed that Clinton wants to ensure that the weapons inspection plan is not weakened.

"Saddam has delayed, he has duped, he has deceived the inspectors from the very first day on the job," Cohen said from a red carpeted platform at the center of the arena.

Cohen held up a photograph that he said depicted an Iraqi mother and child killed by Iraqi nerve gas. He called it "Madonna and child, Saddam Hussein-style."

As the crowd filed out into the rain, Marlene Renick, 54, of Columbus, said she came to support Clinton. The mother of a 28-year-old son serving on a warship in the Persian Gulf, she said of Clinton, "He is the first president that has this much patience to wait to take out a leader like Saddam Hussein."

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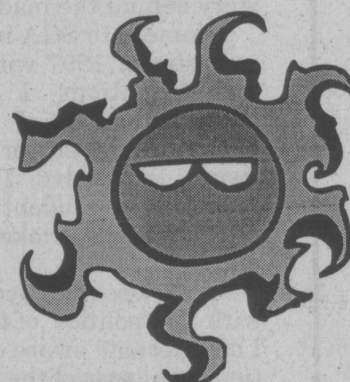
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U.S. not authority on global pollution

ALYSON WALLS
managing editor

Lately there has been much discussion about the Kyoto Treaty and what it means to the United States, specifically to coal producing states like West Virginia.

Almost all the articles I have read about the issue have nothing positive to say about what I consider the first world-wide effort to clean up this ever-increasing dump called planet Earth we live on. This treaty brings together world leaders who are trying to solve the air, water and ground pollution problems begun by the Industrial Revolution of the late 1800s.

The treaty is supposed to be a world-wide effort, but I don't believe it is. It seems that Congress and the coal barons of West Virginia have already written this effort off as another attempt by liberal tree-huggers to take away all the manufacturing jobs and bring eternal financial despair and chronic unemployment to the coal fields of West Virginia.

Americans seem to consider themselves above other nations. Or maybe they have decided it's not as important as manufacturing is to polluting the environment. But hey, as long as people have jobs, it doesn't matter. Since when has the United States become the authority on what's best for the world, or the global economy. This is just another example of how big business and management rule the roost here in our country. It is even more apparent that coal determines the thinking of most in the Mountain State.

For classes, I have been researching the history of company towns and stores, as well as the status of various coal dams around the state. In short, I have found startling efforts by wealthy coal operators to control the entire livelihoods of miners, and manipulate the environment for their ever increasing profit margins. Anyone remember a little tragedy known as Buffalo Creek?

The picture is as black as the water from the coal tailings dam that failed and rushed through the valleys that night in 1972. It's even more disturbing when big business aligns with politicians to use scare tactics to make people believe they will be unemployed if they try to save the environment.

I have only a few questions. How much longer can we keep ignoring what's happening to our surroundings? Do we no longer care about the air our children will have to breathe long after we are buried in ground polluted by radiation?

I'm really not a huge environmentalist. I wear deodorant and leather shoes, drive a pretty crappy Chevrolet Cavalier, and I like a medium-well steak every now and then. But the last time I checked, vast amounts of carbon dioxide, hydrochloric acid and who knows what other chemicals are being released into the air, and they just aren't good for the environment.

Forget about global warming, or the icehouse effect or whatever else is being debated at present. Let's use a little common sense here. Anyone ever drive through St. Albans and seen that yellow stuff that comes out of the power plants there, or noticed the alluring scent of dead fish that seems to rise from the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers? Anyone think that is especially good for us to breathe or drink?

The point of this little spiel is for everyone to be more considerate of those around them, including the trees, air and fish. I wish politicians and labor groups wouldn't scare people into believing that all jobs will disappear the minute we start to show any concern for the environment. Most of all, I wish my car wouldn't break down, and that the Outback Steakhouse would learn the proper difference between a steak cooked medium-rare and one cooked medium-well.

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IRS



"THE BURDEN OF PROOF ON US?... WHAT?!... AND LET THE TAXPAYERS THINK THEY'RE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY?!"

Rewards should follow success

To the editor:

Last Thursday, columnist Dan Londeree wrote an article condemning the comments of Honors student Nicole LaRose as "extremely critical" and a "microcosm of the declining human condition." While I agree with Londeree's general comments regarding the need for our society to become less greedy, critical and selfish, he seems to misunderstand the actual import of LaRose's comments. She was not "kicking [others] while they're down." She was expressing her view that the Honors Program, like every other program on campus, must have standards. According to LaRose, not everyone is qualified to be in the Honors Program, but she did not present that fact as a criticism. Let me put it this way: I'd be willing to wager that almost every guy (and a lot of girls) attending Marshall University have at some point played a game of football, with varying lev-

els of success. Yet no one would claim that the varsity football team should lower its standards to include all students capable of playing. The Honors Program is the same. While most students have made good grades throughout their college careers, only a certain group of students are qualified to be in the Honors Program. This does not in any way diminish the accomplishments of other students. With that in mind, I fail to see the connection between LaRose's comments and Londeree's. Yes, the Honors Program should have standards. Yes, we should offer others a shoulder to cry on when they don't succeed. But we shouldn't try and convert failure into success and offer those failures rewards they don't deserve.

Emily Redington
Red House, senior

'Extreme' measures utilized to find 'appropriate' answers

Keenan
RHODES
guest columnist

I am writing in response to the Feb. 11 article regarding the SGA meeting. Student Body President Matt Glover spoke of conspiracy to take over the office of student body president, here is the true story behind the madness.

I came into SGA in the fall semester of 1997 with honorable intentions. I have no political agenda, I have no personal power, or control issues to resolve. I became involved in student government to simply make a difference.

As I became acquainted with the "politics" of the office, I also became aware of allegations of misuse of the "off-campus account." The allegations arose when it was discovered that Darcy Bierce, then Senate President Pro-Tempore, had been paid from the "off-campus account," because she had failed to bring in her social security card in order to complete her I-9 form for payroll purposes.

When I started questioning this act, I was told that the "off-campus account" was not the jurisdiction of the senate, but fell under the discretion of the SGA president. With the

constitution of student government in the hands of a newly appointed senator, I turned to its contents, and behold! The constitution didn't exclude the "off-campus account," but instead detailed the process of obtaining senate approval for all expenses over \$100! Imagine my confusion.

I asked more questions. People became defensive. I continued to ask questions. More people became involved. Somewhere along the way of seeking answers, things turned personal.

Other issues began to arise. I continued to get answers that only looked like defensive-mind-your-own-business, condescending comments regarding our "place" as senators, and the eminent power of the SGA president.

I took the most official route I could to get my answers as to the legality of disbursing "loans" to pay student employees, I asked for an official audit. Then it got really ugly.

When the spring semester started, more controversy arose. There were new allegations that Darcy Bierce, then senate president pro-tempore, had withdrawn from school during the fall semester, and the rumors flew. Darcy revealed that she had in fact withdrawn, and had been advised that she would still be able to function as a senator

and as pro-tempore. In the SGA Constitution it clearly stated that in order for a senator to maintain their position they had to complete seven hours of course work in the previous semester. The senate voted to follow the constitution and not allow her to maintain her position. Nominations were sought for the vacant pro-tempore job. One week later, I was elected by my senate peers. When I was elected, I promised myself and my colleagues - I would run things by the book.

As the days rolled on I kept searching for answers, and "low and behold," administrators/advisers came from the out of the woodwork. People assured they would get answers. There was a "letter" that was handed down from the administration (written in 1994) which supposedly excluded the off-campus account from the constitutional provisions outlined in the SGA laws.

When a copy of the letter was finally produced, there was no direct mention of the off-campus account. I gave a copy to Steve Hensley, SGA adviser, and asked him to give me his interpretation of the contents. He followed up our conversation with a letter that stated "historically" "funds raised to support this account should be used for purposes consistent with the mission of the SGA, but expenditures

from this account have never been subject to approval by the senate."

Then I proceeded to speak with Dr. Cockrille, dean of Student Affairs, she also gave me the same answer, but she went on to reply that there was a second letter that gave student body president's the power over the off-campus account.

The only problem was that this letter had been lost. Dr. Cockrille also went on to say that the three things she tells a newly-elected student body president about writing checks on the off-campus account is that 1) It must be Necessary, 2) It must be Ethical, and 3) It must be related to a student government function.

The so-called conspiracy Matt Glover called our attempt to impeach him because of his uncooperative nature, and the lack of answers to questions that arose from allegations. Once I found the answers to many of the questions I was looking for, the resolution was killed. If I am wrong for using extreme measures to find appropriate answers to complicated problems, then I will just accept being wrong, that's human nature.

Did I receive all the answers that prove the student body president did not do anything unethical, no. It is just a waiting game for now.

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Coach Antush optimistic about weekend opener

by CHRIS HAGY
reporter

Marshall baseball will begin this season on the road with a trip to the University of North Carolina-Asheville.

UNC-Asheville's slow start to the season doesn't give the Herd a psychological advantage says coach Craig Antush.

"UNC's 0-7 record doesn't do much for team confidence," Antush said. "Our scouting reports show defense to be their weakest area, and offense is absolutely our strongest asset. Our hitters are strong and should have few problems."

"Our pitchers have faced hitters on a regular basis," Antush said. "UNC has seen more field time, but we're right back to their 0-7 record."

Taking the mound for Marshall will be red-shirt senior J.R. Watts with Chris Grimes and Steve Foulter as backups. Projected to start are outfielders Aaron Williams, Mark Zban and Tom Mayes. Infielders are Ryan Roush, Tony Kuempel, Keith Mastro,

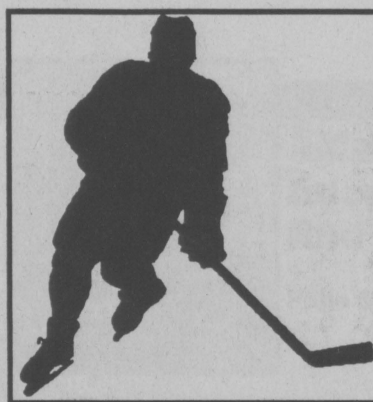
Rick Martin, Mike Flemming and Aaron McClellon.

"I really feel this is a team we can beat," Antush said.

UNC-Asheville coach Bill Hillier is equally as optimistic about Saturday's game. "I have a strong team of experienced juniors," Hillier said. "They've just had a bad start. I know they are capable of more."

Scouting information is incomplete on Marshall, Hillier said. "With three games in one week, I haven't had much time to look at Marshall," Hillier said. "But with the rain we've had this week and the forecast of good weather this weekend, our home field advantage should mean a lot."

Hillier said he plans on starting Josh White as pitcher. Last week against Georgia, White threw a shut out for five innings, Hillier said. "Standing in relief for White will be my son, Bill Jr.," Hillier said. "He's a senior transfer from NC State and team captain." A starting line-up has not been finalized, Hillier said.



Blizzard sets ECHL record

The Huntington Blizzard defeated the Columbus Chill 2-1 Tuesday night in an overtime shootout. The shootout was the eighth straight time the Blizzard has had to settle a game in overtime, an East Coast Hockey League single-season record. With the win, the Blizzard move into third place in their division.

Intramural basketball season a success

by ANDY BALLARD
reporter

With the countdown of the clock and the referee's whistle, the three and a half week intramural basketball season has come to a close, and four champion teams can finally relax.

The tournament was a success, according to Tom Lovins, director of recreational sports and fitness activities, one which he described as being very "spirited."

The league consisted of two divisions, Open and Fraternity, each containing two conferences, American and National. According to Lovins, the National Conference was the upper skill level in both divisions.

In the Fraternity division's National conference, the Pi Kappa Alpha Garnett team squeaked by Alpha Sigma Phi

#1 33-29.

Team Alpha Sigma Phi #2 soundly defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon #2 34-20, in the Fraternity division's American Conference.

Open Division competition couldn't produce any down-to-the-wire championship games. Both conference matches were blowouts.

Open Division's National Conference champs, the Warriors, defeated the FAB 5 49-30.

The Conmen won the Open Division's American Conference 42-27 over Help Wanted.

These teams advanced to the playoffs after playing nine games each in the regular season. The four teams with the best records in each of the two conferences of both divisions won the right to a final four berth. Two teams from each conference then advanced to the championship game.

Bibles and basketballs focus of weekend tournament

by ANDY BALLARD
reporter

Dave Greear, pastor of Campus Light Ministry Inc., invites anyone interested in a five-on-five basketball tournament to show up this Saturday at Grace Gospel Church with a basketball in one hand and a Bible in the other.

Campus Light Ministry Inc. is not associated with the Campus Light group at Marshall, but is working on becoming an official student organization, says Greear.

The tournament is double elimination except for the semi-finals and finals.

Those three games will be single elimination.

The games will consist of two-12 minute halves with a continuous clock, except for the last minute of each half. The clock will stop as it would in a regular game during this time.

"We are charging \$12 per person to help us cover tournament expenses," Greear said, "if we could do it for free we would."

According to Greear, participants will be receiving something in return for their entry fee. Every team member will get a T-shirt and lunch, provided by Campus Light Ministry Inc. The tournament's

champions will receive trophies and Little Caesars' gift certificates. The second place team will receive trophies.

During the tournament's two-hour lunch break, there will be a Bible challenge and possibly a free throw contest. Greear said.

The Tournament is only designed to accommodate eight teams and they are close to having a full bracket. Greear said he currently has five teams and is looking for three more.

Anyone interested in entering a team, or wanting more information about the tournament, may contact Pastor Dave Greear at 529-1545 by Friday afternoon.

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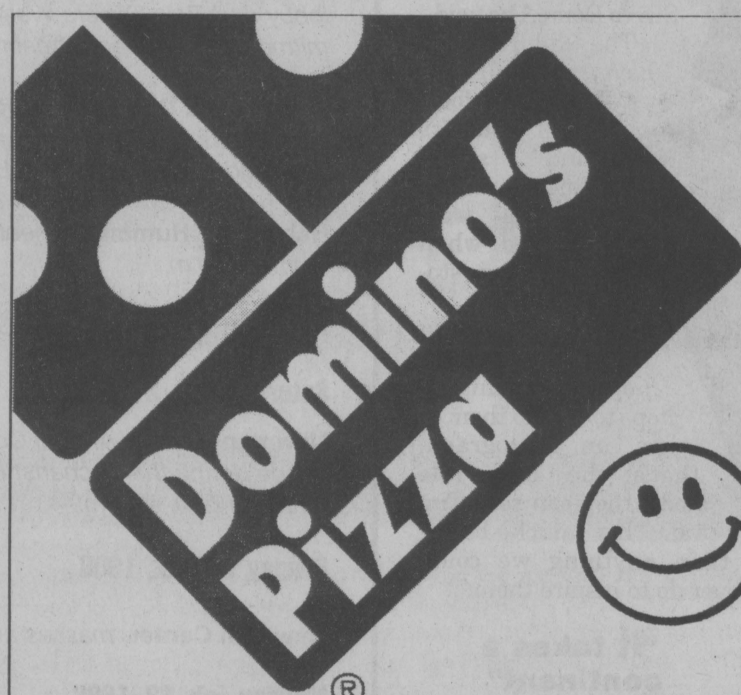
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Caroline's Spine plays Huntington

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Friday in Life!

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Portrait of a Family

Sportswriter, teacher provide children with place to call home

by ALYSON WALLS
managing editor

With a father's caring hand and warm smile, he writes the stories of Randy Moss, Chad Pennington and Marshall football.

Under the watchful eye of a proud poppa, fans read about the Herd winning its way to a bowl game and national fame in The Herald-Dispatch throughout 1997.

Like any good sports writer, Tim Stephens attends most team practices, press conferences, and games, but on the sidelines, away from all the NFL scouts and coaches, Tim is a devoted father of five adopted children.

He and his wife Emily are raising the children with the same attention to detail he puts into crafting articles, and the same patient devotion with which she teaches kindergartners at Springhill Elementary School in Huntington.

Sibling rivalry

Eight- and nine-year-old sisters Cassie Lynn and Nina Ashley Marie, are dressed appropriately for church in red corduroy skirts and white turtlenecks with little red hearts.

Both girls' eyes sparkle as they sit down to eat hotdogs at a youth group dinner. They cautiously ask dad if they are allowed seconds.

Their 10-year-old brother Michael is busily passing out drinks to people coming through the line. Two other siblings, Jason, 15, and Paul 13, are already sitting down at the table keeping an eye on the others.

Just two years ago, these five children, like thousands of others across the United States, were living in separate foster homes in northern Ohio, until Tim and Emily decided they wanted to adopt a family.

"As far as we knew, we couldn't have kids of our own, and we wanted to give the children a good home," Emily said.

The adoption process

The couple went to Ironton, Ohio, early in 1996, and began looking at pictures of children in books he said were similar to real estate guides.

"We saw a picture of the two little girls with a notation beside it saying they had three brothers," Tim, a 1986 Marshall journalism grad, said.

Emily, who received her teaching degree from Marshall in 1984, said the couple began calling the children on the phone and passing video tapes back and forth.

Tim said he took notes throughout the entire process just as he would for any football story. "It was as much them interviewing us as we were interviewing them," he said.

After a nine-month criminal background and credit check, that included officials examining the Stephens' well water for bac-

teria, the children were placed in their home in July 1996. The adoption was finalized in February 1997.

Adjusting to a new life

When the children arrived, they began calling Emily and Tim "mom" and "dad" right away, but they had other problems adjusting.

"The kids had been moved around so much, they had never known consistency, discipline or the feeling of security," Emily said. "There were problems at school and at home."

Tim described some of the problems as little things like good table manners and respect for personal property, that people often take for granted.

"It's common for adopted children to hoard food in their rooms," he said. "It's a psychological disorder experts believe stems from the child's fear of not being secure in where the next meal will come from."

The oldest boy, Jason, also had a hard time dealing with authority and letting go of his role as a father figure for the other

children.

"It's a constant battle bringing order to all the chaos," Tim said. "When you get one child out of a crisis, it seems like another starts going through one. Somewhere deep down inside, I think they appreciate the structure and discipline though."

Football and friends

Tim said the children are becoming active in the community. Jason plays football at Fairland High School and the others recently signed up for summer little league.

Tim said he enjoys the way his family life and occupation sometimes mix, such as when the family spent Christmas in Detroit while he was covering the Motor City Bowl. "We had a tree and presents in the hotel room, and the kids got to meet Barry Sanders and see the Silver Dome," he said.

The children also have met all the Marshall football players and sometimes attend practices with their dad when he's writing stories.

"When a successful young man like Chad Pennington stops to talk to them or sign an autograph, that's the best role model they can see," Tim said. "It's much better than anything we could ever do to inspire them."

"It takes a continent"

When asked about their philosophy for raising children, Tim and Emily looked at each other, smiled and said, "Divide and Conquer." They also joked that their family, complete with two dogs and a cat, was something of a cross between the Brady Bunch and the Adams Family.

But seriously, the couple believes that love, enthusiasm and perseverance, mixed with a little trial and error, is the key to raising their children.

"We are constantly tested, and we get a lot of 'I hate you's' and 'you're not my real parents,' but the children are shocked when they see we still love them," Emily said. "I think they are figuring out that we are here to stay."

The couple emphatically stated that family, friends and church have been big influences in helping them, both financially and emotionally.

"Hillary Clinton says it takes a village to help raise children, but we say it takes a whole continent," Emily said laughing. "Maybe a little Marshall football too," Tim added.



Happenings...

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and outside of Marshall.

On Campus

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Global Issues Forum, Study Abroad Seminar, Smith Hall 336, 11 a.m. For more information, contact: Clair Matz 696-2763 or Susan Weaver 696-2799

Panhellenic Council, Sorority Open House Tours registration, free registration in MSC lobby and Twin Towers West, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Panhellenic Council sororities, Eating Disorders Awareness Tables, free information about eating disorders and screenings, MSC Lobby, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Newman Center, "Come Holy Spirit" series to prepare for the millennium, 7 p.m.

Campus Christian Center, Campus Light Meeting, 9 p.m. For more information, contact: Mark Mills at 696-3057

Campus Crusade for Christ, Prime Time, Corbly Hall 105, 9:11 p.m.

Newman Center, Student gathering: fun night, 9:15 p.m.

Residence Hall Program, reception after Berlin Symphony, Laidley Hall, after the show

Campus Christian Center, United Methodist Students, meeting, 9:05 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20, 1998

Panhellenic Council, Sorority Open House Tours, thirty minute tours of Marshall's five sorority houses begin in the Don Morris Room, 4 p.m. Free registration in MSC lobby and Twin Towers West, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. No commitment to join, free refreshments.

Panhellenic Council sororities, Eating Disorders Awareness Tables, free information about eating disorders and screenings, MSC Lobby, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity, meet at the Campus Christian Center, 1 p.m.

Newman Center, Anawim Group (young adults), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998

Newman Center, Annual Community Retreat: "What do we do during the Eucharist Prayer?" Followed by pizza dinner, 12:30 - 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998

Newman Center, masses at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 23, 1998

Panhellenic Council sororities, Eating Disorders Awareness Tables, free information about eating disorders and screenings, MSC Lobby, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Newman Center, Challenge 2000, Faith Sharing Group, 5:30 p.m.

Student Activities Programming Board, meeting, MSC 2W37, 3 p.m. For more information, contact: Jessica Johnson at 696-2290

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