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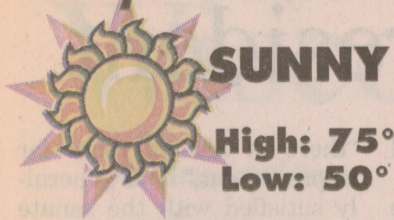
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Cancer center plans unveiled

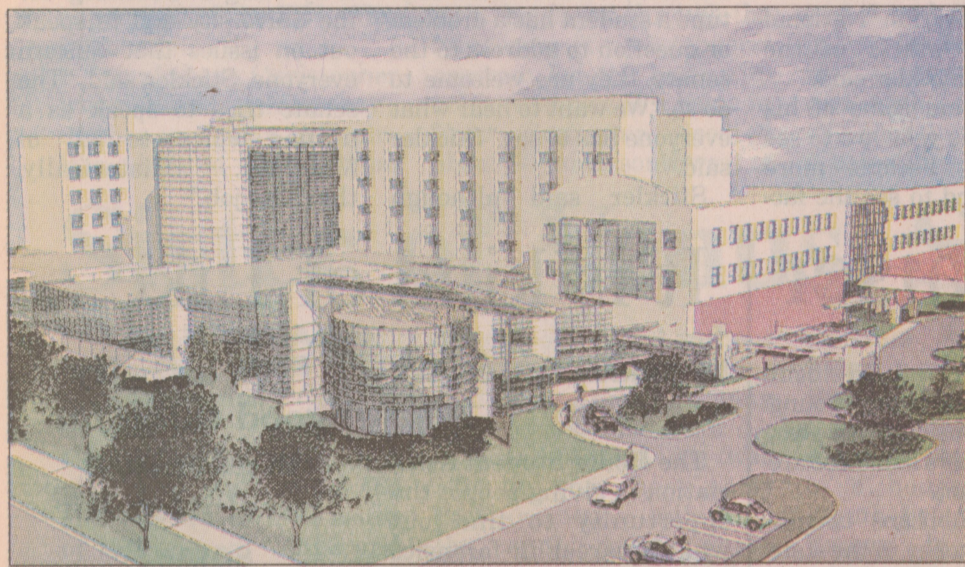


Illustration courtesy of Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center

Final plans for the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center were unveiled and ground was broken Friday.

by **JESSICA M. LOFTIS**
reporter

Cabell Huntington Hospital, Marshall University and the Edwards Foundation unveiled the final plans for the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center Friday.

Joan C. Edwards unveiled the final plan for the 50,000 square-foot building, which will serve as an addition to the front of Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Hospital and university officials explained the services and features that will be offered.

The Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center will provide full diagnostic, therapeutic and educational resources

to cancer patients and families. It will house the James F. Edwards Adult Cancer Clinic and the Joan C. Edwards Children's Cancer Clinic.

"The Cancer Center's access to fast-breaking medical advances means that survival rates will go up for children and adults who have cancer, and they will enjoy improvements in quality of life as well," said Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., Marshall's vice president for health services and dean of the medical school.

The Cancer Center will be the first of its kind in the tri-state area, which will provide convenience and comfort to residents, McKown said. It will also supply jobs for 50 physicians, as well as many other employees.

The projected cost of constructing the two-story building is around \$19 million. Construction will begin next week and is expected to be complete in January 2005.

The estimated value of the Edwards Foundation gift is \$40 million, which will assist in any aspect of the Center.

This gift towards the Center is the largest known gift of its kind in West Virginia History. At the ground breaking, Joan C. Edwards expressed her personal experiences with cancer victims, which led to her dream of building a Cancer Center in Huntington.

Marshall President Dan Angel spoke at the event, and

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Financial center to get \$92,000

by **MITZI L. MILLER**
reporter

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) University Center has received a \$92,000 grant to provide statewide businesses with needed technical assistance.

The center receives the grant from the federal government and uses the funds, along with a revolving loan fund, to assist West Virginia businesses by funding business decisions, said Edna McClain, director of the center.

Assistance is provided in the form of economic feasibility studies, market analysis, applied research and cost/benefit analysis, McClain said. She said award money is only used for existing businesses, not start-up companies.

Approximately \$61,500 of the federal grant money will assist businesses, while the remaining amount will pay the center's administrative assistant.

"Without the grant, EDA would cease to exist," McClain said.

McClain said the center is trying to build on the use of the revolving loan fund so the center's existence will not become dependent on grant money. The revolving loan fund offers otherwise unavailable financing to credit-worthy West Virginia businesses involved in emerging technologies.

Businesses can apply for up to \$10,000 of the grant money, McClain said. The award has to be 80 percent or less of the total project cost, making each business responsible for at least 20 percent of the total project cost. She said smaller proj-

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photo by Mike Andrick

Alicia Bryant of Student Government Association washes vehicles Saturday for SweatEquity Day.

Sweating for a clean campus

by **KRISTIN M. HOUGHTON**
reporter

Marshall University may be sitting a little prettier following SweatEquity IV, an annual campus beautification project, Saturday Sept. 13.

Two-hundred seventy-five volunteers participated in the event, which lasted from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Tasks included weeding flowerbeds, trimming hedges, picking up trash, and washing classroom windows.

Marshall University president Dan Angel welcomed the participants, rousing them with a "Go Herd!" cheer.

He also told the group the history of SweatEquity. Angel said the name SweatEquity is taken from former U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, who developed a program in which those receiving federal housing aid helped to build house equity through labor.

He also said why he thinks SweatEquity is important for student relations to Marshall.

"We want to get you here and get you immersed and make you feel part of the campus," Angel said.

Eight members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity worked directly with the president, helping to paint areas both inside and outside Old Main. Angel also said he welcomes the event as a way to interact with students he might not otherwise.

"My chance to meet students on this kind of basis just doesn't happen all that frequently," he said.



photo by Kristin M. Houghton

Steve Hensley, dean of students, scrapes gum from the MSC plaza.

Jason Shepherd, a senior marketing major from Boomer, echoed many of Angel's sentiments.

"SweatEquity Day is important because you give back to your campus. It gives you an opportunity to work with other stu-

dents," Shepherd said. Shepherd is the president of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Students from more than 20 campus activities and organizations took

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MU libraries to comply with Patriot Act

by **RYAN EPLING**
reporter

While the two-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States has come and gone, the after effects of that day are still being felt.

On October 26, 2001, President Bush signed the USA PATRIOT Act into law. The law was designed to give new powers to both domestic law enforcement and international intelligence agencies. The idea

behind the bill was to allow law enforcement more access into the private lives of citizens in an attempt to prevent future terrorist acts from within the country.

One part of the bill dealt with libraries and the availability of their records to law enforcement officials. The law allows the government to request library records of users, which would include books checked out and Web sites viewed in the library, with-

"The library is committed to freedom of information."

Monica Garcia Brooks
associate dean of University Libraries

out the knowledge of the person in question and has been a subject of controversy at many libraries around the country.

Marshall University Libraries fall under this law, and reaction has been

mixed. Monica Garcia Brooks, associate dean of university libraries, said the law would be adhered to, but that the library would be sure not to violate student's rights.

"The library is commit-

ted to freedom of information," Brooks said. "However, we will not release our records unless a legitimate warrant is shown."

Brooks said the library only held records of books that were currently checked out or had unpaid late fines. She said that once a book is returned, it is removed from a student's record.

"We have never had a request for information,"

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New profs go through orientation

by **SARAH MUSGRAVE**
reporter

Freshmen are not the only new people on Marshall's campus this semester, 42 new faculty members have also decided to come here.

New faculty go through a similar process that new students do before the first day of class. They attend an orientation that familiarizes them with Marshall and prepares them for what is to come. Their orientation is the New Faculty Orientation Program.

The program is set up "in the same philosophy as freshmen orientation," Elaine Baker, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, said.

Like students, faculty need to be made familiar with policies and facilities available here. To help achieve this, they are given a notebook on the first day of orientation outlining Marshall's policies, teaching issues and various other issues.

Unlike the one-day orientation freshmen experience, this program lasts two and a half days. Baker and Dr. Frances Hensley, associate vice president for academic affairs, decided three to four years ago to expand it from only half a day.

They decided to expand the program because there is so much information to cover and the extra time gives them a chance to develop friendships with the people they will be

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photo courtesy of Academic Affairs

Marshall University has 42 new faculty members this fall.

Stickler speaks as new Faculty Senate president

by ALICE L. GREEN
reporter

Another year has come at Marshall University and with it a new Faculty Senate president. Dr. Larry Stickler, the senate's new leader, and Stickler said with the title comes many responsibilities.

Stickler said he thinks his main contribution as new Faculty Senate president is to act as a representative for the faculty issues, campus-wide, community-wide, and statewide. "There needs to be a spokesman," Stickler said. Stickler added he thinks his most

important duty of the role of president is being an advocate for such a diverse faculty. "I deal with issues that affect faculty across the board," Stickler said.

When asked what of issues the Faculty Senate would address this school year, Stickler said a main issue is budget cuts, both real and proposed. Stickler said budget cuts can affect course load, the number of students in a class, and the number of sections of a class that are offered. Budget cuts can have residual effects on both faculty and students, Stickler said.

Another issue of impor-

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Dr. Larry Stickler,
Faculty Senate president

tance to the Faculty Senate is faculty salaries. Stickler said teachers are dedicated to the students, and teaching is always the most important thing to them, but the rise of the cost of living, and salaries not also getting higher is a discouragement to faculty.

Above all, Stickler said it is

another main priority of the Faculty Senate is to maintain quality programs and raise the bar for Marshall University overall. "National prominence starts in the classroom," Stickler said.

Stickler said some of his goals for this year are to see the faculty become more proactive and to see the fac-

ulty work as a whole for all faculty issues.

When asked how the Faculty Senate's decisions affect students, Stickler said often times Faculty Senate represented student concerns because of the bond between faculty and students. "You'd be surprised how many times the faculty speaks up on behalf of the students," Stickler said. In addition, Stickler said anytime a student has a problem or question to address to the senate, they are welcome to do so. "We want to hear what everyone has to say," Stickler said.

Stickler said although

"there is always room for improvement," he is generally satisfied with the senate for this year. Stickler said he owes a lot of the success to the senators themselves. "You're only as effective as the effectiveness and action of each senator," Stickler said. In addition, Stickler said he thinks the way the senate makes a last- ing contribution to Marshall is by being a "watchdog" for the university and to speak out on issues that concern everyone. Stickler said, "The senate tries to speak as a unified voice to all of Marshall. Historically, that's its job."

Young Democrats attend fundraiser

by REEVES KIRTNER
reporter

The Cabell County Young Democrats are headed to Charleston tonight to help James Carville and Terry McAuliffe raise money for the party.

Carville and McAuliffe will be at the Marriot hotel in Charleston at 7 p.m. for a reception. Tickets for the reception cost \$500.

The Cabell County Young Democrats will be helping with security, crowd control, ushering and working the door.

Carville is most notably

known for his key role in helping Bill Clinton win the president election in 1992 and 1996. He is now one of the hosts of CNN's Crossfire.

McAuliffe is the chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Mike Safcsak, president of the Cabell County Young Democrats, said he is extremely excited for the event.

"This is a great opportunity to meet some of the better known Democrats in the country," Safcsak said.

Steve McElroy, the communications director for the West Virginia State

Democratic Party, said the Cabell County Young Democrats have been remarkable with their support.

"Any time we've asked them to do something with us, they've been there," McElroy said. "We reach out, they get involved."

McElroy was the president of the Cabell County Young Democrats in 1984.

"We're looking forward to having the Young Democrats," McElroy said. "They've always been a great support for the West Virginia Democrats."

Derek Scarbro, the State

Young Democrat President and Cabell County Young Democrat President last year, said fundraisers like these are very important.

"The Republicans usually raise more money in the state and nationally," Scarbro said. "We're trying to raise more money to do a better job in the next election."

Safcsak said fundraising events for the Democratic Party do more than just raise money.

"It attracts West Virginia citizens to events such as these, which helps our party win elections," Safcsak said. "It helps get our message out."

It is kind of Like...

by SARAH MUSGRAVE
reporter

The Honor Student Association is giving people the opportunity to find out what a career in forensics is like with its ninth annual "What's It Like?" lecture series.

For the past eight years, the association has brought speakers in from different career fields to talk to students, professors, or anyone else interested in learning about what others do.

"We bring in professionals in fields who are already out there," Evelyn Puppulo-Cody, Honors Council chair, said.

The program began as an informal session where Martha Woodward, executive director of the Center for Academic Excellence, would bring in speakers to talk to students. It was found through doing this that students did not really know what to expect after getting their degrees.

From that, the "What's It Like?" lecture series was developed. The three-speaker panel talks about how they prepared for their jobs, what they do in their

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Martha Woodward,
Executive director of the Center for Academic Excellence

jobs and answer questions from the audience.

"It's a really good thing for students, a revelation for some," Woodward said.

The series is offered annually throughout the fall semesters. The first of four lecture topics is forensic sciences; the other three are financial services, medicine and the music industry.

The panel members for forensic sciences are Dr. Terry Fenger, professor and developer of Marshall's Forensic Science Program, Dr. Steve Cody, professor of psychiatry, and Dr. Willard "Bill" Daniels, a former medical examiner for Cabell and Wayne Counties. They will be speaking Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in room 2W16 of the Memorial Student Center.

Sawyer first to interview Lynch

by DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — ABC News' Diane Sawyer was chosen Monday for the first television news interview with Jessica Lynch, considered the year's most highly sought-after broadcast "get."

Sawyer's interview with the former prisoner of war will air in prime time on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day and the day Lynch's book is scheduled to be published.

It's also in the middle of the November ratings "sweeps," when ratings are watched closely to set ad rates.

Many of the network news stars, including Sawyer and NBC's Katie Couric, had sought the interview even though there's some question about what Lynch remembers about her capture and rescue in Iraq this spring.

"I've been doing this for 20 years and I've never seen anything like this," said Paul Bogaards, publicity director for Lynch's publisher, Alfred A. Knopf. "It was like blood sport, the competition for this story."

CBS News was embarrassed in June when it was revealed the Viacom-owned network had hinted at publishing and MTV deals in its pitch for a Lynch interview.

The network had no comment about Lynch's decision.

ABC's news division made the pitch for the interview, with no entertainment shows involved, ABC News spokesman Jeffrey Schneider said.

ABC's ability to draw big ratings for newsmaking interviews tied to book projects with Sen. Hillary Clinton and actors Michael J. Fox and Christopher Reeve, for example played a part in granting Sawyer the exclusive, Bogaards said.

Lynch, from West Virginia, also liked Sawyer's Kentucky background and "her familiarity with the routine

and pace of life in a small town," he said.

Knopf has set up a complete media strategy for Lynch that also includes an interview with Couric for "Today" to air starting Nov. 12. That's a hollow victory since Sawyer, host of "Good Morning America," is likely to begin airing excerpts of her talk in the morning a day earlier.

Lynch also will make an appearance on the CBS "Late Show" with David Letterman on Nov. 14. Then she'll appear on CNN's "Larry King Live" on Nov. 17 with her family and Rick Bragg, who is writing her authorized biography.

East coast prepares for Hurricane Isabel

by ESTES THOMPSON
The Associated Press

TOPSAIL BEACH, N.C. — Coastal residents boarded up windows, collected emergency supplies and towed boats inland Monday as forecasters warned that North Carolina could be in the path of powerful Hurricane Isabel.

The 921 residents of fragile Ocracoke Island, accessible only by boat, were ordered to begin evacuating Monday afternoon. Lines quickly formed at the island's ferry docks.

Isabel weakened Monday afternoon to a Category 3 storm as it swept across the Atlantic Ocean, the National Hurricane Center said. Forecast models showed the storm hitting the East Coast anywhere

from North Carolina to New Jersey late Thursday or early Friday.

Isabel is the first major hurricane to threaten the state since Floyd in September 1999. Floyd came ashore near Cape Fear and continued along the coast into New England, and was blamed for 56 deaths in the United States.

At Topsail Beach, Bill Godwin wasn't very worried. The owner of Godwin's Store, a 53-year-old family business, said he would get ready for the storm Tuesday.

"I'll get stuff up off the floor and lock the door," he said, shrugging.

At nearby Surf City, about two dozen surfers caught three- to four-foot waves near the Surf City Pier, which was rebuilt after being cut in half by Hurricane Fran in 1996.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Isabel's fastest sustained wind had slowed to about 125 mph, down from 150 mph earlier in the day and 160 mph early Sunday. Fluctuation in strength is common for major hurricanes, forecasters said. Experts had said it would be extremely unusual for Isabel to maintain Category 5 strength as it moved north

over cooler water.

The storm was moving to the northwest at 8 mph, and was 740 miles south-south-east of Cape Hatteras at 5 p.m., the National Hurricane Center reported.

Some of the people in North Carolina's coastal communities spent the day preparing for the potentially devastating storm.

Yeager Foundation is calling all bands

by SARAH MUSGRAVE
reporter

The Yeager Foundation is having a "Battle of the Bands" at this year's Yeager Symposium.

The "Battle of the Bands" is a competition between local bands held on Marshall's campus Oct. 8. Cash prizes will be given to

the first through fourth winners, first receiving \$250.

The Yeager Foundation is calling for any local band interested to contact Will Alexander, chair of the Yeager Symposium, by phone at 304-638-8328 or e-mail at alexander8@marshall.edu. The deadline for applying is Friday, September 19.

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Wisconsin fugitive captured in Ohio

The Associated Press

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — A former military hero who disappeared with his 4-year-old son 15 months ago will be returned to Minnesota to face charges of robbing a credit union.

Mark Samples, 40, waived extradition Monday in U.S. District Court, according to John Kane, supervisor of the FBI office in Youngstown.

Samples' son Christopher was reunited with the boy's mother on Friday in Pepin, Wis., located across from

Lake Pepin in Minnesota. Samples, of Hager City, Wis., vanished with the boy in June 2002.

The FBI wouldn't say how long Samples and his son had been living in Ohio. The agency said it was investigating whether Samples had help while he was a fugitive.

FBI spokesman Paul McCabe in Minneapolis said a tip developed through the Minnesota "Crimestoppers" program led the bureau to arrest Samples at a home in East Rochester, located about 30 miles southwest of

"Residents living near the home where Samples was arrested said Samples had kept to himself and identified himself by the name Brian."

Youngstown.

More than a dozen police officers and FBI agents went to the house Friday and found Samples working in the front yard. When he fled into the house, officers broke down the door and took him into custody, Kane said.

Agents agreed to Samples' request to be allowed some time to talk with his son and say goodbye, according to Kane.

An FBI agent from Minnesota accompanied the boy on a flight from Pittsburgh back home. He was given a fast-food meal

and a teddy bear.

McCabe said he could not reveal what prompted the tip because the investigation was ongoing.

Kane said the tip was "very specific." He declined to characterize the tipster in any detail.

The FBI was checking reports that Samples, who has relatives in St. Albans, W.Va., may have worked in the area as a landscaper, Kane said.

Residents living near the home where Samples was arrested said Samples had kept to himself and identified

himself by the name Brian.

Samples disappeared with the boy while awaiting trial for the robbery of a credit union in Red Wing, Minn., in May 2001. Samples blamed the robbery on medication he was taking to ease post-traumatic stress disorder.

That condition, he said, resulted from his experience aboard the USS Stark, a Navy frigate hit by two Iraqi missiles in 1987. Samples was awarded military honors for saving the lives of hundreds of sailors.

Sister of Venus, Serena shot early Sunday

by JEREMIAH MARQUEZ

The Associated Press

COMPTON, Calif. — A man was arrested in the shooting death of a sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, and authorities searched Monday for four other possible suspects in the slaying outside a house known to attract gang members.

Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, was booked for investigation of murder late

Sunday and jailed without bail. Sheriff's deputies said he had ties to a gang but was not a member.

Yetunde Price, 31, was shot in the chest early Sunday about a mile from the tennis courts where her younger sisters first rose to prominence in this gang- and violence-plagued city outside Los Angeles.

The motive for the slaying remained under investigation.

As many as four other

possible suspects were being sought, Deputy Richard Pena said.

Price was killed by a gunman standing in front of a house where gang members have been known to gather and where drugs have been sold in the past, authorities said.

"At this point we just don't know if this is gang or narcotics," said sheriff's Lt. Daniel Rosenberg, a homicide detective. "I can tell you there are certain

indications to suggest this location has involved either gangs or drugs. The house was troublesome to both the residents in the community and the deputies in Compton station."

Price, who no longer lived in Compton, was sitting with a man in a sport utility vehicle shortly after midnight when they got into a confrontation with several neighborhood residents, Pena said. Authorities said it was not

known whether Price knew her assailant.

The man with Price was uninjured and drove her to a relative's house, where he called 911, authorities said. Price was then taken to a hospital, where she died.

The man with Price, Rolland Wormley, 28, was arrested for investigation of violating his parole and assault with a deadly weapon using a firearm. Sheriff's Deputy Bill Spear could not say whether the

alleged assault involved Sunday's confrontation.

Wormley and Hammer were scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday. It was not immediately clear if they had attorneys.

An assault rifle was found at the scene, and neighbors reported hearing six to 20 gunshots.

Price, one of five sisters who spent their early years in Compton, was a registered nurse who owned a beauty salon.

CANCER

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offered his gratitude to the Edwards family. He explained that Joan C. Edwards not only had the vision for the Cancer Center, she also possesses the vitality to pursue it.

Brent A. Marsteller, president and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital, explained the planning process for the Cancer Center.

"With so many unique

and complex considerations that needed to be addressed in the design of a cancer facility such as this, one general planning team just wasn't enough," Marsteller said. "So we assembled more than a dozen teams or work groups—each with its own special area of expertise—to make sure we designed a comprehensive facility that would fully meet the needs and expectations of our patients and our community."

Marsteller stressed Joan

C. Edwards was an integral part of planning for the cancer center.

"Joan Edwards is not only a visionary in terms of identifying the great need for cancer care in this community and coming up with the idea and the means for meeting that need—she is also a visionary in terms of what this cancer center will look like," Marsteller said. "She has a definite vision for this facility, and her fingerprints will clearly be seen in the final product."

LIBRARY

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Brooks said. "If there is one, we do have a procedure in place."

That procedure includes a calling tree that would allow the library to get in contact with campus police, local law enforcement and library administration.

"Librarians are usually pretty strict about keeping a person's first amendment rights," Brooks said. Lindsey Nottingham,

business accounting sophomore from South Point, Ohio, said she does not mind the government taking the rights to look into a person's background, but she would like notification.

"I think they should be allowed to do searches into a student's background if they suspect something, but they should have to let that student know," Nottingham said.

Jeri Fogel, associate professor of classics, introduced a resolution that the Faculty Senate

revised and passed last spring.

"I just wanted the president of the university (Dr. Angel) and administration to uphold the constitution in how they applied the law," Fogel said.

Brooks said she understood the law, but thought it may go a little too far.

"I understand we are in a day in age where terrorist threats are very real," Brooks said. "But I also think it is kind of silly to see book records. I do not feel there is any dangerous material in this building (Drinko Library)."

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part in the event. They included: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Zeta, Golden Key International Honor Society, International Center, Kappa Alpha Psi, Marshall's swimming and diving teams,

Marshall's women's basketball team, Phi Mu, Psi Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Tau Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and UNI 101 and HON 101 classes.

Faculty and staff also participated. Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, led a group that focused on the Memorial Student Center. The group scraped gum off the plaza bricks, mulched

the flower beds, and painted designs on the front of Sweet Sensations.

Participants were provided breakfast by Sodexo, Marshall University's food service. They also received Papa John's pizza for lunch and free t-shirts. The Student Activities Programming Board played music on the MSC Plaza and provided a free X-Fest ticket to each participant.

FACULTY

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Two days are used as an introduction to Marshall and the half-day is a national workshop. This year's speaker was Dr. Edward Zlotkowski, Senior Associate for Service-Learning Projects at the American Association for Higher Education, Senior Faculty Fellow at the National Campus Compact, and professor of English at Bentley College.

The orientation is also designed to help prepare incoming faculty for the "shock" of their first day Baker said. Professors must be prepared for that day unlike students who often have time to adjust.

"It was a great overview of things," Dr. David Trumpower, assistant professor of psychology, said. He continued saying he did not have many concerns coming into Marshall though.

Prep-time is not over at

the end of the two and a half days. Throughout the semester, seminars will be offered covering seven academic topics. That time also gives the new faculty members a chance to keep in touch with each other.

These 42 people are coming to Marshall replacing professors who have quit, retired, passed away or left due to health concerns. "Marshall has a fairly senior faculty," Baker said, so a great deal of the replacement is for retirements.



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ects have a better chance for funding because this allows the center to assist a maximum number of projects.

The center recently provided \$7,500 to Marion County to conduct an environmental feasibility study when the county wanted to build an industrial park, McClain said. She said the county wanted to analyze the investment potential of a certain piece of land.

Since 1999, the center has funded 27 projects, given \$194,476 in technical assistance and impacted 384 jobs. Jobs are impacted when studies show potential growth for a business or when a business promises job stability, McClain said.

HIS View

Kids getting burned-out by school

by **RICHARD WHITROCK**
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(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — For years America has caught flak from the international and domestic communities for an education system that is under-performing. Children are having higher and higher standards forced on them earlier and earlier in their lives, and the trends are showing no end (or relief) in sight.

Unfortunately, expecting so much from our students at so young an age is not making them perform better academically -- it is only burning them out and ensuring a loss of interest in all things academic. If America wants to perform better academically, there are some harsh truths that must be faced.

First, why is it that foreign schools are performing so well? There are several contributing factors that must be considered: First, most of them attend school six days a week instead of five. Second, by separating their high schools into more specialized groups they can offer a much more intensive program to study. Finally, they have a desire to learn and improve.

American students are getting burned out so early on that the desire to learn and improve will not push them to the next level. They are hassled so much that the prevailing attitude is to do just enough to meet those standards but not go beyond.

So what are the answers? There are five steps that must be taken to bring our national education to prominence in the world community.

First, we must accept the limitations of our five-day school week and work to improve within it. Americans are not going to accept a six day work week as adults, and to force it onto children will take away their childhood and largely be rejected. The answer is not to force six days worth of school into five, but to enrich the education within those five days. Don't work harder, work smarter.

Second, we must begin to specialize in basic education. Four years of English for a student working towards a mathematical background does not allow for the focus necessary to keep up with the rest of the world.

Third, there must be a greater range of interdisciplinary study. For students who are focusing on science, they must have a high concentration of reading and writing scientific research papers so that their language education does not fall behind or interfere with their scholastic focus.

Fourth, school vouchers are an absolute must. This is a much larger issue that requires more space than what is available here, to explain, but it cannot be ignored. Schools must be held accountable, children and parents must have choice and the free market system is the best way to achieve the quality we need. The gap between public and private school education must be closed.

Finally, it is essential that we introduce cognitive thinking skills to students at a junior high level. Memorization-based education isn't going to cut it -- we need to quit teaching students what to think and start letting them learn how to think. Theory and cognitive thinking skills will not only allow the students to work smarter, it will help in keeping them interested in learning. Keeping that desire to learn alive is the single most important thing we can do to improve education -- students will learn more on their own if they enjoy it and want to, rather than if they are being forced to.

A love of education and a need to learn are suspiciously absent from today's students. While there are many contributing factors to its disappearance, our current educational climate is most to blame. Sweeping changes are needed, and in the end the focus of those changes must be to ignite the spark of desire in our students. They won't improve if they don't want to.



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Letters to the editor

Senator clarifies controversy

My name is John Allan and I am a member of the Senate of the Marshall Student Government Association where I also serve as the chair of the Finance Committee.

I would like to take a few moments in an attempt to clarify the "controversy" that is said to be swirling around SGA.

Recently the court decided they wanted to exercise judicial review and examine the procedures surrounding our special session held during the summer. For anybody unfamiliar, this meeting is where a quorum of Senators approved funding for a concert and rescaled funding for SGA's upcoming service project that is currently in the planning stages.

Since the meeting it appears that speculation, allegations and controversy has followed the SGA at every turn. A large chunk of this controversy stems from the question of whether or not a person on a speakerphone during a meeting constitutes them being in attendance at said meeting. After all, it is undeniably true that quorum at this meeting was established through having several senators on speakerphone.

Should the court question the validity of a speakerphone to establish quorum, I remind them, as Vice President Murphy did at their most recent meeting, that one of their own justices was approved in the Senate Judiciary Committee in a meeting that required speakerphone votes to get a quorum. This is not to point the finger at any one justice, just to point out that speakerphone votes have counted in the past.

There is also some concern about senators allegedly not knowing about the special session meeting. I have been labeled as one of those senators who did not know about the meeting, but this label is absolutely false. I was contacted via telephone and via e-mail well in advance. Although I was unable to be at the meeting and elected not to attempt to participate on speakerphone (although I did realize that option was open to me) I did have enough time to prepare a statement that was read at the meeting. This involved a draft and then an edit

before the final draft. The process of writing this statement took a period of days and yet was still available for reading at the meeting. To claim that senators were not properly informed about the meeting is to the very best of my knowledge untrue.

In my statement read at that meeting I was against the concert. I will openly admit this. It can even be well documented that I did not support approving this bill. I was concerned that this was a very large amount of money to be spent and I wondered if the meeting was being called in the middle of summer simply so a bare quorum could be established and the bill pushed through hurriedly. I have since realized that approving the bill at that time was necessary for putting on a quality show for the students and the special session in the middle of summer was not simply an effort to ramrod the bill through.

Now allow me to take a moment and address the "lie" of Vice President Murphy from the court meeting this past week. Murphy has come under fire and accused of telling lies because he inaccurately stated the whereabouts of one senator during the special session meeting. This can be dismissed as an honest mistake that Murphy has openly confessed to be exactly that.

For anybody questioning Mr. Murphy's integrity I encourage you to think back to the last club meeting you attended and try to recall flawlessly where everybody was at. The Senate is not a small group and making an innocent mistake on the whereabouts of one senator (a mistake he admitted and corrected) is hardly something to condemn him for.

It is also worth pointing out that the court was approached with questions about how this meeting was carried out shortly after the special session. Readers, this was literally months ago. The senate itself, despite the fact that there were some opposed to passing the bill for the concert, has moved past the debate and have been working with the executives to provide this concert for the students. It is with the understanding that the Senate has moved beyond this issue that we examine Murphy's statement that the court might be on a power play. I remind you that the court

was approached months ago with concerns about this meeting. They have had that much time to act on it. Since then the senate and the executives have been in back and forth discussion over this meeting and the matter has basically been resolved internally with the recognition that there was nothing wrong with how the meeting was conducted. It is after this that the court finally decides to take action in the name of "judicial review."

Why did the court wait to jump in and muddy the water until after the Senate had satisfactorily examined the details of the meeting? Was it in the name of judicial review and working together with the other branches of our student government? If this is the case then I must simply ask the court why they waited so long to investigate the special session. Would it not have been wiser for the court to take action on this issue when it was first brought to their attention?

Any justice who would like to explain to me why you waited until September (when you heard complaints about the meeting months ago) to investigate this meeting please feel free to contact me at 696-3748 or via e-mail at john@johnalism.com and let me know.

Your SGA Senate has dropped internal quibbles about how the meeting was carried out, accepted that it was conducted in an orderly fashion, and moved on to focus on our purpose and goal: to do what is best for the students. It is my hope that Marshall students will not continue to hold the inaccurate belief that the Senate is torn down the middle and in the midst of a civil war of sorts over this special session meeting.

It is also my hope, and the end the Senate and the Executives are jointly working toward, that the upcoming O.A.R. concert will be a success in all respects.

— **John Allan**
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Chief Justice clarifies controversy

The unanimous opinion of the Marshall University

Student Government Association Supreme Court hereby invalidates the vote conducted during the special session on June 26, 2003, concerning the allocation of funds for a future band to perform in Huntington. We remand the bill back to the Senate for presentation during a senate meeting for a first reading and a valid vote whereas quorum is clearly met and the student body is fairly represented.

In order to remedy any further complications with future special session bills, the Senate should consider revisions to the Marshall University Student Government Association Constitution and the Senate Bylaws. Our recommendations include outlining the proxy voting and absentee voting process. With today's advancing technology medians, such as e-mail and cell phones, these recommendations do not preclude the need to meet quorum by having one over half of senators present as ascribed meeting according to Robert's Rules of Order:

Definition of Quorum p. 334- A quorum in an assembly is the number of voting who must present in order that business can be legally transacted. The quorum refers to the number of such members present, not to the number actually voting on a particular question.

Both the U.S. Congress and the West Virginia Legislature take the word present to mean physically attending the meeting. With this precedent already established by both our national and state legislature, it is in our opinion the same rules shall apply to the Marshall University Student Government Association.

We would also like to suggest to the Senate that they follow Robert's Rules of Order "second definition" p.337. This would clear any further problems when matters involving quorum arise:

p. 337 "before the presiding officer calls a meeting to order it is his duty to determine, although he need not announce that a quorum is present."

Reference: Robert, General H. M. (2000). Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition.

— **Claudia Williamson**,
Chief Justice, Marshall University Supreme Court

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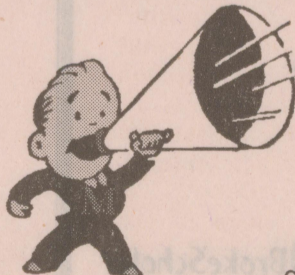
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The Rockets' revenge



photo by Rick Hays

Junior Graham Gochneaur was 31 of 39 against the Rockets Friday night, but it wasn't enough to lead the Herd to a win. Toledo downed Marshall 24-17 in its first MAC game.

Toledo downs Herd 24-17

by JASON MCCLURE
reporter

For their second straight meeting, the Marshall Thundering Herd and the Toledo Rockets were dead locked in the final minutes.

This year, the Rockets had the last laugh with the winning touchdown coming with 1:10 remaining in the fourth quarter when Toledo sophomore running back Astin Martin went 10 yards for what would be the game's final score.

These two teams are making it a habit of creating close games when they meet. Marshall clinched the

Mid-American Conference title last year on the 40 yard touchdown reception by Darius Watts with 49 seconds remaining, giving the Herd a 49-45 victory. Head Coach Bob Pruett made it quite simple to understand why the Herd let a close game slip right out of their hands.

"You can't turn the ball over five times against a good football team and expect to win," Pruett said. "You also can't expect to not convert third and short and win."

The key play in the game came with 6:42 remaining when Franklin "Butchie"

Wallace fumbled, stalling a potential game winning drive for the Herd. After the fumble Marshall wouldn't see the ball again until a Toledo touchdown with one minute left in the game.

Marshall's all-purpose yards for the game were 297 compared to Toledo's 355, but the game deciding statistic was the Herd's five turnovers compared to zero for the Rockets.

Pruett emphasized that although turnovers are always costly, they couldn't have come at a worse time. "Every time we fumbled the ball we were driving to score," he said. "We would get momentum going and we would stop ourselves."

Marshall now 1-2 on the season, next plays sixth ranked Kansas State this Saturday, at 12:40 p.m. in Manhattan, Kan. If Marshall's loses this game, it will be the first time since 1983 that the Herd has started the season at 1-3.

Pruett had a quick response when asked if the Thundering Herd can still win the MAC.

"Absolutely," Pruett said, "We've said since the beginning of the year, win the rest of them after Troy and you're in it."

Herd reigns at Aggie Classic

Marshall goes 4-0 to take team title, Michal crowned MVP

by MATT RILEY
sports editor

Marshall's volleyball team put up impressive numbers on its way to capturing the Aggie Classic last weekend in Greensboro, N.C.

The Herd was a perfect 4-0 on the weekend, posting victories over High Point, host North Carolina A&T, Savannah State and Gardner Webb.

Senior Nicole Michal was a force once again for the Herd as she claimed her third all-tournament team selection in as many tournaments, while also being crowned the tourney MVP.

The senior from Louisville, Ky., was modest about the accolades.

"It's not just one person," she said. "I thought everyone played really well. A lot of players for us could've been all-tournament."

Thundering Herd head coach, Mitch Jacobs, has been impressed with the play of Michal in the early going this season.

"I can't say enough about her," he said. "We've got to keep talking about her every week because she's made another all-tournament team. She's really playing well."

Joining Michal on the all-



photo by Mike Andrick

Nicole Michal was named tournament MVP last weekend at NC A&T. She is 3-for-3 in all-tournament selections this season.

tournament squad was senior Tracey King. Despite playing in only about two-thirds of the games because of sore knees, Jacobs said her performance in the N.C. A&T match was the difference for the Herd.

"Tracey changed the match," he said. "They had a very big middle that was hurting us and she came in changed their game because she's a tough person to hit around, plus she brought her offensive game too." King was pleased with the

team's performance.

"I thought it went well," she said. "It was a good confidence builder."

Jacobs was also pleased with the play of the Herd's younger players including sophomore Katie Stein.

"I'd say we should've had three to five players on the all-tournament team," he said. "I really think Katie Stein, who hasn't made one all-tournament team, has been the best setter on the floor in two of three tournaments." Stein said the team's

effort has continued to improve and is pleased with the direction things are heading.

"I think we're getting more confidence every time out," she said. "Everybody's starting to come together."

As a team, the Herd set a new Marshall record for service aces with 21 against High Point.

"We're serving really well," he said. "I like how we're being really aggressive on our serves."

The Herd's 120 service aces is close to 40 more than the nearest team in the MAC, Jacobs said.

For the weekend, Jacobs was also pleased to get all of his players some playing time.

"It was a feel good weekend for everybody," Jacobs said. "It's good to get them on the court."

Freshman Erin Jasin, tallied nine aces versus Savannah State, fifth best all-time in the MAC.

"I was happy to get in and prove that I can play," Jasin said.

As the Herd heads to rival West Virginia this weekend, Jacobs is pleased with the team's progress.

"I really like our talent level," he said. "I like the direction we're heading and I hope we can sustain it."

Women's soccer drops another close one

by STEPHANIE E. LOWE
reporter



photo by Mike Andrick

Cara Hemmerich led the Herd in shot attempts Sunday against Akron. The team lost another close game, 1-0 to the Zips and is still searching for its first win of the season.

The Zips held Marshall scoreless for its sixth straight game Sunday afternoon at Sam Hood Field. Akron University dropped the Herd 1-0 adding another loss to Marshall's record.

The Zips' winning goal came unassisted at 25:51 in the first half by Jeanie Stuckey.

The Herd's Ashleigh Woods, the MAC saves leader had eight saves for the game.

"Ashleigh has been a pillar, a rock for the team, she plays consistent" head coach Chris Kane said.

Akron's goalie Crystal Tabor had six saves for the game. Marshall out shot Akron 12-11 for the game but couldn't pull through with a goal of its own.

Cara Hemmerich led the Herd in shot attempts

"It's frustrating for me and for the players but, we continue to accentuate the positives" Kane added.

The Herd went into the game without a full roster. Two of their starters stayed on the bench because of team violations.

Kelly McAlear a freshman from Madison, Ala., and Heather Haney a freshman from Hilliard, Ohio sat the bench for disciplinary reasons but will be back on the field for the next game.

Kane said he is trying to keep the team's attitude positive for the season. As the team prepares for its next game, the players try to figure out where it is they are falling short.

"We just need to score and finish well, without a finish it is almost impossible to win" Ashleigh Woods a junior goalie from Penfield, N.Y., said.

The Herd's next match up is against Wright State University September 19 at Sam Hood Field.

The game is scheduled to be broadcast live on WMUL 88.1 FM

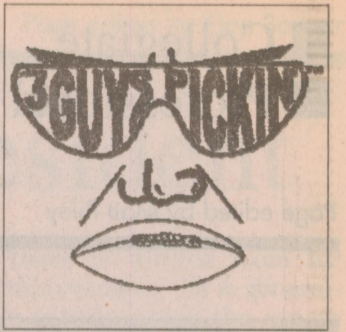


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