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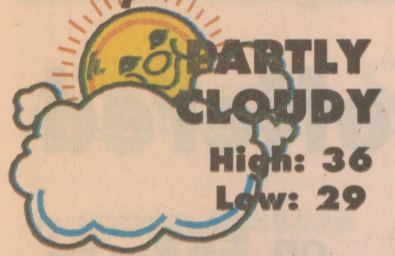
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Faculty Senate kept out of loop

Senators in the dark about Angel's evaluation release

by **ABIGAIL S. KIMBERLAIN**
reporter

The Marshall University Board of Governors did not notify the Faculty Senate or its president that information regarding President Dan Angel's evaluation was to be released.

A Jan. 21 press release from the Board of Governors provided highlights of the evaluation results.

Rebecca Cantley-Falk, reporter for The Herald-Dispatch, called Faculty Senate President and Professor of Music, Dr. Larry W. Stickler, for comment that evening, but he

was unavailable.

"I didn't know I was supposed to be available. The first I knew about it was from Rebecca Cantley-Falk's message on my machine," Stickler said.

Dr. Chuck G. Bailey, faculty senator and associate professor of journalism, was disappointed that the senate and others at the university were uninformed.

"They didn't call any of us. No one that should have



Sottile



Stickler

known knew," Bailey said. Board of Governors Faculty Representative, Dr. James M. Sottile, described the situation as a "balanc-

ing act," because Angel's evaluation and the results are confidential.

"We didn't want to break any laws, but at the same time get across to the public that the report has been done," Sottile said.

Bailey said that the Board of Governors didn't have to tell the entire faculty, but did need to tell President Stickler.

Sottile disagrees that Stickler should have been notified in advance,

because "the key was to maintain confidentiality."

Stickler said that being unavailable to The Herald-Dispatch was embarrassing for the senate, which he said was "left in the dark" about the press release.

Sottile said he plans to explain to the senators what happened at the Feb. 26 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

"We're supposed to get an answer, but I don't know if we will," Stickler said.

Summer orientation applications available next week

by **MARYBETH SPENCE**
reporter

Finding that dreaded summer job might not be so dreadful, as applications for new Student Orientation Leaders will be available next week. Becoming an orientation leader means students can make a few bucks and meet tons of new people, all while working only a few weeks of the summer.

Leaders are hired to help out during the summer orientations for incoming freshman by leading a groups of students around campus, building relationships with them, and answering questions, Sabrina Simpson said. Sabrina Simpson, senior advisor, has worked for Marshall for 13 years, but this will be her first time in charge of the summer.

Applicants must be in good academic standing, have an outgoing personality, good communication skills, be reliable and be flexible.

"We need those individuals who are self-driven and self-disciplined who can be a leader and take charge of a group," Simpson said.

"I loved being an orientation leader and would do it again," Erin Bradley, a senior marketing major from Huntington, said. Bradley was a leader two years ago and worked in the orientation office last summer.

"It's a great job," she said. "The best part was getting to know the incoming freshmen and helping them get to know Marshall. Not only do you get to know them, but also the other leaders and many staff members."

Simpson said, "It's a lot of responsibility but for those students who are strong leaders, it certainly would be a great opportunity for them to grow."

The job pays \$10 an hour and the orientation office receives about 60-70 applications each year, she said.

After reviewing the applications, a committee will choose 15-20 applicants to participate in a group interview from which eight leaders will be chosen.

Applications can be picked up at the Welcome Center, Admissions Office, Center for Academic Excellence, African American Students Program Office, and the Career Services Center. Interested graduate or undergraduate students can also apply online from the Admissions Office link on the Marshall Web site.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 20.

RETURN TO SENDER

University joins trend of not mailing grades home

by **SEAN STEWART**
reporter

The days of waiting for the mailman to deliver grades ended last semester and most students don't seem to mind, according to Roberta C. Ferguson, Marshall University registrar.

"I always checked my grades online, so it really didn't affect me that much," Mary K. Maxwell, a senior zoology major from Sistersville, said.

The Registrar's office has only received 25 to 30 complaints but "that's not nearly as much as I thought we would get," Ferguson said.

"I spoke with registrar's from other schools, and they said their numbers of requests have declined every year since they stopped sending grades home," Ferguson said. "If I have any regrets about changing our system, it's that we waited too long."

Students can access their grades through myMU or they can request printed copies from the Registrar by e-mail, letter or in person. "We accommodate every request for final grades, free of charge," Ferguson said.

Heather M. Rohrig, a sophomore psychology and Spanish major from Cincinnati, was among the students who requested their grades be mailed home. "I'd rather have a hard copy of my grades than something online that can just get messed up," Rohrig said.

Ferguson said there are no plans to make students pay for printed copies of their final grades. "I feel like the students have paid for their classes, so they're entitled to receive their grades."

She added that students need copies of their final grades sometimes. "Teachers need them for certification, some employers request them if they are paying a student's tuition and most scholarship applications request them," Ferguson said.

Ferguson also said she made the new policy decision based on input from a variety of sources, including research on other schools. "UK hasn't mailed grades for a long time," Ferguson said. The University of Charleston and Miami University (Ohio) have stopped sending grades home as well.

Another factor in Ferguson's decision was the new generation of students enrolling at Marshall. "They all have experience using the Internet, so it's easy for them to make the transition," she said. "The world has changed, and recognizing that, we have changed too."

The budget for the Registrar's office has also benefited. For the Fall 2002 semester, 16,433 grades were mailed to students, which cost the University \$6,080.21, according to Ferguson. She

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— Mary K. Maxwell,
senior zoology major
from Sistersville



SGA taking budget battle to Charleston

Student senate to team with Morgantown counterpart

by **JOHN A. WITHUM**
reporter

Marshall University Student Government Association (SGA) will be hitting Interstate 64 next week to fight for student issues alongside West Virginia University's SGA.

"We figure that two schools are better than one, and we're both after the same thing,"

SGA President Brandon Stevens said.

"I know WVU and Marshall have a big rivalry, but when it comes to the students, we're after the same goals."

One issue the trip will address is the cut higher education faces in the 2004 West Virginia state budget.

"We feel like these [issues] are the most," Stevens said. "There are a lot of problems that escalate when the budget is cut."

Gov. Bob Wise outlined a 2.5 percent budget cut for higher education in his Jan. 14 State of the State address, while other agencies will be facing a 9 percent cut.

The current cut of 2.5 percent is already unacceptable, according to Scott Lemley, director of advertising for SGA.

"Higher education is a necessity for the state to function properly," Lemley said. "It's a solution,

rather than a problem, to our budget problems in West Virginia."

The Feb. 3 event will be taking the place of this year's "Marshall Day at the Capital" event, which was canceled by President Dan Angel due to budget concerns. Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, announced the cancellation to SGA during the Jan. 27 meeting.

"We're in a financial situation where we need to make sure that every dollar we spend is spent responsibly," SGA Vice-President Seth Murphy said. "I'm disappointed that it's canceled, but I commend President Angel for making that decision that will be unpopular with some people."

Other topics to be addressed during the trip include tuition increases and the PROMISE Scholarship. Stevens said the issue with tuition increases speaks for itself. "Nobody wants to pay more money year in and year out," Stevens said.

Murphy said he doesn't think most legislators make decisions while keeping college students in mind and said the event would take the student voice to the capital.

"My own personal feeling is that many of the legislators in Charleston, they sit in their offices and go to their meetings, but how many decisions do they make that actually reflect that we've got young people in this state?" Murphy said. "We're fighting for the students on issues that affect all students."

Stevens said that anyone who wants to attend the event may e-mail him at brandon.stevens@marshall.edu.



Stevens



Murphy

Study Abroad Programs offer unique opportunities to students

LCOB sending students to South Korea

by **CHARLIE N. HILLMAN**
reporter

Marshall University's Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business (LCOB) is offering a new study abroad program in Korea this summer.

Kyungpook National University in Daegu, South

International programs like this are a way to gain a different perspective of the world and a way to increase your learning outside of the borders of West Virginia.

— Dr. Lorraine Anderson, associate dean of LCOB

Korea will be the host of the LCOB's new Business in Asia Summer 2004 study abroad program.

"International programs like this are a way to gain a different perspective of the world and a way to

increase your learning outside of the borders of West Virginia," Dr. Lorraine Anderson, associate dean of the LCOB, said.

Anderson, who is over international programs for

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by **CAROL CHRISTMAN**
reporter

The Department of Modern Languages offers a way for students to earn class credit while they travel.

The Study Abroad Program, created in 1989 by Dr. Maria Carmen Riddell, allows students to earn six to 12 credit hours of Spanish or French over the summer. Students can either participate in the Spanish Language and

Madrid, Spain, or the French Language and Culture Program in Lyon, France.

Students attend an academic program of either Spanish or French as a second language, at a university with other students from different parts of the world. Dr. Riddell said, "Ultimately, consciously or not, students compare themselves to those 'others,' to the Spaniards or to the

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"All You Can Learn" Language Buffet offered

by **LEE R. CLARKSON**
reporter

The Language Buffet, a program that provides practice in conversation and instruction in one of ten languages, will return for its eighth semester beginning the week of Feb. 9.

"The language buffet is a really neat instrument for internationalizing the community," said Clark Egnor, executive director of the Center for International Programs and English as a Second Language Institute. "The purpose is to pre-

pare people with language for travel, business trips and just having fun learning the language."

International students from Marshall University teach the courses. Izzy Fox, a graduate assistant at the Center for International Programs, coordinates the classes. Fox said the Language Buffet is important because it provides an opportunity for people to learn a language because they want to, not because they have to fulfill a class requirement.

Veronica Baumhardt, a full-time student from Brazil

in the L.E.A.P. program, said teaching Portuguese to foreign students is the most interesting job she has ever had. "With the language, we teach culture. We learn a lot from others," said Baumhardt.

Last semester, Mami Itamochi, a graduate student in geography, hosted a tea party in her course to teach her students how to speak Japanese.

She said the course provided a chance to spread knowledge of her language and culture to others while meeting people and learn-

ing about their culture.

Martin Gonett, an M.B.A. student from Italy, teaches Italian for the Language Buffet.

He said he had to learn how to be flexible last semester. Sometimes he prepared too much for his students, and he had to change his plan for a class.

Gonett said the Language Buffet is an important event because it offers languages that are unavailable at Marshall.

The Language Buffet offers classes in Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Japanese, French,

Spanish, Russian, Italian, Portuguese and German.

Class size averages 5-6 students. People in the Huntington community as well as Marshall students can register for classes online at www.studymarshall.com/languagebuffet.

A 10-week course in a language costs \$100, and meetings are held one evening a week in the Morrow Library basement.

"The result is not always just learning another language," said Egnor. "People realize, 'I'm developing as a human being. My outlook is

on the Web

More information about the Language Buffet is available by visiting the Study Marshall Web site at www.studymarshall.com/languagebuffet

changing.' We have a more peaceful world where people learn to live with each other."

Poultry slaughtered to control Bird Flu

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The World Health Organization insisted Wednesday the mass slaughter of infected poultry is key to controlling the outbreak of bird flu sweeping Asia, but Indonesia said it doesn't intend to order its farmers to kill their birds.

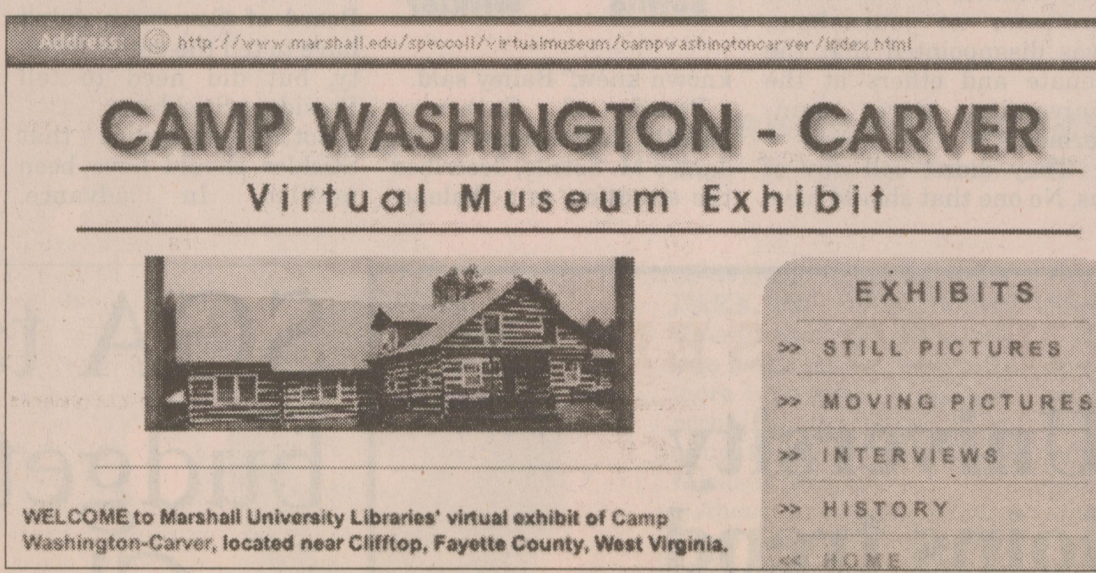
Two sisters in Vietnam became the latest human fatalities, bringing the death toll to 10.

Health ministers from across Asia held an emergency meeting in Bangkok on Wednesday to consider how to stop the disease, but did not reach a consensus on destroying their livestock.

Tens of millions of chickens and ducks have died in Asia — from the disease or in government-ordered slaughters aimed at containing it.

Indonesia has not officially reported bird flu cases to the World Health Organization, but announced Sunday it was combatting the virus. The head of the country's agricultural quarantine agency, Budi Tri Akoso, said Wednesday that slaughtering infected birds would be left to the discretion of farmers. The Indonesian government is considering a vaccination campaign for poultry.

Three international agencies — The World Health Organization, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health — have urged killing birds as the best approach.



This screenshot was taken from the Marshall University Libraries' Web site. The Camp Washington Carver Virtual Museum Exhibit includes rare photographs as well as movies and transcripts and audio clips.

Virtual Museum featured on Library's Web site

by **MELISSA N. DUNN**
reporter

The Marshall University Libraries' Virtual Museum is now showing an exhibit about the first 4-H camp for African American youth.

Located in Fayette County, Camp Washington Carver for African American youth, was established in 1942. Initially named West Virginia Negro 4-H Camp the camp changed its name to honor two legendary African American leaders, Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The camp was originally under the administration of West Virginia State College. The West Virginian Division of Culture and History took over in 1978 and rededicated the camp in 1980.

Since 1980, the camp has served as a mountain culture arts center as well as a

on the Web

More information about The Washington Carver Virtual Museum is available by visiting the University Web site at www.marshall.edu/speccoll/virtualmuseum/campwashingtoncarver/index.html

camp for various groups. In 1980, the camp's Great Chestnut Lodge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as the largest chestnut log building in the nation.

"I hope those that view the exhibit will enjoy it and will also come away more knowledgeable about the camp and the significant place it played in the lives

of the state's African American children," Lisle Brown, curator of Special Collections at Marshall University, said.

Included in the online exhibit are rare photographs of the camp buildings, camp personnel and camp participants engaged in activities.

Transcripts and some audio clips of interviews with people associated with the camp are also available.

There is also some rare motion picture footage from the '40s, soon after the camp opened.

The footage shows children participating in various activities at Camp Washington Carver.

For more information about the Camp Washington Carver's Virtual Museum visit the University Web Site at www.marshall.edu/speccoll/VirtualMuseum/CampWashingtonCarver/index.html.

Dean shakes up campaign with new manager

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Democrat Howard Dean shook up his faltering bid for the White House on Wednesday, replacing his campaign manager with a former Washington lobbyist tied to Al Gore.

In a further sign of distress, the one-time front-runner implemented cost-

cutting measures as he looked ahead to a series of costly primaries and caucuses, asking staff to defer their paychecks for two weeks.

"I think you are going to see a leaner, meaner organization," Dean told reporters Wednesday night. "We had geared up for what

we thought would be a front-runner's campaign. It's not going to be a front-runner's campaign. It's going to be a long, long war of attrition."

Dean said he wanted Roy Neel to take over office operations under the title of chief executive officer. He said he asked campaign

manager Joe Trippi to stay on as a campaign strategist focused on media and Internet operations.

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\$2,000 scholarship available for Latin language majors

by **CAROL CHRISTMAN**
reporter

The Classics Department is offering a \$2000 scholarship this semester for Latin majors.

The Maier Latin Scholarship, developed by the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation, is open to juniors and seniors who are enrolled in upper-level Latin classes. Dr. Caroline Perkins, chair of the Classics department, said they are looking for applicants who are good students, and intend to teach Latin after graduation.

Dr. Perkins said, the Classics department usually has one to three applicants each year, but because there are not that many Latin majors. The applications will be reviewed and selected by faculty and staff in the Classics department.

Applicants must submit a transcript with their application as well as a brief essay that explains the applicant's reasons for majoring in Latin and future academic and professional plans.

The \$2000 will be awarded to the student in two \$1000 payments, the first one in the fall, then the second in the spring.

"The \$2000 dollar award will go directly to the students tuition, unless that has already been paid, in this case, the money will go directly to the student," Dr. Perkins said.

Students who are interested in applying can pick up an application in the Classics department on the fourth floor of Harris Hall.

As of right now, the deadline for application submission has not been set, but Dr. Perkins said applications will be due sometime in March. Students can turn in their applications to Dr. Perkins, HH 406.

The winning applicant will be notified two weeks after the deadline for applications. The winning applicant will then attend an award ceremony in April, sponsored by the Maier foundation.

The Maier Latin Scholarship is being offered by the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation, founded by William J. Maier, Jr. in 1958. This foundation also honors outstanding students in the English department, Dr. John Young, English professor, said.

"The program's main benefit is to recognize outstanding student achievement in writing and Latin scholarship, which helps to develop a more intellectual climate on campus generally," Young said.

For more information about the Maier Latin Scholarship, students can contact the Classics department at 696-6749 or e-mail classical-studies@marshall.edu.

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Artists Series brings 'great events' this semester

by EVAN S. HUBBARD
reporter

The Marshall Artists Series (MAS) will end the month of January with a performance by Cuban trumpeter and composer Arturo Sandoval this Friday.

Angela Jones, director of marketing for MAS, said Sandoval is one of the foremost jazz musicians in the world. The event is sched-

uled for Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. at the Keith Albee Theater.

Jones said there would be many other events coming to the MAS this semester.

"We have a lot of great events for the spring. I think students will really want to take advantage of everything we are offering this semester," Jones said.

The MAS will continue with the Spring International Film Festival, Feb. 6 through 12.

Performing for the MAS on Feb. 17 will be the group Naturally 7, an a cappella group from the New York area. Also appearing with Naturally 7 will be the Appalachian Children's Chorus.

Performing on Feb. 24 is the Dance Theater of Harlem. The performance will mark the second visit to West Virginia in the history of the dance company.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts will present "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," a musical by two-time Tony Award nominee, Ken Ludwig and songwriter Don Schlitz on March 5. Jones said this would be the first performance from the Kennedy Center ever in West Virginia.

The MAS will conclude the month of March with a performance of Tennessee Williams' classic play, "A Streetcar Named Desire."

The performance is scheduled for March 25. The last show for the MAS for this semester is "Kiss Me Kate," the Tony Award-winning musical based on William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." The performance is scheduled for April 22.

Seth Rose, a music composition major from Huntington, said he has great expectations for the

upcoming performances. "I think the performance I am looking forward to the most is Arturo Sandoval," Rose said. "It should be awesome."

Student tickets are available for all performances at the box office of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center Monday through Friday, from noon to 5 p.m. Students must show their student I.D. to be admitted to all performances.

Sorority community service helps nationally and locally

by ANDREA M. KASTEIN
reporter

Each year Marshall University Greek organizations plan community service projects to get involved in. This year the Panhellenic Council (PHC) has decided that each woman in the sororities be required to do an additional five hours of community service outside of their philanthropy.

Philanthropy is the charity work or fund raising that each sorority chooses to do for an organization.

The individual chapters are responsible for deciding how many hours, as a whole, they want to participate in each semester. At the end of each semester an award is given to the sorority with the most community service hours.

"We feel that it is impor-

tant that each sorority be more community service oriented outside of their philanthropy," Beth Lewis, graduate student in student hunting and counseling from Huntington, said.

Lewis also said the women in the sororities are allowed to make monetary donations to a charity that would then count as one hour of their community service.

Last semester, the Delta Zeta sorority won the award for most community service hours. Delta Zeta's national philanthropy is the Gallaudet University for the Hearing Impaired. They do fund raisers for this organization, as well as charity work in the outside community.

Kristin Baker, a junior Delta Zeta and biology major from Springboro, Ohio, said they organize and participate in a cloth-

ing drive, an asthma walk, help with the Red Cross and read to elementary students once a week.

"This semester our goal as a sorority is to get each girl to do an additional five to seven hours outside of our philanthropy," Baker said. "It looks good on resumes and for future jobs."

The PHC and Greek officers keep track of the number of community service hours outside the philanthropy that each sorority takes part in.

Each chapter is required to fill out a community service log, which is a tri-copy. One copy goes to the PHC, one goes to the Greek officers and the last copy is for the individual chapter.

This allows the officers to make sure that each sorority is fulfilling their part in community service outside of their own philanthropy.

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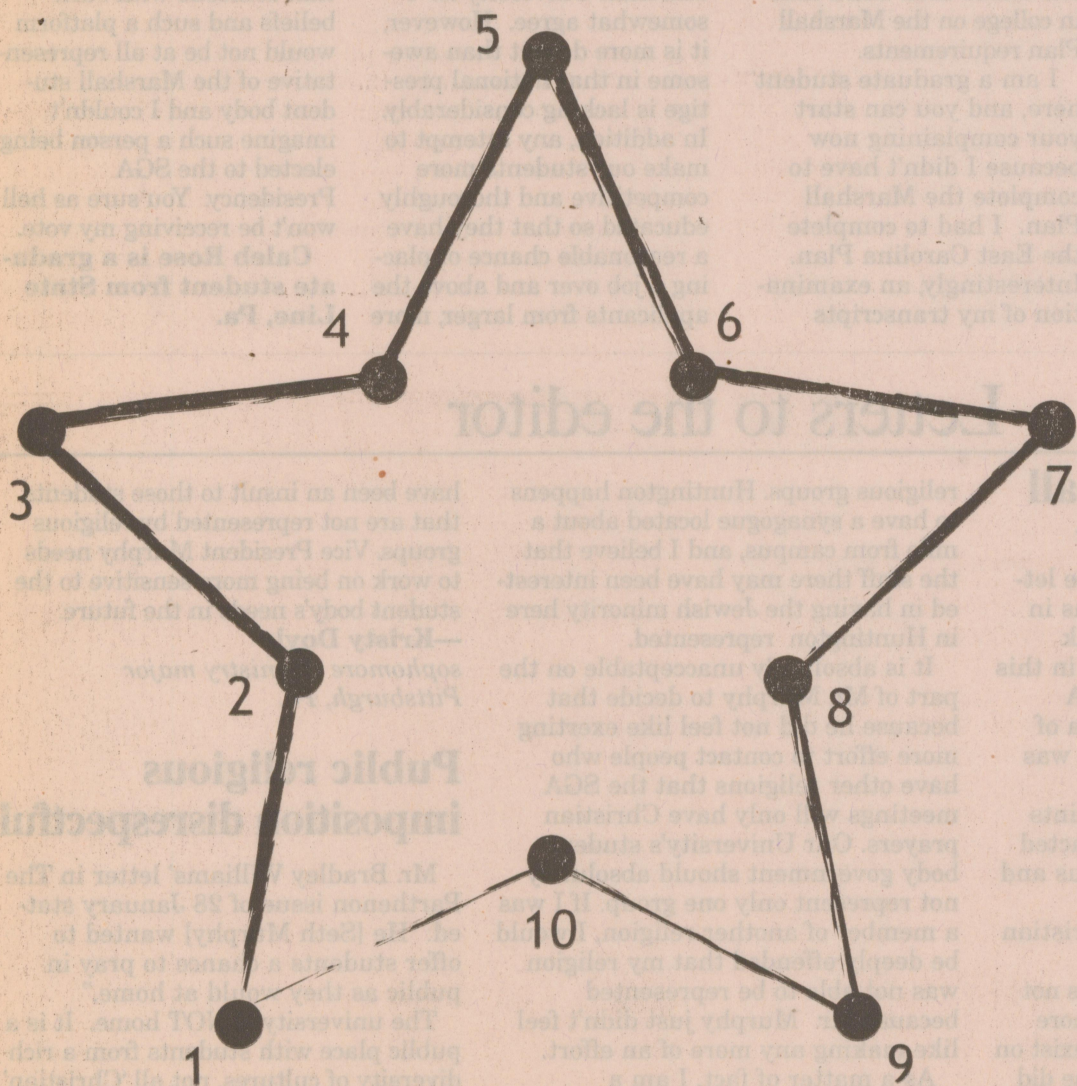
said 1,348 grades were mailed upon request last

fall, totaling \$498.76 in postage.

"We were receiving stacks of returned grade mailers every year that were never picked up,"

Ferguson said. "Clearly the students were accessing their grades online."

Freshman "D" and "F" midterm grades will not be affected by the new policy.



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French, and end up learning a great deal about themselves. This knowledge about themselves, about their resourcefulness and their strength, is perhaps one of the most important and exciting educational acquisitions."

Course credits can be earned in elementary, intermediate, and ad-

vanced Spanish and French language, as well as composition, conversation, literature, history and art.

Students will live with Spanish or French families, chosen by the university.

The summer 2004 program costs \$2,250. This price covers six credit hours of tuition, room and board, and three meals per day. Students will also have to purchase their own

airline ticket and passport.

Students can apply for the Study Abroad program until the end of the semester, however, Dr. Riddell said that she would like students to apply before March 15.

Students can go to the Department of Modern Languages located in Smith Hall, room 751 and pick up information.

Information on the program can be found at www.marshall.edu/language.

LCOB

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undergraduate students in the LCOB, said students will be able to earn six credit hours, three for a finance class and three for an international studies class.

Dr. Chong Kim, interim dean of the LCOB, said universities need an open system that encourages international relations and

promotes student exposure to multicultural experiences. "The human body is an open system, the university is an open system and society in Asia is an open system."

"Just reading about another culture, studying the language in a classroom with other American students isn't enough," Dr. Clark Egnor, director of the Center for International Programs at Marshall, said.

Any Marshall student who is a sophomore or higher may participate in the program. The program will take place June 28 through July 23. The cost of the program is \$1,760, plus airfare. The price includes room and board (three meals a day), six hours of tuition and field trips.

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Legislature needs to keep education in mind for aid

Next week the Student Government Association will be heading to Charleston to try to express the needs of higher education across the state.

Marshall University and West Virginia University are both sending student government members to visit the Legislature in light of the continued budget cuts ordered for state supported schools.

Despite having a kinder cut than other state agencies, which must trim 9 percent from their budgets, the schools still have to find a way to reduce spending by 2.5 percent.

It is doubtful that the SGAs and the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) will be able to convince the legislature to repeal the budget cuts, but many are hopeful that by continuing to present the issues before the House and Senate that higher education's needs will stay on the mind of legislators when the time comes for next year's budget to be decided.

The state is facing a possible \$120 million budget shortfall and is trying to find ways to avoid further deficit. Even though the schools are being asked to trim budgets, Wise and the state legislature propose "to transfer \$17.5 million from a 'higher education improvement fund' maintained by lottery revenue. He would also restore \$8.5 million from a prior round of budget cuts and add \$1 million to cover insurance cost increases," the Associated Press reports.

It is imperative that state colleges and universities receive as much funding as possible to build the sort of institutions of higher learning that are vital to a growing economy. If our schools are to be respected nationally, they need funding. If our region is to improve, we need to give businesses a reason to come to our area.

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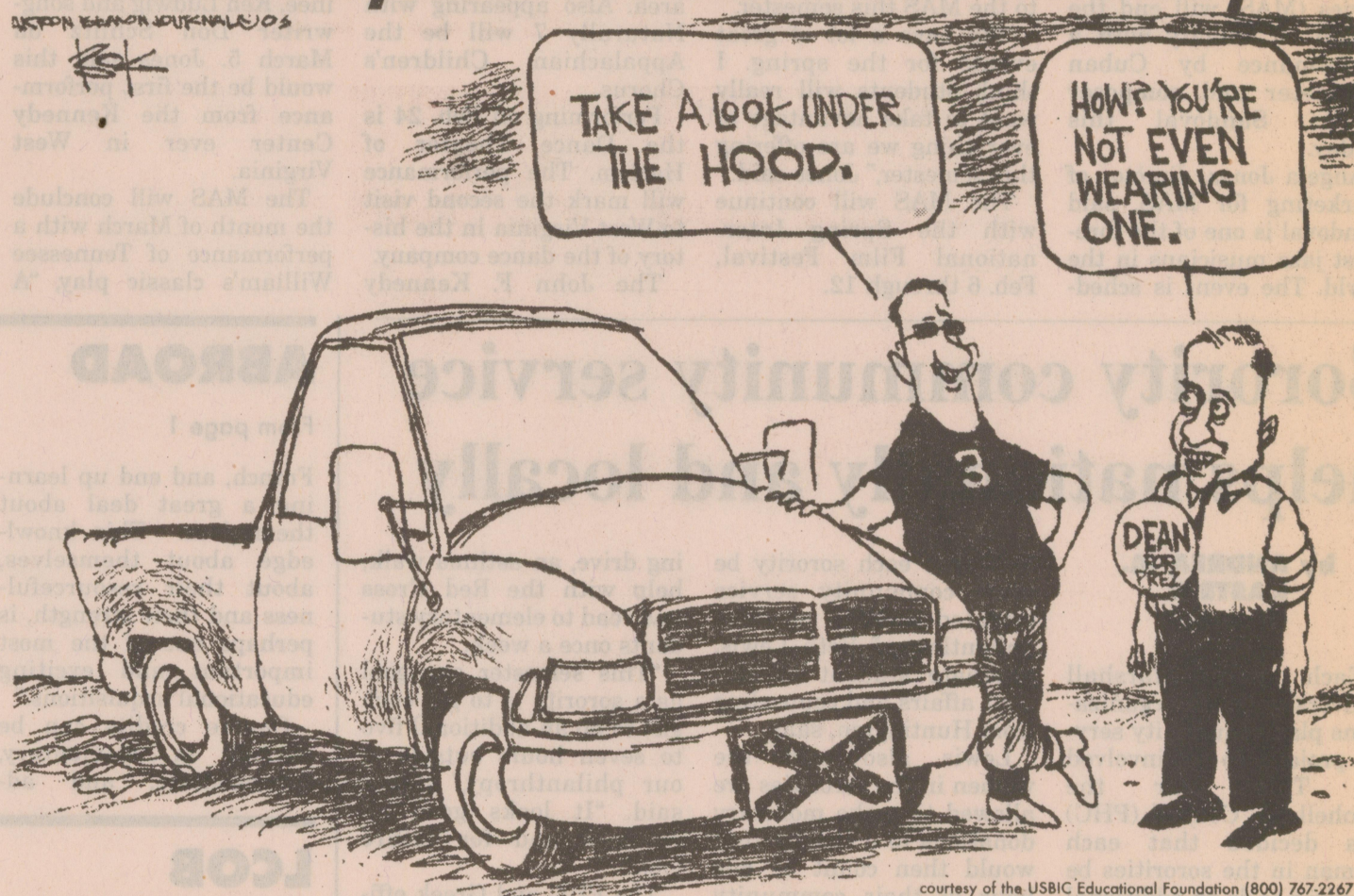
Everything, including building a strong educational reputation, takes money and it takes money to make money. Marshall has been working for years to encourage alumni and community members to invest in the school and has done an amazing job to date. Perhaps next year, the legislature will be able to balance the state budget without making severe cuts to government agencies. Perhaps Marshall will be able to begin bringing back benefits to students and faculty, but truthfully, we think it's going to take some time.

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Marshall Plan not impossible task

Allow me to introduce myself as "a rare find indeed," according to columnist Seth Murphy, because I happen to like the Marshall Plan. And yes, I agree with the statement that a well rounded education is a good education.

Interestingly enough, Mr. Murphy's opinion seems premature and un-educational. If there are students at Marshall University who are on a "Five Year Plan," I would sooner place blame on one too many nights at the bar or one frat party too many. Moreover, your column seems to insinuate that the Marshall Plan requirements be reduced so that students can take less than the par of 16 hours per semester.

For two years I worked as an Academic Advisor for undecided Liberal Arts and University College students. I made it a point to educate every student I saw on the Marshall Plan requirements. I even made up sheets to pass out to them so that they could keep track of their progress. With proper advising and an intrinsic

CALEB ROSE
 guest columnist

motivation, the Marshall Plan is a walk in the park.

This curricular extension isn't as inevitable as Mr. Murphy seems to believe. The mysterious and unavoidable "Fifth Year" you discuss is simply farcical. I am anxious to see your body of research proving that this "Five Year Plan" isn't better accounted for by a change of major midway through the collegiate career, being undecided on a career path for the first few semesters of college, or a general apathy toward school that was fueled by "too much partying." I have yet to hear someone blame their extra time in college on the Marshall Plan requirements.

I am a graduate student here, and you can start your complaining now because I didn't have to complete the Marshall Plan. I had to complete the East Carolina Plan. Interestingly, an examination of my transcripts

would reveal more strenuous requirements such as an additional 3 credits of the writing intensive requirement as well as an additional multicultural requirement. I am proud to report that I graduated with my Bachelor of Arts degree of Psychology in the standard four years. At this point I suggest that if you are not pleased with the Marshall Plan, consider the several other universities in the region that could accommodate your chosen career path. But those universities, like my Alma Mater, likely have similar "Marshall Plans."

Since I moved here, I always hear people talking about how awesome Marshall University is. I somewhat agree. However, it is more decent than awesome in that national prestige is lacking considerably. In addition, any attempt to make our students more competitive and thoroughly educated so that they have a reasonable chance of placing a job over and above the applicants from larger, more

renowned universities, is obviously a good thing.

If you really want my opinion, the Marshall Plan could use an upgrade. Now that the national spotlight on our university has been drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars, it seems important to focus on educational excellence for notoriety, not TV spots on ESPN.

Mr. Murphy, the fact that you seem to be in favor of downgrading a well rounded education supplied by our university has me outraged. There is nothing I detest more than someone who thinks a class is too hard or complains about their schedule because their Thursday night class is cutting into their "social life." I must say that someone with such beliefs and such a platform would not be at all representative of the Marshall student body and I couldn't imagine such a person being elected to the SGA Presidency. You sure as hell won't be receiving my vote.

Caleb Rose is a graduate student from State Line, Pa.

Letters to the editor

Representation of all students necessary

I'm writing in response to the letter written by Senator Williams in Wednesday's Parthenon. I think what needs to be remembered in this ordeal about prayer at the SGA meetings is that the whole idea of separation of church and state was not to exclude others.

In his letter, Mr. Williams points out that Mr. Murphy had contacted every religious group on campus and that it "is not the fault of Mr. Murphy that they were all Christian based religious groups."

Well, I disagree. Of course, it is not the Vice President's fault that more diverse religious groups do not exist on campus, but it is his fault that he did not think over the possibility that the minority of those who do not have Christian religious beliefs are so small here at Marshall that they are not represented by religious groups. I think it is a gross injustice on the part of SGA to say that since no other religion is represented on campus, then having only Christian prayer at the meetings is ok. If Mr. Murphy was serious about having a variety of religions represented at these meetings, then a greater effort could have been made on his part to contact representatives of other

religious groups. Huntington happens to have a synagogue located about a mile from campus, and I believe that the staff there may have been interested in having the Jewish minority here in Huntington represented.

It is absolutely unacceptable on the part of Mr. Murphy to decide that because he did not feel like exerting more effort to contact people who have other religions that the SGA meetings will only have Christian prayers. Our University's student body government should absolutely not represent only one group. If I was a member of another religion, I would be deeply offended that my religion was not able to be represented because Mr. Murphy just didn't feel like making any more of an effort.

As a matter of fact, I am a Christian, and I am deeply offended that we are working to exclude others from our SGA meetings. The fact of the matter is that the SGA represents the WHOLE student body, not just the majority of it. Those students who are of a minority as far as religious beliefs go are also supposed to be represented by the SGA.

So, do I think that Dr. McNearney overreacted by contacting the MUCLU and the WVACLU? No, I think that that was exactly the right thing to do. Handling it in any other manner would

have been an insult to those students that are not represented by religious groups. Vice President Murphy needs to work on being more sensitive to the student body's needs in the future.

—Kristy Doyle
 sophomore chemistry major
 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Public religious imposition disrespectful

Mr. Bradley Williams' letter in The Parthenon issue of 28 January stated: "He [Seth Murphy] wanted to offer students a chance to pray in public as they would at home."

The university is NOT home. It is a public place with students from a rich diversity of cultures, not all 'Christian' by any means. Imposing the rituals of one particular religion is insensitive and disrespectful. What has the supernatural to do with the SGA anyway?

Dr. McNearney was quite right in bringing this issue to public attention. This is a secular, state-funded campus, and is not the place to promote any religion. Perhaps Mr. Murphy should transfer to a 'bible college' where he may feel more "at home"?

—Nicholas Freidin
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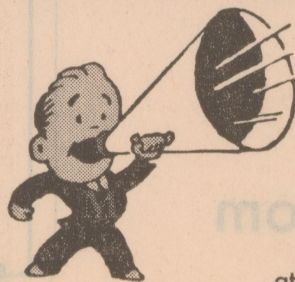
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RedHawks rule in OT

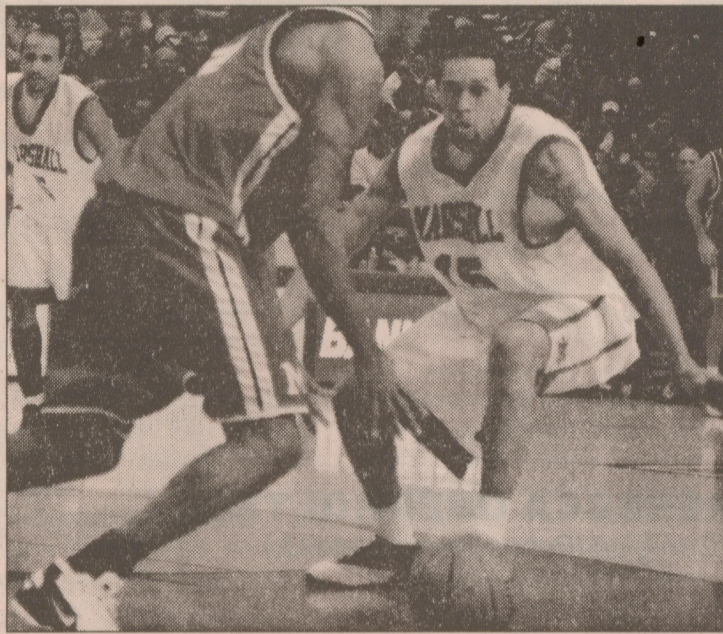
by BRAD MYERS
sports editor

Marshall and Miami (Ohio) battled back and forth Wednesday night during the two's Mid-American Conference match up, but the RedHawks were eventually able to pull away and finish the Herd off in overtime 51-48.

Marshall junior Ronny Dawn had 11 of his team leading 12 points in the second half to help the Herd tie Miami and send the game into overtime, but missed free throws and turnovers doomed the Herd in crucial moments of last night's game. Both teams shot below 35 percent in the first half, and only combined for 41 first half points.

For the second straight game, reserves Enoch Bunch and David Anderson helped Marshall stay close with their first half effort which produced 13 of the Herd's 19 points. Miami had a seven-point lead with 6:02 remaining in the opening half, but Bunch pulled the Herd close, scoring seven of Marshall's last eight points in the half. Despite having the lead for most of the first half, Miami only had a three-point advantage going into halftime.

The RedHawks would quickly start the second half with a 14-3 run that gave them a 14-point lead with just over 14:00 minutes left in the game. During the run, Marshall could only hit one field goal and one free throw during the RedHawk's run. Miami's lead would evaporate, however, as the



David Anderson eyes the ball in overtime Wednesday night.

RedHawks would watch the Herd have a run that would pull Marshall within contention before the end of the game.

Marshall's 20-6 run would eventually help the Herd tie Miami and send the game to overtime. The game-tying run lasted 13:41 left in the second half, and didn't end until Dawn tied the game at 42 at the end of regulation. Not only did Dawn hit the game tying shot with 25 seconds left, but he also scored 11 of the Herd's 20 points during the run. The RedHawks were only able to connect on two field goals, and hit two out of six free throws, allowing Marshall to send the game to an extra period.

Miami started the overtime period just as they did the first two periods of the game, grabbing the quick

lead with a run. The RedHawks, paced by senior 7-0 John, jumped to a 7-0 run, and looked to have the game in the bag. Marshall would again bounce back, however, with a 6-0 run that included three Herd players hitting both free throws that would put the Herd behind by only one. Miami would manage to score with only 10 seconds left on a Danny Horace offensive rebound that was put back up for two.

The Herd only had one final chance to tie the score, and went to Bunch, who under double-team pressure, missed the game-tying three pointer that sealed the RedHawks victory in overtime.

Miami head coach Charlie Coles said that most people would call the game ugly, but he and his team would take the low scoring win.

"That's the way we have to win sometimes," Coles said. "We'll take this win and be proud of it. You don't win much in Huntington."

Bunch said that free throws were one of the deciding factors in the game, and eventually hurt Marshall's chances of winning its fifth MAC game of the season.

"It kind of hurt us in the second half because if we would have hit those free throws, it would have gotten us over the hump," Bunch said.

Dawn agreed with his teammate, but said the team needed to get the first lead in overtime.

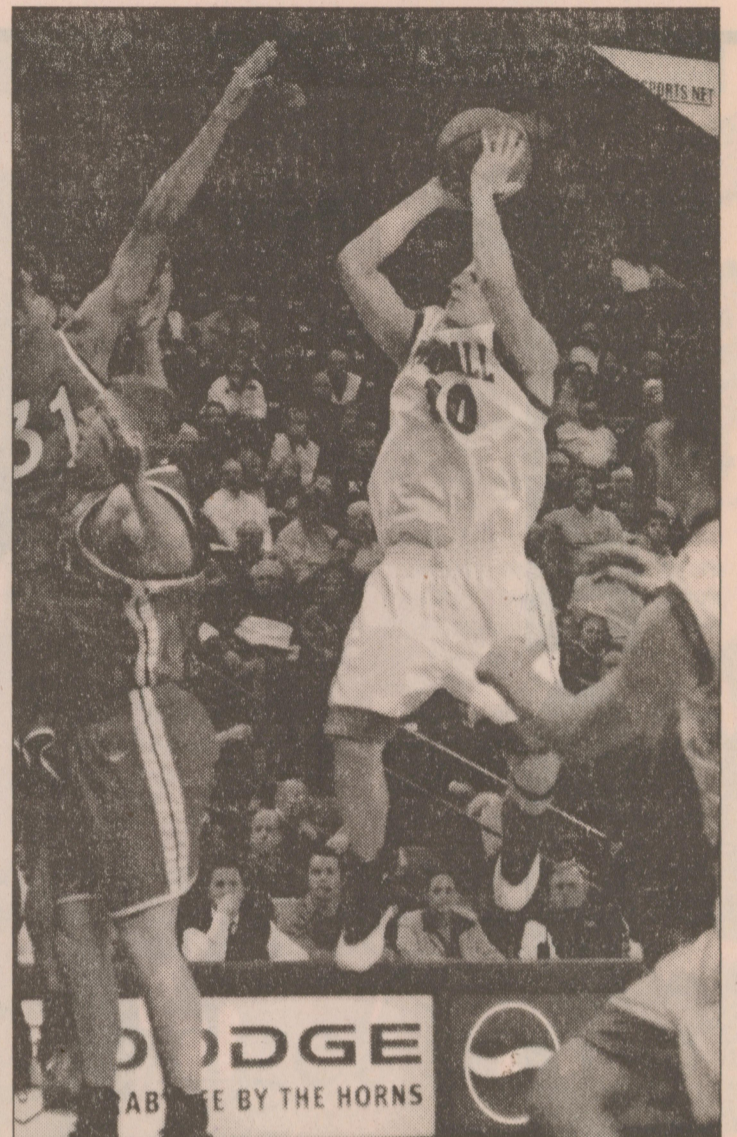
"We really needed to jump out to the lead in overtime," Dawn said. "The free throw team was the biggest missed opportunity. We could have had even more [points] with all the missed one-and-one's and the front ends."

Marshall head coach Ron Jirsa said that the free throws did hurt the team, but turnovers also hurt the Herd through the stretch.

"We can't win an important game with turnovers down the stretch and missed free throws," Jirsa said. "We had some turnovers in key times that really hurt our chances."

Jirsa also said he was upset with his team's focus and intensity in the overtime period, and that Marshall will have to address those problems in practice.

"I was disappointed with our intensity in overtime," Jirsa said. "When we're playing in overtime and we're



Ronny Dawn led all Herd scorers with a jumper in the lane. Dawn led all Herd scorers with 12 points against Miami.

concerned with our intensity than we've got some problems."

Dawn led all Marshall scorers with 12 points, followed by Bunch and Anderson who both finished with 9. Senior Marvin Black was held to just three points, and only one point in the first half. Coles said he was pleased with his team's ability to keep Black out of the game, but Jirsa thought Black did not give his all in the Herd's losing effort.

"I did not think Marvin played hard in this game," Jirsa said. "That's something we'll address in practice."

The loss is Marshall's first home MAC defeat of January, and the team set a new Henderson Center record with only 48 points total in the game. The Herd will now look to bounce back with their Jan. 31 meeting with Bowling Green in Ohio. Game time is set for 3:30 p.m. in the Anderson Arena.

Sign-ups start for seventh annual Campus Light five-on-five basketball tournament

by TRAVIS BAIN
reporter

The Campus Light Ministries is getting ready to host their Campus Light Five-on-Five Hoops Classic.

Their seventh annual, double elimination basketball tournament will begin on Saturday Feb. 21. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Grace Gospel Church on Adam Avenue & West 12th Street.

"It's big, and everybody has a really good time," Dave Greear, campus pastor for the Campus Light, said.

The first eight teams that sign up, and each team may consist of up to 10 players. Though the first round of the tournament are double elimination, the semi-finals are single elimination.

"We've had a number of teams play one year and then come back the following year," Greear said. "So it has really been successful."

The Hoops Classic winners may receive trophies, gift certificates for local pizza business and other prizes.

The tournament is open to any Marshall University stu-

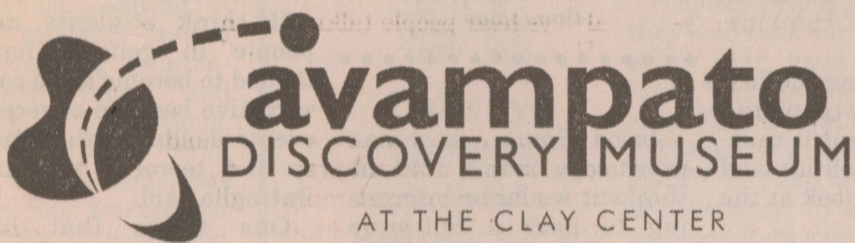
dents who are interested. Though it is normally students that participate, females are more than welcome to play too.

"It is primarily for Marshall students but we allow outside players as well," Greear said. "We just don't want an entire team of outsiders to join in." At least one quarter of the team has to be Marshall students.

There is a \$10 fee for each individual who participates and this cost will include a T-shirt and lunch. After the meal, there will be a trivia game for the players called "Bible Challenge."

Though it is mostly males who participate, females are more than welcome to play, Greear said. Each team can have a maximum of ten players. "We have already had four teams sign up," Greear said. "And we just can't handle any more than eight teams."

For more information on the tournament or to register a team, call the Campus Light Ministries at 529-1545.



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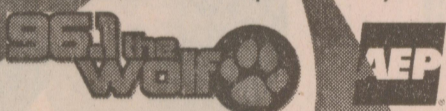
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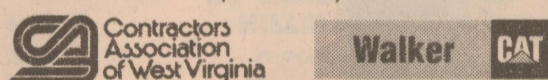
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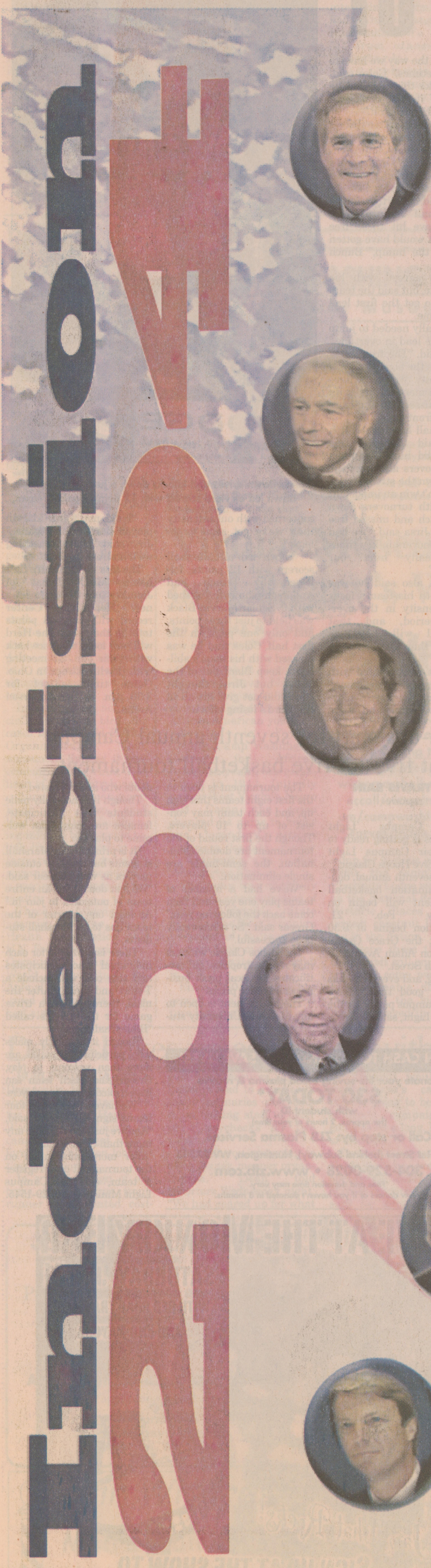
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Students show interest in elections

by **REBECCA OBERHOLTZER**
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — For the first time in about 30 years, college freshmen are becoming more interested in politics, according to a report by an educational institute released Monday.

About 34 percent of students surveyed in fall 2003 said following politics is important, compared to 28.1 percent in 2000, a record low, according to the 38th annual survey by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Jessica Hopkins, president of Pennsylvania State University College Democrats, said two factors come to mind in relation to the increase.

"The first is that we are coming into a presidential election year, and we always see more interest in election years. The second, being that this is the highest rise in 30 years, it's interesting because the Vietnam war was going on at that time," Hopkins said.

She said the Iraq conflict is not necessarily comparable to Vietnam, but it causes division in politics and causes people to look at the issues.

The survey's data was based on responses of 276,449 students at 413 U.S. baccalaureate colleges and universities.

Students were surveyed upon entering school in the fall, and their responses were based on their behaviors and ideologies from the previous year, which in most cases was their senior year in high school.

"I think the biggest factor in determining students' involvement with politics is where they grow up and how they grow up," said Brian Battaglia, president of Pennsylvania State

University's College Republicans.

Joyce Olsen, graduate-speech and language pathology, said she is in her second year of graduate school, and the time that has passed since her freshman year has been significant in shaping her thoughts.

"Just over the years, you learn so much. You could not be interested in something as a freshman but then learn more about it and really care four years later."

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 ●●●●● **Julie Jones,**
 freshman elementary education major

Jason Smutz, freshman psychology major, said he thinks it would be interesting to hear a follow-up report in four years from those surveyed in the study this fall.

"I think a lot would change. Students are graduating, and they are depending more on the government for stuff," Smutz said.

Hopkins said it's hard for her to say whether she thinks students' ideas change after four years in college.

"You would probably see some people that are more involved, but you would also see some people who become cynical when they get more involved and drop

out of politics," Hopkins said.

Julie Jones, freshman elementary education major, said she doesn't consider herself a political person, but she registered to vote this year.

Jones said she agrees that the upcoming election and the Iraq war have been two events that called attention to the political spotlight.

"I'm registered as a Democrat, but as far as being a liberal or conservative, I'm in the middle," Jones said.

While there has been a shift in political interest, the survey also reported a shift to more students labeling themselves as conservatives than in the past.

In 2003, 22.7 percent of those surveyed identified themselves as conservatives, up from 21.3 percent in 2002. The percentage of liberal freshmen is still higher at 24.2 percent, but it decreased from 25.3 percent in 2002.

"I think students and people in general have tended to become more conservative because of recent events dealing with security and terrorist attacks," Battaglia said.

One figure that has remained fairly consistent during the past couple of years is the percentage of freshmen who considers themselves in the middle, around 50 percent.

Hopkins said more voters are less interested in being involved with one party and more interested in being Independents.

"The political pendulum swings back and forth," she said. "About 30 years ago, liberals dominated, then in the '80s was the era of Reaganism. Overall there maintains an equilibrium, which is part of the natural progression of politics."



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