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Solving the puzzle of student fees

Many students not certain of how tuition, fees divided

by **MICHAEL D. WOOTEN**
reporter

As Marshall students settle into their dorm rooms or apartments the first couple weeks of the semester, many parents are back at home shelling out some dough and writing big checks to Marshall University to pay for the students' college expenses. However, most Marshall students and parents do not even

know where their money really goes.

For the current semester, in-state tuition for undergraduates is only \$165 per class. That is a shock to many students, including Sharon Shaffer, a sophomore psychology major from Elkins.

"That is ridiculous," Shaffer said. "I think students should know exactly where their money is going. It's amazing to know we're only paying \$165

per semester for tuition."

The majority of the expenses at Marshall University go to numerous student fees, Herb Karlet, Marshall's senior vice president for finance, said.

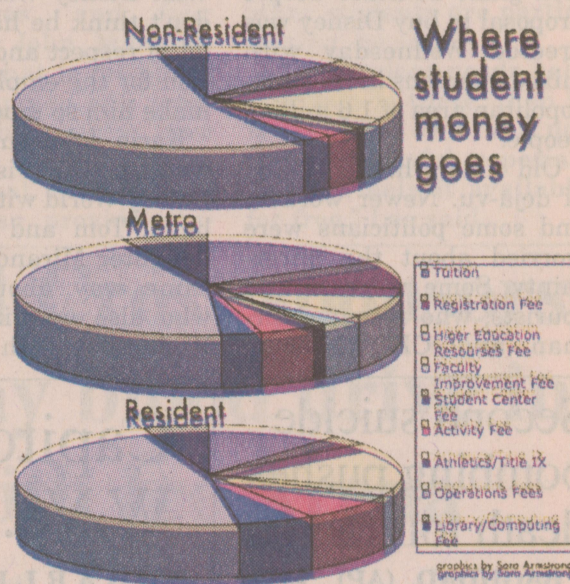
"West Virginia is different from most other states in that it identifies one small segment of money and calls it tuition," Karlet said. "This money only goes to capital construction and bond payments."

Karlet said the rest of the money is paid through student fees.

First, there are three system-wide fees that all students must pay, according to the fee planning schedule.

Marshall in-state undergraduate students currently pay \$50 in a registration fee, \$220 in a Higher Education Resource Fee (HERF) and \$35 in a faculty improvement fee. For non-resident (out-of-state) undergraduates, those fees increase to \$250 for registration, \$553 for HERF and \$105 for faculty improvement.

Marshall undergraduates must also pay several college-wide fees. The largest of these is the operations fee, which is \$823 for in-state students this semester. That is an increase of \$139, or 20 percent, over last year.



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Faculty rep named to ID Card team

by **ABIGAIL S. KIMBERLAIN**
reporter

A faculty representative has been appointed to the ID Card Implementation Team, which is in charge of the new Marshall University Higher One ID/Debit card.

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate elected Wendy T. Moorhead, collection access librarian in the John Deaver Drinko Library.

Faculty members were asked to volunteer for the position. Of the six who did, Moorhead garnered the most votes.

"I wanted to be on it, because the library uses the card so much," Moorhead said.

Moorhead wants to make sure the ID Card Implementation Team is aware of how the new card will affect the library.

"I don't know if they know how much we use it here [in the library]," she said.

Marshall University ID cards are required for borrowing library books. University ID points are also used to pay fines.

"The function of the team will be to provide a smooth transition from the current ID card to the new Marshall One Card," Karen E. Kirtley, director of auxiliary operations, said.

"Representatives from key areas on campus are part of these teams," she said.

Kirtley supports the addition of Wendy Moorhead.

"We [ID Team] believe it is important to have faculty representation as well as a cross-section of the entire campus community," Kirtley said.

Faculty Senate President, Larry W. Stickler, said the ID Card Implementation Team "needs faculty input," and considers Moorhead a "good choice" to represent the faculty.

Tree dedicated to deceased professors

by **CARLIE N. HILLMAN**
reporter

A tree dedication ceremony was held Wednesday in memory of three Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business professors.

The business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, held the ceremony in honor of Drs. Joseph Abramson, Steven Shuklian and John Wallace. A tree was planted during Christmas break as a memorial for the professors.

Drs. Fred Mader, Alina Zapalska and Rick Weible reflected on each individual's personal and professional life.

"I thought the way to look at Joe's life would be to look at his roles, the things that he did that impacted people around the Marshall community," Mader, who spoke about Abramson said. "What would people say

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Risque performance begins run tonight

by **ANN K. ALI**
reporter

If being controversial means raising the awareness of women's feelings, struggles and intimate anatomic descriptions dressed in humor, consider "The Vagina Monologues" pegged.

Anyone afraid of the word vagina should try to leave that fear at home before viewing "The Vagina Monologues" this Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Francis S. Booth Experimental Theatre. The word vagina and various equivalents is in the unadorned title of the play and unabashedly through the opening lines of this play enough to make any grandma blush.

"If your vagina got dressed up, what would it wear?" The actors have practiced together over 30 hours to achieve the comfort

The togetherness of so many women from so many different places in life is amazing.

— **Tori Wucher**, Upward Bound program coordinator

used in casually talking about vaginas with the audience. Once the fear of vaginas is abandoned, even the most reserved grandma can see the true message of Eve Ensler's interviews-turned-novel-turned-play. Some monologues are based on one woman's story and some are many women's stories focused on one topic.

"The togetherness of so many women from so many different places in life is amazing," said Tori Wucher, Program Coordinator for Upward Bound, who performs a monologue about birth.

Ensler's interviews spanned many ages and cultures just as the assembly of Marshall students, faculty, staff and Huntington residents work together to create the captivating energy of "The Vagina Monologues." The theatre department has lent the program props, lighting and sound.

Ann Lindon, Adjunct Professor in the History Department and Anne Swedberg, Tutoring

Coordinator at Marshall's Academic Center have been directing the auditions and rehearsals for this group since November. Some schools only cast three actors for "The Vagina Monologues" but Marshall's performance this year has the biggest cast ever seen since beginning three years ago. Everyone who auditioned has a part with the show somewhere.

"It's sort of a woman power thing for me," said Kathy Seelinger, professor of education at Marshall.

Pink, representing healing, is the color Ensler chose to dominate the play this year. "The Vagina Monologues" is performed around the world on V-day to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within individual communities.

"V-day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls," according to the V-day Web site, www.vday.org. This year there will be more

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Vagina Monologues

Student and senior tickets are \$7 and \$12 for the general public.

Tickets can be purchased in the Women's Center, 143 Prichard Hall, the box office, and the Memorial Student Center.

The Women's Center can be reached at 696-3338.

AD Club raising cash with Valentines, contest

by **CAROL CHRISTMAN**
reporter

The Marshall University Ad Club will be selling "Vicious Valentines" this week in celebration of Valentine's Day.

According to a news release, these non-traditional valentines have sayings like "Skinny is 50 miles that way — keep running," and "Guess what, lover boy? I'm pregnant."

According to Josh Hager, Ad Club member, the idea for this fundraiser came from a fundraiser done by the Ad Club about 10 years ago. "They came up with the concept, and some of the valentines from way back then were left over, so we kind of just ran with it," Hager said.

Students can purchase as



many of these valentines as they wish, there is no limit, according to Zak Richards, Ad Club member. The valentines cost \$1 each, or \$2 if students want the Ad Club to mail the valentines for them.

Vicious Valentines can be purchased Feb. 11-13 on the first floor of Smith Hall or in the lobby of the Student Center.

The money raised will go toward Ad Club activities and trips to different conferences.

"We were concerned that the valentines alone might not bring in very much revenue, so we were thinking of some other things we could do to raise money," Hager said.

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SOJMC sponsors job, intern fair today

by **CAROL CHRISTMAN**
reporter

The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications (SOJMC) will be sponsoring a Career and Internship Fair Thursday.

The fair is scheduled to be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Marvin L. Stone Library on the third floor of Smith Hall.

Representatives from the Charleston Daily Mail, WSAZ-TV, The Arnold Agency, Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Motion Masters, and representatives from other organizations and agencies will be available to speak to students.

The Career and Internship Fair allows students to talk to people and start planning what type of internships they may or may not be interested in. This also gives the students the ability to interact face to face with professionals, according to Allyson Goodman, internship coordinator for the SOJMC.

Student also have the chance to meet with representatives and build up a network of contacts, that could be useful later on, Goodman said.

Goodman, along with Dr. Harold Shaver, dean of the school of journalism, began planning the fair in January, so students would have the opportunity to meet with representatives from various organizations and companies.

According to Shaver, the information is out there for students doing internships, but many students haven't had the opportunity to speak with the people representing the organizations.

The school of journalism sponsored an internship fair a few years ago, according to Dr. Shaver, but many of the students who attended were upper-level students, who needed an internship to graduate.

Freshman and sophomores, who may not be yet to begin an internship ready, are also encouraged to attend. It is the students' job to apply for internships, according to Goodman, and the more internships they do, the better it looks to employers.

Students interested in attending the Career and Internship Fair, can bring a copy of their resume with them, and should dress appropriately, like someone that a company would like to hire, according to Goodman.

For more information, students can contact Prof. Allyson Goodman at (304) 696-6025, or by e-mail, goodman4@marshall.edu. Students can also contact Shaver, at (304) 696-2738 or by e-mail, shaver@marshall.edu.



Shaver

Comcast makes unsolicited bid for Disney

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. exerts no greater influence on a single community than in this metro area where 1 out of 17 jobs come from the entertainment giant's theme parks and resorts.

So it should come as no surprise that cable television giant Comcast Corp.'s proposal to buy Disney was greeted Wednesday with mixed emotions in this metropolitan area of 1.6 million people.

Old timers had a feeling of deja-vu. Newer workers and some politicians were worried about the uncertainty. Some workers and tourists, who resent chairman and CEO Michael

Eisner's leadership, were gleeful.

"If it gets Michael Eisner an attitude adjustment, then that's a good thing," said Donna-Lynne Dalton, recording secretary for Teamsters Local 385, which represents costumed workers and bus drivers at Walt Disney World. "I just don't think he has a whole lot of respect and appreciation for the employees that make him so much money."

Karin Johnson, a Seattle woman who visited Walt Disney World with her husband, Tom and 2-year-old daughter Miranda, felt the same way about Eisner, who also was in Orlando Wednesday with other top

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— Donna-Lynne Dalton, recording secretary for Teamsters Local 385

Disney executives for a meeting with investment analysts.

"I don't like Michael Eisner. I think he's in it for the money, not the magic," Johnson said as she rode on a monorail from the Magic Kingdom theme park. "This could be a good thing if they handle it right."

Comcast, the nation's biggest cable systems operator, made an unsolicited offer Wednesday for Disney for stock valued at about

\$54 billion. If the deal goes through, the combined company's revenue would surpass that of Time Warner Inc., the world's biggest media company.

Eisner declined earlier this week to discuss a possible merger. But Disney's board said it would consider the offer.

Visitors to Disney World on Wednesday were oblivious to the corporate intrigue. They lined up on Main Street in the Magic

Kingdom to get Daisy Duck's autograph. They listened as Snow White lip-synched "Someday my Prince Will Come" during a show in front of Cinderella's Castle.

Many workers also weren't aware of the proposal.

"We haven't heard anything," said Angel Rosario, a worker at the Pop Century Resort. "Some times, changes can benefit a company."

Luke and Shellie Giroux,

tourists who with their young sons had just had breakfast with costumed characters Pluto and Chip 'n Dale, said it was hard to reconcile the business maneuverings swirling around the company with the Disney fantasy world that they were experiencing.

"Yes, it's a moneymaking business, but it doesn't seem like that," said Shellie Giroux, a dental hygienist from West Hartford, Conn. "It creates magic."

There are more than 918,000 workers in metro Orlando's labor market, and Disney World accounts for about 55,000 workers, or about 6 percent of the work force.

Second suicide bombing pushes death toll to 100

BAGHDAD, (AP) — A second suicide bombing in as many days killed up to 47 people Wednesday, pushing the toll in the back-to-back attacks to 100. Again, Iraqis were the targets — this time, a crowd of volunteers for Iraq's new army — in an apparent campaign to wreck U.S. plans to transfer power by summer.

The U.S. military posted a \$10 million bounty on a Jordanian militant suspected of organizing violence by foreign fighters and plotting an acceleration in attacks aimed at sparking a Sunni-Shiite civil war in Iraq.

The United States made public a letter to al-Qaida leaders thought to be sent by the militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. In it, he warns that militants are in a "race against time" to stop the June 30 handover of power, when Iraqi security forces will take a stronger role in battling the insurgency. The military announced Monday that it intercepted the document.

In Wednesday's attack in Baghdad, an Oldsmobile packed with 300 to 500 pounds of explosives drove up to a crowd of Iraqis waiting outside an army recruitment center — only a few blocks from the heavily fortified Green Zone, headquarters of the U.S. administration.

The driver detonated the explosives, killing 47 people and wounding 55, the U.S.-led coalition said. The Iraqi Interior Ministry put the toll at 46 dead.

The aim Wednesday was clearly to kill Iraqis working with the U.S.-led coalition, rather than a particular religious group, because the crowd was likely a mix of Sunnis and Shiites.

But the suicide bombing Tuesday targeted a mostly Shiite town, Iskandariyah, south of the capital. A truck carrying a similar amount of explosives blew up outside a police station, killing 53 Iraqis, including would-be recruits lined up to apply for jobs.

There was no claim of responsibility for the rare consecutive attacks, but Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack Jr., commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, said he saw a connection between al-Zarqawi — and his memo — and the recent bombings.

"Iskandariyah is right on the line between Sunni and Shiite, so the attack there might be trying to foment some kind of civil war," said Swannack, whose division is based in the town.

A U.S. official in Washington said al-Zarqawi's involvement could not be ruled out, but that the blasts were more likely the work of supporters of Saddam Hussein. "They view police in training to be collaborators with the U.S.," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Capito plans to visit W.Va. troops overseas

CHARLESTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito will travel to Iraq and Afghanistan to meet with soldiers from West Virginia and to observe re-construction efforts, her office announced Wednesday.

"I am going to use this trip to see first hand how our efforts are working and what we can do to best support our troops," the 2nd District Republican said in a news release.

American taxpayers have made a "significant investment" in rebuilding the area, Capito said. "That is why I hope to tour major infrastructure projects that have been rebuilt, such as oil fields and electrical grids."

Capito will travel with a bipartisan group of members of Congress led by Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va. She also plans to meet Iraq's top American administrator L. Paul Bremer during the visit.



Moore-Capito

According to the latest Department of Defense figures, West Virginia has about 3,400 National Guard and reservists on active duty to support national and international missions related to the nation's war on terrorism.

Because of the state's concentration in specialized areas such as engineering and military police, many West Virginians have been sent to Iraq.

Specific dates and sites for the trip were not announced.

Boy injured in schoolyard shooting

PHILADELPHIA, (AP) — A 9-year-old boy was shot in the face on a school playground Wednesday and a crossing guard was wounded, caught apparently in the crossfire between two groups of men, police said.

Children were arriving for class and some were playing in the schoolyard when dozens of shots rang out about 8:30 a.m., police said. Youngsters ran screaming toward the building as teachers and parents frantically tried to pull them inside to safety.

Police searched for the gunmen and a gray Lincoln Continental.

The third-grader, Faheem Thomas-Childs, underwent brain surgery and was reported in extremely critical condition. The crossing guard, Debra Smith, 56, was treated for a wound to the right foot.

The victims were apparently caught in the crossfire as two men in a car and

We have innocent children just on their way to school getting shot in the head.

— Sylvester M. Johnson, police commissioner

three men on the sidewalk shot at each other, police said.

The shooting occurred near the Thomas M. Peirce Elementary School in downtown North Philadelphia, a section of the city where drugs and crime are common.

"We have innocent children just on their way to school getting shot in the head," a shaken Police Commissioner Sylvester M. Johnson said outside the hospital. "We want to get

these people off the street." "It makes me angry, sad, upset," said parent Mildred Smith as she arrived to pick up her child. "This is a terrible tragedy."

The school district offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

The school made news in 1999, when the principal closed the library because its books were so old that some did not mention the 1969 moon landing or the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education.

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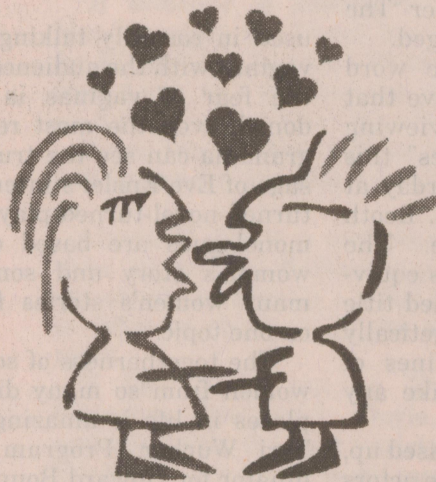
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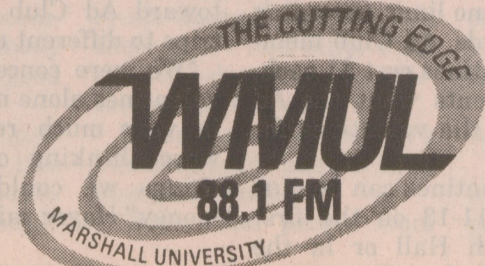
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John Marshall Scholars offer tutoring to students

by JENNIFER PIERCE
reporter

Free tutoring sessions for any subject are being offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 to 10 p.m. each week for students in Morrow Commons of the Morrow Library.

John Marshall scholars are meeting in the commons area of the library, offering help to students in mathematics every Monday, biology and chemistry every Tuesday, and miscellaneous subjects including accounting, economics,

spanish, english and history each Wednesday.

Dr. Evelyn Pupplo-Cody, professor of mathematics and chair of the Honors Council, plans seminars in conjunction with the Honors convocation and helps advise scholars.

"No one is good at everything," Pupplo-Cody said. "We all need a little help every once in a while, no matter how bright we are."

The tutoring sessions have not had many takers yet, according to Pupplo-Cody, who has taught math at all levels, for 15 years at

Marshall.

Pupplo-Cody said time is always an issue with students, but students are too passive and tend to give up too easily.

"Students are too polite; they don't want to be a bother. My time is theirs to waste. Some students don't realize that it is their responsibility to go out and learn the material," Pupplo-Cody said.

She said Chasing down professors to ask a question and taking advantage of free tutoring sessions to get extra practice in a subject

or to clear up a minor misunderstanding that could lead to more confusion is proactive and is what will help students succeed in college.

Adam Lee, a John Marshall junior chemistry major from Romney, tutors biology and chemistry Tuesday nights and is a member of the John Marshall Scholar Advisory Council (JMSAC).

"Originally we set up the tutoring sessions to help John Marshall scholars who needed help to maintain good grades before

falling through the cracks. The board members decided that it is tough to maintain a 3.5 grade point average in any field of study, and that all students could benefit from extra hands-on work," Lee said.

He said the advisory council members, one senior, two juniors, three sophomores, and four freshmen John Marshall scholars that is mediated by Dr. Pupplo-Cody, meet one night every two weeks for about an hour, agreed that the sessions would also provide stu-

dents with a chance to meet people in similar situations.

It can be beneficial to students to get different perspectives of things within a group. Even 20 students is a start, and then commuters may be willing to make a trip to campus, if they know other students are participating, he said.

"If a student needs help and help is there, then it is his or her own fault not to be successful, especially when help it available for free," Lee said.

FEES

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For non-resident students, the operations fee is \$2,627 per semester, an increase of \$480, or 22 percent, over last year.

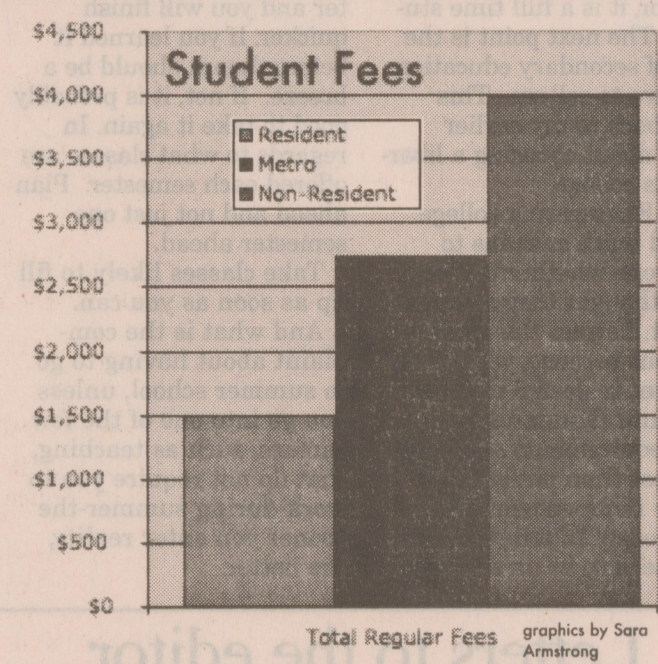
Although many students said they did not even know such a fee existed, Karlet said the operations fee is allocated throughout the university and is essential to running the institution.

"It goes everywhere from running finances to plant operations to paying some salaries," Karlet said.

Students also pay a large chunk of change to library and computing services. For the current semester, in-state undergraduates pay \$80, and non-resident undergraduates pay \$200.

The last of the college-wide fees is the activities fee, which supplies funds for operating expenses to many student organizations on campus including intercollegiate athletics, health services and even the Parthenon. That fee costs students \$258 this semester, but an increase is now likely, according to Seth Murphy, a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Student Fees (PACSF).

"In the end, the committee decided to recommend to the president a small raise in student fees, approximately 2.3 percent, which comes to about \$7



per student," Murphy said.

Intercollegiate athletics receives the largest percentage of the student activities fee at \$99 per student per semester. That amount will likely not increase next semester, although some members of the PACSF, including Murphy, argued it should.

Students in certain programs pay program specific fees.

In-state students in the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business pay \$200 per semester in a program specific fee, while non-resident students pay \$360.

Several other programs also charge program specific fees. Students in integrated science and technology programs pay \$100 extra per semester, students in the College of

Information Technology and Engineering pay an additional \$50 per semester, fine arts majors pay \$75 extra per semester, nursing students pay \$125 more per semester and health sciences students pay an additional \$50 per semester.

The last in the long list of fees that Marshall students pay are known as special student fees.

These fees include \$100 for students who study abroad, \$35 for applied music classes and \$136 per credit hour for Internet courses, in addition to several dozen others.

Last year, many of the large fees increased, specifically the hefty operations fee. Karlet said another hike in many of the fees is likely again this year.

American Red Cross sponsors Valentine's Day blood drive in conjunction with Ice Arena

by TRAVIS A. BAIN
reporter

The American Red Cross in conjunction with the Tri-State Ice Arena (TSIA) is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, Valentine's Day, from 12 - 6 p.m. at the Tri-State ice Arena on 610 28th St.

"It is very important for someone to share from their heart," Susie Wade, American Red Cross Donor Market Specialist, said. "And what better day to do so than on Valentine's Day."

"The Red Cross is in extreme need of blood," Mark McClung, Marketing Assistant for the TSIA, said. "We're hoping to get a good number of people to take time and donate."

The Red Cross' blood inventory is very low, and it takes more than 200 units of blood to supply the hospitals in the Tri-state

We have a skate-a-thon in the works which will be much like a walk-a-thon, only on skates.

— Mark McClung, marketing assistant for the TSIA

area. Wade said, Though all blood types are needed, most shortages have been with type O blood.

"You never know when it will be you or one of your loved ones who will need blood," Wade said. "There is no substitute for a donor, it has to come from another human."

At the blood drive, the Red Cross will be giving out magnets to donors, and there will be free skate rentals given out to all Marshall students who donate blood. A valid MU ID is all that is needed.

"We started this because we are in a renovation process," McClung said. "This is our first step in

VICIOUS

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The Ad Club then came up with the idea for "The Guess What I Ate Kissing Contest," which will be held in the student center Thursday.

The couple who kisses the longest will win the grand prize, which is half of the money collected from those who entered the contest, Hager said.

All contestants who can

guess what their partner ate gets to dip their hand into a prize bag which will have various gift certificates and prizes, so everyone wins something, Hager said.

Students can sign up to participate in this contest at tables where they buy the Vicious Valentines on the first floor of Smith Hall, or in the student center.

"The Guess What I Ate Kissing Contest" will begin at 3 p.m., and costs \$3 per person.

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than 2,000 V-day events taking place in over 1,000 locations around the world. The 'V' in V-day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina.

"I don't even want to be able to explain it," said Linden about the powerful ability of "The Vagina Monologues" to connect a diverse cast and pull in the audience.

The show, which refers to the vagina as a sacred

vessel and also a cochie snorcher, is not meant to be a commentary.

"Ticket sales are going very well," said Tolliver, a big leap from the first production when Swedberg and Linden thought they would have to read every part.

Tickets are available at the box office the night of the show, or at the Women's Center, 143 Prichard Hall. Student tickets are \$7 and others are \$12. The Women's Center can be contacted at 696-3338.

TREE

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about Joe, how would they describe how Joe was in each of those roles?"

Mader described Abramson as a friend, colleague and teacher. He said Abramson was, "insightful, considerate and plain thoughtful."

"We are here today not because the dean said to be here, not because I or the other division heads said to be here, not because of the other faculty," Mader said. "We are here because the students felt that this was important for the faculty they have lost."

"John, we know you're not really here anymore, but we want you to know we still love you and reflect on fond memories," Weible said.

"May the mighty tree stand as long as the college, and may the memories endure even longer," Mulligan said.

The tree is on the Fifth Avenue side of Corbly Hall.

Corrections

In an article published Feb. 5 about the Voluntary Income Tax program (VITA) sponsored by the Beta Alpha Psi co-ed fraternity the wrong time was given for Feb. 12. The program will be starting at 1 p.m. Feb. 12 and will be located in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

An article published Feb. 4 headlined "Prayer debate reaching beyond

local audience to national stage" reported that in a WMUL campus-wide talk show about the "prayer amendment," no opposing views were represented. The talk show featured calls from various opposing viewpoints including MUCLU president Ardith Michaux.

In an article published in the Feb. 5 edition of the Parthenon headlined "Knowledge of black histo-

ry nets \$200 for winners" Lauren Hinchman, a freshman biology major from Falling Waters, W.Va., one of the members of the winning team, "Smart Al-X" was not listed.

In Wednesday's edition of the Parthenon, in an article headlined "Students react to SGA prayer-controversy," Megan Kueck's name was spelled wrong in both the photo outline and the story.

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Letters to Editor should count toward court decision

The Parthenon is receiving a lot of mail recently regarding the "prayer amendment" which will go to a student vote next month. The MUCLU has filed a brief with the student court and the court is asking for opinions.

As a staff, the Parthenon would like to see copies of these letters sent in for the Letters to the Editor section of the paper to count toward the student court's decision.

While we cannot run every letter that comes to us due to space, we try to get in as many varied opinions as possible. If you plan to write to us, please take the time to copy your letter, print it out, sign it and carry it over the the second floor of the Memorial Student Center for the court to consider. The letters need to be submitted by next Monday at 5 p.m. Letters to the editor can be submitted any time through our Web site or at parthenon@marshall.edu, but if students want their opinions to count outside of this forum, they will need to be seen by the court.

Still, the most important time to express one's opinion will be during the vote.

This page is where students can try to win others to their cause. Letters to the editor are where student can try to sway the opinion of the court. Both are important and both can change the way the Student Government Association begins its weekly meetings.

Religion shouldn't be forced on public

By **BRANDON NIEMEYER**
Daily Mississippian
(U. Mississippi)

OXFORD, Miss. — Over the past year, we've seen a gigantic monument to the 10 Commandments get pulled from outside an Alabama courthouse, and at the same time, both gubernatorial candidates Ronnie Musgrove and Haley Barbour volunteered to bring the monument to Mississippi. In a country that is still debating the 1962 decision of *Engle v. Vitale*, which banned organized school prayer, it's hard to imagine that Congress would ever vote to ban religious images in our schools. God only knows my high school had too many "WWJD" bracelets.

I understand that religion is the focal point of the lives of many students' lives and many people's lives in general. Many of my friends are very religious and attend organizations like the Campus Crusade and the Baptist Student Union. But, really, religious worship has no place in the institutions of government, whether it is a monument in front of the courthouse or in the classroom.

Marshall Plan useful, doable

STEVEN V. DAVIS

guest columnist

In the recent letter to the editor, Mr. Seth Murphy suggested that it was "time to rethink Marshall Plan's use". As I read the column, only one sentence seemed to me to hold any validity whatsoever: "After all, we should be more well-rounded, [and] cultured." All other points were those of an immature whiner that wants attention so he can get elected SGA president. The first comment about no student liking the Marshall Plan is pointless. Upon starting an academic career, one receives a detailed list of the courses required for a particular degree at that university. If one chooses a Liberal Arts college, one must take a lot of apparently useless classes. For me, Political Science is the definition of a pointless class. If a student doesn't like the classes required then that student should go to a university specializing in their field or contact one of the "earn a degree while watching TV" institutions. Mr. Murphy's second point is the effective requirement to

take 18 hours per semester. In combination with this gripe is the issue of working students. If a student is working, then they should expect to either (1) work really hard or (2) take longer to graduate. So I say having to take 15-18 hours a semester isn't too much to ask for, it is a full time student. The next point is the role of secondary education relative to college. This goes back to my earlier point about choosing a liberal arts college.

An Engineering college would teach calculus to everyone whether the student thought they needed it or not. I stress the word student because, who is the student to design the curriculum? Granted some of the requirements seem and are less than perfect and many improvements may be needed. I'd tell you what you need to be an effecting

chemist because I worked in the chemical industry. However, I couldn't tell you what courses are needed to be an effective pharmacologist, as I have not completely finished that doctorate, nor have I worked in that particular industry. It is therefore the job of the professors who have experience to determine the curriculum. For those lucky enough to have gone to a good high school, quit your griping and take 20 hours a semester and you will finish quicker. If you learned it before then it should be a breeze. If not, it is probably good to take it again. In regards to what classes are offered each semester. Plan ahead and not just one semester ahead.

Take classes likely to fill up as soon as you can.

And what is the complaint about having to go to summer school, unless you go into one of the few careers, such as teaching, that do not require you to work during summer-the sooner you enter reality, the better.

I finished my Bachelor's Degree's (at a liberal arts school) in chemistry 10 years ago and I don't want to sound like an old timer who "had to walk to school uphill both ways in the snow." However, I worked 24 hours in a carpet mill and took 20-25 hours a quarter to finish my degree in 3 years while being active in multiple clubs on campus. The time it takes you to finish your college education is up to you. Whining about being forced into taking a class is not productive and is immature. You never know what information you will need 10 years from now. At best you can fulfill the ultimate goal of a liberal arts education and apply lessons from those "useless" classes to solving the other challenges in life that don't directly relate to your major. If nothing else, it gives you alternate topics of conversation so your peers don't regard you as a bore.

Steven V. Davis, Ph.D. is a graduate student at Marshall University.

Letters to the editor

Prayer issue a political power play for Murphy

I just would like to pose a simple question [to Seth Murphy]: do you really feel that you are so important, as to be the "chosen one" to instruct everyone else on issues of religious freedom? And, a logical corollary: do most people truly respond positively to someone with such an obviously heightened sense of self-importance?

Having been apprised of your post-collegiate political ambitions, I am curious to know whether you are concerned over the manner in which you have dealt with this situation.

It just seems, to me at least, that your actions (and, terribly public actions at that) represent somewhat of an ineffective political strategy, as they function to isolate such large portions of your demographic, especially on such a dividing and personal issue as religion. Again, my intention is not to address the results of your marked campaign for prayer in SGA; I suppose that I am more interested in the manner in which you weigh outcomes in your decision making process. Your steadfastness—whether incredibly brave or incredibly naive, or both/and—has rightly drawn attention to your willingness to enter into public debate and your commitment to personal values. Yet, as a political science major, wouldn't you agree that there might be more effectual and less offensive ways to represent a body of people politically? If, Seth, you are considering a career in politics, I suppose that the final verdict on your actions, writings and public addresses will prove their weight to you later, as I'm just not convinced they have at this point.

— **Zack Weir**,
graduate student

People need to stop being easily offended

A popular commentator, Robert D. Rayford, has a phrase he uses often on his show: "America: Land of the Offended." I believe Mr. Rayford is on to something there. In the recent attacks on Mr. Murphy and the prayer issue I've noticed that the word "offended" comes up a lot. It "offends" people that there could be a few words spoken to a god they don't even believe in. As far as they are concerned, a Christian prayer goes no higher than the ceiling. My question to atheists is this: What is so offensive about that? Are you afraid that God

might just do the miraculous? Could it be that you are afraid that you might falter in your faithlessness? Allow prayer to be spoken before meetings, in all forms and to all gods if necessary, but let God into our decisions.

— **Brad Akers**
senior biology major

Amendment usurps Federal Constitution

I read with shock and amazement at the developments on the Marshall campus concerning the propriety of opening the SGA sessions with a prayer. Amending the student government constitution to permit the prayer is not a blow for religious freedom but rather an exercise in usurpation of the Federal Constitution. As I am sure the professors of Constitutional Law on campus would point out (at least they did when I was a student there), no state may pass a law that invalidates a Federal statute or a provision of the US Constitution. This subject was visited even before the Civil War when southern states embraced the concept of "nullification" wherein they decided to ignore those Federal statutes they did not agree with. The SGA is an agency of Marshall University, a public organization owned and operated by the State of West Virginia. The SGA constitutional amendment seeks to nullify the Federal prohibition against establishment of religion. Where is the Marshall University Administration, the state Attorney General, or the corporate attorney, that they would permit an act so obviously illegal?

Thank you.
— **Clement L. Counts, III**
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Student no longer satisfied with SGA

I hold a graduate degree from Marshall, and am currently working on a second graduate degree at Marshall. Prior to the question of prayer at SGA meetings, I was generally satisfied with the SGA's ability to represent my interests as a student. I no longer have that same level of satisfaction.

I am not a Christian, and if Seth Murphy wants the SGA to "pray to God our Father in the name of His son Jesus Christ" then I have a problem with that and with all those who feel the same — including this University that allows religious intolerance to be championed by the

very group that was established to represent all students.

In a single stroke, Mr. Murphy has not only alienated me from the student government that purports to represent me, he has alienated all those who are not Christian yet attend this University. Mr. Murphy holds Christian prayer as the shining beacon around which all should gather and, in a pluralistic society, this simply cannot be tolerated.

If the prayer amendment is ratified by the students, I'll be the first to withdraw from my degree program and take my financial support with me. I'm willing to put my money where my mouth is!

— **Ian Levstein**
Health Care Administration
Ashland, Ky.

Why is no one calling Bush to resign office?

Ok, school prayer is a fascinating subject worthy of visceral and extended debate. But, would someone out there please explain to me why George Bush hasn't been impeached or at least forced to resign?

Bill Clinton was impeached by the U.S. Congress for lying about an affair. Fine.

George Jr. has created the largest deficit in US history, while dragging us into a preemptive war based on WMDs which have never been located. Is the world safer? Ahhh? No! Unless I've missed something we seem to have just as many terror warnings after Hussein was captured as before. And, Bin Laden, (the bad guy, we supported during the USSR's occupation of Afghanistan, remember?) is still out there.

My God, in the 1960s we would have burned George Jr. in the streets in effigy in outrage for his shameless propaganda. He should be tried for crimes against humanity at The Hague. "Put me back in the fridge," or wake me when it's over.

— **Mel Tyree**
biology grad student
Hurricane

Correction

In Wednesday's edition, The letter titled "SGA prayer does not respect Atheism" was incorrectly headlined. Joseph Spurgeon, president of the Baptist Student Union feels that preventing prayer at the SGA meetings prevents the free practice of religion.

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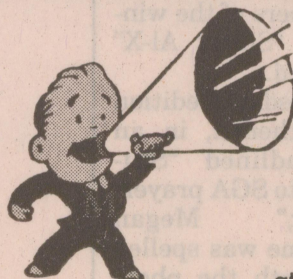
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Marshall snaps four-game losing streak

by **BRAD MYERS**
sports editor

Senior Marvin Black had his seventh double-double of the season with 16 points and 12 rebounds to help the Herd snap its four game losing streak.

Marshall (8-12, 5-7 MAC) had previously dropped four straight Mid-American Conference games before entering last night's match up with the Eagles searching for an important conference win. The Herd trailed for the first ten minutes of the opening half, but took the lead after a 21-5 run sparked by junior Eric Smith. Smith would score eight of his 11 points during this run to help keep Marshall ahead.

Despite trailing by as much as ten in the first half, Eastern Michigan (9-11, 4-8 MAC) would close the gap with a 9-2 run to only trail Marshall by three at half.

The teams would trade baskets throughout the second half, but the Herd would never relinquish the lead. Eastern Michigan would stay close with Marshall, and would only trail the Herd by three with one minute left before junior A.W. Hamilton sealed the game with his only three-pointer of the night.

"They left me wide open," Hamilton said. "I got my

legs in that one and followed through harder, and it rattled in for me."

Head coach Ron Jirsa agreed that Hamilton's basket was key in helping secure a Herd victory.

"It was a big three by A.W.," Jirsa said. "That sealed it. That was the shot that really got that margin."

Hamilton, who finished the game with 13 points and seven assists, said that getting a win and snapping the losing streak was a big relief for the whole team.

"It feels good winning," Hamilton said. "It feels good to be smiling after the game instead of frowning. We've been working for a long time. We deserve a win."

Hamilton, Black and Smith were just three of the four Marshall players that would finish with double figure scoring. Freshman Tre Whitted also did his part, pitching in with 11 points of his own.

Jirsa said that the win will give Marshall some momentum, but that the team now looked ahead to an even tougher opponent in Western Michigan.

"They're a real challenge," Jirsa said. "Western Michigan has one heck of a team."

The Herd and the Broncos will face-off this Sunday in the Cam Henderson Center, and tip-off will be at 2 p.m.

Herd's Hometown Hurler



Senior Chris Meadows ready to close out career on top

by **MATT RILEY**
senior sports writer

Chris Meadows threw one pitch against Team U.S.A. last summer and got the job done.

This spring Meadows hopes he has similarly quick results in his senior season as the closer for the Thundering Herd baseball team.

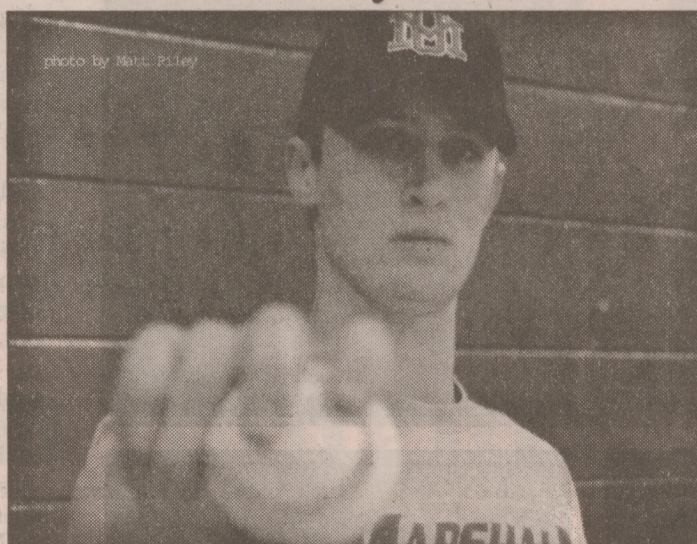
Last summer, Meadows pitched for the Lima (Ohio) Locos of the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League and led the league with eight saves, breaking Lima's summer saves record. He was also selected to the league's all-star squad that competed against Team U.S.A., where he retired the only batter he faced. Meadows was a second team all-league selection.

"It was a great experience for me to play against some of the best players in college baseball from all over the country," Meadows said. "It was a thing for me to prove to myself where I stood in college baseball. I gained tremendous experience going into my senior year and really exceeded my expectations. It was an exciting time for me."

Meadows not only impressed himself last summer, Locos general manager Barry Ruben spoke highly of Meadows. Ruben and his wife also hosted Meadows at their house for the summer.

"He's a great kid," Ruben said. "He's one of the best we've ever had as far as his personality and his ability. He's a great player."

The senior Huntington native is Marshall's all-time



Heck, I love it so much I'd play for a Coke and a candy bar

— Chris Meadows, senior closer

single season saves leader with six, set last year. He can also become the all-time career saves leader with just one successful close this season.

Records don't mean anything to Meadows, in fact he said that it's all about trying to get things done for Marshall no matter what it takes.

"I've appeared in the most games for two consecutive seasons so it's not like I'm only out there to save games," he said. "I'm doing everything I can to help the team win."

And for Meadows, a winning year for the baseball program would be the perfect way to end his career. The Thundering Herd program hasn't had a winning season for ten years when they went 23-20 in 1994 under Howard McCann.

"I want to see us win, I want us to have 35 wins,

make it to the tournament and win it," Meadows said. "That would be the ultimate experience. I would love a (MAC) championship ring out of my last year."

With an abundance of optimism for the upcoming season, things haven't always been going as well for Meadows and the Herd.

Coming out of Huntington High School in 1999, Meadows was a non-qualifier academically and had to get his degree in four years, which he did and now he's in grad school enjoying success in the classroom to coincide with playing his fifth year on the diamond.

"Chris has come a long way in the classroom and on the mound," Marshall head coach Dave Piepenbrink said. "It's a great story because now it looks like he's going to set all the reliever

records we've got here. He's put in the work and it's really something for him to be proud of."

Piepenbrink said he's known Meadows since he was 13 in Babe Ruth, so he's actually signed the righthander twice in his career and said he really enjoys the attitude and character Meadows brings to the team.

"I hope we get all we can out of him this year," Piepenbrink said.

To help get all they can out of Meadows, pitching coach Tom Carty has been working with him since he got here in 2002.

Carty is responsible for dropping Meadows down to being a submarine style pitcher making his unique style, and extra movement tough on hitters. He's also seen a lot of improvement from the senior.

"He's really grown up," Carty said. "He's been through some tough time here and now he sees we can be good and he believes in himself and the team and that's what it takes to win."

Meadows said he believes the Herd can break the school wins record and go out on top and then see where that leads him.

"I've been doing a lot more training and throwing than usual and trying my best to keep improving and hopefully get a shot at the next level if there's a possibility. Heck, I love it so much I'd play for a Coke and candy bar."

Meadows and the Herd start the season this weekend at Belmont in Nashville, Tenn.



photo by Matt Riley

A.W. Hamilton prepares to pull up for the shot that would seal the Herd's victory over its MAC foe Eastern Michigan.

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Herd fall in tough loss to MAC leading Miami (Ohio) 73-56

from Parthenon staff reports

The Herd struggled late during last night's Mid-American Conference match-up with Miami (Ohio), and would eventually fall to the RedHawks 73-56.

Marshall (12-9, 4-6 MAC) was only able to score four points through the first ten minutes of the second half, while Miami (15-6, 9-1 MAC) built what proved to be an insurmountable lead for the Herd.

Although Marshall only trailed the RedHawks by ten at halftime, Miami would run away with the

game, even leading at one point by 29. The loss is the Herd's sixth in its last eight games.

Leading the Herd were freshman Teyonka Hodge, who finished with 11 points, and senior Catie Knable who added nine points. Knable's nine points were enough to give her 800 career points during her career with Marshall.

The Herd will continue its road trip Saturday when they face Toledo, which has dropped three straight MAC games. Tip-off is set for 4:30 p.m. in Toledo's Savage Hall.

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Bar Variety

story & bar photos by
ERICA R. DELIGNE



ABOVE:

Kenny Fitzwater (left) and Ashley Miller at the 20th Street Bar.

TOP, RIGHT AND BELOW:

Kelli Bragg serves up some drinks at Icon.



Huntington's nightlife offers students a variety of drink specials to help save a few bucks and give them different options on where to go to have a good time.

Students carrying a heavy workload deserve to take a break every once in a while and not let their college years pass them by. While every person has a different way to relax, many head to the bars for a little fun.

The most favored bars by students seem to be 20th Street Bar and Grill, Banana Joe's, Cobalt, Icon, Mango's, Mycroft's and the Union.

Some students said the famous \$5 all-you-can-drink draft beer special and well drinks offered by 20th Street, always bring a crowd out on Tuesdays. The same special is offered on Thursday and on both nights the special ends at 1 a.m.

Mango's has the \$5 all-you-can-drink special on Tuesday, but lasts all night long, Justin J. Blankenship, a business management senior from Huntington and bartender at Mango's, said.

"Mango's offers a special for almost every night of the week," Blankenship said. "On Wednesday they offer \$1 shots all night long and on Thursday through Saturday, from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., they offer \$1 domestic, \$2 imports and \$1 shots.

"If someone is looking to go out on a Monday night the Union has a good special for \$2 pitchers. Also on a Friday at the Union from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. you can pay 25 cents for an 8 ounce cup of beer," he said.

Depending on what night a person goes out will determine the places he or she decides to go.

Alyson M. Doyle, a sophomore public relations major from Parkersburg, prefers to go out about three times a week and likes to go to different places to get the most out of her night.

"I like to go out on Thursdays and Saturdays the best," Doyle said. "Friday actually holds the best variety of specials. I think they are trying to get more people to go out on Friday, because it is normally a more 'chill' night."

Doyle said her favorite place to go out to on the weekends is Banana Joe's. The bar has a ladies night on Friday allowing girls to get in free, without paying the \$5 cover charge.

Gabriel Arzu, a graduate student from Guatemala, gave his suggestions on places to go for each night of the week for people who are new to Marshall.

"On Monday I would suggest staying home and doing homework, you've got to try to start the week right," Arzu said. "Tuesday, 20th Street, you can't miss the \$5 all you can drink and then after the special ends go to Mango's, because Mango's also has a special and everybody seems to go there. Wednesday, Mycroft's \$1 mug night (drafts), then go over to Jake's for their karaoke night.

"For the weekend, on Thursday and Friday Cobalt is great because from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. girls get free cover and free domestic and wells. For Saturday, I'd bar hop between Cobalt, Icon and Banana Joe's depending on the people you want to hang out with."

Icon and Cobalt are both located on Fourth Avenue, between Eighth and Ninth Street, which provides an easy walking distance for people who like to bar hop. Both places have recently made some changes within their businesses.

Curtis Belcher, owner of Icon, has made a few alterations since taking over three months ago.

"We are now open daily at 8 p.m.," Belcher said. "We have the Icon side, which is 21 and up and has the laid back atmosphere of a bar. Then we have the Vertigo side, which is 18 and up and is a dance club featuring Hip Hop and House music.

"According to the Herald-Dispatch, last year Icon was voted the number one Dance Club in the Tri-State, according to a survey that included the counties of Cabell, Boyd, Wayne and Lawrence," Belcher said.

Will H. Bollman, a junior engineering major from Barboursville and bartender at Icon, said the bar has a lot of good things to offer.

"We have a special every night," Bollman said. "Sunday and Monday are service industry nights, where bar and restaurant employees get a discount on drinks. Tuesday is our open mic night. Wednesday is import night, imports are only \$1."

"On the weekends, Thursday is ladies night, which includes free cover and half-priced drinks. On Friday and Saturday it's \$1.50 domestics and well drinks until midnight," Bollman said.

Belcher said, "The fourth annual Mardi Gras party, the biggest party of the year, is at Icon on Feb. 21. We will be giving cash prizes to winners of the contest."

Alyssa D. Flemming, a senior nursing majoring from Grayson, Ky., and bartender at Cobalt, gave the update on Cobalt's new adjustments.

"We are opened Thursday through Saturday and each night from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. girls get in free and drink for free on domestic and well liquors," Flemming said. "We also have two new DJs, which play Hip Hop, R&B and House music, so there is definitely a better variety in music."

Carl E. Medley and Terry L. Hughes, owners of Cobalt, are planning to have a Retro Party on Feb. 13. Music from the '60s, '70s and '80s is going to be brought back for a night.

"For people 21 and up, couples are a \$7 cover and singles \$5," Medley said. "If under 21 then couples are \$10 and singles are a \$7 cover."

After the specials end at Cobalt mixed drinks range from \$3 to \$5, domestic beer \$2 and imports \$3.

Rockin' Horse Saloon offers something for everyone

by **CARLIE N. HILLMAN**
reporter

The newest bar to open in downtown Huntington is really three bars in one. The Rockin' Horse Saloon opened New Year's Eve 2003. The 20,000 square foot club features a southern rock bar and country dance hall on the first floor, a R&B lounge on the second floor and Club Incline, a dance club, on

the third floor.

"The other bars in town are really one-dimensional," Brian Dowler, an employee at the bar said. "They have one specific goal or purpose. [We at Rockin' Horse] want to do something for everyone. [We] want to have an all-encompassing bar where anybody can go and have a good time.

"Boyfriends and girlfriends don't always like the same kind of music. This is somewhere a couple

can go and there's something that one or the other, or both, are bound to like."

Russell Thompson, one of the owners of the club, said. "I've traveled a lot and I've worked in clubs and my partner's worked in clubs. In the big cities you have multi-themed clubs and there never has, other than the Wild dog, been a multi-themed club around here."

He said most of the bar's business so far has not been Marshall students.

"We've had people from

Indianapolis, people from Nashville, people from Lexington, from Clarksburg."

Aaron Stephens, the other owner, said the bar's crowd is diverse.

"Maybe some nights may be more college tuned, some nights might be a mixed crowd, some nights might be an older crowd," Stephens said.

Both owners say security is a top priority for the club.

"Security is our expertise here," Thompson said. "My partner and I have an

extremely wide background in security, from military to body guarding school to bouncing."

One of the security measures taken, Thompson said, is a "pat down guy" that checks for weapon possession at the club's entrance. Even pocketknives must be checked at the door and can be retrieved by patrons as they leave.

Thompson said live music will eventually be featured at the club, including an "open mic night" for local

talents. He said the different options for music is what makes this club stand out for others in the area.

"You don't have to bar hop, you can come here."

The bar is open four days a week, Wednesday through Saturday. A variety of drink specials are offered every night along with activities like free line dancing classes and karaoke.

More information can be found at www.rockin-horsesaloon.com.