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Hensley: More Friday classes needed

Group looks into ideas for building student community

by **KACIE B. DANIELS**
reporter

Having more Friday classes, jazzing up the student center and building a sense of community were among things discussed Thursday during a meeting of the Weekend Task force. Steve Hensley, dean of stu-

dents and chairman of the committee, said Marshall does not offer enough Friday classes, and the lack of classes encourages students to go home and enjoy a three-day weekend, which reiterates Marshall's "suitcase campus" reputation.

"There's a dramatic increase in the number of

Monday and Wednesday classes, and on Fridays, buildings are sitting empty and students are gone," Hensley said.

Hensley recommended conducting two and a half-hour classes on Fridays. He said having students stay later in the afternoon Fridays might encourage them to stay at Marshall for the weekend.

The resolution to have more Friday classes passed with a unanimous vote, but Hensley said more than

adding courses needs to be done to keep students at Marshall on the weekends.

The lack of events and limited hours of the Memorial Student Center were also addressed. Hensley said he wants the MSC to offer more variety to students.

"I don't think there are enough activities in the stu-

dent center, and it's not even open enough hours," Hensley said.

Hensley said that enriching the cultural community at Marshall is also an issue.

"Do we have a community that embraces new people and active student organizations that draw people to the campus?" Hensley asked. "I don't know that we do. I think eventually we do, but we struggle initially to get people to find a sense of community at Marshall."

Hensley mentioned hav-

ing more theater events on the weekends.

Angela Jones, director of marketing and external affairs for the Marshall Artist Series, said the MAS could not bring more events on weekends because it is much more expensive to reserve the theater on the weekend.

Hensley said targeting students the first 10 weeks of school is crucial. He said students' habits are estab-

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Student IDs can mean deals at area stores

by **MICHAEL D. WOOTEN**
reporter

From tuition and fees to living expenses, going to college is not cheap, but students can save a few bucks by taking advantage of the many discount opportunities that are available close to campus by using the student identification card.

There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of campus that offer discounts to Marshall students, including the McDonalds at 2106 Fifth Ave., where students can simply show their identification card and receive a 10 percent discount.

Students looking for some Italian fast food can venture to Fazoli's Restaurant at 1310 Third Ave. Marla Adkins, manager of Fazoli's, said students looking for a discount should come hungry.

"We offer an all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs dinner or fettuccini alfredo dinner, which include a drink and breadsticks for only \$4.55," Adkins said. "This is only available as a discount for Marshall students."

The Cici's Pizza in Barboursville also helps college students save money. Marshall students

Establishments with discounts for Marshall Students

- Fazoli's
- McDonald's
- Cici's Pizza
- Michael's

Students can also receive discounts of up to 20 percent when using student IDs for services on campus.

can present their ID and receive \$1.50 off the all-you-can-eat buffet.

For the arts and crafts enthusiasts, the Michaels store in Barboursville offers students a 10 percent discount off of the total bill. Again, all students need to do is present their Marshall student ID card.

If you are looking for something fun to do, you can visit the Tri-State Ice Arena. Marshall students receive a discount with the ID card.

Rachel Hill, a sophomore nursing major from Danville, said the small discounts can translate into big savings.

"I think it's really nice that we get those discounts, because I come from a mid-

Please see **DISCOUNT, P3**

Harless Dining Hall soon to receive new fitness center

by **KATELIN F. ALBERTS**
reporter

Harless Dining Hall may soon be providing more than just food to Marshall Commons residents with the arrival of new fitness equipment.

Eight of 18 new pieces of fitness equipment ordered for Harless Dining Hall have arrived and been installed.

The pieces of equipment that have arrived include four treadmills, two cross trainers and two exercise bikes. The other ten pieces of equipment are being specially made for Marshall University and have yet to arrive, said Pierre Divers, an assistant director for Residence Services.

The equipment cost approximately \$49,000 and is similar to the equipment in Gullickson Hall, with the treadmills being the same

type, Divers said.

The fitness center will have rules similar to those of Gullickson Hall also and should be staffed within three weeks or a month, said Winston Baker, director of Residence Services.

As for students that will be able to use the center, Baker said that it would primarily be for students living in Marshall Commons, though they may be able to bring friends. "If it were open to everyone it would be too crowded. We just can't manage that," he said.

No rules have been officially decided upon yet but the ones that are chosen will be flexible, Baker said. "When you do things for the first time you have to evaluate it. If things need to be changed we have to be flexible enough to change," he said. "We want to go slowly and grow with it as time goes on."

BEADS in the BIRKE

Artwork of Sonya Clark coming to MU



STORY BY JESSICA A. COX

National artist Sonya Clark will weave a bit of the personalities and environment of Marshall University into her beaded creations this weekend.

Clark will adorn the walls of the Birke Art Gallery with works she has created by interlacing beads and other objects into canvas.

Thursday, she will present her work and perspective on art in the gallery at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Clark will give students a chance to create a piece for her exhibit during a workshop she will conduct on campus.

Clark said working with students is exciting for her because she is inspired by the experience and personality that different groups of people bring to art.

"I thrive on new perspectives and interactions," Clark said. "I believe collaboration coupled with a celebration of individuality breeds collective wisdom."

Peter Massing, print-making

professor and faculty sponsor for the Sonya Clark event, said Clark's visit will offer students the chance to work with a new medium and gain a new view of artistic design.

"It's really important for students to see how artists deal with different environments, surfaces, and media," Massing said. "Her workshop will incorporate the space - the exhibiting space - and new techniques that teach us about design and beading and creativity."

Massing said Clark is the first textile artist to visit Marshall and conduct workshops in recent years. He said he was initially attracted to Clark's art by "the contemporary intricate design."

"[Her beadwork] is psychological and it's also physical. It creates characters in environments that could represent something," Massing said.

Clark said her work is a metaphor for interactions in life. "Each bead is a part of a collec-

tive and the beadwork is compiled of many individuals." Clark said students will create a piece in the workshop that "both deconstructs a whole into parts and constructs parts into a whole."

Any student may participate in the workshop. Slots are free and available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Students can sign up to participate on the sixth floor of Smith Hall.

Clark is an assistant professor of Environment, Textiles and Design at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

She has exhibited her work in museums both nationally and internationally and recently completed an exhibit of beaded African-inspired headdresses.

Clark's visit to Marshall is funded by the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professor of the Arts program, a program established by Joan Edwards to bring fine and performing arts programs outside of those taught at Marshall to the campus.

Psychology class conducting surveys

Studies focusing on health, relationships

by **KATELIN F. ALBERTS**
reporter

Two studies are taking place on campus to determine differences between the experiences of people raised in rural and urban settings.

The Interpersonal Violence Research and Prevention Laboratory (PSY 457) is conducting two surveys, one on health and experiences and the other on romantic relationships.

The Health and Experiences study is investigating participants' general health in various areas, such as cigarette and alcohol consumption, psychological history and physi-

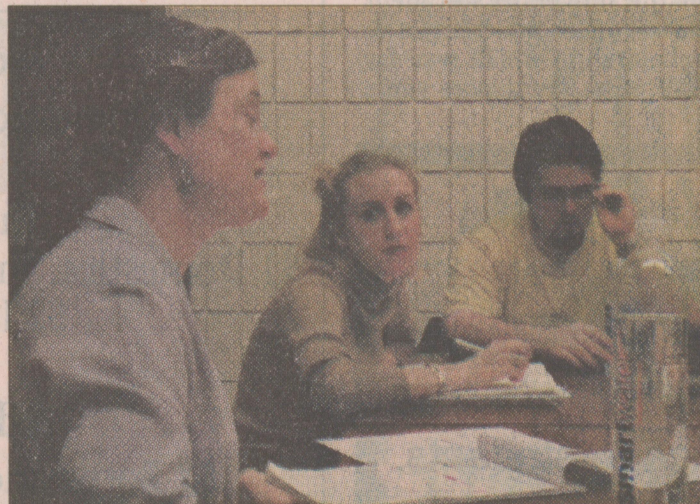


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Dr. Sarah Lewis, principal investigator for the Interpersonal Violence & Prevention Laboratory, discusses the surveys with students.

cal health, Ashley Hunt, the lab coordinator, said.

The Romantic Relationships study is investigating how spirituality and social support may affect negative outcomes of rela-

tionships, Hunt said.

The Institutional Review Board, which ensures the research is ethical and that the participants are

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MCTC organizing reviews for programs

by **MELISSA D. OFFUTT**
reporter

Marshall's Community and Technical College (MCTC) assessment committee is working on programming reviews for five programs.

In compliance with West Virginia's Higher Education Policy Commission, each academic program is required to be evaluated every five years.

All programs are on a big master list and they cycle through every five years, Dr. Judith Scherer,

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Warner calls Byrd 'old, out of touch man'

Remarks generate from 'constant, partisan snipping'

CHARLESTON (AP) — The chairman of the state Republican Party says voters view U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, 86, as an "old, out of touch man" because he opposes President Bush's foreign and domestic policies.

Kris Warner later issued a clarification, saying he meant his remarks to focus on Byrd's "constant, parti-

san sniping," and not his age.

"To me, Senator Byrd's age is irrelevant," Warner said. "I stand by my contention that Senator Byrd is largely out of touch with most West Virginians, especially regarding Iraq, and the 'anybody but Bush' mentality taking over some of the Democratic leadership."

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— Kris Warner, chairman, State Republican Party

"I believe that people can be valuable contributors to our society at all stages of life. In fact, I supported my

own father for the House of Delegates in 2000, and he was 76."

Warner says the Bush

administration is in line with the average West Virginian on issues like tax cuts and the Iraq war. He says he expects the general election to be waged on issues, not on personalities.

But Byrd, D-W.Va., says, "The best thing for America, for the country, would be for the president to be given a one-way ticket back to his ranch in Crawford, Texas."

Four years ago, Bush won West Virginia after pledging to help save steel jobs.

Bush imposed, and then lifted, tariffs on imported steel, Byrd noted.

"They haven't kept those promises, and West Virginians will remember," Byrd said. "This administration isn't West Virginia's friend."

Byrd could not be reached for comment on Warner's remark about his age. No one answered the phone at his office on Monday, a federal holiday.

He has not endorsed any presidential contender.

Wise signs drunken driving bill; lowers legal B.A.C. limit

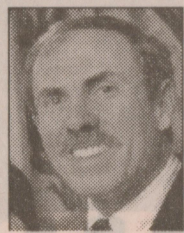
CHARLESTON, (AP) — With a pen provided by the father of a drunken driving victim, Gov. Bob Wise signed into law Monday a proposal to stiffen the state's drunken driving standard.

As of May 5, the minimum blood alcohol level for drunken drivers will be lowered from 0.10 to 0.08.

State lawmakers had debated similar measures since at least 1995 without action until the Legislature passed the proposal (SB166) this month.

"This law is about protecting West Virginians," Wise said at a Capitol ceremony. "By lowering the legal limit for drunk driving, we save lives and provide safer highways for our citizens."

Wise signed the bill with a pen given to him after his State of the State address



Wise

by Mark Cheeseman, president of Berkeley County Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Cheeseman's son Steve was killed by a drunken driver in 2002.

Wise made the bill one of more than 40 on his legislative agenda during this year's 60-day session.

"This isn't about drinking," Cheeseman said. "It's about realizing that when you drink and get behind the wheel of a 3,000-pound vehicle, it'll do an enormous amount of damage."

Wise proposed the bill to secure federal highway funds, which have been threatened by the state's failure to adopt the 0.08 standard.

West Virginia had been one of four states without it. The state stood to lose \$2.62 million in highway dollars this year if lawmakers failed to adopt the tougher standard.

The governor had included the proposal in his three prior agendas, without success. This is the first year the federal government could have cut the highway funds.

Because all DUI offenders face a mandatory 24 hours in jail, the law includes a \$55 increase of fines to cover the stricter standard's impact. The 0.08 standard also will be extended to boaters.

Also, only a person's record for the prior 10 years can be reviewed by a court when determining if a drunken driver should be charged as a repeat offender.

Scholarship for whites only

BRISTOL, RI (AP) — A student group at Roger Williams University is offering a new scholarship for which only white students are eligible, a move they say is designed to protest affirmative action.

The application for the \$250 award requires an essay on "why you are proud of your white heritage" and a recent picture. "Evidence of bleaching will disqualify applicants," says the application, issued by the university's College Republicans.

Jason Mattera, 20, who is president of the College Republicans, said the group is parodying minority scholarships.

"We think that if you want to treat someone according to character and how well they achieve academically, then skin color shouldn't really be an option," he said. "Many people think that coming from a white background you're automatically privileged, you're automatically rich and your parents pay full tuition. That's just not the case."

The stunt has angered some at the university, but

"Many people think that coming from a white background you're automatically privileged."

Jason Mattera, president, College Republicans

the administration is staying out of the fray. The school's provost said it is not endorsed by Roger Williams.

Mattera, who is of Puerto Rican descent, is himself a recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship open only to a minority group.

"No matter what my ethnicity is, I'm making a statement that scholarships should be given out based on merit and need," Mattera told the Providence Journal.

His group took out a full-page ad in last week's issue of the university's student newspaper to tout the scholarship, which was for \$50 until two donors came

forward to add \$100 each during the weekend. Mattera said.

It's not the first brush with controversy for the group. The school temporarily froze the Republicans' money over a series of articles published in its monthly newsletter. One article alleged that a gay-rights group indoctrinates students into homosexual sex.



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O'Brien's late-night sketch causes furor in Canada

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian politicians are denouncing "The Late Show with Conan O'Brien" over a sketch in which a cigar-chomping sock puppet hurled insults at French Canadians.

The NBC show came to Toronto last week with the help of \$750,000 in Canadian taxpayers' money, a trip that Canadian promoters hoped would help rebuild the city's tourist industry after an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome last year.

In the pre-taped skit that aired Thursday night, Triumph the Insult Comic Dog confronted visitors to Quebec City's Winter Carnival.

When one couple confirmed they were French Canadian separatists, the grouchy puppet said, "Listen closely. Hear that? It's the sound of no one giving a," followed by an expletive bleep.

Triumph asked a rotund man if he was a separatist, then suggested he might want to separate himself from doughnuts for a while. Mauril Belanger, the deputy government house leader, told the House of Commons Friday that the government was not amused. He said Ottawa completely dissociated itself from the material.

Alexa McDonough, a member of Parliament for the New Democratic Party, said the sketch was "vile and vicious" and amounted to hate-mongering. McDonough said the gov-

ernment should demand its money back.

"The whole point of trying to help deal with the devastation of the SARS crisis on the city of Toronto was to attract tourists," McDonough said. "How it got morphed into this kind of garbage I don't know."

Chum Television, which airs the show in Canada, issued an apology and removed the segment in a repeat broadcast.

"It is never our intention to air programming that offends any of our viewers," the network said.

NBC has declined comment, and O'Brien mentioned the topic only in passing in his monologue during the taping of the final Toronto show on Friday afternoon.

Guest Jim Carrey, a Canadian, later offered O'Brien a subtle opportunity to apologize by bringing on the mascot for the win-

ter carnival, but O'Brien didn't take the bait.

Separatism and French language rights are a sensitive issue in Canada, especially after Quebec separatists nearly won a 1995 referendum to set up their own country.

Canada's current government is immersed in a scandal over allegations that Quebec advertising agencies were paid \$75 million in illegal commissions to confront the separatist threat.

"It's wrong to spread the worst possible ethnic prejudices about Quebecers, which already exist in Canada," said Jean Dorion, president of the Quebec nationalist Saint-Jean-Baptiste Society.

Baptist businessman Peter Soumalias, said who helped bring the New York-based show to Toronto, said Canadians were taking the show too seriously.

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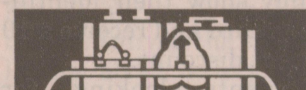
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myMU e-mail benefits students for life

by **MELISSA D. OFFUTT**
reporter

Marshall University's Web site is how the world can view Marshall and myMU is the portal to the Marshall world for students.

Through myMU students can access all personal account information, e-mail and get news announcements.

"Marshall.edu is the face of Marshall University to the outside world," John Savory, web administrator, said.

A recent Marshall graduate asked how long she was

entitled to her Marshall account. The response is that there are no limits on Marshall accounts. Once an individual is a student at Marshall they are a student for life, Jon Cutler, associate director, systems administration, said.

"Once you register for a class at Marshall University you are embarking on a lifetime of learning," Cutler said.

Many universities clear out old accounts, Cutler said. Marshall has 3,000 to 4,000 incoming students

each year, and how the accumulation of these accounts will affect the system in the future is being looked into. For now though, Marshall graduates are given free access to their account.

"If someone wants to keep affiliation with Marshall University we don't want to give them the boot," Cutler said.

If a student graduates, however, and knows they won't be taking any more classes at Marshall there is no need to stay in the system.

myMU

Marshall has a total of 69,367 accounts in the system. Of those accounts 18,239 are active, meaning anyone who has accessed their e-mail at least once in the past year, Cutler said.

Storage of these accounts will only be a problem if the graduates become aggressive users, but just having inactive accounts does not affect the system, Cutler said.

"Added e-mail doesn't contribute directly to the slow down of myMU," Savory said.

The slow down of myMU can be contributed to the fact that every one logs on at peak times of the day, Cutler said.

MyMU is a product of the BANNER system. The news and announcements found on myMU are updated automatically. Students can customize the news stories they want to show up on their account.

The key to having a good

portal, like myMU, is to provide good content and services that students need, Cutler said.

Web site content is constantly a challenge, Cutler said.

"It needs fresh new content that is dynamic, so it's not that same old Web page, but it's still the same site so you can find your way around," Cutler said.

If there are certain things students want to see on the site they should let computing services know, Cutler said.

MCTC

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said.

This year health information technology, respiratory therapy, radiological technology, medical assistant and information technology are up for review.

The review evaluates completion rates, program

majors and credentials of faculty, Scherer said. It also looks at how graduates of these programs are doing in the workforce and whether or not the program has specialized accreditation, Scherer said. The process takes most of a year to complete, Scherer said.

The committee also sur-

veys a lot of the students and faculty for feedback to see if they are pleased with program, Vasheasta said.

"The assessment committee ensures that the review is complete and that nothing has been left out before it is sent up the ladder," Vasheasta said.

Completion of these reviews are expected in April 2004, Scherer said.

DISCOUNT

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dle class family and both of my parents work," Hill said. "For me being away from home, I don't want to have to depend on Mom and Dad, so I welcome any discount."

There are also plenty of ways to save money on campus by using the points plan available through the student ID cards.

Residents in the dorms can receive a 20 percent discount at Marshall laundry facilities when using points. Instead of paying \$2 to wash and dry clothes, students can pay \$1.60.

Using points will also save students 10 percent at the A La Carte in the Memorial Student Center, 10 percent on entrees served in the John Marshall Room Restaurant, 10 percent at the Drinko Library Coffee Express and 10 percent at the Sweet Sensations Bake Shop.

FRIDAY

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lished in those first weeks and many things should be offered during those weekends.

The task force, established last fall, includes university officials, faculty members, Huntington employees and students.

PSYCH

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protected from harm, approved both studies, said Dr. Sarah Lewis, the principal investigator for the studies.

Both studies are operating under specific criteria. The relationship study is

accepting female students 18 years old or older that have been in a heterosexual dating relationship in the past one and one-half years, lasting at least three months, Hunt said.

The health and experiences study is accepting male and female students 18 years old or older.

Tubman performance aides in multicultural awareness

by **LEE R. CLARKSON**
reporter

History came alive Monday night as Harriet Tubman, performed by Ilene Evans of Voices from the Earth, Inc., told stories about her escape from slavery to a group of students and community members in the Memorial Student Center.

"When you know somebody's story, it changes you," Ilene Evans, storyteller and artistic director with Voices from the Earth, Inc., said.

Voices from the Earth, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to theater arts performing and touring. Since 1990, this group has incorporated multicultural awareness in its performances, targeting children to foster interest and success in the arts.

Dressed in traveling clothes similar to those Harriet Tubman might

have worn and accompanied by musician Richard Smith, Evans gave an account of Tubman's escape from slavery and her work with the Underground Railroad, helping other slaves escape.

Tubman, known as "Moses" to slaves, was born a slave in Maryland and, in the mid-1800s, became a leader in the movement of the Underground Railroad.

Evans said she began her research on Tubman in 1989, and she gave her first performance in 1991. Because of the absence of primary source documents, Evans said she had to spend two years connecting second-hand stories and developing her production.

"Because of the necessity for secrecy on the Underground Railroad, it's made my job much more difficult," Evans said.

Anny Jenkins, a nursing major from Shep-

herdstown, and Sherronne Jones, an interior design major from Charlestown, said the performance was different and better than a lecture about history.

"We had a personal connection with it," Jenkins said.

For Evans, storytelling is an important part of human interaction.

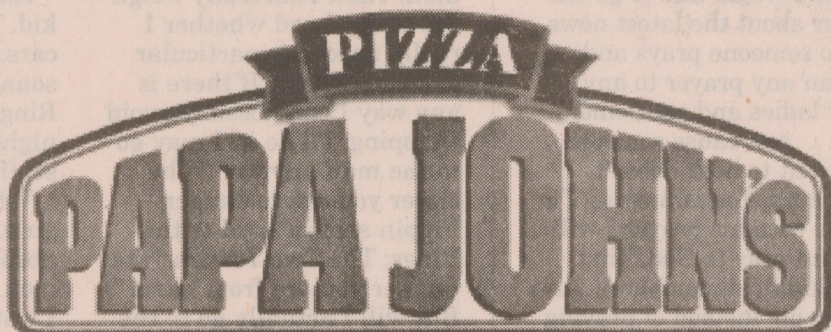
"Children have no compass," Evans said. "Life is like sliding down an abyss with no handholds and no footholds. Others' stories give you a way up and out, a clear path. It's all been done before, and you need to find stories that bring you healing."

Evans incorporates dance and song in her performance, and she said her performance is meant not only to entertain but also to educate.

"What I do helps people love each other better," Evans said.

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Friday classes only one way to keep people on campus

The Weekend Task Force has approved a resolution to request the availability of more Friday classes. Now a lot of students are going to immediately be hurt by the idea that their three day weekends will be gone, but by the same token, students also complain that they cannot schedule because there are not enough core classes available at times that don't conflict with other classes through the week.

Some students may hate the idea of taking a three-hour class on a Friday, but the time slots that are in mind for these classes are not Friday nights. A class that would last from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. would put a little life into the campus on Friday afternoons as well as make use of class space at a time when the buildings are open anyway.

Part of the idea behind adding the Friday classes is keeping more students on campus during the weekends.

Marshall is desperately trying to find ways to keep us around on the weekend and get us involved in campus life. Steve Hensley, dean of students, said staying around on the weekends would keep students stay in an academic mindset because many students who go home on the weekends tend to forget about homework.

The idea of having classes on Fridays may send some students into fits when they automatically think they will be taking classes into the evenings, but as usual, students who work to end up with no classes on Fridays will be able to do it.

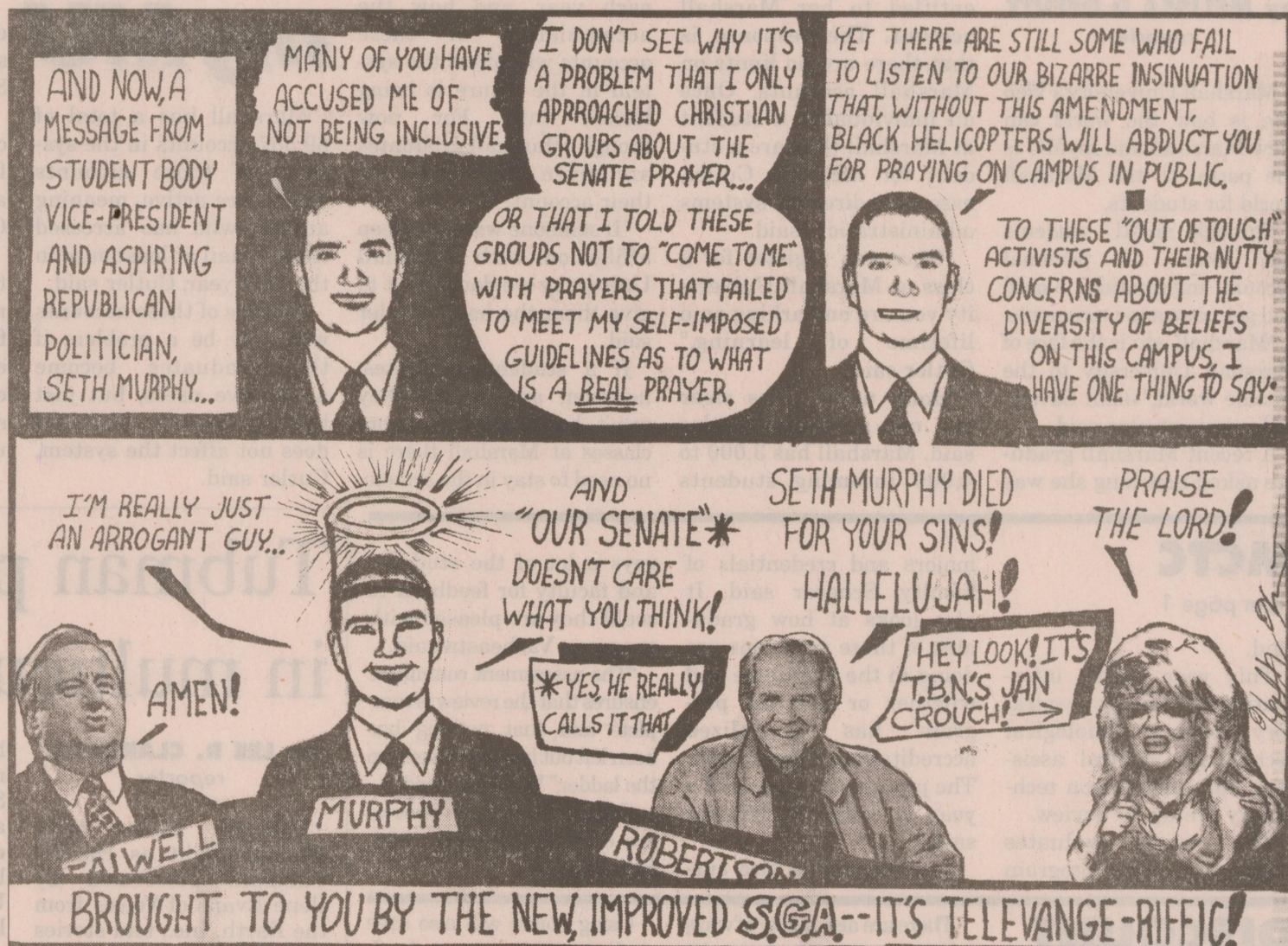
Other than Friday classes, the task force spent their meeting looking for ways to set the foundations for keeping students entertained on the weekends. Making use of the student center, working harder to make available activities known on campus, and working with the Huntington community to provide more to do for students, were all topics discussed during the meeting and were the sparking points for conversation among task force members.

We commend the school for looking into ways to build a community around the campus. The task force is doing a commendable job to find ways to entertain students, especially during the first couple of weekends in the fall, when we're all so easily tempted to dash back home to extend the summer by just a bit more.

The task force is looking for ideas and information into what makes us want to hang around on the weekend and bring us out to enjoy our time together as a campus. Pass along information to the powers that be and make your voice known.

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Letters to the editor Country is safer from terror since Iraq war

Graduate student Mel Tyree seems to be confused. He seems to believe that the planet Earth is the third planet from the sun, containing one country, the United States of America.

Mr. Tyree pondered, "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."

True, the U.S.A. continues to have yellow and orange and all sorts of pretty colors pouring out of Tom Ridge's mouth. There's no way to tell if the USA would have been attacked if this system was not in place, but that's not the point. With the occasional exception of France and the United Kingdom, the U.S.A. is the only country overly concerned with preventing terrorism.

In matters of the war, I take a stand of "the ends justify the means." Saddam did, in fact, have Iraq in a stranglehold, and his removal did, in fact, provide freedom for a large portion of the Iraqi people. Personally, I think we ought to be getting out of there as soon as possible, as do many of my friends, including one who served in Nasiriyah. He told me that he wouldn't trade his experience for anything, and that he is a better person because of his experiences.

— Eric Near
Ironton, OH

Students should not panic over prayer issue

Ok first of all, I am an Arab and I've lived the first part of my life surrounded by people who prayed differently than me. It didn't offend me at all. Personally I don't care if the amendment passes or not. I find this "outrage" on either side to be a little ridiculous.

I'm one of the only Arab Christians I know around here and it's a little unnerving the hostility I feel around here. Like Mr. Amerikaner said. Think critically about all of this. Normally when someone says "You are forcing this on me" they are often really saying "you're saying something I don't want to hear." I often disagree with the mindset of "believe what you want so long as you don't try to convince anyone else." Why? Because it's in a way hypocritical. That's making people go by your set of moral rules and that's the same thing others are accused of. I would like to go one day without having to hear about the latest news about this prayer issue. So someone prays and you're offended (and I mean any prayer to any god)? We're in college now ladies and gentlemen. That means we're adults ... just cause someone says something we don't want to hear doesn't mean we have to panic. If a muslim is praying I'm not gonna be inconsiderate with his prayer I will likely bow my own head and pray to God. That goes for Pagans, Hindus, Buddhists and Jews. Also whatever the heck Atheists do instead of praying ... hoping perhaps ... yes that's it ... I'll hope.

So to conclude my rambling I would like to ask a simple question I've never really gotten an answer to: If there's a separation of Church and State does that mean we're separate but equal? Just asking.

—Samir Abdel-Aziz
Journalism Major, Freshman

Shopping not a pastime for all

I don't see how people can stand to go shopping for fun. I honestly don't. My sister and some of her friends love to just go and look around. Sometimes they'll try stuff on, but they rarely buy much more than a new shirt or something.

I, being a male, do not understand this phenomenon.

The absolute last thing I want to do when I go shopping is to look at clothes. I can't stand it. You have to try everything on. Then, if it doesn't fit, there's some unspoken pressure to fold everything exactly as it were, and to put it on the exact same spot on the rack. Then you have to repeat the process for everything you try until it fits. I suppose some people just lump clothes however. I wouldn't want that if I worked there (and someone shoot me if I ever work there) and in response try to be neat about things generally.

I think the thing that weirs me out the most is the whole looking-with-no-intent-to-purchase idea. What kind of madman (or worse) would stand around looking for hours at items he or she can neither afford nor necessarily desire to own?

And when girls get in this mode, look out. A quick mall trip turns into a daylong affair. Hours pass. It takes less time to occupy Paris than it does for a girl to go shopping. Or looking. Or both.

I have to know what kind of clothes I'm buying before I even think about going to the mall. Then I carefully weigh out in my head whether I really need this particular garment or not. If there is any way I can possibly avoid shopping, I'll do it. I may go to the mall anyway ("The closer you are to danger," Pippin said in Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, "the further you are from harm.") But will I actually go to the clothing store? Not on Merv Griffin's life.

I do have to interject at this point that I'm slightly exaggerating. There are a few times when it's fun to go clothing shopping. Particularly when you know

WORDS FROM WITHUM
by John Withum

everything is going to be cheap, you know they already have it, or you're buying all new stuff for school in the fall and the other two rules apply.

And there is a truly good kind of shopping. Drop me off at Borders, pick me up five hours later, thank you. There's no such thing as a short trip to Borders. I usually start by looking to see if they have any new C.S. Lewis books. Then after that it's all a little random. I could be there for hours. I don't necessarily have the money to buy anything, or the desire to own some of the stuff I look at, but hey, it's still fun to look, right? It's a little disappointing when Borders doesn't have the book I'm looking for, but nobody's perfect.

Then there is Best Buy and Circuit City. It seems like I turn into a little kid again at these places. I can't decide if I want to look at and play with the video cameras I can't afford, the plasma screen televisions I'll never own or the video game systems I can only dream about. I really zone out in the DVD section. Who knew I needed the "Sanford and Son" boxed set in my life until I actually saw it on the shelf, live and in 3-D?

And I'm still a Toys R Us kid. Toys are great. Matchbox cars. G.I. Joes. My new personal favorite, Lord of the Rings action figures. Good night, it's all such wonderful stuff.

When it comes to shopping, girls are weird. We have absolutely nothing in common. Please excuse me while I water my houseplant.

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Marshall busts the Broncos



After the Herd's 82-76 win over MAC West Division leader Western Michigan, Marvin Black celebrates with a chest bump to teammate Taurean Marshall.

by BRAD MYERS
sports editor

Senior Marvin Black scored a career-high 30 points Sunday to help lead the Herd over Western Michigan 82-76 in overtime.

Western Michigan (18-3, 11-2 MAC) went into Sunday's match-up leading the West division of the Mid-American Conference, and riding a six-game MAC winning streak. Marshall (9-12, 6-7 MAC) would build a five point lead in the middle of the first half, but fell behind to trail the Broncos 40-35 at halftime.

Western Michigan raced to a 10 point lead midway through the second half before Marshall would finally make a comeback. The Herd quickly erased the Broncos lead with a 15-5 run that would see Marshall tie the game at 62 with just over four minutes remaining in regulation.

Black would then score Marshall's last 10 points to tie the game at 70 with 3.8 seconds left. Western Michigan would have a chance to win the game, but Bobby Madison threw the ball out of bounds, giving the Herd possession under its own basket with no time coming off the clock. Marshall was unable to capitalize on the last possession in regulation, however, and junior Ronny Dawn was forced to fire up a tough shot that fell short and sent the game into overtime.

Dawn gave the Herd the early lead in overtime with a three pointer, and Marshall

would never trail again. Marshall outscored Western Michigan 12-6 in overtime to seal the upset, and give the Herd its second straight MAC win.

Black said that Marshall had extra motivation to knock off the MAC's West division leader.

"We looked at the stats and they were the best team in the league," Black said. "That really motivated us."

Head coach Ron Jirsa said that the Herd played well throughout the whole game and, despite not looking as good as the Broncos on paper, was able to pick up the win.

"You've got to take the statistics and throw them out the window," Jirsa said. "I just thought we played a determined game. Our basketball program really worked well together from the time the game started until it ended."

Jirsa also added that the emotional win gave the Herd some much needed confidence.

"It was some badly needed confidence," Jirsa said. "We needed positive reinforcement."

Marshall had four players in double figure scoring, including Black with 30, and freshman Tre Whitted, junior A.W. Hamilton and sophomore LaVar Carter who all finished with 10.

The road ahead won't get any easier for the Herd, Marshall now focusing on its upcoming match-up at MAC East division leading Kent State. Game time is set for Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Tre Whitted gets hacked on the way up for a shot.

Whitted's free throws finally fall

by MATT RILEY
senior sports writer

Tre Whitted made 91 of 100 free throws this past Tuesday after practice.

Whitted then missed 10 consecutive free throws Wednesday night from the foul line against Eastern Michigan.

All Whitted could do was laugh and try to shake it off after the game and shoot even more free throws the next day in practice.

Sunday started out like deja-vu with Whitted missing his first attempt and 11th in a row.

On his 12th try, Whitted stepped to the line and finally knocked one down, bringing a smile to the freshman's face, applause from his teammates and perhaps one of the loudest roars heard in the Cam Henderson Center this season.

"It felt good," Whitted said of getting the monkey off his back. "It's kind of funny and it made me feel a lot better than last game. It motivated me. It gave me confidence to hit the other two."

Whitted hit those two in overtime to help seal the game for the Herd.

Head coach Ron Jirsa was glad to see the free throws fall for Whitted.

"He's worked hard right through this and I believe in working on it," he said. "I think it's been harder on him in the locker-room than it has on him out there so he got those guys off his back. We're all pulling for each other."

Forward Marvin Black said it was nice to see Whitted finally knock one down.

"I broke a smile," Black said. "Tre's been working hard and staying like 45 minutes after practice. When he made one I broke a smile for him."

Herd's Marvin Black named MAC East player of the week



Black

by MATT RILEY
senior sports writer

After his performance in the Herd's last two games, it's safe to say Marvin Black is back.

The senior forward was named MAC East player of the week after a 16 point, 12 rebound performance in

Marshall's win over Eastern Michigan Wednesday and 30 points and seven rebounds in the Herd's upset of Western Michigan Sunday.

In the Herd's previous five games, Black was only averaging six points per game.

Head coach Ron Jirsa challenged Black to step up the

intensity in his play and on top of recovering from an injury, Black has responded in the Herd's last two games.

"Marvin's been playing well," Jirsa said. "Marvin really led the way (against WMU). Marvin has made some adjustments and he's talked about them. He's really worked."

Black led the Herd to a 82-76 win over the Broncos. After a turnover off his head early in the second half, Black's game picked up and he put the Herd on his back with numerous dunks and key shots down the stretch to give WMU only its third loss on the season.

MU Baseball opens win three losses to Belmont Bruins

by MARY BALLER
reporter

The 2004 Baseball season began this weekend with the Thundering Herd losing all three games to the Belmont Bruins in Nashville.

The three games that the Marshall baseball team lost this weekend were all very close. The Herd lost the first game by two points, and the other games by only one. Though the losses have not affected the coach's optimism.

Head Coach Dave Piepenbrink said that they knew the offense would be behind this early in the year, but the defensive problems is hurt the team.

"We are still very optimistic," Piepenbrink said. "I think that the bats will start rolling as the season goes on."

The weekend was cut short due to weather, so a double-header was played

Saturday and only one game was played Sunday. In the first game on Saturday the Bruins took the lead early. The Herd tried to come back in the sixth inning but fell short.

The Herd started the second game on Sunday much better. The game was the highest-scoring game of the weekend, with the Herd losing to the Bruins 9-8.

In the last game of the weekend the Herd had the game tied until the sixth inning. An error by shortstop Mike Koitsopoulos led to the Bruins scoring twice and gaining the lead. The Herd rallied in the ninth inning and tried to come back, but could only come up with one run.

Piepenbrink said that defensively the team was having some problems. The Herd only made one recorded error per game this weekend, but the errors

were costly. The coaches said the team was lacking in communication.

"Our defense was having some communication problems that came from not being on the field," Piepenbrink said. "We were missing some little things, like some signals."

A few minor changes will be made for the up coming games this weekend. Assistant Coach Tom Carty that there would be no major changes.

"It was our first time on the field, and mistakes were made," Carty said. "We've learned from our mistakes and the adjustments will be made."

The baseball team was missing two key players in last weekend's games, outfielder Chris Monaco and pitcher Steve Zirolli. Piepenbrink said that both players would be back for this weekend. The Herd takes the field again this weekend in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Tennis nets two key wins to even record

by AMY E. MOSS
reporter

The Marshall tennis team defeated SMU and Louisville last weekend to improve to 2-2 overall.

"SMU is a very good team with a lot of rich tennis tradition," said John Mercer, Marshall's head coach. "We played really well considering our circumstances, we'd only had two matches up to that."

The Herd will next face Penn State and Princeton.

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Cadet Bryan Pauley, member
of Marshall's ROTC program
and the Army National Guard.



It is still dark outside when Bryan Pauley's alarm clock blares at 5 a.m. But the hour is really not an issue for Pauley, a senior business major from Poca.

Getting up early is part of his duty as a Marshall University student and as a cadet in Marshall's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Every morning, Pauley commutes to school from his home in Poca. He has to be ready to work out with his fellow ROTC cadets at 6:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

According to Pauley, his work outs are grueling.

"Depending on the day, we usually run anywhere from three to six miles," Pauley said. "We do a lot of push-ups, sit-ups and pull-ups as well."

As for Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Pauley has to be on campus at the same time to practice with an ROTC competitive ranger challenge team. The team consists of ten members who compete against other colleges' ROTC members at things such as repelling and running.

After training, Pauley attends class all afternoon. The busy senior is carrying 20 hours this semester, and he has maintained a 3.3 grade point average. He also has a part-time job at Cracker Barrel that requires him to work four nights per week.

Pauley said balancing his hectic schedule is tough at times.

"Basically I have a schedule of when I can study, when I can workout and when I can be at Cracker Barrel," Pauley said. "It used to be really hectic, but it's fine now."

Pauley is also a reservist with the Army National Guard. The Army lets him participate in a Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) in which the National Guard gives him a tuition waiver and the ROTC pays him a monthly stipend.

The National Guard pays Pauley for weekend training events. He is also guaranteed a minimum commission of \$2,183 per month when he graduates college and begins active duty with the Army.

With the SMP, Pauley's primary function is to follow a second lieutenant and learn about his job. It benefits to participate in both programs, Pauley said.

"The advantage is that you get to see what it's like to be in the 'real' Army, not just ROTC," said Pauley. "You get to work with officers who have been in the Army for 20 or 30 years. And ROTC allows me to be second lieutenant when I graduate."

Benefits are not just monetary in nature. Pauley said he is in great shape and he has amazing discipline and leadership skills.

"[Pauley] is a great guy. He's a hard worker, he has great character and work ethic, and he's motivated. He's also a great student. He's one of my favorites."

— Master Sergeant Rick Cottrell, senior military instructor for ROTC

"First of all, it teaches you leadership," said Pauley. "And, I'm in the best shape I've ever been in. The program has made me more responsible with all of my classes and it teaches me excellent time management. I'm also taught discipline—I actually get up at five in the morning instead of rolling over and going back to sleep."

Pauley doesn't get to reap all the benefits of the programs without giving something in return. He is contracted to serve a minimum four years of active duty with the Army and another four years in the Army Reserves after that.

As a cadet in the ROTC, Pauley is expected to attend the three times per week training sessions and take ROTC courses that prepare cadets for the time they will spend in the Army. Pauley must also attend drill training with ROTC one

weekend each month.

Pauley's National Guard unit specializes in medical aviation. His duty with the Guard includes going for training in Parkersburg one weekend per month. During the training, he learns about safety briefings and how to fill out flight cards. When the weather is nice, the reservists get to try their hands at flying.

Pauley said there are differences in the ROTC and the National Guard. He explained that the main focus of the ROTC is to commission officers through training. The National Guard, however, is a state funded Army program for any enlisted reservists or officers. Training is required with the National Guard as well, but the major difference is that ROTC cadets cannot be deployed until they receive their degrees. National Guard members can be deployed at any time.

Because Pauley is in ROTC, he cannot be deployed until he graduates. His ROTC contract takes precedence over his National Guard contract.

Pauley's future goal is to be an aviator with the Army. After he graduates, said he wants to attend flight school and receive all the training he needs to pilot Army planes.

Pauley receives high praises from his peers and his superiors. Fellow ROTC cadet Clayton Seldomridge, a criminal justice senior from Greenbank, said Pauley is a step above the rest.

"Cadet Pauley exhibits superior multitasking abilities and is a good candidate for our highest rank, battalion commander, next year," Seldomridge said.

Master Sergeant Rick Cottrell, senior military instructor for ROTC, concurred.

"I'm really happy with him," Cottrell said. "He's a great guy. He's a hard worker, he has great character and work ethic, and he's motivated. He's also a great student. He's one of my favorites."

Pauley said his inspiration to be in the Army comes from a long line of family participation in the military. He has always wanted to fly, and the Army will allow him to spread his wings.