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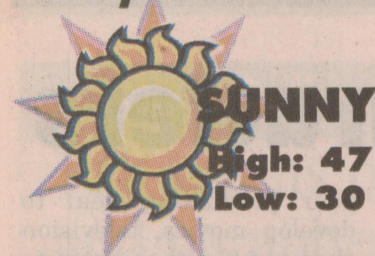
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Red Cross sponsoring blood drive thru Thurs.

Donators to receive voucher for one parking ticket

by KACIE B. DANIELS
reporter

Donating blood could possibly save your life. Rachel Black, donor marketing specialist for the American Red Cross in Huntington, said in theory, your own blood could be used to save your life if you need emergency surgery.

"It's going to be someone who gave blood two days ago who can help you or your friend," Black said. "It takes a minimum of 48 hours from the time we collect the blood to be transfused to a hospital patient. It may sound cliché, but it could be your own life that you're saving."

That's one incentive Black said she hopes will motivate students to donate blood at the American Red Cross blood drive being conducted at the Campus Christian Center (CCC) today and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The blood drive is sponsored by Student Health Education Programs (SHEP).

Amy Saunders, coordinator of SHEP, said the goal of this drive is to collect at least 35 to 40 usable units of much-needed blood.

Black said the Red Cross is "desperate" for blood. Among the most needed types are O negative and O positive.

"We have six different blood types on our critical list," said Black. "Twenty-five percent of our need is O positive and 17 percent is O negative. Type O is considered the universal donor. A person with O positive blood can give to A positive, B positive and AB positive. It's important we have those on hand, and we're really low. It's never good news for hospital patients."

Black stressed the importance of donating blood.

"We need to be proactive in the need to collect blood," Black said. "The Red Cross tries to maintain a five-day supply of blood at all times, and in order to do that we need to collect seven days a week."

Saunders said students who donate will receive refreshments and a

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Lees plans to restore budget to higher ed.

This is the first in a series of profiles of West Virginia gubernatorial candidates to examine their plans for higher education.

by MALLORY HAYE
reporter

The West Virginia primary election is approaching and 19 candidates have their names on the ballot to become governor.

Democrat Jim Lees is one of those candidates, making his third attempt at a nomination from his party. In 1996, Lees a virtually unknown late entrant into the race, received 20 percent of the vote. In the 2000 primary, Lees received 38 percent of the Democratic vote.

This year as Lees makes another attempt at a nomination, his campaign focuses on a five-step recovery plan for the state. Lees says with this plan the state budget, including the money that has been cut in higher education, can be restored.

Lees said his main plan for higher education is to restore the previous budget cuts Marshall and other institutions have encountered.

"That is huge, just crucial for Marshall and West Virginia University," Lees said.

Lees said it is absurd for candidates to talk about new programs in higher education after the 10 percent and two percent budget cuts in the past two years.

"Any candidate who talks



about policy in higher education, you need to say 'wait a minute, how are you going to balance the budget? Then how are you going to restore the budget before you can talk about new policies?,' Lees said.

Another major focus of Lees' five-step recovery plan is to cut 3,400 state jobs. Lees said there are 44,000 state employees, which cost the state \$1.6 billion a year. He said he needs to cut \$150 million from those salaries, which means 3,400 jobs.

Lees guaranteed that none of these cuts would happen in higher education. He said they would come from not replacing employees as they retire or move on to other jobs. Lees figures this to take care of 2,000 of his cuts.

The other 1,400 will come from what Lees calls political cronyism, people who got a job as a political payoff by working on someone's campaign.

"I, for one, am opposed to cuts in necessary programs such as health care for low income families and individuals while politicians pad payrolls with jobs as political favors," Lees said in a release about his five-step recovery plan. "If you are a hard working productive state employee you

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Hobby shop running PS2 Madden tournament

by SARAH
HEREFORD
reporter

The Clubhouse, a new sports hobby store in Barboursville, will host its first video game tournament for players of all ages, Thursday, Feb. 26.

The 2004 Madden Video Tournament will feature the newest Madden NFL video game to be played on PlayStation 2. Players will be allowed to select their own NFL teams to play one full game with five-minute quarters. They will be matched against another player, in which the winner will advance to the next round.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, Feb. 21. The Clubhouse's owner, Todd Slayton, said this will give him time to generate a tournament bracket and confirm entries. He plans to call players to let them know their scheduled time of play. "That way players aren't waiting around all day," Slayton said.

Those interested may come to or call the store at 733-4555 to sign up. Players of all ages and from any area are encouraged to sign up. A \$5 entry fee is required with the entry form.

The champion will receive a cash prize or store credit.

MURC assists in finding funding for grants

by MELISSA D.
OFFUTT
reporter

Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC) was developed in December 1987. MURC is a non-profit corporation. The mission of MURC is to support and assist in research at Marshall University, as well as, disbursement of funds acquired by grant and contact awards, according to www.marshall.edu/research.

"It was created to provide assistance to faculty and staff who are pursuing internal funding," David Ice, grants developer officer, said.

It currently has 100 different funding sources for research going on at Marshall, Ice said. It is funded by the federal gov-

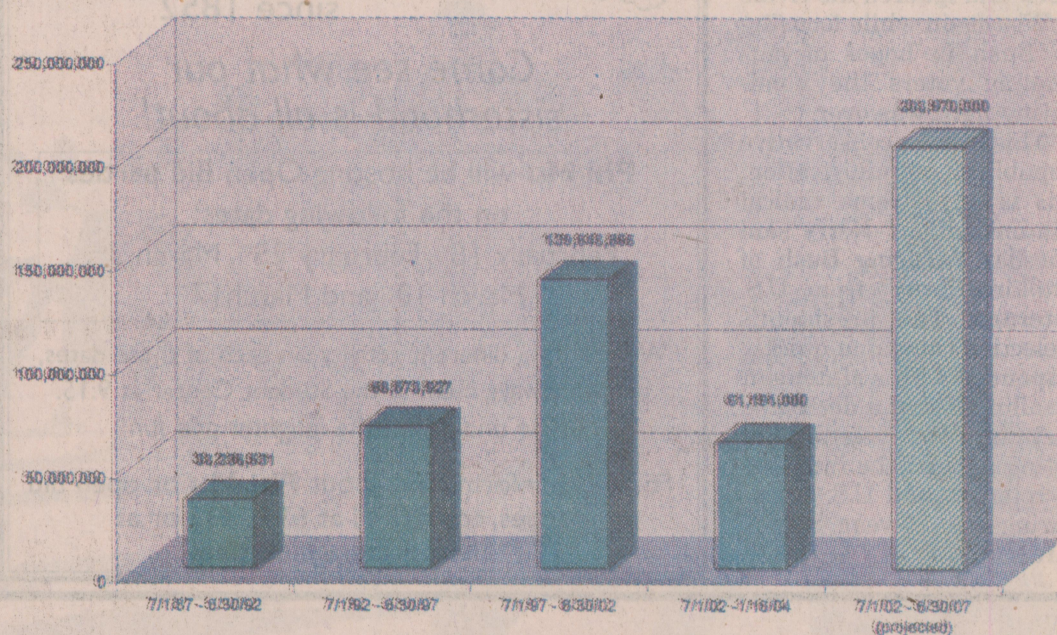
ernment, state government, department of justice and private foundations, to name a few.

Funding is available for students, faculty, and staff. MURC locates funding for the different colleges, programs, faculty, staff and students. A database is available for grant searching with out the help of MURC. Access to numerous funding opportunities can be available in seconds at www.cos.com.

"We have available a database service called community of science that is accessible to all faculty, staff and students that give funding opportunities on a world-wide basis," Ron Schelling, executive director said.

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MURC FUNDING HISTORY
(FIVE YEAR INCREMENTS)



The Marshall University Research Corporation has 100 different sources of funding for research being conducted at the university.

PR class explaining good, bad credit

Event part of Bateman campaign

by ANDREA M.
KASTEIN
reporter

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this past Monday, a group of six Marshall public relations students hosted an event to inform college students about good and bad credit. The event took place in the Harless Dining Hall during lunchtime.

These students were conducting this event for their

senior level capstone public relations class. The students are working on a project for a national case study campaign that was established by the Public Relations Society of America in 1973. The name of the competition was named after the late J. Carroll Bateman, who was a past president of PRSA.

Jessica Farner, a senior public relations major from Parkersburg, said the campaign is a way to allow students to practice their skills and what they have learned about the public relations field and apply them in real life. The finalist of this competition could

have their campaign implemented by the competition's credit sponsor.

"We wanted to target high school and college students between the ages of 17-23," Farner said. "At this age, most people sign up just because they get a free gift, but they don't even know what they are signing up for and end up getting overwhelmed by credit companies."

The event, this group of students held, was a game show with the theme of "A Life Long Commitment." The students posted flyers all over campus with the

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Unitarian Fellowship recruiting

by SARAH
HEREFORD
reporter

The Unitarian Fellowship of Huntington is an organization hoping to attract new members and create a new chapter at Marshall.

The UFH is a group of individuals who support the principles of Unitarian Universalism, a liberal religion with Jewish and Christian roots.

Instead, they are committed to the practice of free religion, while continuing to search for the truth. They worship, study and work for social justice as a congregation, and

stress the worth and dignity of all humans. The idea is to provide a supportive community for people to express their ideas, while growing intellectually and spiritually.

The faith of members derives from a variety of religious beliefs, such as Jewish, Christian, naturalist, atheist and agnostic. Members often refer to themselves as religious humanists or liberal Christians.

Terry Flesher, a member of the UFH, refers to the congregation as a "gathering of religious liberals." He says tolerance is key

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Kerry fends off Edwards' charge in Wisconsin

(AP) — John Kerry clashed with John Edwards and his other Democratic rivals Tuesday in the Wisconsin primary, a major Midwest showdown that may be the last gasp for Howard De-an's presidential bid.

Close race or not, Kerry said, "A win is a win."

Said Edwards in an interview with The Associated Press: "We'll go full-throttle to the next group of states."

The Massachusetts senator held a wide lead in pre-election polls, but the surveys did not fully reflect voter sentiments after a statewide debate Sunday and two newspaper endorsements for Edwards.

Exit polls showed that half of the voters made their selection in the last week, most in the last few days — and Edwards led among late-breakers. Taking advantage of Wisconsin's open primary rules, one in 10 voters were Republicans and about 30 percent were independents. Those voters broke for Edwards.

It was the strongest turnout of Republican voters in any Democratic contest this year, boosted by city government elections in Milwaukee and a controversial referendum on casino gambling by an Indian tribe.

"That's been happening in other primaries, too," Edwards said. "Republicans who would consider voting Democratic and independents are the people we have to win over to win the general election. That's why I'm the best candidate to take on George Bush."

Kerry won 14 of the 16 elections to date — seven by nearly half the vote — on the East and West coasts, in the Midwest, the Great Plains and the Southwest. In many states, Democrats said their top priority was selecting a candidate who could beat Bush — and Kerry overwhelmingly won their votes.

That trend did not carry into Wisconsin, where voters said the top quality was a candidate's willingness to stand up for what he believes.

Buoyed by his hot streak, Kerry took two days off last week and ignored his rivals in Wisconsin while focusing on Bush in hopes of persuading voters the nomination fight was over.

"This is not a conservative Republican administration, this is an extreme radical administration," Kerry said Tuesday, accusing Bush of "walking away" from U.S. veterans. The president's reelection campaign quickly responded with a statement assailing Kerry, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, for voting against the interests of veterans and U.S. troops during his 19-year Senate career.

Disney to buy the Muppet characters

The sale of the Muppets will be complete within two months

Financial terms of the deal, which also includes Henson's "Bear in the Big Blue House" franchise, were not disclosed.

The deal, which is expected to close in about two months, culminates a decades-long pursuit of the Muppets by Disney, which came close to acquiring the characters in 1990. The deal fell apart shortly after the death of company founder Jim Henson.

The company then was bought by German media company EM.TV, which sold it back to the Henson family last year.

The deal does not include the Sesame Street characters, such as Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch, who were sold earlier by EM.TV to the Sesame Workshop. Negotiations between Disney and the Henson family continued about six months.

The Muppet characters already exist in Disney theme parks in a 3D film, while "Bear in the Big Blue House" is a long-running show on the Disney cable

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— Lisa Henson, co-chair/chief executive of The Jim Henson Co.

television channel.

Disney plans to make new television shows, video games, movies and other products with the existing characters as well as develop new characters in the coming years.

"We have been very impressed by how the Disney company treats its own characters," said Lisa Henson, who, with her brother Brian, is co-chair

and co-chief executive of The Jim Henson Co. "We feel if the Muppets are treated with as much care in the long term as Walt Disney's characters are, we will have properly served the legacy."

The deal includes a four-year consulting arrangement with the Henson company to provide strategic advice on the use of the characters and a three-

year production deal to develop movies, television shows and other projects using the characters.

The Henson company will retain its "Creature Shop," which builds the puppet characters and provides special effects for other studios, as well as the rights to its film and television library, including "Fraggle Rock" and "Farscape."

The announcement is a much-needed boost for Disney, which has been under attack for weeks from ex-board members and is the subject of a hostile takeover bid from cable television giant Comcast Corp.

Handgun found in former state delegate's luggage at Yeager Airport

CHARLESTON (AP) — Former state Delegate Mark Hunt said Tuesday that he forgot he had a loaded handgun in his overnight bag when he checked his luggage at Yeager Airport for a family trip to Fort Myers, Fla.



Hunt

The gun was found Saturday during a routine X-ray screening in a bag that Hunt had checked on a US Airways flight to Charlotte, N.C.

Hunt, 44, said he bought the gun after his home was burglarized twice. His family moved last week to a new home and had been staying in a hotel while workers cleaned, painted and moved their furniture.

He put the gun in the bag to keep it away from the workers and his 3-

year-old son.

He said he forgot about the gun when he took the bag to the airport.

"It was a black gun in a black bag and I just didn't see it," Hunt said.

Security officials confiscated the gun.

"I always realized there were bonehead people in the world. Now I know I'm one of them," Hunt said.

The U.S. Attorney's Office, which is handling the case, did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday.

Hunt, a Charleston attorney, was elected to the House of Delegates in 1994, 1996 and 1998. He won the Democratic nomination for a Senate seat in 2000, but lost to Sen. Vic Sprouse, R-Kanawha.

In late 2000, Hunt rented a laboratory at a Nitro community center and hired a researcher who had since claimed it produced

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— Mark Hunt, former delegate

the world's first cloned baby. Hunt hoped Brigitte Boisselier, chief executive of Clonaid, could clone DNA from his deceased 10-month-old son, Andrew.

Jackson County Clerk prepares for trial on accusation of murder

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) — A small-town political figure on trial for the murder of a woman who filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against him was implicated by his own son, a detective testified Tuesday.

Jackson County Clerk Jerry Dean is accused of gunning down Audrey Marcum in her garage Nov. 17, 2001, just days before a deposition was to be taken in the harassment lawsuit and about a year before Dean was to seek reelection.

Detective Joie Peters said one of Dean's sons, David, showed police where Dean

had disposed of the murder weapon and the boots, gloves and camouflage clothes he wore when he committed the slaying.

Peters testified that Dean was taken into custody a day after the slaying as he pulled into the driveway of David Dean's home. Peters said Dean had two loaded handguns with him at the time.

In addition to his testimony, Peters also submitted a graphic videotape of the crime scene. Jurors watched with no obvious reactions as the camera panned the body of the victim and a pool of blood.

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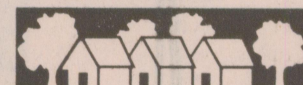
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Police Blotter

158 grams of Marijuana and paraphernalia seized

by ANN K. ALI
reporter

The following was obtained from Marshall University police reports for Jan. 18 to Feb. 15.

A suspicious vehicle with an expired registration parked in the Marshall Commons lot was searched by MUPD on Feb. 15 resulting in two arrests for possession of marijuana.

Paul A. Burgess, 21, a student at West Virginia State College and Joshua D. Parsons, 20, of Charleston made the statement that they had purchased the marijuana in Charleston with school loan money they recently received. The men were planning to distribute the 158 grams, nearly half a pound, of marijuana at a party in the Marshall University area on Feb. 15.

Upon a search of the vehicle, a roll of plastic bags, rolling papers, several large bags of marijuana worth approximately \$800, a half-smoked marijuana cigar and a pair of nail clippers were found and removed, MUPD Chief Jim Terry said. \$313 in assorted currency was in Parson and Burgess's possession. The two men were transported by MUPD and an officer from the Huntington Police Department to the Marshall University Office of Public Safety and were read their rights.

The arrestees were transported to the Western Regional Jail without incident where they were placed on a temporary commitment awaiting arraignment. Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I

substance making possession and intent to deliver a felony. Upon conviction, a person may be imprisoned for no less than one year and no more than fifteen years, or fined up to \$25,000 or both.

STOLEN MONEY RETURNED

An MUPD follow-up report from Jan. 18 said the \$1,129 recovered from Joel McClenney's dorm room was returned to the students from whom it had been stolen. McClenney has left the campus and Marshall has taken further disciplinary action against him.

UNDERAGE ALCOHOL OPERATION

Twelve arrests were made for unlawful drinking under age 21 Feb. 12 and 13 as part of the MUPD, Huntington Police and Cabell County Sheriff's Department's high-risk underage alcohol operation on the Marshall campus and surrounding areas.

Ten arrests were made between Feb. 7 and 8 as part of another operation. Five of the arrests were for unlawful drinking under age 21, three for possession of marijuana, one for possession of the drug Darviset IV and one arrest for furnishing alcohol to individuals under age 21.

DUI, UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION

Jeffrey P. Hayhurst was arrested Feb. 12 for driving under the influence and underage consumption. His four passengers were arrested for underage consumption.

W.Va. legislature to address child abuse

by NICOLE YOUNG
reporter

The Coalition for West Virginia's Children and Prevent Child Abuse WV are teaming up to sponsor "Children's Day at the Legislature," a two day public policy forum revolving around children's issues such as child abuse and neglect.

The forum, to take place in Charleston today features a panel discussion by legislators, exhibits and information booths regarding different children's top-

ics, as well as the opportunity for people to sit in on a legislative session.

"We just want to make people aware of how they can get involved with the legislature," said Devin McGrew, assistant coordinator of Coalition for West Virginia's Children. "They need to learn how to talk and press the legislature if they want bills passed."

This event, hosted in part by the Coalition for West Virginia's Children, has been going on for the past 12 years and this year they are expecting about 200

attendees, McGrew said. There is a giant network of support for the event from Tobacco Free WV, child-care centers and several foundations revolving around children's issues, McGrew said.

"This event brings together groups who focus on children and families," said Sister Jane Harrington, executive director for Sisters of Saint Joseph. "We like to stay involved with helping support policies that are family friendly."

Several of the funding organizations for the Children's Day have made

repeat donations over the years to the Coalition for West Virginia's Children. The Sisters of Saint Joseph have been providing grants for the last several years, Harrington said.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Black Diamond Girl Scout Council, Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Charitable Fund are some of the groups that helped provide funding for this year's Children's Day, according to the Prevent Child Abuse WV website.

BLOOD

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parking voucher for one ticket. She also said students can sign up early for the blood drive in the CCC if they don't want to wait in line.

MURC

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tor said.

Money is available for research and it should be used, Schelling said.

MURC would be happy to do the research for the students and faculty, but the students and faculty can do right at their desktops, Schelling said.

"We'll train you to do the research," Schelling said.

MURC works with faculty throughout the development of the proposals to make sure they are in compliance with the guidelines, Schelling said. The proposal will ultimately be approved by MURC before being sent to the funding agency, Schelling said.

These stem from the many areas of the university, including the physiology department, school of medicine, English department and school of nursing.

PROFILE

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have nothing to fear from this reduction. But if you are a non-productive employee hired as a result of political cronyism, you better start reading the help wanted section of the newspaper."

Lees said he was furious to see cuts in higher education when people were getting paychecks as political payoffs.

"That's absurd priority setting in my opinion, so I'm switching the priorities," Lees said.

Lees said he has received some criticism from people saying that he can't issue these cuts if elected. Although coming out, as a political candidate and saying that you will cut jobs may be harmful to

Lees, he says it is just what has to be done.

"Living here in Charleston, that's like saying, I'm about to kill the goose that laid the golden egg," Lees said.

Another issue Lees must face as a gubernatorial candidate in West Virginia is the exit of college graduates from the state to find better paying, more beneficial jobs.

Lees said he can't guarantee more jobs in the state if he is elected, but he would like to offer more venture capital money to entrepreneurs who want to start their own business.

"I can't guarantee 1,000, 5,000 or 10,000 paycheck jobs in two years, but I just want to get Marshall students to start businesses," Lees said.

UNITY

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bution to the fellowship to pay for expenses.

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The UFH is located at 619 Sixth Ave. in Huntington. For more information, call 525-8852. or visit <http://unitarian.intent.net>.

CREDIT

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phrase "Will you respect yourself in the morning?" in hopes of creating curiosity among other students to get them to come out and learn more about credit.

Farner, along with her classmates wanted to go for a relationship type theme for the event since Valentine's Day was this past weekend and a credit card in many ways is just like a relationship. You have to pay close attention to it, establish your credit early on and maintain it, just like in a real relationship.

Contestants of the game show were given different credit card scenarios. Then they had to choose the scenario they felt was the best one. If they chose correctly, they won a prize. Prizes included coupons to Outback Steak House, Marshall sweatshirts and coffee mugs filled with candy.

"Choosing a credit card is a big choice and I think it is important that people learn how to make those type of decisions," Preston Will, a sports management and marketing major from Culpeper, Va., said. "It can make a big difference."



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The Muppets take Orlando as Disney buys Kermit, Piggy

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The most sensational, inspirational, celebrational, Muppetational show will soon be owned by the Happiest Place on Earth.

An Associated Press story reported that in about two months, the Walt Disney Co. will be the proud owners of the "Muppets" along with "Bear in the Big Blue House." The Henson company will still retain the Creature Shop and "Fraggle Rock" characters.

The Parthenon staff collectively cringed upon hearing the news of Piggy, Fozzie, Animal and the rest being sold to the media conglomerate. Sure we may see the construction of a "Muppets" theme park and a few new movies or shows down the road, but the fact remains that the comic genius that sparked a pilot named "Sex and Violence" is now going to be attributed to a company that probably wouldn't tolerate Animal shackled to a wall and screaming "Want woman!"

The Muppets were revolutionary, violent and frequently pushed envelopes as far as bits of foam rubber and felt could on prime time network television back in the day. It just seems kind of wrong for them to be under the direction of the cute and cuddly Walt Disney Co.

Now the Parthenon staff knows that Disney owns ABC and plenty of other channels and media outlets that provide quality entertainment to those of us who's main source of entertainment isn't a shirtless mouse with buttons on his pants. We also know that Disney isn't the cleanest company with a history of sweatshop workers and the like, but the heart of the matter is that Disney is not the company that we really want to see associated with a part of our childhoods that was drop-dead hilarious and often ended with unexplained explosions.

It's kind of frightening to think that Disney will soon own the copyright to "Mnah, Mnah" and "It's Not Easy Being Green." They'll get the royalties for Gonzo the Great every time he chases Camilla the chicken and lets not forget the reruns of "Pigs In Space!" and the episode where the Koosbanian creatures participate in the famous mating ritual known as the "Galley Oh Hoop-Hoop."

Jim Henson was a comic genius and one of the few who ever seemed to be a genuinely nice guy. We're sad to see that Michael Eisner is going to have a few more characters to collect money from when Disney already has so much. The ownership of so many media outlets and so many well-known characters that rake in money for the company. It strikes another blow at infodiversity and lines Eisner's wallet with a few extra bills.

Political mudslinging goes too far

It is only February and I am already so sick of the political mudslinging season. In light of the ever growing anti-Bush movement I would like to point out a few things about our president and his administration. The following are published facts and can be reviewed at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/12/20031213-4.html>.

President Bush's economic leadership is producing positive results. America's economy grew at the strongest rate in almost 20 years in the third quarter of this year. 328,000 jobs have been added over the last four months — the most robust four-month job growth record in nearly three years. More manufacturers are reporting an increase in orders than at any time during the past 20 years.

L. JASON
QUEEN
guest columnist

The Bush Administration has made unprecedented progress in making America more secure. President Bush led an international coalition to enforce U.N. Resolutions and remove Saddam Hussein's regime. By acting in Iraq, the U.S. and our allies freed 25 million people from a brutal dictatorship that developed and used weapons of mass destruction; cultivated ties to terror groups; harbored known terrorists; defied more than a dozen U.N. Security Council Resolutions demanding that it disarm; and threatened its own people, the region and world. Working with the Iraqi people, we are now

learning the full truth about Saddam Hussein's regime, including: the mass graves of more than 300,000 victims of Saddam's brutality; clear evidence of Saddam's illegal weapons program; and previously undocumented ties to terror organizations. President Bush has clearly said America will stay the course and complete its mission in Iraq, so the Iraqi people can enjoy freedom and the state will not again become a breeding ground for terror.

America and more than 20 allied countries are working to help the Afghan people rebuild their war-torn nation. More than 15 million Afghan citizens have been freed from the brutal zealotry of the Taliban.

President Bush signed the PROTECT Act in April, which gives law enforcement additional tools to

prevent, investigate, and prosecute violent crimes against children. The bill strengthens child pornography laws and builds upon the steps already taken by the President to expand, enhance, and coordinate the successful AMBER Alert system across America.

In the past few weeks I have read where liberals are declaring our president as "mean-spirited, selfish, arrogant, a criminal against humanity and a liar" just to name a few that have appeared in the Parthenon. In regards to these comments I challenge each and every person to get the facts this political season instead of listening to the fearful, misleading and hate filled words of the liberal agenda.

L. Jason Queen is a graduate student at Marshall University.

Letters to the editor

John Allen unfit to serve in SGA

While attending the secretive, cowardly vote by SGA to enact state prayer on Marshall's campus, I witnessed a number of examples of mind-numbing stupidity. Too many to write about, so I'll focus on the canned outrage of Senate prayer leader John Allen that students are finding his website writings to be examples of hate speech.

The Web site, on which, for no apparent reason, Allen bizarrely refers to himself in 3rd person as "Dr. John Allen", contains attacks on everyone outside of his narrow definition of acceptable religion. Episcopalians, for example, are referred to as "Episcopopathetics", and so on.

Allen condemns the Christian athletes for playing instruments at a gathering, feeling that music is a symptom of impure Christianity. Pretty normal stuff—if you're one of the town elders in Footloose, that is.

Allen writes of his disapproval for premarital sex. In fact, he gleefully calls for anyone engaging in it to be executed, and at the guillotine, no less! Again, no hate speech here, but remember the next time you're in private moments with your significant other that not only does Senator Allen disapprove of what you're doing, he wants you dead for it.

Allen is, to put it simply, a narrow-minded bigot, spending his time demonizing those unlike him, but, when called on it, exercises the classic Republican tendency to whine that he's being discriminated against.

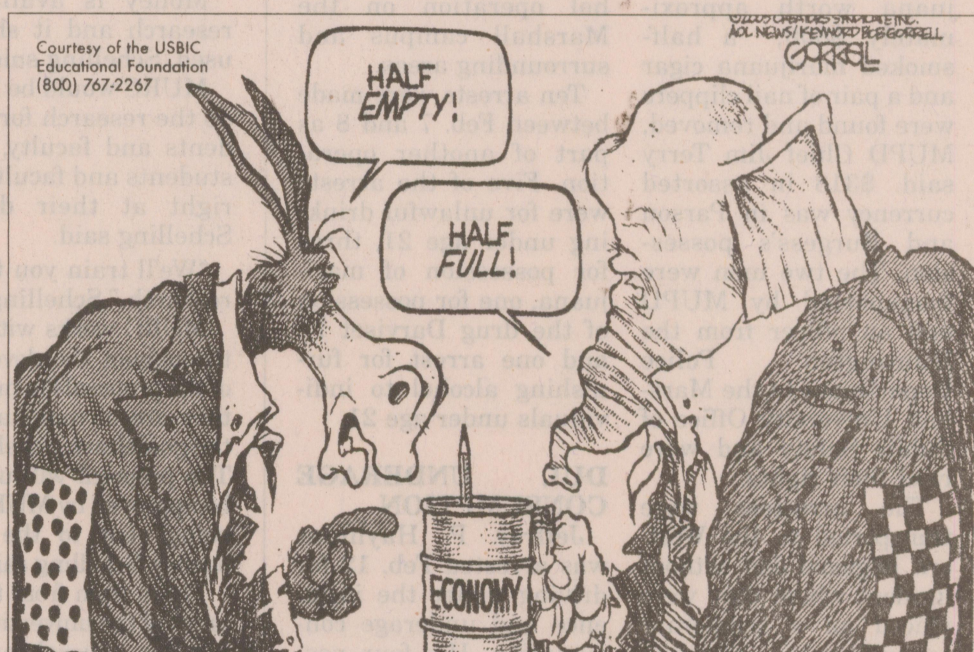
Allen is unfit to serve in SGA and students should vote accordingly at the polls to run him and his right-wing ilk out of office.

— Heath Harrison
graduate student
School of Journalism

SGA does not need outside help

In response to Mr. Clement Counts III. The amendment usurps the U.S. Constitution? Come now. You tell us that the constitutional law professors at Marshall, when you were there, would point out that a "law" which invalidates a provision of the U.S. Constitution is not valid. First, I'm not aware of any constitutional law professors at Marshall. Perhaps Marshall actually has a reputable law school complete with con law professors? I wish I had realized this before I left the state to go to law school!

Anyway, I think if you set aside your political biases long enough to read the first amendment with an eye toward the TEXT, you'll see that



it reads "respecting an establishment of religion" not "respecting any recognition of religion."

Give me any strained USSC decision you want, "separation of church and state" just isn't there. Sometimes well-educated people like yourself should try just reading what is on the lines, instead of what is in between them. Better yet, why don't you leave the student government to do their own work, I'm quite sure they were doing just fine without the "assistance."

— Greg Horner
Class of 2003
Raleigh, N.C.

Is Murphy blind to lack of support?

I read in Wednesday's Parthenon about how Seth Murphy thinks that people are backing him. He stated that people have been coming up to him and around campus he is receiving only positive statements. But from what I can see, the student body doesn't particularly care for his actions lately. I have been sitting in the Student Center and when he walks threw, I hear boos, and unpleasant remarks yelled across the Student Center at him. So I don't see how he thinks students are backing him? I have no stand in the prayer issues, but I just don't understand how our Vice President can be so blind?

— JB Ferrell
Seattle, Wa.

Public prayer not an issue for SGA

A lot of people who claim they are "Christians" seem to ignore or even violate the teachings of Jesus. Jesus never said word about homosexuality or abortion, so these are not Christian issues. Those who pretend they are, are simply grasping at excuses to push their personal hates and fears.

Even worse are those pushing public prayer. Jesus was perfectly clear about these people. They are hypocrites — religious phonies who are only interested in drawing attention to themselves and gaining power over others.

I suspect the students voting for public prayer, contrary to the clear teachings of Jesus, are being manipulated by some of the various pseudo-Christian cult leaders on campus who love so much to manipulate the vulnerable. Those who engage in public prayer not only spit on the Constitution, they spit on the cross.

— Rick Bady
Proctorville, Ohio

Monologues a breath of fresh air

I appreciated the Vagina Monologues. Going to the Vagina Monologues was giddy. The Monologues tap into a basic energy that is exciting and, as the Parthenon review promised, life-changing. The experience did enliven. Women came out laughing, excited and ready to change things.

My friends and I all had our favorite monologue, but most of us really liked the "Vagina Workshop," "My Vagina was my Village," "Angry Vagina," "My Short Skirt" and "Snowflakes." Kudos to those performers. I have attended for two years, and my favorite monologue is still "The Woman Who Liked to Make Vaginas Happy." Seriously, when you get to the part with the moans, women go crazy laughing. They've never heard anyone imitate their bedroom selves onstage like that! It's absolutely hilarious. It's perhaps hysterical.

The whole experience turned my friends and me on to discussion, about our bodies and about our entire lives, really. We deal with body image, domestic violence, infertility, and hormonal changes. The Monologues gave us a stage of our own to stand on, even with each other. And yes, for those men who chose to attend, kudos to you. I'm sure your significant other thanks you.

The Monologues left the audience with a feeling of triumph, the belief that the most important thing for all women to remember when they wake up, is that they do so as a woman. I am writing to say, thank you Eve Ensler and Marshall University for a wonderful experience. Pussy power!

— Holly Martin
Charleston

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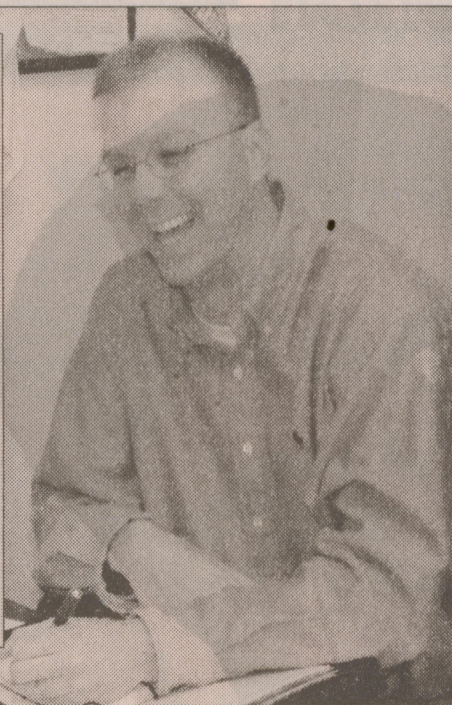
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2004 Marshall Thundering Herd women's soccer signing class

Heather Burchett, Dayton, Ohio
Sara Burdick, Leicester, N.Y.
Colleen Fuertges, West Chester, Ohio
Jenna Greenwood, Westerville, Ohio
Kate Heilich, Columbia, S.C.
Kassie Hollman, Marietta, Ga.
Kelly Jackson, Rochester, N.Y.
Mollie Lee, Leawood, Kan.
Rebecca Mumley, Woodbridge Va.
Elise Provenzano, Webster, N.Y.

Head coach Chris Kane and company are more than excited about the addition of these 10 signees for next season.

photo by Matt Riley



Signed, sealed, will they deliver? Kane excited about first class at MU

by **MATT RILEY**
senior sports writer

There is a fresh wave of excitement in the Marshall women's soccer office about the upcoming 2004 season and the first game is still months away.

Why? Sure, the team and coaches are excited about the upcoming spring season getting underway next Saturday at Ohio State, but the most exciting thing for head coach Chris Kane and company is his first recruiting class that just signed National Letters of Intent to compete with the Herd in 2004.

"It's easy to say that we're very excited about the level of talent we're bring in," Kane said. "Top to bottom, they're very athletic, with good speed, they're versatile and can play almost any position."

The ten players signed come to Marshall with impressive

playing credentials. Kane hopes they have an immediate impact to help right the ship from the 2-15-1 finish of the 2003 squad.

"It's definitely going to be a different team next year," Kane said. "We're going to be really young, but we're going to be more exciting because we'll have that athleticism and everything that you want to have when you take over a program and have that bounce in your step."

The returning players currently remaining with the squad are also excited about their new teammates coming in for next fall, Kane said.

"We just can't wait for them to get here," Kane said. "It's evident in the 11 girls that are here now, they're excited and there's that bounce and they can't wait to start and put this past season behind them."

Kane said the current play-

ers played a key role in getting the new players to come to Marshall.

"We worked pretty hard for it as a staff and a team," he said. "Our girls did a fantastic job when the girls came in for their official visits when they stayed with them and that shows the character of our team."

Kane said both the new players and returners will help each other by making practice more competitive and intense because they'll be battling for playing time.

With all the newcomers coming in, Kane said the question that remains to be seen is will the youth be able to deliver?

"We said all fall that Rome wasn't built in a day and we still know that because we'll be young," Kane said. "Now hopefully we've got the foundation laid and we hope it keeps getting better."

Down the road

Herd heads to Kent to take on first place Golden Flashes

by **MARY BALLER**
reporter

Marshall's (9-12 overall, 6-7 MAC) men's basketball team is on the road again this week, traveling to Kent State to face the Golden Flashes (18-3 overall, 12-1 MAC).

The Herd lost to the Golden Flashes the last time the two teams met here in Huntington, but the Herd has high hopes for Wednesday's match-up at Kent State.

Marshall hosted Kent State in January and lost to the Flashes in the final seconds of the game. Marshall has two in a row under their belt this time and want to carry those victories onto Ohio, according to Head Coach Ron Jirsa.

"We lost to them in a close game here," Jirsa said. "But we have built some momentum now and hopefully we'll carry that there."

The Herd went from a four game losing skid to two wins back-to-back and want to keep it going. The staff and the players feel confident about this trip, and are sticking together no matter what.

"The coaches and players stuck together during a real tough stretch," Jirsa said. "So this is no time to panic we just have to work extra hard."

Junior guard A.W. Hamilton agreed saying that sticking together during that tough time made them stronger as a team.

The first time these two teams played each other the game was extremely

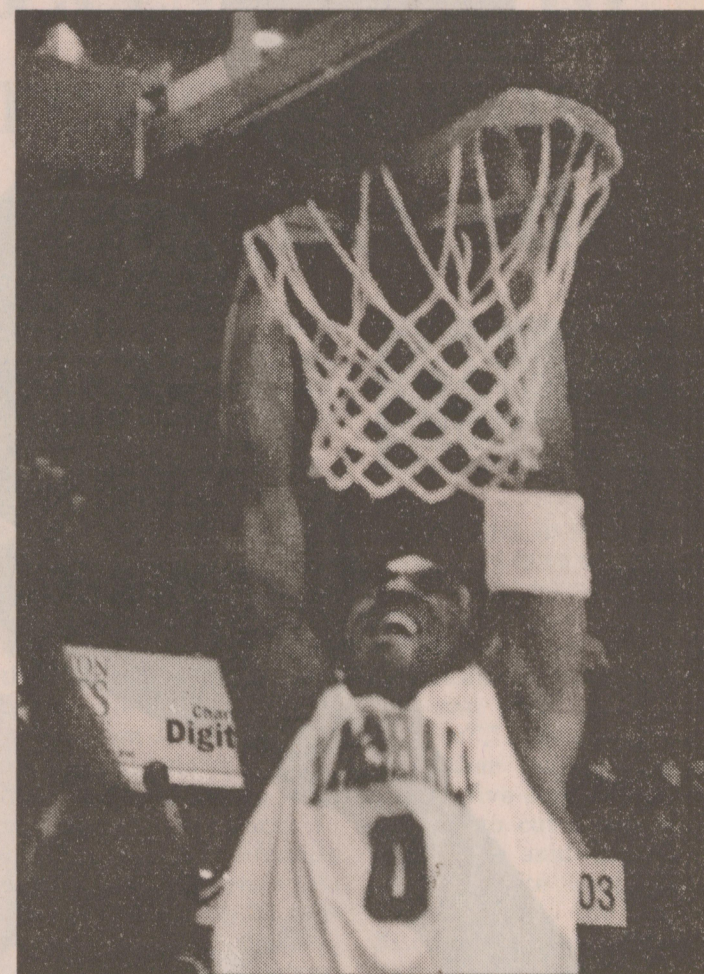


photo by Matt Riley

Senior Marvin Black, MAC East division player of the week, looks to lead Marshall to its third-straight MAC win tonight.

close and was decided with less than a minute to go. The Herd led in most of the statistics of the game except shooting, but with senior Marvin Black coming off of a career-high scoring game the Herd has high hopes.

"We have to play more aggressive and defeat them mentally," Black said. "We have the better size and must play a smarter game."

Going on the road again will be a test for Marshall. They have lost nine of 11 road games this season. The players said they really need a win on the road.

"It's a lot tougher on the road, that is where you really find out what you are all about," junior guard Ronny Dawn said. "We just have to execute better in the end."

Being on the road will not be the Thundering Herd's only obstacle. Playing in the Golden Flashes M.A.C. Center in front of the Golden Flashes' fans will be a whole other obstacle.

"Kent's a tough place to play," senior center Mark Patton said. "It is usually a sell out crowd and their fans are really intense, it makes for an exciting atmosphere."

Winning Wednesday's game not only means a much needed win on the road for the Herd, but also will put a set back on Kent States' chance of a fourth consecutive MAC title. The Golden Flashes need to win three more games, or have the Miami Red Hawks lose three games. Marshall takes on the Golden Flashes in Ohio on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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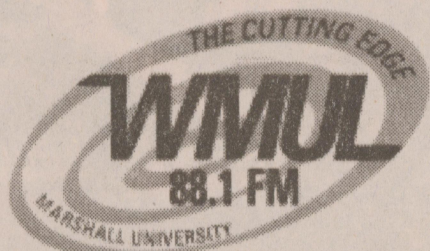


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MU's own king of game shows proves he's right on the money

A Marshall student has taken his obsession with game shows and gained nationwide notoriety. Adam Nedeff, a junior broadcast journalism major from Parkersburg, has a collection of more than 2,879 game show episodes, the twelfth largest collection in North America.

"TV is otherwise full of horrific stuff," Nedeff said. "So instead you can see someone win \$1,000 and wave to their friends."

Nedeff has always been a fan of game shows, but he started his collection in his junior year of high school. He started by recording episodes of "Match Game" from the "Game Show Network," and once he filled four tapes, he then found a tape trader on the Internet who was willing to trade.

Nedeff's collection has grown dramatically since then and it now consists of over 230 videotapes, more than 5,000 hours of episodes and approximately 190 different game shows.

"I have watched all of them, and still watch them whenever I have a spare moment," Nedeff said. "It never gets old, and I have a blast watching them. Everyone is smiling and having a good time, so you vicariously end up having fun too," Nedeff said.

Nedeff's collection included popular game shows such as "Match Game," "The Price is Right," "Jeopardy" and "Family Feud." Some not so well known episodes in his collections include "Stumpers," "The Magnificent Marble Machine" and "50 Grand Slam."

"When I was a kid there weren't a lot of kids to play with in my neighborhood so I spent a lot of time by myself," Nedeff said.

"It was either spend time with my parents or watch TV."

"My parents worried about me, and my mom always used to tell me that 4-year-olds don't watch game shows," Nedeff said. "She just wanted me to do something that was a sign that I was a normal child."

It didn't help much when Nedeff played "game show host" as a child.

"We have photos of me in a shirt and tie," Nedeff said. "My dad gave me an old recorder ... and I walked around the house handing out fake money to my family."

Nedeff's favorite part of game shows is seeing normal people win prizes, but he also likes people who aren't so fortunate. "There's some classic stupidity on game shows," Nedeff said. "Anyone who missed something that they shouldn't, you don't even feel sorry for them for losing."

"Even if the contestants make a fool out of themselves, they're going to come out a winner," Nedeff said. "They still get the turtle wax and the tootsie rolls."

When explaining his fascination with game shows and why he collects them, Nedeff normally gets reactions that question why he chose game shows, Nedeff said.

"People collect stamps and stamps are just glue coated paintings that you keep under glass," Nedeff said. "[A Game show] on the other hand, is entertainment that you can enjoy time and time again."

"I realize that I can no longer make fun of Trekkies because I collect game shows," Nedeff said. "I think deep down people are weird about it."

Tom Kennedy ("You Don't Say"), Bill

Cullen ("Price is Right") and Gene Rayburn ("Match Game") are among Nedeff's favorite game show hosts.

"They all seem like genuine guys," Nedeff said. "[Cullen] reminds you of your relative you see once a year that pulls a quarter from behind your ear, Rayburn seemed like a lot of fun to be around, and [Kennedy] was a textbook, classic broadcaster and that shows in a lot of his work."

After watching hours of game show hosts on television, Nedeff has acknowledged the dream of becoming a host himself.

"Most game show hosts got started in radio, and you can learn a lot by watching them," Nedeff said.

"As a host, you control the game and everything in the show, and you only work one day a week which is a plus," Nedeff said. "You get paid to make people happy and you don't even have to take your clothes off to do it," Nedeff said.

Though he cannot afford a trip to California to appear on a game show, Nedeff said he is waiting for "Super Millionaire," on Feb. 22 - 27. It's the regular "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" game but with a \$10,000,000 prize and contestants can qualify through the telephone.

Nedeff hosts a radio show on WMUL FM-88 titled "Last Night with Adam Nedeff," and is broadcasted Mondays at 8 p.m. Nedeff describes the show as a comedy show, done in the style of late-night talk shows.

For more information on Nedeff's game show collection is available at his Web site www.gameshowutopia.com



*photo illustration by Beth Davis



ABOVE: Nedeff displays his Web site dedicated to game show personalities.

TOP AND RIGHT: Nedeff's video collection is made up of over 2,879 game show episodes.

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