

Marshall University

Marshall Digital Scholar

The Parthenon

University Archives

Spring 3-9-2004

The Parthenon, March 9, 2004

Marshall University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://mds.marshall.edu/parthenon>

Recommended Citation

Marshall University, "The Parthenon, March 9, 2004" (2004). *The Parthenon*. 4281.
<https://mds.marshall.edu/parthenon/4281>

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at Marshall Digital Scholar. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Parthenon by an authorized administrator of Marshall Digital Scholar. For more information, please contact zhangj@marshall.edu, beachgr@marshall.edu.



Prof. dies after surgery

Complications after heart bypass blamed for death

by SARAH HEREFORD reporter

Shock and sadness fell upon the College of Information Technology and Engineering (CITE) yesterday morning after learning about the death of John A. Singley, professor of occupational safety and health.

Singley, 71, was admitted to St. Mary's Medical Center Monday, March 1, after complaints of chest pains and shortness of breath. A heart attack was followed up by bypass surgery the following Friday. Heart complications are named as the cause of death Monday morning, March 8, at St. Mary's.

Singley started at Marshall as an adjunct professor in 1987 and became a full-time faculty member in August 1994. Murray Tate, adjunct professor in the CITE, said Singley did more than his share of teaching. "To be considered full-time faculty you must teach at least nine hours," Tate said. "Singley was teaching 18 hours this semester."

Tate received his master's degree from the CITE

in June 2002 and had Singley for several classes.

"He was one of the best professors I've had," Tate said. "I considered him more of a mentor than a professor. He was tough, but you came out of his classes definitely having learned something. That was his goal."

Singley received his bachelor's in biology from



Singley

Lehigh University and his master's and doctoral degrees in biology from Wayne State University. Before coming to Marshall, he worked as a Safety and Industrial Hygiene Manager for BASF, Corp. in Huntington. He was on the Board of Directors for the World Safety Organization, and a member of several other professional organizations.

Please see SINGLEY, P3

More cuts on horizon

Meeting today to discuss cuts

by MICHAEL D. WOOTEN reporter

Students, faculty and staff are invited to a meeting today to sound off on future budget cuts to higher education.

Dr. Joseph Wyatt, professor of psychology and organizer of the event, spoke out against the cuts.

"These cuts will devastate higher education," Wyatt said. "We need to raise the severance tax on coal, oil, gas and timber in my opinion, anything to avoid cutting higher education."

Wyatt said everyone should try to attend the meeting from noon until 1 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Shawkey Room.

"I urge all campus units to be represented at the event," Wyatt said. "Even if you teach until 12:15 or start a class at 12:30, please come for part of the program."

Wyatt said several speakers are lined up to talk at the event.

"A microphone line of individuals will quickly say they are opposed to the cuts and why they are opposed," Wyatt said.

Please see MEETING, P3

Manchin promises to keep PROMISE

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

by LEE TABOR reporter

From making sure the PROMISE scholarship program continues to making local entrepreneurs aware West Virginia is "open for business," Joe Manchin is fighting for the state in this year's race for governor.

The challenges the state faces with the deficit, health care, prescription drugs, education, workers compensation and other issues are all related to jobs, Manchin said.

"We need to focus our state's tax incentives on creating and nurturing the jobs of the future. Jobs in technology, energy, bio-remediation and value added occupations that take advantage of the abundant natural resources that exist in the Mountain State."

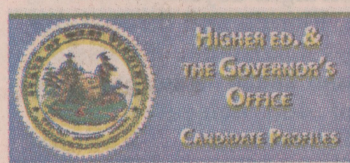
Higher education also plays a vital role in Manchin's platform. The PROMISE scholarship program is one topic considered in his platform.

"I want to ensure you that despite economic pressures we will keep the promise of the PROMISE scholarship program," said Manchin. "If you work hard and play by the rules, economic hardship will not be an impediment to a higher education."

Partnering the research and development capacities of the state's universities with industries focused on the high tech and energy related jobs of the future is another platform point.

"As a state rich in natural resources, including the beauty of our environment, we must focus on tapping into the vast potential of institutions of higher learning by creating new partnerships with businesses, government and even other countries, to make sure the best West Virginia is yet to come."

Marshall needs to play an important role in the technology, business and govern-



ment like many of the other institutions in the state, Manchin said.

"Marshall University is one of our flagship institutions that has served our state and our young people well."

Manchin believes students play an important role in West Virginia and they should consider him for their next governor.

"Students should vote for me because I'm the one candidate that's focused on creating good paying jobs with



Manchin

benefits that will allow young people to stay home and keep our families together." Because of his experience in various areas of state government, Manchin believes he is uniquely qualified for the next governor.

"We are fortunate to have some high-caliber candidates running for office," Manchin said. "As a successful businessman who has built a business from the bottom up and who knows what it's like to meet a payroll, and as a person who has served in both the legislature and executive branches of state government, I believe I am uniquely qualified to be West Virginia's next governor."

Robert F. Kennedy used to say, "Politics is an honorable profession." Manchin believes in this cynical age too few people believe that anymore.

"While we may disagree with the path we take or the approach we adopt, I have a tremendous amount of respect to all those who have had the courage to enter the political arena. The clash of ideas in the market place of public opinion, while imperfect is still a better system of government than any other that human-kind has yet to devise."



photo by Matt Riley

Junior A.W. Hamilton drives to hole for two of his 16 points in the Herd's 78-59 victory over Eastern Michigan Monday night.

Driving to Cleveland

MU advances to quarterfinals; will face W. Michigan

by BRAD MYERS sports editor

The Marshall University men's basketball team handed Eastern Michigan a 78-59 loss at the Cam. Henderson Center last night to move on to Cleveland, Ohio and the quarterfinals of the Mid-American Conference tournament.

The Herd (12-16) defeated the Eagles (13-

15) in the first round of the MAC tournament in Huntington for the second straight year. Marshall and Eastern Michigan would battle back-and-forth for the early first half lead, but the Herd was able to take the lead just three minutes into the game.

Despite getting within one point, the Eagles would never see the lead again and trailed Marshall by 13 at half-time. Junior A.W. Hamilton scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half, and senior Marvin Black also did most of his damage in the first half, scoring 12 of his team-high

16 points in the opening half, but continued his hard work in the second half pulling down 10 of his game-high 14 rebounds.

Marshall struggled early in the second half, only managing to score one field goal between 18 minutes and eight minutes left in the game. During the Herd's drought, Eastern Michigan put together a 13-9 run that would only cut Marshall's lead to nine. The Eagles would not get another chance to pull off a win, as Marshall would cruise to victory and the

Please see MAC, P7

Candidates debate one last time before voting begins

by SEAN M. STEWART reporter

Few seats were left open at the Student Government Association (SGA) presidential debate last night. Everyone seemed excited about the coming election; their applause filled the room after each candidate spoke.

Elizabeth Clemons, SGA elections commissioner, conducted the debates by providing a question and

then allowing each candidate one minute to respond.

Throughout the debate, the candidates were in agreement that the SGA needs to be proactive on campus while listening to student concerns.

"One thing you can say about last year is that the SGA was visible," Seth Murphy, SGA vice president, said. "We're going to continue to reach out to the students."

"My running mate and I have already met with 60



Gaston



Gundrum



Murphy

student groups on campus," Jennifer Gaston said. "We will continue to communicate with everyone effectively and consistently if elected."

Trey Gundrum said he

believes student surveys are the answer to understanding student concerns. "The problem with student government is that it's not asking the students what they want," Gundrum said. "We're going to do the research to find out what they want."

The candidates also provided the reasons why

they chose their running mates.

"Anything that Charles [Steele] puts his mind to, he gets it done," Gundrum said. "And he really cares about this university."

Seth Murphy said it was important for him to find someone similar to himself.

"Love me or leave me, you always know where I stand, and Alicia [Bryant] is the same way," Murphy said. "She's someone I can

Please see DEBATES, P3

Higher education chancellor warns of potential budget reductions

by MICHAEL D. WOOTEN reporter

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Chancellor J. Michael Mullen said Thursday that public colleges and universities could face budget cuts up to \$50 million in the next two years.

Mullen met with public college and university presidents Thursday to discuss a revenue study out of the Senate Finance Committee. The report showed a possible deficit of \$130 to \$170 million in the state budget for 2006. If those figures are accurate, Mullen said higher education would have to absorb cuts from \$30 million to \$50 million.

"We focused on that report, and everybody at the meeting seemed to understand the nature of the dilemma," Mullen said. "Colleges and universities are becoming malnourished due to continued budget cuts, but it's a reality."

Mullen said finding ways to offset the deficit will be a difficult task, but an increase in tuition and fees is not the right solution.

"I just personally don't think it's feasible to ask the citizens of West Virginia to do that," Mullen said. "Cuts would mean eliminating all but essential services and deferring maintenance more than they are now."

Senate Education

Please see CUTS, P3



Wyatt



Mullen

AMA spring break ad encourages safety

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — In a play on a well-known beer slogan, an American Medical Association advertisement pictures an emergency room and warns spring break revelers: "This bed's for you."

The ad, running through March 25 in newspapers at eight campuses nationally, is part of an AMA campaign to discourage high-risk drinking during spring break.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving and officials in Florida's two most popular spring break destinations, Panama City Beach and Daytona Beach, also are

supporting public awareness campaigns against excessive and underage drinking and promising stricter law enforcement.

"The spring break issues that we have in Daytona and Panama City have gotten out of proportion and out of hand over a long time," Andy Hindman, an AMA campaign leader and executive director of MADD's Florida chapter, said Monday. "This is going to be a year when, at least at this point, everybody is on the same page."

A few colleges have begun their spring breaks, but most will take them from mid-March thru mid-

Certainly, if just one college student looks at it and it has an impact, then that does the job for us.

— Bob Warren, Panama City Beach & Convention Bureau, executive director

April.

The AMA ad says statistics show half of male and 40 percent of female students drink until they vomit or pass out. It urges them to avoid ending their vacations in a hospital due to car wrecks, balcony falls, assaults and rapes.

"There's no view of the beach and the food is terrible," the ad states.

It urges students to avoid places that promise free beer, all-you-can-drink parties, "booze cruises" and endless happy hours.

Two years ago, the AMA singled out the Panama City Beach and Convention & Visitors Bureau for criticism over a 12-page spring break insert distributed with college newspapers with an ad offering "all the

beer you can handle" for \$5. The bureau now bars ads promoting drinking bargains and has taken other steps, while Daytona Beach officials also are "trying to clean up their act," Hindman said.

The Panama City Beach agency is spending \$3,000 on six billboards and 200 posters with the message "Spring Break. Not a break from common sense. Celebrate Safely."

"Certainly, if just one college student looks at it and it has an impact, then that does the job for us," said Bob Warren, the bureau's executive director.

Panama City Beach is the

nation's leading spring break destination, annually attracting 400,000 or more visitors.

They will be greeted with a heavy law enforcement presence, said police Maj. David Humphreys. His agency also is getting help from Panama City police, Bay County sheriff's deputies and about 50 auxiliary officers.

MADD plans airplane banner ads, newspaper op-ed pieces, news conferences, media interviews and billboards in Panama City Beach, Daytona Beach and Fort Myers, Hindman said.

The AMA ad is running in campus papers.

Seattle Mayor makes order for recognition of same-sex couples

SEATTLE (AP) — This left-leaning city joined the gay marriage fight Monday, with the mayor announcing that City Hall will recognize unions of gay city employees who tie the knot elsewhere and six same-sex couples suing for the right to wed.

Mayor Greg Nickels issued an executive order requiring the city to recognize same-sex marriages by municipal employees.

"Seattle has often been in the forefront of protecting all its citizens regardless of sexual orientation," Nickels said at a news conference.

He also proposed an ordinance to extend protections for gay married couples throughout the city.

Meanwhile, six same-sex couples who applied for marriage licenses at the King County Administration Building were rejected because of a state law that defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

But King County Administrator Ron Sims invited the couples to sue him and the county, explaining that he supported the couples' efforts but had no choice but to uphold the law.

Sims, who is black, said he remembered images from his childhood of white government officials in the South blocking blacks from entering buildings restricted to whites.

"I was not going to stand with my arms crossed and my hand up," Sims said. "We do not have equal protection in this state when it comes to marriage."

The couples applauded Sims' remarks, then filed their complaint, which argues that the law violates the Washington Constitution's equal-protection clause.

Meanwhile, the city of Asbury Park, N.J. started issuing wedding licenses to same-sex couples, with the first couple married in City Hall on Monday. City Clerk Dawn Tomek made the announcement; it was not immediately clear if she had acted alone.

"As a show of support to the city's gay community and the gay community nationwide, the City of

Asbury Park has determined that it will commence the issuance of licenses to same-sex couples and the solemnization of marriage between same-sex couples, immediately, as a matter of fundamental civil and Constitutional rights," Tomek said in a statement.

Nickels said he lacks the legal authority to issue same-sex marriage licenses or certificates like mayors in San Francisco and New Paltz, N.Y., have done.

New Paltz Mayor Jason West faces possible jail time for officiating at same-sex weddings for couples who lacked a license. On Monday, the prosecutor who charged him said he was also considering charges against two ministers who stepped in to marry gay couples in New Paltz.

Although Unitarian Universalist ministers have been performing same-sex ceremonies for decades, the Rev. Kay Greenleaf said she signed an affidavit for the couples and considers the ceremonies civil.

Ulster County District Attorney Donald Williams said it would take days to determine whether the ministers could face charges similar to those filed against West.

Seattle has offered domestic partnership benefits to its employees since 1989, but that process requires extensive paperwork—a step same-sex couples would be able to skip under Nickels' executive order.

Nickels also said he will ask the City Council to protect gay married couples throughout the city from discrimination in employment and housing.

If the council approves the ordinance, it also would require contractors doing business with the city to recognize gay marriages among their own employees.

Rick Forcier, head of Washington states Christian Coalition and a critic of extending marriage licenses to homosexual couples, called the mayor's plan a clear violation of state law.

Kerry to stay on top of Florida Vote

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — John Kerry is determined not to lose Florida's 27 electoral



Kerry

votes in a swamp of recounts and recriminations this fall, vowing to mount an early legal challenge in any district that might repeat the problems that bedeviled Democratic supporters in 2000.

"Not only do we want a record level of turnout to vote, we want to guarantee that every vote is counted," the presumptive Democratic nominee told about 500 people at a town hall meeting Monday.

Kerry rarely mentions the legal battle over the 2000 election while campaigning, but he did so repeatedly in the state that was the epicenter four years ago. Responding to a voter who asked, "What can you do to prevent them from stealing the election again?", Kerry, a lawyer and former Massachusetts

prosecutor, said his campaign was assembling a legal team to examine districts which had problems.

"We're going to pre-check it, we're going to have the legal team in place. ... We're going to take injunctions where necessary ahead of time. We'll pre-challenge if necessary," the four-term Massachusetts senator said.

The 2000 recount looms large in nearly any political discourse in Florida. George W. Bush won the presidency by five electoral votes when a 5-4 decision by the Supreme Court ended a recount in the state. Bush spent millions of dollars fighting Al Gore's effort to have votes recounted, a legal battle that lasted for 36 days. Bush won Florida's 25 electoral votes by a 537-vote margin. This year, an additional two electoral votes are at stake.

Kerry's fund raising increased since he locked up the nomination last Tuesday. His campaign said it raised roughly \$6 million over the Internet, including more than \$1 million a day for three

Not only do we want a record level turnout to vote, we want to guarantee that every vote is counted.

— John Kerry, Senator D-Mass.

straight days.

Florida and three states — Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas — select a total of 465 delegates to the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday. As Kerry visited three Florida cities to encourage people to vote in the state primary, he contended that President Bush has learned none of the lessons of the 2000 election. Bush has shut out Democrats, he said, and has acted as if the razor-thin win was a mandate.

Campaigning in state in which 17.6 percent of its population is 65 and older — the highest concentration of elderly in the nation — Kerry accused Bush of breaking promises to senior citizens and called the prescription drug package approved by Congress a billion-dollar giveaway to drug companies.

"Our seniors deserve the

best care America has to offer," he said. "What they do not deserve is another four years of broken promises and failed policies from George W. Bush." Kerry was joined by Florida Democratic Sens. Bob Graham and Bill Nelson, both of whom have been mentioned as a potential running mate.

Bush is campaigning equally as hard in the state, making it one of his most frequent stops to raise money. He's counting on help from his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, who easily won a second term in 2002.

A poll released Sunday showed Kerry with a slight lead over Bush — 49 percent to 43 percent in the survey done by Democratic pollster Rob Schroth and Republican pollster Kellyanne Conway for The Miami Herald and St. Petersburg Times.

Bush helps appalachian coal miners

BOB WHITE (AP) — With a boost from President Bush, central Appalachia's mountaintop coal miners are finally embracing the future again, flagging more of this state's ancient summits for blasting and more of its hollows for burying than in many years.

The industry hasn't yet reversed more than a decade of sliding output, job losses and environmental lawsuits. But its backers are at least feeling resurgent confidence — which could translate into votes for the president this fall across the region.

Others are more disheartened than ever. Some conservationists and hill dwellers say the energy-hungry Bush administration is encouraging miners to pulverize this old, weathered landscape at a faster clip than ever.

In recent months, Maria Gunnoe has watched in

fury as mining equipment chewed at the heights of Island Creek Mountain behind her family homestead in this coal outpost in southern West Virginia's Boone County. Always bound closely to the land, this settlement was named for a type of quail in its forests.

Many more hilltops could be goners. West Virginia — Appalachia's mining leader and the No. 2 state after Wyoming — approved 20,579 acres for future strip mining last year. That triples the previous year and christens the most new acreage for stripping since 1989, according to state data supplied under an open records request.

Federal regulators approved four times more mining fill — leftover dirt and rock from strip operations — to be dumped in the valleys.

The industry is eager to stir from its doldrums,

which even a sympathetic president hasn't been able to reverse.

For the year ending last September, coal output from strip sites sunk by 15 percent across mountaintop-mining country: West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee.

Last year, mining authorities say that some forces finally turned in the industry's favor: a perkier economy with stronger energy demand, as well as spiking prices for competing natural gas.

And President Bush. "With the Bush administration, the floodgates have been opened," says environmentalist Cindy Rank.

Gunnoe and her brothers used to romp across wooded hillsides behind her simple two-bedroom house. Her family picked forest herbs for home-made medicines. Now, a 300-foot-high pile of waste earth plugs the valley.

Man accused in fireworks fire remains hospitalized

IRONTON (AP) — A brain-injured man found incompetent to stand trial in the deaths of nine people at a fireworks store in 1996 will remain in a state mental institution for at least two more years, a judge ruled.

Hall's attorney, J. Michael Evans of Columbus, presented no evidence to rebut the state's contention.

He said he would present evidence in support of Hall's release if his condition improved.

Hall, 32, never went to trial on charges that he tossed a lit cigarette into the crowded Ohio River Fireworks on July 3, 1996, starting a fire and explosions that killed nine people and injured 11. The store was located near Scottown in a wooded hollow about 100 miles south of Columbus.

Hall, who has had the mental capacity of a 10-year-old since his brain was damaged in a 1987 skateboarding accident, has been in several mental hospitals since the fire.

He's been at the Athens facility since late 2000.

The injury caused aggressive tendencies and loss of inhibitions in the former Proctorville resident, according to the report from psychologist Beverly Williams.

"Although Mr. Hall demonstrates no ongoing intent to harm himself or others, his impaired judgment and impulsivity make him a chronic danger to both others and himself,"

West Virginia Briefs

Senator suggests Wise consider higher alcohol price

CHARLESTON (AP) — Gov. Bob Wise should consider higher prices on beer and liquor to help West Virginia's budget, a state senator says.

Sen. Russ Weeks, R-Raleigh, sent a letter to Wise about his suggestion after reading a newspaper account of the governor's willingness to hear advice for getting money to help

fund Medicaid.

"Tax is a four-letter word to a Republican, but I learned he could put a 3-cent tax on a can of beer and raise \$16 million," Weeks said. "I don't think anyone who consumes adult beverages would complain about 1 cent per ounce on liquor, or 3 cents on a can of beer, when the alternative as Wise and (Department of Health and Human Resources Secretary) Paul Nussbaum are saying they're going to have to throw grandma out of the nursing home."

The possibility of Medicaid cuts has been a major issue this Legislative session.

To help patch the Medicaid budget, Wise had proposed raising the per-pack cigarette tax from 55 cents to 75 cents and almost tripling the taxes on cigars and smokeless tobacco.

But Wise's proposal was ignored in both the House and Senate, and three other tax increases he sought were not passed, leaving state lawmakers to fill a \$46.1 million hole when writing the state budget.

Body found in wooded area of Clarksburg

CLARKSBURG (AP) — City police are investigating the death of a man whose body was found in a wooded area over the weekend as a homicide.

On Saturday, three hikers discovered the body of a black man believed to be in his 20s, said Clarksburg Police Chief John Walker, who added that the victim had been shot.

"We do know that the gunshot was not self-

inflicted," Walker said. "And we believe that the death was recent."

Police have identified the man, but Walker declined to release that information pending notification of the victim's family.

Meanwhile, the state medical examiner's office in Charleston was still working to help investigators identify the remains of another body found in the city recently, Walker said.

The body of a man was found on the eastern bank of Elk Creek on Feb. 26.

Student artwork honored by peers

by **JESSICA A. COX**
reporter

Sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, weavings, ceramics, and paintings were part of the 17th annual student juried exhibition that kicked off Sunday with an awards ceremony and reception in the Birke Art Gallery.

The work of Marshall University art students was judged on Saturday by two jurors, Yoshi Saito, head of the sculpture department at Ohio University; and Juan Brown, a graphic design professor from the University of Kentucky.

Art majors at Marshall were asked to submit work they had created in their classes for the show. Once the submissions were in, the two jurors decided what works would be displayed in the gallery and who would receive awards.

Over \$3,000 worth of prizes was given to students who picked up honors for their work. Jean Miller, chair of the Department of Art at Marshall, said the prize money was given by local individuals and businesses as well as the Office of Academic Affairs and the office of the dean of the College of Fine Art. Some of

I think it builds thier identity as an artist. Plus they learn to deal with rejection...

— Jean Miller, Marshall Art department chair

the awards were in the form of cash, others were gift certificates from Latta's, Borders, and Mac & Dave's.

Miller said the value of the show to students went beyond just the prizes given.

"I think it builds their identity as an artist," Miller said. "Plus they learn to deal with rejection because not all of their pieces are juried into the exhibition and I think it's probably a good

lesson for artists to learn that for every one exhibition they get into they will probably be rejected from ten."

Those students who do get in are still not guaranteed an award, but several students said they were drawn to the show for reasons other than honors and recognition.

Jordan Sheils, a freshman art major from Huntington, said she did not enter the show, but she attended to

see what other, older students are doing. She said she planned on submitting her work in years to come.

"It's always a good opportunity to have people look at your stuff and judge it," Sheils said. "It's good to get feedback about your work."

Ben Robertson, a junior art major from Teays Valley, said he enjoyed seeing the work of other students.

"As you walk around the room looking at the work, it's kind of like you are meeting the people," Robertson said. Two of the four works Robertson submitted to the jury were chosen for display. He won

awards for both pieces, one a wooden sculpture, the other a charcoal drawing.

Miller said being chosen to exhibit in the show is an honor for students and that it creates a certain level of recognition and prestige.

"Students are extremely excited to get into the exhibition," Miller said. "It builds their resume and in a way it validates their work to have external jurors select it."

The Student Juried Exhibition is held every spring and will be on display in the Birke Art Gallery until March 25. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

SINGLEY

From page 1

At Marshall, Singley was a member of the Faculty Senate Athletic Committee, as well as advisor for the student chapter of American Society of Safety Engineers.

"Dr. Singley was a person who always stood up for the health of athletes," said Kathleen Miezio, safety program professor. "He cared about individual athletes health and safety. He worried they were being worked too hard."

Miezio said Singley had a strong love for teaching and working with students.

"He was such a dynamic guy," Miezio said. "He always volunteered to do anything to help a student."

Singley enjoyed fishing, gun smithing and being active in Boy Scouts with his sons. Carol Henson, sec-

retary in the CITE, said he also loved working with high school students.

"He has been a judge in the Fairland High School Science Fair every year since I've been here," Henson said. "He really enjoyed working with students of all ages."

Allan Stern, safety program professor, said the college is trying to find replacements to cover Singley's classes for the rest of the semester and next fall.

"We are shocked and saddened," Stern said. "Courses and programs will carry on and we will do what has to be done to take care of our students."

Tate has already taken over two of Singley's courses.

Henson said funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced to through the college's listserv once they are determined.

Board of Governors to discuss Honorary Doctorates, university property purchases

The Board of Governors will meet March 10 at the Robert C. Byrd Institute.

The institute is at 1050 Fourth Ave. in Huntington, and the meeting is at 10 a.m. The Board will meet in executive session to determine candidates for the

Honorary Doctorate degrees. The Board's Finance Committee will report on property purchases for the university. Purchases include 1934 Sixth Ave. for \$19,500 and 1923 Maple Ave. for \$20,000. The status of the

Clinical Education and Outreach Center Construction Project for the Edwards School of Medicine will be discussed by the Medical School Committee.

This is an open meeting, except for executive sessions.

DEBATES

From page 1

Senate Education Chairman Robert Plymale, D-Wayne, told the Associated Press that maintaining the status quo in higher education might be impossible with future budget cuts.

"We are not going to have the money to sustain what we have," Plymale said. "The next four or five years are going to be the most difficult times we have ever

had with the budget, even if the economy picks up."

Dr. Edmund Taft, professor of English and member of Marshall's American Federal of Teachers (AFT) union, said cutting higher education is a bad move.

"This is not the right solution," Taft said. "This points up the problem with the legislature and the Higher Education Policy Commission."

Taft said the cuts would have major effects on every public institution in the state. "These cuts are so enor-

mous it's hard to understand how they can be absorbed," Taft said. "Majors will be cut, organizations will be cut and class size will increase."

Taft said the budget crisis has been building up for years because lawmakers have refused to directly address the dilemma.

"They let this problem get out of hand 20 years ago," Taft said. "The only real solution is to close many of the small public colleges in the state. They have to concentrate resources on larger institutions."

MEETING

From page 1

Dr. Edmund Taft, professor of English, agreed that the cuts are a bad solution to the budget crisis. Taft said if the higher education budget is trimmed, students, faculty and staff must become involved in how the cuts are implemented.

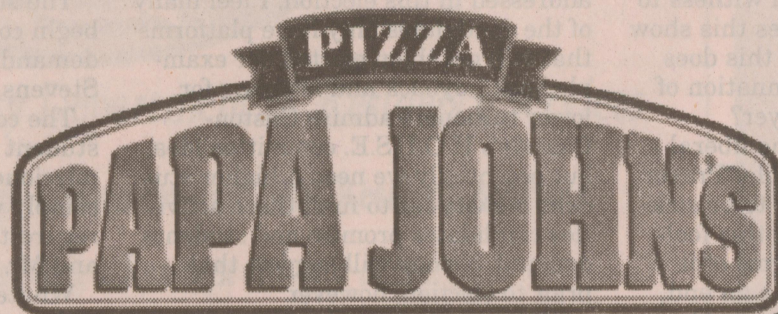
"This should not be done behind closed doors," Taft said. "People who are directly affected should know what is going on. We should have a university-side debate. We should cancel classes for a day, and there should be a public debate on how to deal with these cuts."

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that on the table are large tuition hikes, staff jobs, faculty layoffs and program terminations," Taft said. "Such decisions should be debated openly for all to see and participate in."

the Parthenon Fillin' space

CAUTION:
Never "cram"
on an empty stomach.

When you're up late studying,
call Papa John's.



**Better Ingredients.
Better Pizza.**

We accept
VISA,
MASTERCARD,
AMERICAN EXPRESS

Huntington & Marshall
1525 9th Ave.
525-7222

Barboursville &
East/West Pea Ridge
6349 Route 60 East
736-7272

FREE DELIVERY AND CARRYOUT

**One Large
One Topping
\$6.99**

Expires 3/31/04. Not valid with any other offer.
Valid only at participating locations.
Customer pays all applicable sales tax.
Additional toppings extra.

**1 LARGE 1 TOPPING PIZZA
AND CHOICE OF
BREADSTICKS
OR CHEESESTICKS
\$9.99**

or EXTRA LARGE \$11.98

Expires 3/31/04. Not valid with any other offer.
Valid only at participating locations.
Customer pays all applicable sales tax.
Additional toppings extra.

**ONE LARGE
3 TOPPINGS & 2-LITER
\$11.99**

or EXTRA LARGE \$13.98

Expires 3/31/04. Not valid with any other offer.
Valid only at participating locations.
Customer pays all applicable sales tax.
Additional toppings extra.

**(14) Chickenstrips
& 2-LITER
\$10.99**

Expires 3/31/04. Not valid with any other offer.
Valid only at participating locations.
Customer pays all applicable sales tax.
Additional toppings extra.

Their View

University press must remain free

Staff Editorial
The Collegiate Times
(Virginia Tech)

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. — Baylor University's president reprimanded the university's student-run newspaper, The Baylor Lariat, yesterday for publishing a pro-gay marriage editorial. The piece received a favorable 5-2 vote of the editorial board, demonstrating particularly strong support for the newspaper's stance.

However, the position did not complement Baylor's conservative Christian stance on marriage and received immediate criticism. The paper's professional staff advisor apologized for the publication, denouncing the paper's initial position, which has been determined a breach of university policy.

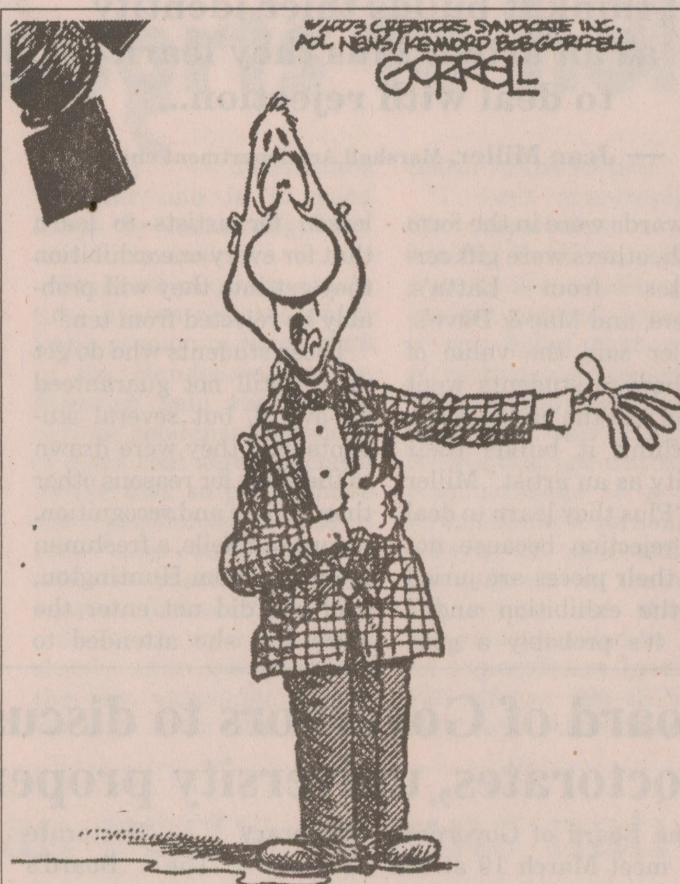
Although a private institution, Baylor should not expect to retain rights over a media outlet deliberately established as a news venue. This nation has long prized the institution of a free press, and private institutions should afford student-run newspapers the same rights as any other publication, collegiate or professional. Restrictions only limit the paper's ability to properly report, discuss and produce a quality product.

Editorials and opinions in particular must have freedom of publication as determined by newspaper staff in order to preserve, protect and openly reflect the position of those who create the paper and those who regularly read it. Censorship by its very nature negates the purpose of the press, creating not a mouthpiece of liberated truth but one of whichever ruling group retains influence and control of law.

Moreover, censorship inherently stifles the development of education, learning and experience. Any institution unsupportive of an open forum for discussion and debate is failing to provide the atmosphere best promoting a higher education. A restricted newspaper will never properly prepare aspiring journalists for future occupations.

Collegiate newspapers should be established under an assumption of free operation and released to self-management by the founding organization. For example, the Collegiate Times remains a part of a corporation separate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Perhaps this organization is a system Baylor and other private institutions should consider, releasing both school and publication from responsibility to conform to one another's will. At any rate, a censored press of any kind defeats its initial purpose and is harmful to the experience and knowledge of students nationwide.



"WE CAN'T PREDICT ITS PRECISE PATH, BUT THIS HUGE MASS OF HOT AIR IS SURE TO CAUSE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE AS IT HITS THE UNITED STATES."

Courtesy of the USBIC Educational Foundation (800) 767-2267

Murphy opened door for scrutiny

Having been students at Marshall since the fall of 1999, and watching the recent events unfold over the past year, we have never in all our time seen such an overt show of vanity and misrepresentation by an individual in Student Government. Ever since the switch in which Mr. Murphy was "appointed" student body vice president last summer, it seems that the SGA of Marshall University has turned into the "Seth Murphy show." The Mission statement of the student body Executive branch states that they "strive to make Marshall University a better place for the entire student body." It seems that this part of the Mission statement is being ignored, and

**PHILLIP JONES AND
ASHLEY MORRISON**
guest columnists

the actions that have been practiced in executive branch are not for the benefit of the entire student body, but for the benefit of individuals on the Executive branch itself.

Over the past couple years we have gotten used to reading the Parthenon to see what was happening on campus. Occasionally columns about what was going on in student government would pop up, but over the past year it hasn't been what has been happening with SGA, it has been focused on Seth Murphy. A lot of people are blaming the Parthenon say-

ing that they are unfairly representing him. We challenge that notion; Mr. Murphy has done some very questionable things in the past year, which have opened the door for this scrutiny. One of those things was his article on the pointlessness that diversity plays in this country and this campus. Another issues that raised questions was the Prayer Amendment. In the letter that was written to religious organizations on campus, he stated "Don't come to me with some watered-down, non-committal prayer that is nearly devoid of religious reference." This statement is offensive to us as Christians who hold prayer very near and dear to our hearts, that someone could address how

we should pray in the controlling manner that he did.

When evaluating the actions of the past year, we feel that individuals in the Executive branch have not had the best interest of Marshall University at heart. As elections begin this week, we encourage you to look at all the issues, platforms, and also the history of all the candidates. It is important for students to vote, for someone that will not only encourage and uplift the students, but also the name of the University (and not use the presidency as a resume booster).

Phillip Jones and Ashley Morrison are graduate students at Marshall University and alumni.

Letters to the editor

Prayer Amendment is cultural imperialism

Apparently, those pushing for this "Prayer Amendment" have not read, have forgotten, or are openly rebelling against the teachings of Jesus Christ about public displays of good works. As Christ plainly says in Matthew 6:5: "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."

Tell me, you who support this thing, in light of these words from our Savior, what would he have you do? Do you think that this "Prayer Amendment" is well-pleasing to the Father and will be a good witness to Marshall University? Does this show God's love? Do you think this does not fall under the condemnation of Christ's words about prayer?

I am a Christian, and no liberal either, and I find this whole "Prayer Amendment" controversy to be sickening to my spirit. I wish this foolishness, and the other forms of it nationwide, would come to an end, and Christians would take up the Cross instead of this cultural imperialism many fundamentalists seem so fond of preaching. We preach Christ crucified, not some "Christian Culture."

If you desire to pray, follow after Christ's example, not human pride. Only then will you demonstrate his life and love. May God bless us all

with eyes to see and ears to hear his perfect will. Amen.

— **Mark Atkins**
senior Spanish major, Charleston

No campaign team's leadership stands out

I feel that Murphy-Bryant's "strategic" use of Gaston and Cassidy's names to promote his own site through the redirect is not only unethical, it's immature and an insult to voter intelligence; do they actually think plays like that will sway or impress the student body?

Murphy-Bryant is not the only campaign duo with weaknesses, however.

Upon attending a small portion of debate then later reading an overview in the Parthenon, I was surprised at how few real issues are being addressed in this election. I feel many of the candidates only have platforms that will get them elected, for example book buyback and lobbying for lower tuitions. I admire Gaston-Cassidy's H.O.U.S.E. committee idea, but essentially we need a higher student activity fee to fund these activities candidates promise and students demand. No one will suggest that prior to election, however.

With our student elections only days away, I feel that no candidate is terribly strong. For anyone wishing to run next year, I suggest you form a strong campaign you can stand behind rather than using tricks and a win-all platform that will yield little to no result during your term.

— **Carla Workman**
environmental biology freshman

SGA should uphold student court ruling

Perhaps Seth Murphy and Brandon Stevens are unaware of the duties and responsibilities of their current positions (to which neither were directly elected). As vice president and president, respectively, both are required to enforce the decisions of the student government Supreme Court.

To so blatantly ignore and act in defiance of the decision (as they have announced they will do) is a violation of the trust that has been placed in them as officers of the student body.

With Mr. Murphy and Mr. Stevens abandoning the duties of their offices, it seems that the justices could be forced to hold each in contempt of the court.

The student senate could also begin considering a resolution demanding Mr. Murphy and Mr. Stevens to enforce the court's order.

The court could further order the student government elections commissioner, Elizabeth Clemons, to comply with the decision and to disregard the direction of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Stevens.

Whatever actions are taken next, it seems clear that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Stevens are incapable of acting objectively, with the best interests of the student body in mind and with respect for the policies and precedents that have served the student government well for so long.

— **Justen Deal**
former student Senator,
University College

the Parthenon

Volume 105 • Number 74

The Parthenon, Marshall University's student newspaper, is published by students Tuesdays through Fridays during the regular semesters. The editors are responsible for news and editorial content.

SARA ARMSTRONG
executive editor

BRANDON LEE DINGESS
managing editor

Missy Oldaker
news editor

Beth Davis
lifestyle editor

Ashley Perks
online editor

Brad Myers
sports editor

Robert Shields
wire editor

Veronica Nett
photographer

Matt Riley
senior sports writer

Sandy Savage
advertising manager

Marilyn McClure
adviser

311 Smith Hall
Huntington, WV 25755
PHONE (newsroom): (304) 696-6696
PHONE (advertising): (304) 696-2273
FAX: (304) 696-2519
E-MAIL: parthenon@marshall.edu
WEB PAGE ADDRESS:
http://www.marshallparthenon.com

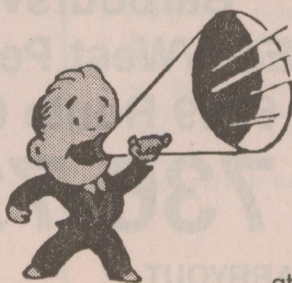
VOICE YOUR OPINION

BY MAIL

The Parthenon —
Letters 311 Smith Hall
Huntington, WV

BY FAX

Fax us your opinions
at (304) 696-2519.



BY PHONE

Call The Parthenon
at (304) 696-6696.

BY E-MAIL

E-mail The Parthenon
at parthenon@marshall.edu

Editorial policy

Please keep letters to the editor no longer than 250 words. Longer letters may be used as guest columns at the editor's discretion. All letters must be signed and include an address or phone number for confirmation. Letters may be edited for libelous statements, available space or factual errors.

Student court overstepped boundaries

I am writing to express my disappointment in the Student Court's decision about the proposed prayer amendment. I firmly believe they have overstepped their bounds. The purpose of the judicial branch of government is to interpret the existing constitution and/or existing laws. It is the duty of the legislative branch to make new laws and the executive branch to enforce them. There is also a process spelled out in both the U.S. and SGA constitutions for amendments and these processes do not include the judicial branch. Why? Because, by definition, the judiciary has no right to rule one way or another when no amendment/law has yet been established! They have nothing to interpret! As a matter of fact, it can be argued that to ensure the separation of powers that our founding

DAVID
GREEAR
guest columnist

fathers envisioned, the amendment process of a constitution must exclude any role of the judicial branch. Both the executive and legislative branches can be trumped by the judicial, but if not for the possibility of a constitutional amendment the judicial branch of government becomes the final word on everything and wields far more power than either the executive or judicial branches.

Regarding the current prayers at SGA meetings, the court at least has a right to make a ruling. But unfortunately, I believe they have succumbed to the ACLU's pressure in their ruling. If we examine what the First Amendment of the U.S.

Constitution actually says (rather than examining case law as is typically done today), we learn that it prohibits the government from making laws that either "establish" any particular religion or prohibit the "free exercise" of any religion or religious expression. The founding Fathers, as can be seen from many quotes, understood this to prohibit the formation of a national church/religion, not to prohibit the public expression of religion within government. Interestingly enough it was Benjamin Franklin, acknowledged by most as being one of the least religious of the founding fathers, who in 1787 petitioned the Constitutional Convention to begin sessions in prayer, and to hire chaplains to do so. Today both houses of the U.S.

Congress do just as Franklin suggested. Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story (1779-1845), founder of the Harvard Law School, wrote, "We are not to attribute this [First Amendment] prohibition of a national religious establishment to an indifference to religion in general, and especially to Christianity ... Probably at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and of the Amendment to it now under consideration, the general, if not the universal, sentiment in America was that Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the State ... An attempt to level all religions and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference would have created universal disapprobation if not universal indignation."

In my opinion, the ACLU position on public prayer is not about "civil liberties", but about a different view of America than the one envisioned by the Founding Fathers. The hypocrisy of those in the ACLU camp can be illustrated by considering the editorial cartoon published by the Parthenon on Feb. 17 where Pat Robertson is shown to say "Seth Murphy died for your sins". To Bible-believing Christians such as myself this is nothing short of blasphemy and is highly offensive. Yet, I didn't see or hear of the ACLU objecting to this public mockery of Christ's vicarious death that Christians hold dear in a publicly funded student newspaper. On the one hand a simple prayer is offensive to those who can simply choose not to participate,

but a blatantly blasphemous editorial cartoon that many Christians will inevitably view is fine! Don't get me wrong, I believe in the freedom of the press, but I also believe in the freedom of public religious expression! How can we have "religious freedom" if we can't publicly express our faith? What's next, legislation that would make the sharing of one's Christian (or other religious) faith in a public setting a hate crime (after all that "offends" people too)? I would urge each student to consider which type of America you want to see when you vote on the prayer amendment, the one envisioned by the Founding Fathers or the one envisioned by the ACLU.

Dave Greear is the Campus Light Ministries Pastor.

Deadline set regarding letters about SGA elections

Letters to the Editor and guest columns pertaining to the SGA elections must be received by 6 p.m. today for publication. All letters must be signed and include the writer's hometown, major and contact information.

Items for the "Letters to the Editor" must be limited to 250 words and guest columns are limited to 650 words.

We appreciate that students have opinions about the election proceedings, but all letters received after the deadline will not be published.

Tell us what you

Think!

E-mail us at
parthenon@
marshall.edu or
call us at
696-6696.

SGA does not obey own constitution

I would like to thank all of the students and student organizations on campus for their enthusiastic reaction to the issue of SGA prayer. Whether you agree with government sponsored prayer or not, by getting involved you are invoking your right to have a say in how your student government represents you.

The Student Supreme Court released their unanimous ruling March 5 that not only was prayer in SGA meetings unconstitutional, but that Amendment One was unconstitutional and should be removed from the ballot.

At the time of writing

ARDITH
MICHAX
guest columnist

this, Student Body President Brandon Stevens has decided that although all prayer will be ceased until after the vote, that Amendment One will stay on the ballot. I would like to pose a question: Why does the Student Government choose to appoint justices to rule on these issues if they are going to refuse to abide by their rulings?

According to SGA's own constitution: "The Student Government Supreme Court shall possess final appellate power in matters pertaining to the Constitution."

According to the United States Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Student Government has now shown that neither of these documents has any meaning to them. As made apparent by their actions, they feel that they fall beyond the jurisdiction of the laws set forth by both constitutions.

This issue is not about prayer or religion in personal life, it is about prayer and religion in government. We in the ACLU believe in the freedom of religion. We will fight just as fiercely to protect the rights of individuals to pray outside of the governmental setting.

SGA has never had a "tradition" of prayer. By using Marsh v. Chambers, to invoke this "tradition" we are not honoring the vibrant and diverse religious faiths abundant in our society. Regardless of the narrow window that Marsh v. Chambers gives for legislative prayer, it does not provide the legal coverage for the type of prayer that the Senate seeks. Marsh v. Chambers was a ruling on non-sectarian prayer that does not invoke any specific deity. It allowed exactly the "watered-down, non-committal prayer that is nearly devoid of religious reference" that Student Senate so greatly fears.

While prayer is not permitted in public institutions, this does not mean that they must be "religious-free" zones. We have a vast array of wonderful religious organ-

izations on this campus. We will always support their right to be here and to worship. We fully support the Student Government if they move the prayer to before the official beginning of the meeting. By having the prayer take place before the drop of the gavel, the prayer would be constitutional.

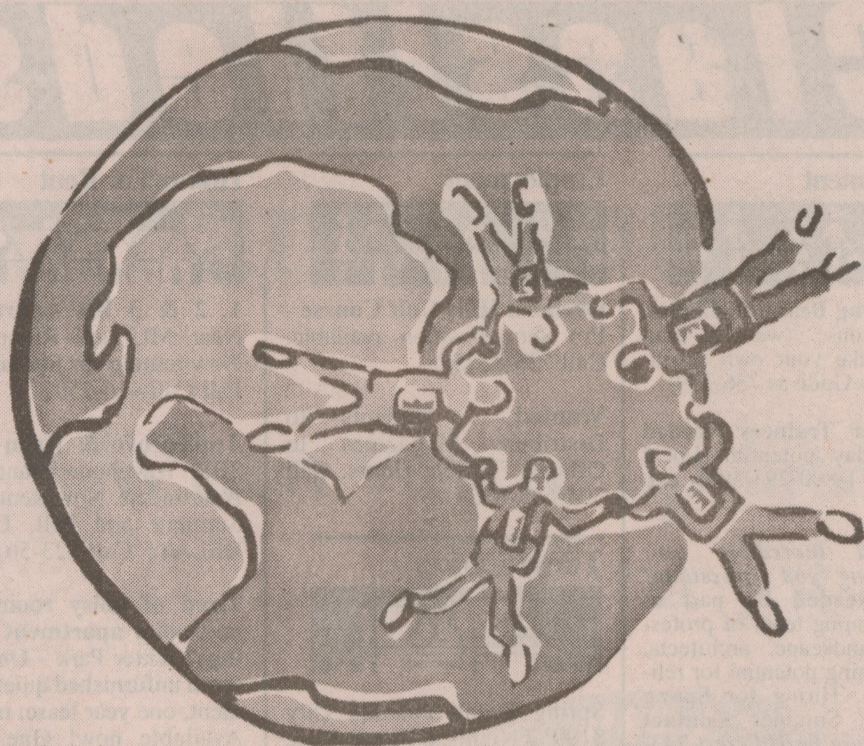
Any senator or gallery viewer who does not wish to take part in the prayer need not be there at that time. We offered this option to the Student Senate, and have received no official response from them.

If Amendment One is still on the ballot at the time of elections, I would like to urge all voters to vote no. The Student Supreme Court has ruled this amendment unconstitutional and to be removed from the ballot. According to SGA's constitution the Student Supreme Court does have the final say and if they do not wish to abide by the U.S. Constitution, the least they could do is to abide by their own.

Ardith S. Michaux is President of the Marshall University Civil Liberties Union.

See the world from a different point of view.

Become a Resident Advisor!!!



Marshall University Department of Residence Services

Is now accepting applications for Fall 2004 Resident Advisors

What does being a Resident Advisor offer?

-Free single room and 19 meals per week

-Great leadership experience

-It looks great on a resume

-A small stipend

You must be a sophomore and have a 2.3 undergraduate GPA(3.0 for Graduates). You can pick up an application at the Department of Residence

Services located in Laidley Hall or at the front desk of any residence hall.

Deadline for application is Friday, March 26, 2004

BUGS ARE
EVERYWHERE.
THE KIDS
TALK BACK.
THE ONLY AC
IS THE BREEZE.

OK. When can i start?

If you're up to the challenge of a year-round outdoor adventure, being a Youth Counselor at an Eckerd Youth Alternatives wilderness camp may just be the perfect job for you. Get paid to canoe, backpack and make friends that you'll keep for life. If you have the patience and dedication to help turn an at-risk kid's life around, we'd like to talk with you. Excellent salary and benefits plus paid training. Free room and board. As a Youth Counselor, you'll make more than a living. You'll make a difference. **ARE YOU READY?**

Apply online at www.eckerd.org

ECKERD
EYA
YOUTH
ALTERNATIVES

P.O. Box 7450
Clearwater, FL 33758

EDE/Drug-Free Workplace

Recreational sports to hold wellness fair

by KACIE B. DANIELS
reporter

Students and community members have the opportunity to get fit and get tested for good health Wednesday during a wellness fair in the Memorial Student Center lobby.

The Recreational Sports and Fitness Center is conducting the fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Health screenings, fitness tests, fitness classes and a wellness walk will be among things offered.

The health screenings will detail total cholesterol, glucose and bone density.

Tests are free for students with PEIA insurance and \$30 for those without. The cost is a good deal, because the test could cost up to \$150 anywhere else, said Cassandra Erenrich, coordinator of the health and fitness center.

Other optional tests include a comprehensive metabolic panel and a complete blood count, which are \$10 each, and a thyroid panel and a prostate specific antigen for \$25 each.

Free fitness tests are also available. Erenrich said a fitness test measures cardiovascular fitness and

basically determines whether one is in good shape by measuring body and abdominal fat.

Students may also opt to take fitness classes, which begin at noon in Room 1029 in the Henderson Center. Erenrich said the classes will be condensed versions of what real aerobics classes are like, so people have the opportunity to see if they may be interested without making a long-term commitment.

Erenrich said students should take advantage of the fair, especially if they want to see a new fitness

center in the future.

"I can't overemphasize the importance of your health," Erenrich said. "We want to see a really strong student turnout, because it is our belief that a new recreation and fitness facility is mandatory for the vitality of this campus. I believe that one way to send that message is a good, strong student turnout."

Erenrich said walk-ins are welcome for the health screenings, but students are recommended to make an appointment by calling 696-4652 or 696-4315. She also said students should

I can't overemphasize the importance of your health.

— Cassandra Erenrich, Health and Fitness center coordinator

fast 10 to 12 hours prior to the screen time.

SHEP will sponsor a walk for wellness in conjunction with the fair. Students can stop by the SHEP table in the MSC to register anytime from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The walk is open to faculty, staff and students, said Amy Saunders, coordinator of SHEP.

The walk goes around

campus and will take no more than 30 minutes to complete, Saunders said. She also said participants will receive a free t-shirt and that taking the incentive to walk will pay off.

"We do it to promote exercising and to get people to adopt healthy habits," Saunders said. "Grab a friend and come to do the walk between your classes."

New virus sent by false MU accounts

by MELISSA D. OFFUTT
reporter

Computer users need to be aware of a new virus that arrives through e-mail and opens the backdoor to computers for hackers. W32.Beagle.K@mm is causing problems for some computer users.

It can be spread through file-sharing, such as Kazaa and iMesh, according to www.symantec.com.

It can also arrive through e-mail attachments. It looks as though Marshall University computing services is sending an attachment saying the e-mail account will be deactivated and to enter a password, but when entered it actually opens the virus onto the computer, Dr. Arnold Miller, vice president of computing services, said.

Free anti-virus software is available to download at www.securityresponse.symantec.com, and computing services recommends that anyone with an MU account download this software, Miller said.

The e-mail may say it's from management, administration, no reply, staff or support. Attachments named EXE, ZIP or PIF will be blocked by the university filters. Technical information on this virus can be found at www.securityresponse.symantec.com and at Computing Services.

This virus does not affect Macintosh computers, according to the website.

Virus removal instructions can be found at www.securityresponse.symantec.com.

The virus was discovered March 3, and looks like it will be controlled.

"We've got it under control," Miller said.

If assistance is needed the Marshall University Computing Services Help Desk can be contacted at

Republican party begins national voting registration tour at Marshall University

by EMILY INGLE
reporter

The West Virginia Republican Party kicked off its national voter registration tour Friday at Marshall University.

"Reggie the Registration Rig," a 56-foot, 80,000-pound, 18-wheeler equipped with Xbox systems and a sound stage, used Huntington as its first stop in an eight-month tour across America.

Sponsored by the Republican National Committee, the cross-country tour is the largest voter registration drive in the history of the Republican Party, said Kris Warner, West Virginia Republican Party chair.

"Our highest priority is reaching out to new voters and growing our party at the grassroots level, one voter at a time," he said. "By expanding our party, we will ensure that we have the grassroots net-



work in a place to elect Republican candidates from the statehouse to the White House on Election Day 2004."

Although it was a boost for the Republican Party's voting numbers, all students, regardless of party affiliation, could register.

"It's a Republican-sponsored event, but it in no way is turning down registering voters," said Caleb Gibson, Marshall University College Republicans president.

where to go. It was just convenient."

The RNC has designated March 6-13 as National Voter Registration Week. The committee's goal is to register one million voters by the end of the week and three million by the general election in November.

Because West Virginia was so vital in the 2000 presidential election with its five Electoral College votes, it's important to get the voters and the Republican voice heard, said Mary Diamond, West Virginia Communications Director for the RNC.

West Virginia University was earlier asked to host the event but turned the RNC away because the university does not sponsor political events, she said.

"Reggie the Registration Rig" was parked outside the Memorial Student Center from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Gibson said he does not know the number of students who registered.

LCOB proposes Arch coal scholarships

by CARLIE N. HILLMAN
reporter

Representatives from Arch Coal, Inc. spoke to Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business students Friday about potential internships.

Arch Coal is the second largest coal producer in the United States. The company operates mines in six states including West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. The company currently has 11 coal mining operations in West Virginia.

"If all you know about a coal company is what you see in the papers you're going to see all the oops," Kent Smith, director of operations support, said.

This misconception about coal companies needs to be cleared up, Smith said. "Some people think all we do is pollute the water and trash the land." Michael Jarrell, president of Hobet Mining, a subsidiary of Arch Coal, said.

Classifieds

Employment



Now Hiring Beautiful Ladies. All positions. (we will train you) Make your own schedules. Lady Godivas 736-3391

Bartender Trainees Needed \$250 a day potential. Local positions 1-800-293-3985 ext. 414

Get and incredible tan; strengthen your physique! Labor Needed Be part of award-winning team of professional landscape architects. Great earning potential for reliable help. Hiring for Spring Break & Summer Contact **Landscape by Hillcrest 743-3033**

SUMMER INTERNSHIP Excellent Advertising, Sales, and Marketing opportunity. Earn \$3000 to \$7000++ and gain valuable business experience working for the **Marshall University Official Campus Telephone Directory. GREAT RESUME BOOSTER!** Call Kiersten at AroundCampus, Inc. 1-800-466-2221 ext. 272 www.aroundcampus.com

Up to 100% PAID TUITION to Marshall University from the WV Air Guard in Charleston! Visit the Air Guard office at Marshall University every Wednesday from 9am until 3pm in Room 108, Old Main. Find out about: **Paid Tuition Up to \$282** per month with the GI Bill. Up to \$350 per month with the GI Bill Kicker. Student Loan Repayment Assistance. Up to \$5000 cash bonus! Work part time - Attend Marshall full time. Visit MSgt Jim Landers on the campus of Marshall every Wednesday. Or call 696-2598 or 1-800-228-1205, option 2. Or email jlanders@marshall.edu

Employment



Orchard Hills Golf Course - Pro Shop Position available. Call 736-8225

Wanted - Students to Distribute Magazines to Offices. Flexible Hours. Call 304-633-6524

Travel Services



Spring Break Panama City \$199! 7 Nights, 6 Free Parties, Free Cover & Drinks. 5 Day Spring Break Bahamas Cruise \$279! Cancun, Jamaica, Nassau \$529 Daytona \$159! www.SpringBreakTravel.com 1-800-678-6383

PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL ****SPRING BREAK**** World Famous Tiki Bar! Sandpiper Beacon Beach Resort 1-800-488-8828 www.sandpiperbeacon.com "The Fun Place"

Bahamas Spring Break Party Cruise 5 Days from \$279! Party With Real World Paris Celebrities At Exclusive Cast Parties! Great Beaches & Nightlife! Includes Meals, Port/Hotel Taxes! 1-800-678-6383 www.SpringBreakTravel.com

Homes For Rent



1, 2 & 3 BR Apartments Near MU and Ritter Park. Now renting for Summer and Fall Call 416-2591

Applegrove & Ryan Arms 2BR Townhouses and 1BR Apartments. Now Renting for Summer and Fall. DON'T DELAY! Call 523-5615

Tired of noisy roommates and noisy apartment buildings? Ritter Park - One bedroom unfurnished quiet apartment, one year lease, no pets. Available now! One quiet, mature, nonsmoker preferred. Christian landlord 522-3187

2 BR Apt., kitchen furnished, \$400/month + util.+ damage deposit. No pets. No lease required. Call 525-7336 10 min. from Campus

University Suites 1-2-3 Bedrooms. One block from campus. Security. Central Heat/Air, Laundry facilities, Parking, Dishwasher, Garbage Disposals, Reasonable Utilities. Call 529-0001

2-1/2 blocks from campus- Available immediately. 2BR apt \$400/mo plus utilities. Available May 1 - 1BR apt \$350/mo plus utilities. Call 304-562-3443

Professional Airbrush Tanning
Light to Dark Tropical Tan
Quick, Easy, and Healthy for the Skin

Call **Lisa Imperi**
(304) 962-7026
Evening Hours
Mon.-Fri. & Sat. Appts.
Ask about nail specials too

\$30
Bennett's
Sharper Image
419 12th St.
Huntington

Give Plasma, Get Cash

URGENT!
Blood plasma donations are needed to help save burn, trauma, and shock victims. Donate today and receive \$25.
(for approx. 2 hours of your time)

Call or stop by:
ZLB Plasma Services
551 21st Street (Behind Subway), Huntington, WV 25703
304-529-0028 • www.zlb.com
Free and donation (time may vary). New donors only.



WEEKLY SPECIAL IN THE MSC FOOD COURT

Personal Pan Pizza & 20 oz. Soda

ONLY \$3.29

No coupon needed! Just Stop By And Save!

Offer good 1:30 - Close 3/8/04 - 3/12/04

Advertise in the Classifieds
as low as \$4 per day
Call 696-3346

Marshall baseball finishes weekend 4-0

by JENNIFER PIERCE
reporter

The 8-7 win Sunday gave the Marshall Thundering Herd baseball team a clean sweep over Niagara University in a three-game series Saturday and Sunday, in addition to a 5-3 win over Concord College Friday, making the Herd 4-0 for the weekend at University Heights Field.

Senior Chris Meadows entered the game in the top of the ninth Friday to retire the Mountain Lions in order, help the Herd earn its first win of the weekend, and break the all-time record of

75 pitching appearances.

"It feels great to break records, but it would have felt better if we were 7-4 rather than 4-7," Meadows said.

The hometown pitcher said he did not feel any more pressure knowing he was possibly going to make history in Marshall baseball this weekend.

"When a game is close, it is always high-pressure for me," he said.

Meadows broke another all-time record for the Thundering Herd Sunday when he threw his 10th career save in the ninth inning, striking out the final two batters to give

Marshall the 8-7 win over the Purple Eagles.

"If we can break the team record for wins, that will make my records all the better and more meaningful in the end," he said.

Getting the record to .500 for the first time this year by setting the mark at 7-7 for the season, the Herd is on a roll and showing definite signs of progress, Meadows said.

Pitching coach Tom Carty said he was impressed with the performance of the entire team and pleased with an undefeated record at home.

"I am very happy with the way we pitched and

played this weekend," Carty said.

Sophomore Chris Koutsavlis from Pittsburgh, Pa., earned his first win of the year, pitching 5.2 innings in game one of the doubleheader Saturday, allowing two runs on five hits, with a final score of 6-4. In game two, senior Grant Harper from Grayson, Ky., pitched the first seven innings and led Marshall to a 12-5 win over Niagara, earning his second win for the season.

"Some days you have to carry your hitters, and I think we did a good job of that," Carty said.

Head coach Dave

Piepenbrink is happy with the way his team has played since the final game of the three-game series against the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where the Herd began the six-game win streak, defeating the Blazers 13-5.

"It is so hard to sweep a series in college," Piepenbrink said. "We put our best against their best, and it worked well for us."

The final victory of the series went to senior Scott Henning from Wilmington, Del., who allowed three runs on five hits in 5.2 innings to earn his first win of the year.

"Pitching and defense has to carry a team, and we played outstanding defense," Piepenbrink said.

Players showed up in all aspects of the game at the right times, with fielders making the outs, pitchers throwing the strikes, and runners stealing the bases, he said.

"Offensively, we did not execute great, but we still did well with two strikes," Piepenbrink said.

Up next, the Herd takes on the Liberty University Flames in a three-game series at Worthington Stadium in Lynchburg, Va., March 13-15.

Softball captures tournament title from Pittsburgh Panthers

by MATT RILEY
senior sports writer

Mother Nature tried its best to win the Ramada Marshall Softball Spring Classic, but the grounds crew and Dot Hicks field were strong enough to withstand the several downpours over the weekend and play finished with the Thundering Herd coming out as champs.

With the tournament title coming down to the final game, the Thundering Herd and the Pittsburgh Panthers squared off in a Sunday evening battle.

After a potential game-saving sliding grab in right field by freshman Ashley Mitchell in the top of the seventh, the Herd had one more chance in the bottom of the inning. Trailing 4-2, Mitchell and Allison Webb led off the seventh with walks, after a fielder's choice and a bunt single by Sierra Davenport, the bases were juiced for sophomore slugger Amanda Williams.

Williams stepped to the plate and delivered a line drive double to left field on an 0-2 count to tie the game. Third baseman Leigh Wintter followed with the game winning single off the pitcher.

"Before the at bat I talked to Melby, our trainer and she told me to be focused and not think about everything going on around you because your

adrenaline's going to be up," Williams said. "I stepped into the box and ended up with two strikes, fouled a couple off and finally got the pitch I wanted and the end result was good."

Williams, the reigning MAC Freshman of the Year finished the tournament 8-for-18 with eight RBIs. She had four RBIs in the Pitt game.

Randi Nielson picked up the win against Pitt and Sierra Davenport was 4-for-4 against the Panthers. Davenport was 13-for-20 for the tournament.

The Herd improved to 11-10 on the season, after going 5-1 to capture the tournament title.

"It was very exciting," head coach Shonda Stanton said. "To come back and win in the bottom of the seventh after having chances in the sixth and not getting it done really says a lot about this team. It's just a great way to end by beating Pitt and winning the tournament, especially with the weather and everything this weekend."

Stanton said the wins this weekend will hopefully get the team going on a roll.

"I think this weekend was huge for our confidence by showing we can come back when we're down and hopefully that momentum will carry over as we go on our spring trip," Stanton said. "We've got to realize our averages and ERAs will take care of themselves

through the season, we just have to focus on what we do well and not worry about those things. I think we have a great team and we're going to be just fine."

Marshall totaled 39 runs in its six games in the classic and Williams said that was what the team needed.

"The reason we were losing some of the games we lost earlier was because we didn't have any offensive production," she said. "We turned that around this weekend and we had a lot of people step it up one through nine in the lineup and we showed how capable we are of scoring runs."

Wintter said the wins this weekend are beneficial for the Herd going into the remainder of the season.

"I think this is a lot of momentum for us by running off five wins," she said. "Most of the games we had double digit hits and run-ruled in two of the games so it gives us a lot of momentum and a lot of confidence going into Spring Break and MAC play."

Wintter and Sarah Wilson continued to swing hot bats in the tournament and are leading the team with 16 and 17 RBIs respectively.

The Herd head to the Carolinas over Spring Break with play beginning in Rock Hill, S.C. March 12.

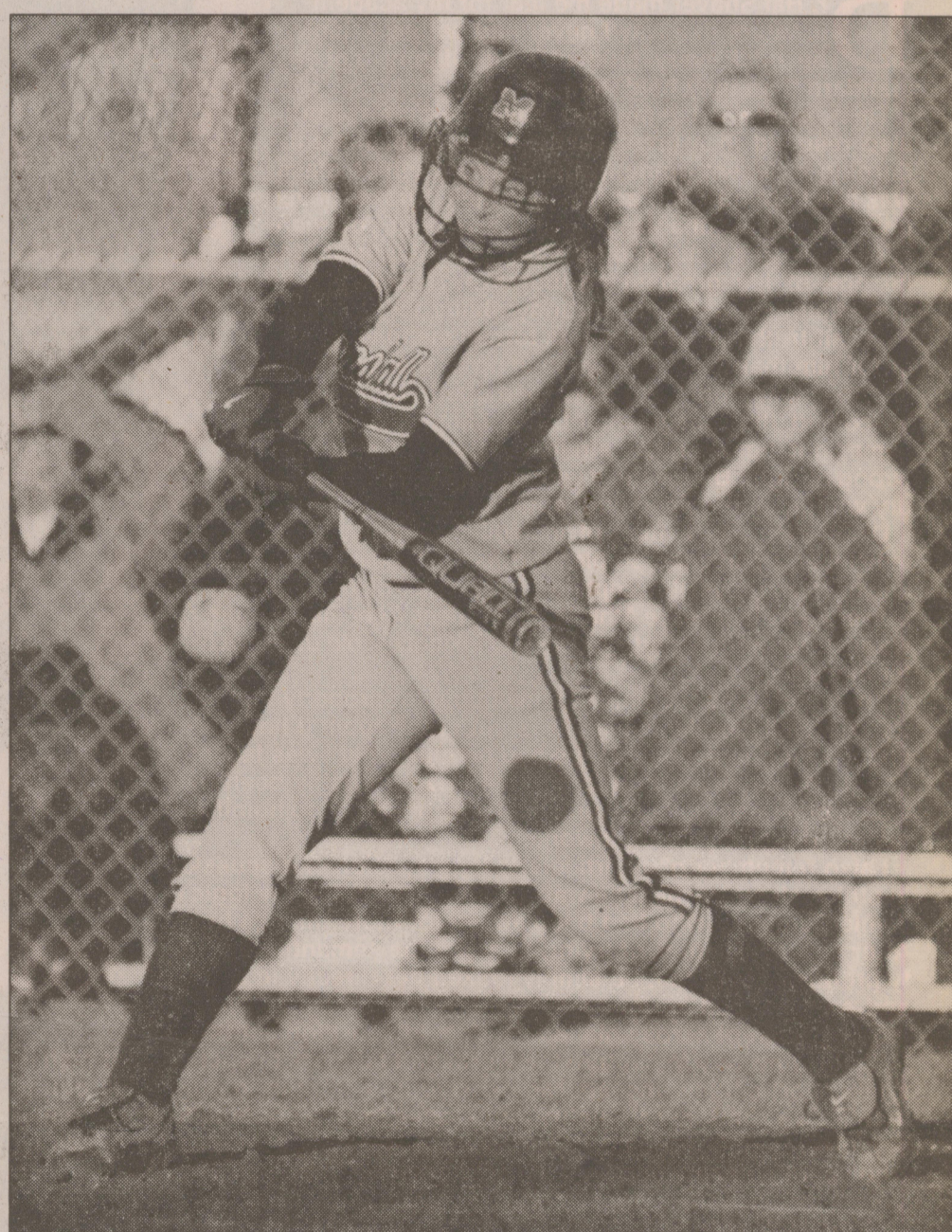


photo by Matt Riley

Amanda Williams connects for a hit in game 1, Sunday. Williams delivered the game-tying hit against Pitt Sunday night to help clinch the tournament title for the Herd. The freshman center fielder was 8-for-18 on the tournament with 8 RBIs. She upped her batting average to .333 on the season.

MAC

From page 1

quarterfinals of the MAC tournament in Cleveland.

"I didn't want to make this my last game of the season," Black said. "I didn't want to go out on a sour note."

Hamilton and Black both lead the Herd with 16 points, followed by junior Enoch Bunch with 12 points and junior Ronny Dawn with 11. Hamilton said that the team has been playing with extra confidence and are just enjoying playing with each other right now.

"We've been playing with a lot of confidence lately," Hamilton said. "We're just excited and having fun playing basketball right now."

The Herd now turns its focus to number one seeded Western Michigan in the MAC tournament quarterfinals. Marshall defeated Western Michigan earlier this season in Huntington, but lost its game with the Broncos in Michigan.

"We got them once here, they got us up there, this is kind of like the rubber-band game," Bunch said. "It will decide who's best, and that's what were going to find out."

Head coach Ron Jirsa said the team is glad to be heading to Cleveland, but the team does realize the Broncos are the favorites in Thursday's match-up.

"We're happy to be going to Cleveland," Jirsa said. "We're one and one against Western Michigan and we're clearly the underdogs being an eighth seed."

The Herd and the Broncos will face-off in this

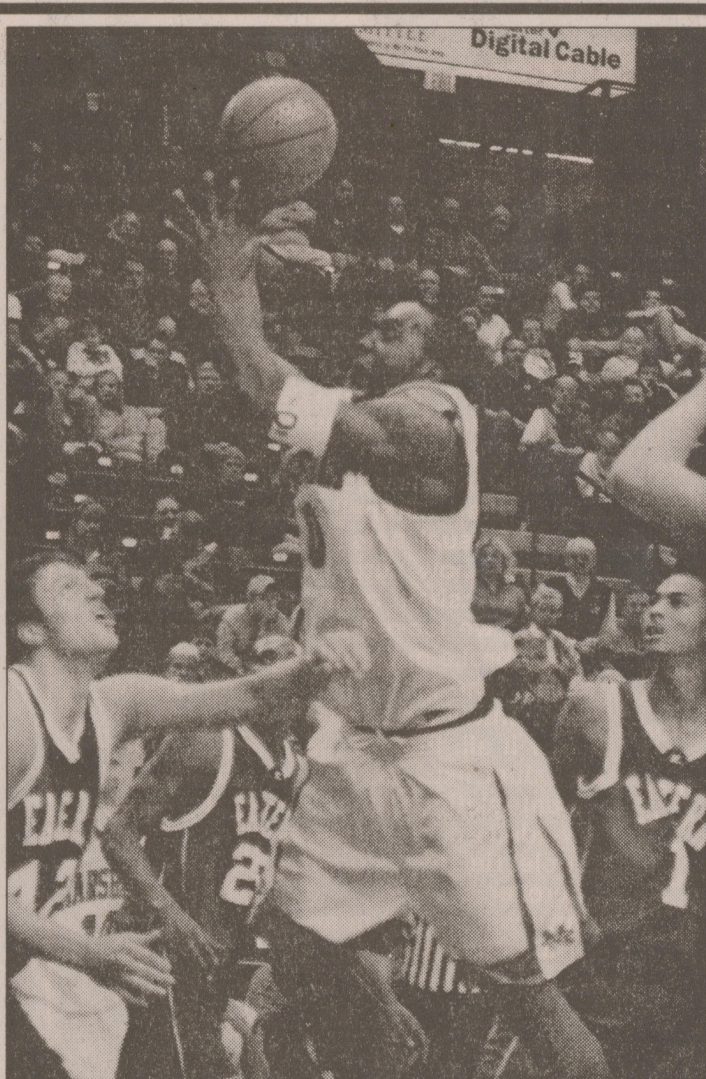


photo by Matt Riley

Senior Marvin Black had his ninth double-double of the year last night with his 16 points and 14 rebounds. Black, along with junior A. W. Hamilton, helped the Herd down the Eastern Michigan Eagles and into the quarterfinals of the MAC tournament in Cleveland this Thursday.

"I didn't want to make this my last game of the season."

— Marvin Black, senior Marshall forward

Thursday in Cleveland. Tip-off for the MAC quarterfinal game will be 7 p.m. Marshall's trip to Cleveland

will mark the fifth time in five years that the Herd is in the quarterfinals of the MAC tournament.

Herd women to face Kent State in quarterfinals of MAC Tournament

by CARA BAILEY
reporter

Marshall's women's basketball team beat Buffalo 69-45 Saturday to move on to the Kraft Mid-American Conference Tournament quarterfinals where they will take on Kent State.

Marshall, (17-11) scored first on a Sikeetha Shepard-Hall three and never relinquished the lead, going up by as many as 32 points over the Bulls (6-21). Shepard-Hall, who was named to the Honorable Mention All-MAC Team Monday, scored 15 points in the first half.

She lead all Herd scorers with 17 total. It was her seventh straight double-digit scoring effort and she also added career high numbers in assists (7) and steals (5).

"We all realize it's March. We all realize it's time to play," she said. "The past doesn't matter, it's anybody's tournament."

Marshall head coach Royce Chadwick agreed with Shepard-Hall saying that March is the time to play ball.

"You don't have to look around to see that it's March and that's Sikeetha's time," Chadwick said. "We try to set it up so in March we play our best ball."

Buffalo came into the game the 13th seed while Marshall was at number six. Chadwick said that the Herd knew Buffalo would be tired from the trip to Huntington and used that factor to their benefit.



photo by Matt Riley

Senior Catie Knable and sophomore Sikeetha Shepard-Hall celebrate Marshall's 69-45 win over Buffalo in the opening-round of the MAC tournament.

"We tried to use our depth, bench, press and run," he said. "We did a good job of upping the tempo."

Senior Catie Knable, playing in her last game in Huntington, had six boards to become the second most prolific rebounder in Marshall history. Her 893 rebounds also put her on the Top-15 list of MAC rebounders.

"It's a great honor to be with Kristina Behnfeldt," Knable said. "Now we just have to go out, get better and win a MAC championship."

Marshall now moves on to Cleveland to play Kent

State. The Golden Flashes are seeded at the third spot and had a first-round bye.

"They're going to throw different things at us. They're one of the favorites to win the tournament," Chadwick said.

Marshall, who has one of the deepest rosters in the MAC, will try to use that depth to advance farther in the tournament.

Marshall and Kent St. play Wednesday at the Gund Arena in Cleveland. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 or 30 minutes after the first game concludes.

1938 — 2004

DR. HAROLD 'HAL' C. SHAVER

Journalism dean remembered in letters by students, family members after sudden death

Dr. Hal Shaver made me fear for my academic future in a way I never had before. I think he held every student to a slightly higher standard than they held themselves.

This practice led to my initial fear of his course but also resulted in a great sense of accomplishment. Earning a decent grade in Dr. Shaver's ethics class was like fighting a war against yourself. He was never unfair or unreasonable; he just knew what you were capable of and accepted nothing less. I found this to be one of his greatest attributes as a teacher. His incredible fairness and uncanny ability to detect fluff and half-truths in assignments forced me to work harder for him than I had in any class up to that point.

In the classroom, he encouraged open discussion and welcomed the disagreement that came with it. In the same light, he was never afraid to tell a student they were wrong or right. But he did it with such blatant honesty and dry wit that entertained and taught at the same time.

Dr. Shaver was a man of incredible ethical standards I remember a particular problem he had with Matt Riley, Matt Lockhart and myself accepting a free steak dinner from the University of Tennessee Athletic Department. After making sure we knew we were wrong, he chose to jokingly scold us about it for months.

Then there was the time I thanked him for properly folding a 3' x 5' Bolivian flag while I was out of the room (I had purchased for Spanish class). He had no clue what I was talking about and calmly informed me that I had probably been the victim of a rather juvenile practical joke designed to humiliate me in front of my Dean. It worked.

I also remember one particularly long session of discussion in ethics class in which he was struggling to grasp the logic of Jamie Dempsey, who had been awake for more than 24 hours. After several minutes of trying to argue the semantics of "party products" with her, he simply looked her directly in the eyes and said with all seriousness, "Go to sleep Jamie." His infamous grin crept across his face and the discussion continued.

There is no way to capture the worth and memory of such a great man in a few short column inches. His passing is still fresh in our minds but as long as we share our thoughts and stories he will not fade from our memory. My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Shaver's family and our faculty, who spent so many years as his co-workers. Thank you Dr. Shaver.

— John Mulvaney, student

I have learned a lot about my father over the past few days. Since I was a young child, I have recognized that my man is a "Big Man on Campus", so to speak. Now, however, as his colleagues and students honor his memory, I have heard about many accolades and praises that Dad never bragged about, or even mentioned. He would always celebrate my honors about which I would brag, but he was never one to sing his own praises.

Furthermore, I have been surprised by comments saying that my dad was feared as a professor. My dad is one of the gentlest people I know. Of course, no one stops at saying that Dad had a tough reputation. The comments always go on that once they took his class, they learned what a dynamic, fair and caring professor he was. He made his students work hard to ensure that they learned as much as possible from his courses. And he worked hard at the same time to provide curriculum that was stimulating and demanding.

Throughout this difficult week, I have found comfort and pride in hearing what students say about my dad. I am a high school chemistry teacher. I am told about the tough reputation I have among my students. I am proud that students say similar things about me as they say about my dad.

I hope to honor my father by continuing to be a demanding teacher. And in addition to that, I am inspired by my father to become more humble. Seeing my father through the eyes of those who know him as Dr. Shaver, I am motivated to continue his tradition of excellence with humility.

— Wendy Shaver, daughter

Dr. Shaver was the first member of the faculty (after Martha Woodward) who I met on Marshall's campus, two and a half years ago, the Friday before my freshman year. He invited me into his office to sign for my scholarship (I had the honor of being the first Marvin L. Stone scholar) and as I stepped inside, I realized one thing right off the bat: this guy had a thing for owls. The moon-eyed night birds perched on every surface in the man's small office; there were well more than 50 different owls, stuffed, statues, pictures and more.

We got to talking about favorite animals rather quickly, and to no surprise his was the owl. My favorite is the penguin. He then commented on how interesting it was that we both admired birds. He offered that perhaps because of man's longing to fly we admired them, but then I pointed out that penguins were incapable of flight. He then said he liked the owl for its fabled wisdom, intelligence, mystery. I on the other hand, liked penguins because they were goofy, they waddled and seemed to mimic humans, and at zoos they always like to show off for those watching them. It was later I realized that our choices reflected who we were. I enjoyed being the goofy center of attention, while he was the wise, patient

the time to do so. He made the time.

In the back of my mind, I knew that Dad would retire very soon, move to Pennsylvania, and we would be together all of the time. So, I didn't worry so much about the current school year. I knew that we would more than make up for lost time as we would be spending all of his golden years together and he would be my Daddy and my children's Papau full-time.

Well, the time when our family will be together with my Daddy

all of the time will never come. I counted on it as surely as I count on the sun rising, and I was wrong. For all of you reading this who are counting on spending time with your Dad when you are not so busy-when you are done with the school year, or with graduate school, or with your thesis, or your research study, or your search for a new job, or whatever it is that keeping your life busy right now: please, please learn from my mistake. Cherish every moment you have with your family, right now, while

you are certain you can.

If you knew my father, then you were blessed by his presence in your life and the knowledge that he so eagerly shared with others. Now that he is gone, I hope you can learn one more lesson from the elegant and amazing man who was my father and my best friend, Dr. Harold C. Shaver: He was always busy, but he always took the time. No matter what.

—Melanie S. Hummer, daughter



ABOVE: Dr. Harold Shaver and his wife, Marilyn smile for a photograph while traveling on vacation.

LEFT: Shaver holds one of his grandchildren in this photo provided by his family.

photos courtesy of the Shaver family

I did not know losing one's favorite teacher could be this sad.

Coming straight from Japan, pursuing a journalism degree was a daunting task for me. But Dr. Shaver was always there to help. He encouraged me and other international students by letting us know that he really valued the diverse perspectives we brought into the program. He was a gentleman and a scholar with a big, warm heart inside.

I would not be where I am today if I had not met him. Thank you, Dr. Shaver.

— Takaaki Iwabu, 1994 graduate