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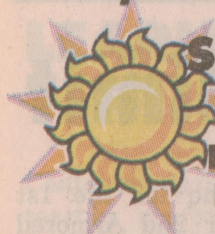
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Senate considers X-ray degree

Radiological technology program seeks bachelor's degree certification

by ABIGAIL
KIMBERLAIN
reporter

Approval for a combined radiological technology bachelor's degree with St. Mary's Medical Center School of Radiography will be decided at Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Currently, a joint program exists between St. Mary's and the Marshall University Community and Technical College. This program offers an associate's degree in radiological technology.

The College of Nursing and Health Professions is proposing a bachelor's program with specialized radi-

ography skills.

The dean of the college, Lynne B. Welch, said the bachelor's program is "consistent with where the field is heading."

Welch said radiological technology is a fast growing field. The new program will emphasize study in the areas of clinical education, management, and advanced imaging. "It [the bachelor's degree] will allow students two things: to receive a college

degree on a bachelor's level, and also they'll get research experience, management and patient skills," Welch said.

According to Welch, having a bachelor's degree in radiological technology will be an advantage for students seeking management positions.

If approved, the radiological technology program will be the only one in a West Virginia State University.

Welch said having the program would enable students

to obtain radiography skills locally, and be employed locally.

Also on the agenda for Thursday is the possible appointing of the Faculty Senate president to a national athletic-related group.

The Athletic Committee has requested Faculty Senate President, Dr. Larry Stickler, join COIA, the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Stickler describes the COIA as an "organization

of various colleges and universities watching the athletic scene from a faculty standpoint."

The COIA was formed as an email network of faculty from Division 1-A schools. The COIA website states the organization's goal is being "committed to ensuring that athletics enhances rather than undermines the academic mission."

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Distance learning takes place at Kellogg

by NICOLE YOUNG
reporter

Students at Kellogg Elementary are saying "oui, oui," but it doesn't mean they need to use the bathroom.

Nancy Docteur, a 26-year-old graduate student from Belgium has been teaching kindergarten through second grade students the basics of the French language all semester at the June Harless Center.

"I was a little bit stressed because this was my first time teaching students," Docteur said. "They learn quickly and I am very impressed."

Since the beginning of the semester, students have learned shapes, colors, numbers and body parts. Students also played games to help them remember the words, Docteur said.

"Jacques a dit", the French version of Simon Says, helps the students remember body parts. Students also have a game where they march around the room singing the alphabet.

She is on site at the Harless

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SEEKING REDEMPTION

After dropping two at Ohio University, Randi Nielson and the Herd look to salvage the season series today in Athens, Ohio.



photo by Matt Riley

Anthro students get dirty

Hands-on class offers field work in Anthropology

by ABIGAIL
KIMBERLAIN
reporter

Anthropology students will be playing in the dirt this summer.

Anthropology 323 is an archaeological field-training course. Students sift and dig through dirt, searching for ancient material. The course is offered during Summer Session C for three or six hours credit. There are no prerequisites, and is open to all students.

Professor of Anthropology, Dr. Nicholas Freidin, instructs the field school.

"It [the field school] is unusual in the sense that it takes place outside in the field," Freidin said.

Having no tests or textbooks, the field school is participation-based.

"Students are graded on participation in the field and on their field journals," Freidin said.

The journals are a record of students' fieldwork.

"The daily log includes research objectives, tools used, description of soils and features and artifacts encountered," Freidin said.

Before heading out the field, students are given a brief background on the site, and instructed on excavating and surveying techniques.

Since 1994, the field school's excavation site has been the Green Bottom wetlands on the Ohio River, and the nearby Jenkins Plantation and mansion. Jenkins was a Civil War plantation owned by a Confederate general. It is now on the National Register of Historic Places, and recently added to the Civil War Discovery Trail. The site is in rural Cabell County.

"At Green Bottom we have found several villages dating circa 750 B.C. to A.D. 300, as well as historical material dating from the 'plantation' period [of Jenkins]," Freidin said.

He said Jenkins generates many historic finds because it was an antebellum plantation. Discovering tools, pottery shards, and fire-cracked rocks are common. Because the excavation site is on state land, all discovered artifacts belong to the state.

"The Jenkins mansion will eventually open a museum which will include the finds," Freidin said.

Gael R. Neace, a senior sociology major from Ranger, has participated in three field school digs.

"I would say that the class

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Marketing class promotes anti-tobacco message

by CARLIE N.
HILLMAN
reporter

An Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business class kicked off the "No ifs, ands or butts" anti-tobacco campaign Wednesday.

Dr. Deanna Mader's Marketing 341 Promotions Management class prepared the entire semester for the campaign that focuses on the dangerous effects of tobacco and the growing number of students who are using it.

"The purpose is to try to encourage young people to stop using tobacco or don't start in the first place,"

The purpose is to try to encourage young people to stop using tobacco ...

— Dr. Deanna Mader, Marketing professor

Mader, a professor in the division of Marketing and Management, said.

The campaign was funded by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health and Tobacco Prevention, she said.

Participants at the event, in the Memorial Student Center Plaza, were asked to complete a survey the class will use to evaluate the success of the campaign, Mader said.

Then they were asked to

pledge to stop smoking for 24 hours or to not start at all. In turn, their names were entered in drawings for several prizes.

The main prizes at the event were provided by 101.5 The River.

Steve Reinhardt, a disc jockey for The River, said the anti-tobacco message is especially important in this area.

"Tobacco use in West

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photo by Veronica Nell

Dr. Deanna Mader's Marketing 341 class set up a table of information about the perils of tobacco use.

Jabberwock week ends for Delta Sigma Theta

by ANDREA M.
KASTEIN
reporter

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is coming to an end of its celebrations and events for Jabberwock week.

Jabberwock is a program that was set up by the Delta Sigma Theta national chapter in the spring of 1925. It focuses on raising scholarship money to give kids for college and an opportunity to allow kids to show off their talents.

"It was originally just a single program but we made it an entire week thing to recognize the talents and achievements of others and having fun while doing so," Paulette Nixon, from Columbus, Ohio and a junior education major, said. Marshall's Delta Sigma Theta chapter does not have the funds right now to give out scholarship money but hopes to be able to do so sometime in

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Campus Briefs

Poly Sci hosts guest speaker

Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honorary fraternity, and the political science department will host the Paul D. Stewart Distinguished Lectureship Friday, with Professor Ronald Petite, as the guest speaker.

Petite will speak at 1:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105 about "Considerations of Just War Arguments with Respect to the U.S. Invasion and Occupation of Iraq."

Petite is an associate professor of political science at Bryan College in Tennessee.

More information can be obtained by contacting the political science office at (304) 696-6636.

COLA presents W.Va. poet

Poet James Harms will be reading from one of his works today as part of Marshall's Visiting Writer's

Series, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts.

This event is free to the public and will begin at 8 p.m. in Room 2W16 in the Memorial Student Center.

Some of Harms's poetry has also appeared in publications such as "Poetry," "The Denver Quarterly," "Kenyon Review," "The Antioch Review," and "The American Poetry Review."

Harms is the director of the creative writing program in the English department at West Virginia University.

Iraq tours of duty extended beyond one year limit

Welcome-home ceremonies at Louisiana base canceled

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 10,000 American soldiers who were to return this month to home bases in Louisiana and Germany will have their tour in Iraq extended at least three months to help combat the surge in anti-occupation violence, defense officials

said Wednesday. The decision, which has not been announced publicly, breaks the Army's promise to soldiers and their families that assignments in Iraq would be limited to 12 months. The affected soldiers already have been in Iraq for a year.

Welcome-home ceremonies at Fort Polk, La., scheduled for this month, have been canceled. In Baumholder, Germany, some soldiers' families have stopped marking the days off the calendar.

The top U.S. commander for the Middle East, Gen. John Abizaid, decided that the increase in violence was so threatening that he needed to have the extra firepower, officials say. Defense Secretary Donald

H. Rumsfeld was fine-tuning the new plan Wednesday; his spokesmen declined to discuss details. They said it was possible that Rumsfeld would make it public on Thursday.

The tour extensions come at a particularly delicate moment. At least 87 troops have been killed in April, the deadliest month since they set foot in Iraq in March 2003. The number of wounded also has skyrocketed.

The advantage of keeping soldiers of the 1st Armored Division and the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Iraq for an extra three months rather than bringing in an equivalent number from elsewhere is that these soldiers have unmatched combat experience in Iraq.

The Army is so stretched by its commitments in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans and elsewhere that it has few, if any, forces immediately available to substi-

tute in Iraq for the 1st Armored or 2nd Armored Cavalry.

Also, these units have been heavily involved in one of the most important U.S. military missions there: training thousands of Iraqi security forces. Those Iraqi army and civil defense corps members are central to the Pentagon's plan for eventually turning over military control to the Iraqis and pulling out U.S. troops.

Wisconsin student charged with faking own abduction

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A college student accused of faking her own kidnapping last month was charged Wednesday with lying to police in what they suggested was a desperate attempt to get her boyfriend's attention.

Audrey Seiler, a 20-year-old sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of obstructing officers. Each charge carries up to nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Seiler disappeared from her off-campus apartment March 27 without her coat or purse. She was discovered curled in a fetal position in a marsh four days later, and told police that a man had abducted her at knife point.

But police concluded Seiler made up the story after obtaining a store videotape that showed her buying the knife, duct tape, rope and cold medicine she claimed her abductor used to restrain her. Seiler confessed after she was confronted with the tape, according to authorities.

"I set up everything. I'm

"I set up everything. I'm just so messed up. I'm sorry."

Audrey Seiler
University of Wisconsin
sophomore

just so messed up. I'm sorry," they quoted her as saying. But she later recanted the statement, insisting she had been abducted.

Hundreds of people from Madison and Seiler's hometown searched for her after she disappeared, and her claim about an armed man touched off a major manhunt that authorities said cost the police about \$96,000.

Her first court appearance was scheduled for Thursday, but her attorney was expected to appear in her place.

Lawyer Randy Hopper would not say Wednesday whether she would contest the charges. He called Seiler a "model student, a model citizen."

The criminal complaint depicts Seiler as a young

woman upset by a fading relationship with her boyfriend, Ryan Fisher.

Friends said the two had been fighting, and Seiler's roommate, Heather Thue, told officers that Fisher did not pay as much attention to Seiler as she wanted.

W.Va gas prices top nation

CHARLESTON (AP) — The price of regular gasoline rose to a record \$1.89 per gallon Wednesday at most stations in West Virginia.

The national average of \$1.78 per gallon for regular gasoline also was a record.

State officials and gas marketers said the jump reflects a nationwide increase in crude oil costs and could signal even

higher prices this summer.

The average gas retailer in West Virginia has seen prices increase about 15 cents in the past week, said Jan Vineyard, executive director of the state Oil Marketers and Grocers Association.

"A lot of times retail stations will hold back and see if there's a trend," Vineyard said. "So they'll wait to see if maybe one day prices will drop before

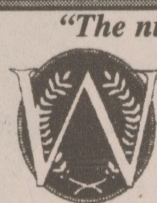
they increase them, but then they'll have to make a big jump in one day."

Prices began rising Tuesday afternoon when the cost of a gallon of regular gas rose from \$1.79 to \$1.89 in Parkersburg and Clarksburg. By Tuesday evening, most stations across West Virginia were charging \$1.89 per gallon. Premium gasoline was selling for as much as \$2.09 per gallon.

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WV State Briefs

FBI upholds WVU crime-reporting practices

MORGANTOWN (AP) — There's room for improvement, but an FBI review has concluded that West Virginia University is complying with federal crime-reporting guidelines.

The FBI and State Police reviewed 298 reports over three days last month and found 69 discrepancies in 50 reports, according to the student newspaper, The Daily Athenaeum. In 13 cases, the crime was mislabeled and in seven cases, it was labeled a lesser offense.

That produced an assessment of "moderate," meaning WVU has a record-management system in place but should review it to make improvements.

Forum to feature gubernatorial candidates

CHARLESTON (AP) — In an election season marked by few public, candidate vs. candidate debates, most of the leading contenders for governor have agreed to appear in Wheeling to answer questions about economic development, health care and gambling.

The four Democrats and four Republicans will also be asked about the shortfalls in the state's workers' compensation program and similar unfunded liabilities at Thursday's forum, co-sponsored by Ogden Newspapers and the Hopeful City coalition.

Seven of the eight candidates have already responded to questions on the four issues in writing, according to event organizers who expect hundreds of area residents to attend.

Particularly among the

Democratic candidates, Joe Manchin has been criticized for ducking public debates where candidates can challenge each other. "Manchin has declined."

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LEARNING

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Center every Tuesday and teaches via teleconferencing on Wednesdays. The students are able to see her and she can see the students through the television screens in the room.

Docteur is also able to call on the students by name and they can respond with microphones placed on their desks, said Jackie McMullen, technology coordinator at the June Harless Center.

Students were given workbooks with over 500 basic French words to help

with their homework, McMullen said.

"My favorite thing is homework," said Jacob Maddox, Kellogg Elementary second grader. "I like to write down the words and colors and months."

The mission of the June Harless Center Demonstration Site, located in Westmoreland, is to provide leadership and education for the rural communities, said Stan Maynard, director of June Harless Center for Rural Education Research and Development.

"We wanted to establish a blended learning format,"

he said. "Mainly teleconferencing, but part online with WebCT and the Internet, as well as instructors visiting on site. We think that the blended format is the best and seems to receive better than any other distance learning format we've tried."

Currently, Wayne, Pendleton, McDowell and Mingo counties are involved with distance learning. The center is hoping to reach out to 12 more counties by the fall, Maynard said. Foreign languages, English and math are among the distance learning classes provided by the center.

ANTHRO

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is adventurous simply because you don't know what you will find when you walk out into the field that morning. There is a factor of mystery and the unknown that makes the class fun," Neace said.

I would say that the class is adventurous simply because you don't know what you will find ...

— Gael Neace, sociology major

Neace sites Freidin's instruction as a benefit.

"Dr. Freidin is very nice and when you're in the field he treats you as an equal. He knows so much

about the subject and demonstrates it easily," Neace said.

She reported her own finds of spear points, and lots of pottery shards.

X-RAY

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rather than undermines the academic mission."

The COIA members discuss trends among university athletics, such as preferential treatment of athletes or the result of excessive class absence on athletes' academic performance, Stickler said.

The COIA offers free membership.

In addition to Stickler's membership in the COIA, the senators will vote on

the addition of a new major.

The Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate is seeking approval for a new major in the College of Science. The proposed major, biomedical sciences, targets biology majors pursuing medical careers, such as dentistry or veterinary science.

Reports from six standing committees will conclude Thursday's meeting. The committees are Legislative Affairs, Library, Physical Facilities and Planning, Research, Student Conduct and Welfare, and University

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— Lynne B. Welch, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions

Functions.

The Faculty Senate meeting is April 15 at 4 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

TOBACCO

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Virginia and Ohio is an epidemic. It's important to use the [radio] station as a voice."

Reinhardt, also known as "Rhino", said the station provided two John Mayer tickets, Warped Tour tickets for one person and nine of their friends and hotel accommodations for a trip to Nashville. In addition to the prizes provided by the River, participants were given food, T-shirts and pamphlets with information and facts about tobacco use provided by local businesses.

The event was a culmination of work the stu-

We all know how bad tobacco is, but this campaign shows us the specifics.

— Annie Fewell, senior marketing major

dents have done throughout the semester.

Mader said from this event, "Students gain hands-on experience on how to promote a campaign and implement and evaluate it. They also learn skills such as time management, cooperation and presentation skills."

The campaign was aimed at students 18-24 and hit close to several students in the class.

Annie Fewell, a senior marketing major from Winfield, said, as a smoker, this campaign opened her eyes to the hazards of tobacco use.

"I struggle with addiction myself. We all know how bad tobacco is, but this campaign shows the specifics," Fewell said.

The main event will not be the end of the campaign for the class.

Mader said the class will speak to individual classes until the end of the semester. "The main emphasis of this campaign is the Marshall community. We hope to extend into the nine other counties around Cabell County and other campuses. We may even promote through TV and e-courses."

SORORITY

From page 1

Nixon.

All the events this week have been based on what the sorority calls the Five Point Thrusts, according to Misty Young, from Charleston and president of NPHC. These points include economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, political awareness and involvement, and physical and mental health. These thrust points are the primary points of focus used whenever the Delta Sigma Theta sorority organizes any of its events.

"This is the first year Marshall has specifically done the Jabberwock since the 80s and hopefully we will continue with it the future," Young said.

Nixon was in charge of

organizing all the events for Marshall's Jabberwock. One event took place Monday night when the sorority held an academic excellence program for young students. The sorority honored 12 minority students who obtained a 3.5 GPA or higher from Cammack and Beverly Middle Schools. A motivational speaker came to speak with the kids and certificates were also given to them. This event was aimed at falling under the sorority's educational development thrust point.

Yesterday the sorority had two events to incorporate the physical and mental health thrust point. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there was a Double Dutch event and at 9 p.m. in the John Spotts Room, located in the Memorial Student Center, the sorority invited a speaker who conducted a nutrition workshop.

This is the first year Marshall has specifically done the Jabberwock since the 80s.

— Misty Young, NPHC president

Jabberwock week will end tonight, April 15, with a skating party at the Roll-A-Skate Rink from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"This event is open to everyone and we would really like to see a lot of people come out," Nixon said. The cost of the skating party is \$4.

"Our sorority is on a mission to promote sisterhood, scholarships and service," Nixon said. "Having Jabberwock is just one of the

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BOG ignored suggestions of students in fee increase

Budget cuts hurt. The Music Department cannot afford to fix and upgrade its instruments, the Marching Thunder cannot afford enough uniforms for all of its members and WMUL cannot afford to have all-new state of the art equipment.

The effects of budget cuts are evident in almost every building and every department on campus. However, our nationally prominent athletic department seems to not only escape budget cuts, but come out on top with some of its largest student fee allocation increases in history.

Each year student fee allocations are examined by the President's Advisory Committee on Student Fees. This committee is made up of five student representatives, four faculty representatives and two ex-officio members. This year, intercollegiate athletics were up for re-evaluation. When Bob Marcum, director of athletics, and David Steele, associate director of athletics for finance and administration, presented their student fee report in January they asked for a \$75 increase per student.

This was an outrageous request seeing as they received a \$5 increase last year when most other organizations received a significant cut in allocations due to budget cuts.

The President's Advisory Committee agreed as a group to award intercollegiate athletics no increase, but instead to award increases to organizations that had lost allocations in recent years. The recommended increases brought most organizations back to normal operating budgets. The Advisory Committee's recommendations were given to President Angel in early February, where the reasons for not awarding the intercollegiate athletics increase were detailed.

Now, three months later, the Board of Governors have not only awarded intercollegiate athletics a student fee allocation increase, but they have awarded them \$100 per semester in added student fees. More than they initially wanted in January.

The reason for the sudden increase is unknown. Would intercollegiate athletics not efficiently operate on the \$75 increase requested at the President's Advisory Committee meeting? Why did three months add \$25 to the initial request? But most importantly, why was the recommendation made by students and faculty completely ignored?

The MU Board of Governors is comprised of 15 members, of which one is a student, one a faculty member and one a staff member. Even if these three members, whom budget cuts directly affect, would have voted against this increase it would have made no difference.

This increase was necessary because of an unnecessary conference move. So much money is being sunk into the move to Conference USA there is not enough money to support Title IX sports.

A conference move, along with bad timing, a time when Marshall University, the state of West Virginia and the nation are in economic troubles, have made students pay the consequences.



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

Political cheerleading needs research

I am writing as an Independent, a criminal justice major, and as a political science minor. After having listened to Seth's so-called article (it was more like a political rant cheerleading the Republicans), I have come to the conclusion that Seth Murphy failed to do his homework when he started on this article.

A) Death-Penalty. He fails to add that many people stay on death row for decades until they run out of appeals, and that the death penalty isn't reversible once the sentence is carried out, and many people get acquitted post-mortem.

In addition, let me introduce you to a well-kept secret of the criminal justice system: prison is much

RODNEY DEAN
guest columnist

worse than death. At least when you die, you get a release from the punishment. In fact, the very reason I objected to Timothy McVeigh being put to death, and actually object putting Saddam Hussein to death is simple: Let them rot in prison instead, and live with the fact that they will die old, gray, and largely forgotten behind a set of iron bars until someone finds out who they are.

B) Abortion. A bit touchier, the main argument Seth used is a line commonly taken by the Papacy: That the fetus is alive at concep-

tion. However, there is no heartbeat, there are no brain waves, just a cluster of cells. Not really something that has grown yet. The Supreme Court of the U.S. has established that a fetus is only alive at the start of the second trimester.

So as far as Seth is concerned, family planning is out? Okay, so what you are saying they should just have the kid, even if the individual is unable to care for the child? With the alternative being the adoption agency, has he forgotten the fiasco in Florida? You know, the one where the agency lost track of the kids? And don't get me started on how neglected these kids usually are.

Like it or not, sometimes an abortion is necessary.

And what about matters of rape and incest? Do I need to get started on that too, or did you not care enough to address those issues? Be relieved for one thing: You are growing up to be just like Rush Limbaugh: a puppet of the Republican Party. You only repeated the same tripe over and over again and failed to add any arguments of your own.

Oh, and "abort" Saddam? I am shaking my head right now of how weak that is. Grow up Seth. Get out of politics and come back when you grow up enough to play the game.

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Letters to the editor

Right to reply is part of free speech

Seth Murphy cracks me up. He is such a funny fellow. Perhaps he should consider a career in comedy rather than politics? What really makes me laugh is what a hypocrite he is — and he doesn't even realize it! I believe around here we call that ignorance.

It is so hilarious that he writes in time and time again calling 'liberals' hypocrites, but first of all, he doesn't even define liberal, second of all, he calls people hypocrites for doing the very thing he is trying to defend!

Free speech? Yes, Mr. Murphy, free speech is something we 'liberals' defend. Since I am such a hypocritical liberal, let me please point out the error in your very eloquent guest column: Free speech doesn't mean letting you say things that we don't agree with and not retaliating. As a matter of fact, one of the very best things about the First Amendment is that it allows us to respond to what others say, to debate it, to protest it. Yes, I did call you the 'worst kind of politician' but, I think you will recall that I said that in the context of you lying to the student population about your agenda.

No, Mr. Murphy, the ACLU is not going to come to your defense. You are not being oppressed. As a matter of fact, every other day, you take up half the editorial page of the Parthenon with your crooked views.

I suggest, Mr. Murphy, that you go back to the drawing board. I'm sure eventually you will find something else to accuse us 'liberals' of, but hindering your First Amendment rights

is not a good example.
— **Kristy Doyle**
junior biology major
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Murphy's rights not limited by liberals

We are writing this letter in response to Seth Murphy's entire history as a Parthenon Columnist. As liberal Democrats, we do not always agree with Seth Murphy's views. However, we do respect his right to voice them — in a non-offensive manner. Time and time again, he manages to offend the sensibilities and alienate the vast readership of his articles within all parties. Language such as "whack jobs" neither furthers his argument nor appears in most educated, respected writing.

Secondly, concerning the most current editorial, appearing in Wednesday's paper, we do not understand how Seth Murphy's rights are being violated. He is, after all, being published in the Parthenon on a regular basis, more so than are the majority of groups supported by the ACLU. Is not part of the First Amendment being able to criticize what one does not agree with (though we would support more eloquent speech)? It seems to us that Seth Murphy, in his most recent columns, is intolerant of the liberal speech. We think you, Seth, are the one who is holding the double standard. You write that the way liberal Democrats show support of free speech is to "attack, attack, attack." Is that not what you have been doing

within your editorials to the Parthenon? In closing, we respect your right to your own opinions, however, we ask that, in return, you respect ours to disagree.

— **Sara Chadwick**,
sophomore biology major, Elkins
Sarah Sullivan,
sophomore chemistry major,
Charleston

Capital punishment, abortion both wrong

I was reading Mr. Woody's letter responding to Mr. Murphy's column and I admit both make good points. My own views on the complex matters are that abortion and capital punishment are ironically simple. I don't believe in either. I cannot not in good conscience condemn a man to death when I, myself, believe killing is wrong. I also cannot support the death of a baby/fetus/ "12-58 cell zygote from a uterus". To me it smacks of a form of bigotry. It's ok to kill someone because they are not quite human ... yet. In a way, it reminds me of the Jews being slaughtered during the World War II era and African-Americans as slaves during the majority of this nation's history. Both groups were considered subhuman. Not quite human enough. To me this draws parallels to abortion. And no, I'm not accusing pro choice-ers of thinking of Jews or African-Americans as subhuman. I am accusing of them of thinking someone isn't human enough though. A child in a womb.

— **Samir Abdel-Aziz**
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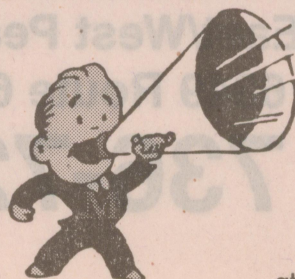
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Herd tennis gets bounce back in step, set for WMU

by **MATT RILEY**
senior sports writer

Marshall head tennis coach John Mercer said he figured it up and the Herd spent 45 hours in a van in a nine-day period on its latest road trip.

Their travels took them to Buffalo, Akron, South Carolina, Ball State and Bowling Green.

"Our legs were just gone," Mercer said. "We were tired and a little irritable, but once we got out there we were able to perform. It was a bit of a struggle, but hopefully it will make us better."

Fortunately for the Herd South Carolina was the only team to get the better of them, and they won the most important matches against MAC teams.

After being at home in their own beds and on their own court for a few days Mercer said the team is looking good.

"They've been looking a lot better in practice this week and that's great," he said. "That's what we were hoping for."

Now the Herd stands at 17-4 on the season and 7-0 in the MAC, on the verge of another MAC title and undefeated conference regular season.

All that stands in the way is Western Michigan. The Broncos are also undefeated in conference play and come to town Friday at 1 p.m..

"This ones for all the marbles," Mercer said.

- MORE FRIDAY -

MARSHALL SOFTBALL at OHIO UNIVERSITY today at 3 p.m.



Freshman catcher Gina Guzzo rips a single last week at Ohio, unfortunately for the Herd they couldn't put enough hits together to come out victorious.

photo by Matt Riley

Can the Herd get redemption at OU?

by **MATT RILEY**
senior sports writer

The Thundering Herd softball team makes the short trip across the border into Athens, Ohio today to square off one last time this season against the MAC East rival Ohio Bobcats.

Marshall (25-18, 6-3) dropped a pair of games to the Bobcats last week in Athens, 3-2 and 5-4. Needless to say the Herd was not happy and is looking for redemption.

"Losing again to them is not an option," senior Sierra Davenport said. "Last time we knew what we needed to do we just couldn't do it. There will be none of that this time. Somebody's got to step up in that situation."

Marshall had ample chances last week and couldn't put any hits together in the clutch. In the seventh inning of game two, Marshall left the sacks full after missing a no-out bases loaded opportunity. Ohio scored in the bottom half on the inning to pick up the win.

"The biggest thing for us is that we have got to step it up and be on the offensive and

when we have the opportunities to score we need to push the runs across," sophomore Jessica Williams said. "We've been leaving runners out there and we can't do that. We've got to get them in because everything else has been good."

Head coach Shonda Stanton agreed and has been stressing that to the players.

"We need to get the clutch hits," she said. "Like last time up there we jumped out to a 4-0 lead and we can't be scoreless the rest of the way because they've got a good lineup. They've got kids that can beat you so we've got to get out early again and be consistent and execute. We've got to put the game away and not let them stay in the game."

Ohio is 10-21 overall and 4-4 in the conference and hold a 16-15 overall advantage in the all-time series against Marshall.

"Our numbers look great this year, but unfortunately we're 3-9 in one-run games," Stanton said. "The only number that counts is in the left column so we need to go out and produce because we know we're in control of things. We just need to play a little bit better. Hopefully it'll start again at OU."

MU baseball game at ECU postponed, rescheduled for May

by **JENNIFER PIERCE**
reporter

The Marshall University baseball team did not travel to Turkey Hughes Field in Richmond, Ky., yesterday to take on the Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Colonels. Heavy rain early in the week caused poor field conditions and the game has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, at 3 p.m.

Head coach Dave Piepenbrink said he would rather play when it is sunny than try to slop around in the rain anyway.

"This will keep us sharp later in the season," Piepenbrink said. "Plus, this will give us a break from practice mid-week."

The Thundering Herd will play ECU after completing the three-game series with Ball State University May 14-16, in Muncie, Ind.

Marshall will face Eastern Kentucky before the postponed game though, when it welcomes the Colonels to University Heights Field Wednesday, April 21, at 3 p.m.

Senior Steve Zirola said the game against Eastern Kentucky will be intense despite the fact that they lost their key centerfielder, Josh Anderson who was drafted by the Houston Astros in the 4th round.

"We will get a crack at them next week," he said.



photo by Matt Riley

Mike Koitsopolous and the Herd swung and missed the pitch by Mother Nature Wednesday, when wet weather forced the cancellation of their game vs. Eastern Kentucky.

"They are a good program and we are going to have to play a strong game to beat them."

Marshall fell 10-13 to ECU last year in Richmond, Ky. The all-time record between the two teams is 18-28.

"Talent-wise, I think the two programs are very similar," Zirola said. "It should be a tough, but equal match-up."

The Herd (10-18, 4-5 MAC) will play host to the Ohio University Bobcats at University Heights Field this weekend in a three-game series, with the first pitch Friday at 3 p.m.

"All that really matters now is conference," Zirola, the pitcher from LaGrange, Ill., said.

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SUMMER SCHOOL

how does it stack up?

MARSHALL STUDENTS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT

Story by AMY E. MOSS

Thoughts of still having to wake up and go to class once summertime is here are going through many student's minds at Marshall University.

These thoughts may not charm or delight students, or improve their moods, but if getting out of college in four years is important, many students will stick it out and tolerate it.

Students who may not have the time or patience for summer school, or who may just feel the need for a long break after the spring semester, may end up spending more time and money by taking longer to graduate.

Jessica Barker, a 21-year-old junior criminal justice major from Barboursville, said she is taking six hours of summer school and thinks it is better, easier and shorter.

"I think it's more beneficial because I only have one class at a time to focus on," Barker said.

"Even though each term only lasts four to five weeks, I learn the same if not more because I don't have four other classes to try and focus on at the same time."

Barker also said she has had to give up vacations during the summer in the past so she could take the classes she needed. She said it was no fun at the time, but it will be worth it in the end.

Brian Dotson, a 21-year-old junior majoring in criminal justice from Madison, W.Va., said he had a different opinion on summer school than Barker.

"Although I am sick of school and want to go home for the summer and take a break, I also want to graduate on time. Therefore, I need to take summer school [classes] every summer that I am at Marshall," Dotson said.

Dotson also said summer school is expensive, but he tries to focus on graduating for now, and will just have to worry about the funds later.

Mary Locke, a 20-year-old sophomore majoring in elementary education from Richmond, Va., said she will probably not graduate in four years unless she takes summer school classes.

"I take 15 to 16 hours [of classes] every semester,

and I still need to take summer school [courses] to graduate in four years," Locke said. "I really want to go home for the summer, so I am taking classes in session A, that way I will still have most of my summer to enjoy without any classes."

Many students choose to attend summer school at least one or two summers while they are attending college, but some may think it's not worth it to give up their summer to school, and choose to stay in college longer for this reason.

Julie Butler, a 21-year-old junior majoring in nursing from Huntington, said she has taken summer school in the past, but is not taking any classes this summer because she is burnt out on school for now, and wants a break.

"I have taken summer school [classes] in the past, and I liked it because it is so much shorter," Butler said. "The teachers seem more laid back, and easier in summer classes. I just want this summer to relax, and not have to worry about school."

Butler also said she will probably not graduate in four years, but part of the reason for this is she switched her major her sophomore year.

Adam Johnson, a 25-year-old senior majoring in business management from Huntington said he has never taken summer school, but has taken 15 to 18 hours every semester, and it will still take him four and a half years to graduate.

"I feel like I work too hard during the semester trying to juggle 15 to 18 hours of school,

and working a full-time job at the same time," Johnson said. "I have never been interested in taking summer school because of this, but if I would have, I could have graduated in four years if not earlier than that."

Missy McComas, a 21-year-old senior majoring in elementary education from Barboursville, said she is not taking summer school this summer because she doesn't want it to interfere with her summer vacations.

"I have taken summer school in the past and the classes are easier, but they are a lot of work because you learn the same amount of material in five weeks that you would normally learn in 16 weeks. I won't graduate in four years, but I enjoy taking my time," McComas said.

She also said she has a very high grade point average, and she doesn't think it would be as high if she would have tried to rush through school to get out in four years.

Although I am sick of school and want to go home for the summer and take a break, I also want to graduate on time. Therefore, I need to take summer school [classes] every summer that I am at Marshall.

— Brian Dotson, a junior criminal justice major from Madison

YOUR ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE TO EVENTS & ACTIVITIES ON & OFF CAMPUS

happenings

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Auction

Hillbilly Hot Dogs and 101.5 The River will pull together from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25, to raise money for Autism Awareness Day. There will be music, food, 50/50 drawings, and an auction for the cause. Hillbilly Hot Dogs is located at 6951 Ohio River Road in Lesage, W.Va. Donations are accepted for the auction. If you have donations, or just want more information, contact Sharie and Sonny Knight at 762-2458.



Circus

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum and

Bailey's circus will bring the "Greatest Show on Earth" to the Charleston Civic Center Thursday-Sunday, April 15-18. Shows will start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets range from \$7 to \$34 and are available through Ticket-Master.



Concerts

Angela Moore will give her junior recital at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 17 in Smith Recital Hall. Refreshments will follow.

Christian artists, Shane Barnard and Shane

Everett will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 1015 5th Ave. Tickets are \$8 in advance, or \$5 for college students, and \$10 at the door for everyone. Tickets are available at Guiding Light Christian Bookstore, Family Christian Store, Mustard Seed and Route 60 Music Company. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 523-6476.

The bands Allister, Hidden in Plain View, Boys Night Out, Punchline and The Beautiful Down will perform at the Huntington Youth Arts and Music Project (HYAMP). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at 2001 Rear 7th Avenue. Tickets are \$8.



Open mic

If you have a talent to share, head down to Marcos in the basement of the Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. The Student Activities Programming Board is sponsoring an open-mic night for all students. Free pizza will also be available.



Poetry

Poet James Harms will read from his works at 8 p.m. tonight in MSC room 2W16. The event is free to the public. For more information, call 696-2403.



Theater

The Marshall Artists Series will finish up this year with Cole Porter's play "Kiss Me Kate." The play is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre. Marshall students can get one free ticket with Marshall ID at the Joan C. Edwards Box Office.

Marshall University Theatre will present Christopher Sergel's, "To Kill a Mockingbird" at 8 p.m. April 21-24 in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Students can get one free ticket with their Marshall ID.

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