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Engineering students to stay at MU

by KACY POLK
reporter

Engineering students that might have had to transfer at the end of the year to finish their degree can now stay at Marshall.

This is because of a collaboration effort on the part of West Virginia

University, West Virginia Tech and Marshall University.

The three schools will work together to provide Marshall students the opportunity to receive an accredited four-year degree in civil engineering without having to transfer after the first two years.

The curriculum is already in place and planned out in elaborate detail.

— Dr. Betsy Dulin, Dean of the College of Information, Technology and Engineering

"There are only two schools in the state, currently, that offer four-year accredited engineering

Engineering and Computer Science, said.

The joint degree program will begin offering classes in the fall of 2005.

"The curriculum is already in place and planned out in elaborate detail," Dr. Betsy Dulin, Dean of the College of Information, Technology,

and Engineering, said.

The collaboration will only offer a degree in civil engineering.

"There is more of an interest in West Virginia for graduates of civil engineering programs," Pierson said.

However, Pierson hopes

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TTE hosts Democrat speaker

by AMANDA WEBER
reporter

With President Bush's visit just one day away residents in Twin Towers East heard Wednesday night from the Democratic side why John Kerry should be the next President.

The program is the first of many to be held this month in residence halls all over campus. Students heard from Justin Carpenter, Secretary of Young Democrats at Marshall concerning the economy and the war with the upcoming election. The College Republicans were not represented at the program.

"I think it would have been a lot more competitive and a lot more exciting for everyone in attendance if a member of the CR's was in attendance I think that would have been a nice lively debate and good politics," Carpenter, a political science sophomore from Buckhannon, said.

Carpenter focused on jobs and the current economy with the present administration and argued that it needs to change. With 10 million out of work and the employment rate going down, he asked residents if they were concerned with having jobs after school.

With the Kerry/Edwards administration Carpenter promised a brighter future for America.

"We are going to bring jobs back to America, we are going to get America working again and get this middle class back where it needs to be," Carpenter said.

The war in Iraq will be heated discussion in the election program.

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Hail to the Chief

Bush returns to battleground state to campaign



by MANDY E. LESTER
reporter

Marshall University students and Huntington residents braved the rain on Wednesday to stand in line for tickets to see President George W. Bush during his visit to Huntington on Friday, September 10.

The rain did not deter Matthew Rutherford, a senior social work major

from Lesage, who said he would do whatever it took to see the president.

"I love him—he's right up there with Jesus for me!" Rutherford said. "I'm going to do all I can to make sure he gets four more years."

The president will arrive in Huntington on Friday morning. He is expected to take the stage at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a pre-program just before the president arrives. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito will be the master of ceremonies.

"We aren't exactly sure what the president is going to say," Mary Diamond, spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee, said. "I am sure he will make his case

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Candidates selected for BOG seat

By JUSTIN A. DEARING
reporter

Candidates for the student representative to the Board of Governors have begun their campaigns and are awaiting the results of today's election, said Election Commissioner Paul Gessler.

The candidates are Nathan Moore Hamilton, junior; Phillip Woody, sophomore; Sara Schofield, senior and Seth Murphy, junior or senior, Gessler said.

Gessler said there would not be any debate for this election because of such short notice. He also said there would be a spending cap of \$250 for campaigns.

"The election will take place on Thursday so I figured who's going to spend \$250 in two days," Gessler said.

"It could be done but we're going to put a stop at \$250."

Gessler said the student representative to the Board of Governors is a year round position. He said the student will act as a liaison to the board and be involved in the decision making process.

"Last year the student representative had some say as to whether or not Marshall should switch sports conferences," Gessler said.

SGA President Jen Gaston said the representative is the only student with voting rights on the board.

"Any student can go to a meeting and speak from the gallery if recognized but if the board goes into executive session only board members are allowed," Gaston said.

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Severe weather causes massive computer woes

by ADAM P. CUNNINGHAM
reporter

The Marshall community saw the effects of Tropical Depression Frances Wednesday afternoon.

The heavy rains are believed to have caused a loss of power to the campus servers, Arnold Miller, computer services director, said.

Miller said a generator is supposed to turn on when a power failure occurs. However, a blown fuse kept the servers down.

"It's totally unavoidable," Miller said. "They actually do test the generator occasionally to make sure it fires up, but somewhere the fuse blew."

"I have some fear that we may have some damaged equipment, but hopefully no lost data," Miller said. "Anytime you jerk the power out from these things, it's not good."

Computer Services started working at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon restoring access to e-mail, V-drives,

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Daze rolls on with night of music and laughter

By Kevin A. Pack
reporter

First impressions play a big role to strangers visiting the Huntington area.

Jake Blazer, singer of 2 Skinny Dorks, visited a gas station yesterday evening before performing as part of the Independence Daze Student Organization Fair.

"At the gas station, I saw a guy get out of his car, pump his gas and then urinate on his own car in the gas lot," Blazer said. "I was like, where are we at?"

However, Blazer said Huntington seems to be a nice area, despite the public

display of bodily excretion.

Blazer proceeded to entertain students in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. Blazer and a guitarist, as well as a saxophone player, comprise 2 Skinny Dorks and entertained students with a rock sound.

Cleveland natives 2 Skinny Dorks perform on many college campuses, as well as a few clubs. The band has performed in about 120 schools in the past two years. Blazer said he's been singing since he was a toddler.

"My mom had me up on coffee tables singing into



Comedy duo Seymore and Alfred bring Danny Reed, a freshmen roadcast major from Elkins, up on stage to bust a move.

spoons," Blazer said. Blazer said he had heard of Marshall University because he attended Kent State when Randy Moss

was playing football here. 2 Skinny Dorks wasn't the only entertainment

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PRSSA makes social plans for fall

by LARRY A. CRUM
reporter

public relations advisor and instructor.

A new semester for the Public Relations Student Society of America brings plans to increase membership and increase activities.

The PRSSA was home to 39 members last year, the most the organization has seen in many years. This year, the group plans to reach out to other majors with hopes to increase membership to 50, according to Kim Carico-Simpson,

A new thing is the inclusion of students from majors other than public relations. Students from any journalism major as well as any business major or minor can join the organization. There are also plans to increase the activities throughout the semester.

"We are trying to do more social stuff because sometimes we're all business," said Simpson.

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— Kim Carico-Simpson, public relations advisor

The first event will be a picnic on Sept. 14 from noon to 1:30. Last year the organization held the picnic at the park and had a good turnout. Any person interested can show up at the meeting to get more information, Simpson said. The PRSSA will see its

busiest weekend Oct. 22 through Oct. 25. Oct. 22, students, faculty and alumni will hold a walk-a-thon to raise money for the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism. Participants will raise money through sponsorships and walk in the event.

PRSSA members will also travel to New York City to visit the organizations national conference where Donald Trump is scheduled to be a guest speaker. Numerous other speakers will be on hand speaking working professionals to speak to the crowd.

On Oct. 4, the PRSSA will participate in a statewide day with a professional. Students will visit public relations offices and spend the day with a working public relations profession-

al, participating in various activities and observe the working environment.

The final event of the year will be an induction ceremony on Nov. 17 where members will receive their certificate of membership and become official PRSSA members.

Throughout the semester other activities will take place, including bowling and ice-skating outings. The PRSSA will meet Tuesdays at 12:30p.m. in the library.

Writing Center offers tutoring

by ERICA R. DELIGNE
reporter

Students struggling to brainstorm ideas or to write good papers, on almost any subject, can receive free tutoring services at the Corbly Hall Writing Center in room 353.

The Writing Center tutors can assist students at all levels and in all classes. The center encourages students to bring in essays from any class.

There are 12 tutors this semester to help those who struggle to create a good paper, according to the English Department chair Dr. David Hatfield.

"They have been trained to identify areas such as thesis statements, paragraph development and use of source material which strengthens a students paper," Dr. Hatfield said.

Carrie N. Turley, a freshman nursing major from Huntington, recently grad-

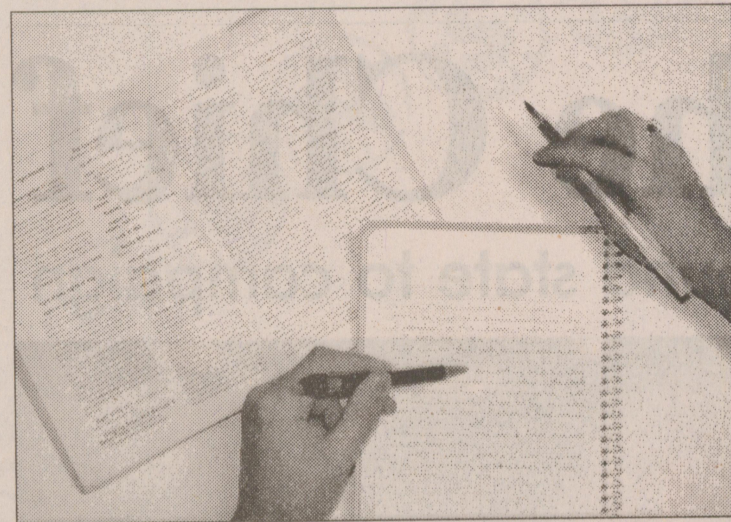


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Writing Center: To make an appointment or ask for a specific tutor, call (304)696-6254. Additional tutoring is available at the Academic Support Center.

uated from Huntington High and said it did not fully prepare her for writing papers.

"Our teacher would just read them to see if they got to the point or not. We never really had a lot of lessons on how many sentences should be in a paragraph or what is a good paragraph," Turley said.

Turley said she plans on going to the center and will

not feel ashamed for going to get help to better her grade.

"I would feel dumb if I got a bad grade on a writing assignment knowing that I could have gotten help to receive a better grade," Turley said. "Don't pass up the opportunity because you're ashamed to get help."

Dr. Mary Moore, the director of the center,

explains why students should not feel intimidated by the tutors at the center.

"The tutors, even though they have strong writing skills are not perfect, they are still students and are learning as well," Moore said. "The tutors see themselves more as a part of a teaching process of writing."

Not enough students take advantage of this opportunity to better their grades and writing methods, according to Hatfield.

Moore said there is always a tutor available but it is based on a first-come first-served basis.

"If students plan on coming to the writing center, they should bring a copy of the assignment and the source or textbook in which their paper's topic concerns," Moore said.

If a student is on a tight schedule and needs to be tutored or wants to request a specific tutor to help them, call (304) 696-6254.

New program guards against plagiarism

by ERICA R. DELIGNE
reporter

The students who depend on the Internet to copy and paste other people's papers are going to have some difficulties this year getting the grade they need because of a new program called Turnitin.

This semester Marshall has advanced its services to its faculty and is carrying the new software to help protect students' and other authors' original work.

The website www.turnitin.com said the program detects plagiarism by comparing submitted papers to billions of pages of content located on the Internet and on Turnitin's databases.

The program color-codes the text that is copied and compares it to the original source. It also shows a similarity index, which indicates the percentage of the paper that was found matching, accord-

ing to the website.

Dr. Donna Spindel, a history professor, has failed a student for plagiarizing and she said within the past few years she and her colleagues are seeing more plagiarism.

"Instances of plagiarism seem to have increased in the recent years," Spindel said. "This is an issue of honesty, ethics and protecting students' original work."

Brandon L. West, a senior majoring in business administration from Huntington, thinks students will continue to cheat until they get caught.

"When you get away with it, why stop?" West said.

Josh P. Kitchen, a senior majoring in graphic design from Huntington, thinks Turnitin might have an effect on students plagiarizing.

"If every student is aware of the threat of Turnitin, then plagiarism will decrease, but it has to be publicized," Kitchen said.

Students who are taking the risk of plagiarizing are in danger of penalization.

Residence Services has changes in store for dorm residents this semester

by AMANDA WEBER
reporter

Residents living on campus will have no reason to be bored this semester.

With themed months, a contest and the delicious cafeteria food, the Department of Residence Services has something to offer everyone's appetite.

While the presidential election season is in full swing, the Resident Advisors (RA's) on each floor of all the dorms are putting together an election themed program for their residents.

Throughout each month the RA's are given a specific theme and must encompass one program to that theme. With the conventions over and the election 55 days away the theme fittingly is election this month.

"The RA's have asked political organizations here on campus, to come and speak to their residents about what it means to be politically active as a student and how they can get involved in the upcoming election," Miya Hunter Willis said, MU Residence Life Specialist.

Dorm activities for September include everything from inviting W.Va. gubernatorial candidates to speak at Marshall to having political organizations on campus to speak to residents about the importance of getting involved in the election process.

If a political topic is not the way to get some students excited then food is the way to go. Ranked third

in student satisfaction among college campuses, the Sodhexo's food service at Marshall is once again dishing up delicious dinners.

"I think the food is good especially the classic and international selections, there is a lot of variety," Joseph Murphy, freshman business administration major from Bluefield.

Themed dinners once a week in the cafeteria will offer students something to satisfy everyone's delight including visiting chefs and specialty nights.

"We are committed to provide a clean, healthy, and safe environment and so far so good," Winston Baker, Director of Residence Services, said.

Also new to Marshall this semester is the chance to be creative with a dorm room and show your creations for a prize.

With the small inclined space that a dorm room provides Residence Services wants to see who has the best room on campus. The competition will be based on students applying for their room to be

judged. Together the judges will choose a best male and female room that will receive the coveted title of the Best Room on Campus. A grand-prize has yet to be determined.

"This contest promotes hygiene, pride in their room, school and is a good way to encourage students to get creative," Hunter Willis said.

So whether it's a good meal, a themed event or a contest the Department of Residence Services offers something for everyone this semester.

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BUSH

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to the people."

The length of the president's speech is also unknown.

"It's pretty much up to him how long he wants to speak and what he wants to speak about," Diamond said.

Some of the key issues the president will likely talk about include the war in Iraq and the economy.

"The president will lay out his case and his agenda, similar to what he said at the Republican National Convention," Diamond said. "He will explain how his poli-

cies are creating jobs."

The up-coming presidential election is expected to be a close finish, with West Virginia emerging as a pivotal battleground state.

"West Virginia is a crucial state," Diamond said. "It will certainly be a deciding factor in this election."

It is a deciding factor many Marshall students like Matthew Rutherford hope go in President Bush's favor.

"I don't think he is widely accepted here on this campus, and that's why I'm here standing in the rain for a ticket," Rutherford said. "I'm going to push for him as much as I can."

Many Marshall students have worked to make sure the Bush campaign will be successful during this election season.

"Marshall students have played a huge role for us already, with the voter registration drive," Diamond said. "They've just been a huge help."

Anyone interested in acquiring a ticket to see President Bush on a Thursday between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Republican National Committee's Huntington office, located at 1402 Fourth Ave. The tickets are free, but a form of identification is required.

DEMOCRAT

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Carpenter argued that America needs a true leader in the White House that knew what war was. The purple veteran Kerry knows what the scope of war is and that is what is important Carpenter said.

Not all the residents in attendance however were ready to jump on the Kerry bandwagon just yet.

"His points were very one-sided and very naive," Andre Jones said, freshman, print journalism major, Stafford,

Va. "A man's war record doesn't mean anything, Bush has done a solid job. A couple of American deaths to prevent a whole lot of American deaths is a good plan, I don't think he should attack Bush because he has not been in a war."

Even Democrats students viewed the program as being one-sided and some were disappointed that they didn't hear from the Republican Party.

"It was very informative and a little bit one-sided, I would have liked to have heard the other side," Michael McCarty, freshman, exercise

physiology major, Cedar Grove, W.Va. "He didn't say anything good about the President at all, I mean the good for the country."

Each month the department of residence services assigns a theme to each month. Resident Advisors (RA's) are required to host one program each month that adheres to the theme. September's theme is election over and the campaign season starting to kick into full swing. The next election program is "It's Your Chad" Use it Wisely on Sept. 13 in Holderby Hall at 9 p.m.

DAZE

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last night.

Comedic duo Alfred & Seymour combined dancing with jokes to entertain students.

The comedians picked random students out of the audience and made them come onto stage and dance.

Seymour said he's never had any formal dance training. He said his idol is Michael Jackson along with many street dancers.

Students seemed to enjoy the shows.

Nikki McDowell, journalism freshman from Ashland, KY, said she loved Alfred & Seymour's Fresh Prince dance and their reenactment of the show Cops.

Sarah Taylor, freshman from Shawsville, VA, said she enjoyed the performers and that Marshall definitely needs to bring more acts to campus. Both of them entertainers had positive messages for the audience.

"People need to learn to laugh at their own problems," Alfred

said.

Seymour said that no matter what an individual's color, height or weight, we can all be together as one society and enjoy life.

When it comes to succeeding in the music business, Blazer said musicians should play and play and play.

"If you love it, it's not work; and if you love it, other people will love it and you'll eventually persevere," Blazer said.

Independence Daze concludes this evening in Marco's at 9 p.m. with alternative pop band, The Argument.

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the Internet and other services on campus. All services were restored around 5:00 that evening.

Outages like this effect students not only with their e-mail, but with services such as financial aid as well.

According to Barry Beckett, director of the Bursar, anytime the servers are down, it slows down their progress with financial aid and other business transac-

tions. Beckett said the Bursar can be delayed a day or more depending on the nature of the problem, but the Bursar does what they can to keep from getting behind.

"We work with the computer center, students and staff the best we can," Beckett said.

Despite the problems on campus, classes remained open Wednesday night and are scheduled for Thursday as well, according to Marshall University press release.

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"Students feel most of the big-wigs run everything and this gives students the voice not only through student government but on the Board of Governors as well," Gessler said.

Election will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the MyMU portal, Gessler said. The ballots will be counted immediately following the closing of the polls, Gessler said. Candidates should

know by 6:05 p.m. who the new representative will be and they have 24 hours to appeal the results, Gessler said.

on the Web

More information about BOG elections is available by visiting the University Web site at mymu.marshall.edu.

PROGRAM

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it will also strengthen the transfer program for other engineering fields.

"A lot of the courses are common to all the disciplines, so students will be able to have a few more courses to select from," Pierson said.

According to Pierson, a lot of students who start in the engineering field change majors in order

to stay at Marshall.

"We think this is a way to offer students an alternative," Pierson said. "To stay at Marshall, and still get an engineering degree."

"This is very important for the college," Dulin said. "It provides a wonderful opportunity for students."

Pierson predicts that Marshall faculty, in accordance with Tech's accrediting agency's

specifications, will teach most of the courses.

"But there will be some times when it will be to our advantage to use expertise they have up there," Pierson said.

However, because this is a joint degree, all three schools will be involved in the final decision.

"We would not select a professor and not get Tech's blessing, or vice versa," Pierson said.

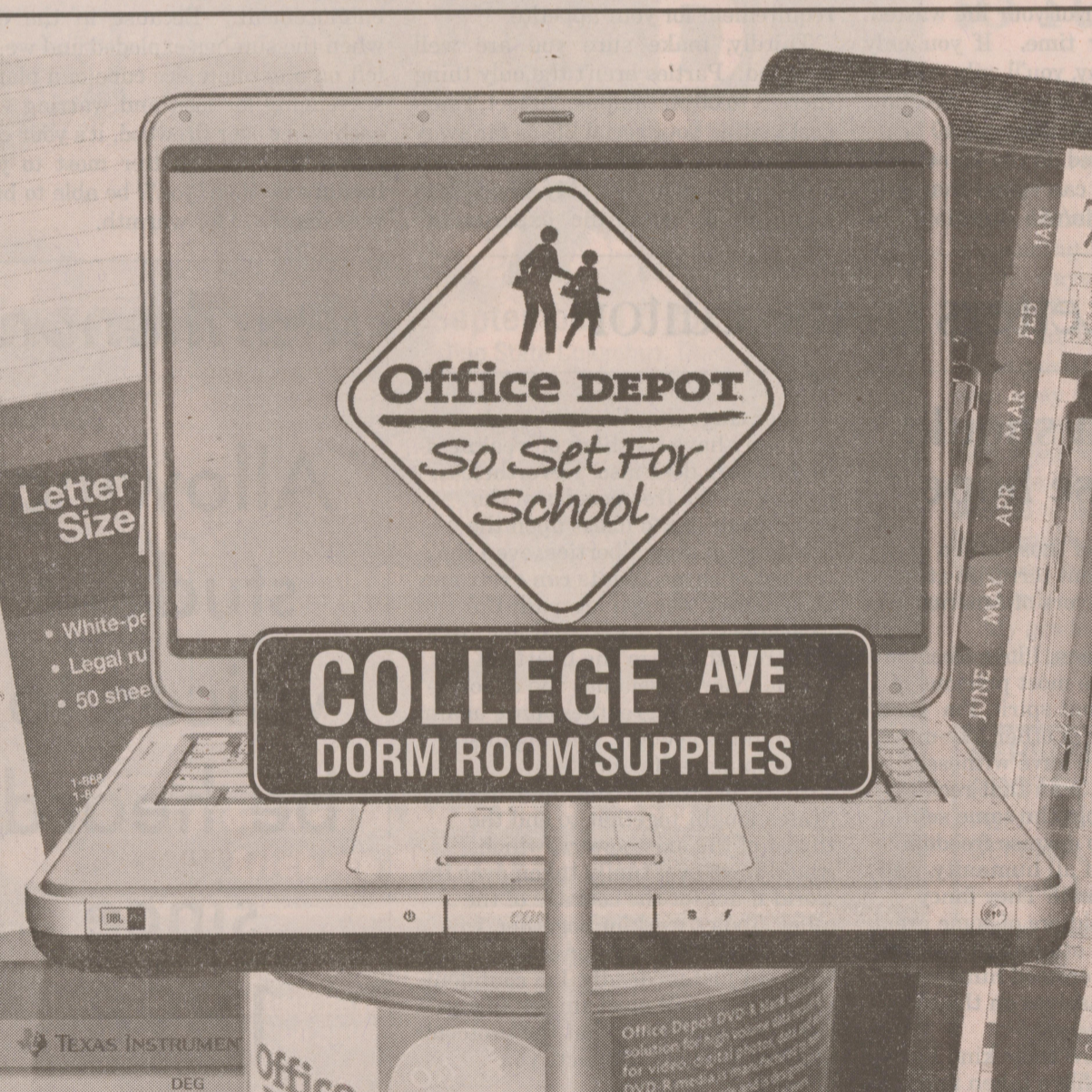
For students who are

interested in the engineering field the honors program will be sponsoring a "What's it Like to be an Engineer" panel at 3pm October 5 in the alumni room of the student center.

"Part of our objective is to expand the size of the pool interested in engineering," Pierson said. "I think Marshall has some advantages of being able to do that because of other resources that are available at Marshall."

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Freshmen: back to the bottom of the totem pole



THE HAUGHT-LINE

MATT HAUGHT
page designer

Freshman. I cringe at the thought after being held to something as noble as "senior" only a few months prior. One of my friends once summarized that freshmen are crap, sophomores are maggots, juniors are flies and seniors are gods. Well, I'm back to being the lowly crap on the totem pole.

Maybe. I can still talk to my friends from home, who see me as someone "in college." So that makes things a little better.

So as for being a freshman I'm sure that my fellow members of the "crap" class will agree that college has been an adjustment. Especially for me, since the day I moved in was only the fifth time I had ever been to Huntington.

I have class in Smith Hall. Yes, just Smith Hall (except for the one hour a week in Old Main for Honors.) That's good. I have class on the sixth floor. Not so good. Thank God for elevators.

Dorm life is different. I thought I set the fire alarm off last week when I used my iced tea pot for the first time. It wasn't me, but I still felt bad for that guy that ran outside in a robe.

Question: Do I have an accent? I'm from around Fairmont, and people don't exactly sound the same here as back home. Actually, people don't sound anything like they do back home. I call it a southern accent. Some call it the Boone county, Lincoln county, Logan county, Ohio or Kentucky accents, but to me, if you say "It rayned this mornin, and ya'lls goin' git wet if ya don't take in umbrella," it's Southern.

The million-dollar question: Why did you go to Marshall, you live 20 minutes from WVU? The answer: Why not? Marshall is a much nicer school and I'm happier here.

I went home last weekend, and everyone asked me 'the question.' I know every freshman got that question, too. "How do you like school?" Usually I had to explain an answer to the prior question, which generally led to discussions of what Marshall did wrong and what WVU did right in Saturday's games.

That leads me to my next point. My friends go to WVU, and they think its so awesome that WVU is ranked fifth to tenth in various polls. I know why they are ranked fifth through tenth in various polls: they play NOBODY.

Yes, I am a freshman and I'm trying to figure out the things that freshmen do. Until then, I'll just squeeze tight on the elevators and try to learn to say "ya'all" properly.



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A few things freshmen need to know



RUTH ANN BURKE
columnist

Well kids. This is it. It's the third week of the semester. Have you gotten into the swing of things yet? Maybe you aren't into the swing yet. I'm not. Perhaps, you happen to be one of those fabled freshman that I've heard so much tell about and haven't yet reached the higher throws of academic routine. If this is your first semester of college, let me give you a few tips. If this isn't your first semester ever, you can revel in your nostalgia.

Firstly, sleep is overrated. The idea of needing at least 8 hours of "restful" sleep a night is a lie that the mattress industry perpetuates in order to line their pockets. The trick to collegiate sleep is this: you can sleep 3 good hours on the corner of a coffee table and be fine. You just have to get up. Make yourself get up. If you get up, you're golden. My theory on this is you can sleep when you're dead. If you sleep for 6 hours a day, every day, by the end of your life, if you live to be 75, you'll spend 19.25 years of your life sleeping. That's one quarter of your life wasted. Don't waste your time. If you only sleep 3 hours a day, you'll only waste a little over 9 years sleeping. See how much better that is? You get 10 years of your life back and do you know what that means? You can spend that time studying. It's a win/win situation.

Secondly, diet isn't survival. Many great students have survived on the bare essentials. You don't need 3 square meals a day. That's just another lie that is perpetuated by the food industry. Trust me, as a college student, you can live on a handful of modestly cheap, reasonably nutritious food items. Your diet should consist of Ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, bologna (or hotdogs. Your preference), the \$.69 bread and eat burritos, Kool-Aid, the dollar menu at a variety of places and if you're like me and need caffeine, Big K soda. Notice that bread isn't on this list. You don't need bread to make a bologna sandwich. You can make what I like to call a "Handwich". Get your pencil and paper ready for the recipe portion of the article.

Ingredients: 2 pieces of low quality bologna
1 piece of slice cheese
2 hands (preferably your own) washed and dried (optional)

Method:
 On clean or dirty right hand, place one piece of bologna. Unwrap the cheese and place on top of bologna. Top with other piece of bologna. Repeat process if handwich does not meet the height requirement for your appetite.

Thirdly, make sure you are well rounded. Parties aren't the only thing there is to do on campus. In fact, I suggest getting your social life as far away from campus as possible. If that isn't possible, do your best. My advice is to begin to do scientific experiments

around your home. Not only will you be avoiding the old Drunkster McGrabby-Grab situation of the party scene, but you'll be doing something in the name of science. Something the ol' roomie and I like to do at our apartment is to hang as many things as we can from the ceiling fan, turn it on and scientifically time how long it takes before each item flies off. Then we get all nerdfied and graph the results. Don't forget to make a hypothesis. Because if I've learned anything from high school chemistry, it's that it's not really science unless you make a hypothesis first. You'll be furthering your education, staying away from the lame, predictable party scene and you'll be enriching the good name of science. To my knowledge, the Nobel Prize hasn't been awarded to anyone in history for their research in the field of "Ceiling Fan Aeronautics" and from what I hear the Nobel looks really good on a resumé.

These are just tips, mere recommendations for a better future at our university. If you implement these tips into your life (AT YOUR OWN RISK) then you are well on your way to becoming a successful student. Please feel free to enter into your daily regime of classes and work your own time saving, cost cutting ideas for academic enhancement. Because in the end, when the sun has exploded and we are left on a desolate, ice cube of a planet, scavenging for food and warring with each other over firewood, it's your education that will matter most to you, because by then, you'll be able to burn your degree(s) for warmth.

Letters to the editor

Russia should not lose hope

To the families of those killed or injured in the recent terrorist attacks in Russia: the prayers of America are with you.

Like all Americans, I love freedom and consider it the most precious of all blessings. In that spirit, I'm confident that millions of other like-minded Americans, who have witnessed the confusion and pain that reckless hate can bring, hold the same sentiments. Those who despise freedom are the enemies of all humanity, and the emissaries of evil. They fancy themselves the soldiers of some great cause and in vain attempts to fulfill their own misunderstood hunger pains, gorge themselves on the blood of the innocent.

Too well, we know their kind here in America. They have taken many of our mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, but with the knowledge that no foe can steal our spirit of freedom, we do what we can to prevent

further tragedies. Your young democracy may have its share of weaknesses, but ours does also. Nevertheless, as long as the free peoples of the world continue to insist upon the retention of their liberties, even the frailest of governments can overcome the enemy's weapon: despair. But Russia is hardly weak, and her greatest strength lies in the hearts of her people. Now Russia has the opportunity to show its greatness once again through resolve and valor against these spineless terrorists.

Years ago Russia and the United States fought together to end the threat of the axis powers, which would have eventually taken over the world if not for the courage of the allies. Today, working together, we can conquer yet another enemy, less bold, yet just as deadly. I'm confident that Russia will meet this challenge head on, and I pray that the protector of all free peoples protects you always.

— Corby Dillon,
Graduate Student
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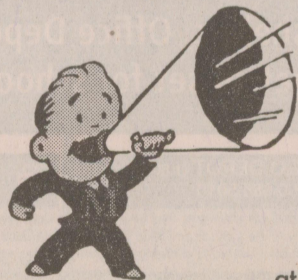
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MU alumni to host tailgate at OSU

by **ASHLEY R. RUNION**
reporter

Marshall University graduates, students and friends will gather together Saturday, Sept. 11 in Columbus, Ohio, for the "Follow the Herd" tailgate party when Marshall takes on Ohio State University.

The Marshall Alumni Association will be hosting the event sponsored by American Electric Power

(AEP) where approximately three thousand are expected to attend.

The kickoff is expected to start at 3:30 p.m. However, the tailgate party begins at 11:00 a.m. and will take place 400 yards away from Ohio Stadium at the River Watch Towers on Lane Avenue. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event.

Lance West, vice president of alumni development said a ticket purchase cov-

Even if you do not have a ticket you can still come watch the game and cheer on the Herd.

— Lance West, VP alumni development

ers admission to the tailgate where Herd fans can enjoy the game on a big screen television.

"Even if you do not have a ticket you can still come out, watch the game and cheer on the Herd," West said.

Live entertainment, a performance by the university's cheerleaders and the Marshall pep band will perform at the event.

WDGG-FM "The DAWG" also plans to broadcast live where attendees have a

chance to win prizes including tickets to the game.

West said the Alumni Association is encouraging people who are attending the tailgate to come early because parking is not included and is usually a problem. Marshall Hall of Fame Café will cater the event however; food and beverages will be sold separately.

"This is going to be a tailgate party no Herd fan wants to miss," said Nancy Pelphrey, coordinator of

alumni programs, said in a recent press release.

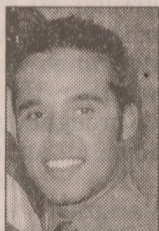
"Even if you do not have tickets to the game, you will want to experience the excitement of one of our biggest games ever. And, you might win tickets to the game," Pelphrey said.

Tickets are available in advance at the Marshall Hall of Fame Café in Huntington or through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

SGA senate members plan for weekend retreat

by **Alyson M. Doyle**
reporter

The Student Government Association's senate members will travel to a retreat center for their conference this weekend.



Hickok

Marshall bylaws dictates Student Government Association is written that, the senate must "have at least one retreat during the academic year."

Chris Hickok, SGA vice president, said the bylaws retreat requirements have not been fulfilled in several years. The mandated conference is specially designed for senate members.

"Hopefully after this weekend, the senate members will better understand their role and see that SGA is more than just

Hopefully after this weekend, the senate members will better understand their role ...

— Chris Hickok, SGA vice president

an impressive extracurricular activity to add to their resume," Hickok said.

Brad Williams, Senate President Pro-Tempore is head of retreat preparations and said the conference should bring the senate together as well as prepare them for the upcoming year.

"When you first come to a meeting, the setting can be intimidating and leave you feeling as if you are in over your head," Williams said.

The conference will give senate members a chance to learn SGA "lingo" and become comfortable voicing their opinions, Williams said.

Williams said members will learn the skills and

duties necessary to serve the whole student body, rather than just serving themselves.

"SGA members act as a liaison between students and the university," Hickok said. "After this weekend they should be prepared to handle their positions more effectively."

Williams said the retreat center is in a good location and is affordable. The budget for the conference is \$2,500 and the cost will be approximately \$20 a person. Williams said he predicts the conference cost will fall under the budget.

The conference will take place at the Cedar Lakes Retreat Center in Ripley on Sept. 17 and 18.



photo by Amy Persinger

Fraternities have filled the plaza in front of the Memorial Student Center for the first few weeks of classes, hoping to peek the interest of new pledges.

MU students: to rush or not to rush? That is the question

by **ADAM P. CUNNINGHAM**
reporter

One Marshall sophomore is spending his time learning the ways of Greek life to prepare for formal bid day this Thursday.

The past two weeks have been busy for Shane Irwin, a sophomore from Barboursville. After waiting a year to evaluate his class load, he decided to rush a fraternity. Irwin said he wanted to do it because he enjoys being involved.

"My grades were fine, but I could have been doing a

little more," Irwin said. "It's good to have your priorities straight, like your schoolwork, but I've done that, and I'm looking for something else," Irwin said.

"I have total faith that I know I'll be able to keep doing well with my schoolwork."

Irwin decided to pursue Sigma Phi Epsilon, mostly because he found comfort in knowing many of the guys already from high school although, he said he still enjoys the aspect of meeting new people.

He has spent his time getting to know the guys he wasn't familiar with, and bonding with the ones he did.

Irwin said he does not regret his decision to look into only one fraternity at all.

"Of all the guys I've met, they're all pretty much top notch, great guys," Irwin said. "I honestly haven't even looked down the road at all."

"I have friends all down the road," Irwin said. "But as good as things went from the beginning, I didn't want to look anywhere else."

Besides knowing many of

the guys, Irwin said the chapter's willingness to help has made his decision easier to accept his bid.

"After you get settled in, everyone is very helpful," Irwin said. "Any questions are answered, and any way these guys can help you, they're willing. That camaraderie is nice."

Irwin has already been offered a bid from Sigma Phi Epsilon, but said he is still anxious to see what will happen on Thursday.

"I definitely feel a little bit of confusion, but at the same time a little nervousness," Irwin said. "I don't know what's going to happen on bid day. It will be a little nerve racking to be announced, but it's not that bad."

Irwin said once he accepts his formal bid, he hopes to be able to follow the example set by the guys that have helped him during his bid process.

"There are a lot of good things that I see they've done, and hopefully being here and being one of the new guys, I can hopefully add on to that and build on what they've done," Irwin said.

Follow the Herd

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State readies for remnants of Frances

CHARLESTON (AP) — West Virginia received a late summer soaking Wednesday as the remnants of Hurricane Frances moved through the state, leaving up to 5 inches of rain in its path and prompting Huntington officials to declare a state of emergency.

The entire state was to remain under a flood watch until Thursday morning.

No evacuations or deaths were reported Wednesday, but officials noted there had been numerous accidents as vehicles hydroplaned across wet highways.

The Division of Highways reported that several secondary roads were closed because of high water or mudslides in 12 counties. The weather service discouraged motorists from driving

“It's not a flash flood situation. It's a prolonged rain.”

— Ken Batty, Meteorologist

Wednesday night.

"There's some water up over some little ol' secondary roads, but nothing out of the ordinary; they're places that flood all the time. All the main routes are fine," said Brian Herdman with the DOH in Mason County. Sections of the county received up to 4 inches of rain.

Huntington Mayor David Felinton said he declared a state of emergency so the city along the Ohio River could access National Guard assistance and other aid if needed. "It's a pre-emptive declara-

tion," Felinton said.

"It's getting pretty intense," said Clay Carney with the state Office of Emergency Services. "It's really hard to predict the amount of rain that is going to fall."

Rainfall amounts across the state ranged from an inch to up to 5 inches over a 24-hour period. The weather service said another half-inch to 1 inch could fall by Thursday.

The heaviest rainfalls were expected along the Ohio River.

West Virginia escaped

major flooding Wednesday because the storm came after an extended dry period. Stream levels were low and could accommodate runoff from ground that absorbed the steady rains.

"We're just thankful we started off this event dry," said Ken Batty, a meteorologist with the weather service in Charleston. "It's not a flash flood situation. It's a prolonged rain."

The weather service warned that the threat of flooding could continue for the remainder of the week as rivers receive runoff from smaller streams.

Carney said the state OES office will remain staffed at least until Thursday night. Also, the National Guard and other state agencies were on standby.



photo by Amy Persinger

Even through the remnants of Hurricane Frances, people waited outside the Huntington Republican Headquarters to get tickets to see president George W. Bush speak on Friday.



photo by Amy Persinger

Students reached for umbrellas, ponchos and jackets as they packed for class yesterday. The storm dumped 3.5 inches of rain on Huntington with up to an inch expected for the night.

Space capsule crashes in Utah desert

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah — The Genesis space capsule, which had orbited the sun for three years gathering potential clues to the origin of the solar system, crashed to Earth and cracked open Wednesday, exposing its collection of solar atoms to contamination.

Flight engineers suspect a set of tiny explosives failed to trigger the capsule's parachutes, and the capsule slammed into the Utah desert at 193 mph.

A recovery team that includes Genesis project members was dispatched to the crash site Wednesday afternoon on a salvage mission.

Scientists were hopeful they could salvage the broken disks that held billions of charged atoms collected from the solar wind, and perhaps still unravel clues about the origin and evolu-

“We're going to have a lot of work picking up the pieces.”

— Roger Wiens, Los Alamos National laboratory

tion of our solar system.

"This is actually not the worst-case scenario," said Andrew Dantzer, director of NASA's solar system division, noting the capsule embedded itself in soft desert soil and avoided hitting anything harder that would have made it a "total loss."

NASA planned to appoint a "mishap review board" within 72 hours that could take two to four months to determine a reason for the failure of the six-year, \$260 million mission.

The mishap raised questions about the durability of another NASA sample-return capsule called Stardust, due to land here in 2006. But that capsule was

built to be more rugged and will land on its own with a parachute.

A helicopter was supposed to grab the Genesis capsule almost a mile above the Utah desert and lower it gently to the salt flats. But before the retrieval team learned of the parachute failure, the speeding capsule had slammed into the ground.

"There was a big pit in my stomach," said physicist Roger Wiens of Los Alamos National Laboratory, which designed the atom collector plates. "This just wasn't supposed to happen. We're going to have a lot of work picking up the pieces."

A recovery team was working to retrieve the cap-

sule, buried halfway underground 30 miles northwest of this Army base on a bombing range. It was uncertain whether the capsule could be brought quickly to a clean room for an inspection.

The spacecraft was designed and built by Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Littleton, Colo. southwest of Denver. A company spokeswoman said engineers were beginning to analyze the failure with NASA, but had no immediate comment.

The helicopters were supposed to snatch the capsule's parachute with a hook as it floated down at 400 feet a minute, or more than 6 feet per second. But the capsule tumbled out of control. It was supposed to be spinning at 15 revolutions a minute to slice evenly through the atmosphere, but camera images showed it tumbling instead.

Technology gamble: School finds hard wiring doesn't equal success

BUCKHANNON (AP) — Small, poor and 45 minutes from the nearest town with a shopping mall, West Virginia Wesleyan College couldn't attract enough students to fill its classrooms and improve its struggling finances. To survive and thrive, it needed to stand out.

The answer, college leaders decided, was technology.

In the mid-1990s, this school of 1,550 students three hours south of Pittsburgh became one of the first and most aggressive members of the "ubiquitous computing" movement on college campuses. The idea was to get computers into the hands of every student virtually all the time, transforming living and learning.

Nearly a decade later, the results offer a lesson to other small schools about the benefits, and limits, of technology.

Since neither the college nor many students could afford them outright, Wesleyan opted to charge a technology fee. The revenue

would cover the college's general expenses, like network maintenance, plus provide each student with a leased IBM Think Pad laptop, to be upgraded every two years and returned at graduation. Wesleyan would help students pay the fee through financial aid.

But as the fee grew to \$1,200 annually, the college had to chip in more and more. On balance, the program cost the college several hundred thousand dollars per year, Vice President for Financial Affairs Steve Jones said.

There were concerns from the beginning, however, that a school with an annual budget of less than \$25 million was taking on too much.

The college's board failed to scrutinize the project, and there was little effort to raise outside money, he said. Thomas left Wesleyan in 1997, the first year laptops were handed out, partly because of objections to the program. "I felt like the college needed to get its finances in order before it

would take on this kind of major kick," he said. "I thought it was an extreme risk."

In 2001, Wesleyan extended the laptop lease to three years, saving \$800,000 annually. But as laptop prices fell, parents and students who could buy a laptop for \$1,200 wondered aloud why they were paying that much per year for a computer they couldn't keep.

This spring, Wesleyan announced it would cut the fee to \$600, while requiring students to buy their own laptops from Dell.

About the same time, Wesleyan produced its first balanced budget in recent memory, though Haden and Jones insist the technology program didn't create the college's financial problems. They blame them instead on the tuition discounts the college must offer students to keep classes full. Those discounts have averaged as much as 60 percent lately, while the national average for small colleges has been closer to 40 percent.

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MU defensive lineman arrested

— Garrett charged with malicious wounding —

by GRANT TRAYLOR
reporter

Marshall's defensive line will straighten out after a week after a player was arrested for his involvement in an Aug. 22 fight outside of a bar near Marshall's campus.

Roger Garrett, a 6-foot-1, 286-pound defensive lineman, was arrested Tuesday and charged with mali-

icious wounding in connection with a bar fight that occurred at 20th Street Bar and Grill on Aug. 22.

Garrett is the first Herd player arrested directly based on their involvement in the fight that injured Ohio State defensive end Redgie Arden. Arden sustained injuries to his face, including a broken nose in the scuffle.

The sophomore defensive tackle in the Herd's 17-15 loss to the Troy Trojans. He recorded three tackles starting in place of Marcus Hairston, who was starting



Garrett

It is something that did not need to happen and should not have happened.

— Bobby Pruett, head coach

at defensive end for Jonathan Goddard.

Goddard was serving a suspension in the first half of the Troy contest for his arrest on a misdemeanor charge of battery of a police officer stemming from the same incident that led to Garrett's arrest.

Coach Bobby Pruett would not comment on

Garrett's situation, citing that to be fair to Roger and to the other members of the team, he would just let the judicial process take its course, but he did comment on the poor judgment of those involved that night.

"It is something that did not need to happen and should not have happened," Pruett said. "It's a

bad deal. Ain't none of it right!"

According to Pruett, Garrett will not make the trip to Columbus next week on Friday as the team travels in preparation for Saturday's 3:30 p.m. contest.

"Roger will not be available for the game Saturday," Pruett said.

Although Garrett will not be available, Pruett still has a game to get ready for and knows that his team better focus.

"Certainly it's a distraction, yes," Pruett said. "We've got a good team

waiting on us at Ohio State so we better be ready to go up there and play."

Garrett may not be playing, but he returned to practice on Wednesday to help his teammates get ready for the game after missing Tuesday's practice.

Tuesday, Garrett went before Cabell County Magistrate John Rice, who released him on his own recognizance. Rice also set a pretrial date for Sept. 16. The Herd plays at Georgia on Sept. 18.

Garrett was unavailable for comment at press-time.

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE: 2004-05

by BEN HUNT
reporter

Marshall men's basketball faced a difficult schedule in 2003-04 and although the opponents have changed, the difficulty remains.

One noticeable difference in the schedule is the absence of traveling teams, such as Athletes in Action. This year's exhibition schedule will consist of West Virginia Tech and Glenville State. Both teams will be coming to Huntington.

Five of the first seven games will be played away from Huntington. November 27th the team will be playing Oregon at the Charleston Civic Center.

UAB will come to the Henderson Center after knocking off Kentucky in the NCAA tournament a year ago. A final road game against Xavier will close out 2004.

January 11th will be the date for the rivalry game against West Virginia in the Charleston Civic Center. The 2005 part of the schedule is filled with Mid-American Conference games.

Nov 6	WV Tech (exh)
Nov 11	Glenville State (Exh)
Nov 19	at UNC-Wilmington
Nov 23	East Tennessee St
Nov 27	Oregon
Nov 30	at Eastern Michigan
Dec 4	UAB
Dec 11	at Illinois State
Dec 18	at Western Kentucky
Dec 21	High Point
Dec 30	at Xavier
Jan 2	Central Michigan
Jan 6	Bowling Green
Jan 9	at Ohio
Jan 11	West Virginia
Jan 15	Toledo
Jan 19	Akron
Jan 22	at Kent State
Jan 27	at Buffalo
Feb 1	Kent State
Feb 3	at Northern Illinois
Feb 6	at Ball State
Feb 9	Eastern Michigan
Feb 12	at Western Michigan
Feb 15	at Miami
Feb 23	Buffalo
Feb 26	Ohio
Mar 2	at Akron
Mar 5	Miami

O'Connor honored by MAC for his performance against Troy Trojans

by Ben Hunt
reporter

From a disappointing loss to Troy Saturday came at least one bright spot: the security of the kicking game.

The Mid-American Conference's first players of the week were announced Monday. Marshall's Ian O'Connor



O'Connor

was named as the eastern division's special teams player of the week.

O'Connor was responsible for kickoffs in 2003. This season, as a sophomore, he is handling the placekicking and punting assignments. In the game against Troy, he was three for three in field goal attempts and his longest was 32 yards.

The Knoxville, Tenn. native, O'Connor is doing more than just kicking, he is also punting. Saturday he punted the ball six times and averaged 35.7 yards per

punt. Of kickoffs he averaged 62.8 yards along with two touchbacks and one solo tackle during coverage.

Head Coach Bob Pruett said the team's field goal game has improved from last year.

On the Field:

Field Goals:	3-3
FG Lengths:	32, 30, 20
Punts:	6
Punt avg:	35.7
Kickoff avg:	62.8

Marshall's Sciullo cut by colts; signs on with Philly

The Parthenon
staff

The Associated Press transaction wire is reporting former Marshall offensive lineman Steve Sciullo has signed with the Philadelphia Eagles.



Sciullo

Sciullo was waived by

the Indianapolis Colts Monday. He was the 25th pick of the fourth round for the Colts in the 2003 NFL draft.

Sciullo started 13 games for the Colts last season before suffering a neck injury. He was even honored by *Pro Football Weekly* with an all-rookie selection. Sciullo was waived to make room on the Colts roster for OL Ryan Liljia according to www.espn.com.

The 6-5 325 pound Marshall was a staple of the Marshall offensive line from 1999-2002. He played in 49 games for the Herd as a four year starter. He switched from left to right guard in 2001.

In 2002 Sciullo earned All-MAC first-team honors for the second consecutive year. He helped protect teammate Byron Leftwich, which enabled the Herd to average 495.3 yards a game in 2002.

Correction

In the Wednesday edition of The Parthenon, on page 7, head volleyball coach Mitch Jacobs was incorrect-



Jacobs

ly labeled in a photograph. To the left is the same picture that appeared, but the name read "Goddard." The story ran directly beside a story on Marshall defensive end Jonathan Goddard. We apologize for the mistake and any inconvenience this may have caused coach Jacobs.

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Terrific time turns into teaching aid

BY MELANIE P. CHAPMAN, REPORTER

Ancient Greece can still help us find our place in the world.

Many Marshall students will continue to reap the benefits of the 28th Olympiad for years to come.

Dr. Robert Barnett, Professor and Coordinator of Graduate Studies, attended the Olympic games in Athens in hopes of improving the content of his classes.

The Olympic games course is a special topics course and is offered once every four years.

"When I teach this course in four more years, there's going to be a big section about Athens. Visiting the Panathenian Stadium, and having pictures of that will be really helpful," Barnett said.

Dr. Jeff Chandler, chairman of the Division of Exercise Science, Sport and Recreation, said that the special topics class is important.

"Sport is very important in our culture, but the Olympic games reach far beyond sport," Chandler said. "The international and multicultural aspects of the Olympic games make it important to our society as a whole."

"The Olympic games are interesting because they tell you about different cultures throughout the world," Barnett said. "By studying the way a country runs the Olympic games, you can tell a lot about that country, what that country believes in, and what they aspire to become. That's really an important part of history."

Barnett teaches other courses that focus on the history of sports

and event management. Either of these subjects can be paralleled with how the Olympic games began and operate.

"Since Dr. Barnett only teaches the special topics class every four

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Professor and Coordinator
of Graduate Studies



years, I think the real benefit is in the other classes he teaches on a regular basis," Chandler said. "I believe he will be able to integrate his experiences into all of his classes, and the students will definitely benefit from his trip to Athens."

Barnett said that he planned on attending the Olympics in Atlanta, but circumstances caused him to miss the event. Instead, he decided that the 2004 Olympics in Athens would be his main focus. His dream became a reality when he arrived in Greece on August 18th, and attended 11 different events. These events included badminton, archery, softball, track and field, swimming and diving.

Barnett said that he has always had an interest in researching and writing about the Olympic games, and enjoys teaching his special topics class at Marshall. He has published numerous articles focusing on the 1904 Olympic games.

Barnett has also published sport

specific articles focusing on individual athletes who have attended the Olympic games. He has published articles on Aileen Riggan, two-time gold medalist for 3 meter springboard diving in 1920 and 1924, and Pat McCormick, the first athlete to win gold medals in both the springboard and platform diving events at two Olympic games.

McCormick received a gold medal for both the 10 meter platform and 3 meter springboard diving events in the 1952 and 1956 Olympic games.

Barnett said that he enjoys studying the history of sports and individual athletes as well. He believes that the Greeks needed to host the games for a number of reasons.

"The Greeks have always felt like they haven't quite lived up to their potential in ancient Greece, and in the modern world, they haven't had the chance to establish themselves," Barnett said. "They needed to showcase their country and prove they could operate in the modern world."

Barnett said that although attending the games in Athens was a good idea for the development of his classes at Marshall, he was thrilled to be a part of them as a spectator.

"It was the greatest experience of my life," Barnett said. "My wife and I had to keep pinching ourselves saying, 'We're at the Olympic games in Athens, Greece.'"