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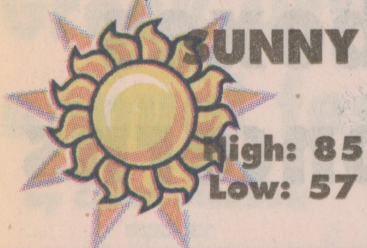
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GOP calls for Plymale's seat

Wayne Sen. accused of misappropriating funds

by **ADAM P. CUNNINGHAM**
reporter

Local democrats deny accusations made by the West Virginia State Republican Party about a local Senator.

According to a West Virginia Republican State Executive Committee press release, Sen. Bob Plymale (D-Wayne), Senate Education Chairman, is abusing his position in the legislature, and as an employee of

Marshall, to appropriate money to the university.

According to the press release, the state constitution does not allow any state employee to be eligible for a seat in the legislature.

According to the press release, Plymale is employed by the Appalachian Transportation Institute, a part of Marshall University.

Travis Owsley, president of

Cabell County Young Democrats, said the accusations are not true. Owsley said Sen. Plymale is not a state employee. He said the Appalachian Transportation Institute does not receive its funding from higher education appropriations.

"This is a categorically false claim by the state republican party," Owsley said. "They are unable to

debate us on the issues, so they try to smear a good honest man who works very hard for all of West Virginia's higher institutions, including Marshall University."

"He's a great friend of this institution, and he does not deserve this kind of false attack," Owsley said.

Plymale's responsibility as senate education chairman is to appropriate money to all of

West Virginia's higher education institutions, Owsley said, finance bill including the money appropriated to Marshall, was passed by the state legislature.

"I believe we received an amount of money that's proportional with our enrollment here at Marshall University," Owsley said,

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Speaker to address Catholic's silence on the Holocaust

by **SAMANTHA THOMAS**
reporter

An expert on the Roman Catholic Church will defend the silence of the pope during World War II Thursday.

Sister Margherita Marchione will defend the actions of Pope Pius XII and the Catholic Church during the Holocaust, according to a representative from Marshall Catholic Newman Center.

Marchione will speak at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Shawkey Room inside the Memorial Student Center.

Pius XII was the pope during World War II and did not publicly condemn the actions of Hitler and Mussolini.

Pope John Paul II has

since apologized for the Catholic Church's silence.

Campus Minister of the Newman Center, Catherine Romeo, invited anyone who might be interested in learning about history to attend.

"It's not just a Catholic thing, she has a lot of history knowledge," Romeo said. "This is a controversial topic, and there are many sides to the issue."

Adam Brown, social justice chair for the center, said visits like Marchione's are an asset to Marshall.

"I think it's important to have a speaker of this magnitude on campus, making us aware of an issue that kind of gets swept under the rug," Brown said.

Marchione is the author of more than 40 books,

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photo by Amy Persinger

Joaquin Llado, a sophomore pre-med biology major from Beckley, donates his blood to the American Red Cross. For five years Betty Grose from Chesapeake, Ohio, has worked as a nurse for the Red Cross.

Faculty to discuss new evaluation

by **JUSTIN DEARING**
reporter

The Faculty Senate will meet today to discuss the guidelines for the faculty evaluation and compensation recommendation that was passed by the senate this past May, according to the Faculty Senate agenda.

The faculty evaluation and compensation recommendation states that after the 2004-2005 school year faculty members will receive raises based on a new method of data gathering and evaluation using peer, supervisor and student ratings.

Faculty members and

their supervisors will determine the evaluation criteria based on the goals they have set forth for the year, according to the faculty evaluation and compensation recommendation.

The data gathered in evaluations will be used for review of probationary faculty, promotion and tenure decisions and merit salary raises to be made by each college, school or library.

The faculty evaluation and compensation recommendation states that Marshall University will provide money from funds

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MU donates more than 70 pints of blood

by **RASMILIYA SPORNY**
reporter

More than 70 people got stuck with a needle and bled for a good cause in Marco's yesterday when they donated blood for the American Red Cross Grateful Life Tour II.

The Marshall Blood Drive, sponsored by Student Health Education Programs, is to continue today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tie-dye T-shirts and waivers for parking tickets will be given to blood donors. Molly D. Haught, Amer-



photo by Amy Persinger

Amber Hamrick, a freshman business major from Maxwelton, W.Va., gets her blood drawn Wednesday.

ican Red Cross donor marketing specialist for Blood services in the Greater Alleghenies Region, said

there was a good turnout yesterday and she expected a better one today.

"We've just had an excel-

lent response from staff, friends family and the students," Haught said.

The goal of the Marshall Blood Drive is to collect 110 productive units of blood in two days, Haught said. A productive unit is one pint of blood that is will be used for transplants. Last year the blood drive took place Aug. 17 and 18 and a total of 162 people donated blood. There were 118 total productive units.

"We'd like to have 65 people come in each day," Haught said. "It's a gift from the heart so whoever will come, we will gladly accept them."

In addition to a free T-shirt, stickers and donor pins are given to first-time donors like Rebekah Hay, a

Please see **BLOOD, P3**

Dems and GOP set to 'play ball'

by **KEVIN A. PACK**
reporter

Donkeys and elephants will battle it out softball style Saturday as campus political groups continue to rally in the weeks leading up to the presidential election.

The game will feature MU's College Republicans vs. Young Democrats.

The softball game will be held at 5 p.m. in Barboursville Park and approximately 50 people, including spectators, are expected to attend.

College Republican President Caleb Gibson said



"The game is a good, bipartisan community event for both clubs ..."

— Caleb Gibson, college republican president

local candidates, such as Carol Miller, are expected to attend and cheer on the team.

He said the republicans challenged the democrats for the event.

"The game is a good, bipartisan community event for both clubs to increase exposure for their candidates and groups," Gibson said.

Republican T-shirts will

be sold, but the graphic is being kept secret until game time, Gibson said.

Young Democrat President Travis Owsley said the democrats are up for the challenge and they plan on coming out full force. He said democratic candidates are expected to attend the game and that people will be there to register voters.

"During election years, people often forget that we're all Americans," Owsley said. "While both parties are competing now, on Nov. 3 we'll all be one big happy family."

It is undecided whether

Please see **SOFTBALL, P3**

BOG allots money for building repairs

by **JUSTIN DEARING**
reporter

Marshall University's Board of Governors (BOG) approved the distribution of \$21.5 million to repair campus buildings, update the existing campus data network and begin the process for constructing the future Student Health and Wellness Center.

Smith Hall was allotted \$6 million for structural repairs, asbestos removal, a new heating and air conditioning system and

"We believe the Wellness Center is highly important for the benefit of students..."

— Michael Perry,
Board of Governor's
Chairman

upgrades to the electrical system, according to the BOG agenda.

Harris Hall will get \$2.1 million dollars in repairs to its heating and air conditioning

Please see **REPAIRS, P3**

Police Blotter

Student issued citation during dorm fire drill

by SHAY M. STEIN reporter

Friday, Sept. 10 at 4:18 a.m., Kara D. Moberley, 20, was issued an arrest citation for unlawful drinking under the age of 21. The initial call was made to the Marshall University Police Department (MUPD) when the fire alarm had gone off at Holderby Hall.

Moberley was refusing to stay outside and was being uncooperative. The officer who responded to the scene said that Moberley had slurred speech, glossy eyes and the smell of alcohol on her breath. She admitted that she had been drinking during the evening.

Arrest issued for underage drinking

Sunday, Sept. 12 at 4:03 a.m., Patrick A. Gay, 19, was issued an arrest citation for unlawful drinking under the age of 21. Gay and another male were observed putting down their beer bottles beside a vehicle in the new student parking lot located in the 1800 block of 5 1/2 alley. When the officer approached the two men, he noticed that Gay had red, glassy eyes, slurred speech and the smell of alcohol on his breath. The man with Gay was not issued a citation because he was of the legal age.

Theft reported in Holderby

Monday, Sept. 13, an officer responded to a call from Holderby Hall in reference to a stolen laptop computer. The victim said that between Sept. 5 and Sept. 13 someone had taken a Dell Inspiron 8200 laptop computer from the victim's room. The victim said he would leave the door to his room open when he goes down the hall to other rooms. The victim said he does not use the computer often and is not exactly sure how long it has been missing.

He could not find the serial number to his computer to give to police.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, the victim told MUPD that he was still unable to find the serial number.

He said that he was going to call Dell and try to get the serial number for his computer. The number is needed so that MUPD can file it into the National Crime Information System (NCIS) so if the computer is found it can be returned to the owner.

Wallet stolen in Harless

Monday, Sept. 13 at 3:23 p.m., an officer responded to a call from a woman reporting a stolen wallet. The victim said on Sept. 9 someone took her purse from her purse in Harless Dining Hall. The woman said she had put her purse on the table and then went to the serving line. When she returned to the table, she did not notice that her purse was missing. She reported the loss to the officer and she had e-mailed her that they had found her credit cards and that person returned the cards to her.

Purse reported stolen in Harris

Thursday, Sept. 16 at 2:05 p.m., a woman reported that her purse had been stolen from 137 Harris Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 14. She said she forgot her purse after her class was over Tuesday. She realized it was missing during her next class. She went back to get the purse after the class was over at 1:45 p.m., but the purse was gone. She checked the classroom, spoke with the professor and checked the lost and found. No purse was discovered or turned in.

Citations issued for unlawful drinking

Saturday, Sept. 18 at 2:31 a.m., Amber Nachele Baker and Sean Ryan Fitzgerald were issued arrest citations for unlawful drinking under the age of 21.

An officer observed Baker urinating beside bushes at the corner of Jenkins Hall. When the officer approached Baker and Fitzgerald, he noticed that they both had red, glossy eyes, slurred speech and could smell alcohol on their breath.

New SGA suggestion boxes help students voice concerns

by RASMILIYA SPORNY reporter

Students will finally have a place to finally voice their concerns as drop boxes will soon appear on campus as part of the Student Government Association's Bridge the Gap project, which launches next month.

Chris Hickok, SGA vice president, said he felt there was a lack of communication between students and the SGA, a problem he said he wants to fix as soon as possible.

Hickok created a project where students will be able to let the student government know about various issues on campus by sending in comments and suggestions.

He presented the project to the student senate during a SGA meeting Tuesday.

The plan is for students to put their suggestions in drop boxes around campus or submit them through the SGA website where they will be reviewed and approved by committees in the SGA, Hickok said.

The SGA has put aside

\$2,500 in their budget for this project. The money is to be used for drop boxes and advertising.

Bridge the Gap is still a work in progress and will kick off sometime early in October, Hickok said.

"This is basically an opportunity for us to get involved in the decision-making process in the university," Hickok said.

He started thinking about the project when he became vice president. He said he was trying to think of how he could do something besides conducting meetings in the absence of President Jenn Gaston.

"I was up here in the student government and all it seems like we were doing was funding organizations and throwing parties," he said. "I looked at what we were supposed to be doing, which is to be the voice of the students, and that's exactly what this project is and it's time we actually do that."

Hickok created a project summary and presented it to the student senators.

They agreed it was a good idea, but a few senators questioned problems they

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— Chris Hickok, SGA vice president

thought might arise from the project.

Carrie McComas, senator for the College of Education, said she was wary about the unwanted prank suggestions that might crowd the drop boxes and cause problems for the people who sort through the suggestions.

"It's a great idea, but I'm just worried about the sheer labor volume," McComas said. "This could end up creating a monster."

Hickok said he was ready to face that challenge. "Personally, I think it's about time we create a monster," Hickok said. "People keep talking about what will happen if we get swarmed. I would love that. I would love for 10,000 requests to come through in one day. I'd love for us to deal with that because

that's our job. That's what we're here for."

The process of getting the student issues to the senate is not that complicated, Hickok said.

Suggestion boxes will be put in high-traffic areas around campus. Students can put their suggestions in these boxes.

The suggestions will then be sent to a processing agent who will sort through them and send the valid ones to the student court for verification. The court will forward it to the executives to take it to the administration. The ideas would then be discussed in a faculty senate committee for consideration and voted on.

"This is not a little hokie project that just makes web sites and drop boxes," Hickok said. "It's much more intricate than that."

Marshall combined medical office to open in new Barboursville plaza

by CHRIS DICKSON reporter

The new combined medical office of University Family Allergy and University Pediatrics is scheduled to open Oct. 4.

Board-certified physicians, Allergist Dr. Jeff Shaw and Pediatrician Dr. Jay Naegele will have a combined practice. The office will be in the new River Place Plaza, 6007 Route 60 E. Suite 203, Barboursville, W.Va.

"It was felt that an outside office would be more accessible to allergy patients who need shots weekly," Dr. Shaw said. "Another key feature of the office is parking and its visible location."

Patients will have better accessibility with a friendly staff available to meet their needs.

— Dr. Jeff Shaw, Board-certified allergist

The newly renovated office will have a décor to appeal to both adults and children. The shared waiting area will feature a play place, an aquarium, and a television.

"Patients will have better accessibility with a friendly staff available to meet their needs," Dr. Shaw said.

The shared front office will be ran by two nurses and two office personnel. As the office grows so will the staff.

"The new office will help

the Marshall University School of Medicine immensely," Dr. Shaw said. "Students will have another venue of rotation with physicians and experience in allergy as well as pediatrics."

The office will provide another option for allergy and pediatric care and it will reach out to Eastern Cabell County.

"My hope for the combined facility is to have the practice grow and serve the community with better allergy and pediatric care,"

Dr. Shaw said. "Allergists not only deal with allergies, but also with asthma."

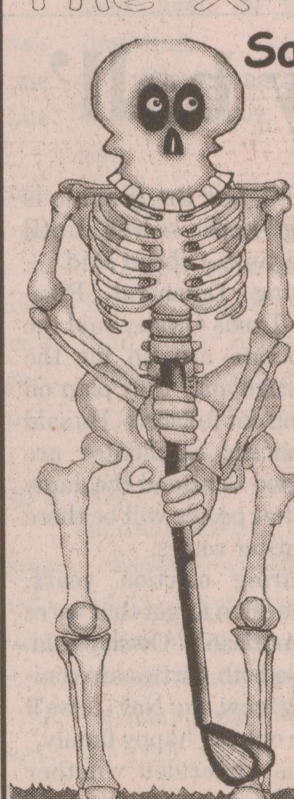
Dr. Shaw will be providing allergy services Monday through Friday except Wednesday and Friday increases. This will be an increase in service from the current location at the Marshall University Medical Center. New patients can be seen within one to two weeks.

Dr. Naegele will see patients Monday through Thursday, and another Marshall University Pediatrician will do sick visits on Fridays.

Pediatric patients can also access the weekend sick hours the department has at the Marshall Medical Center.

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Greek Orthodox church hosts annual festival this weekend

by **CHRIS DICKSON**
reporter

A taste of Greece comes to the Huntington area as the St. George Greek Orthodox Church holds their annual festival Sept. 24, 25, and 26.

The Greek festival has grown over the last 22 years. It is recognized as one of the top 50 events to attend in the state of West Virginia.

"The festival helps support the church as well as area charities," Pastry Co-chair, Dee Butler said. "The food and entertainment is so unique, we have repeat customers every year for this experience."

As in years past, the festival will offer a variety of Greek pastries and foods.

There will be live Greek folk dancing on Saturday at 2

p.m. and 5 p.m., and also on Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. A live Greek band will be playing traditional music on both days.

"In its 23rd year, the festival will attract people from as far as Princeton and Bluefield," festival worker Gloria Hanna said.

"We are expecting a larger crowd this year due to the summer games in Athens."

Olympic merchandise as well as Greek artifacts will be available in the gift shop on the grounds.

Parish Priest, Father Mark Elliott will be hosting church tours. Tours will be available on Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

"The Huntington area and surrounding communities have embraced our

Greek culture and customs for which we are deeply appreciative," Church Treasurer and Trustee George Hanna said. "We have our festival as a way of giving back to the community, as well as educating the Tri-State."

"If you want to continue your Greek experience from the summer games, we'll see you this weekend," George Hanna said.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church is located at 701 11th Ave. Huntington, W.Va. The festivities begin Friday, Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and conclude Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (304) 522-7890 or visit St. George's website at www.stgeorgehvv.org.

BLOOD

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sophomore nursing major from Huntington.

Hay said she read about the blood drive in the college newspaper and thought it would be a good idea to donate.

"I donated blood because I thought if I ever needed it I'd feel good that I had donated myself," Hay said.

Kaitlyn Tinsley, a freshman pre-nursing major from Teays Valley, helped run blood drives at her high school, but this was her first time donating blood, she said.

"I never got the nerve because I'm scared to death of needles," Tinsley said. "But people need blood all the time. I've been in the hospital and I've needed blood before so I'm just giving back to the community."

For other students, however, donating blood was nothing new.

Douglas M. Evans, a sophomore biology major from Beckley said he has been donating blood for three years.

"A friend of mine had invited me to go with him to donate and we kind of had a contest going to see who could donate the most blood," Evans said. "I should be getting close to having donated a gallon."

Jason Hodges, a forensic

science graduate student from Hurricane said he has donated at least once a year since he was 18.

He said he discovered a way to keep avoid getting too nervous when they are drawing blood.

"Think of a joke while they're sticking you," Hodges said. "I'm serious, it really helps."

Blood drives often run with help from volunteers like Malory Morgan, a junior business management major from Huntington. Morgan said she donated blood once and didn't think she'd be able to do it again any time soon.

"It didn't go so well when I donated blood," Morgan said, "so I figured I'm one of those people who just has to help in other ways."

Volunteers are in charge of monitoring the donors. They also help give out refreshments, t-shirts and stickers.

The Red Cross nurses extract blood from the donors. Sherry Singer, the head nurse for the event, said she has been part of Red Cross blood drives for over 22 years.

If the blood donated isn't healthy, it has to be turned away. About five percent of all donations have to be rejected, Singer said.

The most common problem with college students who donate blood is that they don't eat before giving blood, Singer said.

REPAIRS

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system, according to the agenda. Harris Hall has already received replacement heating and air conditioning parts, however, the main system is still controlled by the original equipment.

Morrow Library has already received \$2.5 million in repairs to its heating and air conditioning system for the first and second floor, according to the agenda.

Morrow Library will receive an additional \$750,000 in structural repairs, new heating and air conditioning system, new floor covering, upgrades to the communications system and replacement of windows for energy conservation, according to the agenda.

The last major upgrade to Marshall's communications network was in 1986, according to the agenda. Buildings that

were built since then have newer communications cabling, as do all residence halls.

However, most of the older buildings still have wiring that will not support current high-speed data demands.

The BOG approved \$1.9 million to upgrade the university's communications network for older buildings as well as replace the older wiring connecting the buildings together, according to the agenda.

The projected Student Health and Wellness Center is closer to being a reality as \$4 million was allotted for land purchase, project design and initial construction costs, according to the agenda.

"We believe the Wellness Center is highly important for the benefit of students as well as recruiting future students," said Board of Governors Chairman A. Michael Perry said.

"The process is beginning but it's far from over."

CATHOLIC

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Marchione is the author of more than 40 books, most of them about Pius XII, Brown said. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University and currently teaches at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, N.J.

SOFTBALL

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It is undecided if the winning team will receive a prize. Concessions such as hotdogs, candy and drinks will be available.

Admission is \$2 and children under 10 will receive free admission.

FACULTY

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separate from those set aside for raises to ensure 10 percent increases for promotions.

The salary pool will be divided into 51 percent for merit raises and 49 percent for equity raises.

The university will set a percentage market value based on salary data collected from peer institutions, according to the faculty evaluation and compensation recommendation. The university will then distribute the 49 percent equity money so that each faculty member's salary reaches the set percentage of market value.

Available merit funds will be distributed proportionally to every college, school and library that has faculty eligible for merit raises once the evaluation process is complete, according to the proposed faculty evaluation and compensation guidelines.

Equity and merit raises are added to a faculty member's base salary, according to the faculty evaluation and compensation recommendation.

The salary guidelines for faculty, classified, and non-classified employees set forth by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) states that faculty shall be compensated based on salary goals established in the institution's compact.

Non-classified staff, or administrators, should already have annual performance evaluations in place.

Dr. Edmund Taft, professor of English, has requested to speak at the Faculty Senate meeting, according to the agenda.

Dr. Taft said he will voice his objection to the Graduate Council's voluntary transfer of power to determine graduate faculty status to the deans of colleges.

"For one hundred years it was up to the faculty to decide," said Dr. Taft.

"It's the most amazing thing I've ever seen."

Dr. Taft will also voice his opinion on the new faculty evaluation and compensation policy.

"As it is, the faculty would be rigorously evaluated where as the administration would get off scot-free," Taft said.

PLYMALE

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proportional with our enrollment here at Marshall University," Owsley said, "They're basically trying to use a cheap political ploy to hurt someone's reelection chances."

The Parthenon attempted to contact a representative of the state Republican party, but could not reach anyone in time for deadline.

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There will be one extra showing of "Super Size Me" today at 9:45 p.m. at the Cinema

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Fulbright scholar Sister Margherita Marchione received her M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University and is now a Professor Emerita of Italian Language and Literature at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, New Jersey. She is the author of more than forty books, including *Yours is a Precious Witness*, *Pope Pius XII: Architect for Peace*, and *Consensus and Controversy: Defending Pius XII*. She is a member of the Religious Teachers of Filippini and lectures regularly throughout North America and Europe.

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MU students, community help others with gift of blood

According to the National Blood Data Resource Center, about 38,000 units of blood are needed in the U.S. on an average day.

That is a lot of blood and Wednesday Marshall University did its part to help out.

A two-day blood drive started Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.

With a realistic goal of only 55 donors each day, the goal was surpassed and Wednesday ended with 70 donors.

We would like to commend the donors and the numerous volunteers for their effort. Their effort seemed to pay off and now we hope tomorrow will be just as productive.

We hope the Marshall community will not only reach the goal of 55 donors today, but we hope they will set a new goal — to get as many donors as possible.

Giving blood might seem scary. We know. Initially it is probably scary to everyone.

The idea of losing something that is perfectly fine should always be a bit unsettling.

However, blood donation shouldn't be scary at all. Actually, the needle is so small it can barely be felt.

What makes giving blood even easier is the fact that the little pain some donors might experience is completely negated by the fact that this blood is saving lives.

By donating blood, lives are being saved. That should make everyone's day a little brighter.

So here is the deal. We want everyone to consider donating blood today. If you decide to donate — thank you. If you decide not to donate — ask yourself why.

If the reason is that you are scared, well maybe you should close your eyes and think about how scary it would be to need a blood transfusion. On top of that, picture your doctor saying "I'm sorry, our blood supplies are low and we don't have your blood type."

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BY RUTH ANN BURKE
 columnist

Love Means Never Having to Say You're Sorry.

Don't worry. I'm enraged by the above statement too. Amazingly, I think love means the opposite. I think if you truly love someone, or a group of someones, then you should definitely say you are sorry. So that's what I've decided to do. This upcoming week is Rosh Hashanah, which, for you non-Jewish readers, is the week leading up to Yom Kippur, which is the Jewish Day of Atonement. It's the one day of the year that Jehovah closes the book of atonement for the entire year and forgives all our sins. An entire year's worth! At least, this is how my Jewish friend explained it to me. Being a Gentile, it is entirely possible that she was dumbing it down for me. Either way, I got all the major points. All I heard was a years worth of sins forgiven in one day. That's a pretty sweet deal. So in the spirit of Rosh Hashanah, I've decided to apologize publicly in hopes of being forgiven, not just by Jehovah, but by society as a whole. Because I know Jehovah is on my side, but I'm not entirely sure about society.

Let the atonement begin. I'm sorry that there is at least one stupid person in each of my classes. (You know who I'm talking about. They're in every class. That one kid who always feels the need to talk and share his or her opinion and you just

feel stupider for hearing it. You would think at the end of his or her life, when they're dying and gasping for breath, that they could have saved that one breath that they used to say something completely asinine and almost painful to hear and lived a few breaths longer. But oh no.)

I'm sorry that some of you think it is completely acceptable to look like Paris Hilton. Hey kids. We took a vote. The votes have been tallied. Paris Hilton is a skank. Try to imitate someone worth your effort. My suggestion would be someone who wears clothes. That's a start.

I'm sorry that a majority of you are going to vote for Bush, despite all the overwhelming evidence not to.

I'm sorry that not one album on Billboard's Top 100 is by Diamond David Lee Roth. Come on kids. He's just a gigolo. And everywhere he goes, we all know the part he's playin'.

I'm sorry that last week, my column was cut short in order for a questionable cartoon to be run in the space.

I'm sorry that some of you think it is okay to wear socks on your arms. Don't act like you don't do it. You do! I've seen you. I think we need to get one thing straight. Just because Avril Lavigne does it, doesn't mean you can. I'm sorry to be the one to tell you, but it looks stupid on her too. Oh, and P.S. Her music sucks as well.

I'm sorry that some of you are lame because you're not going to HYAMP and enjoying local shows so close to campus.

I'm sorry that the university has a strict policy on in-class sobriety. I'm not saying it's a bad thing, but there have been a few times where a nice cold fifth of whiskey would have

made the class a little bit more interesting. I promise I would have brought enough for the rest of the class.

I'm sorry that none of you send me hate mail, or any mail at all. Hurry up. I'm starting to feel unloved. Send any mail bombs care of the Parthenon Staff.

I'm sorry that I think dick and fart jokes are absolutely hysterical. They will always be funny. I don't care how juvenile and stupid you think they are. They're hilarious. If all else fails, fart. It will be funny. People will pretend to be disgusted, but trust me. They'll go home and tell their roommates and friends that while you were giving a presentation you farted and they'll laugh. Maybe it will be at you, but hey. It's funny all the same.

I'm sorry that this city as a whole doesn't appreciate Foreigner. I've driven around this God-forsaken town I don't know how many times, rocking out to Foreigner's greatest hits with the windows down and the volume up, up, up. You can't imagine the number of dirty looks I get.

I'm sorry that every time I pull into a parking lot anywhere near Marshall, I see, on average, at least 3 Mercedes, 2 BMWs and enough SUVs and huge trucks to kill a small ozone. If you are under the age of 25, there is no reason why you should be driving a luxury car. The only good reason is if you paid for it yourself or you're a drug dealer. Either way, you've earned it.

Finally, I'm very sorry if some of what I said offends you. Wait. I lied. No I'm not. If you're offended, you need to somehow grow a sense of humor. Maybe, if you ask nicely, you'll get one for Hanukkah.

LETTERS to the editor

Ambrose family thankful for university, community support

Sharon and I would like to thank all of you who remembered the families of Sept. 11 on the third anniversary of the tragic event.

Many remember our son, Dr. Paul Wesley Ambrose, when he was at Marshall as an undergraduate as well as medical school. For the kind words, cards, flowers, and remembering him in a private or public way, we thank you. We hope his memory will always be kept alive at Marshall University in a variety of ways.

We appreciate those who have made donations to the Paul Ambrose Scholarship at the Medical School. Paul was extremely interested in prevention, public health and wellness. We are anxious that progress will be made toward the Wellness Center which will promote a place and a program for students, faculty, staff and community.

It has been a difficult three years for the 9/11 families and the nation. For all colleagues and friends who have been supportive during this time, a very special thank you.

Sharon and Kenneth Paul Ambrose
 Proud Parents of Dr. Paul Wesley Ambrose
 Huntington, W.Va.

Liberal academia 'astounding'

The capacity of the liberal academia to ignore all facts but those which suit their own point of view astounds me at times. Case in point: Dr. Elinore Taylor's article in Tuesday's Parthenon is full of opinions, half-truths, logical fallacies (if any logical arguments at all exist in it), and idealistic rhetoric.

Dr. Taylor is correct in her criticism of the Bush administration with regard to General Anthony Zinni testifying before Congress that Iraq was not an imminent threat. However; Dr. Taylor seems to forget that US, Russian, French, British, and German intelligence indicated otherwise at the time according to the 9/11 Commissions findings. It is also rather convenient for the liberal cause to ignore the fact that John Kerry and several other leading Democrats including Clinton, Biden, Rockefeller, and John

Edwards knew of Zinni's testimony and voted for military action against Iraq anyway. Why did they not listen to Zinni? Why can we not put some blame on Kerry and Edwards for sending our soldiers to die as well? It is worth noting that since Bush began his "war on terror" there has not been a single terrorist attack in the US or against US interest outside of Iraq and Afghanistan. It seems to be that we are much more safe because of it.

The mad ramblings of two "Bushites" who are no longer in the administration and probably rather bitter about that do make very sound arguments to base a thesis on. The attack against Chalabi and the CIA investigation that ensued also doesn't bode very well for the liberal cause. The CIA that warned against Ahmad Chalabi also agreed with the beliefs of Chalabi with regard to WMDs in Iraq.

Perhaps, if Iraqi elections are held then it will create a Shiite theocracy. But, if that is what the majority of the Iraqi people choose to vote for then exactly how is that wrong? It seems rather illogical to say Bush should not be president because he didn't win the majority vote and to then say that if the majority of the Iraqi people vote for a Shiite theocracy they cannot have it; both seem to be the liberal position.

Finally, the Abu Ghraib prison issue is hardly "the worst foreign policy debacle in U.S. history". I do not think the torture and humiliation of those prisoners was justifiable in the least; but at least we didn't chop their heads off, video tape it, and put it on the internet so I guess it is all relative. I would also like to point out that Dr. Taylor, or anyone else for that matter, has ZERO proof that Bush and Rumsfeld authorized the use of torture. If there was even an inkling of proof for this ludicrous claim then CBS would have it all over the news as they now result to using forged documents to power their ad-hominem attack machine against Bush.

We have been seen around the world as bullies and oppressors for decades now. It seems irrelevant that Truman, Roosevelt, Kennedy, and Wilson used force to attempt to protect the US and our vital interest but it is wrong for a Republican to do so. Perhaps we are all at a total disconnect from the ideals and values of Washington, Jefferson, Adams, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Washington urged against alliances to foreign powers and Kerry seem to assert that is what we need most. Jefferson spoke of the "rights of man" and that man was born free but was the largest slave owner among the founding fathers. Do we want that kind of values?

The Constitution says majority vote does not matter in presidential elections and it never has matters to all of a sudden in 2000 a Democrat wins the popular vote but not the electoral. That is very out of touch with the Constitution. Congress gave Bush the authority to invade Iraq but there are some educated people in our society who still seem to think the president acts alone in foreign policy. The charge has been levied that Bush supporters are out of touch with our founding fathers; could it be the other way around?

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MU volleyball spikes Xavier 3-0

by SARAH E. FORBES
reporter

The Marshall Volleyball team played with all heart as they took Xavier 3-0 in the Cam Henderson Center Wednesday.

Marshall improved to 6-5 with the win while Xavier fell to 6-6.

In the first half of game one, the Herd took an early lead before the Musketeers pulled off a comeback to take control at 15-14. In the latter half of the game,

the teams swapped points until the Herd used a Kelly-Anne Billingsy kill and a Xavier attack error to take the 30-28 win.

"Our strength is that we play together as a unit and we stick together on and off the court," Kelly-Anne Billingsy said.

Katie Stein picked up a service ace to tie her for



Stein

third all-time in Marshall history, with 116 for her career. Stein said that the best part about this season is that there are no individuals on this year's roster.

"It's the most satisfying feeling when we all work together, as a team to make a good play." Stein said, "Our team gets along so well that it makes our practices and games easier and more fun."

Marshall continued to dominate in game two clinching it with a kill by junior Amber Sims for the

Our strength is that we play together as a unit and we stick together on and off the court.

— Kelly-Anne Billingsy, freshman outside hitter

30-26 win. Sims led the Herd with 13 kills and a .375 hitting percentage for the match.

In game three, the Herd achieved victory again by holding a commanding lead throughout the match. Marshall's own Stephanie

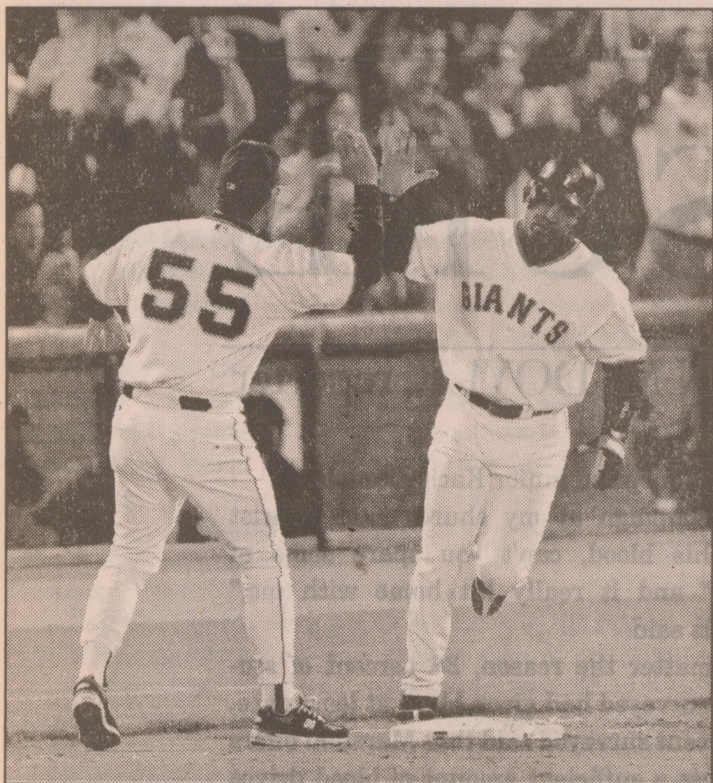
Cahill highlighted this match with four service aces in the game.

For the night, Sims finished with 13 kills, Billingsy had 12 kills and Cahill was next in line with nine and a .300 hitting percentage. Cahill had

six total service aces on the night. Stein had 40 assists and 10 digs for a double-double and Christin Bimberg had seven kills and 10 digs while Nickie Sanlin had seven kills and two block solos. Maggie Arias also had 10 digs on the evening.

The Herd is now preparing to host Miami (Ohio) Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center. This match against the Red Hawks will be the Herd's Mid-American Conference opener.

Cheers and jeers for the boys of summer



Barry Bonds is congratulated after hitting his 700th career home run off San Diego Padres' Jake Peavy.



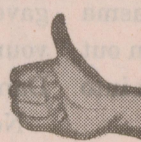
Cheers: Barry Bonds hitting number 700. Undeniably the greatest hitter of our generation. You may never be loved like McGwire or Ruth but we salute your hard earned place in baseball history.



Jeers: Extending Bud Selig's contract as Commissioner of Major League Baseball. Bud, there is no crying in baseball and there shouldn't be any ties either...



Cheers: The Minnesota Twins and Oakland Athletics leading their divisions. Thank you for time and again proving small-market teams can exist and win...



Cheers: Baseball Tonight bringing John Kruk into our living rooms every night at 10 and 12. Harold, Peter and John... Ahh... Who else can we depend on for over-analysis of Craig Counsell's awkward swing.



Cheers: Wildcard races providing more baseball fans with something to watch outside of closely contended division games. Cubs, Giants and Astros all within five games of that final NL playoff spot.

On Deck for the Herd...

Women's Soccer
Sept. 24 at Maryland 4 p.m.

Men's Soccer
Sept. 24 at Kentucky 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 at Bowling Green 2 p.m.

Volleyball
Sept. 26 vs. Miami (OH) 5 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Sept. 24-26 William & Mary Tourney

Men's Golf
Sept. 27-28 Adams Cup (URI)

Women's Golf
Sept. 24-26 Bay Tree Bay Classic

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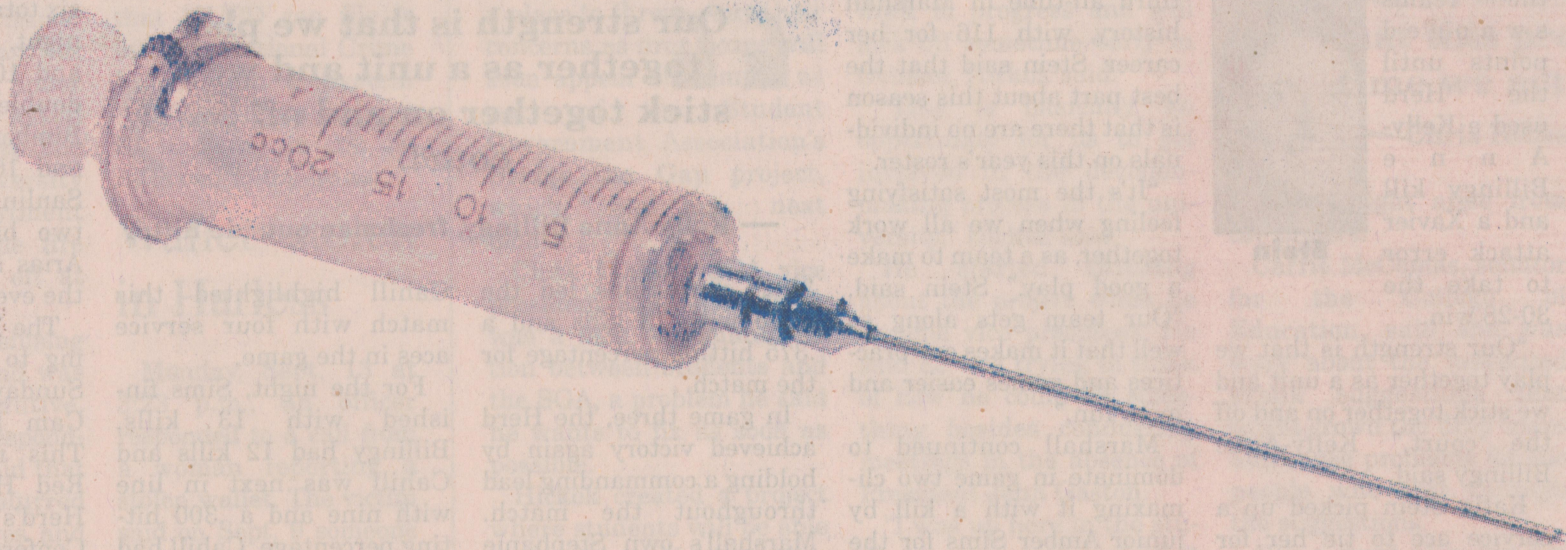
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BLOOD PRESSURE

story by ALYSON M. DOYLE, reporter

According to an Associated Press story written Sept. 10, 2002, congressional auditors reported that around 200,000 units of blood had to be thrown away in the weeks after Sept. 11, 2001.

Cheryl Gergely, supervisor of communications for the Tri-State's American Red Cross, said that there is such a thing as having too much blood.

Blood has a limited shelf life and when there is a donation surge, such as Sept. 11, much of the blood goes to waste because it cannot be used fast enough, Gergely said.

"It's the everyday quiet emergencies that have the greatest need," Gergely said.

Marshall students, in an informal campus survey, said the biggest factor that keeps them from donating blood on an average day (as opposed to a day such as Sept. 11) is needles.

"I have a huge phobia about needles," sophomore Tyler Welch said.

Welch is not alone. 13 percent of students mentioned needles as the biggest fear associated with donating blood.

"I am petrified of needles," senior Betsy Shawver said.

Blood was the student's second biggest fear associated with donating blood.

"I pass out when I see my own blood," senior Kasi Skidmore said.

Of students surveyed, 77 percent said they feel the average person fears giving blood. However, during the same survey, when previous blood donors were asked if giving blood causes pain, 76 percent said no.

"The biggest hurdle is just walking through the door," Gergely said. "If you have done that, that's the hardest part."

Gergely said it's the big tough-guy type that gets nervous before donating. After the first time donating, they are fine, Gergely said.

According to the American Red Cross's blood fact sheet, it takes approximately one hour to give blood. The actual donation time takes less than ten minutes.

Gergely said when high schools and colleges are out for the summer, the American Red Cross lacks locations to hold drives so during the summer months, the American Red Cross seldom makes the regional area's quota of 1,000 donations a day. To attract donors, the American Red Cross occasionally gives away t-shirts or specialty gifts.

Although gifts are nice, many people donate for alternate reasons.

"Nothing can beat money," an anonymous donor at Huntington's Plasma Services said.

An anonymous first time donor said she would not be giving plasma unless she had to. Plasma Services pays donors \$25 for the first donation, \$35 for second time donors,

and \$20 for each donation after.

Giving plasma is like giving blood in the fact that blood is drawn. However, at Plasma Services, once the plasma has been taken out of the blood, the donor's blood is put back into his or her body.

"I am scared to death of needles, but I am here because I owe someone money," the anonymous donor said.

"We get a solid 200 donors a day," said Senior Biomedical Technician Christie Robinson.

Robinson said approximately 20 of the 200 a day are return donors.

"Money is an incentive to get people to donate," Robinson said. "We have people give for all kinds of reasons."

Some people come here because they genuinely want to help people, Robinson said.

"We have people who need diaper money, but we also have those who donate because they want to drink tonight," Robinson said.

Donors can give plasma up to two times in seven days and it takes 45 minutes. It is as safe as giving blood, Robinson said.

"Students are fearful mainly of the needle stick," Robinson said. "But if you're a regular, you know what to expect."

Plasma Services and the American Red Cross both depend on MU students and local area residents to fulfill their need.

Gergely said Plasma Services is a for-profit organization and the plasma donated does not go to support local hospitals, whereas the American Red Cross's first priority is the local hospitals.

Gergely said she feels that the biggest problem associated with the lack of blood donated is education. Students don't know how great the need for blood is and that one donation can save up to three lives.

Senior Angela Bradley became aware of the local need for blood and decided to start donating.

"I felt it was a responsibility and being a nursing major, I knew the need," Bradley said.

Other students surveyed first donated blood in high school, but decided to keep at it.

"I wanted to get out of class while I was in high school, but I continue to donate now," said senior Brandy Dawson.

Gergely said it is important for students to be aware of the need for blood donations.

"It is people like you and me that are fighting for their lives everyday. They need your donated blood."

Several students surveyed said they started to donate because they were personally involved with an individual who needed blood. Junior Jeffrey Hayhurst was inspired to start giving blood when a close friend was in a car wreck.

A sign inspired junior Kacie Daniels.

"A campaign at my church said, 'Christ gave his blood, can't you spare some of yours?' and it really hit home with me," Daniels said.

No matter the reason, 38 percent of students surveyed had given blood at least once. 70 percent surveyed said that Marshall offers students a sufficient amount of blood drives each semester.

Today is the second day there will be a blood drive sponsored by Student Health. The drive is located at the Memorial Student Center downstairs in Marco's. For those who did not have the chance to donate yesterday or today they will have another opportunity Oct. 5 and 6 when there will be another drive held at the MSC.

TOP 10 reasons students do not give blood.

10. a recent tattoo
9. sexual preference
8. play a college sport
7. anemic
6. veins are too small
5. afraid
4. not enough time
3. weight restrictions
2. fear of blood & pain
1. fear of needles

63% of female MU students have not donated blood.

61% of male MU students have not donated blood.

77% of MU students believe the average person fears giving blood.

24% of MU students think giving blood is painful.