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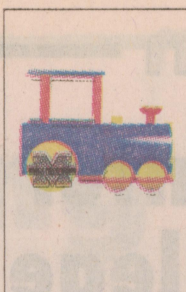
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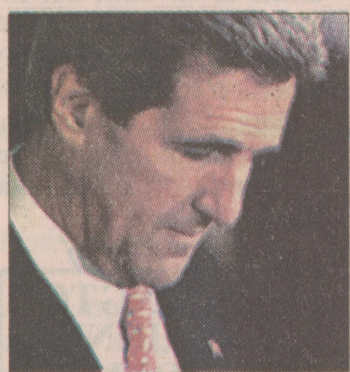
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Sen. John Kerry

Local Dems disappointed with results

by KEVIN A. PACK
reporter

Disappointment loomed across campus Wednesday for Sen. John Kerry's supporters after an election deemed "too close to call" ended in favor of President George W. Bush.

After months of campaigning, Kerry supporters anticipated the best for their candidate, believing their last-minute efforts of phone banking and rallying door to door would edge them to victory. The democratic headquarters on Fourth Avenue, once brightly decorated with Kerry-Edwards signs and banners and filled with energetic, sticker-wearing Democrats, appeared dim and lifeless Wednesday.

The Cabell County Young Democrats and Marshall University College Republicans battled it out until the end, from a political debate to numerous speakers. But as in any race, only one can be declared the winner.

Travis Owsley, president of the Young Democrats, said he was unpleasantly surprised with not only the election results, but also the poor voter turnout among 18-30 year olds.

However, according to exit-poll information provided by CIRCLE research, "21 million voters under the age of 30 went to the polls." Only 16 million young voters came out for the 2000 presidential election.

According to an article published on mtv.com, "Kerry carried 54 percent of all under-30 voters, while President Bush attracted 44 percent." Despite the evidence that more individuals under age 30 voted for Kerry, he was not declared the victor.

Katie Benson, member of the Young Democrats and sophomore social work

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Winner

Record turnout gives Bush four more years

by RASMILIYA SPORNY
reporter

Bush supporters across the country rejoiced Wednesday morning as President George W. Bush was re-elected to the White House by the highest popular vote in history with over 59 million votes.

Bush received 274 electoral votes while John Kerry received 238. According to MSNBC.com, Bush won West Virginia with 418,151 votes (56 percent). Weeks of feverish campaigning and hard work paid off for volunteers at the republican headquarters on Fourth Avenue in Huntington.

C.W. Dolin, a senior political science major from Madison, is the treasurer and chairman for the College Republicans at Marshall University.

Dolin said he was relieved that Bush was re-elected and said that he deserved to be in the White House for another term.

"I think that this shows that George Bush was America's candidate," Dolin said. "It's truly shows that he was what America was looking for in this election."

After the polls closed, Dolin said he was apprehensive about the outcome of the election until he started watching television to view the results.

"I was slightly pessimistic, but when the results started coming in, I felt relieved." Dolin said what made the win even sweeter was all the hard work that volunteers put in going from door-to-door during the presidential campaign.

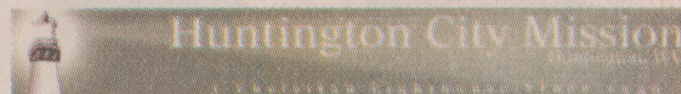
Nicholas Dean, a freshman biochemistry major from Kenova said he thought it was great that

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SGA organizes food drive for city mission

by RASMILIYA SPORNY
reporter



The Student Government Association is setting out on a mission to feed the hungry in Huntington.

Campus organizations and individuals have the chance to participate in Herd for Hunger, a food drive organized by the SGA. All food collected will be donated to the Huntington City Mission located on 624 10th Street.

Jeanette Kripas, student senate community service chair, said there are 19 cam-

pus organizations that have signed up to collect food for the food drive.

"It's important for Marshall to get involved in the community," Kripas said. "Even though a lot of us are from out of state, it's important for Huntington to be provided for."

Bags for the food drive were donated by Foodland and Save-A-Lot. The bags are dropped off at local residences in a selected city zone. Volunteers are to drop off the bags for

donations at houses in each zone. Residents of that area are requested by the volunteers to fill the bags with food. A note is taped to each bag indicating when the bag of food will be picked up.

All food collected will be taken to the Huntington City Mission Nov. 11.

Each organization is given a large or small city zone to comply with the number of people they

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Author to read from her works

by ERICA R. DELIGNE
reporter

Shirley Geok-lin Lim, a multi-genre and award-winning author, will visit Marshall University Thursday, Nov. 4, in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center at 8p.m.



Lim

Lim, who is also a professor of English at the University of California, said she will most likely read a couple of passages

from her memoir, "Among the White Moon Faces," and some older poems from "Monsoon History" and "What the Fortune Teller Didn't Say."

"Among the White Moon Faces" is Lim's most personal work, which is a direct narrative from her childhood memories in Malacca, Malaysia and her immigration to America in 1969, Lim said.

"I started writing when I was nine," Lim told Bill Moyers in a PBS special on American poetry,

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Due to increasing needs, School of Medicine adds orthopaedics dept

by CHRIS DICKSON
reporter

To address the increasing need for orthopaedics in the Tri-State area, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has included a department of orthopaedics.

"To start the department is a major step in starting a residency program," Dr. Ali Oliashirazi, professor and

chairman of the department of orthopaedics, said. "We have applied to the Accrediting Council for Graduate and Medical Education and hope to have an answer by June 2005."

Dr. Ali Oliashirazi, who specializes in joint replacement surgery, joined the Marshall faculty in 2001 as chief of orthopaedics in the department of surgery. He is

To start the department is a major step in starting a residency program.

— Dr. Ali Oliashirazi, orthopaedics department chair

also director of the Joint Replacement Center at Cabell Huntington Hospital. "Orthopaedics is one of the most difficult specialties to get into and one of the

most needed," Oliashirazi said. "We are hoping many of the students from here will stay in West Virginia."

Oliashirazi said there are a large number of patients

waiting for treatment. "As these surgeons become senior and chief residents, they will be able to take care of these patients," he said.

The goal of the new department is to have a top-notch program, which will increase prestige in the community. Residents will be trained in the latest techniques.

"The department of orthopaedics is a wonderful addi-

tion to the school of medicine," Dr. David Denning, chairman of the department of surgery, said.

"We have put Marshall on the orthopaedic map as we are on the cutting edge of new techniques," Oliashirazi said.

Surgeons have come from Lexington and Louisville, Ky.

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Police Blotter

MUPD arrests man for possession of marijuana

by SHAY M. STEIN
reporter

At 9:50 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15, Joseph Young, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana. According to the police report, the officer initially noticed a suspiciously parked vehicle with three men surrounding the rear passenger door. The officer approached the vehicle and saw, what he said, looked like loose leaves of marijuana. The officer asked Young to step out of the car. According to the police report, Young said to the officer, "I'm sorry. I was just rolling a blunt." The officer searched the car and found a small plastic bag of marijuana, a box of cigars and the loose leaves of marijuana. The owner of the vehicle and the three other men were not charged.

from the trunk of his car. According to the police report, the unknown suspect(s) shattered the rear, passenger window.

Bookbag and books stolen

At 1:05 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20, a student's book bag and its contents were stolen. The student was at the registration window in the basement of Old Main and his book bag was next to him on top of a table. According to the police report, the following items were reported stolen: a black and grey book bag, a World Geography 317 textbook, a Children's Literature textbook and four children's books that were checked out of John Deaver Drinko Library.

Driver hits car, then drives off

At 12:26 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21, an officer was called to the metered parking lot next to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The victim called MUPD after she returned to her car and saw it had been hit. One witness told police the suspect hit the car twice, then drove away before any information could be exchanged. According to the police report, an officer contacted the suspect and advised her to come to the station and give a statement.

Sets of golf clubs stolen

Between 11:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19, and 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21, two sets of golf clubs were stolen from a student's car. The student who owns the car reported that it had been broken into while parked in the South Student Gravel Parking Lot. The victim told the Marshall University Police Department (MUPD) that his golf clubs and his friend's golf clubs were taken

WV Autism Center helps children, adults and college students often

by SAMANTHA THOMAS
reporter

Thanks to the help of the West Virginia Autism Training Center and its early intervention program, earlier this year the parent of a child with autism heard the words any parent in their shoes would want to hear: "Your child no longer qualifies for special education services."

This child was an exceptional case, said Barbara Becker-Cottrill, executive director of West Virginia ATC, and most people who have an autism spectrum disorder require lifelong treatment, but it does prove it is possible to make a difference.

"This is what we're all shooting for," Becker-Cottrill said.

There is a wide window of opportunity for learning in the earliest years.

— Barbara Becker-Cottrill, West Virginia ATC

When children from West Virginia are diagnosed with any of the disorders in the autism spectrum, including autism, Asperger's syndrome or pervasive developmental disorder, they are referred to the ATC at Marshall, Becker-Cottrill said.

When the West Virginia ATC first opened in 1984, it was one of the first in the nation to provide support for those with autism and their families.

As the West Virginia ATC celebrates its 20th anniversary, it becomes apparent that knowledge about the disorder has increased, because children are diagnosed with

autism years earlier than when the ATC first opened, Becker-Cottrill said.

Children as young as 17 months have been put into the programs at the West Virginia ATC, Becker-Cottrill said. Twenty years ago, some children were not diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders until the ages of three through seven.

Becker-Cottrill said early intervention is key to helping children with autism.

"There is a wide window of opportunity for learning in the earliest years," Becker-Cottrill said.

Children are not the only ones who take advantage of the center. Some adults and

even college students can be helped with the ATC.

There are three Marshall students this semester with high-functioning autism who make use of the center. The students are given additional academic support, such as tutoring, Becker-Cottrill said. They sometimes need help getting organized getting assignments in on time, but the main reason extra support is needed is because many aspects of college are social.

More information about autism and the ATC's services is available at 316 Old Main.

MU surplus computer sale : More than 150 units sold

by MANDY E. LESTER
reporter

The surplus computer sale Monday drew large crowds and a lot of money from bidders.

"It was probably the best turnout we've had in about three sales," Charles 'Chuck' Elliott, associate director of Customer Service, said.

The sale was Monday, Nov. 1 and bids were sealed until Tuesday, when the highest bidders were determined and contacted.

But some of the winners had second thoughts.

"The same man offered the highest bid on all 15 of the individual computers, but he only wanted two," Elliott said. "On the rest, Purchasing called the second highest bidders."

During the sale, 135 computers, including the 15 individual computers and one laptop, were sold.

The laptop was the highest selling of the individual computers, going for about \$250. The original high bid was \$300, but the bidder

declined.

"That's not a bad price for a laptop," Elliott said.

There were 40 bids placed on the computers. The average high bid on the individual computers was \$130, and the high bid was \$255. The average bid on the lots of computers was \$300, but the high bid was \$816.

"A lot of people bid on everything, thinking they would get something," Barbara Smentkowski, administrative associate of Purchasing, said.

The computers sold met high standards. The hard drives had to be sanitized before being made available to the public.

"The computer center really worked hard on preparing the computers for the sale," Smentkowski said.

The sale was such a success, another sale is being planned for December, but may be pushed back to February. More than 100 computers will be for sale.

"I would encourage anyone interested in buying a computer to visit our Web site, give us their e-mail address and they will be notified several weeks in advance before the next sale," Elliott said.

Anyone interested in the next computer sale can visit the Web site <http://www.marshall.edu/ucs/computersale>.

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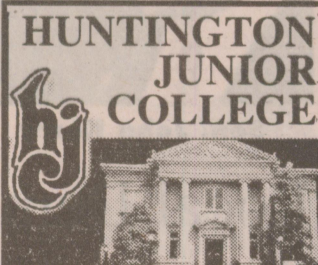


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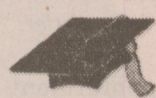
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Counseling open to students

by ERICA R. DELIGNE
reporter

Marshall University's Counseling Services is located on the first floor of Prichard Hall and provides three full-time professional counselors to assist full-time and part-time students for free.

The Counseling Services offer help in areas such as sexual assault and abuse, substance abuse, eating disorders, depression, stress management, sexuality issues, test anxiety and

more, according to their website www.marshall.edu/counseling.

Carla Lapelle, associate dean of students, has been the director of the Counseling Services for 18 years and said any problem a student has is serious.

"Every student's problems are the most serious problems that, that counselor deals with, because that student is here with that problem means it's serious to them," Lapelle said.

She said the top three problems students receive

help for are relationships, depression and substance abuse.

Lapelle said there is an increase in students' visits around midterms and tends to stay increased until the end of finals.

"We tend to see more students around the time for midterms rather than just finals, because during finals everyone's schedule is different," Lapelle said. "They are engrossed in studying and they aren't on campus as much so they have more time."

Lapelle said 177 students received help last year, according to their records, but she knows that number is much higher.

"There was a major virus last year that shut down the university's scheduled programs and we lost a lot of information, so I know that there were more than 177 students, but our records only show that number," Lapelle said.

The Counseling Services also have an emergency staff, which is on call 24 hours, according to the website.

"When an emergency happens after our office hours, the student will call the Marshall University Police and they will call the counselor on call," Lapelle said.

According to the Counseling Services website, students can also request counseling online by filling out a personal form and stating their problem or concern.

Lisa Allen, program assistant of student development, schedules the appointments for the Counseling Services and said up to six appointments each can be scheduled

a day, which is a full day for the counselors.

"Always in the beginning of the semester and around midterms there are full days where counselors have six appointments a day," Allen said.

"When the counselors are full, the longest a student has to wait for the next available appointment is about a week."

Students can call Counseling Services at 696-3111 for an appointment or go onto their website and make an online request.

KERRY

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major from Bluefield, said she was shocked Kerry did not win Ohio. She said the democrats gave their hearts for the campaign, but she is worried about Bush's re-election.

"I'm concerned about the outsourcing of jobs, not to mention the war in Iraq," Benson said. "I'm glad that Bush sup-

porters voted and are happy, but we'll just see what happens in the next four years."

Owsley said Bush has shown no leadership during his term and that he fears how much damage could be done to America in the next four years.

Despite the unpleasant results, some democrats were thankful to have worked with the campaign.

Clayton Brooks of Huntington, volunteer at the

democratic headquarters, said he had fun meeting new people who were interested in bringing better leadership to the federal government. However, he said with Bush's re-election, he is worried the war in Iraq will become an escalating problem.

Owsley said although Kerry supporters are disheartened, the campaign has been extremely rewarding because of new friendships and shared political views.

Show winner strikes again

NEW YORK (AP) — Quiz-show king Ken Jennings has broken another record on "Jeopardy!"

Jennings won \$45,099 on the episode that aired Wednesday, bringing his total earnings to \$2,197,000 to make him the top TV game-show winner ever.

He beat the previous record of \$2,180,000, set by

Michigan engineer Kevin Olmstead on ABC's "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" in 2001.

Jennings, a 30-year-old software engineer from Salt Lake City, began his 66-appearances-and-counting streak on the episode that aired June 2. Since then, he has richly profited from a rule change made only last

year, at the start of the syndicated game show's 20th season, that removed its five-appearance limit. Now a contestant can continue playing as long as he wins.

On the "Jeopardy!" episode that aired Sept. 15, Jennings broke the record for longest winning streak on any television game show.

MEDICINE

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to learn the new procedures being developed here. Marshall has been invited to national and international meetings to lecture.

Oliashiarazi and his staff are one of the few doing minimally invasive surgical techniques for hip and knee replacements that are reducing patient pain and recovery time. They are also involved in computer-assisted surgery to improve accuracy.

WINNER

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Bush got the majority of the votes.

"It doesn't happen very often," Dean said. "I hope he continues to do the great job that he has done."

There were mixed feelings about the outcome of the election results on campus.

One student said she didn't have the right to complain about the result of the election because she didn't get to vote.

Kristin Cookson, a sopho-

more forensic chemistry major from Portsmouth, Ohio said her absentee ballot never came in and she couldn't vote.

She said that in Ohio when you apply for an absentee ballot, you are not allowed to vote at the polls.

She said she was undecided and didn't like either candidate.

I personally think we should have thrown them in a blender and seen what came out.

— Kristin Cookson, sophomore

"I personally think we should have thrown them in a blender and seen what came out," Cookson said. "I was saying for a week that I was going to vote for Mickey Mouse because I didn't like either president. But he (Bush) did get elected and I think we do need to support him a little bit because he is our president."

According to an article from the Associated Press, voter turnout for this election was higher than it had been in three decades.

Approximately 120 million people voted this year, compared to an estimated 105.4 million who voted in 2000.

Kristin Glany, a Marshall alumna from Ona, said she knew Bush was going to win. She said she thought the election ran smoothly, by was disappointed at the behavior of some Kerry supporters Tuesday while rallying on the corner of Hal Greer Boulevard.

"The biggest shock of the whole election was how the Democrats treated us," Glany said.

"They were very rude and scary. I have never seen so much hatred."

Caleb Gibson, president of the College Republicans, said there were some doubts about the end result of the election when the polls closed, but was happy to be looking forward to having Bush as president for another term.

"I think it is the best thing that could happen to our country, especially in a time of war," Gibson said.

AUTHOR

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"Fooling with Words" in 1999. "I loved the idea of going into space where there is language in which is yours; you can create a space of beauty when all around you there is poverty and deprivation."

Lim's memoir reveals the violence and poverty in her childhood; her father's failing business; her mother's abandonment of the family and Lim's development into womanhood alone, according to the Feminist Press at the

City University of New York. The memoir was published in 1996 and received the 1997 American Book Award, according to a news release by English Professor Art Stringer.

"Among the White Moon Faces," has been the most rewarding for my identity as an American writer," Lim said. "It has received quite a bit of critical attention and is taught in a number of places in the U.S."

Lim, an author of four books of poetry, three collections of short stories, two critical books and a memoir, said her core genre is the poem.

"It is the form that is closest to the heartbeat, to song and dance and to lovemaking; it is the essential me at the level of just coherence," Lim said.

"Crossing the Peninsula," Lim's first book of poems, received the Commonwealth Poetry Prize in 1980, according to the news release.

"Crossing the Peninsula" is perhaps the most rewarding in the way that all first books are important to their authors," Lim said. "It got me a lot of attention from the whole of the British Commonwealth in a way that nothing else would have."

FOOD

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have in the organization.

Barboursville is the largest zone to be covered in the food drive and has been assigned to the Campus Crusade for Christ, which has more than 300 volunteers in the organi-

zation, Kripas said.

Even though the SGA did not organize a food drive last year, Kripas said it is supposed to be an annual event.

"Last time, I think they collected about 2,300 pounds of food," Kripas said.

"Hopefully we can meet that same number this year."

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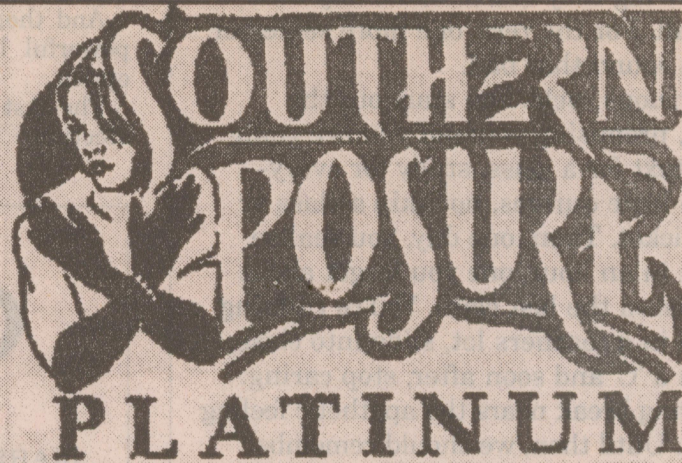
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Apathy descends on campus

As the leaves turn and the weather grows cold, there is a feeling in the air around campus.

It comes every semester, year after year, to many students around Marshall. It is a feeling of apathy.

We all know its coming. Professors anticipate it. Some even plan around it. The feeling starts around mid-terms, hits a peak when schedule books come out and then starts to decline around Thanksgiving. No one seems to care about anything anymore. People who were once diligent, bright and friendly now slide into class late, hardly say a word and just manage to lethargically squeak through the term.

We have reached the time of the semester where classes become less populated, parking is a little easier to find, and the bitter feeling of plain-old not caring is felt in the hallways.

New schedule books have come out and thoughts have moved from this semester's classes to next semester (that is, if you have a next semester). Instead of paying attention in class, students plan their next schedule.

The most popular question in classrooms is, "What time is the final?" because no one can wait for this semester to be over. Obviously, we are all a little burnt-out with the semester.

Seniors who hoped to graduate in December might not be passing classes, thereby halting the life-changing decisions that come with graduation until final grades come out. Some are put on hold for one more semester.

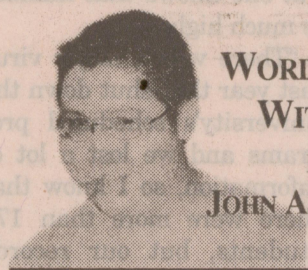
The feeling of stress is long gone and apathy is ruling many students attitudes. We have stopped caring, stopped impressing people, generally stopped trying: Trying for anything.

Of course there are the select few overachievers who build everything in their life around classes and studying. Good for them. When they graduate in four years, with honors, they will have the satisfaction of knowing they didn't waste any time here at Marshall. For the rest, one more semester, or year, doesn't sound that bad.

Apathy is a vicious cycle. You start out the semester fresh, promising yourself you are going to read all the text for a class, study for everything, even the little quizzes, not skip a class or get a parking ticket. Then, one day, you realize you have a test in an hour, one you forgot about because you missed the last class. You're running late so you pull in a teachers lot, slide into class, squeak by with a 'C' and soon after, stop caring.

As Thanksgiving break nears the apathetic feeling should be lifted. Until then, we should remember most of us are in the same boat. So, if you feel like it, care. Care about anything, anywhere, anytime. Just care. It might help change the feeling.

Nation has chosen, now unite



WORDS FROM
WITHUM
BY
JOHN A. WITHUM

Tuesday the people of our nation left their homes, jobs and the normality of their everyday lives to participate in our cherished democracy in record numbers.

Citizens went to schools, community buildings and city halls all around the country to exercise one of the rights so dearly paid for by American soldiers for over 200 years: the right to vote.

Americans had two options Tuesday as they went to the polls, and they strongly, soundly and rightly chose one option over the other.

George W. Bush proclaimed a message of hope; hope for the future, hope at home, and hope abroad. John Kerry peddled a message of deception and despair; America is going through the second Great Depression at home and is struggling abroad.

It was a fascinating day with a photo finish that proved that good things come to those who wait.

America waited through the night, watching and waiting on Ohio. Would it turn into the same debacle Florida

was four years ago? Lawyers for both sides were ready to make and defend their cases on recounts and voting issues.

Then as America awakened Wednesday morning, the report was clear: Ohio had gone to Bush. No recount needed. For its patience, America was rewarded with four more years of prosperity under the strong, hopeful leadership of George W. Bush.

It is a very gratifying feeling to know that my support of the Bush-Cheney campaign made a difference. I've supported President Bush since he was first elected in 2000. As a third grader, for what it's worth, I was an enthusiastic supporter of George Bush and Dan Quayle's failed re-election attempt. When I cast my vote Tuesday afternoon in my first general election, I felt a particular sense of dignity and honor enjoying one of the freedoms my father and grandfather, and many other people's fathers and grandfathers, fought for. And when I watched the networks put up West Virginia in the Bush column early in the evening, I felt proud knowing that something I did made a difference.

While it has to be disappointing for my peers on the other side of the political spectrum, I would hope that they don't lose heart. Even though there were many times where we

became frustrated, even angry, at one another, it was a good race and had a lot of high points along the way. There was never a lack of students ready to greet either candidate during numerous visits to different locations around West Virginia.

Now everything is over. Signs will be coming down, dorm window decorations will be removed and life will go on. But with the tensions that ran so high at times during the race, many in America have been divided. I implore all of America to put away these divisions. And why shouldn't we, as students, make the first move? We go to class together, live together and are part of the same community of education. It's ridiculous for us to carry around grudges and hatred for one another. Let's come together now, as an example to the rest.

I ask my colleagues in the Republican party to approach this victory and celebration with due grace and candor. No one likes a sore winner. I would also like to remind my peers in the Democratic party that no one likes a sore loser. Defeat should be taken with the same dignity as victory.

These are bright days for America. In this victory President Bush has been given a trust and a mandate from the American people, and he will live up to that as he guides this amazing country into further prosperity.

Candidates must be stronger in 2008

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(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — It wasn't easy to choose.

Not for many of us and not for our country.

As they lined up to vote over the past two weeks, Americans waited anxiously to see who would be their next powerful leader.

And then they realized a powerful leader wasn't an option.

The last two presidential elections have not come

down to which candidate was the best, but instead to which candidate was not the worst.

We are the most powerful country in the world. We are on the brink of discovery and the brink of exploration. We need an obvious leader. But our two-party system didn't offer us one.

Neither presidential candidate managed to win the American people's hearts and minds, and now we're stuck with another election that was not completed on the day it should have been — Election Day.

Regardless of who wins this year's election, close to half the country will be disappointed. Disappointment is inevitable when politics are involved, but usually a distinct majority gets what it wants.

Not this time. Four years from now, we want to be able to vote for someone about whom we are passionate.

President Bush has done some good things while in office, but judging from the close election this year, he hasn't done enough. And Sen. John Kerry simply has

not established himself as a strong Democratic candidate.

We want someone who, while he or she might not stand for everything we stand for, will unite the country, rather than divide it along party lines. He or she should make people leap across partisan lines because they believe he or she will lead them.

We have to make it through the next four years. But let's hope that in 2008 there is a candidate who people can be proud to stand for, and not just stand with.

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CAMPUS TALK

MARSHALL STUDENTS SOUND OFF

How do you feel about Bush retaining office for four more years?



"It's scary for someone who is going to graduate soon because our economy is in a horrible state."

— Annie Hines,
Senior

"The country hasn't gone the right way in the past four years and I don't see why re-electing him is going to help anything out."

— Antonio Young
Freshman



"I feel that Bush got us in this mess and he's probably the best one to be able to get us out."

— Mark Allison,
Senior



compiled by Rasmli Sporny

LETTERS to the editor

Male sensitivity nonexistent

Where has sensitivity gone? Let me explain what I mean. Now I'm a guy who loves women, but I was listening to this hip-hop song the other night, and I came to the conclusion that this certain rapper believed he was better than the women of which he was speaking. To tell you the truth, if a woman were to address this artist in a similar manner, I'm almost certain he would be angry.

What is it with men these days? Maybe it's our egos, or

maybe it's MTV, or maybe its Friday night frat parties with the boys. But no matter what the cause, one thing is certain — male sensitivity is now gone. Not only in hip-hop music, but in all areas of entertainment, we see it everyday: women as objects. To the modern man, women have become nothing more than a "good feeling", or even worse, "a game." But as they say, "I'm a player!" Well, guess what guys? I'm not playing.

I have to be honest with you; I don't think I could survive without the love, friendship, affection and depth found within the relationship I share with my fiancé. What I am trying to say, I suppose, is that on behalf of the male species, to women everywhere: I am sorry, we were wrong, please forgive us.

Jordan Andrews
Undecided freshman,
Barboursville, W.Va.

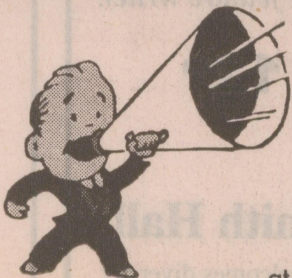
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Making a splash in 2004-05



Senior swimmer Erika Nilsson set a Marshall record in the 1,000-yard freestyle in the season's second meet.

photo by Matt Riley

Senior Erika Nilsson and the Herd travel to Toledo to match-up with the Rockets

by GRANT TRAYLOR
reporter

The Marshall University swimming and diving program has enjoyed success early this season with victories at home, but the team takes its undefeated record on the road to take on Toledo and Eastern Michigan this weekend.

Marshall's season started with a splash against Youngstown State and Radford at the Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium. The Herd squad defeated YSU 210-90 and followed that up with a 211-88 victory over the Highlanders.

The Herd followed that up with convincing victories over WVU (159-66) and Xavier (173-62) to set the stage for the undefeated squad to hit the road with confidence.

Marshall hits the road against a Toledo squad that has not had a match since they defeated Findlay on Oct. 22. Toledo barely finished ahead of Marshall last year, winning 167-125 at Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium.

The Herd does have the advantage of returning swimmers Milla Kuurto and Erika Nilsson from last year's team. Kuurto and Nilsson are coming off per-

“Casey qualifying for zones in only the second meet of the season is a great accomplishment.”

— Leonard Kraus, swimming coach

formances in which they both set school records against West Virginia and Xavier.

Kuurto set the new Marshall record in the 400-yard individual medley by achieving a time of 4:28.74. That was one of three first place finishes for Kuurto on the day as she also won the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard butterfly.

Nilsson established a new 1000-yard freestyle record by beating her previous time of 10:16.00, according to ww.herdzone.com.

The Herd also returns Casey Mulholland, who is undefeated in diving competition this season at the 1-meter and 3-meter levels. Mulholland's score of 275.25, earned during the meet with West Virginia and Xavier, qualified her for the NCAA Diving Zones.

“Casey qualifying for zones in only the second meet of the season is a great accomplishment,” swimming coach Leonard

Marshall defeated the Penguins 210-90 and came back to beat Radford 211-89.

The trio will lead the Herd into the match at Toledo at 4 p.m. on Friday before the Herd travels to Ypsilanti, Mich. for Saturday's meet with the Eastern Michigan Eagles. That match is slated to begin at 1 p.m. at the Michael H. Jones Natatorium.

This weekend starts a seven-meet road swing for the Herd.

Kraus said in an interview with www.herdzone.com.

Marshall also won its season-opener against Youngstown State and Radford at the Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium on Oct. 17.



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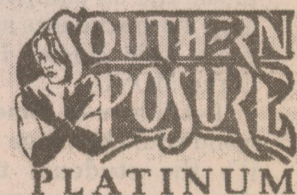
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The little Marshall that could

Marshall Mid-Ohio Valley Center a growing success

story by Larry A. Crum

As Marshall University continues its campaign for national prominence, one of their off campus companions continues growing as well as adding students and classes every semester.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant has grown from holding Marshall classes in a local high school to its current multi-million dollar facility where over 1,500 students are currently enrolled.

The centers success comes from a dedicated staff who work every day to see the off campus site grow and help more students accomplish their goals, said Homer Preece, director of the MOVC.

"I still love to come to work, it's a wonderful challenge for us here, but it's the students that give that desire to continue working on their behalf," Preece said.

Preece has been the director of the site since 1994 when they first began offering classes. He continues to be active with numerous activities on both campuses, staying an active part of the school he graduated from.

The MOVC was established in 1994 with a total of eleven students taking classes in the local high school and career center. As enrollment increased, there was a need for a new facility and in January of 2000, the new MOVC building opened its doors to students.

One interesting part of this campus is the wide range of students who attend, Preece said. Non-traditional students as well as traditional students, some who attend the main campus and others from

around the region, share the same classes and learn from teachers as well as each other.

Tebaliah Casto, a junior education major from Leon lives in Huntington and takes Marshall classes but last semester she found herself driving to the MOVC campus once a week to attend a class.

"I needed the class and by taking it at the MOVC it allowed for a smaller class size and I enjoyed the people up there," Casto said.

Other students, such as Adam Watson, a junior education major from Point Pleasant, said that staying home and taking classes at the MOVC as well as in Huntington allows him to save money.

In fact, Preece said with today's educational costs being what they are, staying home could be a plus for students.

"These kids are smart and they know that housing is expensive and by staying home they can save," Preece said.

Despite these people attending classes, the most common student at the MOVC continues to be the non-traditional student.

With Mason County having one of the highest unemployment rates in the state, people come back for further schooling or to take higher education courses for the first time.

The campus offers a number of classes and degree programs. The most recent addition to the list of degrees offered at the MOVC is three new masters programs in nursing administration, nursing education and family nurse practitioner.

One advantage of the campus is its association with the local Pleasant Valley Hospital that works with the nursing students. The hospital can also help monitor the student and give them direction.

Even as the MOVC continues to grow, the campus is not finished. Recent purchases have allowed for more parking spaces for students and other additions.

The campus also has plans to expand on the building. Some classes still have lab work at the high school and Preece said he would like to bring those labs and more classrooms to the site.

He said the need for more classrooms is obvious because classes are filling up during the day, night and even Saturdays. There are also plans to purchase land beside the site to expand even more in the future.

"The relationship between the main campus and us is tremendous and it helps make these plans possible," Preece said.

It is that closeness between the campuses that makes the students at the MOVC feel a real part of Marshall.

Events such as recent homecoming activities at the MOVC and other past events where Dr. Dan Angel, basketball players and even Marco have visited, all of which has made the off campus site feel welcome.

As the MOVC continues to grow and join the main campus in a campaign for prominence, it truly has become the Marshall that can and will continue into the future.

