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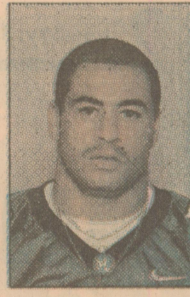
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JMC prof gets grant to teach non-profit news

by ALYSON M. DOYLE
reporter

A visiting professor is receiving a \$500,000 grant over the next four years, from a national foundation, that will provide funding to continue the only nationally-offered program to further educate journalists who cover the nonprofit sector.

Burnis R. Morris, associate professor of journalism and Carter G. Woodson chairman, proposed a program that would coach journalists to better understand how to cover nonprofits, by teaching them how nonprofit organizations operate.

Morris asked for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation's support, through funding, and it was granted—twice. In 2001, \$338,000 was awarded and now the Knight Foundation's funding of Morris' program totals \$838,000, the press release stated.

Morris said most journalism education is focused on the coverage of the first and second sectors, public and private. There has been no such curriculum specifically designed to train journalists who cover the nonprofit sector, a third sector, until this program.

"This program is the only one of its kind in the whole country," Morris said.

A nonprofit angle exists on every beat,

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Professor to file appeal

by MANDY E. LESTER
reporter

A former Integrated Science professor is fighting his dismissal—and he's taking the fight to Kanawha County Circuit Court.

The appeal was denied at the Level IV court hearing.

"It's getting harder and harder to convince judges at Level IV," Joseph Wyatt, chair of Marshall University American Federation of Teachers, who is representing Blanchetot, said. "The merits of our cases are as good as they ever were, or better. The judges have been more aligned

with administration."

Dr. Alain Blanchetot was hired at Marshall in 2002, and dismissed after the fall 2003 semester because he was not "collegial," according to Wyatt.

In an earlier Level IV decision, Brozik v. Marshall, it was determined that "collegiality" could not be used as criterion

for faculty evaluation.

"Collegiality" appears to be a big factor in my termination," Blanchetot said. "According to the perception from [Ralph] Taylor and [Joseph] Bragin there is a lack of collegiality on my part and this contributed a

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Aiming for the corner

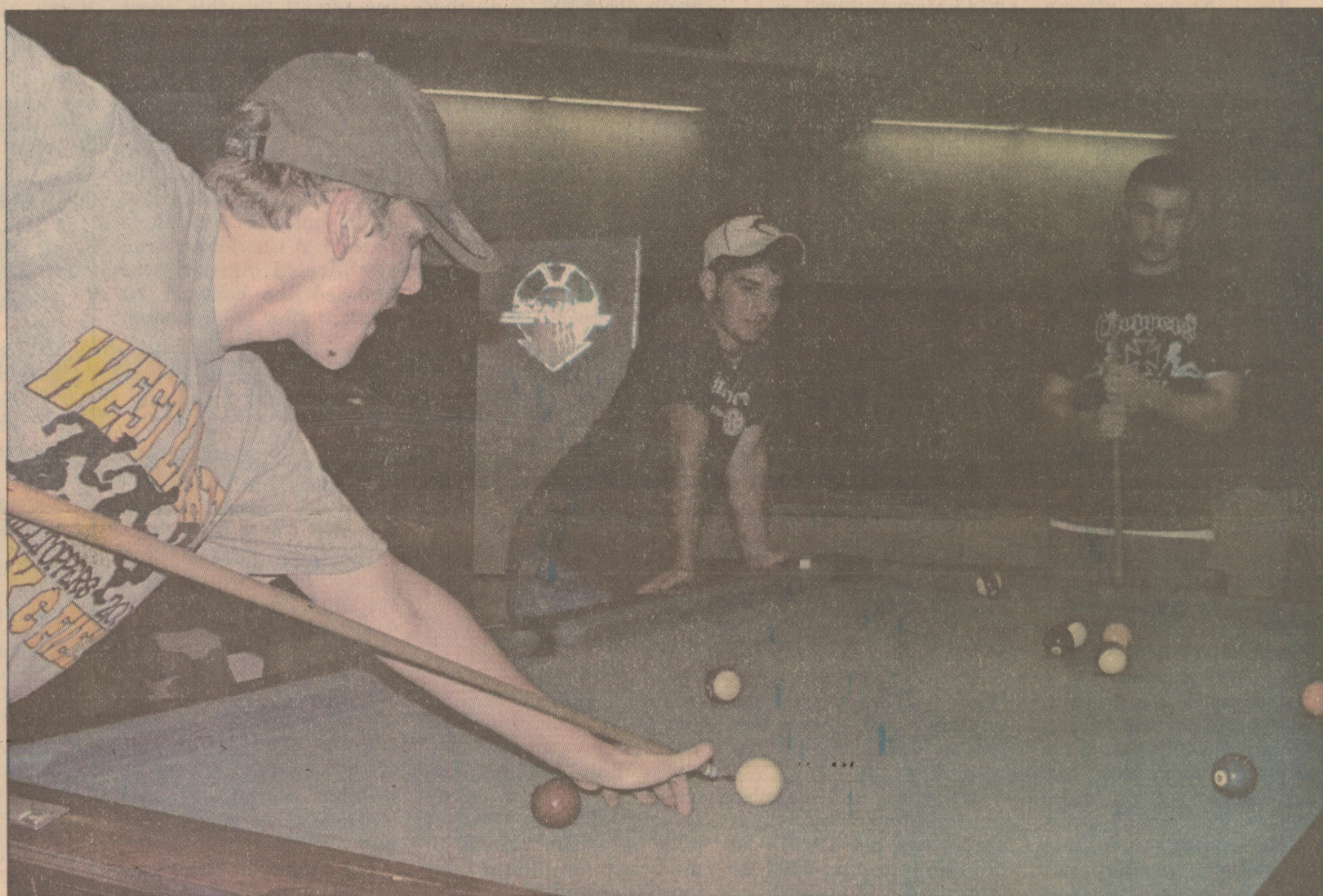


photo by Amy Persinger

Cameron High School seniors Trevor Roupe, Jessie Stoneking and Mark Earnest take advantage of Marco's facilities after taking the campus tour. Marco's is located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center and features pool and ping pong tables and arcade video games.

Griffin shows talent on and off the field

by JENNIFER BAILEYS
reporter

Nate Griffin is a six-foot five 334 pound senior offensive lineman, but cracking helmets is not the only sound he is making.

When Griffin is not on the field he can be found playing a tune on the piano, a talent that runs in the family.

"My older brother started playing and he plays by ear and he got really into it and that being my older brother I wanted to do what he did," Griffin said.

He started playing when he was 17 years old and after he learned how to hear the music, he said he never stopped.

"It is my little place of worship where I can sort of get away from everything else and whatever else is going on in the day to just meditate on Christ."

After a hard day on the football field, Griffin said playing the piano is one of the ways he can relax.

"I always got a lot of stuff going on with school and football, I am always on the go and I will either go into the Christian Center or go

home after a day and just play," he said.

Griffin's abilities on the field caught the eyes of herd fans and his musical talent is all the buzz in Smith Music Hall.

"I asked him to play in class one day and he started playing all this wonderful gospel kind of jazzy style of music on the piano," Wendell Dobbs, professor of music, said.

Dobbs said Griffin's musical talent was not only a big surprise to him, but also the entire class.

"His fingers are really larger than the key board so it was amazing to me that he could play and it was extraordinary the way he got around on the key board," Dobbs said.

Road trips are part of life as a football player and that means taking his piano playing ability with him.

"The team will go on a trip and a piano will be in the hotel, and I will find myself downstairs on the piano. A couple of guys will walk by, the next thing you know there is about 10 or

Please see **MUSICIAN, P5**

SAPB polls to select comedian for spring

by KEVIN A. PACK
reporter

It is time to vote—again. But this time, no political parties are involved. The Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) is giving all Marshall University students a chance to help choose the comedic act that will entertain students during the spring semester.

A ballot is located in today's final fall 2004 edition of The Parthenon that lists 10 comedians. Students should vote for up to two comedians and then tear out the ballot. Voting for only one is permissible. A large gray box labeled "SAPB 2005 Comedy" is located on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center, ready to overflow with requests.

The 10 comedians listed on the ballot were comprised by past surveys conducted by the SAPB. The top two comedians will be announced next semester.

Mage Hensel, SAPB Adviser, said some negative feedback had been



received about the types of entertainment being brought to campus. Therefore, he said a new approach is being taken for spring 2005.

"I don't think the programming board has paid enough attention to students in the past," Hensel said. "While the SAPB did a great job planning events this semester, it's time to give students a voice in our entertainment and time for us to move on to bigger and better things."

However, Hensel said he discourages voting from students who are unfamiliar with the comedians on the ballot in order to ensure the most accurate representation of who the campus chooses.

Britney Harper, SAPB President, said the pro-

gramming board tried online voting one semester but received low turnout because not all students were familiar with electronic voting.

The SAPB had numerous events this semester, but one in particular was deemed most successful by both Hensel and Harper.

Mentalist and Marshall graduate Craig Karges drew the largest crowd of the semester Oct 18, with about 500 students. Students who missed Karges this year should be on the watch for him to invade campus again next fall.

Harper said the programming board made a mistake in scheduling comedic duo Alfred and

Please see **SAPB, P5**

Tree sale raises funds for charity

by ALYSON M. DOYLE
reporter

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State needs volunteers to show, sell and load Christmas trees during their 24th annual Christmas tree sale, which begins Saturday.

"Take a break from the hustle and bustle to help a family pick out the perfect tree," said fifth-year volunteer, Marlene Sims of North Western Mutual.

"It's a chance to share holiday spirit with the community."

For the sale to run smoothly, 600 volunteers are required, said Patti Price, Big Brothers Big Sisters director. Volunteers work three-hour shifts.

All money generated from the sale is used to service the at-risk children involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters' programs, Price said. The sale usually generates

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Annual contest teaches equality

by ERICA R. DELIGNE
reporter

The 2004-2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Awards competition recognizes students' creative art talents, which are focused on this year's theme of "Fifty Years After Brown v. Board of Education: What Have We Learned?"

Every level of education, including elementary, middle school, high school, undergraduate and graduate, according to Marshall's

Web site,
www.marshall.edu.

Students can submit any original work of art such as a painting, drawing, montage, computer graphic, videotape, a video or audio tape of an original musical composition; or an original essay, poem, short story or one-act play, according to the Web site.

The deadline for submissions is December 31, winners will be announced in January 2005, according to the Web site.

Students submit their work to Dr. Christina Murphy, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Murphy said last year a total of 76 students entered the contest in all the categories combined.

"This is an excellent awards competition for involving the community in exploring issues associated with the life and legacy of Dr. King," Murphy said.

"This competition is now in its 12th year, and well over 1,000 students and

their teachers have participated in that time, so there is no question that this competition continues to engage students and teachers in understanding Dr. King's ideas and relevance of his ideas to contemporary times," she said.

Sara Jane Bailey, a Huntington senior majoring in nursing, said the competition is a great way to get students thinking about our country's history.

"It gets students thinking

about the issue of equality and what steps we have taken in history to get where we are today," Bailey said. "We cannot forget those who helped our country change, such as Dr. King and Rosa Parks among the many."

The awards for first place include: \$1,000 Graduate, \$1,000 Undergraduate, \$300 High School, \$50 Middle School and \$25 Elementary School, according to the Web site.

The Awards Recognition

Ceremony will be held on Monday, January 17, 2005, at the Memorial Service for Dr. King, according to the Web site.

This year's speaker will be Rev. Dr. Teresa Snorton, the executive director of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education in Decatur, Ga.

Last year's speaker was Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Pastor of the nationally renowned Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City.

State projects to receive federal aid

CHARLESTON (AP)—West Virginia will get millions of federal dollars for highways, sewers and other projects under spending bills approved by Congress. The funding includes \$75 million for the ongoing upgrade of the Marmet Lock and Dam; more than \$40 million for highway projects, and nearly \$13 million to upgrade water and sewer systems in northern West Virginia.

Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., said the Marmet Lock and Dam project had faced a potential shortfall of \$10 million to \$15 million.

"The Marmet Lock and Dam project will receive an additional \$75 million so the Army Corps of Engineers can avoid slowing down the project schedule or be forced to lay off employees. The new lock is

essential to the efficient flow of commerce on the Kanawha River," Capito said.

Highway projects receiving funding include \$15 million for construction of the King Coal Highway, \$15 million to upgrade State Route 10 in Logan County; \$10 million to upgrade State Route 9 in Berkeley and Jefferson counties; and \$3 million to expand and improve U.S. 35 in Mason and Putnam counties.

"The current project of Route 10 is a dangerous one that needs to be fixed. Southern West Virginians have had to put up with poor roads and highways for too long," Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said. "West Virginians deserve a road system that is safe, efficient, and modern, and an upgraded Route 10 is a key piece of that system."

Manchin lukewarm about decisions

CHARLESTON (AP)—Gov.-elect Joe Manchin would prefer that the Wise administration abandon a recently canceled, \$3.2 million state advertising contract that prompted squabbling among the bidding public relations firms.

"I'm coming in right now, so let's just hold off. I'm the one who has to implement it," Manchin told The Associated Press in a Monday interview. "Hold the wagon for another month or so. Let's look at this."

Manchin is similarly lukewarm about talk of another special legislative session before Gov. Bob Wise leaves office in January.

"I've asked everybody as much as possible to hold the line, just hold the line at this point in time," Manchin said.

Wise yanked a judicial pay raise bill off the agenda for the session he convened last week. Meanwhile, Lewis County voters' approval of a proposed casino at the old

I'm coming in right now, so let's just hold off. I'm the one who has to implement it.

— Joe Manchin, Governor-elect

Weston Hospital has heartened advocates of casino-style table games at racetracks. They want a bill allowing voters in the host-counties to decide the issue.

"We haven't talked about something along those lines in December," Manchin said of Wise. "I'm sure that if he has serious thoughts about that or desires to do something, he'll let me know and we'll sit down and talk about it."

As part of Wise's regular session agenda this year, lawmakers authorized the ad contract to promote the state's image as a business location. A Charleston firm, The Arnold Agency, was awarded the contract on Sept. 20 after an evaluation

committee ruled it was the only company to comply with bid specifications.

Two of the other four bidders questioned the award and filed a protest with the state Purchasing Division. Calling the committee's evaluation "fatally flawed," state Purchasing Director David Tinchler canceled the contract.

Development Office Director David Satterfield,

whose office would oversee the contract, agreed with that move. But he also favors preparing a new request for proposals and another round of bids.

Wise Chief of Staff Alex Macia said the governor would not call a special session for pay raises. As for a table games measure, "we're not looking to call one," Macia said.

"It's something we've always kept an eye on," Macia said of special sessions. "He would certainly consider calling one if the need arose and there was consensus with legislative leadership."

High school students rewarded for healthy lifestyles

by CHRIS DICKSON
reporter

A project launched in October by the Southwestern Area Health Education Center is promoting a healthy competition, in the literal sense, between area high school students.

A team of future health care professionals is gathering information from students at three local high schools, Spring Valley, Wayne and Point Pleasant.

The assessment includes a wellness profile form, weight, height and blood pressure checks. After the team analyzes the data, they will devise interventions to improve student wellness.

"Students will be given pedometers to track their movement," Dr. Andrew Foy, a third year family practice resident from Marshall University, said.

The object of this Healthy Rivalry Project is to encourage high school students to pursue a more healthy, active lifestyle.

— Dr. Joseph Wyatt, MU-AFT faculty chairman

"They will have speakers, brochures and other activities to encourage healthy living."

The school with the most improvement by next spring will get a series of awards, including \$500 for their school.

"The object of this Healthy Rivalry Project is to encourage high school students to pursue a more healthy, active lifestyle," Debbie Curry, executive director of the Area Health Education Center, said. "It will also give the intervention team a chance to study this issue and make a difference through their efforts."

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"It will give medical students hands-on experience," Foy said. "The Healthy Rivalry Project will help the school of medicine students get more involved in the community."

"This is the fifth interdisciplinary team the Area Health Education Center has sent into the

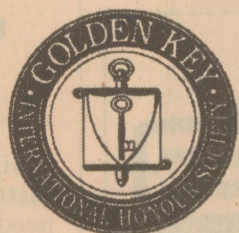
community over the last 15 months, but the first to involve area high schools," Curry said.

The team consists of a leader, Foy, two medical students, a nursing student and five pre-med students.

"This is a very positive experience for everyone involved," Foy said.

"I am glad that it seems to be accepted so well by students and hope it turns into something bigger," Foy said.

The project is being conducted by the Southwestern Area Health Education Center with assistance from the medical schools Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health.



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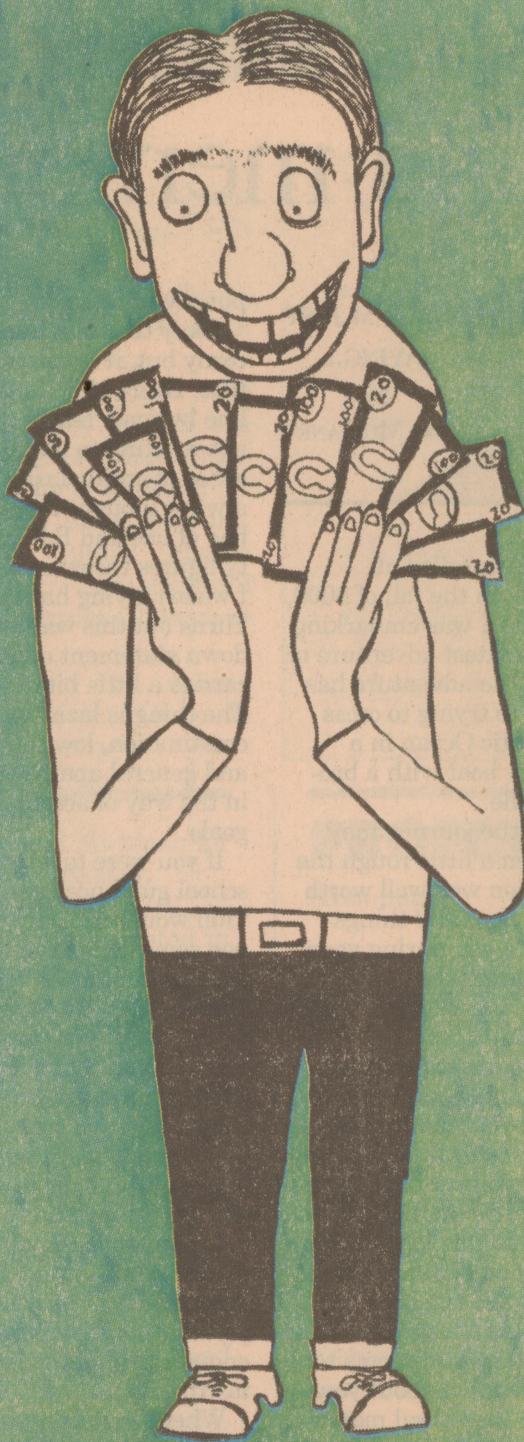
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Honor code does not cut the mustard

One might find it odd if, when they showed up on Election Day in the city of Huntington, they were given the option to vote for candidates in Parkersburg or Charleston.

What would be even stranger is if voters in Wisconsin were given the option to decide who should be West Virginia's next governor.

The strangest would be if voters in England were allowed to decide on America's next president.

As strange as all these scenarios sound, that's exactly what's happening in the Student Senate elections right now.

It's currently possible to vote for any college of choice that has a candidate running. And considering that many schools don't have senators up for election (including our own dear W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communication), this means many people will probably be switching over to other schools to vote.

In our opinion, it's not right for students to be picking leaders for other constituents.

Is Brad Williams representing the School of Nursing? In the grander sense, yes, because it is the charge of all members of SGA to make choices that will benefit the student body the most. However in the practical sense, he doesn't. Members of the College of Liberal Arts elected him (and are now voting on his re-election) to promote their best interests.

The SGA says students are supposed to operate on an "honor code" and only vote for their college representation, and not others.

If political science has taught us anything, it is that people have, for one reason or another, an inexplicably immeasurable desire to cheat in elections.

There has to be something more than the "honor system" that is in place to get students to vote in their proper schools. Something must be enacted to recognize which college the student belongs to. The ridiculousness of the current voting process cannot be allowed to go on for much longer.

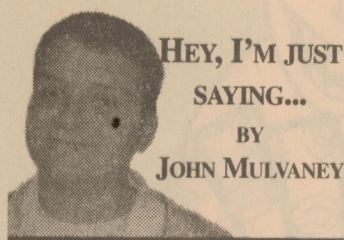
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Fond memories and farewells



HEY, I'M JUST SAYING...

BY JOHN MULVANEY

When I enrolled at Marshall, in the fall of 2000, I was sure I was embarking on the greatest adventure of my life. The adventure has equated to trying to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a leaky row boat with a broken paddle.

While the journey may have been a little rough the destination was well worth the trip. So many things happen to you during your college career that reflecting on them as a whole is a difficult task.

I've progressed from an eager, gullible, know-it-all eighteen-year-old freshman to a lazy, cynical, know-it-all twenty-two-year-old almost-graduate. So many students have made this long journey with me, all of us in some fashion have changed.

Four and a half years of a college education seems to teach you more about yourself than the actual material you constantly put off studying. For instance: I didn't know I was physically capable of going 56 hours without sleep. I didn't know I liked barbeque until I ate at Buddy's All-American Barbeque and I had no clue that I could do anything if I

put my mind to it.

Okay that last line was corny but, it is somewhat true. Every child is fed this line by some teacher or parent wanting to instill a sense of enthusiasm. I always thought it was some bag of lies and B.S. authority figures threw at me when I wasn't trying hard enough. Turns out this watered-down statement of optimism carries a little bit of weight. The thing is laziness, procrastination, low self-esteem and general apathy just get in the way of accomplishing goals.

If you were told by a high school guidance counselor: "You would be lucky to last one semester at community college and college really isn't for everyone dear." And you proceed to go to school anyway and manage to graduate... It is because at some point you concentrated on succeeding. Therefore you really can do anything if you put your mind to it.

Throughout the course of my Marshall career it is easy to pick out several people that have been nice enough to plug the holes in my row boat.

When I reflect on my time here its these people that highlight my memories. They are the individuals I will miss most.

—This is where I get really sappy. —

First and foremost on the list of "thank-yous" for any person that accomplishes a

sizeable task is their parents. I'm no different. Keith and CeCe Mulvaney are the two greatest influences in my life. They always have been and always will be. My mother and father have provided me with everything I've ever needed to succeed, even when it required them to make a sacrifice. Every time I doubted myself they were there to pick me up and encourage me. More than anything they taught me to take pride in respect and protect the greatest thing they have ever been able to afford to give me: my family name.

Second, and academically most important: Professor Dan Hollis. Widely known as the university's loudest and most spastic classroom speaker, he has kept me on the right path. If this has been a journey, he has been my crazy navigator. Dan is has kept me on the right path academically and sometimes emotionally. He is so much more than a professor. He has served as my teacher, counselor and my friend. I have never met a faculty member more accessible to students. There is no person at this university I respect more. Thank-you Dan, you do more for your students than you may every realize.

There are certainly other members of the faculty I would hate to leave out. Prof. Marilyn McClure, for putting up with my loud

mouth in the newsroom; Instructor Sandy "my unofficial advisor" Savage, for always telling me more than I should know; the late Dr. Hal Shaver, he'll always be missed; there rest of the JMC staff and finally Dr. Simon Perry, whose ham sandwich story I will never grow tired of hearing.

As for friends, there are so many that have made this trip worth while. Brandon Dingess, a decent roommate and a great friend; Kip Bodnar, who always told me video games and barbeques are more important than homework; Matt Riley, the best roommate and travel companion a \$25 steak dinner can buy; Bob Shields and the Parthenon staff, I have spent so much time at the newspaper in my time here not because I wanted to but, because of the quality of people I was able to work with.

I will always look back on my time at Marshall with fond memories. I love this school and I will miss it dearly.

You may not realize right now how much you appreciate this university and the people that populate it but, when it comes time to leave you will. The things that you think will take forever, i.e. four years of college, always pass to quickly to be properly appreciated.

Thank-you Marshall, all of you.

LETTERS to the editor

Controversy follows speaker

I write as a concerned citizen about the speaking engagement of Kent "Dr. Dino" Hovind at the Christian Center.

I feel it my duty as a student on this campus to alert the Christian Center to the fact that they are being conned by a quack. But don't take my word for it, take the word of other Christians. I realize I make a very serious accusation, and I would never make this without evidence. I have no desire to see the reputations of good Christians smeared by this con artist.

He had been confronted by an evangelist named Dr. James A. Smith, PE on his lectures, which often are comprised of Straw Men and attacks ad hominem. He smears the name of evolutionists and any person who has the guts to oppose him. I am opposing him as a former Christian who left the church because of hypocrites such as him.

<http://www.geocities.com/kenthovind/christian/rebuttal19th.htm>

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<http://www.geocities.com/kenthovind/christian/mail.htm> (This last link is an actual correspondence with Hovind)

http://home.austarnet.com.au/stear/bartelt_dissertation_on_hovind_thesis.htm (Info. on his dissertation)

In addition, he has even been refuted by other Creationists:

Then there are his credentials...he claims to be a Ph.D with a science background. He claims he taught science in a high school classroom for 15 years. His Ph.D. is in Christian Education from Patriot University, which is an unaccredited technical school. He has had only one person, Wayne Knight, review his dissertation, and won't release his dissertation. On top of that, he claims it is unfinished.

Now, I know there are some people going for their Ph.Ds. This should be setting off all sorts of alarms.

1) Ph.D dissertations are peer-reviewed by at least three committee members in the field of interest.

2) Once a dissertation is released, it becomes public domain. Meaning the public has to be able to see it.

3) If the dissertation is unfinished, he can't be a Ph.D.

I am only doing this because I have no wish to allow his lies to extend to this campus. Not on my campus, and not if I can help it.

<http://www.geocities.com/kenthovind/>

This site reveals many of the lies of Kent Hovind.

I am only doing my duty as a human being in attempting to end this nonsense.

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"The Herd's 10 wins in '97, which was the most ever for a first year division one program."

—Illegal Ben,
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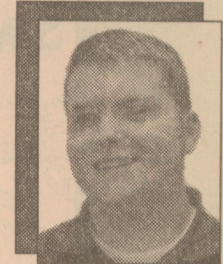
"Watching Chad and Randy lead the Herd to victory in the '97 Snow Bowl."

—Cara Bailey
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"An injured Byron Leftwich being carried down the field by his offense linemen."

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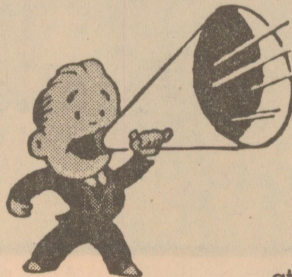
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Extra stress accompanies finals

by **ALYSON M. DOYLE**
reporter

No sleep, cramming, 12-page paper—where is the caffeine? Welcome to the most stressful weeks of student life! Dead week followed by finals week, every college student's dream come true.

Marshall University Counselor Linda Stockwell said the campus counseling center's busiest times come at the beginning of the year, midterm time and dead week. The majority of students who come in during

dead week have come to the conclusion that there are consequences to not keeping up with school work throughout the semester, Stockwell said.

Stockwell said most students realize their stress is a short-term problem and feel better once they have plotted out time to study for each exam.

For some freshman, this year is the first time they have had to take a final examination. Freshman Stephanie Hill never had to take a final exam in high school and said she now

wishes she had.

"I feel high school did not prepare me for college," Hill said.

Freshman Claire Sellards, who also never had finals in high school, agrees.

"Midterms kicked my butt," Sellards said. "I can only imagine what finals will do. I am so stressed."

For final exam veterans, such as junior Manda Pawelczyk, this stressful time mirrors previous semesters.

"Here we go again," Pawelczyk said. "I'll be up cramming all night."

Ways college students can reduce stress

- Make a "to do" list and organize your time
- Break big jobs into smaller more manageable tasks
- Exercise everyday
- Sleep. Try to get at least six hours a night
- Take ten to 30 minute breaks
- Eliminate distractions
- Reward yourself when a task is complete
- Eat a balanced diet
- Think optimistically

—compiled by the University of Pittsburgh Health Services

SAPB

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Seymour the same night as alternative band 2 Skinny Dorks. She said the diverse styles of the acts conflicted with the audience and that only about 20 students stayed to hear the band perform.

For spring 2005, students can look forward to a battle of the bands, big-name comedians, the annual Rap Olympics, and of course, a few unexpected surprises. Stay tuned.

TREES

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between \$36,000 and \$38,000, she said.

"You are going to buy a Christmas tree anyway, why not help out a great organization," Bauer said.

One mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to fill the void that a single-parent or no-parent home creates by matching the child with a mentor, said volunteer John Bauer. White pines, Scotch pines, Fraser firs and Christmas wreaths will be shipped in from tree plantations in

Virginia and Michigan for the sale, Price said.

The 1,600 trees will be divided up and located in three designated parking lots. Lot one is located at the former Wal-Mart on Route 60. Lot two is at B&B on First Avenue in Huntington. Lot three is at the Ashland Tennis Center on 13th Street in Ashland.

Christmas tree sale hours are Monday to Friday, 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For volunteer information, contact Patti Price at (304) 522-2191.

PROFESSOR

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Morris said. Americans give their money and time to nonprofit organizations and rarely see or read about the impact their donation has made.

"It is my commitment, as an educator, to improve education in areas that journalists typically overlook," Morris said.

Morris, who serves as the program's director, began piecing the program together while a professor at Louisiana State University in 1992.

Morris said when the Knight Foundation awarded the first grant of \$338,000, the funds were used to organize and present five-day workshops, which were held at the University of Mississippi's Oxford campus. According to the press

release, workshops at Oxford involve discussions which include philanthropy, charities, trends in the nonprofit sector, tax returns and financial analysis.

Seventy journalists, representing 60 news organizations, which have circulation or viewer-ship of about 25 million people, have attended the program's workshops, Morris said.

The \$500,000 from the second grant is being used to implicate the program nationally through conferences, as well as continuing workshops, Morris said.

In December, a nonprofit themed conference will be held in Washington, D.C., Morris said. Titled, "Headlines to Write in 2005," the conference will cover the major issues affecting nonprofit organizations and provide a comprehensive look at the impact the election will have on the third sector.

The conference is the first nonprofit program to be held outside of Mississippi. Morris said 40 journalists have committed to this exclusive-first seminar.

"Even getting 20 journalists together in one place is an accomplishment; we can declare victory right now," Morris said.

According to the press release, Hodding Carter, III, president and CEO of the Knight Foundation said, "This program has made great strides in helping America's journalists—and by extension their readers and viewers and listeners—understand the scope, depth and importance of the nonprofit sector."

Over the past 50 years, The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has invested about \$250 million to further journalism education and excellence, the press release stated.

APPEAL

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lot in my termination."

Ralph Taylor was the chair of the IST department during Blanchetot's evaluation period, but stepped down last spring. Joseph Bragin is the dean of the College of Science. Both refused to comment for this story.

Another problem for Blanchetot was his contract, which said in part he would receive \$63,000 for genetics equipment. He only received \$6,100.

"My problems started just after the year I wrote several memos to Taylor and Bragin requesting to fulfill the terms of my contract," Blanchetot said. "Bragin knew that my contract represented a modest fraction of what he was offering to other faculty working in the same area but he decided to do nothing to rectify my situa-

tion. I realized very quickly that I was going to be in a difficult situation."

Other reasons for Blanchetot's dismissal, according to a brief taken by the West Virginia Education and State Employee Grievance Board, were the ratings Blanchetot received at the end of his first year at Marshall—the only ones used as grounds in his dismissal.

The student evaluations were "not good," according to Wyatt. But the faculty evaluations of Blanchetot's teaching skills by Taylor and Bragin were rated as "good."

Taylor wrote, "I have observed Dr. Blanchetot in his freshman class. He seems to have a pretty good rapport with them." Bragin wrote, "As one of only two faculty in the Biotechnology track and with his considerable experience in the discipline, Dr. Blanchetot's participation in and contribution to discussions and deci-

sions on the curriculum, philosophy and operation of this program are critical."

According to the Level IV decision, Blanchetot failed to establish "prima facie" which is Latin for "At first sight." A prima facie case presents enough evidence for the plaintiff to win the case, saying there are no defenses or additional evidence presented by the defendant.

David Harris, director of Equity Programs and associate director of Human Resource Services monitors cases to make sure the grievance is given due process.

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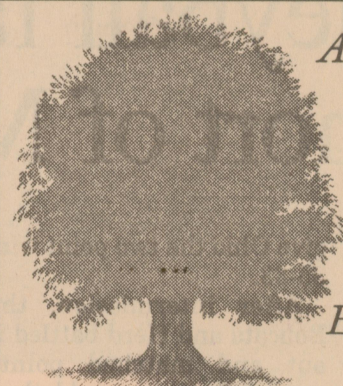
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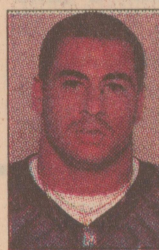


Records fall against WMU

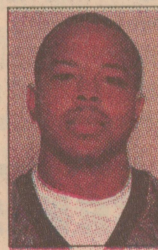
Single season MAC sack leader

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16 sacks
2 def. touchdowns



Goddard



Davis

All-time MAC receptions leader

season stats:

81 receptions
847 yards
7 touchdowns
71 yards/game

courtesy of
Herdzone.com

HUNTINGTON — Senior defensive end Jonathan Goddard continued to shine, while freshman Ahmad Bradshaw rushed for 145 yards, and Earl Charles scored on a 49-yard run in the final minute to help the Thundering Herd to a 31-21 victory over Western Michigan on Saturday.

Marshall (6-5, 6-2), playing its MAC regular season finale before moving to Conference USA next year, extended the nation's fifth longest consecutive non-losing season's streak and kept its bowl hopes alive with the win. Marshall has not posted a losing record in football since 1983.

Goddard, a Bronko Nagurski Trophy Finalist, amassed 3.5 sacks, in the winning effort to increase his NCAA leading sack total to 16 sacks and set a new Mid-American Conference single season sack record. The previous record of 15 was set by former Western Michigan standout Jason Babin in both 2002 and 2003.

In addition to Goddard, Marshall got a strong effort from senior linebacker J.T. Rembert who led the Herd with nine tackles and an interception.

Senior cornerback Roberto Terrell also added a 44-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Western Michigan trailed 24-14 at halftime and its offense was silent for most of the second half until Tony Scheffler's 33-yard catch set up Mark Bonds' 1-yard TD run with 3:55 left in the game.

Marshall needed a first down to run out the clock, and Charles delivered on third-and-4.

Charles went around left end and scored with 40 seconds left. He finished with 140 yards on 20 carries.

Marshall's Josh Davis became the second person ever to catch more than 300 passes in a career in the contest with six catches for 52 yards and a score. Purdue's Taylor Stubblefield, earlier in the day, set an NCAA career receiving record (309). The players entered the day tied with 295 catches, five behind the previous NCAA record

set by Louisville's Arnold Jackson from 1997-2000.

Marshall quarterback Stan Hill was 18-of-28 for 169 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions, while Western Michigan's Blayne Baggett finished the game 25-of-39 passing for 329 yards, two touchdowns, and two interceptions.

The Thundering Herd moved to edge the Broncos 429 to 418 in total yardage.

The game was the final game at Joan C. Edwards Stadium for 25 Thundering Herd seniors.

Key Seniors

QB Stan Hill	LB Kevin Atkins
QB Graham Gochneaur	DE Marcus Hairston
RB Earl Charles	DE Jonathan Goddard
WR Josh Davis	DE Jamus Martin
WR Brad Bates	DB Roberto Terrell
TE Joe Deifel	OL Nate Griffin
LB J.T. Rembert	DB Moriah Anderson
LB Donte Wilson	

MU volleyball falls one match short of MAC title

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BOWLING GREEN, Ohio

— A new year, but the same result was the case Sunday afternoon in the Mid-American Conference tournament finals as the Ohio Bobcats took down the Thundering Herd for the second straight season, 3-0 (23-30, 35-33, 22-30) to take the conference crown.

Unlike its previous meetings with the Bobcats, the Thundering Herd gave the MAC East Division champ a fight in each game and put out everything they could after an emotional five-game comeback win against Ball State Saturday in the semifinals.

"I'm so proud of this team," Marshall head coach Mitch Jacobs said. "These kids fought as hard as they could. Not one person thought we would be this good. This team over-achieved, but not one girl is satisfied with second place."

In game one, the Herd and Bobcats were neck to neck for the first 20 points as it was tied up 10-10. However, the Bobcats jumped out to a 14-10 lead and forced the Herd to comeback. Marshall would pull to within in two at 23-21, but not do much damage after that as Ohio took the first game 30-23.

Game two was what the excitement of tournament time is all about. The Herd thundered back from a six-point deficit to take a lead at 25-24 and put the Bobcats in comeback mode. Both teams then exchanged blows until the very end. With the score tied at 33, the Herd had a service error and then an attack error to

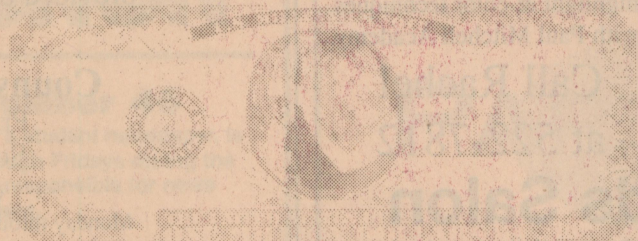
give Ohio the two point win, 35-33.

After intermission, the Bobcats and Herd battled it out and matched points until 9-9. Ohio would then jump out to a 14-9 lead after a five-point run and the closest Marshall would get the rest of the way was 15-13. Ohio's balanced attack

finished off the game and the match with the 30-22 game three win for its second MAC title in a row.

The Herd finished off the season 22-11, its most wins since 1995, while matching its highest total in MAC wins with 11 in its final season in the league before heading to Conference USA.

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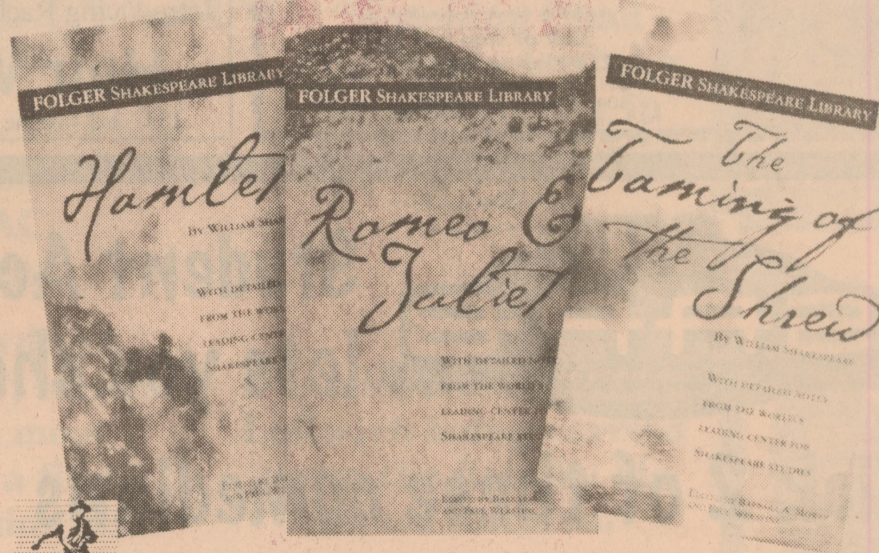
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Friday brawl challenges Stern

NEW YORK, [AP] — David Stern would not want to be in charge of a league that needs barriers to separate fans from players. Nor would he follow the lead of European soccer and order games to be played in empty arenas.

The NBA commissioner is searching for more practical remedies to keep things civil in a sport where the intimate setting — the highest-paying customers sit so close to the action they can smell the players' sweat — is part of its appeal.

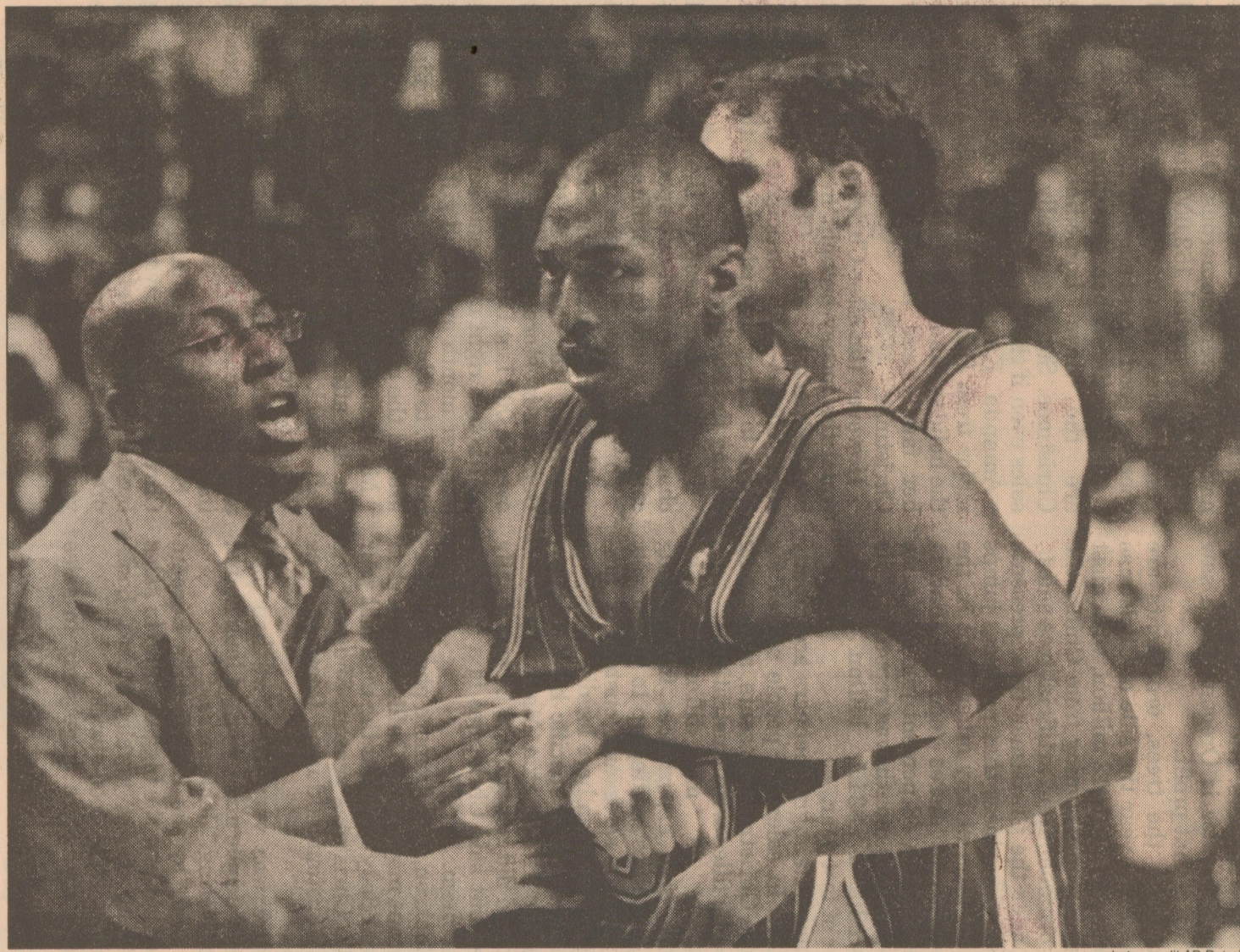
"The reality is that our society and our arenas exist based upon a social contract," Stern said. "Everyone knows that if 20,000 fans decided to go on a rampage, we'd have a serious problem on our hands, no matter what we did."

Moving the NBA forward after the ugly brawl that spilled into the stands at Friday night's Indiana-Detroit game, Stern's challenge in the days and weeks ahead will be to re-establish the invisible barrier dividing players and fans.

He said the NBA will re-examine policies ranging from arena security to alcohol sales in response to one of the worst brawls in the league's history.

"No matter what security procedures you have in place, you run a risk that a player can jump into the stands or that fans will behave in an anti-social basis," Stern said.

No other major professional sport has customers sitting so close to its ath-



IN ANGER: Pacers forward Ron Artest is held back by teammate Austin Croshere after getting into a fight with a game spectator who threw a beverage, hitting Artest.

letes, providing an atmosphere that's cozy on most nights but combustible on others.

The close proximity of hecklers, whose comments often strike a nerve and sometimes cross a line, add a measure of volatility.

"That's part of the game," said Pistons assistant coach Gar Heard, a former

player. "They had a guy here in Detroit when I was playing. He was probably one of the worst guys in the league. They had a guy in Washington who was also one of the worst."

But most players in Heard's day, and in subsequent years, knew there was a line never to be crossed — no matter how

vicious the heckling became. Players didn't always agree with the belief that a fan who paid his money was entitled to voice his opinion, but they lived with it.

On the rare occasions when situations spun out of control and objects were thrown at players, cooler heads almost always pre-

ailed and kept events from spiraling dangerously out of control as they did at the now infamous Pacers-Pistons game.

"Normally in those situations, you have officials say, 'You and you are gone. Get off the floor right now,' and the thing goes away," Pistons CEO Tom Wilson said. "For whatever reason,

that didn't happen, and the league will look into that. Then you had one guy do something stupid, and he hit the absolute wrong player, and all heck broke out."

That something stupid was a fan's decision to throw a cup at Ron Artest, the spark that set off the league's most ignitable personality.

"Yes, I've had beer thrown on me, cups thrown at me. But as far as someone throwing something in my face, that has never happened," Pacers president Larry Bird said.

In announcing the season-long suspension of Artest on Sunday night, Stern said he was not yet prepared to speak to the specific issues of security at the Pistons' arena, but he defended the actions of the three referees while also repeatedly pointing a finger of blame at the behavior of some fans.

A journalist from Sweden asked Stern if he'd be open to employing some of the remedies often used in Europe, where fan violence is a more prevalent problem.

Stern also was asked if he thought some sort of barrier could be constructed between the stands and the court.

"I would like it not to come to that," he replied. "You know (basketball players) are called 'cagers' because the games use to be played behind cages. It would not be my plan to be commissioner of a league that ... required players and fans to be separated. That would be an unacceptable result."

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It is called the most wonderful time of the year, but the Christmas season is not just wonderful for people, it is big money for the business's that can cash in on the holidays.

A recent release of holiday statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau shows just how big the business of Christmas really can be.

One of the centerpiece of holiday decorating is the Christmas tree, a business that brought in \$521 million last year to Christmas tree farmers. The leading state in Christmas tree sales is Oregon, which saw \$158 million of that profit.

To accompany the trees, ornaments are needed, and last year the sale of Christmas tree ornaments was \$312 million, with most of those ornaments coming from China, the leader in ornament and artificial tree sales.

To go under the Christmas tree, presents are needed, a business that produces jumps in sales not seen at any other point in the year. Department stores reported that in December 2003, a 48 percent jump in sales from the previous month was reported. This jump produced \$31.1 billion during December of last year.

Long lines and angry shoppers accompany those jumps in sales. As people search for last minute Christmas presents, a shopping center can be filled with frustration.

Huntington is no different. The Huntington Mall experiences full parking lots and long lines leading up to Christmas. The increase in sales and customers produces big money even here locally.

When asked about specific holiday sales, stores in the Huntington Mall refused to comment and did not want to be specifically mentioned but said Christmas is a big time of year for them.

Kerra Jackson, a sophomore physical therapy assistant major from Gallipolis, worked at Bath and Body Works at the mall last year during the Christmas season. She said the amount of customers during December was incredible.

"The store was very busy, we had long lines, lots of people and I worked long hours, it was frustrating," Jackson said.

In the study by the U.S. Census Bureau, the stores that saw the biggest jump in sales were clothing stores, jewelry stores, bookstores and sporting good stores.

Toy stores also see a large jump in sales year.

during December, with a large portion of their sales being from the sale of video games.

Another benefactor of the holiday season is e-commerce. Electronic shopping and mail order sales in December 2003 were \$14.4 billion. The total value of retail e-commerce sales for the fourth quarter of last year were \$17.5 billion, according to the report.

The report also said that if one is not sure where to shop, the number of retail stores nationwide were numerous. Of these, clothing stores reported 152,000 stores, toy and game stores numbered over 10,000 and sporting good stores showed 22,000 stores.

Another time when spending is increased are the days immediately following Christmas. Stores generally have clearance sales even if the selection is thin.

Amanda Kincaid, a freshman finance major from Point Pleasant, said she enjoys the holidays and enjoys shopping for gifts for her family and friends, especially after Christmas.

However, the after-Christmas sales do not equal the money brought in during the gift buying period before Christmas. In fact, store chains will participate in different ways to bring in customers to their stores during the holidays.

To help sales, some of the larger retail chains actually send out specific Christmas catalogs to spark more profits in their stores. These stores also see an increase in employment during the holiday season, according to the U.S. Census report. Department stores increased employment by over 44,000 last December over November.

Although right now some see Christmas as another month away and gift buying will be put off, to others the shopping season is just around the corner.

Most commonly, holiday shopping begins the day after Thanksgiving on a day many call Black Friday. The Retail Industry Website said that this is the heavily marketed day after Thanksgiving where holiday shopping usually begins and profits greatly increase.

So, as many families prepare to enjoy the Christmas season with loved ones, the big business's that fuel the Christmas season prepare for their most wonderful time of the year.

shopping in a winter

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by Larry A. Crum, reporter