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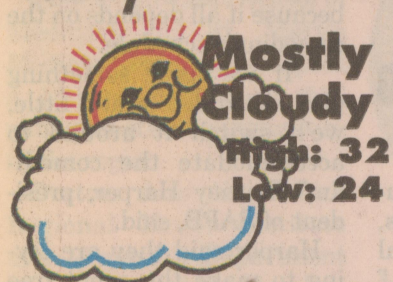


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Board addresses budget problems

by **VERONICA NETT**
reporter

The future and growth of Marshall were main items of discussion at Wednesday's Board of Governors (BOG) meeting.

Michael Perry, chairman of the BOG started the meeting with the induction of a new member, retired brigadier General Hal F. Mooney Jr.

"General Mooney comes to our board with a great deal of knowledge and experience," Perry said. "He has served on many boards and has received the unanimous approval of our members."

Mooney is replacing Michael Farrell, chair of the academic committee, who resigned from the BOG Dec. 17 to accept the position of Marshall's interim president. Mooney will serve on the finance committee.

Budget cuts and the needs of Marshall's students and faculty are the main concerns for Interim President Michael Farrell, according to the president's report. The university is due to face a \$3.2 million budget cut and to fill in this financial gap, 800 new in-state students will be needed, Farrell said.

The problem is that Marshall's staff, which now has 108 faculty vacancies, is not equipped to handle such an influx given their resources, he said.

Attracting 800 new students is also a problem.

Farrell said prospective students face gang showers, little to no privacy in some of the older resident halls and no health and wellness center.

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Wild, wild winter



photo by Adam Cunningham

A sudden snow storm hit Huntington Thursday causing several night classes to be cancelled. In addition, slick roads made for a difficult evening commute. An estimated four inches of snow fell throughout the day.

Career Services Center heading in new direction

by **KEELY A. MARTIN**
reporter

A fresh face has arrived and changes are under way this semester at the Career Services Center.

Valerie Bernard's appointment as the new director of Career Services became effective Jan. 3. Since her appointment, Bernard has been in the process of attracting more students to Career Services through new marketing strategies and renovations.

Bernard believes that all

She has the drive, determination, experience and intellect to help her be very successful...

— Dr. Laura Wyant, associate professor

students should register and take advantage of the opportunities Career Services has to offer. Career Services can be of great benefit to freshmen undecided majors as well as recent graduates. Student fees allow the Career Center to operate and Bernard thinks students should get what

they pay for.

Currently, the Career Services Center is being remodeled in order to make it a more "student friendly building," Bernard said.

The remodeling will include a new training room where students will learn how to network effectively, build resumes

and can practice mock interviews. The idea of the renovations is to make Career Services a more comfortable place for students to work and learn.

Bernard has plans to team up with local businesses to acquaint the work force with interested students. She is also planning new marketing strategies to attract a larger number of students this semester.

"She has the drive, determination, experi-

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Catholic Center marches for a cause

by **SAMIR ABDEL-AZIZ**
reporter

On the heels of history, Marshall Catholic Newman Center is participating in the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 23 and Jan. 24.

"It is a peaceful, prayer-filled march," Rev. Paul Hudock said. "It is a very wonderful experience and a political one as well."

The march protests Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made it legal for women to have abortions. It has occurred every year in Washington, D.C., since the controversial decision in 1973.

Hudock said the reason they were going was because it would be a wonderful learning experience as well as a political one. However, there are others reasons for going on this trip.

"We are going because Friar Paul has been in the past and he says it is a wonderful celebration of life," Catherine Romeo, director of campus ministry, said.

"We very much believe in doing what we can to protect the lives of the unprotected- the unborn child. We are coming together as a nation and praying for an end to legalized abortion on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. We can't give up."

Hudock and Romeo will be meeting with students at the Newman Center Sunday, at 6:30 a.m. to start on the trip to D.C. They will be meeting with local churches and youth groups such as Our Lady of Fatima and Saint Joe. The groups will be riding together on a bus. That night they will be attending a vigil to honor the unborn

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LCOB offers study abroad opportunities

by **SHANE S. IRWIN**
reporter

Although there may not be much of a difference in our temperatures right now, things are surely going to be warmer in Korea this summer.



Kim

Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business is once again participating in a program that gives Marshall students a chance to study in South Korea.

An informational meet-

ing will be Friday, Jan. 31, in Corbly Hall, room 240, at 4:30 p.m.

The summer 2005 Korean Language and Culture Study Abroad Program takes place at Kyungpook National University in Daegu, South Korea. It is open to all incoming and current Marshall undergraduate and graduate students. The program starts June 20 and ends July 15.

"Anything involving going overseas, in general, is a really great benefit to students," Dr. Chong Kim, interim LCOB dean said. "It's not only what

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Marshall sticking it to WVU

by **MEGAN D. BARBOUR**
reporter

The Student Government Association, Alpha Kappa Psi and Student Health are just a few of the organizations who have asked students to discover what color they bleed by participating in a blood drive competition between Marshall University and West Virginia University.

The blood drive was yesterday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students from both schools volunteered their blood to see which school could donate the most.

The winning school will be notified as they choose when they would like to

present their success to the student body.

SGA President Jenn Gaston said if Marshall wins the competition, an announcement might be made at the Marshall vs. Kent State game Feb. 1.

The prize for the school that donates the most blood is a trophy. Participation certificates will be given as well.

Alpha Kappa Psi President, Shea Phillips, said he has encouraged all members of the organization to donate blood.

"As a business based organization, we understand that it is important to be involved not only in networking, but in our community as a whole,"



photo by Adam Cunningham

Red Cross employee Betty Grose draws blood from Meghan Ward, a freshman biology and chemistry double major from War, W.Va.

Phillips said. Student Health and numerous other organiza-

tions sent volunteers to reg-

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Police Blotter

by JUSTINE SEVERINO
reporter

Speeding over bumpy roads

MUPD spotted a 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee being driven recklessly through the intersection at 20th Street and continuing onto Buffington Avenue, Tuesday, Jan. 11.

After the car had stopped, MUPD approached the car and questioned the driver, Megan Strickly, on why she had been driving so fast.

Strickly replied that she liked to drive fast through the bump in the road.

MUPD then spotted beer cans on the floor of the car and found that David Calebaugh, 20, and Brian Collins, 20, both of Buffington Avenue, had been drinking before and after the MU vs. WVU basketball game.

Calebaugh and Collins were issued arrest citations for drinking under the lawful age of 21 and the driver was advised to slow down.

Underage drinking

MUPD issued an arrest citation for underage drinking to Samantha L. Chapman of Willis Hall at 2:31 a.m., Jan. 15. MUPD spotted Chapman crossing Fifth Avenue and 18th Street and followed her to the front of Willis Hall.

The officer noticed Chapman had slurred speech, glossy eyes, and a strong odor of alcohol on her breath. Chapman admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages earlier that

night. After receiving the citation Chapman was released due to the close proximity of her residence.

Student cited twice for intoxication

At 1:41 a.m. Jan. 15, MUPD was checking the south student parking lot when a man was spotted drinking out of a can.

Paul Hamp II of Twin Towers East told MUPD that he had been at a party earlier that night. Hamp also told MUPD that he had received a citation for underage drinking in the fall semester from the MUPD.

Hamp was issued a citation for drinking under the lawful age of 21 and was released.

Marijuana found in Haymaker Hall

John Olasz, 19, and Sean Fitzgerald, 18, both of Haymaker Hall, were issued arrest citations for possession of marijuana.

MUPD was called to Haymaker Hall after a report was called into the station that the smell of marijuana was coming from inside a room.

The police searched the room and found a small bag of marijuana and a small glass pipe in plain view.

Olasz admitted the bag and pipe belonged to him and Fitzgerald told police he had given the marijuana to Olasz.

by LORI A. KERSEY
reporter

The Student Activities Programming Board is hard at work planning activities for the spring semester.

One of the first events planned is a movie screening for the upcoming Keanu Reeves movie "Constantine." The movie is based on the comic book "Hellblazer." The event is scheduled for Feb. 10 at the Keith-Albee theatre. Tickets will be available in the SAPB office and in the bookstore.

March 30, SAPB is planning GameLive. Students will get the chance to play video games yet to be released or have recently



been released.

During February, students can play HALO on Saturdays.

Comedian Daniel Kinno is expected on campus Feb. 28.

Also in the works for this spring is an unnamed comedian.

Last semester SAPB polled students about which of 10 comedians they would most like to see perform at Marshall. The top four, as

voted on by around 600 students, are Wanda Sykes, from the Comedy Central show "Wanda Does it," Lewis Black, who can be seen regularly on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," Bruce Bruce, who has been featured on Comedy Central Presents, and Dave Attell of the "Insomniac with Dave Attell."

"There's a strong possibility that one of these

comedians will be here this semester," Mage Hensel, SAPB advisor, said.

The time and date for the comedian has not been set, because it all depends on the comedian's schedule.

"If we have something else scheduled that's little, we'll switch it around to accommodate the comedian," Britney Harper, president of SAPB, said.

Harper said they are trying to make the event free for students, but they might have to charge a small admission.

"It won't be more than \$5," she said.

When details are finalized with the comedian, there will be a party to announce who is coming and get the word out about the event.

Celebrating diversity on a local scale

Marshall students and alumni win prizes at annual competition

by BRANDY R. BROWN
reporter

Two Marshall University seniors and three graduate students are among the winners of the Twelfth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Competition.

Phillip Stephen Turner, a senior communications major, won first prize in the undergraduate level for his poem, "America's Win." Margaret Moats, a senior elementary education major, came in second with her artwork, "Black on White; White on Black."

First place graduate level entry was Makiesha Robinson, adult and technical education major, for

her artwork with poem, "There's a Process."

Sarah Setran, also an adult and technical education major, won second place for her poem, "Remembering the Dream."

Students in elementary, middle, and high school levels also competed. Prize money differed by category.

The elementary contestants were awarded \$25 for first place and \$20 for second; middle school, \$50 for first and \$25 for second; high school, \$300 for first and \$150 for second. Undergraduate and graduate students received \$1,000 for first place prize and \$500 for second.

The ceremony took place Monday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Huntington.

The purpose of the competition is to give students the chance to weigh issues of social justice.

"The Awards Competition helps us to achieve this goal by having students direct their talents in art, music and writing toward showing the importance of Dr. King's contributions to non-violent social change," Dr. Christina Murphy, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said.

Submissions included original artwork in the forms of painting, drawing, montage,

and computer graphics.

Original written works consisted of essays, poems, and short stories.

The theme this year was "50 Years After Brown v. Board of Education: What Have We Learned?"

Among all the categories there were 102 entries. The undergraduate and graduate levels had 11 contestants.

Murphy said she believes the competition serves as a link between Marshall University and the Huntington community.

"This is a great benefit to the students, and to the faculty who teach and mentor them, to have a forum in which their talents can be recognized and rewarded," Murphy said.



Murphy

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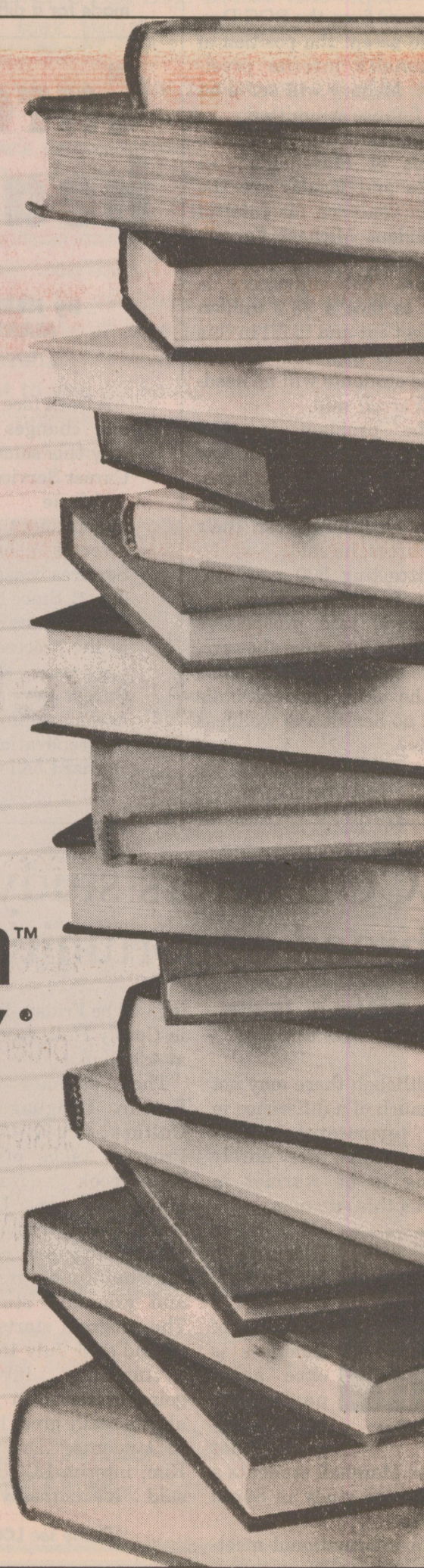
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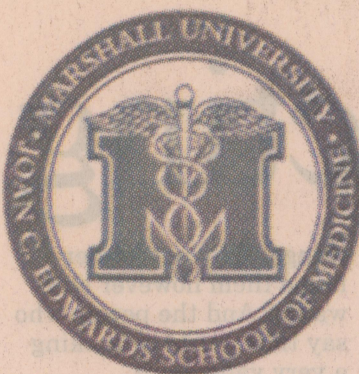
Edwards, St. Mary's join in cardiac care

by ERIN M. WHITE
reporter

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and St. Mary's Medical Center have signed a 10-year agreement that will strengthen cardiac care in the region.

Doctors from St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute and Marshall's Department of Cardiovascular Services will now collaborate in the cardiac care department.

"It was the appropriate move," Dr. Charles H.



McKown, Jr., Dean of Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, said, "We went into it warmly, comfortably and with enthusiasm. There was no need for

great haste, but all involved felt the move was natural."

McKown and Michael G. Sellards, president and CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center, signed the agreement.

The agreement took effect Jan. 1 and should result in better service, better medical education and the best possible leadership in the region, McKown said.

"This guarantees that we will be performing state of the art cardiology care to patients in the region," he

said. "And, it will expand the medical school and St. Mary's combined capacity to be superior to all others in our immediate region."

Dr. Jeffery George, a cardio thoracic surgeon formerly in private practice, and Dr. Mark Studeny, an interventional cardiologist, have been named co-medical directors of St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute.

Dr. Edward Setser, Dr. Dennis Moritz, and Dr. Arthur Mounu in the cardio thoracic surgery division of

Marshall's Department of Cardiovascular Services will join George in offices on the St. Mary's campus.

The medical school will expand teaching opportunities with four surgeons because there will be increased coverage in the clinic.

"This agreement exemplifies St. Mary's commitment to collaborate with these physicians to assist with the planning and implementation of our mission to better serve the healthcare needs

of our community," Sellards said. "Our continued close working relationship with the medical school is integral to our continued success as the Tri-State's most experienced cardiac program."

St Mary's and the School of Medicine said this agreement provides for daily input from physicians and working groups regarding advances in cardiac services at St. Mary's and includes all physicians providing cardiac services at St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute.

More wanted for questioning in Boston terror plot

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The FBI on Thursday added the names of nine Chinese people and one other man to the list of those being sought for questioning about a possible terror plot targeting Boston.

FBI spokesman Joe Parris said the names "were developed as a result of the ongoing investigation" but did not signal that credible evidence has emerged indicating such a plot actually exists.

"Information is still uncorroborated and from a source of unknown reliability and

motive," Parris said.

The names are part of the same anonymous tip that led authorities on Wednesday to announce that they are seeking to question four other Chinese and two Iraqis. The new names bring to 16 the people being sought for questioning.

Another federal law enforcement official in Washington, speaking condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, said the tip was received by the California Highway Patrol. The tipster claimed

“It's our hope that this turns out to be an invalid hoax of some kind...”

— Mitt Romney, Governor of Massachusetts

the four Chinese - two men and two women - entered the United States from Mexico and were awaiting a shipment of "nuclear oxide" that would follow them to Boston.

The official said the nuclear oxide could be a reference to material used to make a "dirty bomb" that would spew radiation over a wide area.

U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan of Boston said earlier Thursday that authorities had learned more background about the original four Chinese, but "it makes us no more alarmed this morning, this afternoon, than we were yesterday."

"They're not wanted at this point in time for any crimes because there's no

evidence at this point in time that they've committed any crimes," Sullivan said. "We're not certain exactly where they are. We can't even say for certain that they're in the country."

In Boston, there were visible signs of stepped-up security, including some underground parking garages searching vehicles as they entered and pictures of the Chinese suspects posted inside the booths where subway tokens are sold by transit employees.

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt

Romney, who skipped President Bush's inauguration to return to the state Wednesday night after learning of the threat, sought to reassure residents that there was nothing to be alarmed about.

"These kinds of threats are going to be received from time to time. Generally we're going to be able to deal with them in a prompt manner, and dismiss them with time and evidence," Romney said. "It's our hope that this turns out to be an invalid hoax of some kind."

Director

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ence and intellect to help her be very successful as the director of Career Services," Dr. Laura Wyant, associate professor of adult and technology education, said.

Bernard believes Career Services can help students

throughout their college career in the forms of career counseling, on-campus recruiting and job fairs.

It also offers real life work experience through part-time jobs and internships. Career Services continues to benefit students after graduation by helping alumni find jobs.

Bernard received her master's degree from Marshall

University and is currently pursuing her educational specialist degree. She is also a member of the Marshall University faculty in the Adult Technical Education department.

Bernard is the founder and current president of Executive Training Centers Inc., a sales and training company, located in Point Pleasant.

March

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children that have been aborted since 1973. Monday, Jan. 24 they will be attending a youth rally at the MCI Center before the march.

"My main reason for going is that for the past few years, I have been a part of the group Rock For Life," Kathryn Crim, sophomore

biology major, said. "Because of this, I have become passionate about fighting for the right to life of all people. I feel really compelled to go."

Hudock said the march is making a difference.

"I would say 90 percent of all incoming freshman are more and more pro-life," he said.

"The march is making a big difference," Crim said.

"Partial-birth abortion has been made illegal and that is just the first step to what could happen if we continue to show our leaders how we feel about abortion and other processes that disrespect the right to life."

"Every child is wanted by someone," Hudock said.

Romeo said 10 students so far have agreed to go, but more are welcome.

LCOB

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you're going to gain educationally, but broadening your horizons is a benefit to your future decision making and the way you live."

The Asian aspect of culture is one that is totally different than what students who travel to European countries would be exposed to, he said.

Students will have the opportunity to earn up to six credit hours from LCOB. Specifically, the 2005 program offers courses in Korean language, culture, business, and field trips to Korean landmarks.

"Korea is a growing economic force in the world," said Dr. Chris Cassidy, a management and marketing professor who will be accompanying students on

the trip. "That would be reason alone to get over there and maybe meet some people, develop some contacts, or at least see the culture."

Cassidy will be teaching during the program. If enough students go, he hopes to pair up one Korean and one American student as study partners.

The classes for Marshall credit for are three hours for MGT 320, Introduction to Korean Language which is unnumbered, and Korean Culture and Society, which is also unnumbered. Within the business college, these classes are approved for credit, and Cassidy said they are in the process of getting other Marshall colleges to approve the courses.

"It's a fabulous opportunity for students all over Marshall to actually see a part of the world other than

North America," Cassidy said.

The executive director of the Center for International Programs at Marshall, Clark Egnor, said of the Korean economy and the opportunity Marshall students are getting,

"They're a global leader in business, so what better place to go and learn about business than a place like that?" Egnor said.

Students would be more attractive to employers by getting the Korean exposure, he said.

The program cost is \$1,760, plus airfare. The price includes the six hours tuition, room and board, and field trips. Any spending money would be the student's responsibility.

To get more information regarding the trip, students can e-mail cassidy@marshall.edu, or egnor@marshall.edu.



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Blood

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ister students and help out in the canteen.

American Red Cross Donor Marketing Specialist, Molly Haught, is working with Director of Judicial Affairs and Volunteer Services, Prudy Barker, in overseeing the blood drive. Haught said the blood drive started out well with 12 students donating blood within the first hour.

Doug Cheese, a sophomore nursing major from Huntington, donated blood. He said that he gives blood as often as 3 to 4 times a year.

American Red Cross LPN, Larry Adkins, said so far there has been a steady flow of blood donors, but more are needed.

Marshall a key player in Huntington economy

Imagine a scenario where Marshall University is closing its doors. People drive down Fourth Avenue and there is no Marshall. Continuing down Fifth Avenue, there is no stadium. What is left? Absolutely nothing.

Marshall is an intricate part of the economy in Huntington. Without Marshall, Huntington would be a ghosttown. There is a little life outside of Marshall, not a lot, but some things exist. In the summer and during the winter break, businesses in Huntington experience an expected large drop of sales. Most local business owners anticipate the day students come back to town.

The businesses located in Huntington and around the Tri-State, especially the new ones in Pullman Square need to realize Marshall is one of the main reasons it can come into business and one of the reasons it will stay in business.

The Starbucks insert located in Thursday's edition of the Parthenon was a positive step in the connection of Huntington businesses and the Marshall community. Students and faculty alike take advantage of any coupon or discount able to get a hold of, whether it is a discount at a store, or a free coffee.

Businesses are realizing if something is free or discounted, people will come. Along with the free items, patrons might also buy something if they are enticed with a coupon to the store, therefore giving the store more exposure, as well as more business.

Several local businesses have tried to attract members of Marshall's community prior to yesterday's Starbucks insert, but we at the Parthenon feel this was one of the most successful. We hope other local businesses follow in Starbucks' actions and take advantage of the 16,000 customers right in its backyard.

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Deconstructing Joan

WORDS
FROM
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BY JOHN
WITHUM
columnist



In the epic poem "Beowulf", the title character takes on three quests in attempts to fulfill the Anglo-Saxon honor code of seeking more and more glory. The last quest, an attempt to slay a dragon, fails, and results in Beowulf's death. While on his deathbed, he gives instructions for a massive burial mound to be built in his honor.

At Marshall, we have our own Beowulf, and her name is Joan C. Edwards.

Edwards is either following the Anglo-Saxon honor code, trying to outdo Robert C. Byrd or likes to see her name in big letters on the sides of buildings.

Edwards has left her and occasionally her husband's mark all over campus. Whether it be medicine (Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center), the arts (Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, the Jomie Jazz Center) or sports (Joan C. Edwards Stadium, James F. Edwards Field), the Edwards name is all over campus.

I've never personally met Mrs. Edwards. I have no doubt that she's a wonderful lady that has a sincere love for Marshall University. Our school is in immense debt to her because she has funded some of the vital things that have put Marshall on the map (including paying the membership fee to Conference USA).

However, does her name really have to go all over everything?

Some could say yes. After all, Edwards paid for these

things. Why not let her name them however she wants? And the people who say that would be making a very valid point.

We know, however, that Joan C. Edwards did not start the football program, the school of medicine nor the College of Fine Arts. Naming things used to be a way to honor people who have done a great deal to advance that which bears their name.

The school of journalism is named for W. Page Pitt. Pitt was legally blind, but raised the bar of the program at Marshall. His instruction influenced many people, some of whom now teach in the school. That's why his name and portrait hang in the school of journalism.

Edwards has merely donated money. This gains her serious gratitude, but not the rights to name things after herself. What about all the people who put in serious work, toil

and years of life to make the school of medicine what it is now?

This sets up a dangerous precedent, because it basically turns the university into a whore; if you've got money, we'll take it and let you dictate what happens next. It really should be that they donate the money and the university dictates what happens from there. Why? The university simply knows its needs better than the giver.

I'm putting forth a challenge, laying down the gauntlet if you will, to Joan C. Edwards. I'm challenging her to name her next donation product after someone who does not have Edwards for a last name.

Why not call the university and change something now? I'm sure they'd be happy to comply. Joan, if you need any ideas, call the Parthenon. I'll help you out.

Have compassion to the disabled, especially during the winter season

CLAY'S
CRANK

BY CLAY
STIMELING
columnist



Are you "winterized"? Experts speak on television about winterizing your home and car, but what about winterizing your being?

I noticed how un-winterized I have become after being used to near 70-degree weather over the past few weeks, when Mother Nature decided to spill her blanket of white

glory over the Tri-State Area I was utterly dumbfounded. How could I be sitting on the balcony of my apartment looking at girls at the bar across the street one day, then the next wishing I paid the gasman? I was appalled!

The same day I was tracking down the gasman to turn my heat back on, I was involved in a drive-by trip-and-fall resulting in a new friend named Crutches.

Really, I thought my only crutch I had in my life was cheap liquor and women, but it turns out he's a pretty cool guy; his rubberized underarm pads and comfy handgrips are awesome. Sadly, he's not the kind of friend that would buy me a beer or spot me a few bucks to go Mickey D's.

Regardless, I was forced to hobble my way down the frigid Fourth Avenue with him, dragging the gimp foot through the snow-ice-cigarette butt covered sidewalk to campus.

Spouting a torrent of four-letter words atrocious enough for any desperate housewife to blush, I began to wonder how others are reacting to the slick conditions?

All jokes and silly imagery aside, I now have a better appreciation for those who are faced with disabilities. It's no easy task to crutch to class, or make and infantesque style crawl up the two flights of stairs to my apartment. I'm not shilling testosterone all over the place when the

checkout lady at Wal-Mart calls me lazy for using the electric buggy to retrieve my groceries.

This snowy season, my heart goes out to everyone who is slip-sliding his or her way to class, work, home, or wherever one's soul takes him or her. If I can give more of my heart, I would give it to those who are disabled and have to find alternative ways to get around this winter.

With that, I'm making a feeble request to the "dual-peds" of Marshall University: have a little compassion to those with disabilities.

You never know how one ended up in his situation. Heck, he could have been trying to track down his gasman also so he could be

U.S. gym classes not fair and balanced

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(U-WIRE) NORMAL, ILL.—According to an article by The Associated Press, nearly one-fifth of all high school physical education teachers do not have a major and certification in physical education.

Most students have experienced the basketball coach who taught P.E. on the side.

More often than not this person was not as interested in educating students as winning games.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported that in 2003 only 28 percent of high school students nationwide attended a daily P.E. class, while 38 percent reported watching three or more hours of television a night.

To put it bluntly, P.E. in

this country is somewhat of a joke.

Right now Illinois is the only state in the country that requires daily physical education from kindergarten through high school but just because it is required does not mean it happens.

Sitting on the sidelines for 20 minutes out of a 40-minute gym period is hardly physically tasking, especially now that the recommended exercise time has risen from 30 minutes to an hour a day.

In a country where childhood obesity is a major concern, where should the finger be pointed?

First focus has to be aimed at the P.E. teachers themselves.

Every other type of teacher is evaluated based on set guidelines — why not P.E. teachers?

If evaluations were

implemented, the basketball coach who used P.E. as an extra opportunity for his team to practice would be answering to the administration of his school.

Also, teaching students about physical education may be hard if the teacher does not have a degree in this field. Schools need to start being a little more choosy about who they have teaching in their gym.

Hiring Illinois State University P.E. graduates is a nice option as these students are trained for the specific purpose of teaching P.E.

However, having a qualified instructor may still not get students into P.E. class, so one must look further into the problem.

So many times in P.E., the student who has never picked up a football in their life is competing

against the school's quarterback. Talk about a blow to student self esteem.

If a student excels in math the school makes sure that student is in the same class as those intellectually equal.

If a student performs well in English they may be put in an advanced placement class. Why can't students who excel physically be put in an excelled P.E. class?

This idea really kills two birds with one stone.

It helps students who may not be as great at sports to play against other kids who may not be as great at sports, no egos are hurt.

It also helps the students who excel at sports to face tougher competition, therefore making themselves better, in addition to having the fun one should have during P.E.

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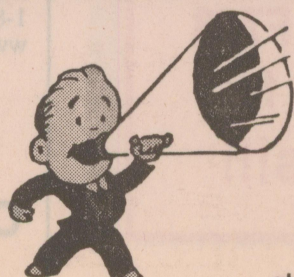
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**Editors note: In an exclusive interview with the Parthenon, sports editor Ben Hunt sat down with Marshall men's basketball head coach Ron Jirsa for a question and answer session Thursday afternoon. Here are some excerpts from the conversation.*

Ben Hunt: First off coach I know that you really appreciated the fans and the way they came out against WVU. They really helped the team get momentum going. What can you tell the fans, to have them come out and support the team more and give the team that extra boost?

Ron Jirsa: Well we were out numbered down there in Charleston. But our fans were vocal and into it and I'm glad we could come through for them. We came back here against Toledo and I really felt that we had an opportunity to win some fans over and do it again. We weren't able to win the game but I have had many positive remarks and comments about our team. Something else good is going to happen to our team. It is just a matter of when and I believe our fans are a big part of it. They are really felt when they are here and mean a lot.

BH: They call the fans the "sixth man." Basketball is a game of momentum swings and shifts and the fans are an important part for getting that momentum for the team, especially at home. What does it mean to the team to have a tremendous showing of students cheering them on?

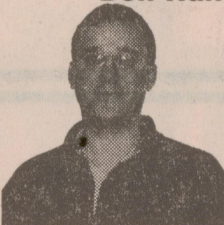
RJ: Well that is their peers. I think it means a lot to you as a member of the student body to represent your school the very best you can and I enjoy the students. I have friends who are professors here. I've met very professional people here, good and nice people who work here. We have the rehab center here, I've met a lot of the patients that come in of the morning and get their rehab. I just always get a good feeling from our campus and we feel an obligation to represent them well.

Now, how do you represent them well, if you don't win a game? Well, by playing hard, showing good sportsmanship, representing the school in the way

Q&a

With the coach

Sports Editor
Ben Hunt



they fight until the end because you may not always win but you can always give a winning effort.

That's what I believe and as the wins come, we will need to keep that in perspective as well. When we are out there recruiting and the talent is the same we are always trying to go with the better person, because I believe good people, good chemistry and the baseline ability level is what every university wants to see from their athletics.

BH: So far this season, I know it hasn't started out exactly as you would have picked.

RJ: No, it hasn't.

BH: But what are some of the things you are proud of? I know you mentioned you want the team to work hard and display good sportsmanship, but are there specific things you are proud of this season?

RJ: Beating West Virginia was a milestone and a special event and I'm glad we were able to play well and win. I'm also proud we will be graduating four seniors. We have one that has already graduated, one that needs six hours this semester, one that is going to need one more internship and one that needs another semester. I'm proud of that, because these guys need to graduate because that is the main reason they're here. So that's something I'm proud of.

BH: It's hard when a team is going through a stretch like this. You come off of a big win against West Virginia and the losses, it seems like the team is in every game right down to the wire. How do you get the team to focus on the last three and four minutes of the half or three and four minutes of the game?

RJ: We need to and we

have been and we will continue to, work on winning in practice. Because we are in every game, we need to get better at the end of the games and that is a point we are focused on already and we will continue to. When we get those opportunities we will make those plays. That's not a maybe or if, we will, it's just going to be a process that we have to go through to get closer and better.

BH: I thought maybe something along the lines of petitioning the NCAA for a 37 or 38-minute game.

RJ: (laughs) It may sound funny but its true. Now we have to find out where the lights are in the building and turn them off when we are ahead. But you need to keep it light and that is important because when you are not winning it's not time to tighten up and get nervous about it. It's like a pitcher on the mound with the bases loaded and two out. If you are going to tighten up at that point it's not going to go your way. We just need to loosen up and take the big shot.

BH: Something you mentioned last night at the press conference was even though the shooting didn't go so well, you can't let that effect the defense. How can the team make improvements in situations like that?

RJ: Well it has to do with leadership. When I am one of a group and I can see that guys are getting down, I try to provide that leadership. I know we have players that are doing that on the team.

These things are contagious. If I'm able to spread it, you know A.W. [Hamilton] does a great job with that, but we have to understand basketball is a

40-minute game. The only way the other team is going to go on a run is if they score. There is no run if we miss, there is a run if they score. We all have to work together players, coaches, everybody.

BH: Another thing you mentioned last night, you said with the stretch the team is going through, it is bigger than basketball. Can you elaborate what you meant by that?

RJ: We are living in a time of highlights and sound bites. Keeping thing in perspective is very important. There was just a tidal waves that killed a couple hundred thousand people. I get emails from Sgt. McKenna who is in Iraq and is from here and is in a life situation almost daily—a guy from West Virginia that is a Marshall fan. He is thinking about our team and emailing me about 'hang in there.' If that doesn't keep things in perspective I don't know what does. It is unbelievable.

Now I understand that basketball is important and winning is important to the school. I'm a big fan of all our sports here. I know what that is all about. I also think that overcoming adversity is a life lesson. Certainly our team right now is going through a life lesson that many people won't have to deal with.

BH: It has been several years since the Thundering Herd has gone to Kent State and into the MAC Center and brought back a victory. I know you are only looking at it one game at a time and this is the next game. How do you stress the importance of the game without getting the players too tight?

RJ: We are going to be underdogs. That's pretty obvious. So we have to go up there and play as underdogs, determined, loose and take those shots when we are open.

BH: Thank you coach for you time. I really appreciate your candor.

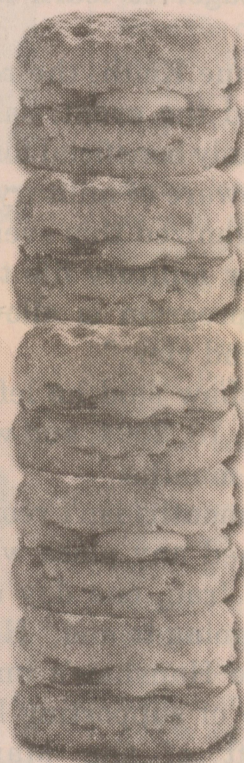
RJ: Alright. Anytime, thanks. Let's do it again sometime.



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Head men's basketball coach Ron Jirsa gives a sign to the team during a game.

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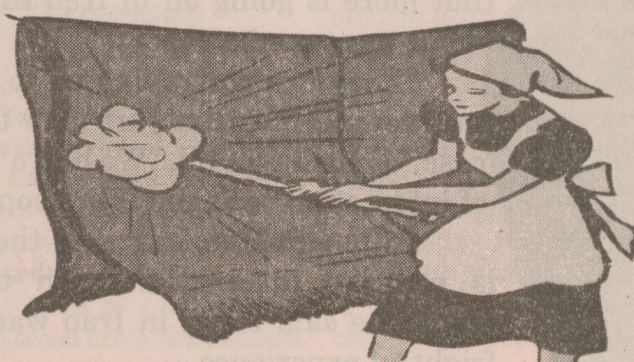
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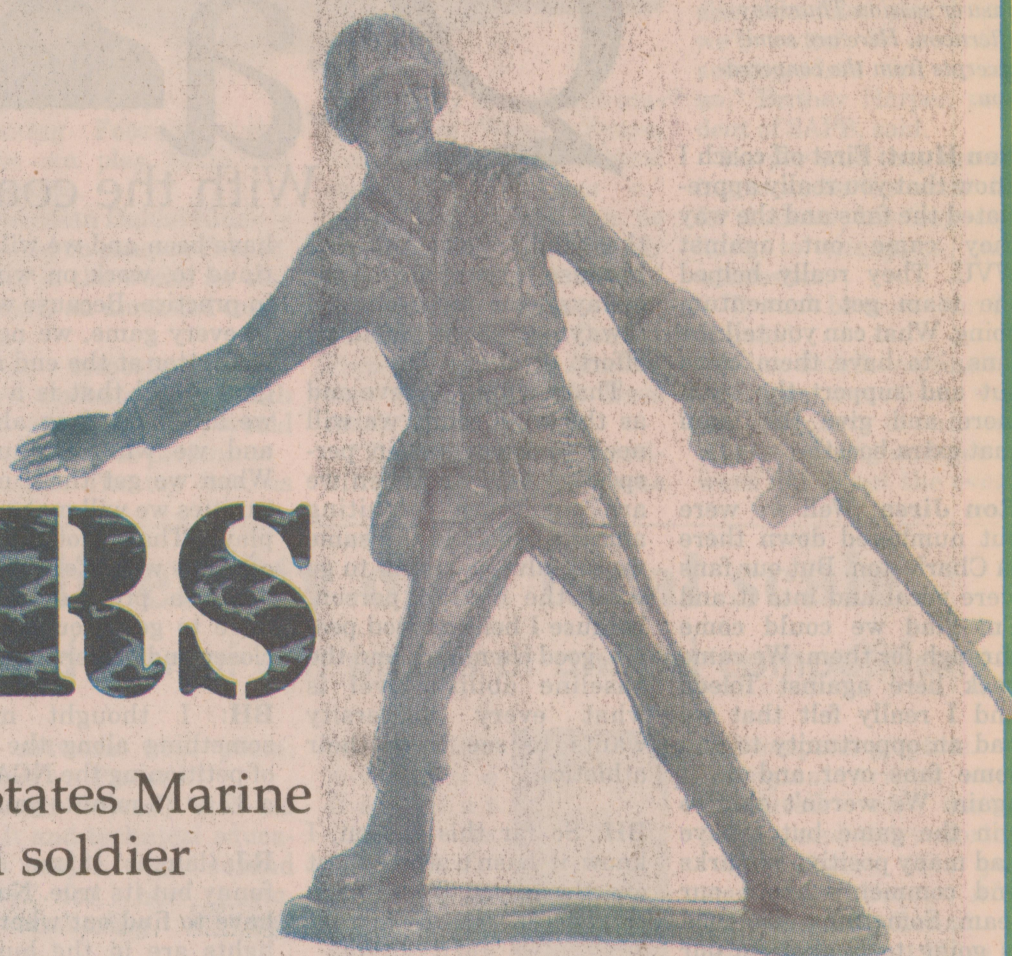
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NOT TOY SOLDIERS

Corporal Steven Hanshaw of the United States Marine Corps gives a firsthand account of life as a soldier



On-campus residents got a firsthand view of what it is like to serve in the United States Military Tuesday night.

Cpl. Steven Lloyd Hanshaw of the USMC shared his experiences in Iraq with several residents from Buskirk Hall who were eager to learn more about military life.

Brianne Keith, the resident adviser who planned the event, said she thought it is extremely beneficial for students to become more aware of military life.

"I organized this event so students could see how military life truly is," Keith said. "This program is allowing them to get a firsthand view."

Hanshaw said he left the United States on Jan. 18, 2004, and was stationed in Iraq for six months.

"Six months isn't really a long time to be stationed any place while in the military, but in Iraq, one day seemed as if it was never going to end," Hanshaw said.

While Hanshaw's unit was primarily in charge of supporting harriers, the official aircraft of the Marine Corps, he also had other duties while serving overseas.

"My official job in the Marines was a refrigerator mechanic," Hanshaw said. "I know that job doesn't sound too exciting. However, I also had other duties such as

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—Cpl. Steven Hanshaw

security for the base and securing the convoys."

Hanshaw told the audience about his unanticipated trip across the border.

"The Marines told us that after arriving in Kuwait the trip to Iraq would be one day. It took nearly two weeks for my unit to get into Iraq because of the ambushes. We would advance a little and then back track more."

Hanshaw said he wasn't aware that the trip would take that long. If he had known, he would have done things differently.

"As we were traveling, I threw my meals out to Iraqis. Before I knew it, I didn't have any meals left. There were about three days that I didn't eat anything."

Once his unit entered Iraq, he was stationed in Camp

Commando, which is located in the southern part of Iraq.

Hanshaw was in the unit that was directly in front of Pfc. Jessica Lynch's convoy.

"We couldn't believe it when we heard the news that her unit had been ambushed, and she and others were missing," Hanshaw said.

Hanshaw told the residents that more is going on in Iraq than what most media report.

"They are portraying us to be murderers, but that just isn't the case," Hanshaw said. "We had a lot of interaction with the Iraq people."

Although Hanshaw said there is positive interaction with the Iraqis, he said being in Iraq was a frightful experience.

"Basically all you hear is gunfire at night. The scary part is, you can't tell what direction it's coming from."

Hanshaw admitted to being scared during a serious threat of a possible biological attack.

"The Marines had a shelter in place for protection from a biological attack. The problem is, we were given strict orders not to enter the shelter until an attack had actually happened. How many lives can that save?"

Hanshaw was excited to return home last July.

"The first thing I did when I got back was take a hot shower," he said. "Then I went to get a Stewart's Hot Dog. Before this experience I took things for granted. Now I appreciate the little things so much more."

Anastasia Young, a freshman athletic training major, said she enjoyed Hanshaw's presentation.

"I really enjoyed the information that he brought," Young said. "It was also good to see his actual uniform, which still has the sand from Iraq on it."

Hanshaw is currently working on an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Marshall University.

"I want to use my background in the military to pursue a possible career in law enforcement," he said.



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Corporal Steven Lloyd Hanshaw demonstrates how a gas mask works to residents of Buskirk Hall.

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