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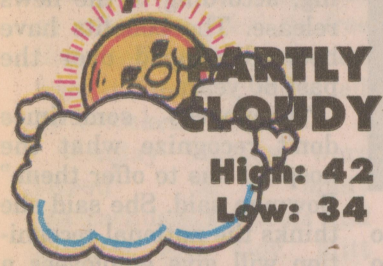


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# Professor wins national award

by **CYNTHIA B. SCHNABLY**  
reporter

Marshall University professor, Jennifer Mak, is the 2005 recipient of the national Mabel Lee award, sponsored by the America Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The Mabel Lee award is presented to two college

professors in the nation each year.

Mak was nominated by Robert Barnett and Bea Orr as an outstanding educator and dedicated colleague.

"I nominated Jennifer because she is extremely hard working," Barnett said.

"Some of the criteria for the award include publications, exemplary teaching abilities, as well as professional leadership in district

**"She's done a good job in research and she is also one of the youngest to be elected president of the WVAHPERD."**

— Robert Barnett, professor

and national associations of Alliance," Mak said.

Mak, who was judged to have all of the previous qualities, is involved in

numerous organizations on the local, state, regional, national and international level. On a local level, Marshall students and staff

may know Mak from her work as adviser and founder of the Herd Sports Management and Marketing Club on campus.

For the club, Mak has worked hard to take the organization on field trips and to bring prestigious speakers to campus, including 2002 MAC Commissioner Dell Robinson.

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Jennifer Mak

## SGA retreat postponed due to weather

Retreat rescheduled for Feb. 4

by **MEGAN D. BARBOUR**  
reporter

Student Government Association postponed its weekend retreat after winter weather hit Huntington.

SGA had scheduled its annual retreat for Friday, but had to cancel on the account of weather. The new date set for the retreat is Feb. 4.

Dean of Student Affairs, Steve Hensley, made the call to postpone the trip based on the amount of snow the area had received Friday, and the snow that was expected for Saturday.

SGA bylaws state that a retreat is to be held once a year. However, the last retreat was held in 2002 during the Parker-Ray administration.

The objective of the retreat is to give student senators a better idea of what their job entails. This is an opportunity for them to ask questions, set goals, and get to know one another.

Student Senator Ben Sandy took charge of planning the retreat. However, SGA President Jenn Gaston will be helping with the workshops also.

Gaston will be conducting two workshops for the student senators. The workshops will focus on team building and the inner workings of student government.

Because the retreat has been rescheduled for only two weeks away, the itinerary will remain the same.

Sandy said the Friday workshops will include icebreakers, overviews of SGA, and some ways to get to know one another so there is some unity to the

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## Alumni Phone-A-Thon kicks off



photo by Adam Cunningham

Michelle Ehrhart, an elementary education major from Bridgeport, helps call alumni during the first night of the phone-a-thon Monday evening.

## Efforts to contact about 33,000 alumni under way

by **HOLLY MARTIN**  
reporter

Marshall's annual Alumni Phone-A-Thon kicked off Monday with about 10 students a night contacting new and returning alumni donors.

The phone-a-thon is set to last until the end of April and should contact an estimated 33,000 potential alumni donors.

"We're going to see what the difference will be with focused effort in the fall and spring," Rebecca Samples, direc-

tor of Annual Fund, said.

Rather than direct mail sent out in the fall combined with a six-to-eight week spring phone-a-thon, this year's fund raising efforts are now set to replace direct mail and to span both fall and spring semesters.

Samples said the majority of the proceeds benefit the Annual Fund. However, some donors might have a particular scholarship, building project or endowment they request their funds to go towards.

"Marshall's Annual

Fund is an unrestricted pot of dollars," Samples said. "It's reserved for the university's greatest needs."

But alumni who wish to donate to their particular college or school may simply indicate they wish to do so.

Samples said last semester's phone-a-thon raised more than \$100,000.

With shrinking state funding ahead, the demands for innovative dollars are high, she said.

The alumni giving rate per school is a fac-

tor that can affect potential students and potential charitable foundation contribution.

"We want to see as many alumni possible participate, whether it's \$15 to \$15,000," Samples said.

The Alumni Phone-A-Thon is powered by 17 student employees who typically work 10 students per shift, Sunday through Thursday.

Training for this semester began Sunday and continues through

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## Center seeking new director

by **MELANIE P. CHAPMAN**  
reporter

The John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence is searching for a new director.

A search committee comprised of four faculty members, three students and two administrators began interviews for the position last week and will continue until the end of January.

Nora Shalaway, a senior double majoring in English literature and classical studies, said it is important for the students to find a director who they can relate to.

"The big concern, I think, is how the candidates relate with students," Shalaway said. "We don't want someone who is just concerned with academics and doesn't want to be involved in students' lives. We want someone who will continue student involvement."

Frances Hensley, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said the student search committee has a vital role in the search process for the new director.

"The student members are equal partners with the rest of the search committee," Hensley said. "They're very vocal, very strong members and I've been so impressed with their willingness to take on the responsibility and to be equal partners."

Hensley said the students work hard to take part in the process.

"To be an equal partner means that you have to read all of this material, you have to come to all of these meetings and you have to really go out of your way to attend these interview sessions," Hensley said. "They have taken the process seriously and have helped enormously by being willing to take on the responsibility."

Evelyn Pupplio-Cody has served as interim director

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## College Republicans attend inauguration

by **LORI A. KERSEY**  
reporter

Three members of Marshall's College Republicans were among the thousands at the presidential inauguration Thursday.

Caleb Gibson, president of College Republicans; Clyde "C.W." Dolin, treasurer of College Republicans and chairman of West Virginia College Republicans; and Evan Worrell, member of College Republicans wit-

nessed history Thursday at the second swearing in of President George W. Bush.

They received tickets from the College Republicans National Committee.

Worrell described the crowds in Washington D.C. as three rivers of people coming into one. He said though the people probably were not all Republicans, they were all people who wanted to be a

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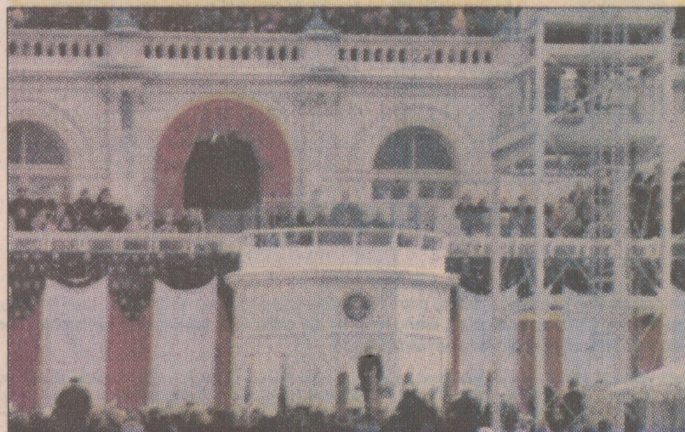


photo by Evan Worrell

Members of the Marshall College Republicans attended the inauguration of George W. Bush



# St. Mary's honored for benefits

by TIFFANY L. LINVILLE  
reporter

A Huntington hospital was the only healthcare center in the Tri-State area to be rewarded for its human resource programs and employee benefits.

St. Mary's Medical Center was one of 10 hospitals out of more than 100 applicants from around the United States selected by Premier Workplaces, an independent organization that helps companies improve the workplace through training and consultation.

The hospital is already closely associated with Marshall University because

of its onsite education programs, but Monica Bowman, benefits clerk in human resources, said she thinks this national recognition will attract even more job-seeking Marshall graduates to St. Mary's.

"Perhaps more students interested in healthcare-related fields will think about staying close to Huntington as they learn about St. Mary's and the effort we put forth in becoming a top-tier employer," Dan Londeree, St. Mary's manager of media and community relations, said.

"St. Mary's hires Marshall graduates every year," he said. "I'm a Marshall gradu-



ate, and several of my co-workers in the Marketing and Community Relations Department are Marshall graduates as well."

To be considered for the award, the employers had to complete a 200-question application concerning virtually all aspects of human resources, according to a St.

Mary's news release.

Londeree said the award is industry-specific, so it shows not only that St. Mary's is a great employer, but also that it is a great healthcare employer.

"Being nationally recognized by an independent organization is an honor for St. Mary's, but it also is

rewarding for those who have worked tirelessly to make the hospital a place where people want to work," Londeree said.

The medical center offers such benefits as onsite college courses, childcare, career counseling, smoking cessation programs, discounted memberships to a

local fitness center, free counseling, parking, dry cleaning and 100 percent of employees' retirement funding, according to the news release. The benefits have been developed over the past 80 years.

"Employees sometimes don't recognize what the hospital has to offer them," Bowman said. She said she thinks the national recognition will give employees a more positive attitude about working for St. Mary's.

"It's a great place to work," Bowman said. "I feel grateful that I work here and I don't have to pay for these benefits." Not many companies have such extensive benefits, she said.

## Former 'Tonight Show' host dies at 79

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Carson, whose "Tonight Show" monologues, celebrity banter and the corny but winning skits, died Sunday of emphysema. He was 79.

Nearly all of Carson's professional life was spent in television, from his post-war start at Nebraska stations in the late 1940s to his three decades with NBC's flagship late-night show.

Carson chose to let "Tonight" stand as



Carson entertained audiences for three decades on NBC's the 'Tonight Show.'

his career zenith and his finale, withdrawing into a private retirement that suited his nature and refusing involvement in other show business projects.

Carson made his debut as "Tonight" host in October 1962 and quickly won over audiences. He even made headlines with such clever plays as the 1969 on-show marriage of eccentric singer Tiny Tim to Miss Vicki, which won the show its biggest-ever ratings.

In 1972, "Tonight" moved from New York to Burbank. Growing respect for Carson's consistency and staying power, along with four Emmy Awards, came his way in the late 1970s.

His quickness and his ability to handle an audience were impressive. When his jokes missed their target, the smooth Carson won over a groaning studio audience with a clever look or sly, self-deprecating remark.

In the '80s, Carson was reportedly the highest-paid performer in television history with a \$5 million "Tonight" show salary alone. His Carson Productions created and sold pilots to NBC, including "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes." Carson himself made occasional cameo appearances on other TV series and was host of the Academy Awards five times in the '70s and '80s.

## Christian comedians pack MSC for Campus Crusade's Primetime

by SAMIR ABDEL-AZIZ  
reporter

The word evangelism can scare a lot of people, but for those who braved the snowy night at 9 p.m. Thursday, it was a treat as Rhett and Link, Christian comedians and speakers, invaded Campus Crusade's Primetime.

"A lot of people just hang with their Christian posse," Charles Lincoln Neal III, commonly known as Link, said. "We wanted to show that with time, talk and caring, you could reach people."

More than 100 students piled into the Don Morris room in the Memorial Student Center eagerly awaiting the duo.

Link and Rhett McLaughlin are regional speakers who appear at any university with a Campus

Crusade Ministry. Their region includes North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and western West Virginia. They said they came to Marshall because they had heard that God was doing great things and wanted to be a part of it.

Rhett and Link started off the program with a five-minute movie featuring the duo explaining their message.

The purpose behind several skits and messages were simple: to reach out to those who weren't Christians. One story was about Project Lionel. The speakers both loved Lionel Richie and in college took pictures of themselves doing the same pose that a Lionel poster had. They invited everyone in their hall to come and pose for Project Lionel.

They reflected on how, while it had been fun, neither of them even thought about sharing Christ with

the people who posed.

"Instead of asking the old question, 'How many hours are you taking?'" Link said. "Ask them how their Christmas was."

"We're not trying to make people into slick Jesus salesmen," Rhett said. "If they learned anything from this, we hoped it was how to ask questions to someone who does not know Christ."

The speakers asked students to think of 10 friends who were not Christians as well as ways to reach them. They suggested joining clubs, recreational sports or other activities as good starts. They warned, however, about the dangers of taking the credit for God's work.

"What God does at Marshall is God's business, but he does want you to be a part of it," Rhett said. "The motive should be love."

For more information, visit [www.rhettandlink.com](http://www.rhettandlink.com).

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# Blizzard-related deaths rise as snow blankets North

by THEO EMERY  
Associated Press

**BOSTON**—The roar of snowblowers and the scrape of shovels were heard across the Northeast as residents tried to free their sidewalks and cars from mounds of snow left by a weekend blizzard.

Monday classes were closed in many Massachusetts schools and colleges and Gov. Mitt Romney asked nonessential state workers in the eastern part of the state not to come to work. Dozens of school districts across New Jersey also canceled classes or schedule delayed openings.

At least 14 deaths were linked to the weather: three in Connecticut, three in Ohio, three in Wisconsin, two in Pennsylvania, and

one each in Maryland, Iowa and Massachusetts. Governors in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island declared states of emergency. Before pounding the Northeast, the weather system had piled a foot of snow across parts of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and northern Ohio.

On Massachusetts' Nantucket island, where an 84 mph wind gust was reported, the storm plunged the entire island into darkness until Sunday night, when power was largely restored.

"We just don't have the equipment to handle that amount of snow," said Nantucket deputy fire chief Mark McDougall.

The department was trying to reach people at risk, such as the elderly and the

**"We just don't have the equipment to handle that amount of snow."**

— Mark McDougall, deputy fire chief, Nantucket, Mass.

very young, in outlying areas cut off by snow drifts up to 6 feet high.

Two communities in Massachusetts —Salem and Plymouth — tied for the deepest snow with 38 inches each, according to the National Weather Service. Over 3 feet fell in some places north of Boston, parts of New Hampshire got 2 feet, and New York's Catskills collected at least 20 inches.

More than 12 inches fell in 17 of New Jersey's 21 counties and a wind chill advisory was scheduled to remain in effect through Monday morning. The

winds were also blowing the snow around across the region, causing drifting and visibility problems.

Boston's Logan International Airport closed early Sunday and was not expected to open until Monday morning. Service at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn., was not expected to return to normal until Monday.

More than 900 flights were canceled Sunday morning at the New York metropolitan area's Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, in addition to about 700 that were grounded

Saturday, Port Authority officials said.

Philadelphia's airport was open again Sunday, after a shutdown and flight cancellations on Saturday stranded hundreds of travelers at the terminal overnight, but more than 70 departures were canceled.

In Pennsylvania, Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County, the state's largest ski resort, got a welcome 10 inches. Punxsutawney, home to the famous weather-predicting groundhog, received about 7 inches of snow.

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company reported 3,091 of its customers were without power Saturday afternoon. Workers whittled that number down to 65 by Sunday morning, but that number fluctuated through the day after

winds picked up.

In Delaware, officials decided to delay the opening of state government offices, as well city offices and some county offices, until 10 a.m. Monday. Some schools were closed.

"There's just a lot of hard-packed ice and snow," Rosanne Pack, spokeswoman for the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, said Sunday. "The parking lots are just ice rinks."

The biggest problem in northern Maine was the teeth-chattering wind. Rich Norton of the National Weather Service, said the wind chills Sunday morning were minus-33 degrees in Frenchville, minus-27 in Bangor and Presque Isle, and 25 below zero in Caribou.

## REPUBLICANS

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part of history.

About the protestors who demonstrated at the inauguration, Worrell, who was in the Air Force, said, "While I don't agree with their beliefs, I'd go to Iraq and fight for their right to protest."

But even with protestors, Dolin said the atmosphere that day was positive.

"You had people from all 50 states coming together for one event and the atmosphere was just great," he said.

For the College Republicans, seeing President Bush inaugurated

for his second term in office was their victory as much as his.

"It was the accumulation of a year's worth of effort to see the president reelected," Gibson said. "A lot of people said it was over on Election Day, but for us, getting to see the inauguration was a nice way to cap off the entire election process," Gibson said.

He talked about what he thinks it means to the country to have the president in office again.

"We've got four more years of the right man in office to lead us in the War on Terror, to keep lowering taxes, and to also privatize social security," he said.

Dolin talked about the president's address.

"I just thought the speech

was amazing because it didn't focus on political issues, it focused on freedom and liberty which is something that all Americans can stand behind," he said.

"I like the part where he called people to service. He encouraged them to act for a cause better than just themselves, to do something that would go for the betterment of everybody," he said.

To Dolin, it was a part of history.

"We were representing Marshall and also the Marshall College Republicans and we were present for history," he said. "We were there for a tradition that celebrates our government."

"It was special being part of history like that," Gibson said.

## AWARD

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In addition, Mak is involved in research here on campus.

She is currently working with the interim dean of the College of Business, Dr. Chong Kim, as they research Transformational Leadership between the College of Business and the College of Education.

In addition to activities on campus, Mak has also participated in several statewide organizations and programs.

For example, Mak was elected president of the West Virginia branch of the

AAHPERD.

"She's done a good job in research and she is also one the youngest to be elected President of the WVAH- PERD," Barnett said. "That's a rare combination."

On the national level, Mak is a board member for the Research Consortium Board of Directors for AAHPERD and chairperson for the Research Committee for the American Association of Leisure and Recreation. In addition, she is to accept her Mabel Lee award at the national 2005 AAHPERD conference in Chicago.

Mak, who was born in Hong Kong, has been very

involved in international conferences and organizations.

One of her international accomplishments includes being invited as one of only 13 VIP speakers to the International Conference for Physical Educators and International Forum of Sports for All, which was located in China.

In addition to her vast participation in the professional world, Mak also finds time for the community.

She currently is a chairperson for the Highlawn Baptist Church, Chinese Christian Fellowship, of which she attends.

## DIRECTOR

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for the program since the previous director, Martha Woodward, retired last summer. While the search committee said they are looking for someone to fill the position, the job description for the director has changed.

"The position has changed a little bit, so the person will be the director and will also be teaching either something in their discipline or an honors seminar," Shalaway said.

"We're looking for someone that has high academic standards and that will convey those to the students."

"We want the new director to be very student oriented and to have an open-door policy," Shalaway said.

"We would like the director of the program to have experience, but more importantly, to have some really exciting ideas about

where our program should be going," said Hensley. "We want to know what they want to do in the next five years."

Shalaway says that being a member of the student search committee is important because they can share a point of view that others may not be able to see.

"Students bring a different knowledge to this process," said Shalaway. "The administrators and professors have all been students, but they forget what it's like."

I don't remember what it's like to be a kindergartner. So we bring a different perspective, and that's the biggest thing because our concerns are different."

"The administrators and professors want someone

that they can work with professionally, and students want someone who can mentor and advise them," Shalaway said.

Hensley said that above all, the search process has been a good opportunity for the students who are involved.

"I think they are enjoying the opportunity," Hensley said.

"The search committee members get to know each other, and it's a really wonderful group of people. I've enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to the whole group, and I think all of us have gotten to know the students better."

Hensley said that a new director for the Center for Academic Excellence should be named sometime this spring.

## RETREAT

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group. This Saturday workshops will focus primarily on duties and responsibilities, and will include a goal session.

"I am mostly looking forward to coming back to Marshall with better understanding of student government and goals to achieve for the rest of the

semester," Sandy said.

Hollie Cochran, a senior from Beckley, is the student senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

She said she is looking forward to reviewing parliamentary procedures and getting to know everyone better.

The retreat will be at the Marriott in Charleston.

Student senators will return to Marshall Feb. 5.

## ALUMNI

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the week, with new students shadowing returning student workers.

Michelle Ehrhart, an elementary education major, is returning for her second semester working the phone-a-thon.

"The tuition is so low at Marshall because of alumni who donate," Ehrhart said.

"It's a lot of fun and a good experience to work. A lot of alumni will ask you what your major is and tell you stories of their time at Marshall."

Applications to become a student worker are available at the Erickson Alumni Center.

Donations to Marshall's Annual Fund or any other fund can be made by calling Rebecca Samples at 696-3292.

## COOL DEALS

### Marshall University Ski Program at Winterplace Ski Resort

We are pleased to announce the establishment of a special Marshall University Ski Program which is being made available by Winterplace Ski Resort, near Beckley, West Virginia.

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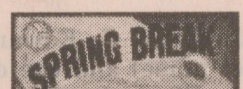
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- Johnny Carson, talk show host



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## Convenience store lacking just that

This semester, the void left in Holderby Hall by the cafeteria has finally been filled with the Department of Residence Services and a much-needed campus convenience store, MU Campus Express.

With more options than both the bookstore and the snack stand in the student center, MU Campus Express offers the same line of snacks and drinks as area convenience stores right near the residence halls.

But with convenience often comes a price. For instance, a box of Pop-Tarts runs for \$3.99 and one better only want those sweet, toaster pastries between the hours of 6 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Though not everything in the store happens to be priced that high, the hours are something that might not accommodate all students. Those out wanting something on Saturdays are out of luck because the store is not open. Fridays and Sundays hold even odder hours.

Low on cash and lack points on the Marshall ID? Better head across Third Avenue to 7-11, because at this point, Campus Express doesn't accept credit or debit cards, a staple in college student spending.

However, the sale of condoms in the store is something that should be applauded. Without condoms readily available in the residence halls, students should have an option for safe sex, even if they have to pay for it. Medicine such as aspirin and other over the counter drugs are available as well, something students can appreciate having on campus.

The convenience of the store does outweigh the costs for students living on campus and those without a car. Walking over to Holderby Hall for cough drops and a half gallon of milk is an excellent option.

A quick cup of coffee or hot chocolate works well for students walking to a late night class, but what about those who have classes at 8 a.m.? What about the students coming in from a party on Saturday night who are craving a microwave burrito? They might not make up the majority of campus, but their snack and food money does go somewhere, why shouldn't it go back into the convenience store on campus?

## Campus for sale; sounds like a good idea to me

Since John Withum went off on the kindness of Ms. Joan C. Edwards and called my beloved university a "whore" I thought to myself, "Self, wouldn't you like something named after you?" And Self responded by saying, "Heck yeah!" Those old gears of mine started turning. I have a few ideas I could pitch to the Board of Governors. What do you think John?

We have 40 buildings on campus, give or take. That's a lot of bricks! How about selling the naming rights to each brick? I bet the university could fetch a \$100 or so for each brick. WOW, that is a lot of money! There is no telling how much this plan could save students in fees.

I have another idea. The same can be done with the sidewalks on campus. Do all the trees on campus bear someone's name on a bronze plaque? Not yet! But for \$1,000 there could be. With this plan, the university could be rolling in dough and could be saving us money.

I know you can see where I am taking this. The university has billions of things it can name after benefactors. If the university were to do this we could have different levels of con-

### MY THREE CENTS

BY BEN HUNT  
sports editor



I have another idea. The same can be done with the sidewalks on campus. Do all the trees on campus bear someone's name on a bronze plaque? Not yet! But for \$1,000 there could be. With this plan, the university could be rolling in dough and could be saving us money.

I know you can see where I am taking this. The university has billions of things it can name after benefactors. If the university were to do this we could have different levels of con-

tributions. Let's say \$20 will get your name written on the sidewalk in chalk. Fifty dollars can buy your name written on a trash can in permanent marker. Seventy five dollars will be saved for those people who prefer something more "original." Say something like a flyer taped in the stairwells. Rest assured, after a week the custodial staff will remove each flyer to make room for the latest contributors.

Seriously, all silliness aside, to compare Ms. Edwards' donations to the burial mound of Beowulf is a bit overstated. She is merely helping advance the education we as students receive at this state-funded institution. Her contributions to any pro-

gram here at Marshall are sorely needed. With the raising of student fees and the lowering of state funds every dollar counts and should be appreciated even if we do have to see someone's name on a building.

Frankly, I don't mind what the university decides to name things as long as the price is right. John, don't "hate on" Ms. Edwards because she might bleed more green than Bobby P. on game day. That's a lot of green. I'm so appreciative to your giving Ms. Edwards; I would offer to name my first born after you. I don't ever recall meeting anyone named after the tragic hero from the epic poem. Take that Beowulf!

## 'I Love the '90s' reviews our youth

The BG News  
(Bowling Green State University)

(U-WIRE) Bowling Green, Ohio — This week VH1 is airing "I Love the '90s: Part Deux," the sequel to the first pop-culture filled show. Many people do not believe the '90s were a great decade, but I am going to explain why it was, at the very least, memorable.

First of all is television. I have only four letters: TGIF. For people our age, Friday nights in the early-to-mid-1990s were almost as fun as they are now. We had "Full House," "Family Matters," "Step by Step," "Just the Ten of Us" and "Perfect Strangers," among others.

Then we could wake up early on Saturday to catch "Saved by the Bell." If you were like me, you even had the "Saved by the Bell" board games and dolls.

What do kids really have to watch today? Yes, these shows we watched as kids were cheesy, but at least 90 percent of the plots were

not about sex! At 22, I can enjoy every prime time show today, but I doubt my parents would have let me watch most of them if they were on when I was younger.

At least "Beverly Hills 90210," one of the more risqué shows of the '90s, was viewable for 11-year-olds.

The '90s were a great time for music too, and most of it was good music. It was not always rump shaker, "let's get drunk and have a one night stand" music. While rap was popular, and quite better than it is today, songs about love and other things were plentiful in the '90s.

Today we have artists like Britney Spears who think marrying your best friend for one day is a cool way to get attention.

Speaking of attention, a lot of '90s movies were worthy of it. "Forrest Gump," "Silence of the Lambs," "Schindler's List" and "Saving Private Ryan" are just a few classic '90s movies -- not to mention

that one called "Titanic" that was so popular, some people still cannot stand it.

What was it that made some of us see that movie repeatedly? According to the Internet Movie Database, six '90s movies, including "The Lion King," "Forrest Gump" and "Jurassic Park," are among the 20 all-time highest grossing box office films.

The '90s not only had some good entertainment, but they had memorable news events too. Although they were not always good, they were definitely memorable and had lasting effects. I recall the 1992 election was the first time I actually heard about politics, as my parents would rant about why Bill Clinton was an idiot.

Oh, and that O.J. Simpson saga? I watched it almost every day until the man who I still believe was guilty walked off scot-free.

Who else remembers where they were and what they were doing when Oklahoma City bombing

occurred? That image of the fireman cradling the dead little baby still sends chills down my spine.

Later in the decade we had Clinton's sex scandal. By this time I pretty much knew I did not like Bill Clinton, so it was funny when the "blue dress" was found.

I'll bet most readers remember the attack on Columbine High School. I will also bet many of you are thinking of the bomb threats at your high school immediately after Columbine.

The '90s were a memorable time in their own way. There were plenty of good times, but also some tragic events. Although these were major news events, I did not think the '90s had any earth-shattering events that made it a troubling period such as the 1960s.

Knock on wood that Sept. 11 happened two weeks into my college career, and thus began this decade that has not been nearly as good as the last one.

go on in those buildings and in other sites where fine arts programs take place on this campus. Her generosity has helped "raise the bar" in the College of Fine Arts and many students have benefited from her vision and keen interest in the arts at Marshall University. By endowing programs, she also insures that students for generations to come will enjoy the benefits of enhanced programs.

It has been during my tenure as dean of COFA that those two buildings were named, and I know for a fact that Ms. Edwards did not name those buildings. Former President Wade Gilley and I discussed the renaming of the Performing Arts Center in her honor, and we worked with Ms. Edwards to develop a distinctive name for the Jazz Center. If you find it necessary to place blame, then blame me and Dr. Gilley.

Mr. Withum needs to get his facts straight before he criticizes one of the university's most dedicated friends.

Donald Van Horn  
Dean, College of Fine Arts

## LETTERS to the editor

### Edwards a valuable asset to MU

Let me set John Withum straight on a couple of points he tries to make in his column about Joan Edwards. He implies that Ms. Edwards paid for the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse and the Jomie Jazz Center along with a couple of other buildings and/or venues on the Marshall Campus.

Mr. Withum is dead wrong about the two buildings I know something about.

Ms. Edwards did not pay for the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center (the correct name) and she did not pay for the Jomie Jazz Center. What she did was establish endowments to fund academic programs that

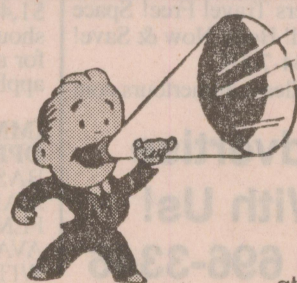
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# MAC EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Marshall women's basketball player Crystal Champion was named MAC East Player of the Week after averaging 13 points and 10.5 rebounds this week against Ohio and Buffalo



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# Heart of a 'Champion'

## CC earns MAC East Player of the Week

by CHRIS D. KIDD  
reporter

Underdogs were created to be cheered for and overcome daunting obstacles. That describes Crystal Champion to the core.

Champion, a sophomore forward for the Marshall women's basketball team, has stepped into a starring role for the Herd. Champion leads the MAC in rebounding at 8.6 per game and is second in scoring for the Herd averaging 10.1 per game after not being expected to make the transition off the Herd's bench.

"I'm a garbage player," Champion said. "I love rebounding and going down into the paint with all the six-foot girls. Remember me as a garbage player who cleaned up the boards."

Champion's diligence to working the boards and blocks caught the eye of Marshall fourth year coach Royce Chadwick who signed Champion to a full scholarship out of H.D. Woodson High School in

**Remember me as a garbage player who cleaned up the boards.**

— Crystal Champion, sophomore forward

Washington, D.C.

"She is a fierce competitor," Chadwick said. "She's not big enough, fast enough or strong enough to do the things that she does. She's got good athletic ability and a great basketball mind but most of the stuff Crystal does she's just an overachiever."

Chadwick wasn't the only one impressed with Champion's ability as the Herd coach was coaxed to the nation's capitol by a fellow D.C. native and Marshall graduate, former Herd quarterback Byron Leftwich.

"I knew Byron Leftwich (from high school) and he sent coach Chadwick to my high school and he pretty much recruited me from then on," Champion said. "Not too many had faith in me in high

school. Other coaches told coach Chadwick it was a bad idea, but I'm here today cause he had faith in me. He's the reason I'm who I am today."

Whatever Champion accomplishes on the court, the criminal justice major plans on receiving a degree first possibly going for a masters. Chadwick echoes these ambitions from Champion, along with a warning for future competition.

"She's been put in an environment with a lot of demands put on her and she has really flourished," Chadwick said. "She's only played in 35 percent of the games she's going to play in, and if she's this good in her first 35 percent just wait till her last 35 percent."



Crystal Champion, shown here against Miami, nabbed her fourth and fifth double-double of the season in Herd victories over Ohio and Buffalo. She was named MAC East Player of the Week.

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## Women's soccer and UNICEF team-up

by ERIN M. WHITE  
reporter

The Marshall University Women's Soccer team is selling wristbands to increase aid for tsunami relief efforts in southeast Asia.

Starting Tuesday, the team is selling the red wristbands for a minimum donation of \$1. The wristbands have the words "Tsunami Relief" inscribed on them.

All proceeds from the sales will be donated to UNICEF. The wristbands will be sold during men's and women's Basketball home games this winter.

"This is a good way to get money toward tsunami victims," junior midfielder Jamie Gruber said. "I've seen pictures on the news and I couldn't imagine what I'd do if that happened here."

The idea came to the team when one of the team's mem-

bers came back from winter break wearing a black tsunami relief wristband she bought at a Washington Wizard's game.

The team decided selling wristbands to benefit tsunami victims was something they wanted to do.

"The wristbands are a big fad going around," junior midfielder Jen Short said. "This gives kids our age an incentive to help out."

They ordered 1,000 wristbands from an online website for a small cost. The whole team is getting involved by selling in shifts at the games.

The wristbands are available to the public other ways.

In addition to home games, wristbands can be bought by contacting head coach Chris Kane at 696-6388 or at kane@marshall.edu or assistant coach Cory Hill at 696-6383 or at



Members of the women's soccer team sell wristbands for tsunami relief. Proceeds are going to UNICEF for disaster aid.

hill51@marshall.edu.

Kane has received calls coming in from all over the state requesting wristband orders.

"I think with what people have lost, every penny helps," Kane said. "So, if they just call us and send us a check, we'll ship them out."

They will be selling the wristbands at various times in the Memorial Student Center on campus. The team will also be trying to get them into local businesses in order to increase sales.

For more information about UNICEF, visit [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org).

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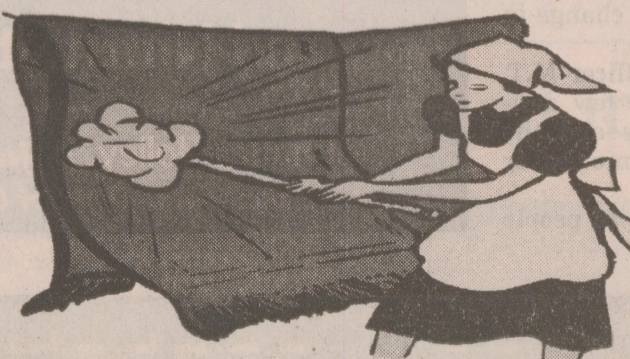
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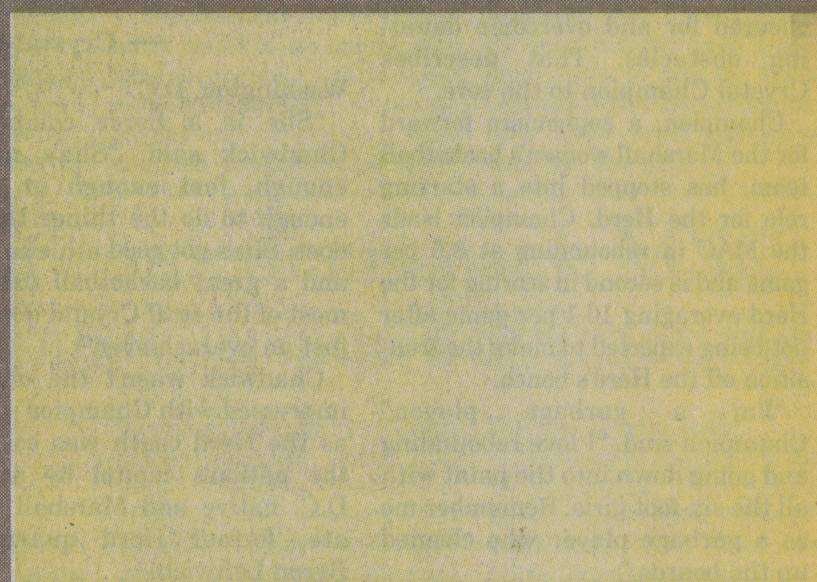
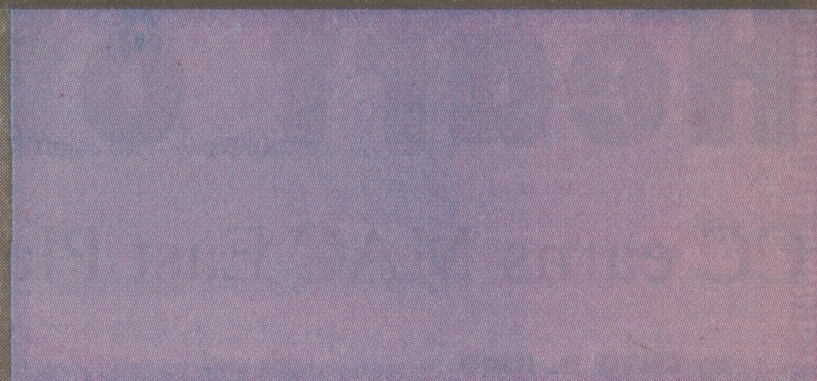
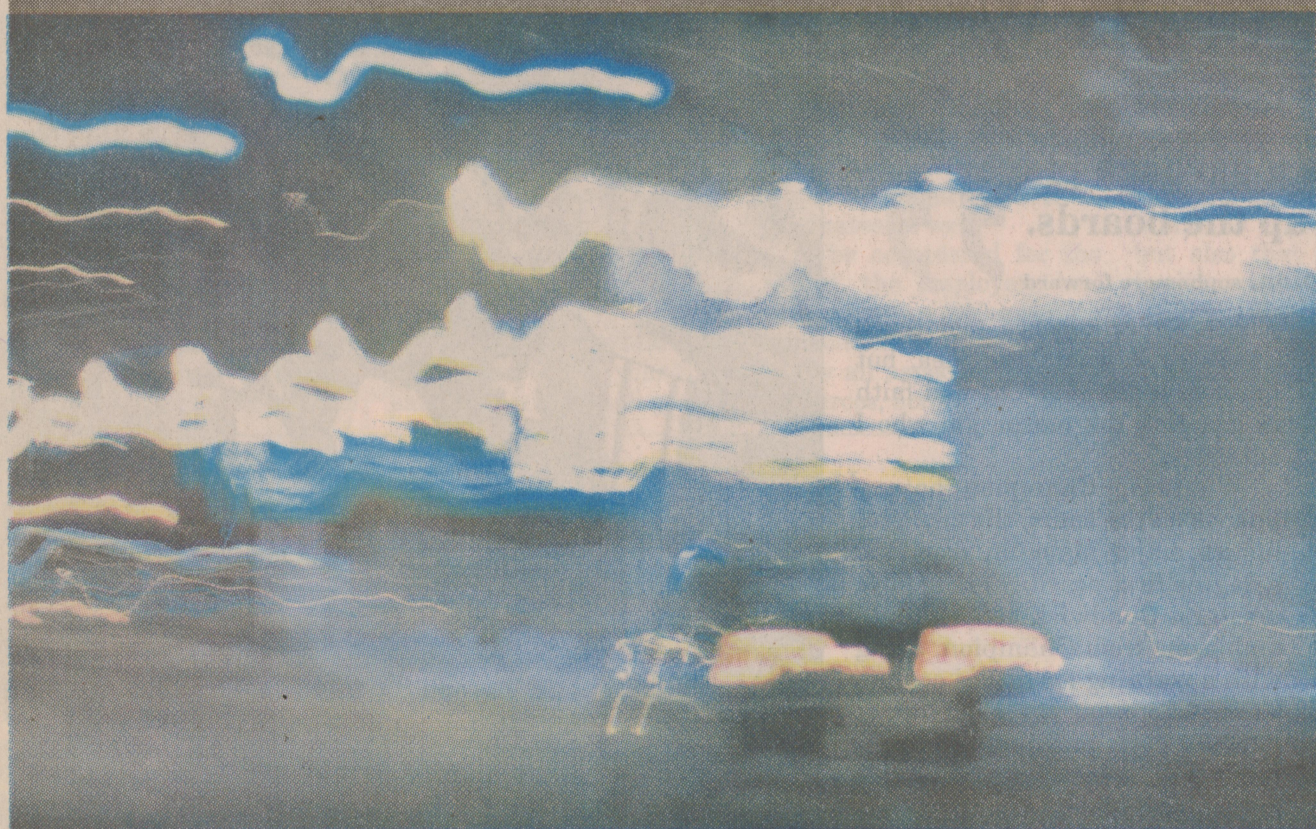
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# THE WORD ON THE STREET

story by **Heath Harrison**, reporter

photos by **Adam Cunningham**, photographer

**S**tudents at Marshall will notice a change in downtown traffic this semester, as Third Avenue has changed from one-way to two-way traffic between Seventh and Twelfth streets.

According to Charles Holley, project manager for the Huntington Department of Development, the change went into effect Nov. 17 to accommodate the recently-completed Pullman Square shopping plaza and to make it easier for drivers downtown to get from one location to another. Holley said that having two-way traffic on Third Avenue eliminates the need to go around the block to Fourth Avenue when heading east.

"If I'm down at Ninth Street, I can just come back up Third Avenue," said Holley. "It makes it easier for anyone downtown."

Holley said that so far, response to the change from area businesses has been positive.

Richard Monga, general manager of Holiday Inn said that the change hasn't really affected business.

"It has no implication for us," said Monga. "Things are going fairly smoothly."

John Brooks, general manager of Applebee's, said the change has helped business for the restaurant.

"It's brought us into view and, instead of only one-way, it's easier for customers to get here," Brooks said.

One concern of area residents was that drivers would not be used to the change in traffic flow.

Huntington Traffic Division Officer M.T. Hudson said there have been a few accidents in the area of Applebee's and the Radisson Hotel but no major injuries or fatalities reported.

"We've had some accidents where people

were used to driving one-way and that was a contributing factor, but we haven't had any head-on accidents that I can remember," Hudson said.

Hudson said the traffic barrels in the area have served as a warning to drivers so far.

"We still have enough construction and things that jump out and say something's up," said Hudson. "After the barrels go down, we'll have to see if people are used to the change."

Brooks said the change makes the area safer for his customers.

"It's slowed traffic down," said Brooks. "People used to go 40 or 50 miles [per hour]. You're not too scared to drive on it now."

Mayor David Felinton said the construction of a traffic island between 12th and 13th streets will help drivers adapt to the change. Felinton said the island was originally scheduled to have been completed by

now, but has been held up due to bad weather.

Holley said the changes on Third Avenue are only the beginning of larger changes to the city.

"Every year from now until quite a few years in the future, you'll see construction on Third and Fourth Avenues and Ninth Street," Holley said.

Holley said that plans are underway to change traffic on the Ninth street plaza from one-way to two-way traffic in order to extend Pullman Square into downtown. The plan, which will involve widening the street is being developed this year and is scheduled to go into effect in 2006.

"This will be a very extensive project from building to building," said Holley. "Everything you see there now will be completely ripped out."

Holley said similar plans are also being developed to renovate Fourth Avenue from Hal Greer Boulevard to Seventh Street.

Holley said funding for the project is being financed through Tax Increment Financing. Tax rates for downtown property have been changed and the city will collect the difference in taxes to pay for four new streetscapes.

"For Third Avenue, what you see now is phase one. We'll start phase two this year," Holley said.

Every year from now until quite a few years in the future, you'll see construction on Third and Fourth Avenues and Ninth Street.

—Charles Holley, project manager for the Huntington Dept. of Development

