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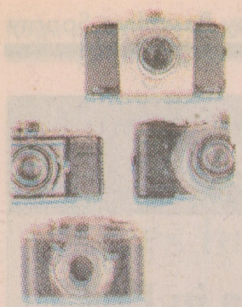
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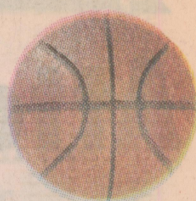
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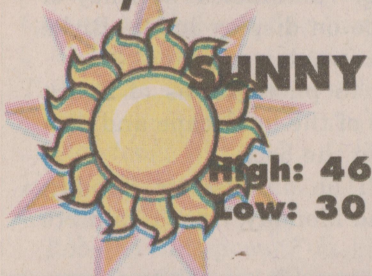


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SGA hosts student input sessions

by **MEGAN D. BARBOUR**
reporter

Marshall University students who wish to voice their opinions about the next university president will be able to do so at presidential search committee student input sessions hosted by the Student Government Association.

SGA will be hosting brainstorming workshops throughout February to help give students a

stronger voice in who is chosen as the next president of Marshall University.

Student concerns will be relayed through a student representative for the Board of Governors, Seth Murphy, who is also a member of the board's ad hoc search committee that is working to find a new president for the university.

Murphy has been working with SGA President Jenn Gaston on planning the workshops.

Gaston and Murphy developed the idea of hosting student input sessions in order to give students an easy way to share their ideas with the board.

The sessions will be at Murphy's temporary residence, the university president's house at 1040 13th Ave.

The house cannot sit vacant because of insurance. Therefore, the BOG appointed Murphy to reside there temporarily.

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ALL SESSIONS BEGIN AT 8 P.M. AND WILL BE AT THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, 1040 13TH AVE.
Illustration by Matt Haught

Religious community unites for Habitat

by **KALEENA L. BURGESS**
reporter

The Jewish and Catholic communities of Huntington are uniting to make a family's dream come true.

The B'Nai Shalom Congregation and Our Lady of Fatima Church are currently involved in a Habitat for Humanity's interfaith build. The goal of an interfaith build is to help both communities get acquainted with each other. Interfaith builds also construct personal and working relationships between the two congregations.

"The primary purpose of an interfaith build is to join together two separate communities in our city," Diane Feaganes, executive director, said.

The two communities will be building a Habitat house at 3621 4th Ave.

Feaganes said she hopes Huntington area residents also

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A book by the fire

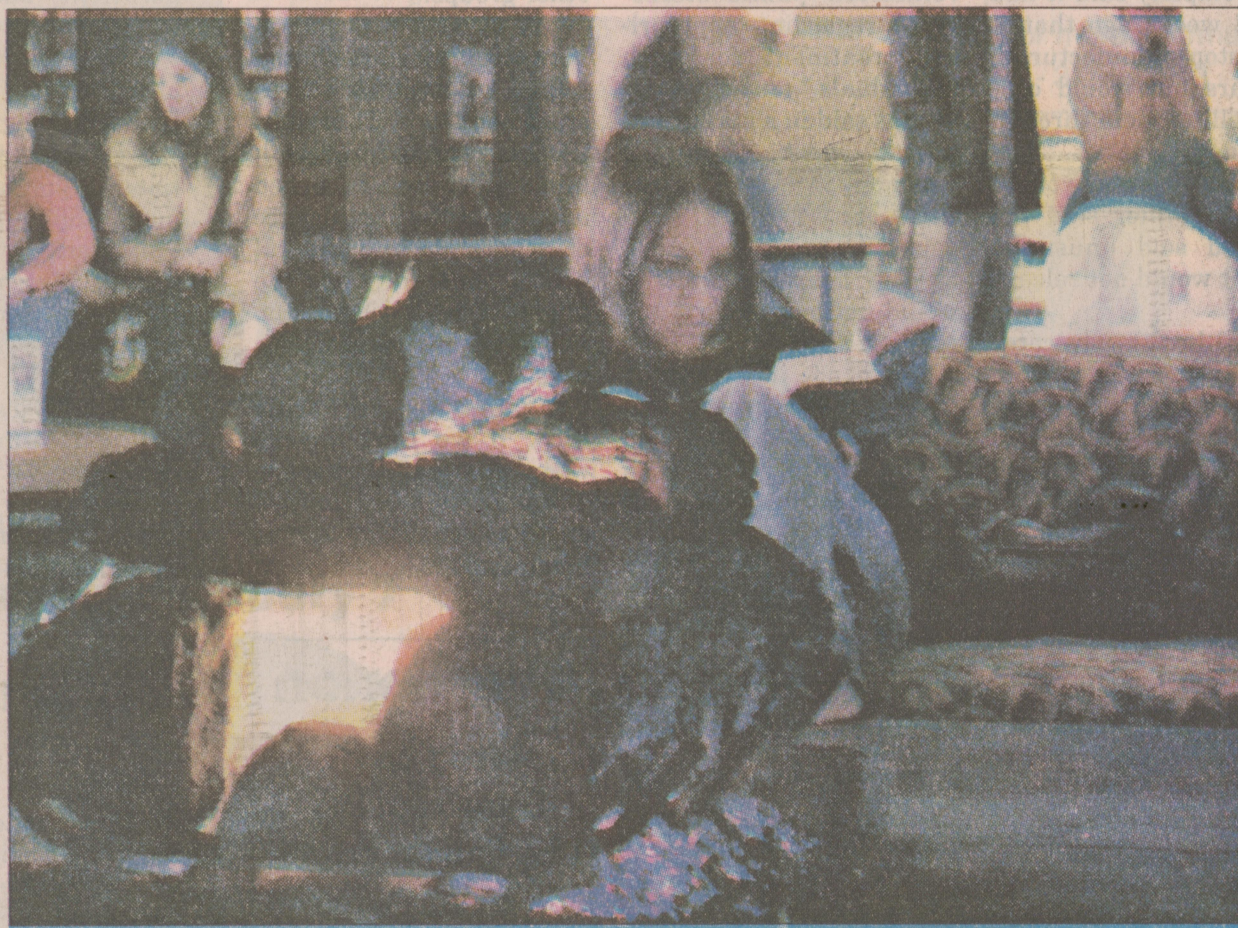


photo by Adam Cunningham

Stephanie Kesler, a freshman counseling major from Huntington, reads a book in front of the Memorial Student Center fireplace.

Antiques appraisal, auction to benefit hospital

by **KEELY A. MARTIN**
reporter

An antiques road show is coming to the Memorial Student Center Feb. 5.

Cabell Collectibles and the Cabell Huntington Hospital are teaming up to raise money for the Burn Intensive Care Unit in the hospital by showcasing and auctioning antiques.

The event is divided into two different sessions. The first, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will allow personal interaction with local and regional antique experts.

Individuals can bring antique items to be examined and appraised by professionals, Roger Rash, event coordinator of Cabell Huntington Hospital, said. Attendees are allowed to bring two items per admission ticket for expert observation, Rash said.

Riley Humler, who has appeared on the television program "Antiques Roadshow," and is the director of Cincinnati Art Galleries, will also be there to assist with the activities, Rash said.

During the first session and continuing into the second session, participants have a chance to bid on items in a silent auction, he said. There are approximately 80 to 100 antiques up for bid in the silent auction, Rash said.

Starting at 6 p.m., the second will include a live auction and cocktail party, he said. The live auction will follow at 7 p.m.

Approximately 30 items are going to be auctioned by Jeff Jeffers, who is an antique expert, Rash said.

The auction is going to have a wide variety of items up for bid including furniture, pottery and jewelry.

Items up for bid that might be of special interest include a pre-Civil War painting and a Super Bowl XXXVIII foot-

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Revolution offers Super Bowl option

by **SAMIR ABDEL-AZIZ**
reporter

A revolutionary concept.

Campus ministry Revolution is having a Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Campus Christian Center.

"Well, it's the Super Bowl and everyone usually watches the game," Joseph Spurgeon, president of Revolution, said. "We thought instead of people sitting at home, or watching it in a bar, why not watch it with some good Christian people, and have a lot of fun."

The party will have two eight-foot screens, halftime entertainment and free door prizes. There will also be free snacks and pizza. One of the screens will be used to play video games such as Madden 2005, while the other may be used for Dance Dance Revolution. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the party will last until the end of the game.

"We want people to know that being a Christian can be fun."

— Joseph Spurgeon, Revolution president

Revolution, formerly the Baptist Student Union, is a Christian organization intending to reach not only Christian students, but anyone else interested in learning about the Christian faith.

"We would like the students to know that by having fun and fellowshiping, we can still glorify God," Spurgeon said. "We want people to know that being a Christian can be fun."

The idea for the Super Bowl party first came to the organization when its members thought about how much everyone loves the Super Bowl. Revolution hosts activities often, but this is the first time they have ever attempted something this big before.

A new church, Crosspoint

Community Church, is donating the projectors and the two televisions.

More than 100 students are expected to show up, but Spurgeon said he would not mind if all the students on campus came.

"This is more of a fun activity," he said. "As with all things though, Revolution, we will be having fun to glorify God. If a non-Christian came to the party, he should expect to have a lot of fun just hanging out with some good people who like to laugh and joke and worship God."

"The Super Bowl attracts a lot of attention," Daniel Byrd, director, said. "We wanted to capitalize on the popularity of the game to provide a free, safe

environment for everyone. We guarantee to have a non-offensive halftime show."

Revolution meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

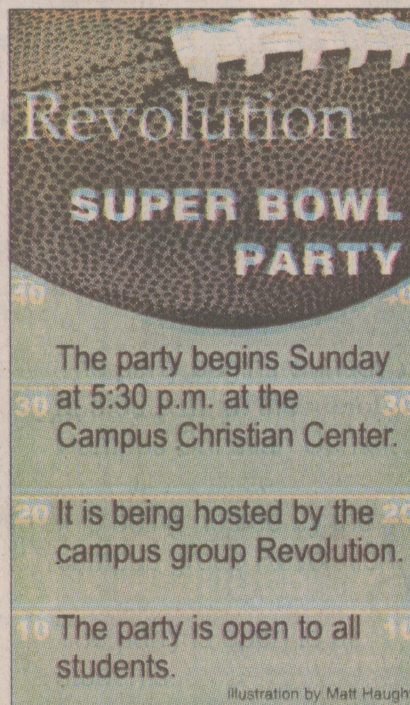


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Attorney general confirmed

Alberto Gonzalez stepping into Ashcroft's shoes

by **JESSE J. HOLLAND**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON— Alberto Gonzales won Senate confirmation Thursday as attorney general despite Democratic accusations he helped formulate White House policies that led to overseas prisoner abuse and was too beholden to President Bush to be the nation's top law enforcement official.

The Senate voted 60-36 to put the first Hispanic ever into the job, with all of the "no" votes coming from Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independent Jim Jeffords of Vermont. Last week, 12 Democrats and Jeffords voted against Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's confirmation.

Gonzales replaces John Ashcroft, who won more Democratic support four years ago despite contentious stances on a number of issues. Eight Democrats voted for Ashcroft, while six voted for Gonzales.

He was sworn in around 6 p.m. EST as the nation's 80th attorney general by Vice President Dick Cheney in a private ceremony in the White House, Justice

Department spokeswoman Tasia Scolinos said.

Republicans and some Democrats praised Gonzales' life story: the grandson of Mexican immigrants who worked his way up to being President Bush's top lawyer in the White House.

Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., the first Cuban-American senator, even broke with Senate tradition and praised Gonzales in Spanish on the Senate floor Wednesday.

"This is a breakthrough of incredible magnitude for Hispanic-Americans," he said in English.

Democrats praised Gonzales as well, but many said they could not look past his participation in administration policies they said had led to abuses that occurred in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

They also complained he refused to answer their questions on how those policies were created inside the White House.

"Mr. Gonzales was at the heart of the Bush administration's notorious decision to authorize our forces to commit flagrant acts of torture in the interrogation of detainees," Sen. Edward

Kennedy, D-Mass., said.

At first, many Democrats had joined Republicans in praising the former state judge who traveled with Bush to Washington after the president's 2000 victory.

"When Mr. Gonzales was nominated several weeks ago, I didn't know a single member of this body, Republican or Democrat, who had expressed any intention to vote against this nominee," Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said.

But some Democrats turned against him after he sidestepped questions on what advice he gave Bush and other administration officials on the interrogation methods that could be used on suspected terrorists or witnesses.

Some Democrats contended Gonzales' January 2002 memo to the White House counsel led to the abuse of prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Pressed on the issue, Gonzales defended language in which he labeled as "quaint" some of the Geneva Conventions' human rights protections for prisoners of war and said they did not extend to al-Qaida and other suspected terrorists.

But he also said, "Torture

and abuse will not be tolerated by this administration." He told senators that, as attorney general, he would "ensure the Department of Justice aggressively pursues those responsible for such abhorrent actions."

Democrats also expressed concern that Gonzales was too much of a Bush loyalist.

"He was so circumspect in his answers, so allied with the president's position on every single issue, there was almost an eagerness to say, 'I'm going to do exactly what the president wants,' that I worry Judge Gonzales will be too willing to toe the party line," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

Gonzales should not be a scapegoat for what happened overseas, Republicans said. They also insinuated that the Democrats wanted a big vote against Gonzales to keep Bush from making him the first Hispanic Supreme Court nominee if a position comes open.

"Here is a good man who has demonstrated tremendous ability through his life," Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said.

"The fact is, politics is getting in the way of his confirmation."

News Briefs

Images of South Africa in Birke

The photography of D. Michael Cheers, co-author of "Still Grazing: The Musical Journey of Hugh Masekela," will be on display in the Birke Art Gallery as part of a two-day exhibit.

The exhibit features 45 photographs of South Africa including images of the landscape and people, some of which are in the book.

The photographs will be on display Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cheers will meet with journalism and art students Monday.

Cheers and Masekela will participate in a book signing Monday night, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Birke Art Gallery. At 8 p.m., they will give a multi-media presentation of Cheers' work and discuss their book in Smith Music Hall. Masekela will perform with the Marshall University jazz band following the program.

Cheers is a faculty member at the University of Mississippi. In addition to Masekela, he has photographed prominent individuals including Nelson Mandela and Jesse Jackson.

Cheers' visit is sponsored by the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Writing workshop kicks off at South Charleston campus

Marshall Community and Technical College's Continuing Education program will be hosting "Advancing the Non-Profit Organization," a planning and grant writing workshop Feb. 11 at Marshall's South Charleston campus.

The workshop will offer both morning and afternoon sessions. The cost to attend one session is \$55 or both sessions for \$95. A \$10 discount is available to members of companies or organizations that send two or more participants to the combined session.

Skip Gebhart, a consultant and trainer specializing in long-range planning, leadership development and workforce diversity, will be conducting "The Strategic Planning" session from 9 a.m. to noon. He has conducted seminars for national corporations such as IBM, Exxon-Mobile and Amazon.com.

Lisa Startcher Collins will conduct the afternoon session, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on "Successful Grant Writing."

According to a Marshall University news release, she has been awarded more than \$1 million in funds and now serves as an independent consultant for non-profits through her business, Charity Match.

"They [Gebhart and Collins] have worked together before and have conducted very successful seminars," Martha Pierson, program manager for the Marshall Community and Technical College Continuing Education program, said.

Pierson said the seminar would benefit anyone, but non-profit organizations are the main target.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Pierson, 746-2062.

'Crazy For You' bear off the market

by **DAVID GRAM**
Associated Press Writer

MONTPELIER, Vt. — To the relief of advocates for the mentally ill, the Vermont Teddy Bear Co. said Thursday that its straitjacketed "Crazy For You" bears are sold out and it will not make any more.

For weeks, advocates and Republican Gov. James Douglas have criticized the toy as insensitive.

The \$69.95 bear, marketed as a Valentine's Day gift, came with a straitjacket and commitment

papers.

The company said it had decided weeks ago that it would stop manufacturing the bears but would continue selling them through Valentine's Day.

Company spokeswoman Nicole L'Huillier said the bear had sold unusually well, but would not release figures.

Mental health advocates claimed victory.

"We believe the Vermont Teddy Bear Co. has come to understand the harm caused by creating an image that trivialized the pain of people with severe

mental illness, and that reinforced public stereotypes regarding appropriate treatment for such individuals," four advocacy groups said in a statement.

Last week, company President and CEO Elisabeth Robert had apologized to anyone offended by the bear but said it would not be taken off the market.

"We're not in a position to be told what we can and cannot sell," she said.

Tuesday, she met with representatives of the Vermont chapter of the National Alliance for the

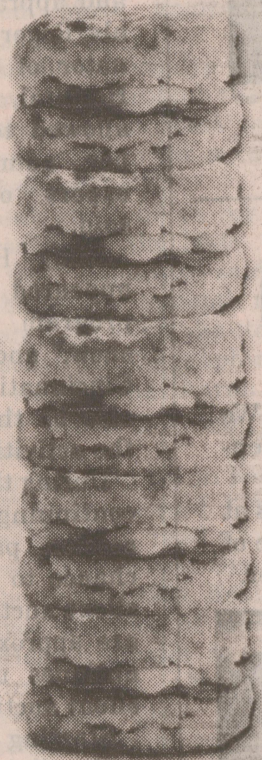
Mentally Ill and three other groups.

"We sat around a Vermont kitchen table and talked," Robert said in a statement Thursday. "From the respectful, human discourse I learned a lot about the significance of stigma in the mental health community and the plight of real people who suffer from mental illness."

"Again, we are truly sorry if we hurt anyone with this bear," she said.

The bears were offered on eBay Thursday for as much as \$175.

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Activist to speak about Arctic

Author and Arctic activist, Chad Kister will present "Arctic Quest," a slide show presentation about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge at 7 p.m., Monday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

This event is sponsored by the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition and MAPS and admission is free.

Kister visited the Arctic Refuge to view the threatened land firsthand to fully understand why the land should be protected, according to the OVEC press release.

The Arctic Refuge, a 100-mile stretch of land, is the only part left of the United States' Arctic coastline that has not been mined by oil and gas industries. Now, oil industries want to gain access to this land in order to supply the needs of over indulgent consumers.

In his book, "Arctic Quest: An Odyssey Through A Threatened Wilderness," Kister said. "To drill for oil here would poison the heart of this vast ecosystem...it would poison my heart forever. I felt a need to act in defense of the Arctic Refuge."

Kister has traveled to over a dozen states with his presentation and has motivated people to join the fight.

The slide show will last approximately one to two hours and will include time for questions and answers.

Along with showing slides and telling about his experience, Kister will inform people on how they can help from to save the Arctic Refuge on a local scale.

For more information, contact Scott Straight with the OVEC at 522-0246.

Entertainment Briefs

Actors honored by Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Catherine Zeta-Jones and Tim Robbins are this year's recipients of the annual Hasty Pudding awards, given by a student drama group at Harvard University.

The awards, announced Wednesday, are given to performers who have made a "lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment" by Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate drama troupe.

Zeta-Jones will lead a parade through the streets of Harvard Square Feb. 10 with Harvard students dressed in drag.

Robbins will appear Feb. 17 at the opening night performance of "Terms of Frontierment."

Last year's recipients were Sandra Bullock and Robert Downey Jr.

Youth center questionable

SEATTLE (AP) — Plans to turn a house where rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix once lived into a youth center are again on shaky ground.

Members of the foundation that owns the house and has moved it once already are worried the city of Seattle will demolish it if they can not find another place to move the dilapidated piece of rock history.

The home owned by Hendrix's father from 1953 until 1956, when Jimi Hendrix was 12 to 15, was moved a few blocks from its original address three years ago to make way for a housing development.

The city offered a vacant lot, giving supporters a chance to find a permanent location or buy the land and fix up the house.

City officials want to end the month-to-month lease and take back the land. The foundation has been given until Feb. 22 to move the house.

Aiken helps out hometown

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Singer Clay Aiken is helping to reinvigorate his hometown's downtown.

A new eight-minute promotional video, proclaiming "Downtown Raleigh Open for Business," includes a brief appearance from Aiken, an "American Idol" runner-up.

The Downtown Raleigh Alliance, a booster organization, started distributing 200 copies of the video Monday to real estate brokers and others with their sights on downtown.

Then Aiken appears and says: "I've traveled all over the country and seen lots of downtown areas, but one of the reasons that I really love coming back to my hometown of Raleigh is to see all the exciting changes that are happening in downtown, right here in Raleigh."

SESSIONS

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Murphy will leave the residence when the university president is selected.

The student input sessions will occur throughout February and each night is set for a different group of students to attend. However, any student is welcome to attend any session despite the night's design-

nated group, Gaston said.

"I really hope students come out and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity," she said. "I feel that they should have just as much input in the decision as any member of the Marshall community."

Gaston also said students will be given a brief tour of the president's house at each session.

The session schedule is as follows: Greeks, Feb. 7; student organizations, Feb. 8;

I feel that they should have just as much input in the decision as any member ...

— Jenn Gaston, SGA president

athletes and ROTC members, Feb. 15; residence hall students, Feb. 21; and commuters, Feb. 22.

All sessions will begin at 8 p.m. and last approximately an hour. Pizza and drinks will also be provided.

Gaston said she wants to

remind students that they are welcome to attend any session they please.

In order to attend a session, students must notify Gaston of which night he or she plan to attend, and must include his or her student I.D. number.

HABITAT

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get involved.

"An interfaith build is an unusual thing, we are hoping that it generates a lot of interest," Feaganes said.

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for area residents who are in dire need of better housing. Families chosen to receive a Habitat house are volunteers for the program. The families must first give at least 25 volunteer hours to be considered for a home. Once the family is made a partner family, they must give at least 350 volunteer hours, including work on their new house.

Partner families must undergo a series of homeowner education classes.

"The whole experience of receiving a Habitat house can be very overwhelming to the families," Feaganes said. "This is a new concept to them, and they definitely need to be aware of the challenges of becoming homeowners."

Volunteers, other than the partner family, are also involved. A group of students from Michigan State University will be in Huntington during their

spring break to lend a hand to Habitat workers. Students from a special education class at Huntington High School will be working on the site at least two days a week as well.

Feaganes said she is hoping organizations and clubs from Marshall will also participate in the build.

"Working with Habitat is always a good project for students to get involved in," Feaganes said. "The more hands we have, the better."

The children of both religious communities are also getting to participate. They will be collecting canned goods and nonperishable food items to fill the family's new cupboards.

"The youth of Huntington are going to be the future of Habitat for Humanity," Feaganes said.

The Huntington Area Habitat for Humanity has built 55 homes for residents of Cabell County.

**Huntington Area
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For more information,
call 523-4822

AUCTION

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ball signed by New England Patriots football coach, Bill Belichick, are up for bid, according to the Cabell Collectibles Web site.

A game package for the Marshall University-Virginia Tech football game will also be available to the highest bidder. The package includes hotel and game accommodations.

Area residents should attend the antiques road show for the great food, drinks and antiques, Rash said. The event will also benefit a great cause, he said.

The fund-raiser proceeds will benefit the Intensive Care Burn Unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital, which is the only facility of its kind in West Virginia.

It will take place in the Don Morris Room of the MSC. Tickets can be purchased in advance at 526-6346 or at the door.



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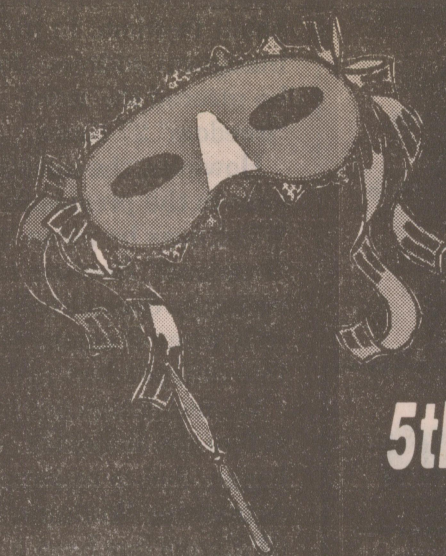
Monday evening, February 7



- **6:30 p.m.:** "Meet and Greet" and Book Signing of Masekela's autobiography, *Still Grazing*, written with Michael Cheers
- **8:00 p.m.:** Multimedia presentation of Michael Cheers' photography ... a discussion of Hugh Masekela's life Hugh Masekela will perform with the Marshall Twelve O'Clock Jazz Band.

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Nothing new: Parking still a pain

It is one month into the spring semester, and, as always, parking is giving people headaches.

The Bio-Tech center has taken away the only student lot on Third Avenue, and half a faculty lot. Current parking lots are being looked to as places to expand the university, but if the university expands, will there not be a need for more parking?

The parking passes sold out soon after the semester began and availability of parking for students was left to be desired.

This is not a new story at any university, especially Marshall. Parking is an issue all around the nation. The lack of space causes more than headaches for those who battle the problem everyday. It makes students late for class as they fly through the rows of cars, looking for a vacant spot blocks away from his or her class. After several tardies students are either jaded to being late or they give up parking in the student lots and decide to take a \$10 ticket.

The removal of the meters and \$2 ticket spots along Third Avenue has provided a great disservice to students and visitors to Marshall campus. Every semester students are held back from scheduling until the hundreds of dollars owed in tickets are paid.

The large amount of funds owed must be paid before a student can register, therefore causing the student to miss out on classes that fill up quickly. Also, the sudden loss of cash leaves a hole in the pockets of people who need to pay tuition and books. Books seem to be the first thing to go when a person needs a little cash. Therefore, due to a lack of parking, grades suffer.

The parking garage was a great addition to the campus, both structurally and functionally. The question that remains is when are we getting another? As expensive as the parking passes are for the current garage, it should pay for itself in a few of years.

Another garage added at the opposite end of campus would not only bring in more money to the university, but also alleviate some of the headaches suffered whenever a trip to campus is needed.

A Super Bowl to remember

by Adam Kotlarezyk
Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — This Sunday in DeKalb, and across the globe, millions will tune in to watch the culmination of a year's worth of hard work, tireless dedication and hundreds of millions of dollars - the Super Bowl commercials.

You may already know Fox has refused to air an ad featuring Mickey Rooney's bare backside (I guess you can show your butt only if you're on Fox's quality programming like "Married by America," "Trading Spouses" or "Temptation Island"). But you may not know, as a highly trained investigative journalist skilled in the elite art of finding out top, top-secret stuff, I've gathered a list of other commercials due to play during this year's Super Bowl. Among us experts trained in extremely technical NFL

jargon, this list is known as "Super Bowl XXXIX-ABCLMNOP."

As a journalist of the highest ethical caliber, I am duty-bound to share my findings with you, my loyal readers. Yes, both of you.

First Half: Budweiser and Subway. In a stroke of marketing genius, Budweiser and Subway have combined their considerable resources. In this ad, a team of Clydesdales, being driven by talking iguanas in a hurry to get to the Bud Bowl, barrels down a narrow road. Meanwhile, just leaving his local Subway, Jared steps into the road and is trampled, dying gruesomely beneath the Clydesdales' crushing hooves. "It's okay," says one of the iguanas, looking back, "We had Subway for lunch."

Northern Star: That's right, DeKalb's favorite newspaper shelled out the

big bucks. The reason? With so many national columnists now revealing they were paid by the Bush administration to promote Bush's policies, we want our cut of the action. A sample: Iraq? Great idea. Tax cuts? Brilliant. Dick Cheney? Big teddy bear. A certain columnist — of the highest ethical caliber — has offered to split all profits with his editor, 50-50.

Male enhancement drug: Any of them. Because no one should go a whole year without hearing the disclaimer, "If an erection lasts more than four hours..."

Halftime: Former President Bill Clinton has offered to perform with Shaggy during his smash hit "It Wasn't Me." President Bush will lead the dancers, clad in his flight suit. Here's hoping for no wardrobe malfunctions.

New SUV: The Grand Iroquois American

Canyon Hummervue Supreme. It comes only in red, white or blue and is larger than your standard African elephant. Mileage is 4.7 mpg (2.4 highway).

Focus on the Family: Dr. James Dobson, who recently condemned "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" as promoting homosexuality, will propose a set of rule changes for the NFL to keep it from becoming pro-gay propaganda. Among them: the quarterback must stand at least 15 yards behind the center every play to prevent the appearance of "sexual impropriety."

Fox: The new prime-time lineup, including the shocking preview of a hot new Fox series soon to be criticized by Fox News pundits for corrupting our nation's morals as part of the Hollywood liberal media conspiracy.

Whatever happened to the free press?

by Steve Nicholas
The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia U.)

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, — President Bush just loves to talk about freedom. In his inaugural address alone, he uttered the word "freedom" 27 times.

However, the question goes to the president: What does he mean by "freedom?" Because he certainly doesn't believe in it when it comes to a free independent press.

We found this out just before the semester began, due to reports of Armstrong Williams. (Williams has been a frequent talking head on shout fests, a conservative talk radio and TV host, and a syndicated columnist.) It was reported Williams was paid \$241,000 by Education Secretary Rod Paige to shill for the No Child Left Behind Act, especially in black areas. Williams admitted to this, offering two defens-

es: He made a mistake and he was paid to espouse what he believed anyway.

This defense falls apart under scrutiny. As someone who argued for the removal of President Clinton, he should know to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. After all, if we know he was paid to speak up on the No Child Left Behind Act, what else was he paid to shill for? Also, Williams never once wrote in his syndicated column about the wonder of No Child Left Behind until after he was paid by Paige.

One of the most interesting things to come out of this was something Williams said behind the stage. He was chatting with John Nichols of "The Nation" before they were set to go on the air. Nichols asked Williams if there were others, and Williams said there was no doubt in his mind there were.

Williams' assertion has been proven accurate.

Wednesday it was revealed in The Washington Post that Maggie Gallagher, a syndicated columnist, received \$21,500 in 2002 from the Department of Health and Human Services in order to shill for the plan to "promote marriage." The defenses of Gallagher are nothing short of laughable.

Bay Buchanan, while performing guest-host duties on "Crossfire," said Gallagher "always supported marriage" and "this wasn't a bribe." Well, I've never received a red cent about the war in Iraq, but if I did tomorrow (even though I have opposed it vocally many times since Dec. 2001) you couldn't trust me and I wouldn't expect your trust. Yes, Gallagher may have "supported marriage," but did she always support the Bush plan verbatim?

Within hours, a triumvirate of bribed reporters were complete. According to Salon.com,

Michael McManus, who writes the "Ethics & Religion" column, accepted \$10,000 from HHS, also to support the "marriage initiative" of the White House. How many more bribed conservative columnists are there?

Fortunately, Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) are doing something about it, called the Stop Government Propaganda Act. It is unfortunate it has come to this, but we must insure freedom of the press, which is impossible unless we ferret out all of the paid government shills. I don't like reading or hearing something and having to stand back and wonder if I am being spoon-fed government propaganda, and you shouldn't have these concerns either.

This author is proud to note he has never been paid by the Democratic Party or any of its subsidiaries to espouse anything.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results."

— General George S. Patton

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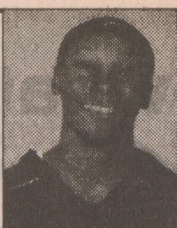
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Athlete of the Week

Sikeetha Shepard-Hall scored 20 points to lead the Herd over conference rival Kent State 84-78 avenging Marshall's last loss Jan. 8.



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Huskies down Herd 77-66

courtesy
Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. — Mike McKinney scored 22 points and Cory Sims added 17 to lead Northern Illinois to a 77-66 victory over Marshall in a Mid-American Conference game Thursday night.

The Huskies took a 32-30 lead into the half and managed to hold off the Thundering

Herd at the Convocation Center to snatch the win.

Mark Patton led Marshall (3-16, 0-10 Mid-American) in scoring with 17 points, and Tre Whitted added 10 for the Thundering Herd.

In addition to McKinney and Sims, one other player, Todd Peterson, scored in double digits for Northern Illinois (8-11, 4-7 MAC); Peterson scored 11 points.

IN SPORTS TODAY

BASEBALL

Sammy Sosa will be taking aim at American League pitchers and the short left-field wall at Camden Yards this summer.

The trade that sent Sosa to the Baltimore Orioles from the Chicago Cubs was finalized after commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal and the slugger passed his physical.

Chicago received second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers.

Under terms of the addendum to Sosa's contract that he signed Thursday, the Cubs will pay \$16.15 million of the \$25 million Sosa was still owed under his \$72 million, four-year contract.

The Cubs agreed to a \$5 million, one-year contract with outfielder Jeromy Burnitz, announcing it as the same time as the trade that sent Sosa to Baltimore.

BASKETBALL

DENVER — Before the month is out, NBA star Kobe Bryant will probably have to answer the first official questions about his assault case since talking with investigators the night after he was accused of rape in 2003.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch pushed attorneys for the Los Angeles Lakers guard and the 20-year-old woman to schedule Bryant's deposition before the end of February. He also said he hoped the woman's civil lawsuit against Bryant will go to trial this summer.

The woman sued Bryant in August, three weeks before the criminal case against him collapsed when she decided she could not take part in a trial. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for mental injuries, humiliation and public scorn.

—By The Associated Press

NFL's all-time leading rusher hangs up his pads

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Emmitt Smith decided to stop running. There was nothing left to prove, no records left to chase.

Breaking down in tears and grasping his beloved Dallas Cowboys helmet, Smith retired Thursday after a 15-year career in which he became the NFL's career rushing leader and played a key role on three Super Bowl champions.

The decision had been expected for several days, but the finality of it all was still poignant. Flanked by his wife, Pat, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, Smith thanked a list of people several pages long, everyone from his Pee Wee football coaches to longtime Dallas fullback Daryl "Moose" Johnston, the fierce blocker who cleared so many holes for No. 22.

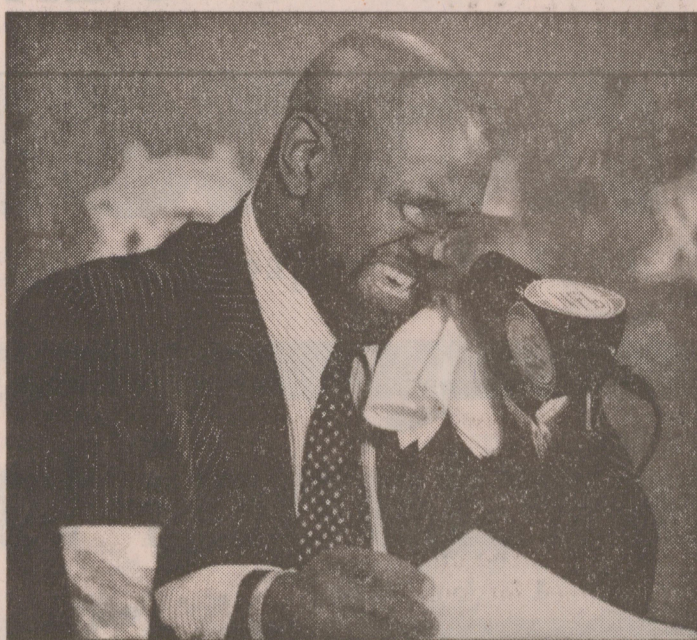
"It's been a tremendous ride," said Smith, who spent his final two years with the Arizona Cardinals after 13 seasons in Big D. "My 15 years, my 15 minutes of fame, is up."

Not quite.

There is one more stop, Canton, Ohio.

"I'm going to be biased when you ask who's the greatest running back of all time," Johnston said. "You can probably make a case for eight to 10 guys. But for me, it's always been Emmitt."

The 35-year-old Smith ran for 18,355 yards and 164 touchdowns in his career, both NFL records. He closed it out by running for 937 yards and nine touchdowns in Arizona this season.



Former Arizona Cardinals and Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith cries as he reads a list of people who have helped his career.

Former Giants line-backer Pepper Johnson still remembers the determined rookie who came out of Florida in 1990.

"I saw a guy with the eye of a demon, a guy that ran the ball with a passion, a guy that had great vision and a small guy that didn't play small," Johnson, now an assistant coach with the New England Patriots said. "I remember him picking me up on a blitz and when he hit me, he was like, 'Oh Pepper, I shocked you on that, didn't I?'"

Smith was more consistent than he was spectacular, a running back who could be relied on to get tough yards when tough yards were needed.

He rushed for 1,000 yards or more every year between 1991 and 2001. He led the NFL in rushing from 1991-93, then again in 1995. He also paced the league in touchdowns three times.

But despite his impressive statistics, he won just two major awards in 15 seasons, NFL MVP in 1993 and the Super Bowl MVP that same season, when he rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 30-13 win over Buffalo. He also had perhaps his greatest game with a separated shoulder, rushing for 229 yards in a

crucial victory over the New York Giants.

"Emmitt has never forgot he was part of a team and what the team meant," Jones said. "Your place in our franchise has always been secure."

It was only appropriate Smith retired at the Super Bowl, having been part of Dallas' glorious run in the 1990s, three championships in four years with a team featuring Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin.

Many were shocked when Smith left Dallas after the 2002 season, deciding to extend a career that was clearly past its prime. He finished up in a red-birded helmet, playing in a half-filled stadium in the sweltering Arizona desert.

"There were a lot of people, including myself, who didn't want him to go," Darren Woodson, a long-time teammate in Dallas said. "I told him a few times, 'Let's think about this before you do it.' But he had it set in his mind that he wanted to prove he had something left in the tank."

Plagued by injuries, Smith rushed for a career-low 256 yards in 2003, averaging a meager 2.8 yards per carry. He bounced back to have a respectable season, but the Cardinals still missed the

playoffs with a 6-10 record.

Smith said he had no regrets, other than failing to meet his goal of leading Arizona to the playoffs. He acknowledged Cardinals coach Dennis Green, one of several hundred people who crowded the room for Smith's retirement.

"I want to thank the Cardinals for letting me play two more years," he said. "I padded that record. That does mean a lot to me."

Arizona hastened Smith's retirement by telling him that he would not be back for next season. Like Dallas two years earlier, the Cardinals wanted to go with their younger backs.

"That made my decision a whole lot easier," he said, adding he turned down offers to continue his career elsewhere. "I have a home. It's with my family."

Two names stood out on Smith's lengthy thank-you list. There was Jones, mocked by some for drafting a 5-foot-9 1/2-inch running back who did not exactly blow people away with his speed. And Johnston, a close friend who stood along a wall during the retirement announcement.

"Daryl, I love you to death," Smith said, dabbing at his tears with a tissue. "You've been there through thick and thin. I don't know why, but every time I think of you, I always break down."

Smith was not happy about leaving Dallas two years ago, but any hard feelings toward his former employer have clearly thawed. Dallas plans to sign Smith to a one-day contract, so he can officially retire as a Cowboy.

"You don't know how much this star really means to me," Smith said, breaking down as he placed his left hand on one of two Dallas helmets on the desk.

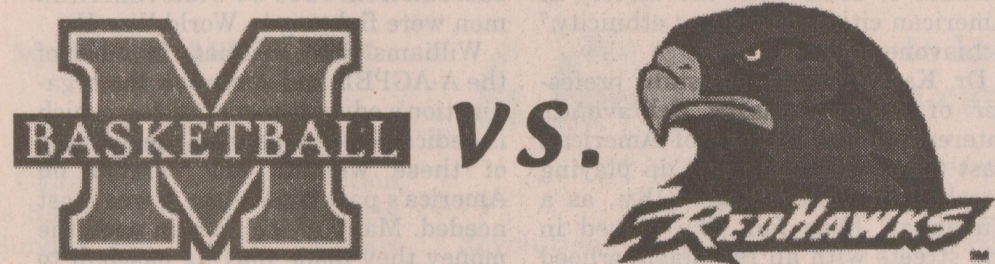
"I'm moving on to another chapter in my life," he said. "That's a chapter I'm looking forward to."

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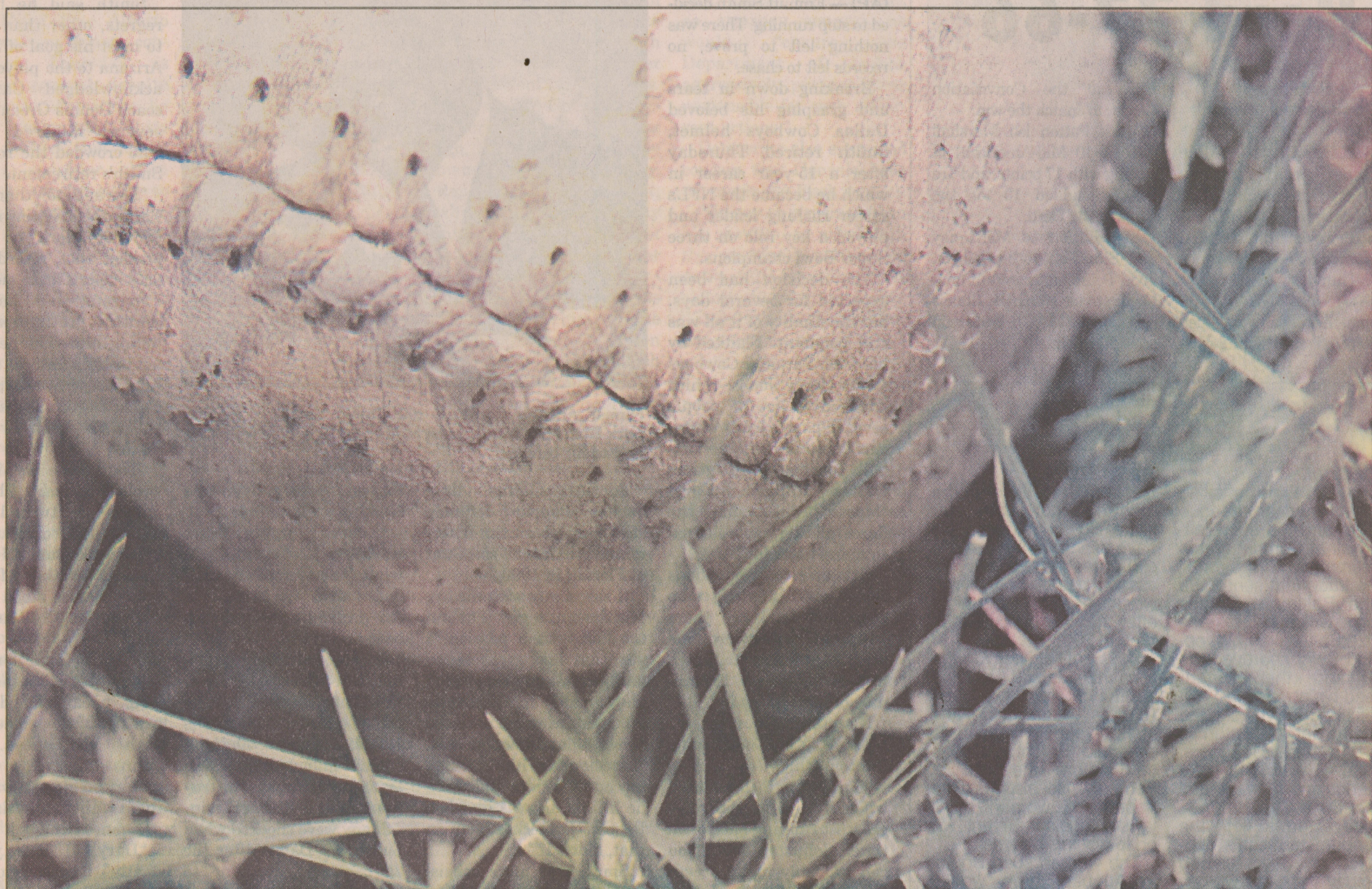
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Two Marshall professors share a passion for the sport of baseball

story by THOMAS S. FOUCH, reporter

Amidst season-ending strikes and steroid scandals, the game of baseball has taken some heavy hits in the public eye within the last couple of decades. However, many people still celebrate America's pastime and its contributions to the shaping of a young country.

Dr. Michele Schiavone and Dr. Kat Williams are two Marshall University professors who share a deep passion for baseball and the colorful history surrounding it.

Schiavone, an associate professor of English, began a lifelong love affair with baseball at a young age. Growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y., Schiavone attended Mets games at Shea Stadium regularly.

She said the Brooklyn Dodgers had left New York around the time she was born and the Mets served as a replacement team for a culture that embraced baseball.

"Almost everyone in my neighborhood rooted for the Mets, that's just how it was," Schiavone said.

She began her in-depth research of the sport at 14 when she started reading baseball autobiographies.

She said Hank Aaron and Bob Gibson's autobiographies are two of her favorites.

"I immediately fell in love with the genre," Schiavone said. "The majority of the books I read involved the Dodgers, Yankees and Giants."

In the early 1990s, Schiavone first conceived the idea of teaching baseball oriented classes in the English department at Marshall. She achieved her goal in 1996 and instructed a course called "Baseball Literature: Myth, Religion, and Ritual," which was a combination of fiction and non-fiction.

"It is important to show that the concepts of heroism and mythology are present in all baseball novels," Schiavone said.

She has taught five special topics

classes at Marshall, including "Sports Literature" and "Baseball Fiction." While teaching, Schiavone also conducts research on different baseball topics. Her research has appeared in such publications as "Aethlon" and "The Journal of Sport History." One of

2005 and 2006.

Schiavone said Curt Flood is her favorite baseball hero.

Flood, whose career lasted from 1956-69, has become infamous for his suit against baseball in the early 1970s which led to the eventual devel-

oping of Title IX, which created gender equity in sports.

"I resented being a good athlete and not having the opportunity to compete at a higher level," she said.

Williams' experiences inspired her to research the topic of women in baseball. She was asked to present a paper she wrote about women's leadership titled "From Bloomers to Sports Bras" at the Oxford Roundtable conference at Oxford University.

"Team sports teach us how to be successful, competitive yet compassionate, and how to set goals," Williams said. "Approximately 82 percent of women who hold high positions in Fortune 500 companies played competitive sports. It's not just about becoming a professional player."

Williams can personally attest to that because she encounters her fair share of professional baseball players every year at the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League reunion. The players she meets are the women who played professional baseball from 1943-54 while American men were fighting in World War II.

Williams is an associate member of the A-AGPBL and serves on the organization's education committee, which is dedicated to preserving the memory of these women who carried on America's past time when it was most needed. Many of the women used the money they made playing baseball to put themselves through college and onto successful careers.

"These women are truly remarkable," Williams said. "They are very clear about understanding their connection to the history of women's sports and the important role they played in the creation of Title IX."

She is currently writing a book about the women of the A-AGPBL titled "Life After the League," but a release date has not been set.

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— Kat Williams, assistant professor of history

the research projects was a book review of Deanne Westbrook's "Ground Rules: Baseball and Myth." The review was published in the "Journal of Sport History" in 1997.

Schiavone also said one of her favorite research topics is Hall of Fame induction speeches.

She is most interested in how race is addressed in the speeches.

"The speeches are the players making statements about themselves," Schiavone said. "Players like Jackie Robinson had to overcome incredible racial tension to become successful and these speeches allow them to tell how it affected their lives."

Schiavone will be serving as program chair at this year's annual meeting of the Sport Literature Association. The conference will take place this summer in Iowa. She attends the conference every year and will act as President of the SLA in

opment of free agency.

"Baseball history is important to me because it deals with the history of American cities, as well as ethnicity," Schiavone said.

Dr. Kat Williams, assistant professor of history, shares Schiavone's interest in the history of America's past time. Williams grew up playing baseball in Valley Station, Ky., as a Cincinnati Reds fan. She played in the streets with all the neighborhood kids, mostly boys. However, for at least one day of the week, all the kids did not play together.

"I remember on Saturdays all the boys would get to put on their uniforms and go play in the park," Williams said. "I would have given anything to have been able to wear one of those uniforms."

Williams shifted from street baseball to competitive fast-pitch softball. However, she played before the pass-

