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Xclusive game



Game Live! teases gamers with unreleased challenges

by **LORI A. KERSEY**
reporter

Students got to play new video games yesterday with the Student Activities Planning Board's Game Live!

James "Mage" Hensel, SAPB adviser, said the event was about more than just video games.

"This is just a chance for students to relax and enjoy themselves and have fun and also to find out a little bit more about health and fitness," he said. "We tied this in with the recreational sports department as a way to show that not only is it fun to play video games but it's also important to have health."

Hensel said it was also a chance to try out games students might be interested in.

"These video games are new or have not been released yet," he said. "It's a chance to find out if you actually want to go out and spend \$50 on it."

Bobby Danelski, tour coordinator for Game Live!, said the response is always good at Marshall.

"This is our third time back to Marshall and it's always hot here," he said. "We're happy to be back here. It's always a good turnout and always exciting. We're not selling anything or jamming

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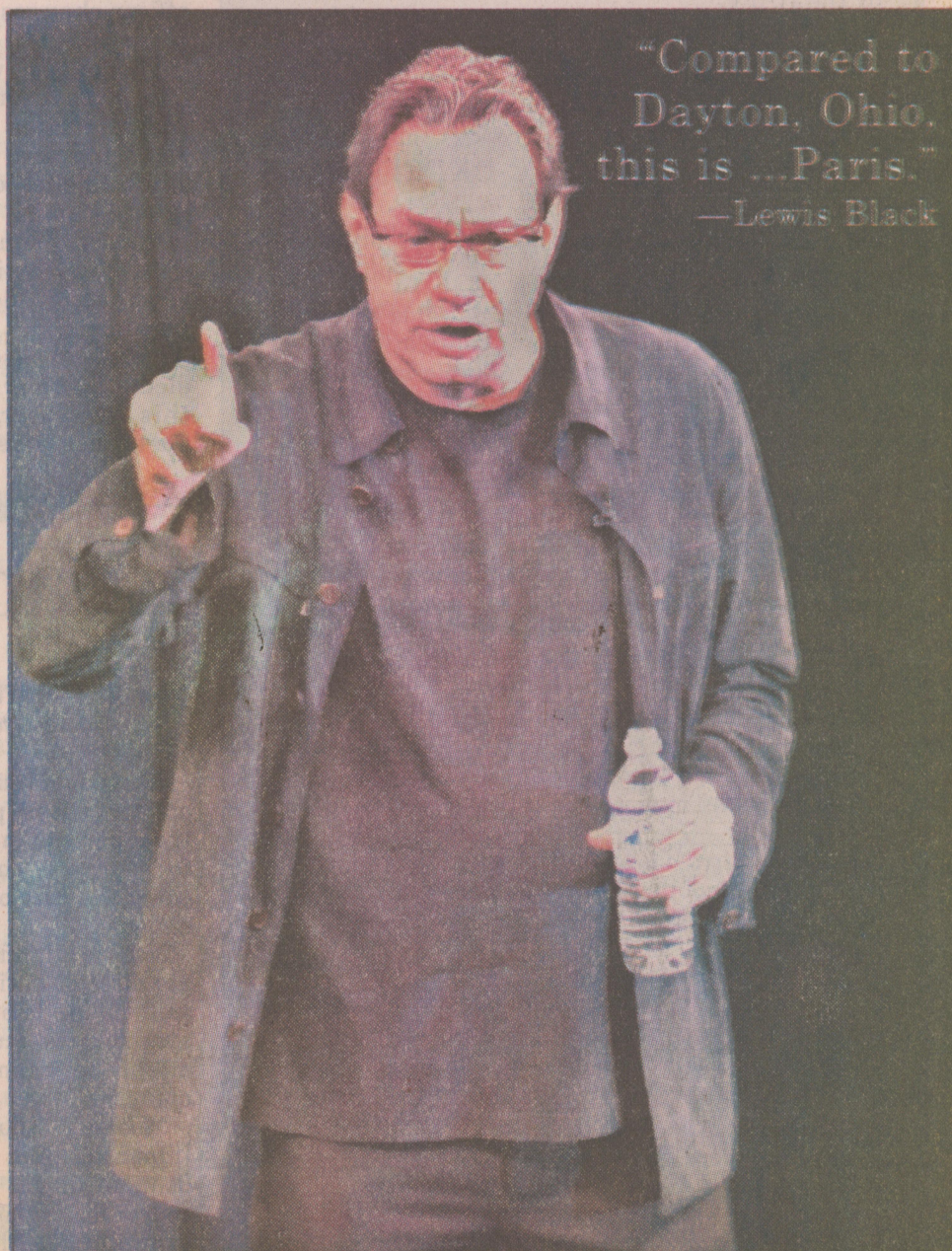


photos by Adam Cunningham

Game Live! brought exclusive, unreleased games to the third event where students can try new products. The games were set up on the Memorial Student Center plaza (top) where all students could try them. Matt Vincent (bottom), a junior religious studies major from Sheridan, Ind., plays the new Xbox game "Fable."

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— James "Mage" Hensel, SAPB adviser



"Compared to Dayton, Ohio, this is ... Paris."
—Lewis Black

Known for his political humor, comedian Lewis Black entertained a near-capacity crowd at the Veterans Memorial Field House.

Black's humor

by **LORI A. KERSEY...**
reporter
and **NICOLE YOUNG**
executive editor

When Lewis Black takes the stage, nothing is sacred.

Black, noted as America's foremost commentator on everything, performed for a near-capacity crowd of students last night at the Veterans Memorial Field House.

Comedian John Bowman warmed up the crowd for Black, hitting every topic from Terri Schiavo to Ford truck commercials.

Black, in his first trip to Huntington since he was a child, said he enjoys doing his act for college audiences.

His style of ranting against stupidity and authority was brought to the Huntington show full force.

"It's fun because they get it," Black said. "Comedy Central basically guided college students in my direction and I'm lucky enough to have them as an audience. They're the ones who make their parents watch me."

Black's performance, sponsored by the Student Activities Programming Board, was riddled with audience comments that interrupted his act.

Rebecca K. Hensley, senior French major from Clay County, said she thought the audience was disrespectful.

"I was embarrassed," she said. "People got up and left, people were leaving the whole time. People were talking. Phones were going off. This guy's one of the best comedians out there right now, he's fantastic. This auditorium should have been packed,

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Sorority selling bracelets to benefit violence shelters

by **AMANDA L. LOFIEGO**
reporter

One Marshall University sorority wants students to become more aware of domestic violence situations.

Alpha Chi Omega is selling Tiffany & Co. style bracelets for \$8, with proceeds going to local domestic violence houses. The heart of the bracelet is engraved with, "Together We Can Make A Difference," the theme Stacey Beane, Alpha Chi Omega member, said is the sorority's focus.

"I feel that if everyone does work together to raise money for the domestic violence cause then we can make a difference," she said. "Raising money will allow more people to receive help when they are in domestic violence situations."

This is the first time the sorority

"We are trying to help local chapters raise money to build a new house."

— Stacey Beane, Alpha Chi Omega

has sold the bracelets.

Emily Schoen, Alpha Chi Omega member, said she is hopeful students get involved and show their support.

"The funds for the bracelets are going to a good cause so I hope students get involved and help support us," she said. "We are trying to help local chapters raise money to build a new house."

Alpha Chi Omega will also be sponsoring an Angel Tree in the Memorial

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Libraries circulating feedback survey

by **KEELY A. MARTIN**
reporter

Randomly selected students and faculty can have their opinions heard starting April 4 if they complete a Marshall Libraries feedback survey.

Approximately 6,500 Marshall students and faculty will be randomly selected through their Marshall e-mail account March 31. The libraries are focusing on responses in the areas of access of information, effect of service, library as a place and personal control, according to the Marshall Libraries Web site.

"We hope everyone who is invited to participate will respond," Dr. Celene Seymour, associate dean of libraries and project coordinator, said. "It is important we hear from regular library users, those taking

and teaching online courses, graduate students taking classes at Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston, and those who rarely visit the library."

A similar survey was conducted in Spring 2003, and the library took all responses and results into consideration. "We did the survey two years ago and used the feedback that we got at that time to make improvements," Judith Arnold, reference and extension librarian, said.

The 2003 results posted on the Marshall University Web site concluded the greatest strengths of Marshall Libraries included modern equipment, courteous employees and a comfortable, inviting area.

According to the results, students thought the areas that

needed improvement included better access to print articles and journals. A special section of comments included concerns about getting more computers, more study rooms and the noise from cell phones.

The Marshall Libraries use the results from the surveys to provide students and faculty

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on the **Web**

More information about the surveys is available by visiting the Library Web site at www.marshall.edu/library/libqual/default.asp

News Briefs

Alpha Phi Omega cans hunger

Alpha Phi Omega is the official winner of the Can Hunger competitive food drive, the Student Government Association announced.

Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed fraternity, donated more than 866 pounds of food to the Huntington Area Food Bank. The community service fraternity will be awarded \$500 by the SGA, the competition's sponsor.

The fraternity with the second highest contribution is the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, also co-ed, which donated 363 pounds of food. Other organizations that contributed were the Biology Club, Lambda Society and the Anthropology and Archaeology Club.

The food drive lasted two weeks, and the bins were positioned all over campus and in selected locations outside campus. The bins were provided by the HAFB.

All the donations benefited the HAFB, a non-profit organization that provides for the needs of more than 17 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Politicians to share experiences

Six women who have been involved in politics will be discussing their experiences today at 8 p.m. of the Memorial Student Center room 2W16.

"Each of the women is very dynamic and brings different perspectives to the political process," Marybeth Beller, political science professor, said.

The speakers will be Pat White, Jody Smirl, Sondra Lucht, Marie Redd, Jean Dean and Jennifer Herrald. Pat White served 10 years in the West Virginia House of Delegates and chaired the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

Jody Smirl served in the W.Va. House of Delegates off and on for 20 years. She was the first Republican female to serve on the Rules Committee.

Sondra Lucht served in the West Virginia Senate for 12 years and chaired the Committee on Education.

Marie Redd is from Huntington and served in the Senate for one term.

Jean Dean, of Huntington, will also be on the panel. She was mayor of Huntington from 1993 to 2000.

Jennifer Herrald is a political science graduate student from Marshall. She will be presenting research about the effect female politicians have on the political process.

"The emphasis is to make people aware of the need for women in politics and provide students the opportunity to talk with them," Beller said.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public. Refreshments will also be provided.

Misiti plans to talk SGA with WVU

He has not taken office yet, but Student Government Association President-elect Michael Misiti is already beginning to take care of business.

Misiti will be traveling to Morgantown to meet with West Virginia University Student Body President D.J. Casto.

Misiti and Casto plan to discuss various issues concerning both universities' student governments.

One of the major issues they will be discussing is Senate Bill 683, Misiti said.

If the bill passes, it will delegate more power to individual universities and allow the Board of Governors to make decisions without going through the state first.

Misiti also plans to get Casto's input on how to aid the Greek community to reach its full potential and how to start a bus service that will cater to Marshall students.

Misiti said he hopes to establish a bus service similar to the one that has been operational for more than 20 years at WVU.

"There are numerous issues that both D.J. and I are very concerned with and we want to work together and try to make as much noise as possible," Misiti said.

MU, TSLC team up to fight illiteracy

The Marshall University Students in Free Enterprise organization is working with the Tri-State Literacy Council as part of a fundraiser to buy books for TSLC's adult literacy program.

The council needs funds to keep the program open, Lindsey Todd, president of SIFE, said.

The goal is to raise enough money to buy an aisle of books. Monetary donations are being accepted through April 1 and can be dropped off at the Cabell County Library located on Fifth Avenue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Checks should be made out to the Tri-State Literacy Council.

The TSLC is a literacy program that works with adults who have limited reading and writing skills.

GSC looks to fill positions

Graduate Student Council loses five members scheduled to graduate.

by CHRIS KIDD
reporter

With the semester coming to a close, the Graduate Student Council is facing the dilemma of officer changes and a club turnover.

The club, which has four more meetings before summer, faces the task of replacing five of its six seats on the board due to graduation.

"I'll stay on as president," Kevin Rice, Graduate Student Council president, said.

"Everybody else that is an elected officer graduates this semester, so those spots are needed to be

filled. We're trying to get our election set up so we can get our officers in place, but that won't happen for at least two more weeks."

With the semester almost over, there are just as many problems for graduating students as there are for Rice.

"I hope our agenda is set in time for the new group coming in," Jay Newberry, Graduate Student Council treasurer, said. "The past couple of meetings there have been new people and new faces, but nobody has come out and said they wanted a certain position. But we're hoping that when we put it to a vote, here soon there will be interest."

The lack of interest in the vacated board positions has the club concerned about next semester.

Rice said it will not be easy work for anyone who is willing to join.

"It's a lot of work, but it's

It's a lot of work, but it's rewarding work. It's something that the graduate students desperately need."

— Kevin Rice, Graduate Student Council president

rewarding work," he said. "It's something that the graduate students desperately need. We need to have a body that is constructed to represent the graduate student population, and the only way to do that is to have people that are interested, motivated and who are willing to work to succeed for the graduate student population."

Despite the worries of the council, the club continues to plan events and find out what graduate students need help with on campus.

"We're looking to survey the graduate student population to see exactly what they are in need of," Rice said. "We're getting ready to canvas the cam-

pus, so we'll hopefully have a better insight. Also, from my understanding, Higher One wants to fund an event for us, but right now it's a matter of getting the financial part worked out and then we can figure out what we can do with the money available to us."

"We're in a holding pattern until we find out what we have to work with, but we should be able to get something together by the end of the semester."

The council will meet Monday April 4 at 8 p.m. in Room 2W10 of the Memorial Student Center.

Anyone interested in the vacant positions on the council can contact Kevin Rice at rice9@marshall.edu.

Loans help parents help students

by E. KIRSTEN KING
reporter

If students have maxed out their loan possibilities, their parents might be able to receive a loan to help cover the cost of their education.

Nadine Hamrick, associate director of financial aid, said this is another benefit available to students who might be running out of options.

"When our office [Financial Aid Office] has done all that it can do, and there is no more money available to the student, parents can take out a loan to help fulfill the needs of their student," she said.

"The loan is in the parents' name. The parents are responsible for paying it back."

Missy White
financial assistant II

Hamrick said 562 students have parent loans. The total money borrowed is approximately \$4 million.

Missy White, financial aid assistant II, said if they have taken out the maximum amount of loans available. Parents can take out a parent loan even if their student is

still able to receive more loan money.

"The loan is in the parents' name," White said. "The parents are responsible for paying it back."

White said the main difference between student and parent loans is the amount of money a person can borrow on each loan.

"Student loans are based on the student's year in school," she said. "Parent loans are based on the student's cost of attendance minus any financial aid they will receive."

White said student loans are normally about \$2,500, but parents loans can be \$10,000 or more.

The only drawback to the

program is repayment on parent loans begins 60 days after the loan has been issued, she said.

The interest rate on parent loans is 4.17 percent.

The interest rate will change after July 1, White said. She said she expects the interest rate will increase slightly at the beginning of the year, but the program has a 9 percent cap.

White said parent loans are beneficial for out-of-state students because their cost of attendance is higher, and they are not eligible to participate in programs such as the Promise Scholarship or the West Virginia Higher Education Grant.

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- Mark Twain

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Pope receives nutrition through feeding tube

by **NICOLE WINFIELD**
Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY—In another sign of Pope John Paul II's growing frailty, the Vatican said yesterday the 84-year-old pontiff was getting nutrition from a tube in his nose and acknowledged his convalescence from throat surgery last month has been "slow."

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul was fitted with a nasogastric tube to "improve the calorie intake" and help him recover his strength.

The statement was issued shortly after the pope tried unsuccessfully to speak to the crowds in St. Peter's Square for the second time in a week. After managing just a rasp of his voice, he blessed well-wishers by making the sign of the cross with his hand and withdrew from his window.

A nasogastric tube is common in people requiring supplemental nutrition. The tube is threaded down the nose and throat into the stomach and liquid food is fed through it. While uncomfortable, no sedation or surgery is required. The patient can eat and speak with the tube in place.

Dr. Barbara Paris, director of geriatrics at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City, said the tube might be just a temporary measure to boost John Paul's nutrition during his recovery.

She said it also could be the first step toward a more permanent feeding tube.

In that procedure, known as PEG, for percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy, a surgical incision is made in the abdomen to permit a tube to be passed directly into the stomach.

The nasogastric tube is less invasive and simpler

“He looks very frail but certainly very committed to seeing his people.”

— **Kate Strauss**, American tourist

than the PEG procedure, but is not generally used for long-term supplemental feeding, Paris said.

Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged woman at the center of a legal battle in the United States, was fed for years by a PEG tube before it was removed this month.

It was not clear when the pope's nasogastric tube was inserted, but it was first acknowledged by the Vatican Wednesday. None was visible during John Paul's brief appearance at the window yesterday.

Italian media have said the pope's doctors were considering a PEG tube because John Paul was having trouble swallowing. The

procedure must be done in a hospital, and Navarro-Valls' statement appeared to indirectly deny any hospitalization was planned. Another Vatican official confirmed there was no plan to return John Paul to the hospital.

In the Vatican's statement, the first medical report on John Paul since March 10, Navarro-Valls said the pope was continuing a "slow and progressive convalescence" from a tracheotomy Feb. 24. In that surgery, a tube was inserted in the pope's throat to help him breathe.

The spokesman said John Paul spends "many hours" seated in an armchair, celebrates Mass in his private chapel and has work con-

tacts with his aides "following directly the activities of the Holy See and the life of the church."

Navarro-Valls said the pontiff's public audiences remain suspended. He said medical assistance was being provided by the Vatican medical staff under the direction of the pope's personal physician, Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, an apparent reference to reports that outside medical help had been called in.

The insertion of the feeding tube was the latest in a series of interventions for the pontiff, who has battled Parkinson's disease for years as well as hip and knee ailments that have made it virtually impossible for him to stand.

In addition to the tracheotomy, he has had an inflamed appendix and benign tumor on his colon removed and he underwent hip replacement surgery

after falling in the bathroom in 1994. He was shot in the abdomen in 1981.

The pope was rushed to Gemelli Polyclinic hospital twice last month with breathing crises. He last spoke to the public March 13, shortly before being discharged from the hospital a second time.

Since then, he has been unable to speak publicly.

Easter Sunday, he tried but failed to deliver his "Urbi et Orbi" blessing to tens of thousands of people gathered for Easter Mass, making only a few sounds into the microphone before giving up.

"He looks very frail but certainly very committed to seeing his people," said Kate Strauss, an American tourist in St. Peter's with her family. "We happened to be here by chance and we just had no idea we'd get a blessing from him and a blessing for the babies."

Southeast Asia continues to pick up pieces

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia (AP) — Aid workers rushed food to quake-stricken Nias island and tried to restore running water while survivors complained of hunger after the region's latest big earthquake, which killed an estimated 1,000 people.

This remote tropical island bore the brunt of Monday night's 8.7-magnitude quake, located in the same Indian Ocean region where a 9.0 temblor three months earlier triggered Asia's tsunami catastrophe.

The United Nations sent a 350-ton landing craft packed with food toward the island from nearby Aceh province,

and it was expected later this week, said U.N. relief coordinator Francois Desruisseaux. Aid workers worked with local engineers to restore water and power.

"I hope that within two days there will be running water," he said.

Under a tarpaulin on the grounds of a mosque in Gunung Sitoli, Yusman Gule had no water to mix with his dried food, so he fed his 6-year-old daughter Yumni with just the powder. She lost an ear, broke an arm and badly squashed her fingers in the quake, but still managed to smile.

"Don't leave us here to die," the father said. "It's dif-

ficult to find food. All we can do is beg."

Foreign military help began arriving on the island yesterday when two Singaporean helicopters landed to distribute some food and water to a frantic crowd of survivors.

North Sumatra Gov. Rizal Nurdin estimated that 1,000 people died in the latest disaster, but officials feared the number could climb to 2,000 as rescuers continued to pull bodies from crumpled shops and homes.

A U.N. survey put the confirmed death toll so far at 518, with 500 of those on Nias, U.N. official Masood Hyder said.

SURVEY

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with what they need to succeed in their research and schoolwork.

"When we did the survey in 2003 we received approximately 800 responses," Seymour said. "We hope to get more responses this time."

The surveys will be delivered via e-mail through May 8. Students and faculty who complete the survey also have a chance to register to win an iPod Shuffle.

GAMES

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anything down anyone's throat except for the Mountain Dew, and people take that voluntarily."

Luke J. Monaldo, a freshman business major from Hutchinson, Kan., was among the students who came out to play games.

"I think it's a great day to be outside and play video games," Monaldo said. "It kind of makes it the best of both worlds. You can play video games and still enjoy the fresh air, something a lot of people who play video games don't know a lot about."

Chris W. Stone, an undecided freshman from Clendenin showed up at the plaza to play.

"I play video games myself," Stone said. "I enjoy playing demos of stuff and free stuff. It's a lot of fun."

SORORITY

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Student Center April 4 and 5. The sorority will sell angels for \$1, and then those angels will be placed on a tree in the MSC. Proceeds from the Angel Tree will also be going to local domestic violence chapters.

Schoen said the Angel Tree is a fundraiser the sorority has done in the past with much success. She said she hopes it is successful this time as well.

"Last semester the sorority raised about \$100 doing the Angel Tree," Schoen said. "This time we don't have a particular dollar amount of money we want, but hopefully we can raise

even more."

The Panhellenic Council had a guest speaker come and talk to Marshall sorority members about domestic violence March 7, and Schoen said she felt it was important for girls to hear.

"I think the entire campus needs to be more informed on the dangers of domestic violence, so I think it was great we had that program," she said. "There is a possibility a student may be in a domestic violence situation, and these programs inform them on ways they can get help."

To support the sorority in its fundraiser, the bracelets will be sold at the table April 4 and 5 in the MSC, as well as at the Alpha Chi Omega house at 1601 Fifth Ave.

BLACK

From page 1

and it should have been packed with people who had respect for the kind of talent we have."

Jenny Harbert, senior weaving major from Shinnston, said she enjoyed the show.

"I've seen him on the Daily Show on Comedy Central and he's really funny and I enjoy his style of comedy," she said. "It's not dick and fart jokes. It's really funny."

Harbert said she also noticed people not enjoying the show.

"There were some guys sitting in front of us, who, when he started talking about gays and everything, they just didn't seem to get anything," she said. "Like for the last half hour of the show they just kind of sat there and were not amused."

Harbert said she thought

the turn out could have been better.

"More people should have come out to see the show cause there were a lot of empty seats," she said.

Regardless of the turnout, Black said he was glad he was invited to perform for Marshall and wants to come back.

"Six years ago I would have played Charleston and the comedy club and now I'm playing the Field House so I've been lucky in the sense that it's grown and the audience has grown," he said. "You're very lucky when that happens. I know a lot of great comics who don't have that, who deserve a larger audience and they don't have it."

Black closed his set with a message for the Marshall community.

"Enjoy the four years you got here because this is a gift," he said. "As soon as you leave this school, the asshole count rises exponentially."



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What about the 'little guy?'

It is a story as old as time: David versus Goliath, Little Mac versus Mike Tyson, the Trix Rabbit and those selfish kids are all examples of the underdog fighting the man.

Now here in Huntington, a localized version of the saga continues.

Glaser Furniture, a family owned and operated business for the last 59 years is fighting a giant: Marshall University.

Thanks to eminent domain, it seems the battle is about to be over. For those of you who did not pay attention in Civics class, eminent domain gives the government the right to seize private property for public use.

First off, the land seized will not be technically turned over for public use. It is the future site of a fitness center. A fitness center funded by student fees for student use, not the general

HUPP'S HARPINGS

BY MICHAEL HUPP
columnist



public even though Marshall is a public university. Key word in that sentence is public. Hmm? Don't you think that land seized for public use should be FOR PUBLIC USE.

Secondly, is this how Marshall wants to be perceived in the public eye? This is for progress and progress is good, but at what cost? The university has become the life-blood of Huntington. It has provided so many jobs and helped the region's economy tremendously. What about the community you have helped so much? Does the university want to be seen as an authoritarian leader?

Remember a government (Marshall in this instance) big enough to give you all you want is big enough to take it away.

The university caused a stink when they condemned businesses and homes to build the new football stadium. Time healed the wounds and I am sure it will heal these. I just wonder if it was necessary to go about it in the way the university has in order to acquire Glaser Furniture's property.

I will even go as far as to say the owners of Glaser Furniture brought this upon themselves. Could an agreement to move to another location have not been feasible instead of fighting Marshall? Negotiations would have still been your best option. Still, it is not an excuse for the university to go about it through the courts.

It is just bad business. The members of the Glaser

family are still human beings with emotions and the ability to have sentimental ties to a location they have held for 59 years, a longer time than Marshall has been a university, I might add. As a Huntington resident, I am all for changes in this town, but I am also saddened to see family owned businesses lost in the red tape of business as usual politics.

I just ask the administration and all involved with this project to consider what these people are going through. What if it was your business being condemned to make progress? Change is good, but keep the little guy in mind. A lot of little guys make a big group when brought together.

Now I have to focus my time on the next victim: Club Planet. Good luck with your negotiations with Marshall, Club Planet and god speed...god speed.

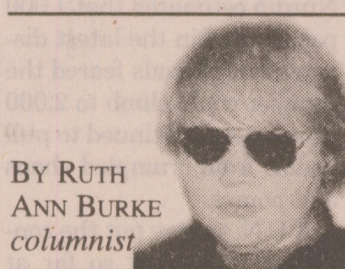
It's still March: keep it covered

I'm really excited. For the first time this year, I went outside with short sleeves on. It was wonderful. Granted, I still wore long pants, but the feeling of the warm spring air on my arms and face was fantastic.

There is something beautiful in the spring months. I'm not talking about the trees being in bloom or the grass finally making its reappearance. I'm talking about the casual undressing of human beings.

It's a very moving sight to walk on campus and actually see people's faces instead of looking into a toboggan, scarf and heavy winter coats. We are finally people again, relaxed and uncovered.

I've even heard the cliché comment from all the men folk, "I like spring because finally the girls are showing some skin." Usually this



BY RUTH ANN BURKE
columnist

comment is followed by some kind of Neanderthal grunt or some heavy breathing. As soon as the male figures out I'm not going to start stripping off his clothes because of his middle school sentiments, we resume normal conversation.

But I feel as though I need to address something. Yes, it has been getting warmer. Yes, spring is here. Yes, it's freaking sweet. However, it may be getting warmer and it may be spring but it's still not summer. Maybe I should repeat that because I don't think some of you are

getting it. IT'S NOT SUMMER.

I went to Wal-Mart last night and saw at least two dozen girls wearing short, short skirts and tank tops. I also saw several dudes (and I call them dudes because normal men don't do this) wearing the fabled "cut to hell" t-shirt. Shorts are perfectly acceptable during weather like this. Unfortunately, walking around half naked (like some of you ladies are doing) is not.

Remember, it's technically still March. That's still considered a winter month. Just because it's been rather warm lately, doesn't mean that you can bust out your god-awful halter tops and your crotchless (maybe I should say tasteless) jeans. Now, in all fairness, I haven't exactly seen anyone wearing crotchless jeans, but I wouldn't put it by any

of you skanks.

Just plan ahead. It's going to get dark out. Logically, any normal rational human being would realize that when the sun goes down (you know, that big heat radiating bright thing in the sky), it's going to get colder. Tank tops and short skirts aren't going to keep you warm. I know I'll sound like your mother when I say this, but take a sweater. It gets cooler at night. And please, if you decide to dress like a 14th Street prostitute, don't stand around shivering, complaining that you're cold. Whenever you stand there griping about how you're half naked and cold, people just assume that you aren't functioning at full brain capacity.

Stay sharp. Stay warm. And for God's sakes, stay away from me if you're cold. I brought a sweater for a reason.

Showing some skin in the spring

by Danny Jacobs
The Diamondback
(U. Maryland)

Spring is here, the time of year when the days — like the list of girls I meet who already have boyfriends — grow longer. (If I were a superhero, my power would be walking into a party and immediately attaching myself to all the taken girls. Naturally, my superhero name would be "Wingman.")

Still, the second half of spring semester is my favorite time of the year. The campus' beauty is straight out of a Shakespearean sonnet. But there are other, less Old English-related reasons I like spring 'round these parts.

Spring cleaning always amuses me because my housekeeping philosophy can be summed up in a

three-word rule, good for all seasons: Swiffer. Wherever. Possible.

Much like blossoming flowers, cell phones make their return in the spring. During winter, both remain hidden — the flower in seeds underground, the cell phones in backpacks or the pockets of their owners, who constantly keep their hands in pockets because of an apparent glove shortage.

Once the weather gets warmer, though, flowers and cell phones sprout all over the campus, as every fourth person has a conversation on the way to class (with cell phones, not flowers). But both cause allergic reactions, too: the flowers because of pollen and the cell phones because of annoying people talking way too loudly.

The worst part is this often occurs as I walk to my

10 a.m. class, exactly what I want to hear when I'm half awake. The conversations also raise an important question: Who are these people on the other end of the line at 9:45 a.m.?

This is why I would like to create a new rule for students using cell phones, no matter what time it is: Please talk loudly only if you are calling a) your parents for money, b) a doctor because of what you did last night or c) a lawyer because of what you did last night.

For baseball fans, spring training means believing this is the year for their team, except for Yankees fans, who will complain the season is already over because of a Derek Jeter hangnail. Spring training has additional local excitement this year because of the Washington Nationals, who have a chance to change

the old saying about Washington baseball teams from "First in war, first in peace and last in the American League" to "First in war, first in peace and last in the National League."

But first on my list of the reasons I love spring is the female wardrobe. Like the swallows returning to San Juan Capistrano, mini-skirts and tank tops reappear in girls' closets. The result is an increase in male neck injuries because of constant head snapping.

If I sound a bit piggish — well, oink, oink. My point is no matter how dreary a winter it has been, no matter how complicated and tough everything seems, for me, spring always reaffirms all the beauty and joy life has to offer.

Besides, that girl I just gawked at probably has a boyfriend.

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Herd defeats Colonels 2-0

Nielson throws one-hitter, Guzzo homers



photo by Matt Riley
Senior Randi Nielson threw a complete-game shut out against ECU. She walked four with two strikeouts and picked up her team leading 10th win.

by ADAM BROWN
reporter

Behind a solid defense that allowed only one hit, Marshall shut out Eastern Kentucky 2-0 at Dot Hicks Field yesterday.

Senior pitcher Randi Nielson improved to 10-6 on the year while ECU's sophomore pitcher, Shelby Thompson, dropped to 5-7.

The Herd's (17-12) offense was powered by sophomore catcher Gina Guzzo and junior right fielder Noelle Adams.

The duo combined for three of Marshall's five hits. Adams was the only player who had more than one hit.

The Colonels' (13-14) lone hit came from senior outfielder Alysha Jones.

"We'd love to play three or four of these on a day like this, especially with the talent we have."

— Shonda Stanton, MU softball coach

"We'd love to play three or four of these on a day like this, especially with the talent we have," Marshall coach Shonda Stanton said. "This is a good midweek tune-up going into this weekend."

After two and a half innings of scoreless softball, Marshall got on the board. Adams singled off of ECU's Thompson. Adams then stole second and advanced to third on Nielson's pop fly. Junior center fielder Amanda

Williams' single brought Adams in for a score.

"I've been struggling the past few games and knew if I just kept swinging I'd hit the ball," Adams said.

Marshall scored again in the bottom of the fourth inning when Guzzo hit a solo home run. Guzzo's home run prompted ECU to remove Thompson from the mound.

Marshall is back in action April 2 and 3 when the Herd plays host to the Akron Zips.

Baseball slugfest ends in 11-10 loss for Marshall

courtesy
herdzone.com

RICHMOND, Ky. — Eastern Kentucky scored eight runs in the first two innings and never looked back, defeating the Thundering Herd baseball team, 11-10, yesterday afternoon. The Herd (7-14, 2-1 MAC)

came to within a run of the Colonels (8-10, 2-1 OVC) in the eighth, but was unable to capitalize to take the win.

ECU scored three runs in the first inning and five in the second off of Herd starter Andrew Hancock. Adam Visnic notched an RBI single in the first, and scored when Will Whisen-

ant homered to right. In the second, five runs crossed the plate as ECU recorded three hits, two walks and one batter reached on an error.

An RBI single in the second by Bubba Pfaff put Marshall on the board in the second.

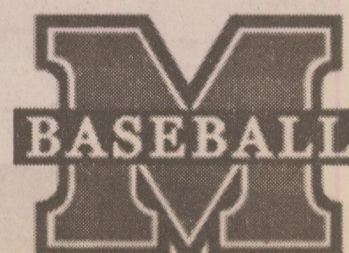
The fourth inning saw the Herd make it an 8-6

game. However, ECU scored one more run in the bottom of the inning.

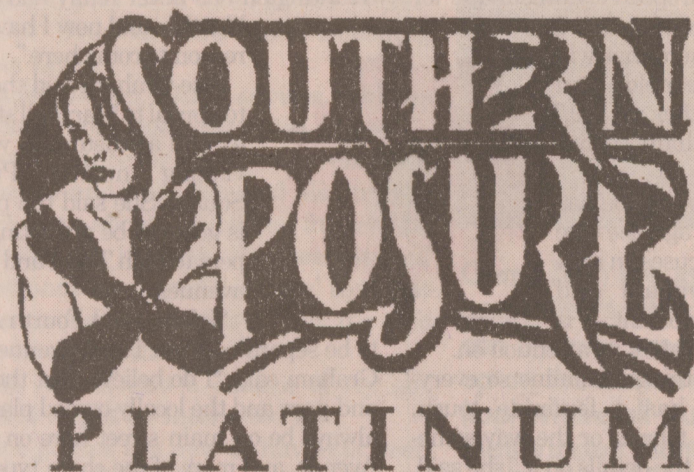
Down 11-7 entering the top half of the eighth, the Herd made its run. After Pfaff was hit by a pitch to start the inning, Aaron Levinson hit a home run to left field, his first at MU, to make it an 11-9 game.

MU threatened in the ninth inning with one run but ECU brought in their closer, Richard Boothe, who ended the Herd's comeback and sealed the victory for the Colonels.

The Herd will be traveling to take on Mid-American Conference rival Miami Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



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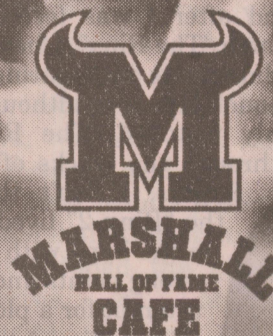
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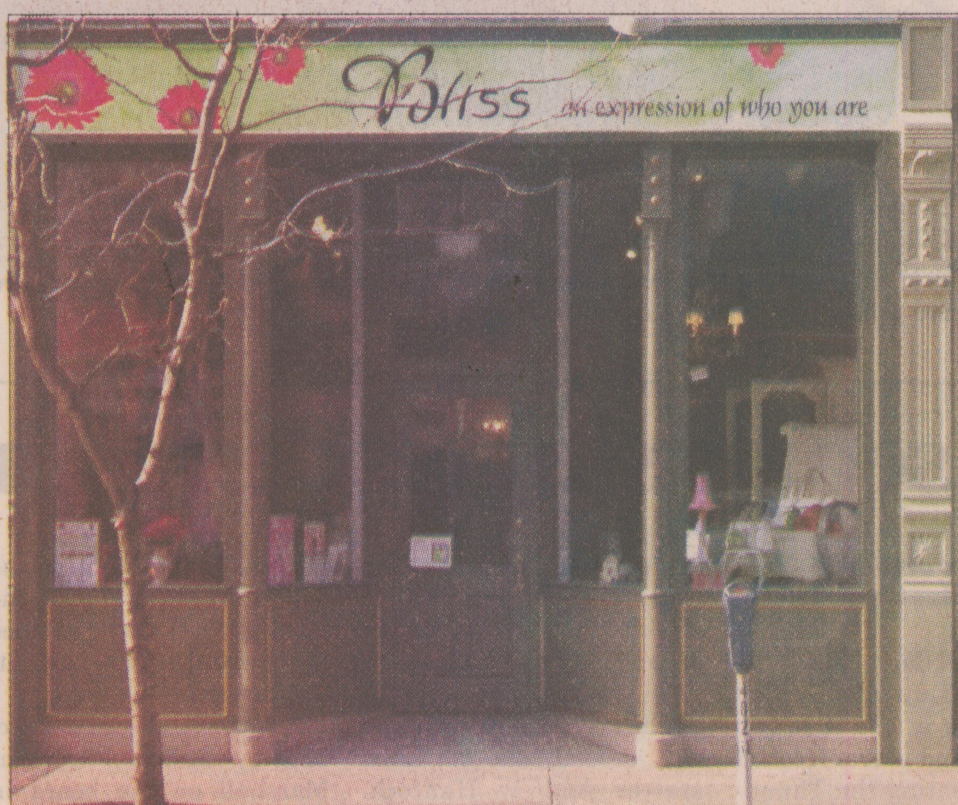
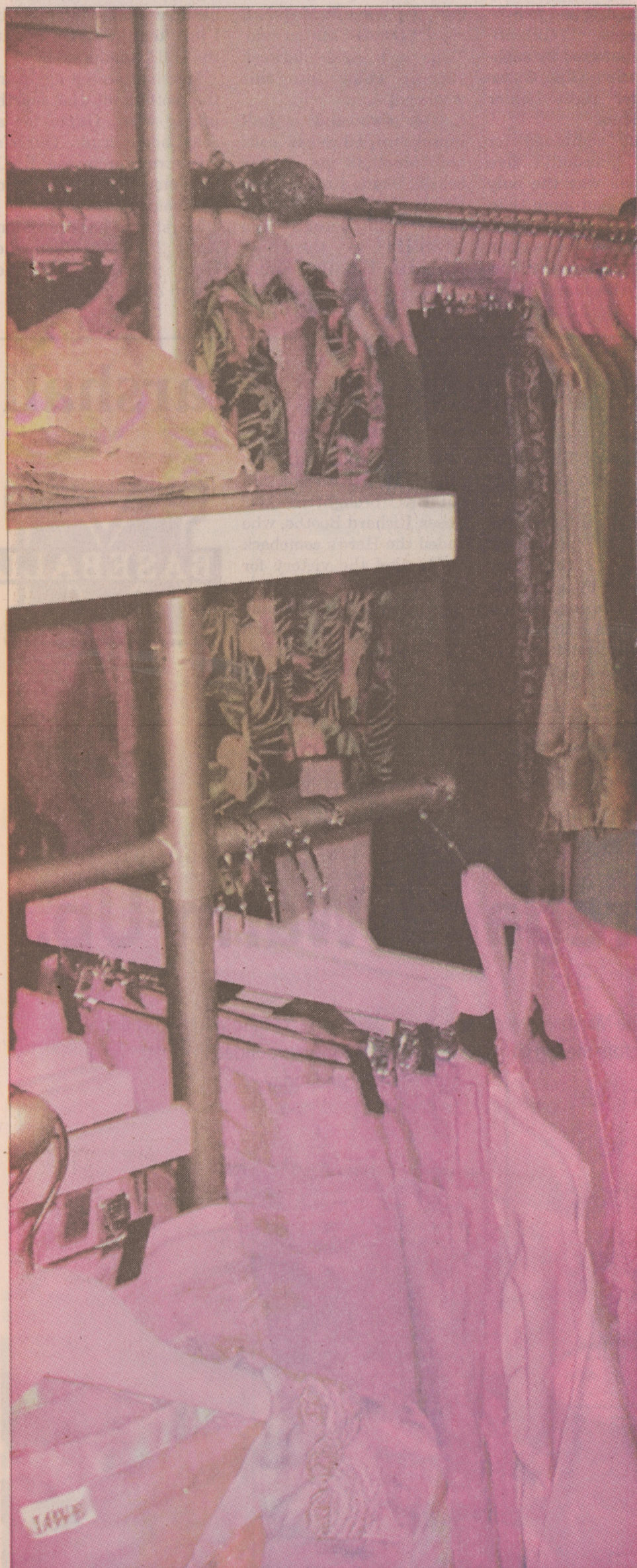


1. Brian Regan
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Blissful expressions

A new boutique adds a feminine touch to Fourth Avenue

Photos & story by
Shane S. Irwin
reporter



A prom dress, chandelier and pair of capri pants may not seem to have much in common. But at Bliss, a new retail store on Fourth Avenue, customers have the chance to purchase all of these items in one visit.

Bliss, located at 842 Fourth Ave., opened its doors Feb. 7 and had its grand opening March 12.

"Bliss is a European-style boutique for women of all ages, because I have things in here that will appeal to 16-year-olds and their grandmother at 60," Rita Pike-Graham, Bliss owner, said.

She said although she has things for every age, the core age range she focuses on is 24 to 54. Pike-Graham said while age is important, it is not what Bliss centers its attention on.

"The focus is things feminine so everything in here has a feminine touch, whether it's the fabrics, or the way something's made, or the details on it," she said.

Bliss carries lingerie, gift items, and casual wear in addition to its house merchandise and formal wear.

When it came to selecting a location for the store, Pike-Graham said there were certain characteristics she knew she wanted.

"I wanted the aesthetics of an old building, and I've always been in love with this store front," she said. "The store front's always been here, it's just never really been utilized."

Pike-Graham said she looked at various

locations, but during her search, the current location on Fourth Avenue is the one she kept coming back to. It took some renovating and the demolition of a few walls to get the store to where Pike-Graham said she wanted it.

Bliss customer Sommer R. Thomas, a junior business management major from Hurricane, likes what Bliss has to offer.

"The selection here is great," she said. "Huntington has never really had a place like this, and now I have more reason to come here."

Pike-Graham said she hopes to appeal to Marshall students as well as customers who are visiting nearby Pullman Square. She said the problem is going to be attracting shoppers to both Third and Fourth avenues.

"I don't want Fourth Avenue to be separated from Third Avenue," Pike-Graham said. "I do believe that the mom-and-pop and the locally-owned places will always be on main street here on Fourth Avenue, and more of the chain type stores with a little bit more of a budget will be over in Pullman."

She said the store has met all projections so far and is happy with the way business is going.

Bliss is open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Pike-Graham, who is a native of Chesapeake, Ohio, is also available by appointment for personal shopping.

"The focus is things feminine, so everything in here has a feminine touch ..."

- Rita Pike-Graham, owner of Bliss

'Ring 2' promised more chills and evil-Samara; did it deliver?

Managing Editor, Cara Bailey, and production manager, Matt Haught, review the sequel "The Ring 2"



Cara Bailey: Apparently I do not see enough movies, and after I was forced to watch "The Ring", I have to admit I was anticipating its sequel. However, although I only watched "The Ring" through the cracks of my fingers, I don't think the "Ring 2" lived up to the hype with few strong points and an attempt for a plot.

Matt Haught: It does not matter if the movie is absolutely horrible, if it raised my blood pressure at

least once from fear, it was worth it. This sequel explained the unanswered questions from the first movie and still gave some good, jumpy horror.

Cara: "Ring 2" starts with an unmarked video making its way to Astoria, Ore. A young man is trying to get a girl he invited over to watch the tape. As luck would have it, Rachel Keller and her son, Aidan, the protagonists from "The Ring" move to the same town the tape surfaces in. Rachel hears of an incident where the face of a victim is all that can be talked about,

which brings up a curious fear. I do have to say one of the best parts, if not the best part of the entire movie, happens in the first 15 minutes as Rachel examines the unique situation.

Matt: I saw the movie opening night in Fairmont with about 150 adolescent girls who screamed horrible bloody murder when Samara Morgan made her first chilling experience. I'll admit, I joined their scream when the deer attacked the car. I'm not proud, but I screamed like the 12-year-old girl beside me.

Cara: That brings up an

interesting point. What were the deer doing in the movie? That was one of the most random parts of a movie I have ever seen. Sadly, that's how I felt about most of the movie. Random scenes popped up, which is fine if they're scary. However, these scenes were not. Was this part of a lame attempt to bring a plot to a horror film?

Matt: Deer are cousins to horses, which freaked out when Samara was near. Also, there were antlers in the basement of the Morgan house. The random scenes are part of the images meant to

freak people out. To this day I shiver when any sort of static flickers across my television screen. I think one of the better scenes came when we saw Samara's mother Evelyn's explanation of why her daughter had to die.

Cara: I'll agree with that. Sissy Spacek (Evelyn) did have a scene-stealing moment, but overall, I think the movie was a disappointment. Rarely are sequels better than the original and this is no exception. Fewer scary scenes, expected twists and bad imagery all contributed to a disappointing use of \$7.