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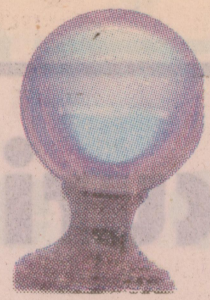
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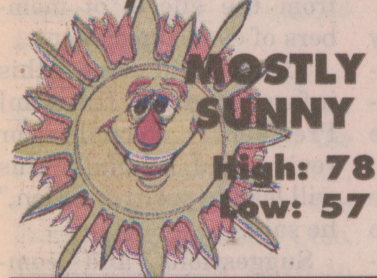


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MU spends day in the capital city

MU reps to speak with legislators

by BRANDY BROWN
reporter

Students, faculty and alumni representatives will visit the state legislature twice today to confront financial issues facing the university.

Marshall Day in the Capital City is the first event scheduled to take place at 9:30 a.m., while the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications Alumni Association will host a fundraising event at 8 p.m.

Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, said MU Day is an event where students and faculty serve as hosts and ambassadors to the university.

"Representatives consist of 19 students who have expressed interest in greeting and informing legislators that universities are worthy entities that deserve funding," he said.

Some Marshall offices attending are Autism Services and the HELP Program. Students and faculty will also set up university displays to answer questions about individual colleges and programs.

Hensley said discussions will vary depending on the individual representative but everyone is concerned about the 5 percent proposed budget cut.

"What we are doing is keeping legislative delegation aware of our existence and reminding them that we are an active and important contribution to the state," Hensley said.

The SOJMC Alumni Association, in collaboration with Capitol Press Corps members, will raise money for Marshall this evening. The Capitol Press Corps, comprised of press members who carry legislative coverage, will also perform political skits.

This is the 17th year for the fundraiser.

"The money raised will be spent on wherever the need is greatest," Corley Dennison, dean of SOJMC, said.

He said in the past, the benefit has helped to buy

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Charleston Mayor Danny Jones proclaimed April 6 Marshall Day in the Capital City. Several Marshall students are receiving awards and recognition and even voicing concerns about the state of Marshall to legislators.

President-elect Misiti speaks out against bill

by MEGAN D.
BARBOUR
reporter

It is just a bill sitting on Capitol Hill, but Student Government Association President-elect Michael Misiti does not want to see Senate Bill 603 passed until one major change is made.

Misiti and other members of SGA will be traveling to Charleston today for Marshall University Day at the Capitol.

While there, Misiti said he hopes to discuss the bill with senators and delegates.

The bill gives more power to individual universities in West Virginia, and it will allow the Board

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— Michael Misiti, SGA president-elect

of Governors to make more decisions without going through the state first.

Misiti supports the bill, but said he would like the campus parking fines clause to be amended.

Currently universities can charge up to \$10 for parking fines, but the amendment would cap the fines at \$50.

Misiti said he feels the \$10 cap is high enough

and said he thinks most students would agree.

"I've heard word from Farrell's office that he does not intend on raising the fines initially, but I am worried about the future," he said.

Misiti spoke with West Virginia University SGA President D.J. Casto about the clause while he visited Morgantown this

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Media to lampoon Legislature

by TIFFANY L.
LINVILLE
reporter

Members of the press will be poking fun at state political officials tonight.

The Capitol Press Corps will be performing a series of satirical skits and songs making fun of members of the Legislature, 8 p.m. at the West Virginia Cultural Center in Charleston.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the House of Representatives Clerk's office, the Senate Clerk's office or the

Governor's Press Secretary office at the Capitol, according to a news release.

The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is sponsoring the event, and tickets can also be purchased in its main office Smith Hall Room 321.

The SOJMC will also have a table in the lobby of the Cultural Center for purchasing tickets, Dr. Corley Dennison, dean of SOJMC, said.

"Third House was started by the JMC Alumni Association about 17 years ago," he said. "At



Dennison

that time we had a lot of graduates of Marshall University who were covering the legislature, and they got together and decided to put on an evening of political satire for the benefit of the school."

The event is one of the primary fundraisers for the school, Dennison said.

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WSSA claims issue attacks women's rights

by JUSTINE M.
SEVERINO
reporter

The issue of pro-choice, pro-life has been stirred up within Marshall University's Women's Studies Student Association after the Human Life Alliance had the Parthenon insert a pamphlet in one of last week's editions shining light on the subject of anti-abortions.

Carrie Robey, member of WSSA, said the pamphlet was given to the Parthenon by the Human Life Alliance, a pro-life organization, provided misleading and outdated information about family planning.

She said most of the information contained in the pamphlet was propaganda from not credible sources and information gathered from other countries.

"Everything should be cited in the publications, we use sources like the Center of Disease Control," Jillian Roemer, director of Campus Outreach at the Human Life Alliance, said.

She said the HLA pays

for pro-life ads to be put in college newspapers around the world. It chose Marshall because someone who wanted this issue to come to campus approached the HLA, Roemer said.

"This is an
everyday issue
that girls on
campus think
about at some
point."

Nora Shalaway
senior WSSA member

"We feel abortions don't help the women, it just hurts them in more ways," she said.

"The pamphlet is making pro-choice out to be pro-abortion, it's not pro-abortion," Nora Shalaway, senior WSSA member, said. "They implied things that aren't true; we [WSSA] want to provide a table with correct information and legal issues to provide for people to become informed."

She said the WSSA believes the issue is

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Seminar stomps out plagiarism

by KEELY A. MARTIN
reporter

Marshall faculty and staff will have the opportunity to learn how to combat student plagiarism today in Drinko Library.

The plagiarism prevention workshop will feature software from Turnitin.com.

"Turnitin.com is one of the world's leading online software that detects academic dishonesty," according to the product's Web site.

"This is software that we use to identify student plagiarism," Winnie Black, assistant dean for enrollment management, said. "Faculty and staff will learn how to access and utilize the software for their classrooms."

The showcased speaker at the seminar will be Dr. Donna Spindel, history professor and coordinator for online instruction.

"At an instructor's request, students submit papers to a class set up for them at the Turnitin.com Web site," Spindel said.

"The software automatically checks the content of the paper against millions of pages of documents."

The Turnitin.com software provides students and faculty with a better understanding of how to avoid plagiarism, she said.

According to the Marshall University Student Handbook the definition of plagiarism is, "Submitting as one's work or creation any material or an idea wholly or in part created by another."

The instructor, department chair or the academic dean may decide punishment for plagiarism. The instructor has the right to issue the student a lower grade, fail the student or exclude him or her from class, according to the handbook. For further discipline, the department chair or the Office of Academic Affairs can put a student on academic probation or suspension for one year and may even dismiss a student from the university, according

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Campus security receives makeover

by **THOMAS S. FOUCH**
reporter

Missing equipment across campus is causing concern among staff members about the need for implementing new security measures.

The Classified Staff Council met with Interim President Mike Farrell, March 17 raising concern about security issues across campus.

Leonard Lovely, chair of

the Classified Staff Council Physical Environment Committee, is asking all departments for assistance in compiling information for improved security within work areas on campus.

Lovely said the campus is losing critical equipment, such as computers and printers, throughout the year.

"Many council members believe this is due to the lack of security cameras at entrance and exit doors of

"If computers can be stolen from the Drinko Library, I'm sure it is possible for someone to grab mine."

— Joseph Wilson, freshman criminal justice major

all buildings," he said. "Members of the CSC expressed a strong view that this type of security is long overdue."

Mike Dunn, chair of the CSC, said the organization

is seeking input about how to better secure valuable equipment on campus.

"We are looking for suggestions on how the situation should be handled," he said. "A collection of ideas

will give us a better opportunity to address the security issue appropriately."

Security issues also concern students.

"I watch my laptop very carefully when on campus," Joseph Wilson, freshman criminal justice major from Huntington, said. "If computers can be stolen from the Drinko Library, I'm sure it is possible for someone to grab mine."

The CSC plans to review

the suggestions and discuss them with Farrell.

Lovely said he is looking forward to seeing results from the efforts of members of each department.

"Council will present this information to [Interim] President Farrell for review and hopefully this will lead to positive action," he said.

Suggestions and comments can be e-mailed to Lovely at lovely@marshall.edu by Friday.

SIFE helps students understand car buying

by **ADAM BROWN**
reporter

Students in Free Enterprise are helping students and other first time car buyers with a workshop.

Alex Hall from Tri-State Chrysler will speak today at 11:30 in Smith Hall Room 334.

"We thought it was a good idea to host a workshop for students," Charlie Nickell, a senior advertising major from Ronceverte, said. "A lot of students don't know about things like gap insurance."

He said gap insurance is a special kind of insurance that can be purchased when buying a new car. The insurance covers the cost of buying a new car if a newly purchased car is wrecked within a specified amount of time, Nickell said.

"Obviously, your car is depreciating in value every second of every day," he said. "Gap insurance gives you the ability to cover partial cost."

Nickell said Hall would also be talking about financing, leasing and purchasing a car within one's budget.

Recycling computers through silent auction

by **KIRSTEN E. KING**
reporter

A person needing a computer might find one at the final auction in the Dewco Building.

Computer Services will be having a surplus computer sale Monday, April 11 the Dewco Building located at Fifth Avenue and 22nd Street behind Steiner's. Bidding will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Computer services has worked very hard," Carol Skaggs, supervisor of central receiving, said. "I'm sure the computers will sell. It's just a matter of dif-

ferent space different place."

She said future auctions will be in the art warehouse on Second Avenue and 21st Street.

"The sale is open to anybody and everybody," Charles Elliott, associate director of Computer Services, said. "It's a sealed bid process."

The sale will feature Dell computers with Pentium II and possibly Pentium III processors.

Elliott said students are able to place a bid on a computer.

The computers would be suitable for students who

will only need to use basic functions, but they might not be suited to students who need to do multitasking.

"The computers we are disposing of may not meet the high-end processing needs that a lot of students would have," he said.

Elliott said the average age of the computers is about six years. He said some of the computers are able to run Windows XP but can only perform basic functions and are not capable of running software needed by students.

Elliott said Computer Services has almost broken

even but, because of the cost to sanitize the computers, they have had to spend some money.

"There are some real costs involved with us doing the processing," he said. "We have to buy equipment and hire extra labor."

Elliott said it will take 30 to 45 minutes to sanitize computers in fair working order, but some computers in poor condition will take six to eight hours to clean.

The Purchasing Department will notify the accepted bidders March 12 and computers must be picked up by 3 p.m. April 14.

Saddam looks on from jail cell as Iraqis elect new leader

BAGHDAD, (AP) —

Ousted dictator Saddam Hussein will be able to watch from his Baghdad jail cell as Iraq's newly elected parliament chooses a new president today, the next step in building Iraq's first democratically elected government in 50 years, Iraqi officials said.

Lawmakers put the finishing touches yesterday on an agreement making Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani president and Shiite Adel Abdul-Mahdi and interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab, his two vice presidents.

Thursday, the 275 lawmakers elected Jan. 30 will likely name Shiite leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari prime minister, clearing the way for lawmakers to begin focusing their attention on writing a permanent constitution by their Aug. 15 deadline.

The new, interim government will lay the foundation for future elections and a permanent government, all key to an eventual U.S. withdrawal.

The U.S. military said four service members were killed Monday and Tuesday in one of its biggest losses in recent weeks. As of Monday, at least 1,536 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press

count.

In Washington, President Bush said Iraqis were increasingly joining the fight against terrorists like Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the head of al-Qaida in Iraq.

"The American people ought to take heart to know that we have now more allies in defeating these few, and those allies are the Iraqi citizens," he said.

Interim Vice President Rowsch Nouri Shaways said Saddam will be able to see the parliamentary session from his jail cell, although it was unclear if the broadcast will be live or taped. U.S. military officials declined to comment.

"This is a very important session because this is the first time in Iraq's history that the president and his deputies are elected in a legitimate and democratic way by the Iraqi people," Shaways said. "That's why the Iraqi government thought it would be beneficial that the former dictator see this unique process."

Saddam was captured north of Baghdad in December 2003 and has been in custody with several of his top henchmen at a U.S.-guarded detention facility near Baghdad's international airport. U.S. military officials transferred the 12 defendants to Iraqi custody in June with the transfer of sovereignty.

Bells, white smoke to announce arrival of new Pope as head of Catholic church

VATICAN CITY (AP) —

Responding to Pope John Paul II's request, the Vatican will depart from centuries-old tradition by ringing bells in addition to sending up white smoke to signal the election of his successor.

Before he died Saturday at age 84, John Paul also made his wish known "to be buried in the ground," Archbishop Piero Marini said yesterday.

He will be laid to rest with a white silk veil on his face, a rosary in his hands and his body clad in liturgical vestments and

the white miter.

Following the centuries-old custom for burying popes, his body will be placed inside three coffins; wood, zinc and wood, a design meant to slow decomposition, the Vatican confirmed.

A small bag of commemorative medals issued over the course of his 26-year pontificate, as well as a sealed document featuring a brief description in Latin of John Paul's life, will be buried with him near the tomb, traditionally believed to be that of the first pope, St. Peter.

Tropical flavor in Twin Towers

The Residence Hall Association is hosting a Luau at 8 p.m. today in the Twin Towers West glass lounge. The event is geared toward students living in residence halls, but is open to all students.

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Record high gas prices could climb

CHARLESTON (AP) — Gasoline prices broke records across West Virginia yesterday, one day after the futures market for crude oil climbed to a record level.

Average prices for regular gasoline were \$2.29 a gallon in Charleston; \$2.28 in the Huntington-Ashland, Ky., metro area; \$2.21 in the Parkersburg-Marietta, Ohio, metro area; and \$2.18 in Wheeling and Weirton, all records, according to AAA's

Daily Fuel Gauge Report.

The average price for regular gasoline in the Bluefield area was about \$2.23, which was also a record, according to AAA's Bluefield office.

In north central West Virginia, the average price for regular gasoline was about \$2.20 in Morgantown and Clarksburg, and about \$2.22 in Bridgeport. However, those prices were not believed to be records, Wayne Northey, regional vice president for

... I got an alert... that predicted that over the next two years crude would go to \$108.

— Jan Vineyard, spokeswoman for the West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association

West Virginia AAA East Central said.

The statewide average was \$2.23 while the national average was \$2.20.

The prices were not adjusted for inflation, AAA said.

Monday, crude oil futures prices reached a record \$58.28 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude futures prices fell yesterday as traders took profits from a recent run-up to new highs,

the European Union cut its economic growth forecast and OPEC began discussions on another output increase.

But analysts noted there was still strong support for heating oil and gasoline amid perceptions that production was lagging behind demand.

"It is all crude oil-related," said Jan Vineyard, spokeswoman for the West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association, which represents convenience stores, independ-

ent grocers and petroleum marketers.

"Two days ago I got an alert from an investment banking company that predicted that over the next two years crude would go to \$108," she said. "That's the first time I have ever heard a prediction like that."

Nymex crude futures are 65 percent higher than a year ago, but well below the inflation-adjusted peak of \$90 set in 1980.

New bill would change W.Va. 'end-of-life' laws

CHARLESTON (AP) — Doctors could refuse to provide treatment they believe would be "medically ineffective" under a bill amended and endorsed by the House Judiciary Committee Monday.

The committee voted 10-6 with nine absences to send the Senate-passed measure (SB399) to the full House. The panel had scuttled the bill last week, but agreed Friday to reconsider it.

The bill aims to protect doctors who decide against such

treatment as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, dialysis and mechanical ventilation. Supporters say needless treatments sought in end-of-life and catastrophic cases drive up health care costs and expose providers to legal liability. Such treatments also increase the pain and suffering of patients in those cases, advocates contend.

As amended Monday, the bill would only apply when the doctor considers the patient's death hours or minutes away. It was also amend-

ed to exclude patients in facilities for the mentally ill and retarded.

The Senate had applied the protection to a range of health providers; House Judiciary limited it to physicians.

Bill supporters say it does not address such cases as Terri Schiavo's. The severely brain-damaged woman spent 15 years connected to a feeding tube and died last week, 13 days after the tube was removed.

Critics questioned whether

the bill would allow doctors to ignore living wills or written directives from the patient.

The bill would change West Virginia's end-of-life laws, considered among the best in the country. The state Health Decisions Act penalizes any physician who knowingly overrides a patient's advance directive. West Virginia's Surrogate Act also allows a patient's doctor to appoint somebody to speak for the patient who has not filled out a medical power of attorney and living will form.

BILL

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past weekend.

It is more of a concern at WVU because there are not enough spaces for students while there are spaces not being utilized here by students, Misiti said.

Misiti has made attempts to contact Cabell-Wayne delegates but is encouraging students to voice their opinions to these delegates also. These delegates include Kevin Craig, Don Perdue, Greg Howard, Robert Plymale, Evan Jenkins, Kelli Sobonya, Margarette Leach, Dale

Stephens, Jim Morgan and Richard Thompson.

"I encourage students to get online and read the bill and to contact their local representatives and voice their opinions," Misiti said.

Allison Reeves, a junior education major from Naoma, W.Va., said she

does not want to see the cap increased.

"I'll probably send an e-mail to my delegate to speak out against this because I don't see the necessity in increasing the cap," she said. "I hope other students will do the same."

To learn more about the bill visit www.legis.state.wv.us.

SEMINAR

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to the handbook.

"Student plagiarism is a

growing problem at Marshall University and other universities," Black said. "Students are purchasing papers from services on Web sites."

This seminar will help

advisers, faculty and staff educate students about the pitfalls of plagiarism and how to appropriately document their sources, she said.

The seminar will be in Drinko Room 349 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. For more information about the workshop contact Black at Black89@marshall.edu or 696-7114.

HOUSE

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has gone to various things, such as scholarships and equipment needs for the school. This year some of the money will go to expenses associated with the school's move from Smith Hall to the Communications Building.

The program typically lasts an hour to an hour and a half, Dennison said.

A reception, similar to a meet-and-greet with legis-

lators, lobbyists and perhaps the governor, will follow the event in the Cultural Center Great Hall.

"It [the reception] is an opportunity for alumni and members of the audience to mingle with the legislature," Dennison said. "I really appreciate the efforts of the Alumni Association and members of the press for helping us put this event on."

For more information, call the SOJMC office at 696-2360.

REPS

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equipment, offset expenses and create scholarships.

Dennison said he appreciates the effort of the SOJMC Alumni Association

and members of the media for their work in coordinating the event.

Hensley said today's schedule will be busy.

"It's going to be an early morning and long day, but we're looking forward to it," he said.

WSSA

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attacking women's rights.

"It's attacking women's rights and we stand for women's rights," Shalaway said. "We need to attack this issue with the right information so people can make an informed decision."

Christine Wass, a senior WSSA member from Dunbar, said this issue is important for the Marshall community to know about so it can make an informed decision about the topic.

"Decisions don't need to be made on one side [of the issue]," she said. "WSSA wants to make sure they get both sides."

Shalaway said the big

issue of WSSA is women having the right to make these decisions.

"This is an everyday issue that girls on this campus think about at some point," she said.

WSSA has gathered updated information from reputable sources about family planning and birth control. WSSA's information comes from the National Organization for Women's, Planned Parenthood and doctoral studies. A table will have this information available today in the Memorial Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about this issue contact the Women's Center, WSSA or the Human Life Alliance at www.humanlife.org.

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LETTERS to the editor

WSSA offers updated info about planning and contraceptives

Last Wednesday the Parthenon included an advertising supplement paid for by the Human Life Alliance that was filled with false and outdated information as well as misleading insinuations. To correctly inform our campus about family planning and contraceptives, the Women's Studies Student Association will have a table with updated, research-supported information about these and similar issues.

The table will be in the Memorial Student Center lobby Wednesday, April 6 from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. In order to make an informed decision, it is important to understand both sides of an issue and the data they cite. Please stop by the table not only to make yourself aware, but also to arm yourself with the information to help others.

The Women's Studies Student Association

QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Always do sober
what you said
you'd do drunk.
That will teach
you to keep your
mouth shut."**

— Ernest Hemingway,
writer

Corrections

In the Tuesday, April 5 edition of the Parthenon, the Kentucky Fried Chicken mentioned in the staff editorial is located at 1325 16th Street.

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WWE returns to old school

This past week has been a huge week for World Wrestling Entertainment.

Not only was the biggest pay-per-view of the year this past Sunday, but on Raw it was announced Raw will be going back to the USA network after moving to Spike TV in 2000.

Raw will begin airing on USA in October, but will continue to air on Spike until late September.

Details of the deal indicate wrestling fans will benefit from this homecoming. In addition to Raw, the USA network will also air one yearly 60-minute special. The WWE will also be getting two 90-minute NBC specials in the Saturday Night Live time slot (as they did in the 80s).

So instead of seeing fake entertainers like Ashlee Simpson on SNL, you now get to see fake wrestling every once in awhile!

Though the WWE's return to USA is big news, nothing can outshine WrestleMania! The grand-daddy of them all, the Super Bowl of Wrestling...truly a night like no other!

ON THE MAT

BY TRAVIS
BAIN
columnist



Mania has always been the best show of the year, and this year's was no different. However, though it was the best show of the year, I definitely would not say it was even remotely close to being one of the best WrestleMania events.

Don't get me wrong, there were some very memorable moments...there just also seemed to be several I really want to forget. This WrestleMania was a great example of not only some of the great things the WWE does, but also some of the worst.

Some examples, it was great to see Hulk Hogan make an appearance on the show. I don't care how old the man is, he still brings it! In a way it kind of shocks me to see the reaction that Hogan gets after all of these years. It was more than 20 years ago

when the phenomenon that is Hulk-a-Mania was born, and the guy is every bit as popular today as he was then.

However, the WWE also brought in Stone Cold Steve Austin. Now I know there are some Steve Austin fans, I've just never been one of them. Austin's last fight didn't take place in a ring, for Austin has a bit of a history of domestic violence incidents.

Maybe that explains why I am not the biggest Austin fan. I just do not see how people can cheer him. Now, it is true Austin saved the WWE in its battle with World Championship Wrestling. However, he also screwed it by repeatedly refusing to put over new talent and would pout and go home when things were not going his way. Austin was a huge star, but he is no Hulk Hogan...BROTHER!

Some of the matches had some great quality, as Shawn Michaels and Kurt Angle stole the show in an instant classic. The match ended with HBK tapping out from Angle's dreaded ankle lock. What was key in this match was Michael's

willingness to put over Angle. HBK may have lost the match, but the match was so good that both performers were able to benefit from it.

The WWE failed to realize what HBK and Angle accomplished, as the Undertaker defeated Randy Orton, continuing the Dead Man's undefeated streak at WreslteMania. But I wonder who really cares?

The Taker is way past his prime and Orton could have really gained some credibility by defeating such an established star. Orton, whose character was built around being a "Legend Killer," is left with nothing. It seems very similar to WCW's final years, when established stars refused to put over new talent, thus making the business become stale.

Mania usually marks the end of storylines and the introduction to new ones and is usually a great time for wrestling fans. With both Batista and John Cena capturing WWE gold, they're without a doubt on the right track.

Stop denying wanted rec center

A week ago students were outraged when they read in the Parthenon about Marshall University, Glaser Furniture and that magical term "eminent domain."

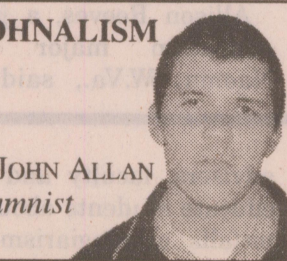
It didn't take long until Marshall was deemed the bad guy, Glaser the hero and outrage the norm. Enough already!

At what point did Marshall students decide the new recreation center is a bad idea? If you find yourself confused by that statement, welcome to my world. I thought we wanted to build a new recreation center, but apparently having it on campus is a step too far!

I know, I know—we don't want to push the little man out to expand our campus. We don't like the thought of having to break some eggs to make an omelet. If I were Mr. Glaser and somebody wanted to take my business so they could knock it over I'd be angry too! I can under-

JOHNALISM

BY JOHN ALLAN
columnist



stand Glaser's feelings and logic.

It's the logic of students who are talking out both sides of their mouths that I don't understand. How can we want a rec center but not want to take the steps needed to build it? Sounds like self-righteous politicizing to me. It doesn't matter if the center is built where Glaser Furniture currently resides or if it is built anywhere else in Huntington: something will get torn down. If we don't want a building removed then good luck finding a place near campus to build on.

It looks like there's plenty of room out in Pot-

ential...er...Kinetic Park but what Marshall student wants to commute from campus to Kinetic Park to exercise? That's not convenient for students living in the dorms. Aren't they the main audience of this new facility?

If we did find a conveniently located undeveloped plot of land to put the rec center on we still wouldn't please everybody. Why? Because we'd have to knock down a few trees and tear up some dirt. Students would bewail Marshall's heartless hand in continuing urbanization and disturbing wildlife. The natural habitat of an earthworm colony might be disturbed. The horror!

So if we don't build it on a site near campus because we don't want to drive local businesses off, and we don't want to build it on an undeveloped site lest we disturb Earth's equilibrium where will we build the thing? Do we tear down Walter Rollins Field

and send the track team scrambling for a new place to train? We could tear down the tennis courts and the softball field. All that would do is wipe out two of the finest athletic teams we have.

If you can find the perfect setting to build the rec center, a place that won't aggravate or affect a single (or married) person in any negative way, call the Board of Governors. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

While we wait for the impossible to happen, let's face reality: to put something up (in this case a new rec center) we have to take something down. We will never please everybody because we can't please everybody. On a personal level, the rec center is not, and never has been, a high priority for me. But if we've decided we want the new center we're completely off base to deny the steps needed to build it.

Sellouts bring fond memories and praise

by Eric Ast
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE — All I really have to say is "I love the tender crisp bacon cheddar ranch." The fact that I've never had one is completely irrelevant; what matters is I've seen Hootie proclaim its glory about 800 times. It also certainly doesn't hurt that Brooke Burke is telling me to "come and get it" from a tree swing at the end of the ad. For God's sake people, the breasts ... they grow on trees!

For you unfortunate souls who have never seen the 30 seconds to two minutes of

bliss that is the most recent Burger King commercial, allow me to enlighten you.

The advertisement features Darius Rucker from the band Hootie and the Blowfish sporting a purple cowboy outfit and singing some crazy tune about the King's latest sandwich. It is the most fantastic sellout in recent memory. The fake smile presented in these ads is only rivaled by those of George Foreman plugging the "lean, mean fat reducing grilling machine," if that gives you an idea of what we're dealing with. What I greatly respect, however, is how Darius isn't even trying to hide the

fact that he is selling out.

"Purple cowboy outfit and fake guitar? Sweet! Have any chaps? No? Alrighty, I guess this will have to do."

The first few times I saw the ad, which is aired at least twice per commercial break on ESPN and Comedy Central, I was slightly saddened at the sight of another washed-up celebrity appearing in some ultra-cheesy commercial.

I've never been a huge Hootie fan, but "Cracked Rear View" sold 13 million albums its first year of release. That's right, 13 million in year one, and around 16 million total, making it one of the dozen

or so best-selling albums of all time.

After the first few painful viewings, the absolute ridiculousness of the ad and its catchy lyrics, "there's tumbleweeds of bacon, and cheddar paves the streets ..." leave you pining for more — sometimes you find yourself watching TV just for the commercial breaks.

Okay, I've never gone that far, but it has been close, dangerously close. I've now gotten all of my praise for that commercial out of my system, and I promise my friends and roommates I will no longer call for total silence and turn the TV to full blast every time it airs.

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Kroh 'rackets' up MAC awards

Tennis' Ashley Kroh takes third player of week



Record breaking senior Ashley Kroh now holds Marshall's tennis record with five player of the week honors. Kroh has won the accolade three times in the last five weeks.

courtesy
herdzone.com

CLEVELAND — For the third time this season, Marshall University senior Ashley Kroh has been named the Mid-American Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week.

Kroh now has a Marshall tennis record of five career MAC Tennis Player of the Week accolades. This is Kroh's third MAC honor in five weeks.

"It's an honor to get the award again," Kroh said. "It's very gratifying that I was able to play well and help us get a 7-0 win against Eastern Michigan and a good win over a player like Domina. Even more, I like the fact that we were able to win both matches 7-0 and get back on the right track better than the fact that I won player of the week."

The senior All-American for her doubles performance last May, displayed impressive singles skills this weekend along with a pair convincing 8-0 doubles wins with partner Jeanne Schwartz against Eastern Michigan and Toledo.

In singles play, Kroh picked up a three-set win over No. 54 ranked Victoria Domina of Eastern Michigan. The Eagles star took the first set 6-4, but Kroh battled back to take set two with the same score. It was Kroh who then battled back from an 8-6 deficit in the 10-point tiebreaker for the third set to get an 11-9 win over the defending MAC Player of the Year. It is the only singles match Domina has lost in her MAC career.

Kroh also handed Toledo's Myriam Cuevo her first MAC loss of the year with a 6-2, 6-1 decision at

No. 1 singles. Kroh's doubles win against Toledo gave her 100 for her career, just six off the Marshall all-time doubles win record.

"She had another great week," coach John Mercer said. "We're very proud of her for her play and how she was able to come through and get a great win over a top 50 nationally ranked player. We hope she continues to help the team have great success as we head toward the MAC Tournament."

The Thundering Herd has four MAC Player of the Week Awards this season. Danielle Hock won the other one on Feb. 22.

Marshall plays at Virginia Tech, Thursday at 2:30 p.m. against the Hokies. The Herd will host Miami at 1 p.m. Friday instead of the original 4 p.m. start time.

2005-06 NCAA basketball top 25, already?

MY THREE CENTS

BY BEN HUNT
sports editor



Congratulations North Carolina, you won the NCAA men's basketball championship, but you are not on top of the newest pre-season poll!

What do I mean? Well, according to espn.com, analysts Dick Vitale and

Andy Katz have new polls for next season with Connecticut holding down the top spot.

The tournament wraps up and a champion is crowned just more than a day ago and now it is on to next year.

Whatever happened to allowing the champion to relish in the victory?

Both Dicky V and Katz place UConn and Duke as the two favorites with the rest of college basketball following up somewhere below.

I don't understand it, how can they claim the top spots for next season when there are players to turn pro and no 'diaper dandies' on campus yet?

Talk about a waste of time. Why list and rank these teams when all these variables are yet to be determined?

It's fun to talk about which team should play well next year but right now is not the best time to

rank teams.

I don't take much stock in any preseason poll. However, Dicky V's 2004-05 preseason poll, which was released Aug. 12, 2004, did place UNC on top, but from there, sheesh!

Kansas No. 2, Texas No. 6, Illinois ranked No. 12 (still trying to figure this one out?), Notre Dame No. 14 and Pittsburgh No. 15.

I love Vitale, but put the predictions on the back burner till sometime closer to November.

Just some thoughts from the sideline:

A standing ovation goes out to the Baylor Bears for winning the NCAA women's basketball championship.

This from a team that went 7-20 only five years ago.

Marshall football

I checked herdzone.com yesterday (like I do dozens of times daily) and the home page opens up with a pop-up. Herd fans might want to turn the pop-up blocker off for this one.

The pop up states, "Step up." With a convenient page rolled up in the bottom right hand corner. Under that corner is a familiar symbol, which appears to be a golden 'V' with blue outline.

Now is the site implicating a certain school to the north needs to step up and schedule Marshall?

Is the site suggesting a possible game with the aforementioned school next season?

Or is it to amp up season ticket sales?

Those are just a couple of questions to ponder.

MLB Opening Day:

With baseball back, I will be losing countless hours watching my favorite sport.

Now I know, I have already taken some flack for yesterday's top five. And yes, I was disappointed by John Smoltz's performance yesterday against the Marlins.

But never fear, I'm still standing by my prediction of a 14th consecutive division title for the Braves and I will even go further. The Braves will win more games than the Reds, Pirates or the Cubs.

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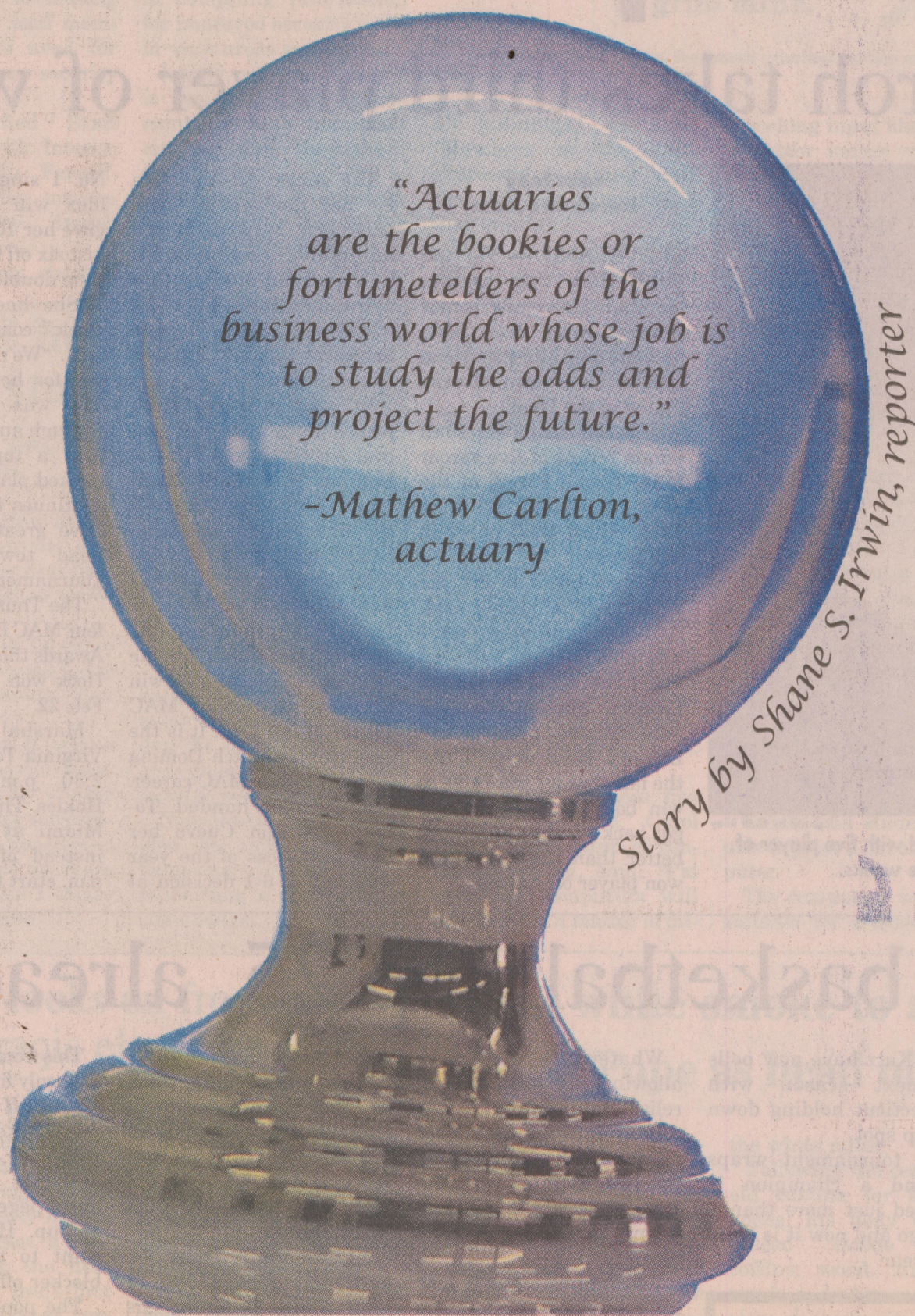
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"Actuaries are the bookies or fortunetellers of the business world whose job is to study the odds and project the future."

-Mathew Carlton, actuary

Story by Shane S. Irwin, reporter

Forecasting the future of business

Using technology and skills, actuaries are making predictions, evaluating risks and solving problems.

There are not too many children who, while growing up, tell their parents they dream of being an actuary. If more of those kids had the chance to listen to Professor Mathew Carlton, as members of Beta Alpha Psi did Friday, they might change their minds.

Carlton, a local actuary and an associate professor at Marshall for more than 37 years, spoke to BAP about what requirements must be met and what the job responsibilities are.

"Actuaries are business executives professionally trained in the science of mathematical probability, specialized in evaluating risk," Carlton said was one definition of the actuarial profession.

"They use applied mathematical skills and the latest technology to define, analyze, and solve complex business and social problems. They design insurance and pension programs and are responsible for their financial soundness. They forecast probabilities and commit their companies or clients in all industries through long range financial obligations."

Carlton also gave a briefer, more easily understood definition to help explain the profession.

"A little on the lighter side, actuaries are the bookies or fortunetellers of the

business world whose job is to study the odds and project the future," he said.

Along with teaching math at Marshall, Carlton does consulting work for the American Benefits Corporation, an employee benefits consulting company.

There are a number of different categories actuaries are responsible for, but Carlton's main job is to certify to the soundness of pension funds. Some other actuarial aspects he oversees are predicting the life span of people, predicting the life span of machinery, predicting rates of sickness and calculating individual retirement benefits.

Jered Green, a junior accounting major from Frazier's Bottom, is vice-president of activities for BAP and said he is glad the honorary, professional fraternity got the chance to hear Carlton speak.

"We wanted to have him in because many students don't know what an actuary is, and it's a great profession," he said.

"Our organization is for accounting, finance and information systems majors and we wanted to provide the students with the opportunity to know what an actuary is and how they can make a possible career opportunity out of it."

Carlton said there are currently fewer than 16,000 acting actuaries in the U.S.

This may be in large part to the tests required to become a licensed actuary, he said.

"By the time you get to be a full-

fledged actuary you usually have a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and about 12 years on the job working and studying for the exams, it's pretty technical" Carlton said. "It's one of the longest, maybe the longest series of exams to get some professional designation."

He said when he took the exams there were 12 of them, with an average completion time of 12 1/2 years.

"Right now they've cut off the first two to try to lessen the amount of time it takes to become a full fledged actuary

because we know that the profession is losing people to the law profession and accounting profession and other places where it doesn't take nearly as much time to be fully credentialed," Carlton said.

BAP has speakers come to its meetings every week. Green said to become a full member of BAP, in addition to being either an accounting, management information systems, or finance major, a student needs to have achieved junior status or be in the process of achieving it, have taken a junior level class, and have a 3.0 gpa or a cumulative gpa of 3.25 in the last 30 hours taken.

"Next semester we're looking to start an associate membership for freshmen and sophomores who don't know what they want their majors to be, and they can come in, hear the speakers and actually decide what they want to do," he said.

Carlton spoke to BAP for an hour, but referred BAP members to other resources if they wanted to know more.

"You can find more information than you'll ever need if you go to actuaries.com, there's a load of information there," Carlton said. "There'd be a lot more if people knew what an actuary was."

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— Mathew Carlton, actuary

Rice is great if you're hungry and want 2,000 of something

BY NICOLE YOUNG
executive editor



The untimely and unexpected death of Mitch Hedberg at age 37 has left a gaping hole in the comedy community and the hearts of stand-up comedian fans everywhere. His fame blossomed during the past few years with his Comedy Central Presents special, the CD/DVD combo "Mitch All Together," TV appearances and even a small role in the movie "Almost

Famous." Hedberg was known as much for his one-liners and dry delivery as his sunglasses and shaggy hair, even though he didn't want to be known as a one-liner comedian.

"No, no, I'm so much more than that," he said to The Onion A.V. Club in September 2004. "I guess the one-liner kind of comic sounds like a guy who can talk and talk and whatever the subject is, he can pull out a one-liner, but I couldn't do that. I didn't like the association."

Rumors have spread about his death being an overdose and at the time of print, the autopsy report hadn't been completed. As

of now, the cause of death is listed as heart failure and his mother stated he was born with a heart defect.

Ever since his death, I have yet to go to a class where someone hasn't asked, "Hey, did you hear that Mitch Hedberg died?" Somehow, everyone knew his death would hit me and although it might seem sad, the death of Hedberg has hit my friends and I harder than the death of the pope. The crazy thing about all this is that I had been talking a lot about him lately, even naming him my number three top comedian in a top five that was pub-

lished Thursday, the day I found out he died. When I found out about his death I didn't believe it. I had friends who were ready to go see Hedberg in Virginia Beach April 9. I heard from an ex-boyfriend, who was also a Hedberg fan, and just simply didn't believe it.

Apparently, I wasn't the only one. Many shrugged it off as an April Fool's joke gone bad a la Andy Kaufman. That night as I worked ever so hard on my page at work, I listened to the "Mitch All Together" CD and just laughed. Looking through the message board on his Web site Tuesday, it is easy to see

how much he was loved and how many people miss him.

If you look hard enough, you can find more of his comedy than ever. Comedy Central, The Onion and MTV all have small tributes to him on their Web sites and XM Radio even aired two straight hours of his comedy.

Last summer, I had the pleasure of actually seeing Hedberg at the D.C. Improv in Washington, D.C. and hear the perfect combination of old favorites and new material. I have seen numerous comedians throughout the years but have never seen the reaction he got from

the crowd. Even before he started the MC at the comedy club, had to tell the audience to not shout out parts of his jokes while he was on stage. I even witnessed Hedberg give some woman in the front row \$20 to shut up during his set. Hedberg was truly unique and will be missed. I have to say out of all of his jokes though, my favorite involved an apartment infestation of koala bears. "It would be the cutest infestation ever," he said.

And a classic Hedberg one-liner to wrap up this column? "I haven't slept for 10 days, cause that would be too long."