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## SAPB surveys students

by **LORI A. KERSEY**  
reporter

The Student Activities Programming Board wants to know what kinds of entertainment Marshall students want to see.

For the second semester, SAPB will be surveying students to see what comedy, musical, or novelty act they would most like to see come to campus. This semester's act, Lewis Black, was voted one of the four comedians students would like to see.

"We want to see what students want so we can have a successful program like we had with Lewis Black," James "Mage" Hensel, SAPB adviser, said.

More than 2,500 people came to see Black, he said.

"I think it was successful," Hensel said. "That's why we're going to try it again and see if we can get the same success."

He said SAPB does not

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## Summer school aid now available

by **E. KIRSTEN KING**  
reporter

Students looking for a way to pay for summer school might find it in the Financial Aid Office.

Financial aid for summer school is available to students who have not used all of the aid offered to them.

"Eligibility is determined by aid received during the school year," Jack Toney, director of Financial Aid, said.

Students must also have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2004-05 school year. Students are still able to file this form.

Toney said this is a benefit for part-time students who were eligible for aid during the school year. Part-time students would be able to receive more aid because they would not have needed to use it during the fall and spring semesters, he said.

Toney said transfer students can also use any unused aid from the previous college they attended.

Students who were unable to attend during the fall or spring semester can apply the aid from those semesters to summer school charges.

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Amanda Pingley, a sophomore elementary education major from Elkins, checks out the features of the Chevy Cobalt at yesterday's car show.

photo by Adam Cunningham

## information superhighway

### Car show a success for marketing class

by **SHANE S. IRWIN**  
reporter

A road trip to various parts of the country is pretty much out of the question as the semester starts coming to a close with final tests, projects and assignments due, but Marshall students got to go on a

nationwide journey at yesterday's car show on Buskirk Field.

Although rain threatened the day, Professor Deanna Mader's MKT 341 students stayed dry at the event, which was from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students who visited the show and filled out a survey were

treated to free food, drink and a chance to win prizes.

Jennifer Bradley, a junior marketing major from Scott Depot and member of the class, was pleased with the way the event turned out.

"I think everything went really well," she said. "We had a good crowd and

everyone seemed to be enjoying it. The weather could have been a little bit better, which would have been nice, but I think it turned out really well."

Bradley said she enjoyed the whole process of planning a marketing campaign, but the past couple of days have been especial-

ly enjoyable.

"We had a lot of fun this weekend when we got to build everything," she said. "Just getting to know everybody has been really fun. We've met each other outside of a regular class room environment."

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## Greek Week continues with 'Family Feud'



photo by Amanda LoFiego

Alpha Xi Delta members huddle to find answers for the 'Family Feud' competition for Greek Week.

Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon winners in Feud competition; Kappa Alpha Order and Alpha Xi Delta leaders overall for Greek Week

by **AMANDA L. LOFIEGO**  
reporter

Survey says Kappa Alpha Order and Alpha Xi Delta are the overall leaders in Greek Week events.

The top ten answers were on the board and Alpha Chi Omega and

Sigma Phi Epsilon were the "Family Feud" winners.

Marshall's Greek community competed last night in its own version of the game show "Family Feud."

Danielle Turley, host for the evening, said this was the first time the Greek committee has picked an

actual game show as an event.

"Overall I think the game went really well," she said. "Since everyone likes the game show we wanted to make it work as an event for Marshall University's Greeks."

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## Spring Job Fest brings opportunity for students

by **KEELY A. MARTIN**  
reporter

**"The Spring Job Fest is really impressive to me..."**

— Alyson Doyle, marketing & public relations assistant

Undergraduates, graduate students and alumni flocked to the Spring Job Fest sponsored by the Career Services Center and the Information Technology Career Advancement Program yesterday to get a new career on track.

The Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center was filled with job

seekers and recruiters throughout the day. Students of all majors participated in on-campus interviews all vying for internships, part-time jobs and full-time jobs.

The Spring Job Fest was a huge success with more than 550 students in

attendance, Alyson Doyle, marketing and public relations assistant, said.

Every employer that signed up for the event showed up, she said. In past years, some of the recruiters did not show up

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photo by Adam Cunningham

Jennifer Richmond, Manpower Professional recruiter, explains the Charleston company to Dane Baker, a junior education major from West Hamlin.



# 'Tuscan Sun' closes Marshall Artist Series

by ADAM BROWN  
reporter

The Marshall Artist Series is ending the spring semester with a little bit of everything under the sun.

Closing out the series is the Tuscan Sun Festival, Friday at 8 p.m. at the Renaissance Theatre, located in the old Huntington High School.

"We're really excited about this event because they aren't playing very many venues," Angela Jones, director of marketing and external affairs for

MAS, said.

The festival is a scaled-down version of the event best-selling author Frances Mayes and cellist Nina Kortova began in Cortona, Italy.

"Nina Kortova, her husband and I started the festival three years ago," Mayes said. "Nina wrote a concerto based on my book and the first thing performed at the festival was her composition, 'The Tuscan.'"

Mayes' book, "Under the Tuscan Sun," shot to the best seller list in 1996 and

**The metaphor of restoring the house reflected restoring my life.**

— Frances Mayes, author of "Under the Tuscan Sun"

stayed there for two years. It vaulted Mayes, already a published poet, into the international spotlight.

"The success of my writing was a great surprise," Mayes said. "For years I wrote books of poetry but didn't expect to have this kind of success. I wrote 'Under the Tuscan Sun' spontaneously."

Mayes wrote the memoir after she bought a house and moved to Italy.

"As I started writing the book, the metaphor of restoring the house reflected restoring my life," Mayes said.

She said she first went to Italy after college.

"The minute I got there I fell in love with the culture

and the landscape as well as the art, and it became a long term love affair," Mayes said. "I decided to buy a house [in Italy] after renting a place in the country one summer."

According to a news release, Mayes' follow-up book, "Bella Tuscany," also made the international best-seller list. Mayes has published five poetry books and is scheduled to release a book of travel essays titled "A Year in the World" in 2006.

The Tuscan Sun Festival will feature music by the

New European Strings Chamber Orchestra, of which Kortova is a member. Mayes will narrate the evening, which will also feature photography by Steven Rothfeld.

Tickets for the Tuscan Sun Festival are available at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center box office.

Full-time Marshall students receive one free ticket. Part-time students receive half-price tickets. The box office is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## ISC class earns summer credit on Ohio River

by TIFFANY L. LINVILLE  
reporter

Imagine spending hours upon hours on a paddle-wheel riverboat enjoying the summer weather and earning college credit.

Marshall is offering an integrated science course, "Man and the Ohio River," in which students will have daylong experiences on the water.

"A lot of students are

scared of their ISC credit," Ralph Taylor, who teaches the course, said. "This will be more adventure and less stress."

The course is offered in three sections during summer session C. Students will get four credit hours upon successful completion of the course.

The class is time intensive, so it lasts three weeks instead of the normal five weeks, Taylor said.

In the first week, the

**A lot of students are scared of their ISC credit. This will be more adventure and less stress.**

— Ralph Taylor, ISC instructor

classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We'll start by making people aware of some facts about the Ohio River that they may not know," Charles Somerville, course

instructor, said. "After that, we will talk about how the river impacts their lives and the kinds of laws and regulations that are in place to protect it."

In the second week, the classes will meet from 8

a.m. to about 10 p.m. This will be the time spent on the boat.

Taylor said the boat will go through lock and dam systems and will travel to Point Pleasant so students can visit the riverboat museum there. Divers will also be going into the water to bring up things from the bottom for students to study, he said.

"The third week will be a roundup of what we've seen," Taylor said.

The students will likely spend time on smaller boats in the third week also. They will be studying bacteria and contamination in the river.

"We hope that they will go away understanding how important the river is and having a better idea of what they can do to protect it," Somerville said.

The course has the additional \$50 lab fee that comes with every science class.

## Thousands gather as tomb of Pope is opened to public

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Clutching rosaries, medals and flowers, thousands of people filed past the simple white marble tomb of Pope John Paul II yesterday, as the Vatican reopened the grottoes beneath St. Peter's Basilica for the first time since the pope died.

Some said they had come

not only to pray for John Paul, but also to pray to him. Many Roman Catholics believe John Paul, who died April 2 at age 84, was a saint.

"I'm hoping maybe for a little miracle," Myrna Palmer, 67, of Hagerstown, Maryland, said. "I'm praying to him that my husband

gets his eyesight back."

Pilgrims lined up in the crisp morning air as early as 4 a.m., three hours before the grottoes were reopened.

"We are Catholics, and we had to see the pope one last time," said Angelo de Tommaso, a 30-year-old accountant who traveled overnight by bus from the

southern Italian town of Ginosa to be among the first in line.

Pilgrims knelt before the grave to pray, and many handed religious articles to an usher, who touched them to the grave before handing them back.

Ushers kept the crowd moving quickly, even hurry-

ing some people who knelt in prayer. Many of the faithful were disappointed that they didn't get a chance to spend more time in reflection.

"It was very quick. They were going, 'Avanti, avanti, avanti,'" said Jim Neil, 52, of Glasgow, Scotland. "Just a quick genuflection, a quick

sign of the cross, and it was, 'Move on.'"

The grave lies just steps from the tomb traditionally believed to be that of the apostle Peter, the first pope.

The grave satisfies John Paul's wishes, written in the margin of his last will, that he be buried "in the bare earth, not a tomb."

## BCM sponsors final spring blood drive as semester winds down

by LORI A. KERSEY  
reporter

The American Red Cross was on campus yesterday for the last open blood drive of the semester. Baptist Campus Ministry sponsored the drive.

"It's very important to give blood because you're saving lives," Jerry Losh, director of BCM, said.

Molly Haught, donor marketing specialist for the American Red Cross, said they are suffering from a low blood supply.

Haught said she hopes

people who were ill and unable to give blood during the colder months are feeling better since the weather is warmer.

Tiffany D. Webster, a senior counseling major from Bridgeport, was among those who gave blood.

"I think it's important to give blood because I am healthy and able to give blood to people who are not," she said.

Allison L. Belcher, a freshman chemistry major from Princeton, said she tried to give blood, but had not waited long enough since the

last time she gave.

"This would have been my third time," she said. "I like to. It's an easy way to help out. I feel guilty if I don't."

Meghan L. Pittman, junior biology major from Ona, also tried to give blood and was unable.

"There are so many people who need it from surgery and accidents," she said.

Students and faculty will have another opportunity to give blood by appointment 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 11. Those who wish to make an appointment may contact Prudy Barker at 696-2495.

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## JOBS

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for the event and all the employers showing up this year was a huge success, Doyle said.

"There was a steady flow of students and employers in the Don Morris Room throughout the day," she said.

The Spring Job Fest offered a variety of employers that were interested in many different majors.

Corporations such as Target, AFLAC, Manpower, Speedway and many more participated in the event this year, Doyle said. Students attended the

event for a variety of reasons. Some students were looking for a job, others attended as part of a class and some attended to find an internship to give them more experience in their field of study.

"I am looking for a job to increase my experience in counseling," Brian Bailey, a junior counseling major, said. "I became aware of the Job Fest by all the signs and advertising around campus."

Advertising and publicity continued throughout the day during the live DAWG and WMUL broadcasts from the MSC. The DAWG interviewed students and faculty throughout the day to inform their

listeners of the opportunities available at the Spring Job Fest.

"The Spring Job Fest is really impressive to me, because a student just got an internship with FOX News," Doyle said. "All participants presented themselves neatly and professionally."

Career Services is available to help students with their resumes and provide assistance with interviewing skills before career fairs, she said.

"Career Services is planning on hosting the event outside on the plaza next year because of the overwhelming turn-out at this year's event," Doyle said.

"The local business community is awesome," she said. "We are so blessed at Marshall to have such strong partners in the community."

Mader said about 1,000 people visited the show, including guests from GM and EdVenture Partners.

EdVenture Partners is a marketing consulting firm that serves as a liaison in the relationship between businesses and university marketing teams. They work with more than 300 schools nationwide.

This is the fifth year for the show, and Mader said they plan to continue hosting it as long as Dutch Miller asks them too.

Although the main event is finished, work is just starting for the marketing research department.

"Starting tomorrow, we go into the evaluation stage, and the second wave of the research forms will go out," Mader said.

## CARS

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For the event, the students developed a marketing campaign for General Motors and local dealership Dutch Miller Chevrolet. The main focus was the Chevy Cobalt, but also on display were the Chevy Equinox, Tahoe,

Aveo, Colorado and Uplander. At each vehicle, a mock-up of various places like Las Vegas, New York, Colorado and West Virginia were set up. The theme for the event was "Road Trips Just Got Better!"

Chris Miller, sales manager at Dutch Miller, was pleased with the work the students did.

"They've done a terrific job, they've been very, very professional," Miller said. "There are a lot of bright stars in their little class.

They've really worked very, very hard and put forth an effort that surpassed any of my expectations."

Dutch Miller and the MKT 341 class started planning the main event mid-January. In addition to GM and Dutch Miller, the students also worked with some area businesses to fund the event.

Mader said she could not have been happier with her students' work and meeting the goal of registering at least 600 people.

"I'm extremely pleased with how things went today," she said. "We've surpassed our goal in terms of the number of people who actually registered. In addition to that, we always have some walkthroughs, which was really a positive."

Mader also said how lucky Marshall is to have such supportive local businesses.

## Extended stay for troops in Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — Catching U.S. officials slightly off guard, Afghan President Hamid Karzai is seeking a long-term security partnership that could keep U.S. troops there indefinitely and make permanent the military relationship that began when American forces invaded his country in 2001.

Karzai made the statement yesterday at a news conference with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who was notably reluctant to discuss the Bush administration's level of interest in giving Afghanistan security guarantees.

Pressed several times on this point, Rumsfeld said it was a matter for President

Bush to decide. He noted the United States had pledged to remain a friend to Afghanistan and to help rebuild the country.

But when it came to the question of a permanent military presence here, "We think more in terms of what we're doing rather than the question of military bases and that type of thing," Rumsfeld said.

## SURVEY

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want to make the same mistake it made when rock band Sugar Ray came to campus.

Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities, said 1,700 people came to see Sugar Ray in spring 2004.

Hensel said the goal is to survey between 1 and 10 percent of students.

The survey will be given in three steps. First, students will write in what

acts they would like to see brought to Marshall. Then the acts will be put on a ballot for students to vote for their top two choices. Finally, SAPB will take the top four acts voted on by students and make a determination. It will consider availability, price and routing.

"It will probably focus on comedy and music," Britney Harper, SAPB president, said. "That seems to be what students like."

She said musical acts are harder to bring to campus because everyone has a different taste in music.

"It's like me and Mage," Harper said. "We're totally different musically, but we basically think the same thing is funny."

She said any student who wants to influence SAPB's decision should participate in the survey.

"If they don't participate, then they have no right to complain," Harper said.

## FEUD

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Katy Saine, Delta Zeta member, said she liked the game show "Family Feud" as an event.

"This was a fun, new way to play trivia," she said. "I hope we continue to play this next year."

Tuesday the Greek chapters participated in a volleyball tournament.

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Xi Delta were the winners of the event.

Phil Stanley, Sigma Phi Epsilon member, said his chapter is excited about its two wins.

"We [Sigma Phi Epsilon

members] have good momentum going on right now with us winning volleyball and 'Family Feud,'" he said. "We plan to continue this momentum throughout kickball and softball."

Today the organizations will be competing in a karaoke contest 11 a.m. to noon on the Memorial Student Center plaza, as well as kickball at 1 p.m. in Gullickson Hall.

After four days of competitions the ranking for fraternities, is Kappa Alpha Order with 780, Sigma Phi Epsilon with 760, Alpha Sigma Phi with 750, Alpha Tau Omega with 740, Sigma Alpha Epsilon with

730, Delta Chi and Pi Kappa Alpha with 710 and Lambda Chi Alpha with 700.

The ranking for sororities is Alpha Xi Delta with 830, Sigma Sigma Sigma with 820, Delta Zeta with 730, Phi Mu with 720 and Alpha Chi Omega with 700.

David Kluemper, Kappa Alpha member, said it is still too early to say who the winner will be.

"That is why it is called Greek Week, you just don't start out strong, you have to finish strong," he said. "We [Kappa Alpha members] are going to continue to ban together and finish strong, the winner will be decided at the end."

## AID

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Missy White, Financial Assistant II, said students can apply for loans for summer school. If students are not able to receive any more loans, their parents can apply for the Parent Plus Loan, she said.

"Students need to get their application in as

soon as possible," White said.

She said students should go ahead and register and then fill out the application. White said this will make the information more accurate and the Financial Aid Office will be able to process the form quicker.

She said students can apply anytime before the end of the summer school

term they are attending.

"We can process applications up to the last day of the term," White said. "But it is important to not wait to the last minute."

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office Old Main 116. Students can also fill out the application online at [www.marshall.edu/sfa](http://www.marshall.edu/sfa) and send it to the Financial Aid Office.

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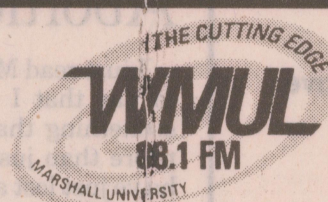
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# Will the state keep its 'PROMISE' to students?

In 2001, former Gov. Bob Wise announced a new plan focused on keeping West Virginia students in West Virginia colleges and universities.

According to an article in Monday's issue of the Parthenon, the House of Delegates passed a budget leaving the scholarship fund short \$8 million. Gov. Joe Manchin and the Senate gave the program full funding.

When the PROMISE was created, it guaranteed a full scholarship to all students who kept the required provisions. Though the requirements have changed in the programs three years, it still maintains its original plan, to give all students a chance for a merit based full scholarship.

According to the article, House Finance Chairman Harold Michael said the House wants to cap the PROMISE award at \$3,000 per semester to divert funding to need-based programs.

The average in-state tuition per semester at Marshall is \$3,818, according to the university Web site. With the cap on the scholarship, this would require students to pay the remaining \$818.

When the program was founded, the officials guaranteed the scholarship would pay all basic tuition and fees. Evidently the word PROMISE does not mean a lot to the House of Delegates.

If the scholarship limit is set, future students may be discouraged from going to Marshall or West Virginia universities because their tuition is above the \$3,000 PROMISE cap.

Because of the program, enrollment at schools across the state has risen. More people are able to attend college because their tuition has been paid. Reducing the PROMISE benefits would likely end this rise in enrollment.

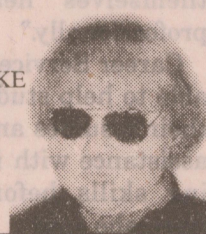
The House of Delegates needs to realize the good the PROMISE scholarship has done for the state. These students also are more likely to work within the state, giving more high-paying jobs to West Virginians.

Before the House cuts funding to the PROMISE scholarship program, it needs to realize it is cutting from the future of West Virginia. But how often do politicians keep their PROMISEs anyway?

# That is God's honest truth

By RUTH ANN BURKE

columnist



It seems to me that for some of you dear readers out there, you take every single word I say as the gospel truth. Hilarious as that may seem to me, it's actually quite alarming, or at least it should be. I'm not going to lie. I enjoy every single word of all the letters to the editors I received over my last column.

However, it wasn't these negative letters to the editors that made me realize that you guys consider my words the God's honest truth. It took an open-minded individual a few states away to show me that I have to get off campus to get a balanced opinion.

But I'm not off campus. I'm right here on campus. So what does that mean for me? Well, kids, I'll tell you. It means that I'm going to use my powers of being the mouth piece for truth, not for the ideals of everything that is good and right in the world. I'm going to use my powers, which up until last week I had no idea I had, completely for evil. (Insert evil laugh here).

Listen up. You need to hear these things. And remember, every single

thing I say is 100 percent true and you should immediately go out and do exactly as I say, because why would I use anything like sarcasm to convey humor?

Start smoking. It makes you cool. Every single person you know who smokes is 75 percent cooler than you are if you don't smoke. Plus, you're healthier if you smoke. Whoever said smoking gives you cancer is a liar and trying to keep you from being cool. Don't let them. Trust me. Start smoking. Would I lie to you?

Don't bother wearing your seatbelt. They're optional. If they weren't, you wouldn't have to make the effort to buckle them. Also, if you have the option, turn your airbag off. You don't need that either. The best it can do for you is break your nose. And you have such a pretty face. The last thing you need is a broken nose.

Only listen to bands that

are on MTV. If you ever have the desire to listen to something that's not on MTV, burn yourself with a cigarette lighter until that feeling has passed. All the cool new music is on MTV. The vee-jays are all people we can emulate and identify with, so be sure you start dressing like them and talking like them as well. If you can somehow convince your parents to let you change your name to Carson Daily, I suggest you do so. I'm in the process of doing that myself.

Reality television is the only way to become famous in this country. Don't bother spending years developing your talent or pursuing your dreams through other means. You'll just end up frustrated and not famous. If you want to be a singer, go on American Idol. If you need money, you can marry a millionaire. You deserve that. Don't bother with anything else. It takes too long and you need to pay your bills now.

Every single girl you'll ever meet is crazy. We're all the same. Judge us all by the ones you've had relationships with. Also, there is no point trying to find one you can actually "love."

Girls will just end up breaking your heart and leaving you to cry in your beer. Also, tell your buddies. That way you'll have someone to spend Saturday nights with instead of doing stuff that every single girl ever likes to do. Like go to the ballet or shopping. Every single girl likes to shop. It's been tested by science.

Every single dude you'll ever meet is only after you for sex. Judge every single man you meet by the ones you've had relationships with. Boys will never really love you nor understand you. They're all the same. They all love football, burping and cheating on you. Every single man drives a truck. If he doesn't, he's gay. A manly man will never appreciate you or communicate to you how he feels. That's for pussies. All men are exactly like this. It's been tested by science.

Although, now that I've said this, I'm sure you already know this stuff. You kids out there are smart. So smart, in fact, I'm sure you'll be able to tell the difference between heartfelt sentiment and sarcasm.

# With skills beyond Napoleon Dynamite

By Ashwin Bhurud  
The Chronicle (Duke)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — "You know, like nunchuck skills, bowhunting skills, computer hacking skills ... Girls only want boyfriends who have great skills."

A quote from the ever profound Napoleon will always catch your attention, huh? He's like a guru now with his wealth of everyday applicable aphorisms. He has convinced me that learning skills may be the coolest thing ever. However, since I didn't get into that martial arts class, I won't be able to learn Rex Kwan Do. Thus I've had to settle for skills that, while not so much impressive, I can still devote hours upon hours to.

Take pen spinning for example. Sure when you start, you're just a weak, bullied little kid with a dream and you stumble upon www.pentrix.com. But when you're a pen wielding champion, there will be no doubt that, although people will continue to beat you up, your fingers know their way around a writing utensil.

Remember, learning skills is not for the weak of heart. It could take you months to learn the Thumbaround Normal trick or the Fingerpass Normal, and you want to have years of practice before even approaching The Infinity. Don't forget that the point of learning skills is so that it takes a long time and afterward you can put together a Rocky-esque montage replete with the Karate Kid theme song. Oh yeah, also so you can gloat unnecessarily and undeservingly.

Another sweet skill is making noises with your mouth in such a way that it makes a beat. I never realized how cool beatboxing was until I saw it done by Rahzel on video. I never realized how uncool it was until I saw myself spitting gurgly, throaty sounds un rhythmically in the mirror. But that didn't change my conviction that forgoing human contact to practice in isolation for hours on end would turn me into the stereotype-breaking boy wonder whose Indian mouth produced things

other than over-enunciated SAT words. This hasn't happened, but it could. Hassidic reggae artist Matisyahu used his two skills (singing and a deep passion for the Torah) to be the first man of the Jewish faith to throw down some funky, skillful beats. Skills aren't restricted by race but by dedication. So skip that class and dedicate yourself to something real, because skills are for real.

In addition, I hear knowing your constellations is really great with the ladies. I haven't actually tried this one but Copernicus and my physics teacher, both attest to its success rate. Astronomy can get kind of tricky, with your materials being millions of light-years away. Also, your Fisher-Price telescope may not cut it for magnifying power. Edmund Haley says your entry level quality telescope will run you about \$24,000,000.57, which you can purchase at your local national defense contractor. Once you're equipped, start out with some easy stuff to find, like the sun, before you

want to move on to harder stuff like Galaxy 94A39C83W, a.k.a. Andromeda. You're not ultimate champion until you can point out God in the sky.

Learning skills is the new "dressing up like Russell Crowe in 'A Beautiful Mind' and pretending your schizo." Some skills may have no real purpose but they are extremely applicable, while most of the dumb stuff you learn in school may have a purpose in some remote context but isn't applicable at all. On the streets of Durham, knowing the chain rule isn't going to stop you from getting shot; however, being able to point out the Big Dipper will show those guys you're hard and get you some respect. A bevy of different skills could garner you a gangster membership card. The benefits that come with aforementioned membership (medical, dental, the laminated membership card) alone are worth the endless hours required to master skills. We should all try to be a little more like Napoleon.

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## LETTERS to the editor

### Abortion varies by situation

I just read Michael Hupp's article about abortion and have to say that I could not agree more with him. Abortion is something that varies from situation to situation. There's more than just rape and incest too—a married couple could have just lost all their money, be in the process of losing their house, have no money to pay for themselves and no family to support them, and when they engage in intimacy together it results in an unplanned pregnancy that they CANNOT afford.

Who can judge them and say they need to take responsibility? Who can guarantee the child will be adopted? Or that the mother has enough money and insurance to pay for obtaining health throughout the nine months of pregnancy? No one should judge ANYBODY for anything. It's not right.

No one knows the circumstances. Most abortions are not from drunken nights of passion—about 75% are under different circumstances. On the other hand, a woman who gets an abortion is going to feel IMMENSE pain and sorrow and will be in deep grief. I know this from experience and know several other women who have gone through similar feelings after an abortion. The lies that a Planned Parenthood clinic will tell you are that you feel relief and happy—not true.

So when pro-life people are shoving it in a woman's face that she is terrible for having an abortion, maybe you should first consider how SHE feels about it. Do you think it was a hard decision for her? Maybe she felt she made a mistake and DOES regret it, or maybe she feels it was the correct or only decision she could make, but still is very upset with her loss. No one has the right to chastise her for this, make her feel wrong or rub it in her face. People should worry about themselves. Like Michael Hupp said, you never know unless you've been in that situation.

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# Snyder expected to take reigns

Sources say former Marshall All-American will be new football coach

by BEN HUNT  
sports editor

One of the sons of Marshall is expected to make his return home to his alma mater. A press conference has

been scheduled for today at 11:30 a.m. to announce the new Marshall University football head coach.

Sources say Mark Snyder will take over the job left vacant by the retirement of Bob Pruett.

Snyder, an Ironton, Ohio native, played football for Marshall and was a first team All-American at safety in 1987.

Snyder has been on The Ohio State University sideline since 2000 when he was

named linebackers coach. This past season OSU coach Jim Tressel promoted Snyder to defensive coordinator.

Snyder had been mentioned earlier in the year as a candidate for the

Louisiana State University defensive coordinator position, but he said he wanted to stay at OSU.

This will be Snyder's first head coaching job if he is named Marshall's football coach.

The finale of spring drills will conclude with Saturday's Green and White game.



Snyder

## Herd downed by Eagles

by BRAD BADER  
sports correspondent

Marshall's pitching staff continued to struggle as Morehead State took a game yesterday 14-6.

The Thundering Herd (10-18) lost its second consecutive game while the Eagles (18-14) won its eighth straight.

Freshman pitcher Andrew Hancock got out to a rough start for Marshall when Morehead senior outfielder Kevin Bryant hit a solo home run in the top of the second inning.

The Herd bounced back in the third with junior first baseman Roddy Stieger and junior designated hitter Bubba Pfaff hitting in a run to give them a 2-1 lead.

However, the lead was short-lived as Morehead had a four-run inning in the fourth.

Hancock continued to have pitching problems walking three batters and hitting two. He was

replaced after pitching 3.2 innings and allowing six hits and five runs.

In the fifth, senior second baseman Lance Seator doubled for the Eagles and scored another run to take a 6-2 lead.

Marshall closed the gap to one run in the bottom of the sixth. Junior center fielder Adam Ptacek scored one of the three runs in the inning.

Ptacek went 3-for-3 on the day with one RBI and had six hits in his last eight at bats.

Morehead came back and put the game out of reach after scoring eight runs in next two innings.

Eagles junior designated hitter Paul Rhodes scored the first three runs off of a three-run home run in the seventh.

More runs would cross the plate when sophomore catcher Jarred Seator doubled, scoring two.

Morehead's lead continued to increase after senior

first baseman Bryan Ingram hit a home run, another run scored in the inning off of an error.

Ingram went 3-for-4 on the day and scored three RBIs. Rhodes and Jarred Seator both knocked in three runs.

The Herd tried to battle back in the bottom of the ninth as sophomore center fielder Chris Peak doubled and eventually scored off of a wild pitch by the Eagles.

But the rally would fall short as Marshall lost its second straight game to Morehead.

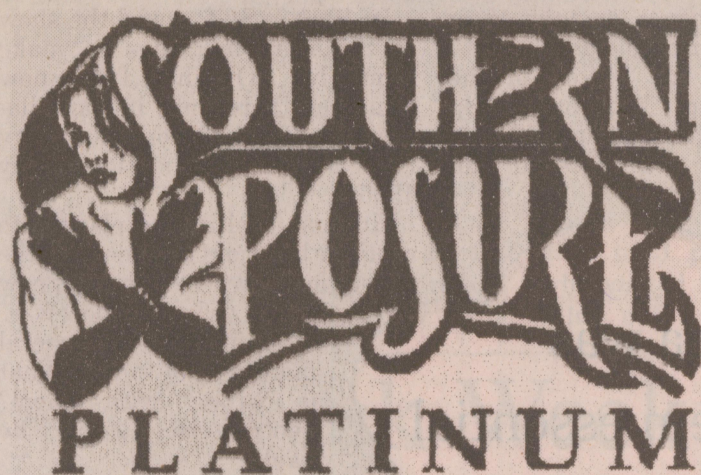
Hancock was credited for the loss for the Herd and dropped his season record to 1-3. The win was given to freshman pitcher Matt Clark, who went four innings and gave up eight hits and four runs.

The Herd will get back into Mid-American Conference play this weekend as they are set to travel to Athens, Ohio, to play against the Bobcats in a three game series.



The Herd's pitching and defensive woes were too much to overcome Morehead State. Marshall used five different pitchers and committed four errors in the 14-6 loss.

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## Withrow transferring to Marshall

Herd adds state's most prolific scorer

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HUNTINGTON — Marshall head women's basketball coach Royce Chadwick announced yesterday Meg Withrow, the most prolific scorer in West Virginia high school history, will transfer from UNC Wilmington to become a member of the Thundering Herd.

Withrow completed her freshman season at UNCW in March and, due to NCAA transfer regulations, will become eligible to play for the Herd in the 2006-07 season.

Withrow started in 27 of UNCW's 28 games last season, led the Seahawks (8-20) with 3.7 assists per game and was second with a scoring average of 10.9 points. However, the 5-foot-6-inch guard made a name for herself as the leading scorer in state history by

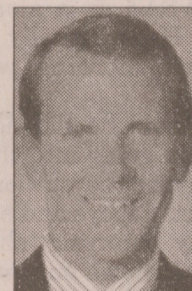
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points for Nitro High School. She was a four-time first team AAA All-State selection and the Kanawha County Conference Player of the Year her sophomore and senior seasons.

Her career-high point output as a prep star came when she posted 55 points against Huntington High School. She scored 26 in a game against Drexel last season.

"I think [transferring to Marshall] was the right decision," Withrow said. "I'm real excited and ready to get there and get started."

Chadwick is elated to add another productive scorer to his already high-scoring, athletic team.



Chadwick

"When you add the most prolific scorer from your state to your program, it's a terrific thing," Chadwick, who is entering his fifth season at Marshall, said. "She brings a great perimeter scoring, a tremendous mid-range game and she can attack the rim."

"Meg can play multiple positions and I believe she is going to fit our system very well."

A two-time Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Week recipient, Withrow reached double figures in 15 games for UNCW in 2004-05, along with ranking in the league's top-10 in assists and steals (2.5/game).

Withrow will join a Marshall team that went 19-10 in its last season in the Mid-American Conference. The Herd will join Conference USA, a revamped 12-member league, in the fall.

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## Hey, Cartooners!

For more than 26 years,  
children and adults alike tuned in each  
day to learn from "Mr. Cartoon"

by **HEATH HARRISON**  
reporter

### "Hey Cartooners!"

With that familiar greeting, Jule Huffman introduced himself to area children on television for more than 26 years.

Huffman, along with his creature sidekick Beeper, served as WSAZ's "Mr. Cartoon" from 1969 to 1995. The hour-long weekday afternoon show featured Huffman interviewing children, as well as games and cartoons.

Huffman came to Huntington from Cincinnati in 1953 and was hired by WSAZ as a singer and announcer. He eventually became the station's morning weatherman.

Huffman said he did not originally plan on going into children's television until the station asked him to direct "Popeye and his Pals," a Saturday morning show, for which he voiced the puppets.

"I said, 'You know, I bet I could do this,'" Huffman said. "That's how it started."

Huffman was asked to take over "Mr. Cartoon" when original host George Lewis left the station for a job in Maryland. Lewis had also been the host of WSAZ's children's show "Steamboat Bill" in the 1950s, for which Huffman provided the voice of Merlin the Sea Monster.

Huffman said at first, the children wanted to know what had happened to Lewis.

"When I took over, I got letters from children that said, 'Who are you, you imposter? You're not Mr. Cartoon,'" he said.

Huffman changed the program's format from Lewis' storyline-based approach and eventually convinced the station's management to let him have a studio audience of children.

Huffman said the program really took off when the kids became the focus of the show.

"We made number 20 on WSAZ," he said. "Not only were children watching, but adults were too. Most of the things we were in competition with were from the network."

Huffman's daughter, Nancy Palmer, said the children were the key to the show's success.

"Who doesn't like to watch children?" she said.

George R. Andrick, who served as WSAZ's general manager from 1961 to 1987, said Huffman's

essential things like politeness and godliness, before all," he said.

Huffman said he wanted to give children a chance to take their minds off their problems.

"That was the beauty of the thing," he said. "They had a trip down there. They had fun and then they had the trip back to talk about it."

My idea was  
teaching them essential  
things like politeness and  
godliness before all.

influence on children is strong to this day.

"He made a great impression on young people during those years," he said. "They remember things he taught them."

Huffman said a woman once thanked him for saving her nephew's life after his clothes caught fire at a bonfire and he remembered to stop, drop and roll.

"The doctor asked him where he learned it," he said. "He said from Mr. Cartoon."

He said he also tried to instill values in the children.

"My idea was teaching them

Palmer said Huffman's love of children was just as real off the air.

"With him, what you see is what you get," she said.

Nathan Boggess, an Olympia, Wash., resident who graduated from Marshall's College of Fine Arts in 2001, remembers being on Huffman's show when he was three.

"I really loved the show when I was young," Boggess said. "Mr. Cartoon was awesome."

Sarah Kern, a psychology junior from Huntington, said she watched "Mr. Cartoon," but was never on the show.

"I didn't go because I was afraid I would get the Yucket Bucket," she said.

The Yucket Bucket was the penalty Huffman told children they would get after the show if they failed to answer a riddle correctly. Huffman told the children the bucket contained a concoction of horrible ingredients, including "big, black, bloody spiders."

In the end, Huffman said he let the kids know he was only joking

and would instead shower the children with confetti or a light sprinkling of water.

In 1990, WSAZ moved the show to Saturday mornings to make room for "Oprah." The show remained there until its cancellation two months before Huffman's retirement from the station in May 1995.

Huffman said he had planned to continue beyond retirement and the station's owners did not know what an asset the show was.

"I remember one general manager said to me, 'What is wrong with them? Nobody else has it,'" he said.

Andrick said locally produced programming disappeared nationally as local stations began competing with cable channels.

"With so much competition from other channels, there isn't a desire for it on the part of an audience," he said. "Because of the way TV has evolved, even the networks have lost a lot of audience themselves."

Andrick said Huffman's show lasted longer than similar shows on other stations and defied the national trend.

"WSAZ was one of the last to give up the ghost on local children's programming," he said.

Huffman, who celebrated his 81st birthday March 31, now lives with his wife, Gladys, at their Pea Ridge home and keeps busy by playing racquetball and golf, gardening and doing work with the Masonic Lodge. He is also an ordained church elder at First Presbyterian Church on Fifth Avenue where he has sung in the choir for more than 30 years.

"I can sing just like I did when I began," Huffman said.

He said he would return to "Mr. Cartoon" if given the chance.

"I'm in good health," Huffman said. "It could work again and would tie up the ratings on Saturday mornings and give children the opportunity to come down here."



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