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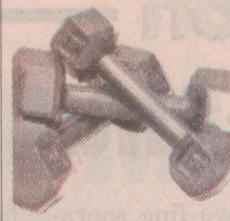
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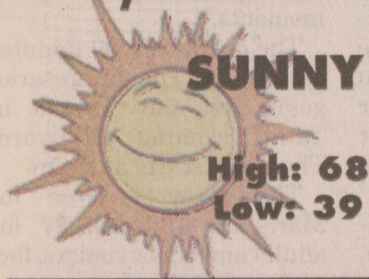


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Who's got a Herd
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Snyder does!



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"Those are big shoes, but I'm ready to try to fill them."

—Mark Snyder, Marshall football head coach



photo by Rick Hays

Welcome home

by **BEN HUNT**
sports editor

"You can never go home again" was a song many members of the Marshall University family sang after the retirement of football coaching legend Bob Pruett. After yesterday's press conference announcing Mark Snyder as Pruett's successor, it is obvious "Home is where the heart is."

Snyder returned to Marshall yesterday, not as an opponent like he had on other occasions, but as the man in charge of the team he once played for.

"Thank you for bringing me home," Snyder said. "It is a very emotional time for me, that trip down Route 23 was awfully special. This is my opportunity. It had to be this opportunity or I would not have left The Ohio State University."

The choice was obvious for Interim President Mike Farrell and Director of Athletics Bob Marcum.

"Mark Snyder follows the tradition established by Bob Pruett by having demonstrated excellence at The Ohio State University, Minnesota and Youngstown State," Farrell said. "We are very



Marcum

excited with the result of the search committee recommending Snyder.

"I am pleased Mark has decided to return to his alma mater and lead our football program into a new era," he said. "I looked at it the same way as we looked at coach Pruett. Here is someone who wanted to be the

pleased that he has accepted our offer to be head coach of the Marshall University football team."

Snyder has been given a five-year contract with a base salary of \$144,200 a year and a \$50,000 "welcome bonus" from the Thunder Club. He could earn up to \$478,000 after performance bonuses which are determined on his coaching success.

The foundation for the Thundering Herd was set in the coaches of the past, Snyder said.

"Coach [Sonny] Randle started some building

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Jazz pianist rocks school

by **ADAM BROWN**
reporter

Stan Spottswood rocks schoolhouse style.

The jazz pianist, who was featured with the Columbus Jazz Orchestra in January, will be performing original compositions for children today at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. The performance is part of the Huntington Area Early Childhood Educators Conference.

"Manners are lacking in society today," Spottswood said. "Composing and using songs that are fun that kids can sing helps parents and teachers reinforce the concept of having good manners."

He got the idea for writing songs to teach children after joking with a teacher.

"A teacher in the building where I was working was having problems with a disrespectful child," Spottswood said. "She knows I write songs so she yelled and said the next song you write needs to teach kids manners."

He said he has also written songs to help children learn multiplication tables, the 50 states and the 55 counties in West Virginia.

The musician will also be giving the conference's

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Stan Spottswood
jazz pianist

keynote address today at 8:30 a.m. at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. He will then present workshops on integrating songs, percussion instruments and puppets into teaching.

"There is a big push at the national level to help kids develop good character," Spottswood said. "Having good manners and communicating respectfully is part of education."

The conference will also feature child safety sessions.

"It's full of different sessions," Dante Jeter, an employee at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, said. "We have health and safety sessions and sessions on child development and childcare."

Towers welcoming cell service in fall

by **MEAGAN E. SELLARDS**
reporter

Can you hear me now? All residence halls with the exception of Twin Towers East and West currently offer cellular phones to residents. Beginning Fall 2005, all Towers residents will also have phones.

Joe Whitt, webmaster and information systems technician in the Department of Residence Services, said the towers were the most difficult to convert to cellular phones.

"The biggest problem for Twin Towers East and Twin Towers West were that they house 500 residents per building, which is a total of 1,000 phones," Whitt said. "Just for comparison, Marshall Com-

Cell phones coming to Twin Towers

- West Virginia Wireless will service the phones
- The service will add 1,000 users to the system
- All students living in residence halls will have wireless service



mons houses 500 residents. This was the first phase. Buskirk, Hodges, Laidley and Holderby house about 750 residents. This was the second phase."

Whitt said there was also a more complicated technical

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Greeks sing it and kick it

by **AMANDA L. LOFIEGO**
reporter

Frogs were not croaking on the Memorial Student Center plaza yesterday, it was Marshall University's Greeks.

The Greek organizations competed in a karaoke contest as part of Greek Week.

A computer that was hooked up to the karaoke machine scored the singers from each chapter. The organizations that lasted the longest without the computer cutting them off were the winners.

Sigma Sigma Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi were awarded the karaoke points.

Ashley Gibson, Sigma Sigma Sigma member, said karaoke was a fun event to compete in.

"I was excited because we [Sigma Sigma Sigma] were the only sorority that didn't get cut

off by the computer," she said.

Ashley Wilmoth, Greek committee chair, said it is important for Greek Week to have events like karaoke so every member of the chapters can get involved somehow in the events.

"By having events that are not sports related it is fair for the chapters who are small in number or not as athletic to participate and possibly win," she said.

The Greek organizations also competed in a kickball tournament in Gullickson Hall yesterday.

After seven hours of kickball and a replay of one of the games, Kappa Alpha Order and Alpha Xi Delta walked away with the win.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Order game came under deliberation after some



photo by Amanda Lofiego

Grant Vandervort and Eric Bickoff of Alpha Sigma Phi belt out tunes during yesterday's karaoke competition.

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Alumni Weekend

Schedule of events

Alumni Weekend begins tonight with a reception for those who contributed to the Erickson Alumni Center campaign. The weekend of events will continue through Saturday and concludes with the President's Social and the Alumni Awards Banquet.

Friday, April 15

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Champagne Reception Third floor of Drinko Library.

Saturday, April 16

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Get Together, Meet, Greet, Remember and Tell all breakfast for the Class of 1955 will take place in the Radisson Hotel.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Library Associates' Arts and Crafts Fair will take place in the MSC lobby and Alumni Lounge.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Luncheon for the classes of 1955 and 1945 in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center. The luncheon is complimentary for members of the classes and is \$20 for non-members.

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
A financial planning seminar, Maintaining Your Life Records, will be presented by Mandilyn J. Hart, Marshall University Foundation Inc. Director of Planned Giving.

4 p.m.
The Annual Green and White Spring Football Game will take place at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased by calling 696-HERD or (800) THE HERD.

6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
President's Social in the MSC Plaza.

7 p.m.
"Marshall University, Today, Tomorrow & Forever" banquet. Tickets for the banquet are \$40 a person and \$70 for couples. The banquet will be in the Don Morris Room of the MSC.

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Opera: Belting out that musical note

by SAMIR ABDEL-AZIZ reporter

Figaro! Smith Recital Hall will be showing One Night at the Opera today and tomorrow. The performances include two one-act operas, "The Impresario" and "Trouble in Tahiti." "Opera is music theatre," Linda Dobbs, director of Opera Theatre, said. "Opera combines all of the theatrical arts such as visu-

al and dramatic. The music is multi dimensional. Opera is a total music theatre experience." The first one-act opera, "The Impresario," is a satire written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Written in 1786, "The Impresario" deals with two dueling sopranos in a competition. Mozart wrote this opera in response to one of his rivals, who felt Italian operas were superior, Dobbs said. "In order for this to work,

we needed two fine sopranos," she said.

"That's what we got, two very fine sopranos. Both of them are fiercely competitive. This makes the competition difficult; the singers want to kill each other." The second opera, "Trouble in Tahiti," was written by Leonard Bernstein, perhaps most famously known for writing West Side Story that debuted in 1952. The opera is semi autobiographical, dealing with Bernstein's family life. It is a look at the fabulous 50s through the eyes of a dysfunctional family, Dobbs said. It is a familiar story. A successful couple looks happy on the outside but on the inside their relationship is suffering. The couple wants to go back to the beginning of their relationship but cannot seem to tell the other their feelings. "The husband is a workaholic," Victoria Landgrave, a sophomore education

major who is in the opera, said. "Both of them are sad, and it's a dark theme. It is lightened up by the ensemble quartet. They are a sort of Greek Chorus and they use Jazz music to lighten up the moments." The operas are 50 minutes each with "The Impresario" going first and "Trouble in Tahiti" coming afterword. The event starts at 8 p.m. The show is free for Marshall students, \$7 for adults and \$5 for faculty and staff.

Unleashing 'The Big Event'

by LORI A. KERSEY reporter

Marshall's Ecumenical council and Herd Unleashed are teaming up for "The Big Event." "The Big Event" will be 4 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, April 19 at the Memorial Student Center Plaza. It will feature praise bands from Revolution, Baptist Campus Ministry, the Catholic Newman Center, People Reaching Out With Love, University Christian Fellowship and Campus Flood. Josh Greshan, director of Campus Flood, will be speaking at 9:30 p.m. In addition to food, games and prizes, there will be tables with information from each Christian group. James "Mage" Hensel, Student Activities Program Assistant Board member, said Herd Unleashed will be helping with sound

equipment and advertising. He said this is the first time Herd Unleashed has sponsored a religious event. "We had to be very careful to say whether we could do it or not do it, due to the fact we don't want to leave any organization out," Hensel said. "The last thing we wanted to do was make ourselves seem like a Christian affiliated group and make people who are non-Christians on campus feel that they can not come to our things. So putting it under the Herd Unleashed banner basically says that the views expressed by the artist are not those expressed by SAPB." Joseph R. Spurgeon, president of the Ecumenical council, said the event is meant to show the campus Christian organizations get along. "There's a lot of Christian groups on campus and to an outsider it can seem like 'why can't they get along?'" he said. "One of the reasons we're coming together is to show that as Christians we do get along and that each group has its own purpose and reason for being here." Suzanne Ellis, Ecumenical council adviser, said she wants students to know there are Christian organizations on campus. "It's not really about a speaker," she said. "What it's about is introducing ourselves to students and having opportunity to let them know there are this many Christian groups on campus." Spurgeon said if it rains, the event will likely be moved to a room in the MSC. He said they do not want to move it to the Campus Christian Center because they want the event to be accessible to everyone. "If this goes well, it will become an annual event," Spurgeon said.

Lifting the loan burden

by E. KIRSTEN KING reporter

Students having trouble repaying their loans might be able to receive a deferment from the lender. Deferments can be based on economic or family hardships. Students who have returned to school after the grace period on their loan has expired and parents who have received loans can apply for a deferment. "As long as a student is attending school part-time they can be eligible to receive a deferment for an indefinite period of time as long as they maintain enrollment," Jack Toney, director of Financial Aid, said. He said deferments can be granted based on loss of job, extended illness or other various reasons. Individuals who temporarily will not be able to make all or part of their payments can apply for a forbearance. This is available on a shorter basis for individuals who do not qualify for a deferment. A forbearance temporarily postpones or reduces loan repayment. Loan interest still accumulates during a forbearance but not a deferment. Robert Collier, assistant director of Student Financial Systems, said students can receive up to three consecutive hardship deferments. The length of each deferment can range from six months to one year, he said. Collier said Marshall is only responsible for Perkins Loans, and the university grants roughly 25 deferments per year. The lender is the one who decides if the deferment will be granted. The U.S. Department of Education issues Direct Loans. "Our service center sends out a bill once a month, and on the back a person can apply for a deferment," Collier said. Bonnie Berry, accounting assistant I, said students in default on their loan will be notified by the Bursar's Office. "It is best if a student comes to us before they are in default," she said. "The process is smoother and easier if students come to us as soon as they have difficulty paying their loan back." Students can apply or find more information in the Bursar's Office.

Faculty Senate approves amendments

by VERONICA NETT reporter

Marshall's Faculty recommended two amendments to the faculty constitution yesterday in the Don Morris Room of the Student Center. Recommendation SR-04-05-(36) 93 from the Faculty Evaluation Commission Ad Hoc Committee revises language pertaining to University Promotion Policy and University Tenure Policy in The Greenbook to correspond with evaluation procedure recommendation SR-03-04-49 previously adopted by the Senate. Interim President Mike Farrell highlighted the flexibility bill recently passed by the West Virginia Legislature during his President's address to the Senate. Senate Bill 603 was passed Saturday night by the West Virginia Legislature enabling Marshall University and West Virginia University to function more efficiently and independently from the state in business and in academic expansion. Robert Bookwalter, faculty representative for the NCAA and a professor for the communications studies department presented a list of student athlete academic achievements for 2004-05, highlighting the team gpa for Fall 2004. The golf team's 3.11 gpa was the highest for the men's teams, and a 3.50

gpa from the tennis team was the highest team gpa for women. Bookwalter also presented to the Senate a potential draft addressing the faculty/student-athlete relationship to go in The Greenbook. The draft addresses excused absences, make-up work, progress reports, contact with coaches and ethical conduct for faculty toward student athletes. Bob "Kayo" Marcum, director of athletics, gave a presentation about Marshall's equity fee. For 2004-05, the equity fee for full-time students was \$100 a semester. The reported revenue of the fee is 1.5 million. The goals of the fee discussed by Marcum are to improve student athlete experiences, meet 2001 NCAA Certification Report budget commitments, address Title IX concerns and resolve budget issues. The Senate also approved course additions and deletions from the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science. A recommendation for course changes to the College of Education and Human Services, College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science was approved by the Senate.

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Entertainment Briefs

Spears' show to debut in May

NEW YORK (AP) — With Britney Spears and her husband, Kevin Federline, making headlines with the news that she's pregnant, UPN has announced a May 17 premiere for the couple's reality show. The premiere will be a special one-hour episode (9 p.m. ET), UPN announced Wednesday. The series, not yet titled, will follow their courtship, engagement and wedding through private home videos, mostly shot by the couple with their own camera. UPN said it is shooting new footage and commentary with Spears and Federline, who were married in September. Spears' pregnancy was announced on her Web site Tuesday. "As we all know, Britney and Kevin's life together has been played out in front of the public through Internet speculation, the gossip columnists and entertainment magazines," Dawn Ostroff, president of UPN, said in a statement earlier this week. "But now, for the first time, their millions of fans will get to see and hear the couple's real story ... as told directly by them." The show will lead into Jenny McCarthy's comedy, "The Bad Girl's Guide," which premieres May 24 (9:30 p.m. ET).

Couric gives leadership award

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Katie Couric praised Caroline Kennedy for handling the "privilege and pressure of her last name" while presenting her with an award during a forum named after Couric's late sister. Kennedy received the Women's Leadership Award Wednesday during the Emily Couric Leadership Forum, held in honor of the late state senator from Charlottesville. The forum honors Emily Couric's commitment to lifelong learning and public service. Kennedy, who received the award for her education advocacy work with the Fund for Public Schools in New York, called the nation's public schools a "national crisis in our urban areas." "The kids are not getting the opportunities they deserve," Kennedy said. After presenting the award, Couric engaged Kennedy in a discussion on poetry, public education and politics before the capacity crowd at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel. "It's great to be back in Charlottesville," Couric, a University of Virginia graduate, said. "But I was concerned that I was going to have to cancel given the news of Britney Spears' pregnancy." Spears had gotten much attention earlier on NBC's "Today" show, which Couric co-hosts.

MU hosts first crafts fair

by **KEELY A. MARTIN** reporter

"This is the first annual craft show that is being hosted at Marshall ..."

— **Dr. Lynne Welch,** Dean of College of Health Professions

With Mother's Day approaching, students, faculty and alumni may find a present at the first Marshall University Arts and Crafts Fair. The Memorial Student Center, the Alumni Lounge and the MSC plaza will be filled with crafts to purchase tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Alumni Weekend. Proceeds from approxi-

mately 30 different vendors will benefit Marshall Libraries. Ten percent of the profits will be utilized to purchase new library materials, according to a news release. Items for sale include quilts, jewelry, woodcrafts, needlepoint, calligraphy work, pho-

tos of historical Huntington and other handmade crafts, according to a news release. "This is the first annual craft show that is being hosted at Marshall, and if it is successful there may be one showcased again during Homecoming Weekend," Dr. Lynne Welch, professor of

nursing and dean of the College of Health Professions, said. According to a news release, the Library Associates are sponsoring the Arts and Crafts Fair. The Library Associates are a group of individuals that help Marshall Libraries become a better place for faculty and students. The Arts and Crafts Fair will showcase numerous tables of vendors with a central checkout location within the MSC, Welch said.

'House of D' falls short of 'A' rating

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE** AP Movie Critic

The "D" in "House of D" could stand for a great many things. It could stand for Duchovny, as in David, who makes his feature-film directing and writing debut, appears in bookending segments and generally smothers the movie in voiceovers that strain desperately for nostalgic poignancy. It also could stand for didactic, derivative, directorially self-indulgent (sorry, that one's kind of a reach, but it's true) and just plain dull. All those years of co-starring as Fox Mulder on "The X-Files" apparently did nothing to teach Duchovny about creative characters or inventive story lines. He gives us a well-worn coming-of-age

story (set in 1973 in New York's Greenwich Village, where Duchovny grew up) populated by cliched types. Robin Williams functions as the magical simpleton, a mentally retarded school janitor named Pappas (which is painful to watch) who's best friends with our young hero, Tommy Warshaw. Tea Leoni (Duchovny's real-life wife) gets little to do besides chain-smoke and cry as Tommy's grieving, widowed mother. And Erykah Badu plays a prisoner in the Women's House of Detention, (the real D behind the film's title,) who guides Tommy through the perils of being 13 by shouting advice to him through a barred window. While Badu's presence seems like a total contrivance, she's trapped in a cell, having conversations

with Tommy (Anton Yelchin) whom she spies on the sidewalk below with the help of a shard of mirror. Duchovny has said these sorts of exchanges actually took place. At least the R&B singer perks things up with her unpredictable delivery and untamed 'fro, and her scenes with Yelchin, the poised young actor who previously appeared in "Hearts in Atlantis," are the film's only compelling parts. The rest consists of a series of forced, whimsical moments. Tommy and his classmates make their French teacher say things that sound naughty in heavily accented English. Tommy and Pappas deliver meat for the butcher to senile old ladies and oversexed housewives. Dogs repeatedly pee on their delivery bike, a gag which isn't particularly funny the first time. Pappas himself is all

over the place. Sometimes he'll steal something because he doesn't seem to know right from wrong. Sometimes he'll blurt out some totally inappropriate comment about the size of his manhood. And sometimes he comes up with nuggets of wisdom like, "I know what I know and I know what I don't know." Here's something Duchovny ought to know: Despite the earnestness of his first filmmaking effort, he should probably stick to his day job. "House of D," a Lions Gate Films release, is rated PG-13 for sexual and drug references, thematic elements and language. Running time: 97 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.



QUOTE OF THE DAY ...from yesterday's press conference
"This is like opening day at Camden Park."
 — Bob "Kayo" Marcum, Director of Athletics

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PHONES

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 problem involving the towers. "West Virginia Wireless had to install more cellular phone towers to allow service for the Twin Towers to have good service," Whitt said. "When the phones were offered to Commons, there was only one antenna located on top of Holderby. They [West Virginia Wireless] had to install more towers because if the only antenna was on top of Holderby, Twin Towers East would block reception to Twin Towers West." He said West Virginia Wireless installed three

additional antennas to insure residents had adequate cellular service. Whitt said the phones are more beneficial to college students than landline phones. "It allows the student to be more flexible with their time," he said. "They do not have to walk all the way back to their room to place a call. It is with them at all times." Whitt said the cellular phone plan includes unlimited minutes and free long distance. Lindsay Crouse, a sophomore nursing major from Phillippi, W. Va., said the service allows her to communicate with her friends and family from home with-

out worrying about long distance charges. "If I were to call home from a landline phone, it would be long distance," Crouse said. "I am able to make long distance calls without worrying now." Whitt said the Department of Residence Services is proud of the service it offers to residents. "We are very proud to have such a wonderful program for students who live on campus," he said. "It is and has always been the focus of the department to provide our students with the latest technology." Whitt said he was recently informed of an accomplishment not only with the Department of Residence

Services and Marshall University, but also with Huntington. "This [Marshall and Huntington] is the fifth largest cellular telephone site in the country," he said. "With the addition of the towers, they [West Virginia Wireless] hope to improve that statistic." Whitt said since Marshall has implemented this service, other universities have tried to offer similar programs, but none are in comparison to the partnership between the Department of Residence Services and West Virginia Wireless. He said after cellular phones are given in the towers, Marshall will be the first completely cellular campus.

GREEK

From page 1
 members of Kappa Alpha said the call of the game was not fair. The Greek committee decided the best way to settle the dis-

pute was to play the game over. Josh Cremeans, Kappa Alpha member, said he thinks the decision to replay the game was a fair one, however he understands it was hard. "Although there was a lot of controversy, and it was a difficult decision, we are glad things were worked out and that we came out with the win," he said. Today the organizations

will be competing in a softball tournament at noon at the Veterans Memorial Field House. The Greek community will continue its competition throughout the weekend with a soccer tournament Saturday at noon at the field house and Greek sing Sunday at noon at the Cam Henderson Center. The ranking for fraternities after yesterday's events is Kappa Alpha Order with

950, Sigma Phi Epsilon with 910, Alpha Tau Omega with 900, Alpha Sigma Phi and Delta Chi with 890, Sigma Alpha Epsilon with 870, Lambda Chi Alpha with 860, Pi Kappa Alpha with 850 and Pi Kappa Phi with 250. The ranking for sororities is Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Sigma Sigma with 1,010, Phi Mu with 870 and Alpha Chi Omega with 860.

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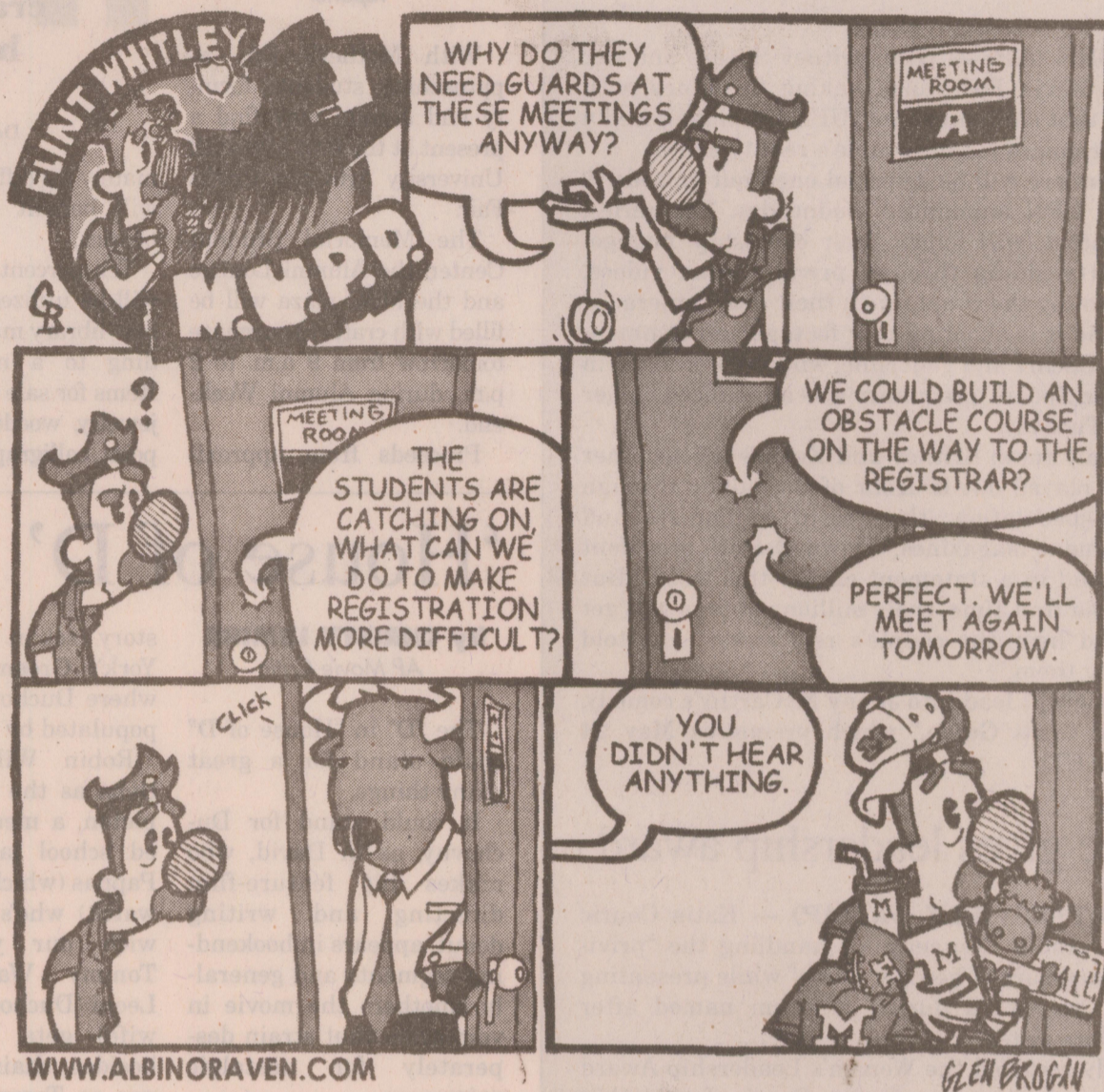
Marshall welcomes Snyder with open arms

Yesterday it was officially announced Mark Snyder, former defensive coordinator from The Ohio State University, will be the head coach of the Marshall football team. Snyder, a Marshall alum and Ironton, Ohio, native, has chosen to return home as he starts his first head coaching job. Snyder has spent the last five seasons as a coach on a Top 25 team and has experienced national prominence as a coach and as a player (All-American '87).

Snyder has been to the big games, the games Marshall currently dreams of. With Snyder at the reins Marshall has the leadership to play big-name teams, and win.

In the words of former coach Bobby Pruett, at Marshall "We play for championships." We at the Parthenon are confident Snyder has the ability to lead the team to Conference USA and success. The success that can be accomplished can only lead to better things for the university and the state.

Coach Snyder, welcome home and good luck! The Marshall community welcomes you and wishes you well.



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GLEN KROGAN

Tax refunds can help students' financial woes

It has been said only two things in life are certain, death and taxes. Today, April 15, at least one of those things will come true for most people.

Today is known nationwide as Tax Day. Almost everyone who has ever worked a day in 2004 is required to file state and federal taxes by today. The required paperwork is due today in order to receive a refund and avoid any federal charges, such as tax evasion.

Many Marshall students have jobs and must pay taxes, in turn receiving some sort of tax refund. Those refunds are anticipated and can be used to a student's advantage. The extra money can be saved and used to pay for books, summer school and parking fines. It is a little help to relieve some financial stress that accumulates during the year.

Don't let opportunities go by

Finally, I've gotten my due.

When one of my suitemates walked in and informed me that I was able to schedule, I panicked. Normally scheduling for me looks a lot like some kind of war room. I print off Excel spreadsheets, put up pages from the scheduling guide on my wall, and wait anxiously at the computer for the stroke of midnight, wondering what classes I'd get blocked out of this semester.

So with toothbrush still in mouth and toothpaste running down my chin, I ran into my room and started frantically looking up course numbers and typing them in, sure that the familiar "Class Full" warning would pop up.

But then a funny thing happened. One after another, I got into every class I wanted and needed. I had no trouble slipping into

WORDS FROM WITHUM

BY JOHN WITHUM
columnist



journalism classes. The international class I needed was open. I'm virtually class-free on Monday and Wednesday and am free as a toaster received by opening a new bank account. The only difference is, I don't give the bread back.

I almost couldn't believe it. I went back and looked at MILO a few times throughout the day to make sure someone wasn't playing a cruel trick on me. And they weren't. But soon after it hit me: I just registered for my senior year.

Looking back in this respect, this whole crazy college experience has been a blur. It seems like only yes-

terday I was sitting down in the Parthenon offices to write my first column, "Credit Card Companies Deceive." I didn't have a car or a bike, and my feet were my only means of conveyance. And bumming rides.

I was fresh in a dynamic world. Things didn't slow down. It was either stand up, be noticed and make a difference or float listlessly into the steady stream of students that walk in and walk out and don't worry about such things.

The days went by and time went on and new things became old and familiar. But now a new feeling is rushing back: I'm running out of time.

Unless I'm really missing something (and I'm hoping I'm not), I'm set to graduate next year. And that means that I have precisely two semesters left before I'm stepping into a new flavor of

life. But I still have things I want to do in this one.

All these things scream out in my head. I'm moving on. Time slips away, and so do opportunities. I'm afraid I'm going to miss something.

But life isn't defined by setting out a broad net and hoping you can catch everything. The trouble with setting out a net is that there are still holes. For every one fish you catch, you may miss ten more. The most successful and innovative people in history are those who have sought after one thing and that only. And if we choose to chase down only one thing, we ought to make sure it is something worth pursuing and that the reward in the end is going to be worth having.

**This is the first of a two-part semester finale of Words from Withum. Be sure to pick up the Parthenon Tuesday for the conclusion.*

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LETTERS to the editor

Reader provides Dear Abby column for abortion advice

As a graduate of Marshall University, I often read the online addition of the Parthenon in order to keep tabs on campus events. After reading the recent letters regarding abortion, I thought I would submit a letter that was printed in Abigail Van Buren's column October 4, 1989. Pro-lifers, particularly, should think about the message.

Jeremy Jervis
2004 Graduate

Dear Abby: This is a message to those men and women who try to prevent women from entering abortion clinics and carry big signs that say, "They Kill Babies Here!"

Have you signed up to adopt a child? If not, why not? Is it because you don't want one, can't afford one, or don't have the time, patience or desire to raise a child?

What if a woman who was about to enter a family planning clinic saw your sign, then decided not to have an

abortion, but chose instead to give her baby to you?

Would you accept it? What if the mother belonged to a minority group, or was addicted to drugs, or tested positive for AIDS?

Why are you spending your time carrying a sign? Why aren't you volunteering to baby sit a child born to a single mother so she can work? Why haven't you opened your door to a pregnant teenager whose parents have kicked her out when she took your advice and decided not to have an abortion?

As for the taxpayers who resent paying for abortions, who do you think pays for foster care, welfare, social workers and juvenile delinquency? The taxpayers.

Let's talk about something money can't buy: love. Have you ever visited a home for abused and unwanted children? Have you ever been to juvenile hall and seen the children who have committed crimes because they were born to mothers who didn't want them?

I'm not thrilled about abortion, but I don't think anyone has the right to tell others not to have one unless he or she has done the things I have mentioned above.

So, to those carrying those signs and trying to prevent women from entering family planning clinics, heed my message: If you must be against abortion, don't be a hypocrite. Make your time and energy count.

Hates Hypocrites in Santa Ana, CA.

Dear Hates: I couldn't have said it better. Or as well.

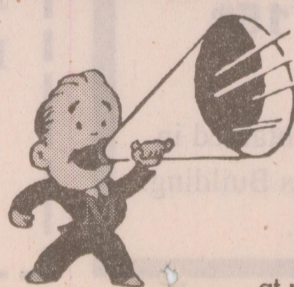
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Beginning of Snyder era

by BRAD BADER
sports correspondent

Marshall University named its new head football coach yesterday, which has the town seeing greener pastures.

Mark Snyder, who graduated from Marshall in 1988, has returned to Huntington to announce he will lead the team this fall into the school's inaugural season into Conference USA.

The new coach brought a group of supporters to his press conference, including his wife, Beth Snyder, who has noticed her husband has obtained and reached a goal he has strived for.

"It's almost like a 'Pinch me, I'm dreaming' type of

thing," she said. "I'm just so happy and proud of him. He's walking on cloud nine he's so excited."

The team met with its new coach shortly before the conference began and afterward junior offensive lineman Toby Bullock commented about the end of the search for a coach.

"I'm glad the distraction is over, and I'm glad the search is over," Bullock said. "I think it's great for the fans and for the team."

Snyder said the main things he hopes to bring to his new team is his loyalty and enthusiasm.

"He's going to be busy for the next half week," Bullock said. "I think we'll find out more of the adjustments

are going to be when he gets to be more hands on with us."

Larry Kueck, who was named interim coach after the resignation of Bobby Pruett, has led the teams through all of the spring practices and will still run the Green/White game Saturday.

Snyder said he will only be an observer for this weekend.

Bullock said Kueck had been a good coach to him and could have easily been the head coach.

"He deserved it just as much, but it's not the choice they went with," he said. "I love coach Kueck to death, and he's the guy that almost had it."

Steven Hager, a junior phi-

losophy major, said he thinks the school made the right choice and went out and got a new coach to start over.

"I think it's wise to mark the end of one era and the beginning of a new one," he said. "Not that I think Kueck is not qualified enough to have the position, but I think Mark Snyder is more qualified to have the position."

The annual Green/White game is scheduled to start 4 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Snyder will have a short time this summer to get everything in place and his team ready for the season opener Sept. 1, against William & Mary.



photo by Ben Hunt

Snyder has many new duties as head coach. He will begin work with practice today and observe the Green/White game Saturday.

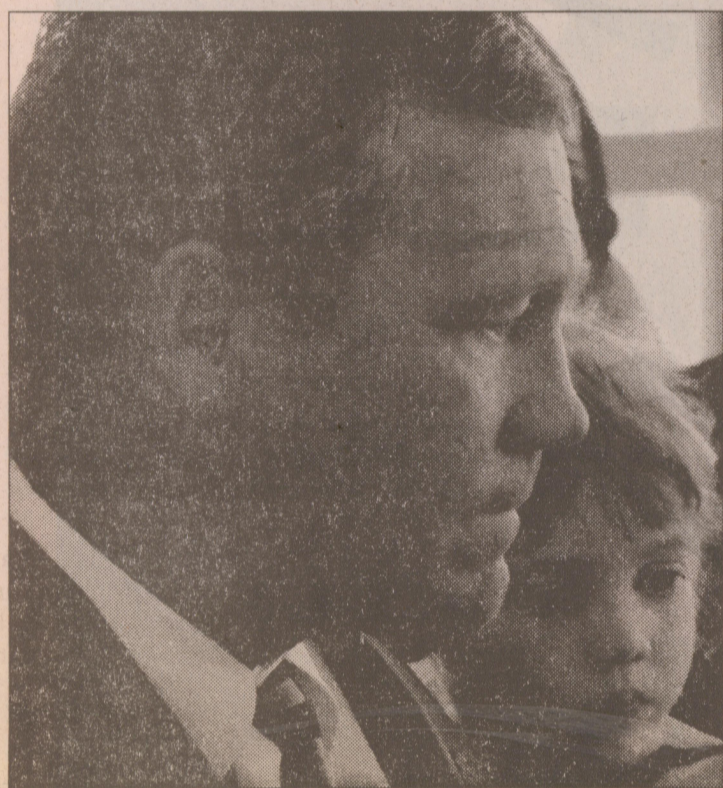


photo by Ben Hunt

Marshall football coach Mark Snyder and his 4-year-old daughter Shaylee are now officially part of the MU family.

COACH

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blocks," he said. "Stan Parrish, then a guy I played for, George Chaump. Jim Donnan came along and did great things here and took us to another level. Then Bobby Pruett came in and took us into the MAC, where we dominated and did a fantastic job."

"Those are big shoes, but I'm ready to try to fill them."

The Marshall head coaching job has been one that has always been Snyder's dream job.

"I had a goal of becoming a head coach at the age of 38," he said. "I'm 40 now and I have the job I've always dreamed of."

Seven months ago Snyder was focused on taking the

Herd on as OSU's defensive coordinator.

Snyder said now he is at a place he considers home.

"I always believed I would be the coach here one day," he said. "But then [seven months ago] I didn't think it would happen so soon."

The 40-year old, defensive All-American and national champion said he realizes this is a new chapter to the legacy of Marshall football.

"Now we are going into a new era, the Conference USA era with Mark Snyder at the helm," Snyder said. "Our goal is simply to do this, win the conference championship, get to a BCS Bowl game, we want to graduate all our players. It's that simple."

Marcum said the challenges will be great for Snyder with the team

entering a new conference.

"The challenges all change," he said. "Every time you go from one place to another. People said we will never be competitive in the Mid-American. I think we were very competitive."

Snyder said he thinks the team will be ready for the challenges which will be presented in Conference USA.

Snyder owns the single season record for interceptions with 10 in 1987. This past season junior safety Chris Royal was the team's leader in interceptions with six. Now Royal will be playing for the single season record holder.

"I think it's good we're bringing in fresh blood to the football team that will take the team in a different direction," Royal said.

The only direction Snyder

wants the team to head is up, and staff considerations will be one of the biggest tasks on the new coach.

"We are going to be amidst an evaluation process," Snyder said. "Obviously the timing is not good, but I'm going to do what is best for Marshall University."

Snyder said the two most important things to him are loyalty and enthusiasm.

"Those are the things I bring to the table," Snyder said. "I hope you see an excited football team, a well coached football team out there playing with a lot of enthusiasm, because it's contagious."

Snyder's enthusiasm has already kicked in.

"I just want to run through campus," he said. "I can't wait to start my running. I almost feel like taking off right now."

Campus Talk

Marshall students sound off on the latest issues.

What do you think about Mark Snyder being named Herd head football coach?



"I think it's good for the school. I thing the program can get better recruits and I only see better things."

— Bryan Bradley,
Junior Business Marketing major
Charleston

"I guess with Ohio State's background it will be good to have a big name coach."

— Zack Grambos,
sophomore Biology major
Huntington



"I think he's a good choice. He went to Marshall and coached here and he is obviously qualified."

— Eddie Logan,
Graduate student ATE program
Oak Hill

"I think he should do great. He knows a lot about the game."

— Emily Warder,
sophomore Political Science major
Huntington

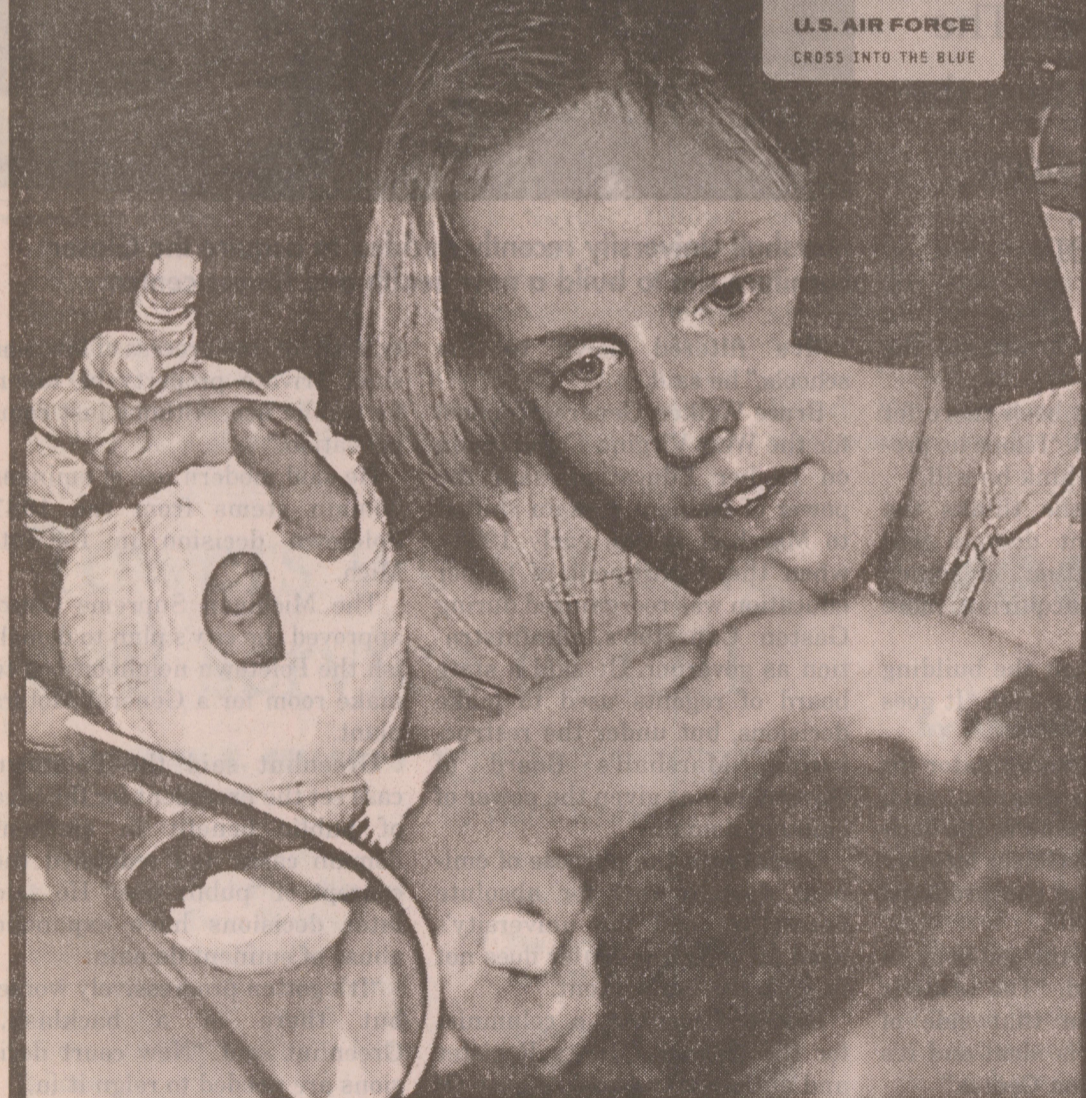


"I liked Bobby Pruett. He was the personal coach and was very approachable. I don't have an opinion on Snyder, but I hope he is as personal as Pruett was."

— Traci Stanley,
sophomore Education major
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The fitness center of our dreams



the reality of CHANGE

Marshall University to acquire the Glaser Furniture property on Third Avenue to build a health and fitness center. The university has decided to use eminent domain to obtain the site, but people's reactions are mixed to the decision.

story by **HEATH HARRISON**, reporter

Opinions remain mixed about Marshall University's decision to acquire the Glaser Furniture store through eminent domain.

Norman Glaser, owner of the store, has attempted to fight the university's decision to take his business in order to construct a fitness and wellness center.

Glaser said he has decided to take his case to the public and was a guest during a call-in segment on "The Tom Roten Morning Show" on talk radio station WVHU.

Roten said sentiment in his audience was overwhelmingly in favor of Glaser during the segment, and his listeners felt the university was abusing its power of eminent domain.

"People felt Marshall was just bullying their way," he said. "I think Marshall really hurt themselves by not being a good neighbor. It's bad public relations."

Although the decision is out of the city's hands, Huntington Mayor David Felinton said he thinks Marshall needs to be able to grow and hopes an agreement can be reached.

"It would be nice to see a compromise worked out where the furniture store can continue somewhere nearby," he said.

City council member Scott Caserta, who represents the 7th District, said while he does not like seeing businesses displaced, he believes Marshall and Glaser could come to an agreement about the timetable for the property's seizure.

"I think a compromise could be worked out where Mr. Glaser could keep it longer," he said.

Caserta said he felt eminent domain was being misused in the situation. He said it was created for progress of the state, but the fitness center did not meet the purpose of the law.

Mary Neely, who represents the 4th District, said she has mixed emotions about the subject and understands why Marshall wants to acquire the Glaser location.

"It's right in the middle of Marshall University and would be a good piece of property," she said.

Neely said she sympathizes with Glaser and does not agree with the university's decision.

"I think Glaser has a right to keep his business," she said. "I don't think government should be able to take property whether you like it or not."

Francis Jackson, who represents the 3rd District, said she also does not agree with the uni-

versity's decision to acquire the building.

"His family has been there for 60 years," she said. "I hope he prevails, but I don't think he will."

Jackson said she thinks the power of eminent domain will lead to a situation in which Marshall keeps acquiring more land.

"Next they'll want the building next to Glaser," she said. "It goes on and on."

Heather Wyatt, coordinator for Marshall's fitness program, said, while she has no hand in the decision, she feels the Glaser location would be ideal for the proposed fitness center.

"That corner is the gateway to campus," she said. "The athletic department is on that side of campus, parking is ideal and it's near the Henderson Center."

Wyatt said the new center would offer a larger space, more equipment and increased hours, and it would help the university in recruiting students and improving its retention rate.

"Everyone took a second look at WVU when they put a recreation center in," she said.

Glaser said the university has acquired too much power and that eminent domain cases used to be decided at the state level.



photo by Adam Cunningham

Marshall University recently decided to acquire the Glaser Furniture site to build a new health and fitness center.

"It's filtered down to the schools," he said.

Bruce Walker, General Counsel for the West Virginia Commission on Higher Education, said the power of eminent domain shifted to Marshall in the early 1990s, when the department of higher education was reorganized during Gaston Caperton's administration as governor. He said a state board of regents used to make decisions, but under the restructuring, Marshall's Board of Governors was given the power of eminent domain.

Glaser said the purpose of eminent domain was for absolute necessities and the university's need for a fitness center does not fit with the law's intent.

Steven Greenhut, a columnist for the Orange County Register and author of the book "Abuse Of Power: How The Government Misuses Eminent Domain," said courts have redefined the purpose of the law.

"Eminent domain allowed for public use," he said. "Now it's for whatever the government says is for public benefit."

Greenhut said eminent domain has its roots in the fifth amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which states no person can "be deprived of life, liberty, or prop-

erty, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

He said modern use of eminent domain stems from the 1981 Poletown decision in Detroit, Mich.

The Michigan Supreme Court approved the city's plan to demolish the Poletown neighborhood to make room for a General Motors plant.

Greenhut said the Poletown case set the precedent for the idea of public benefit in eminent domain cases and redefined the concept of "public use." He said later decisions have expanded abuse of eminent domain.

"It's gotten progressively worse, but there is a backlash," Greenhut said. "New court decisions are needed to reign it in."

He said the U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear a major case regarding eminent domain later this year.

In April, the court agreed to hear the case *Kelo v. City of New London*.

Greenhut said the case will determine whether government can acquire residences and small businesses for the purpose of benefiting larger businesses in the name of economic benefit for the community.