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Cardinal Ratzinger elected pope



Newly elected Pope Benedict XVI waves to the crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, yesterday. Joseph Ratzinger of Germany is the 265th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church. At 78-years-old, he is the oldest pope since 1730.

Taking the name Benedict XVI, Joseph Ratzinger accepts the papacy before a chanting crowd in the Vatican City

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected pope yesterday in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

Ratzinger, the first German pope in centuries, emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, where he waved to a wildly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing. Other cardinals clad in their crimson robes came out on other balconies to watch him after one of the fastest papal conclaves of the past century.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord," Benedict said after being introduced

by Chilean Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estvez.

"The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers," the new pope said. "I entrust myself to your prayers."

The crowd responded to the 265th pope by joyfully chanting "Benedict! Benedict!"

Ratzinger turned 78 Saturday. His age clearly was a factor among cardinals who favored a "transitional" pope who could skillfully lead the church as it absorbs John Paul II's legacy, rather than a younger cardinal who could wind up with another long pontificate.

The new pope is the oldest elected since Clement XII, who was chosen in 1730 at 78 but was three months older than

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Choir organizations to memorialize professor

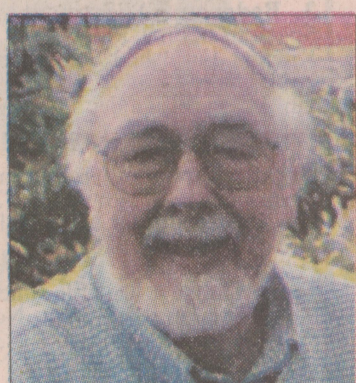
by JUSTINE M.
SEVERINO
reporter

Marshall University's Choral Union, Chamber Choir and the University Choir will be conducting a concert April 23 and April 24 in memory of Dr. Paul Balshaw.

David Castleberry, director of Marshall's Choral Union, said the department of fine arts collaborated and came up with the idea to have a concert in Balshaw's memory.

There was a memorial for Balshaw in mid-January at Balshaw's church, but the facility was too small to hold all who wished to attend.

"With his involvement at



Balshaw

MU everybody felt there was a need to have some type of memorial," Castleberry said.

Dean of the college of fine arts for 11 years, Balshaw came to Marshall in 1965 giving him time to meet many people.

Vanessa Ours, junior nursing major from

Petersburg and a member of the Chorla Union, said even though he is gone, the concert will help keep alive his music for the Marshall community. Ours put in three hours a week since the beginning of the semester and is ready to perform.

"We have worked hard for it all and now I am ready to perform," Ours said.

"This [concert] gives the opportunity to anyone in the Marshall community to attend," Castleberry said.

He has been working with the choral union all semester on the songs that will be performed at the concert. The Choral Union, which meets every evening

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MUPD offers self-defense classes to community females

by JUSTINE M.
SEVERINO
reporter

Say goodbye to peeping Tom and the daunting shadows lurking about the Huntington streets at night. MUPD's Rape Aggression Defense System program will be offering self-defense classes at the local community center throughout the month of May.

The self-defense classes are offered because of the development of the RAD program at Marshall in 1998. It is a program designed to develop and enhance options of self-defense for women.

The class, which is open to females on campus

either the first or second eight weeks of each semester and counts for one-hour physical education credit.

"You can take an English class and some never get to use it again, with this class you can take it with you for the rest of your life," Officer Scott Bullou, a RAD instructor, said.

Sgt. Angela Howell has been instructing the class for eight years. Howell said RAD was introduced to the curriculum at Marshall because of the need to educate female students about the awareness of their surroundings and to demonstrate ways to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime. The class teaches 90 per-

cent self-defense awareness and crime prevention education. The other 10 percent of the class focuses on physical defense.

The classes are open only to female students because the instructors want to have a comfortable environment and do not want male individuals to know what kind of techniques are being taught, Howell said.

"We see so many girls who don't know how to get a hold of MUPD or the definitions of stalking or self-defense," she said.

Kimberly Lincoln, a sophomore nursing major from Nitro, said the class was useful.

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Governing Council kicks off Marshall Dorm Cup

by MEAGAN E.
SELLARDS
reporter

The Inter-Hall Governing Council kicked off the Marshall University Dorm Cup competition Monday on the Walter "Lefty" Rollins Field.

Miya Hunter-Willis, residence life specialist and IGC adviser, said approximately 30 people were in attendance, which included residents and spectators.

All residence halls were

invited to attend Monday's event as well as the remainder of the week's events. Residents of Laidley Hall and Twin Towers West played Monday, Hunter-Willis said.

Laidley Hall obtained a victory Monday with a score of 15-3.

Hunter-Willis said she thinks Monday's mini-Olympics were a success.

"An event is always a success when people have fun," she said. "The residents that participated had a lot

An event is always a success when people have fun.

— Miya Hunter-Willis, Inter-Hall Governing Council adviser

of energy, cheered for each other and had a great time."

Jeremy P. Plyburn, vice president of IGC, said he hoped to see more residence halls attend, but he was pleased with Monday's turnout.

"I know it was the first

night of the competition, and people are always a little uneasy about that," he said. "I hope to see more residents come and participate later in the week."

Plyburn said he was impressed with the participation of the two residence halls.

"The two teams that came out were good sports," he said. "They cheered each other on."

Hunter-Willis said IGC has a lot to offer to encourage residents to participate in the remaining events.

"We are offering a trophy and bragging rights at the end of the week to the building with the highest points," she said. "If you don't come, you forfeit your opportunity to earn points. This is a great way to have some healthy competition

and to find out which building is the best."

Hunter-Willis said she was pleased with the effort put forth by residents.

"I always applaud the efforts of residents when they participate in residence hall activities," she said. "With finals coming soon, I'm sure that people are more concerned with studying than with playing outdoors. There are other activities that they could be

Please see DORM CUP, P3

Teach, learn, graduate

by KALEENA L. BURGESS
reporter

Students are not the only people graduating in May. Professors at Marshall University's School of Medicine will also join the ranks.

Last year, the Academy of Medical Educators was created to help professors brush up on their teaching skills. It includes six faculty candidates and residents from the medical school. They attend school for one year, without cost, to improve their methods.

"Everything changes, and you can't teach by giving lecture after lecture," Dr. Shah Darshana said. "Professors must make sure students actually learn, so they have to learn again."

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— Dr. Shah Darshana, SOM

The curriculum of the Academy of Medical Educators is based on each candidate's needs and is centered on students. The members attend workshops, seminars and listen to speakers from other colleges throughout the month.

"This isn't a traditional school because the members only meet twice a week," Darshana said. "The members definitely make those two hours count."

Professors in the Academy choose the area in which they want to study. Some want to make

a difference within the medical school, while others want to focus on the way they present their learning material.

"Professors want to learn how to present their lectures in a more interesting way," Darshana said. "They want to learn how to assess their teaching and make the program better."

The Academy of Medical Educators is a program that also helps the medical school fulfill the "Passport to Prominence" promise Marshall University has made.

"The members of the

Academy of Medical Educators are very busy people," Darshana said. "What makes them stand out from their peers is that they make the time to learn and improve."

The nine members will each present a scholarly project to their peers at the Academy for Medical Educator's graduation ceremony May 5.

Once the members graduate, the faculty members will be named Master Educators and the resident members will be named Teaching Scholars.

"To be named a member of the Academy is a big deal," Darshana said. "The members might not change the way teaching happens nationally, but they will certainly help improve Marshall's Medical School."

Business honor society to induct new members

by SHANE S. IRWIN
reporter

Beta Gamma Sigma gets to add to its numbers and give away some money at the same time during its new-member induction ceremony and reception.

The professional business honor society plans to have the ceremony in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Professor Harlan Smith, president of BGS, said the ceremony is a great way to spotlight students.

"This is our opportunity, in the Lewis College of Business, to recognize and honor, publicly, the top students in our program," he said. "The students who become eligible to join BGS have earned that eligibility and deserve a public, formal reward."

BGS has been conducting the ceremony since Marshall's chapter was established during the 1998-99 academic year. Each new member of BGS is presented with a certificate, pin and medallion at the event.

Another highlight of the ceremony is the speaker. Last year Dr. Sarah Denman, provost and senior vice-president for academic affairs, spoke. This year Interim President Mike Farrell is scheduled to speak.

A new addition to this year's ceremony is the presentation of scholarships.

"At the ceremony we will be awarding three academic scholarships to current student members, for use at Marshall next year," Smith said.

Two \$250 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship will be presented. The recipients of the scholarships have already been notified, but an official announcement will be made during the ceremony.

There will also be a reception following the induction ceremony where food will be provided for new and old BGS members.

Hosting such a ceremony does not come without a price. "The one-time dues that the student inductees pay provide us with some of the money we need to cover the ceremony costs, but not all," Smith said. "We also sell T-shirts and a CD containing all the photographs taken at the induction ceremony to current and new members."

The students who are scheduled to be inducted into BGS are either juniors who have declared a major and are in the top 7 percent of their class, seniors who have declared majors and are in the top 10 percent of their class, or graduate students who are in the top 20 percent of their class as determined by their gpa.

Faculty may also be inducted into BGS based on their excellence as teachers and advisers. Last year five Marshall professors were inducted.

Artwork in Drinko

by KEELY A. MARTIN
reporter

Drinko Library is taking its displays to a new level by showcasing one local artist's work in the Study Center through May 14.

The latest exhibit features multiple pieces of artwork by Katherine Cox, director of education at the Huntington Art Museum. Her artwork uses trees, hay bales, seeds, pods and other natural items.

Cox described her artwork as sharing both formal and metaphorical elements.

"I like combining the visible imagery from nature with the invisible, change, movement, growth, decay," Cox said.

She said she started her artwork at age seven. At that time, she had an entire bookcase in her bedroom dedicated to art materials.

"I have always been compelled to make marks on paper," Cox said. "The purity, immediacy and raw expression of pencil on paper captivates me. For me there is something primal about drawing."

Cox attended The Art Institute of Boston, Rhode Island School of Design and Jacksonville University

where she completed her bachelor of fine arts degree. She then went on to earn her master's degree in teaching at Jacksonville University.

"A line can express simplicity, complexities or both simultaneously," Cox said. "Every mark on the paper is vital, fused with energy."

She said her artwork is ever changing because life is always changing.

"What does not change is the insatiable desire to make art," Cox said. "I would like people to be inspired, to be edified and to be prompted to think by my artwork."

Cox is employed at the Huntington Museum of Art where she oversees many programs such as tours, studio classes and community outreach programs.

More artwork is available to view at the Huntington Museum of Art from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Senior art show in Birke

by DANA C. BATEMAN
reporter

Eight art students are displaying their work in the Birke Art Gallery and the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center as part of their senior exhibition.

Ryan Worley, a printmaking major from Ona, is one of four whose work is on display in the gallery.

Worley, whose work consists of images of individuals ranging from Hitler to George W. Bush, said his work was inspired by the ongoing war.

"Each of these people are popularized by war, and everybody's preconceived notion of these people is based on war," he said. "Most of these people have been perceived as tyrants and war mongers. I'm just trying to show that they were independent people."

Lisa Lapointe, a photography major from Waverly, is displaying a wall of photographs that depict images associated with marriage, including several self-portraits dressed in a bridal gown at various locations like a laundry mat.

It is sort of a social analysis of how society views women and marriage, she said. The environments for the portraits are areas that bring up the idea of domesticity and the obligations and expectations for women, Lapointe said.

April Barnabi, a photography major from Beckley, and Jeremy Shumate, a graphic design major from Glen Fork, are also showing their work.

In the performing arts center, the student's exhibition has a 3-D theme.

Staci Leech, a sculpture major from Clintonville, is showing a variety of pieces that examine the human condition. Her display consists of several articles of clothing including a dress and suit jackets covered in acrylic paint with stenciled on words.

Leech said her work is inspired by different events that have happened in her life.

"My work consists of memories usually, and feelings and emotions that are kind of encompassing my life at the same time," she said.

Eugene Crist, a sculpture major from Ansted, is displaying pieces that examine different aspects of religion including a piece titled the "penance meter" consisting of an altar connected to a parking meter.

Crist said he has received mixed responses from people about his work. Some people have been offended, but once they are able to understand it, they are usually no longer offended, he said.

The work of Brad Boston, a sculpture major from South Point, and Rebecca Smith, a ceramics major from Fayetteville, is also on display.

The show in the performing arts center is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. until April 25. The show in the Birke Art Gallery will be on display until April 22. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Scouts get outdoors skills

POINT PLEASANT (AP) — Leave it to a group of Scouts to discover a way to cram even more of the outdoors into an outdoor event.

Campers at the Tri-State Boy Scout Council's recent Spring Jamboree did more than just pitch tents, tie knots and light campfires. They also learned to fish, to fly cast, to shoot air rifles and to test their archery skills.

The added outdoor activities were brought to the Jamboree by the "Trail-blazer Program," a nationwide effort by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance to involve young people in fishing, hunting and other outdoor pastimes.

There's a great need for kids to be introduced to these sorts of activities.

— **Scott Warner, DNR involvement coordinator**

"This is one of 44 events we'll do this year, from the East Coast to Alaska," George Montgomery, the program's regional coordinator, said. "This is the second time we've done one in West Virginia."

Last year, the program reached about 600 Scouts at Camp Thomas E. Lightfoot near Hinton.

This year's event, on the shores of Krodell Lake near Point Pleasant, involved

nearly 1,300 people.

"We have more than 350 Cub Scouts, 600 Boy Scouts and 300 parents," Montgomery said. "Some of the parents are camping with their kids, so it's a little more family oriented than some Scout camps."

To ensure exposure to all the activities, organizers gave each camper a list. Activity leaders marked each youth's participation by punching the list with a hole-punch.

Montgomery said the campers had from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to get their lists fully perforated.

Dozens of volunteers from sportsmen's groups and from the state Division of Natural Resources were on hand to guide the Scouts through each experience.

"This is a great event," Scott Warner, who coordinated the DNR's involvement, said. "There's a great need for kids to be introduced to these sorts of activities. It's exactly the sort of program the DNR had been looking to participate in. When the Scouts and the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance approached us, we jumped at the chance."

MUPD

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"I decided to take self-defense because I think it's essential to know how to defend yourself in any given situation," she said.

About 60 female stu-

dents are reached through the program each semester, Bullou said.

"Women are faced with any type of verbal or physical violence every day and it's an obligation for us as instructors to educate them," he said.

Howell said its empower-

ing for female students to go through this class and see their self confidence rise.

"This class is not all about kicking them [attackers] in the balls," Holly Wilson, a freshman business marketing major from Richmond, Va., said.

"They teach you techniques that you wouldn't have known."

A self-defense class will be taught to the community for \$25 May 9 through May 23. For more information and to sign up, contact Officer Bullou, Sgt. Howell or Sgt. Harper at 696-4357.

POPE

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Ratzinger.

Cardinals also had faced a choice whether to seek a younger, dynamic pastor and communicator, perhaps from Latin America or elsewhere in the developing world where the church is growing.

Ratzinger is the first Germanic pope in nearly 1,000 years. There were at least three German popes in the 11th century.

Benedict XVI decided to spend the night at the Vatican hotel, the Domus

Sanctae Marthae, and to dine with the cardinals, said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. He was to preside over a Mass this morning in the Sistine Chapel and will be formally installed Sunday at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT).

The last pope from a German-speaking land was Victor II, bishop of Eichstatt, who reigned from 1055-57.

Monday, Ratzinger, who was the powerful dean of the College of Cardinals, used his homily at the Mass dedicated to electing the next pope to warn the faithful about tendencies he consid-

ered dangers to the faith: sects, ideologies like Marxism, liberalism, atheism, agnosticism and relativism, the ideology that there are no absolute truths.

"Having a clear faith based on the creed of the church is often labeled today as a fundamentalism," he said, speaking in Italian. "Whereas relativism, which is letting oneself be tossed and 'swept along by every wind of teaching,' looks like the only attitude acceptable to today's standards."

Ratzinger served John Paul II since 1981 as head of the Congregation for the

[He is] a man of great wisdom and knowledge.

— **President George W. Bush, United States president**

Doctrine of the Faith. In that position, he has disciplined church dissidents and upheld church policy against attempts by liberals for reforms.

He had gone into the conclave with the most buzz among two dozen leading candidates. He had impressed many faithful with his stirring homily at the funeral of John Paul II, who died April 2 at age 84.

President Bush called him a "man of great wisdom and knowledge."

"We remember well his sermon at the pope's funeral in Rome, how his words touched our hearts and the hearts of millions," Bush said. "We join with our fellow citizens and millions around the world who pray for continued strength and wisdom as His Holiness leads the Catholic Church."

Some have questioned whether the new pope betrayed any pro-Nazi senti-

State Briefs

New resource to help volunteers

CHARLESTON (AP) — West Virginians who want to help others but do not know where to go now have an online resource that matches volunteers with organizations.

The West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service and first lady Gayle Manchin launched www.volunteerwv.org yesterday as the state observed National Volunteer Week.

"Without volunteers, our world would be a different place," Jean Ambrose, executive director of the commission, said. "Can you imagine a world without people volunteering in hospitals, schools, churches, shelters or food pantries? Volunteerism is personally rewarding, solves community concerns and is good for business."

Committee still taking nominations

HUNTINGTON (AP) — A search committee is still taking nominations, but the process to name a new president for Marshall University by June is still on track, the committee's chairman said.

The committee plans to start discussing the nominees when it holds a closed-door meeting April 25, Michael Perry told the Huntington Herald-Dispatch in Monday's edition.

"We have a minimum of 50 nominees," Perry said. "We don't know how many nominees we will have, but we will start shaving the number down at our next meeting."

None of the nominees are considered front runners. "We should have a president within the indicated time-frame," Perry said.

the chimney atop the Sistine Chapel and the bells of St. Peter's pealed at 6:04 p.m. (12:04 p.m. EDT) to announce the conclave had produced a pope. Flag-waving pilgrims in St. Peter's Square chanted: "Viva il Papa!" or "Long live the pope!"

The bells rang after a confusing smoke signal that Vatican Radio initially suggested was black but then declared was too difficult to call. White smoke is used to announce a pope's election to the world.

It was one of the fastest elections in the past century: Pope Pius XII was elected in 1939 in three ballots two days, while Pope John Paul I was elected in 1978 in four ballots over two days. The new pope was elected after either four or five ballots two days.

"It's only been 24 hours, surprising how fast he was elected," Vatican Radio said.

The cardinals took an oath of secrecy, forbidding them to divulge how they voted. Under conclave rules, a winner needed two-thirds support, or 77 votes from the 115 cardinal electors.

ment during his teenage years in Germany during World War II.

In his memoirs, he wrote of being enrolled in Hitler's Nazi youth movement against his will when he was 14 in 1941, when membership was compulsory. He said he was soon let out because of his studies for the priesthood.

Two years later, he was drafted into a Nazi anti-aircraft unit as a helper, a common fate for teenage boys too young to be soldiers. Enrolled as a soldier at 18, in the last months of the war, he barely finished basic training.

"We are certain that he will continue on the path of reconciliation between Christians and Jews that John Paul II began," Paul Spiegel, head of Germany's main Jewish organization, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

White smoke poured from

DORM CUP

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Plyburn said he hopes more residence halls will participate later in the week.

"I hope to see more of the dorms out later in the week when they hear about how much fun the events are and the chance for them to take the first annual IGC

M.U.D. Cup Champions trophy to their dorm to display," he said.

Events for the mini-Olympics events are scheduled throughout the week. Today is an eat-a-thon, Thursday is a tug of war match and Friday is a relay competition followed by the awards presentation.

CHOIR

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at 7 can be taken for credit, but is also open to community members.

The union will perform "In Eccleslis," "Let They

Hand be Strengthened" and "Pauken Mass" this weekend.

The concert will be at 8:00 p.m. Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Both shows will be in Smith Recital Hall and are free to the public.

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Conversation with the Administration

Insight into Old Main:

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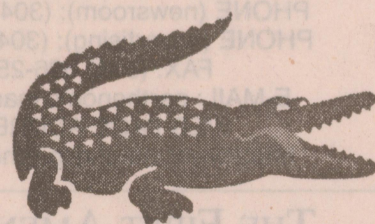
Jen Smith and Tina Amburgey

Mike Farrell discusses his plans to boost student enrollment, fight budget cuts, start construction on the Health and Wellness Center before he leaves office, and the search for a permanent president.

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LETTERS to the editor

Coverage lacking at fair

I was dismayed to see that although the Career Services' Job Fair got good coverage in the Parthenon, the special lunchtime panel, entitled "Creating a Tolerant Workplace: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Workplace Rights and You," went completely unreported, both before and after its occurrence, despite the eminent panelists, and despite numerous press releases about this event sent out, coverage by Marshall University's Channel 25, inclusion in the Herald-Dispatch, and coverage on the Marshall University website.

The panel, sponsored by the Commission on Multiculturalism through its Subcommittee on LGBT Issues, and co-sponsored by Career Services and by Lewis College of Business, featured speeches by very prominent folks from within and without Huntington: Dr. Julie Gedro of Empire State College, in Syracuse, NY; Bruce Groff, VP for Administration of Steel of WV; David N. Harris, Marshall University's Director of Equity Programs and Associate HR Director; and Huntington's Mayor (and Marshall graduate) David Felinton.

The turnout for the panel was fairly low—about 15—although it happened right across the floor from the Don Morris Room, in the Alumni Lounge, during the prime lunchtime hour of 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Why? Was it because of lack of general interest in the topic of the panel? No. As Dr. Gedro and Bruce Groff both pointed out during their presentations, strategies for creating supportive workplaces and for increasing diversity in the workplace are hot topic all over the business world right now: Fortune 500 companies (one of which Dr. Gedro had headed up HR for for 15 years) are paying attention: many have non-discrimination policies already in place (see a list at <http://content.gay.com/channels/finance/glmoney/nondiscriminationlist.html>).

Is it because the topic is "controversial?" Typically, "controversial" topics draw more, not fewer, people in. There were no pickets. This panel, despite the presence of the Mayor and eminent panelists with much to say, was ignored.

My thoughts? "Advertising is all." First, maybe you didn't report on this panel because Career Services never told your reporters about it in large print—and didn't include it, although they were co-sponsors of the panel, in their list of prominent Jobs Fair activities. This should set off some buzzers inside your heads. Why did Career Services refuse to place the large-format poster about the panel on the plaza doors of the MSC? Career Services heavily supported other activities and vendors—but systematically skipped it out when promoting their event. It would be good for Parthenon editors and reporters to remind themselves to check and double-check official sources of "news" for their completeness as well as their hype: non-reporting is a type of censorship of the public mind.

Jerise Fogel

Chair, Subcommittee on LGBT Issues
MU Commission on Multiculturalism

Difference a year can make

Next semester, I will be entering my fifth and final year as an undergraduate college student. The fifth year of college is a common trend in higher education these days, but when I look at my friends from high school, I seem to be the only one that will still be an undergraduate in the fall.

Three of my friends are getting married this summer, as are two of my ex-girlfriends. One is going off to med school in Memphis, another to law school at the University of South Carolina. Another took an entry level job with Caterpillar as an engineer and will have an annual salary starting at \$70,000 a year.

All of the big news I've been receiving over the last couple of months has got me down on myself. Where's my fiancé? Where's my acceptance letter to grad school? Where's my \$70,000 a year? A cou-

THE GREATEST THING

BY BRYAN BROWN
columnist



ple months from now, they'll be heavily entrenched in the real world and I'll still be here at Marshall, writing columns and playing rugby. Just one year separates them from me, but that year is just enough time to totally reshape their lives in a way that is new and frighteningly different from mine.

It's only when we think about it, when we grant ourselves a moment of repose, that we can see how much we've grown personally in a year. Sometimes it amazes me how radically different my life is now compared to a year or two ago.

This time two years ago, a back injury and chronic knee problems ended my collegiate football career at William Paterson University. So I packed up my bags, said goodbye to my now nuptial-bound ex-girlfriend and drove off into the sunset...all the way to Huntington, W. Va. Back then, I wondered how I'd ever function without the game in my life. Now, I beat myself up about all of the great schools I passed on as a senior in high school because they "didn't have a football team."

At the end of the spring semester last year, I was with a girl I was so sure I'd love the rest of my life. As she, my mom, and I packed the junk from my dorm room into my Ford Taurus, I was scared to leave her, but I was filled with confidence and joy in that I had at least finally figured out my true path in one aspect of my life.

Fast-forward to today, and football is so far gone that I don't even miss it anymore. It got replaced by bigger and better things. Kate is gone too, but I still haven't really gotten over that one yet. Sometimes I get so frustrated, as I'm sure you the reader do too, of taking path after path only to discover that they're all dead ends. Sometimes I wonder if I'll ever find the right one. Sometimes I wonder if I'll ever have more than a vague outline of what I want to do with my life.

All of these worries pile up on me at times, and I feel so weighted down that I feel like my life is going to collapse in on me. But that's when I take a deep breath. I collect my thoughts, and look around. Then I smile. I've still got a year left to figure it all out, and that's just enough time to make all the difference in the world.

Some farewell thoughts to ponder

In a few short months, unless something unexpected happens, I will complete summer school and be a Marshall graduate. This is the last time I will be in the role of Parthenon columnist.

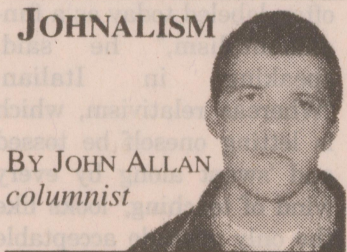
Looking back on my four years here there are many people to thank and many sentiments to pass along. I don't have the space or time to exhaust either category but what follows is a condensed version—a few reflections on my college career.

I am thankful for professors I encountered that made me cognizant of very serious problems, even if they often missed the mark on the solutions.

I am thankful for the hurdles that were thrown in my way and the people who challenged my thinking and my reasoning. To all the professors who pushed me,

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BY JOHN ALLAN
columnist



even when I hated it, thank you. Thank you for standing behind me and looking over my shoulder while I worked. I hated that...but it made me better.

Thanks to the people and professors who refused to let me tell myself I wasn't capable of excelling. I hope that with my life I can prove that you were right after all.

Thanks to you, the reader. Whether you were introduced to me through Johnalism.com, this column or something else I can't express how much I treas-

ure your readership—even if you don't agree with me.

If I tried to name every person that has helped me I would fail most miserably. Thanks to all of you anyway.

I will be leaving Marshall with hopes and aspirations for my own future. I leave with hopes that you aspire for good in your future too.

I hope we all learn that there is more black and white in this world than we think: that the gray areas are too often our own invention and that it's not all relative in West Virginia or anywhere else in the world.

I hope we all will remember that human life, whether 100-years-old or waiting to be born, is precious.

I hope those who despise Christians will never let an ineffective messenger distract them from the mes-

sage. I hope Christians always strive to teach the truth with love.

Politics are terrible. I hope your moral code is never a carbon copy of your party platform, you never overexert yourself towing the party line and that when you reach across party boundaries it's not in an effort to backhand the person on the other side.

May you stand for something in life and know why you stand there. May you respect all, walk tall and love so much that you help others overcome their struggles. Have the courage it takes to be the best at what you do and the humility to refrain from condescending. Never forget that you have the power to make this world better and always remember to take advantage of that gift.

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Hulk-a-Mania strong for icon's return

Last night proved that one thing is true in the wrestling world: Hulk-a-Mania will live forever!

Hulk Hogan, arguably the greatest professional wrestler of all time, returned to the WWE last night to accept Shawn Michaels' invitation for one last match.

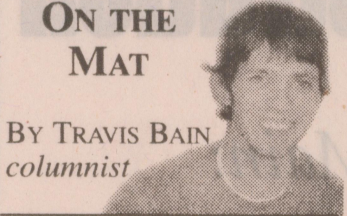
I have never, in my 17 years of watching professional wrestling, seen someone get an ovation quite like Hulk Hogan. Even during his run with the WWE a couple of years ago, he got some loud pops, but it just keeps getting louder.

This guy is just unbelievable. Monday on Raw, the cheers and chants for Hogan were at times louder than his theme music.

As Hogan was in the ring flexing, fathers stood with their kids hoisted on their shoulders to get a glimpse of the wrestling icon. It reminded me of a time

ON THE MAT

BY TRAVIS BAIN
columnist



years ago when my dad did the same thing to me.

It's just insane that it is for the same reason; Hulk Hogan. As the Hulkster stood in the ring lifting his hand to his ear, the Hulk-a-Maniacs went crazy. I even felt like I was 6-years-old again.

It has been more than 20 years since Hulk Hogan won the WWE World title for the first time, and the phenomenon that is Hulk-a-Mania is still running wild.

When thinking of wrestling "icons" several names come to mind. Ric Flair, Shawn Michaels, Steve Austin, Bret Hart and Sting are all up there, but not one of them can quite compare

to the Hulkster.

What separates Hogan from many others is his willingness to put over younger talent. He has repeatedly passed the torch to guys like Kurt Angle, Brock Lesnar, The Warrior, Sting and Goldberg. Hogan has to know the popularity of his character, but also knows what he can give back to the business that made him.

Without Hogan, professional wrestling would not be what it is today. Many wrestlers try to say the same thing about themselves, but I think most of the credit goes to Hogan. He has entertained wrestling fans for many years, and now it is the fans' turn to say thank you.

Hulk Hogan was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame earlier this month. During the ceremony, the fans in attendance chanted "one more match!" The ovation for Hogan that night

went on for minutes. Hogan couldn't even speak it was so loud. The WWE listened, and is giving wrestling fans what they want.

Hogan's return to the ring will take place May 1, at the WWE's Backlash pay-per-view. Hogan will team up with Shawn Michaels (also somewhat a legend himself) and will take on Muhammad Hassan and Daivari.

Hogan, who has appeared on the covers of TV Guide and Sports Illustrated, headlined motion pictures and body-slammed the wrestling world, is truly a living legend.

In the world of professional wrestling, there are many performers, past and present, who are great. But there truly is only one Hulk Hogan. "Whatcha Gonna Do?" when Hulk-a-Mania runs wild one more time at Backlash? Me? That's easy. I am going to sit back, watch and enjoy every single minute.

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Seniors serve up last homestand

Tennis' five seniors to make last appearances Friday, Saturday

by **BRAD BADER**
sports correspondent

Seniors on Marshall's tennis team will be competing in its last home matches of their careers this weekend.



Mercer

Head coach John Mercer said this class is the best group to ever play together at the university.

"They're the best class to play here, that's without a doubt," he said. "They'll go down in history here."

There are five seniors who will play their last games at the Brian David Fox Tennis Center at Marshall.

Mercer, who has been the team's coach for two years, said all of the seniors have been big in this season's success.

"They've played our top five singles positions and they've had a great year as a group," he said. "They all have winning records. They've all raised the levels of their games."

Ashley Kroh has been the team's number one singles player all season. Last season Kroh made Marshall history by becoming a NCAA All-American with former doubles teammate Jessica Johnson.

"They're the best class to play here, that's without a doubt. They'll go down in history here."

— John Mercer, MU tennis coach

The pair made it to the finals of the NCAA Tournament but lost to UCLA in May 2004.

Danielle Hock, who is originally from England, is a perfect 23-0 in Mid-American Conference play. Hock also ranks in the top 10 in singles and doubles wins at Marshall.

Lille Nzudie was ranked as the best junior player in Cameroon before coming to Marshall, but said her best moments came at the end of the last two seasons when she helped secure two MAC championships.

"Last year I won the deciding match to win the conference and the year before," she said. "I got to take a victory for the whole team and that gave me a feeling of accomplishment."

Joelle Good has only dropped two matches in MAC play in her career and ranks among one of the best singles players at Marshall.

Olivia Hill is the fifth

senior on the team and was one of the best high school tennis players in the state of West Virginia. Hill is a walk-on this year and will graduate with the team.

Mercer said the players have always been great whether it's playing the game or dealing with school.

"On the court, they've done a great job," he said. "Off the court, they've been really great citizens and done really well in the classroom."

With the team at one of the high points of the sports history at Marshall, Mercer said the five seniors will be missed.

"They've shown a great desire to succeed and help develop a stand out program," he said. "People like that are always missed no matter what they do."

The final matches will take place Friday against Ball State and Saturday against Bowling Green.



Ashley Kroh



Danielle Hock



Lille Nzudie



Joelle Good



Olivia Hill

Snyder goes on air

by **BRAD BADER**
sports correspondent

Even though Mark Snyder has been on the job for almost a week, the new coach will hit the airwaves on today as a guest on SportsView, a talk show on Marshall's radio station, WMUL-FM 88.1.

Brandon Millman, the show's producer, said he thought it would be almost impossible to get Snyder on the show so soon.

"I was expecting this to be a very difficult interview," he said. "I was genuinely surprised that Randy Burnside [Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations] said Mark is a very big supporter of student media and relatively easy to get on the show."

Snyder will be the only guest on the hour-long program.

The first part of the show will consist of the show's host, Dave Wilson, asking Snyder questions.

Most of the questions will pertain to this career, from playing for Marshall, then coaching at Youngstown State, where he coached against his old school.

Wilson will also talk to him about coaching in the Big Ten at The Ohio State University and winning a national championship.

They will then talk about his plans as far as changing around the strategies of the team and how he will evaluate players and set up a roster for this coming season.

The second half of the show will allow listeners of the show to call in and make comments and ask Snyder questions.

Through all of his time at WMUL, Wilson said this is the most exciting thing he has been a part of yet.

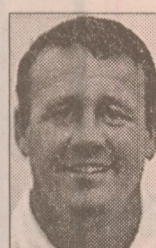
"This is a big opportunity for me," he said. "This is the biggest thing I've done since I've been at WMUL. It's big that I can get to interview the new head football coach at Marshall."

Millman said it is important having a coach who is willing to talk and is ready to get the football program back to better days.

"It's important he comes on because he's becoming a part of the Marshall family," he said. "We were hoping that we had a coach that would help student media. The fact that he is eager to come on the show just enhances the fact that he is dedicated to getting the program turned around."

Wilson said he shares the same view as Millman, that Snyder staying in contact with the student media could lead to big rewards.

"If we get good relations with him, he'll be more likely to come on a show such as Sportsview, grant us interviews," he said. "It's good that he wants to treat us like ESPN or CBS."



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STORY BY TOM FOUCH, REPORTER

For anyone who has ever dreamt of conquering the world or maybe just wondered what it would be like to follow the path of the Jedi, the opportunity may now be at hand.

Chris Hooper, president of Mind Games, said he is dedicated to providing gamers with a positive atmosphere.

"I hope to provide a friendly place where people can play games," he said. "It is a safe, smoke-free environment that people of all ages can enjoy."

Mind Games, located at 1119 Fourth Ave., sells an assortment of games and includes a designated area for people to play their game of choice. It offers a wide variety of role-playing, card and board games, as well as an Xbox for video gamers.

"There is something here for everyone," Hooper said. "If we don't carry the game you are looking for, I can order it. I want people to walk in happy and walk out happier."

He said all game genres are represented in the shop. "Science fiction, fantasy, history... you name it, there is a game for it," Hooper said.

He said Risk and Axis and Allies are two of the most popular war-based board games among his customers.

"Many people are also playing collectible miniature games now," Hooper said. "The Star Wars based game is a favorite."

The miniature games use small figurines as battle units, each unit with its own strengths and weaknesses. Numeric values are assigned to each piece representing movement, attack and defense. Rolls of dice decide the outcome of battles.

"It sounds difficult at first, but the games are really easy to learn to play," Hooper said. "Instructions are included in the games and other players are always eager to help you get the hang of it."

Matt Oldaker, a former Marshall student from Lesage, often helps Hooper by working in the shop and assisting customers.

"It is a non-confrontational environment," Oldaker said. "People are not pressured into buying anything. Playing games is what we are all about."

Oldaker also competes professionally playing a collectible card game called VS System. The game is similar to the popular games Magic: The Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh! VS System is made by Upper Deck Entertainment and involves the battling of characters from the Marvel and DC comic book universe.

The pro circuit of collectible card games takes the players to many different places in the world for competition. Oldaker has competed in tournaments in Anaheim, Calif., and Amsterdam, Netherlands.

The tournaments offer cash prizes, which can be as much as \$40,000, Oldaker said.

Several Marshall students share the same interest in VS System and compete on the pro circuit.

Marshall James, a senior advertising major from Lexington, is part of a five member VS System team that includes Oldaker. The competitions are individual, but the team is currently seeking sponsorship for its members to cover expenses and other costs involved in competing.

"I love the game and it's nice to have a place locally to enjoy competition," James said. "It [Mind Games] is a laid back atmosphere where we can play games and have stimulating conversation."

Anthony Justice, a junior mathematics major from Ashland, is also a member of the VS System team and looks for competitive card games to only increase in popularity.

"Pro tours are starting to really catch on," Justice said. "Each event I attend seems to attract more people."

Jason Hager, a junior print journalism major from Huntington, and "Touchdown" Heath Baker, a former Marshall student, are the two final members of the team.

Mind Games also offers tournaments for various games Thursday through Sunday of every week. All types of games, including video games, may be used for the tournaments.

Oldaker said the shop recently concluded its John Madden Football 2005 tournament.

Hooper said he is also involved with Runic Con, an annual local game convention. This year's event is scheduled for October 21 to 23.

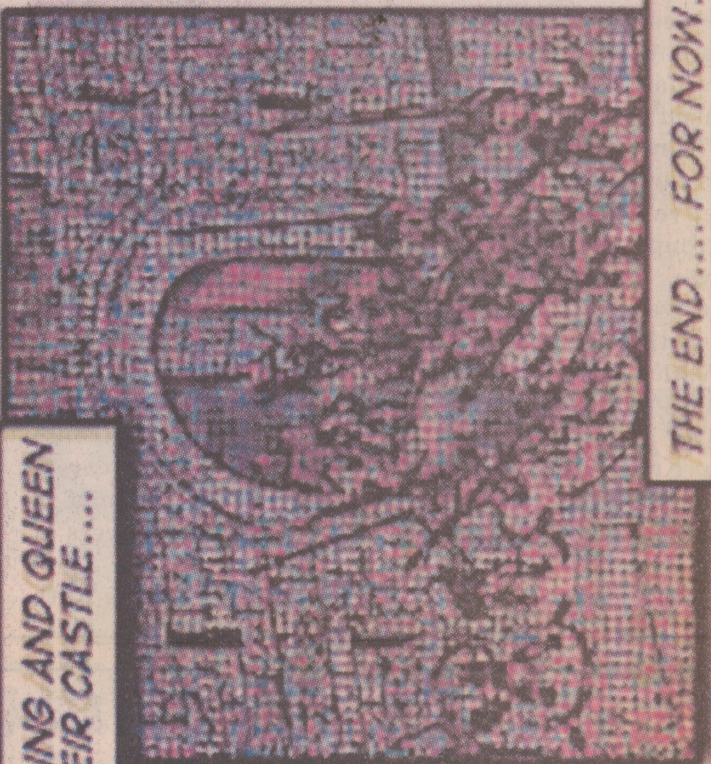
The three-day event is in South Point and offers a variety of games to play, new games from vendors and an assortment of prizes. More information about the convention can be found at www.runic-con.com.

Mind games will be undergoing a name change within the next two weeks and will be Under Siege Games. For more information about the shop or any other gaming questions, contact Hooper at 529-6200. The Web site, www.undersiege.com, is currently under construction and is expected to be available within the month.

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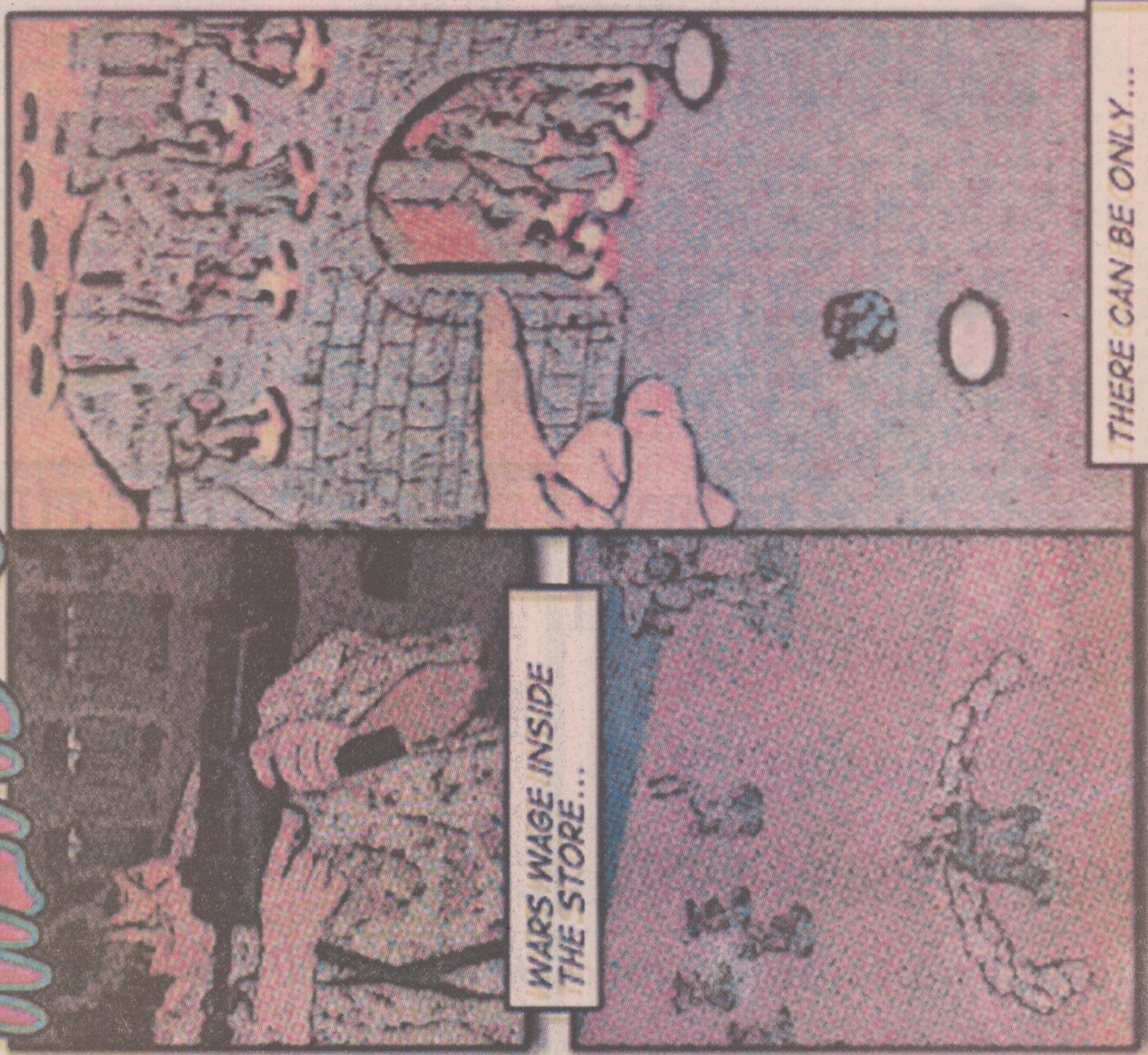


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