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# The ultimate sacrifice

Marshall University student dies while serving country in Iraq

by **RASMILIYA  
SPORNY**  
executive editor

West Virginia state flags were flown at half-staff yesterday to honor a soldier from Chapmanville who died in Iraq last week.

Pfc. Brian Scott Ulbrich was one of three soldiers killed in Baghdad June 5 when a roadside bomb reportedly exploded near their military vehicle. Ulbrich is the first Marshall student to die in the war in Iraq.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Ulbrich, and his 21-year-old sister Beth Ulbrich. Beth Ulbrich is enrolled at Marshall and is a member of the women's track team.

A memorial service for Ulbrich took place yesterday in Boone County, in the gymnasium of Scott High School, where Ulbrich often cheered his team on during home games.

Seth Summers went to high school with Ulbrich and was his roommate during their freshman year at

Marshall. He spoke to the gathering about his friend, affectionately known as "Scotty" by friends and family.

"Scotty was an enthusiastic, energetic individual who lived everyday to the fullest," Summers said. Prudy Barker, director of judicial affairs and volunteer services, said she remembers meeting the Ulbrich family during student orientation.

"He was very unsure about what he wanted to do major-wise," Barker said.

"But he was eager to jump in and was determined to come to Marshall."

While at Marshall, Ulbrich was a criminal justice major, but decided to leave school to join the U.S. Army.

"Scotty was always on the hunt for something," Summers said. "He knew there was a higher purpose in his life."

In January 2004, he enlisted and became a member of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Carson, Colo., which is bet-

ter known as the "Brave Rifles."

The 23-year-old was deployed to Iraq in March this year.

At the memorial service, Gov. Joe Manchin expressed his condolences to the Ulbrich family and said he was proud West Virginia is one of the most patriotic states in the nation. He said West Virginia not only produces good soldiers, but also produces coal, providing power to fuel the

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## See the stats

The Iraq war began in March 2003.

1,708 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war began.

12 of those are from West Virginia.

The number of Iraqi casualties has been estimated as being more than 22,248.

Figures courtesy of the Associated Press and [iraqbodycount.org](http://iraqbodycount.org)

## Morrow murals to be restored

by **KRISTINA MURRILL**  
senior copy editor

There is still about \$25,000 to be raised before the rest of Marshall will be able to view its historic murals that have been kept in cold storage for more than 30 years.

The murals, which were done in three panels, were brought out of storage last month by Library Associates to begin a restoration process to repair damages incurred while being removed and while in storage.

Marion Vest Fors, a former Marshall faculty member, painted the murals to honor the university's bicentennial in 1937, according to a news release.

The murals depict West Virginia, American Literature and Marshall University and were hung in Morrow Library. They remained there until the 1960s, when they were taken down for building renovations and placed in cold storage.

The cost of the restoration is about \$40,000, Barbara Winters, dean of university libraries, said. Michael Ruzga, a conservator from Fine Arts Conservation Inc. in Cincinnati who is restoring the murals for Marshall, said the project is expensive because of the time it takes and the number of treatments needed to repair the damages on the panels.

There is not an expected completion date as of now because he is waiting on the rest of the funds to begin restoring the second panel, Ruzga said. All funding is currently made possible through private donations.

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LEARNING MORE : Hayley Lewis and her mother Angie from Cross Lanes stop by an information booth in the Memorial Student Center during orientation. photo by Lori A. Kersey

by **LORI A. KERSEY**  
reporter

Fall 2005 freshmen got a first look at college life at Marshall during orientation this week. Of the 170 scheduled to come, there were 160 of Marshall's newest students on campus Tuesday.

Tuesday and Wednesday were outstanding scholar days, which required students to have an ACT score of at least 25 and a 3.5 gpa in high school to attend.

Becky Fisher, assistant to orientation, said the turnout rate is the best they have had yet. There were 60 students signed up to come Wednesday.

Craig Grooms, director of admissions, said orientation is meant to help stu-

dents in making the transition to college life.

"The purpose of orientation is to assist students in making the transition from high school graduates to college freshmen," he said. "In addition to securing classes, it helps them become familiar with university policies and procedures. So that gets them locked into their experience at Marshall."

Grooms said incoming freshmen will get an idea of what life is like at Marshall.

"Well, in addition to hearing about the actual college calendar, they actually will meet with an adviser to hear safety issues, student services, IDs," he said. "They'll meet an orientation leader who

### SUMMER ORIENTATION DATES

- June 14-15 : outstanding scholars
- June 16 : transfer students
- June 17-18 : freshmen
- June 21-22 : transfer students and freshmen
- June 23-24 : freshmen
- July 26-29 : freshmen
- Aug. 18 : transfer students and freshmen

More information is available at [www.marshall.edu/orientation](http://www.marshall.edu/orientation)

will sort of serve in a mentoring role as they go through this process. Then they'll hear about student organizations. Basically it's a slice of everything that's offered here at Marshall."

Fisher said orientation is a way for freshmen to meet other people.

"Basically, it's just a

learning tool and a way for the freshmen to get to know campus and everything like that," she said. "It's also a great way for them to meet the orientation leaders and get to meet people who already go here and attend Marshall and be able to make friends with people who are in their groups, other incoming freshmen."

Ashley Alsord, an incoming freshman from Barboursville, said she thinks being at orientation will help her know her way around campus.

"Right now I couldn't get around campus if my life depended on it," she said. "I've been here a lot but I don't really know where to go, so it'll help me out."

Alsord said she is also

looking forward to college. "I'm looking forward to meeting new people and getting on with things that are actually going to help me in life for a career," she said.

Rachel Schmitt, an incoming freshman from Alliance, Ohio, said she is interested in learning everything she needs to know about classes and where she is going to live. She said even though she is nervous, she loves the campus.

"I love it," Schmitt said. "I've been down here; I was on a softball visit, so I love it."

Orientation sessions will continue for freshmen and transfer students June 16 through 18, June 21 through 24, July 26 through 29 and August 18.

# Happy 142nd birthday, West Virginia

by KRISTINA MURRILL  
senior copy editor

Visitors at the Clay Center this weekend will not only get to help celebrate West Virginia's birthday, but they will also see that home is where the art is.

Blenko Glass Company, located in Milton, has produced 142 limited edition vases to commemorate West Virginia's 142nd birthday. The pieces will go on sale at the Clay Center's BB&T Little Shop of Wonders Sunday at 10 a.m.

Blenko Glass Company was founded in 1893 in



photo by Kristina Murrill  
**Glassblower Mark Davis trims excess material from the mouth of a limited commemorative vase.**

Kokomo, Ind., by William J. Blenko, who later moved the company to Milton in 1921 because of the town's natural gas price, according

to the company's Web site.

The company has been making the vases for West Virginia Day for more than 20 years now, David Osbourne, production supervisor and glassblower for Blenko Glass, said.

Each year, around three to eight styles of vases are reviewed and evaluated. From those styles, one is chosen to produce as the commemorative piece.

Osbourne said choosing which style was not as difficult this time.

"We got it on the first try," he said. "We really had some unique and beautiful pieces of glass to work with

this year."

Richard D. Blenko, president of Blenko Glass Company, has signed and dated each piece, according to a Clay Center news release. Osbourne said signed pieces are collectors' items and can be worth a lot of money once purchased.

The pieces are expected to sell quickly because of their popularity, especially among collectors.

While many of the visitors who show up for the event are collectors, not all are local residents.

"We get people from all over the country to come

buy them," Osbourne said.

The first 142 people to arrive at the Little Shop of Wonders Sunday at 10 a.m. will receive tickets. Once inside the shop, visitors must turn in their tickets and purchase the vase, which is valued at \$120. Only those with tickets are able to purchase the vases.

"We have the biggest and best selection of Blenko glass merchandise in the



state, and we are so excited to be able to offer a highly collectible exclusive piece such as this," Adrian Rice, BB&T Little Shop of Wonders manager, said in the news release.

The gift shop is not accepting any holds, discounts or phone or money orders for the commemorative vases.

The shop will be serving coffee and birthday cake as part of the West Virginia Day celebration.

For more information about the event, contact the Clay Center at 561-3550, or visit [www.theclaycenter.org](http://www.theclaycenter.org).

## House of Reps. votes to restrict portions of Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a slap at President Bush, lawmakers voted yesterday to block the Justice Department and the FBI from using the Patriot Act to peek at library records and bookstore sales slips.

The House voted 238-187 despite a veto threat from Bush to block the part of the anti-terrorism law that allows the government to investigate the reading habits of terror suspects.

The vote reversed a narrow loss last year by lawmakers concerned about the potential invasion of privacy of innocent library users. They narrowed the proposal this year to permit the government to continue to seek out records of

Internet use at libraries.

The vote came as the House debated a \$57.5 billion bill covering the departments of Commerce, Justice and State.

The Senate has yet to act on the measure, and GOP leaders often drop provisions offensive to Bush during final negotiations.

"This is a tremendous victory that restores important constitutional rights to the American people," Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., the sponsor of the measure, said. He said the vote would help "rein in an administration intent on chipping away at the very civil liberties that define us as a nation."

Congress is preparing to

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— Bernard Sanders, representative from Vermont

extend the Patriot Act, which was passed quickly in the emotional aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Then, Congress included a sunset provision under which 15 of the law's provisions are to expire at the end of this year.

Supporters of rolling back the library and bookstore provision said that the law gives the FBI too much leeway to go on fishing expeditions on people's reading

habits and that innocent people could get tagged as potential terrorists based on what they check out from a library.

"If the government suspects someone is looking up how to make atom bombs, go to a court and get a search warrant," Jerold Nadler, D-N.Y., said.

Supporters of the Patriot Act countered that the rules on reading records are a potentially useful tool in finding terrorists and

argued that the House was voting to make libraries safe havens for them.

"If there are terrorists in libraries studying how to fly planes, how to put together biological weapons, how to put together chemical weapons, nuclear weapons ... we have to have an avenue through the federal court system so that we can stop the attack before it occurs," Rep. Tom Feeney, R-Fla., said.

Last year, a similar provision was derailed by a 210-210 tie after several Republicans were pressured to switch votes.

In the meantime, a number of libraries have begun disposing of patrons' records quickly so they will

not be available if sought under the law.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales told Congress in April that the government has never used the provision to obtain library, bookstore, medical or gun sale records.

But when asked whether the administration would agree to exclude library and medical records from the law, Gonzales demurred.

"It should not be held against us that we have exercised restraint," he said.

Authorities have gained access to records through voluntary cooperation from librarians, Gonzales and FBI Director Robert Mueller said.

## Orientation leaders welcome freshmen

by J. LAUREN HUMPHREY  
reporter

Instead of going to the beach, hanging out with friends, or traveling this summer, there are a faithful few staying in Huntington committed to being the first faces of Marshall that freshmen and transfer students see.

Last Wednesday, eight orientation leaders took new students through the rigors of orientation, academic advising, presentations and getting their student IDs. They also led icebreakers, took the students to hear speakers and tried to get to know the incoming students one-on-one.

"I just wanted to be a positive face for Marshall, and help those that weren't completely committed to coming yet, to make their decision," Jared Bradley, a sophomore business management major, said. "This is really their final step before committing to Marshall."

The eight orientation leaders were chosen from more than 20 students and were put through an in-depth application and

interviewing process. Some of the process included group activities to see if they worked well with others.

Once chosen, the leaders completed two days of training in the ID office, Career Services Center and bookstore. Colleen Talley, a senior health science major, said this was a great way to get to know department heads that students do not normally have contact with.

She said she heard about being an orientation leader through a friend who had been one and gave her some positive feedback about it.

Working as a leader the second time around, Talley said she feels she has more experience and is now more comfortable with the job.

"I would recommend this to anyone wanting to be involved," she said. "This is a great way if you are going to be in Huntington."

Orientation leaders work 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for \$10 an hour.

For more information, contact Erin Bradley at 696-6752.

## Aruban police search home of Dutch youth concerning disappearance of Alabama teen

NOORD, Aruba (AP) — Aruban police yesterday searched the home of a high-ranking Dutch judicial official whose son was with an Alabama honors student the night she disappeared, carrying out plastic garbage bags full of items and towing away two vehicles.

Earlier, the official, Paul van der Sloot, asked a judge for permission to see his 17-year-old son, Joran, who remains in police custody with two other young men in the May 30 disappearance of Natalee Holloway, 18.

Lawyers for the three (Joran van der Sloot and brothers Deepak Kalpoe, 21, and Satish Kalpoe, 18) also asked a judge to see the evidence against their clients.

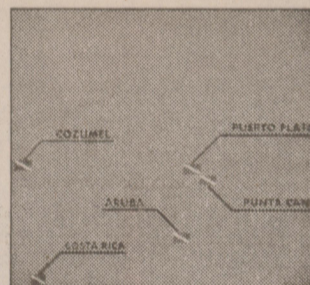
Holloway was celebrating her graduation from Mountain Brook, Ala., High

School with 124 other students and seven chaperones when she vanished during the early hours of May 30. Her U.S. passport and packed bags were found in her room.

Numerous searches by authorities, volunteer islanders and tourists have led nowhere. No one has been charged in the case.

On Tuesday, FBI agents and officers from the Miami-Dade police department used German Shepherd dogs to search a beachside mangrove swamp next to the Marriott Hotel after a former detainee in the case said the three young men may have lied to police about where they took Holloway. The area, known as Malmok beach, is a popular nighttime spot for lovers.

The three initially said they took Holloway to a beach on the northern part



of the island but dropped her off at her Holiday Inn, where they claim she was approached by a security guard.

Yesterday's search of the van der Sloot home lasted about four hours. Two white-uniformed investigators from Holland carried suitcases into the one-story, yellow-beige home, which includes an attached apartment where the young man lives. They later returned the suitcases to their white, unmarked car.

Investigators also emerged from the house carrying two white plastic

garbage bags full of unidentified items. A German Shepherd dog also sniffed around the property outside the capital, Oranjestad.

Authorities towed a blue sport utility vehicle and a red Jeep away from the house, which is surrounded by a low stone wall and fronted by an expanse of trees and cacti.

"The search is part of the investigation," Mariaine Croes, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Caren Janssen, said.

Croes said both cars belonged to the family, but she did not say why they were taken away.

Janssen, who also went into the house, declined to comment as investigators wrapped up their search at about 4 p.m.

Six police officers guarded the entrance to the property.

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## ULBRICH

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machinery to make equipment for the army.

"This little state has given its all," Manchin said. "Scotty is a friend to all of us because he paid the ultimate price."

General Allen E. Tackett of the West Virginia National Guard said he did not personally know Ulbrich, but said he is proud to call him his brother-in-arms. He said dying for one's country is the most honorable way to die.

"Sometimes we forget this nation is at war," Tackett said. "Freedom

really isn't free. There's a price to pay for the freedoms we enjoy. Scotty paid that ultimate price."

At the beginning of the service Student Body President Michael Misiti read a proclamation from the university.

Misiti said he wishes more students had appreciation for those who ensure their freedom.

"It was truly an honor to be there to represent the university," he said. "I hate the fact that you have to go to a service like that to have that appreciation for those fighting for us in Iraq. It's something that the 17,000 students here can't see."

Steve Hensley, dean of

student affairs, said the memorial service makes one realize there are more important things going on in the world.

"It puts into perspective the trivial annoyances that happen on a daily basis," he said.

Ulbrich earned four medals for his service. He earned the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, the Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

The other two soldiers who died with Ulbrich are Staff Sgt. Justin L. Vasquez, 26, from Manzanola, Colo., and Spc. Eric J. Poelman, 21, from Racine, Wis.

## MURALS

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"We would like to have the paintings finished by the end of the year, but nothing is really set in stone," Winters said. "If we don't get all of the money by then, it's OK. As long as they are done eventually, that's all that matters."

If the remaining costs cannot be met, the paint-

ings are likely to be put back into storage, Cora Teel, university librarian and archivist, said. It would be great if Marshall could budget an amount to help fund the remainder of the project, she said.

"I think it would be wonderful if Marshall earmarked money for the completion of this project," Teel said. "I'm in favor of any project that preserves the history of the university, and the murals are a significant part of that history. In

this climate of budget crisis, however, it's not realistic to think that will happen."

Once everything is complete, another grand opening will take place and the murals will be available for the public to view, Winters said.

Members of the Huntington and Marshall communities who want more information or are interested in donating can contact Winters at 696-2318.

## Congress not high on marijuana Supports 10 Commandments, not Cuba

by ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yes, the government can make a federal case out of medical marijuana use, the House said yesterday.

Less than a week ago, the Supreme Court ruled that the government can prosecute medical marijuana users, even when state laws permit doctor-prescribed use of the drug. In response, the House rejected a bid by advocates to undercut the decision.

By a 264-161 vote, the House turned down an amendment that would have blocked the Justice Department from prosecuting people in the 10 states where the practice is legal.

Advocates say it is the only way that many chronically ill people, such as AIDS and cancer patients, can relieve their symptoms.

"It is unconscionable that we in Congress could possibly presume to tell a patient that he or she cannot use the only medication that has proven to combat the pain and symptoms associated with a devastating illness," Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., said.

Opponents of the amendment said it would undercut efforts to combat marijuana abuse. They said Marinol, a government-approved prescription drug that contains the active ingredient in marijuana, offers comparable relief.

"Marijuana has never

**Marijuana can increase the risk of serious mental health problems ...**

— Mark Souder,  
US Representative (R-Ind.)

been proven as safe and effective for any disease," Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., said. "Marijuana can increase the risk of serious mental health problems, and in teens, marijuana use can lead to depression, thoughts of suicide, and schizophrenia."

The vote came as the House debated a \$57.5 billion bill covering the departments of Commerce, Justice and State.

Proponents of medical marijuana had hoped to gain momentum following the high court's ruling. A poll commissioned by the Marijuana Policy Project found that respondents, by a 68-18 percent margin, believe that medical marijuana users should not face federal prosecution.

The poll, conducted June 8 through 11 by Mason Dixon Polling and Research, also found that 65 percent of those surveyed favored doctor-prescribed medical marijuana, with 20 percent opposed.

A similar amendment last year was defeated by a

comparable margin.

"A lot of these guys voting against it are just afraid because it's a 'drug issue,'" Rep. Sam Farr, D-Calif., said.

In a wide-ranging debate, the House also voted again to support the display of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of government building and narrowly rejected an amendment to block restrictions on gift parcels shipped to Cuba.

By a 242-182 vote, the House approved an amendment by John Hostettler, R-Ind., to block the government from carrying out a federal judge's order that a monument on a courthouse lawn in his district representing the Ten Commandments be removed as a violation of the prohibition between church and state.

The 216-210 vote on Cuba reversed a trend in recent years of rising sentiment in Congress in favor of relaxing penalties against Cuba. The House passed a similar amendment last year by a 221-194 vote.

At issue are tighter restrictions imposed a year ago on package shipments, including those sent to Cubans by people in the U.S.

"We are not going to prop up the regime in Cuba by sending toothpaste and toilet paper," Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said.

A White House policy statement said, "It is essential to maintain sanctions and travel restrictions to deny economic resources to the brutal" rule of President Fidel Castro.

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## CDC examines N.C. HIV test

by DANIEL YEE  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly three years after a much-heralded HIV test uncovered an outbreak among black male college students in North Carolina, the test is still not being widely used, a delay some experts blame on government foot-dragging.

Government officials said they are not yet endorsing the test because more studies need to be done before they are convinced of its effectiveness. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced plans this week to study the test, called NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) in two upcoming trials.

"The questions are hard questions," Dr. Bernard Branson, associate director for lab diagnostics for the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention said. "The only way to answer them is to evaluate it."

NAAT provides a new weapon for HIV experts. It

**We can't wait for the CDC to do anything, it's up to the localities to take the initiative.**

— Dr. Jeffrey Klausner,  
San Francisco's director of STD prevention

was the main reason North Carolina health officials, who developed the test, were able to uncover an outbreak of the AIDS virus among 84 students at 37 colleges in the state.

Conventional tests hunt for HIV by looking for antibodies. But these can take weeks to develop in the bloodstream, meaning a recently infected person would test negative.

The NAAT test, by contrast, finds the actual virus itself, and can do so within a week after infection.

Because the test is expensive, it is done using blood pooling: Up to 100 samples that tested negative using antibody tests are pooled together and tested at once. If the virus is not found in the pooled sample, officials go no further. If the virus is found,

individual samples are tested until the positive match is found.

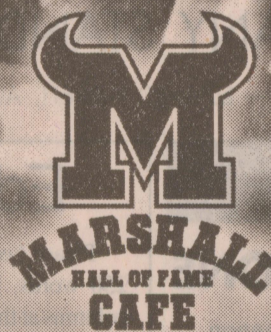
NAAT has increased HIV detection by 4 percent in North Carolina and 8 percent in San Francisco, where it has been used since 2003. Nonetheless, few places use the test, mainly because many health officials are waiting for the CDC to endorse it.

Some experts said the time to use the test is now.

"We can't wait for the CDC to do anything, it's up to localities to take the initiative," Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, San Francisco's director of sexually transmitted disease prevention, said. "I would love to see strong evidence, but we often have to act and implement control efforts before we have the highest level of evidence."

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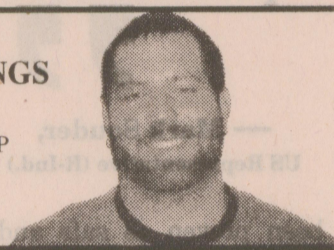
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## War in Iraq is still going on, people

### HUPP'S HARPINGS

BY MICHAEL HUPP  
news editor



Another soldier was killed in Iraq today. Short of a brief sound bite, I saw no information on CNN about who the soldier was other than a name and city, but not about who the soldier WAS.

I will be the first to say I am against our military being in Iraq. We have no business being there. Saddam Hussein did not hijack a plane and fly it into the towers. Oil. Plain and simple oil, but that's another time. Right now we have to remember there is still a war going on.

People are focusing too much attention to the Michael Jackson freak show in California and Senate approvals. I personally am sick of it. We have soldiers dying daily on foreign soil. What about them? Sure the families and communities where these fallen soldiers have come from will forever remember them, but not the country as a whole. Are we going to give these soldiers the respect they deserve?

It is sad enough we sent them to Iraq and Afghanistan to fight in the first place. Now we are diverting attention in the media about the issue here: young men and women are dying. It is almost as if they are disposable. You did your job. You filled a spot. You died. Here is a flag for your family. Your country thanks you.

It is not that simple, people. Until the last troop is brought home, we should constantly be reminded of how many of our soldiers are sacrificing themselves. The families of these soldiers should constantly be embraced for the sacrifice they made for this country. The media should not downplay the severity of these soldiers dying. They are defending your liberties.

It is time to bring the troops home. We have freed Iraq of the Hussein regime. Our government says we can't because of insurgents. Newsflash! They are insurgents because they do not want us there. Would American citizens want a foreign army occupying our land? The military did its job, so many have forgotten we are still there. Just remember the war is still on and people are still dying.

We cannot let the soldiers feel like their job and sacrifices are not important. I do not support the cause, but I support every man and woman whose bravery gives me the freedoms I enjoy daily. The media and the public should also, no matter our personal beliefs. Let's face it. George may be dumb and misguided, but does that mean the rest of us should be? Support our troops. Do not forget them.

## Kinetic Park not the best name

by MATT SABIN  
columnist

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet..." So goes love struck Juliet's line in Shakespeare's famous play when she finds out her love's name. How right she is. The power behind a name can be astounding. For example, what impression do you form from the name 'Enron'? Corporate corruption, retirement savings gone, you get the point. A name can make a great impression, but it can also make a bad one.

Maybe this is the reason Kinetic Park is having a hard time. Ask any marketing major, "When trying to market oneself, how

important is the name of one's business and its location?" and they just kinda look at you funny. It's everything. Now, does the name 'Kinetic Park' really make you want to run right out and invest in it? Could it be any more boring? I recently overheard a conversation about Kinetic Park. The impression they got from the name was a cold sterile 'science-y' type of industrial site, like those on the National Superfund List.

Intrigued, I started asking questions. Does 'Kinetic Park' give them a negative feeling? Maybe that's why businesses weren't piling into it the way the city had hoped. I began to think that perhaps the best thing for Kinetic Park was to

change its name to something warmer and more enticing. When I looked into the changing of business names, I repeatedly found the same thing. If a site has had some bad publicity, changing its name may be the easiest option to distance it from the past.

Changing a name can do wonders. For example, the name 'Enron' leaves a bad taste in about 99.5 percent of Americans' mouths. But when their Oil and Gas Branch changed its name to Cross Country, positive results were seen overnight. In one move, they managed to effectively separate themselves from the fallout of Enron's scandal.

While Kinetic Park's problems are not related to

scandal, the name 'Kinetic Park' doesn't create a warm fuzzy feeling either.

If a simple name change can help a company overcome the Enron scandal, think what it could do for Kinetic Park!

What about planting signature trees throughout and using them in the name? The Royal Empress tree has been used in China to help stabilize the sliding dirt on hillsides for decades. It grows rapidly, bears beautiful fragrant flowers in the spring, provides shade in the summer, and grows well in this area. With that in mind, what about a name like 'Royal Empress Park'? Maybe the College of Business should look into this and help the city of Huntington.

## Politicians should not decide moral issues

by RICHARD TIPTON  
columnist

Largo, Fla.'s Medical examiner's office released Terry Schiavo's autopsy results yesterday.

Finding she had irreversible brain damage and was blind supported husband Michael Schiavo's "contention she was in a persistent vegetative state," the Associated Press reported.

Ah, the Terry Schiavo case. It seems like a million years ago, a distant blip on the media landscape, a time when 1,700 American troops hadn't lost their lives to rich men's folly.

Before the Michael Jackson acquittal, before Britney Spears' "Chaotic," and even before Paris Hilton declared her intentions to marry a guy named Paris, politics remained politics and was never more evinced than in the antics of House Majority Leader, Texan Tom Delay and our Commander in Chief George W. Bush during the Schiavo case.

Delay's fiery rhetoric in

the House of Representatives urged his colleagues to draft a bill forcing the replacement of Terry Schiavo's feeding tube.

And even President Bush interrupted his Texas, Easter break to fly to Washington to sign into law—under the cover of darkness—"The Palm Sunday Compromise," using the opportunity to champion a "culture of life" as American violence rendered living Iraqi civilians dead.

After Schiavo died Tom Delay pointed his finger at what he calls an out of control judiciary saying, "The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior." Florida and Georgia courts refused to reopen the case and the Supreme Court declined six times to hear arguments.

This woman, literally, had half a brain. Would the "sanctity" and "culture of life," be as important if you had to live at the expense and burden of others because someone else, especially someone of the

likes of Tom Delay, defined for you the implications of his subjective, political, partisan definition of the sanctity of life? Just as comedian George Carlin said, and I paraphrase: the sanctity of life was created in the spirit of self-interest. And so goes politics and hypocrisy.

Succinctly, we are wired to survive and apparently to talk out of both sides of our mouth.

Only the living speak, the dead don't drive. Indeed, it's a biased and ignorant opinion when life speaks for the silenced dead or, in this case, closest thing to it.

Where were the "sanctity of marriage" freaks when the executive and legislative branches were infringing on Michael Schiavo's right as a husband to carry out his wife's wishes?

And if you didn't need any more reason to dislike President Bush, then contrast his record, his walk, his talk, in "err[ing] on the side of life," and it's not difficult to see his actions in the Schiavo circus as pure

politics. After all, the Buffalo News, March 25, 2005, reported in 1999 the Texas legislature "wrote a 'medical futility' statute that was signed into law by then governor George Bush. This law allows hospitals to remove life support from patients they consider to have a futile medical condition, and the patient's relatives can do nothing to prevent it."

Indeed, about two weeks prior to Bush and Delay's attempted forced replacement of Terry Schiavo's feeding tube, 5-month-old Sun Hudson's mother objected as her son's life support was removed. Perhaps in Bush's haste to "err on the side of life," he didn't remember how baby Sun Hudson died in a Houston hospital—a direct action of his signature.

I have only one request should I ever succumb to a persistent vegetative state: someone please shoot me before the likes of the Texas two-steps, Tom Delay and George W. Bush, can save me for their political gain.

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## LETTERS to the editor

### MU child care offers a 'helping hand' to parents

Editor's note: This letter is in response to "Child care facility could anchor Pullman Square" published Thursday June 9, page 13.

I am a single mother of a four-year-old and he attends daycare at the Marshall Child Development Academy. I personally know the struggles a single parent has to contend with daily. I was given a wonderful helping hand by Marshall. Marshall does have a wonderful child care center. Located right off 5th Avenue behind Steiner's Trucking. My son has been attending now for almost four years.

The Child Development Academy is of the utmost quality and child care professionals I have ever encountered. My son is well educated, as well as nurtured in a beautiful almost family-like environment. He is well socialized and an outgoing child due in part to them. He is surrounded by a beautifully diverse racial and ethnic makeup of children and staff workers.

The staff is wonderfully trained and seem to genuinely care about the children under its roof. My son is kept busy and his imagination stimulated by the comprehensive curriculum provided. I feel blessed to know my son is safe and secure at the Marshall Child Development Academy. I attend classes at MU knowing he is receiving the best care and guidance. That helps make me a better student and hopefully, mother. My son goes to kindergarten soon and I know he has been given the best start for his future.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to the superior job done at the MU Child Development Academy. Without them I wouldn't have come this far in my education and wanted to just tell them thank you for all they have done.

Cheryl and Tristan Depta  
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## QUOTE OF THE DAY: "EDUCATION IS A BETTER SAFEGUARD THAN ANY STANDING ARMY."

— EDWARD EVERETT, AUTHOR

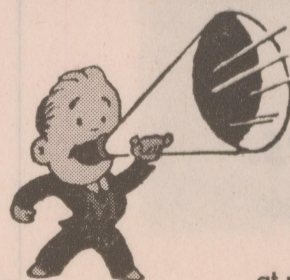
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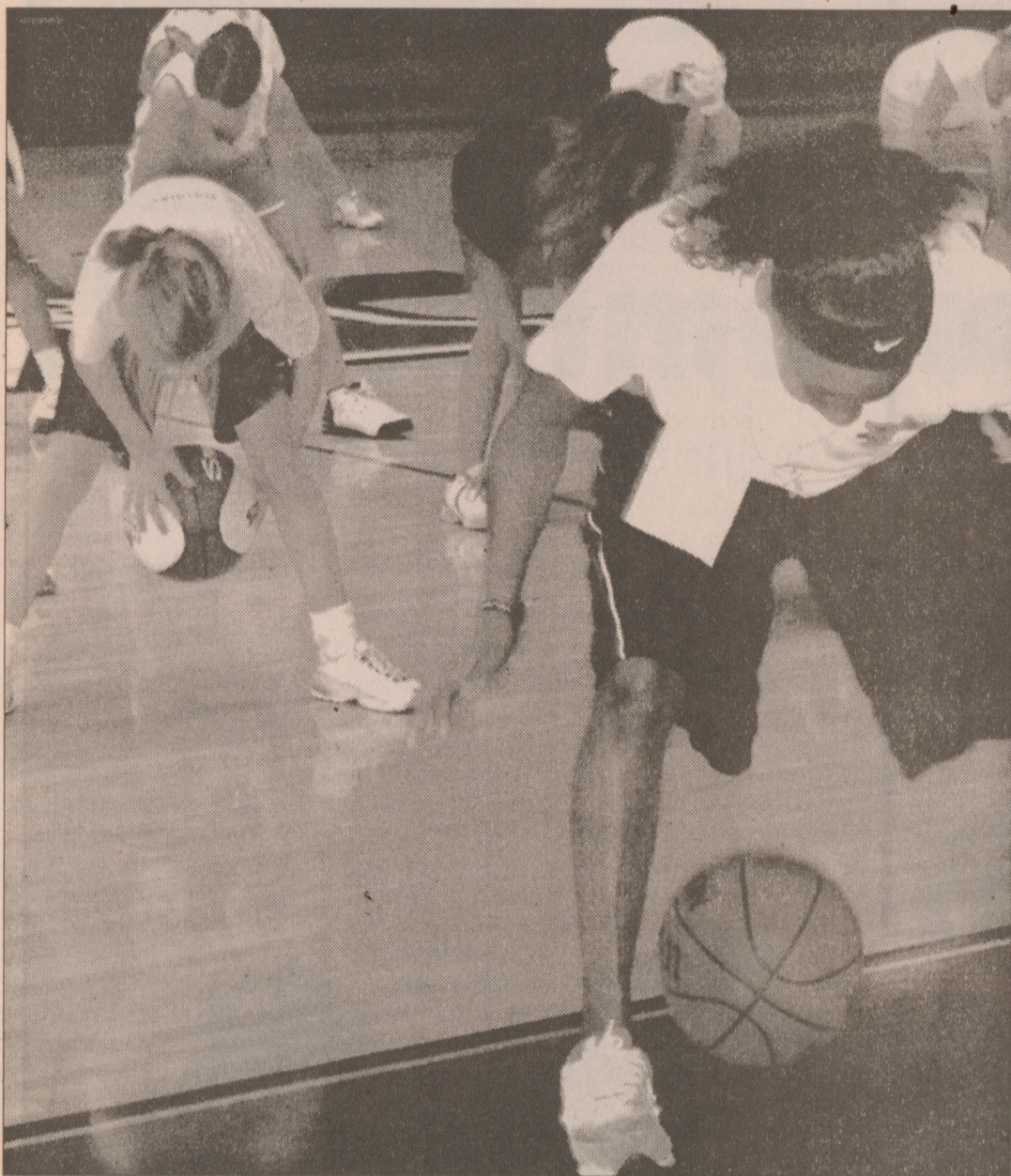
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# Having a ball at camp



Marshall guard Sikeetha Shepherd-Hall is one of the players giving a helping hand at this summer's Little Dribbler basketball camp. The Little Dribbler Camp continues through Friday.

photo by Brad Bader

## Herd helping with 'little dribblers'

by BRAD BADER  
sports correspondent

The Marshall women's basketball program started its annual Little Dribblers Camp Monday at the Cam Henderson Center.

The camp is designed to teach girls ages five to 12 basic basketball skills such as ball handling, passing and shooting.

Head coach Royce Chadwick said as the days go by, the campers will get chances to learn other skills.

"As the week goes on, we'll get more individual fundamentals," he said. "We'll get into team fundamentals before the end of camp."

More than 90 girls, most of which have attended the camp previous summers, have signed up this year.

"We get to see how much they've grown and improved," Chadwick said. "They are excited about wanting to play basketball and they want to

have some fun."

Aside from the coaching staff, four players from the team, including two softball players, are helping to teach the campers.

Sophomore forward KaShawna Curry, who attended different camps during her high school career, said what she wants the most is the girls to have fun during this experience.

"I hope they get to learn fundamentals, strategies and getting their defensive mindsets right," she said. "But most importantly they need to have fun with what they learn."

Madison, who has attended the camp for three years, said she knows why she keeps coming back.

"I've always thought basketball was fun," she said. "I came and learned a lot and really enjoy it."

Five-year-old Amber, who is attending for the first time, said she already knows why she is there.

"I like basketball," she said. "I like learning how to dribble."

With some girls returning and some coming for their first time, Chadwick said these camps help them not only get better, but find what it is they love.

"Anymore, all sports are pretty much year round, and if you don't play year round, someone is going to pass you by," he said. "It's important for youngsters to get out at a young age and find their niche and stay with it."

Chadwick also said another reward is getting the chance to give to those who supported him and his team.

"It's a unique opportunity for us to give back a little bit to the community," he said. "It's always a way to say thanks."

After the Little Dribbler Camp ends Friday, a one-day camp will take place for junior high and high school students Saturday at the Cam Henderson Center.

**"It's a unique opportunity for us to give back a little bit to the community. It's always a way to say thanks."**

— Royce Chadwick, Marshall women's basketball coach

## Kicking it at Kane's camp

by BRAD BADER  
sports correspondent

More than 45 girls kicked off their summer by signing up for the second annual Chris Kane soccer camp.

The camp started Tuesday for girls ages three to 18, ranging from beginner to experienced players.

Campers were able to choose from two different sessions: one that runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or the extended camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chris Kane, who is the Marshall's women's soccer coach, said the camp is designed to get girls involved with staying active.

"Anytime you can get out and do any type of athletic activity is great," he said. "These kids could be doing anything like staying inside and watching TV and playing video games, so anytime they get outside is very important."

Up to nine players from Marshall's soccer team are participating at the camp this year to teach the girls, Kane said.

"We're teaching the basics of soccer and the technical aspect," he said. "Most importantly we're teaching them the fun of the game."

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— Chris Kane,  
Marshall women's  
soccer coach

One of the soccer players, freshman goalkeeper Mallory Lazell, said this is the first camp she has been a part of the staff rather than a camper.

"I had been to a few," she said, "but I never had the opportunity at a young age like most of these girls. I didn't get to a camp until I was almost eleven."

Lazell said she hopes each girl will get a chance to understand there is work involved to keep up,

but also know the benefits, too.

"I want to teach them that it can be hard work but never lose sight that it is meant to be fun playing soccer especially at this age," she said. "I also hope they can meet new friends and make new friendships."

Danielle Lobo, a camper who is attending the camp for the first time, said she came because she likes the sports and the camp's location.

"I really like playing soccer better than other sports," she said. "I also really like Marshall."

One of the more popular activities the girls get to play is called Doctor, Doctor.

"It's so fun, we play it a couple times a day," Lobo said.

Beyond learning soccer skills and playing games, Kane said the camp helps to build a good bond between his players and the campers for the future.

"This camp gives them a chance to meet some of the Marshall players and get to know them so we build up a fan base for the fall," he said. "It's great to see them back in September at our games and calling out players and cheering for them."

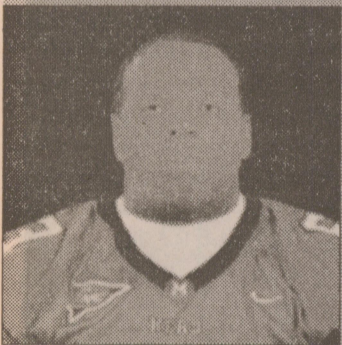
The camp is set to end Friday at 3 p.m.



photo by Brad Bader

Marshall goalkeeper Mallory Lazell gives a helping hand at the Chris Kane soccer camp. The camp is for girls three to 18 and is for all ranges of experience. Campers have the chance to learn soccer skills and to bond with other campers.

## Inman suspended



Inman

After being arrested on a charge of driving under the influence, Marshall University football player John Inman was suspended by head coach Mark Snyder.

Inman was a reserve player last season on Marshall's offensive line and was a possible starter this season. The sophomore from Knoxville, Tenn., will be suspended for the Herd's opener against William and

Mary, Sept. 1.

"I am disappointed in John," Snyder said. "Anytime one of our student-athletes makes a poor decision, it is very discouraging. This is a matter that we take very seriously and are addressing it in an appropriate way. Unfortunately for John and the Marshall football family, he will be suspended for our opening game against William and Mary."

Can't get enough sports?

Sound off about anything sports with Parthenon sports editor Ben Hunt!

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## Down by the river



by Richard Tipton

columnist

After many years of wrangling, hand wringing and waiting, Pullman Square has transformed from an intangible dream to 200,000 square feet of physical reality.

It ain't nice, or correct to complain about a dearth of activity in Huntington. We have seen the death of the dearth in Huntington and it begins riverside at Pullman Square.

Got a comedy Jones in need of exorcism? Then take your demons to the Huntington Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information concerning show times and group events go to [www.wvfunnybone.com](http://www.wvfunnybone.com) (as of Wednesday afternoon this may be a better option than calling 781-1000, which connects to an automated answering system with four options ranging from event times to directions to the club. Unless you find the recorded message "custom service menu" helpful, calling this number won't be funny at all.

If comedy or comedians doesn't provide your entertainment needs then maybe a movie on state-of-the-art screens, 16 to be exact, with stadium seating for all 2,800 of you will satisfy your cinematic desires.

Marquee Cinemas specialize in first run films for movie connoisseurs or lonely boys and girls with nothing better to do than to laugh, cry, escape or be homesick some other place besides the dorm.

Now showing: Madagascar and Star Wars: Episode III's Revenge of the Sith, among others.

For more information by logging on to <http://www.marqueecinemas.com>. If being stuck for a couple of hours in a comedy club or movie isn't appealing, then patronizing independent bookseller Empire Books & News will inspire your own flights of imagination. It shouldn't be difficult among the 70,000 book titles and 6,000 magazines on display.

No man, get lost in this place.

This amazing bookstore has large boardroom type tables and leather sofas and chairs, complimented by Huntington's own Village Roaster serving full bodied, bold, aromatic coffee from a quaint bar. Empire takes this writer back to elementary school days when libraries were larger than life.

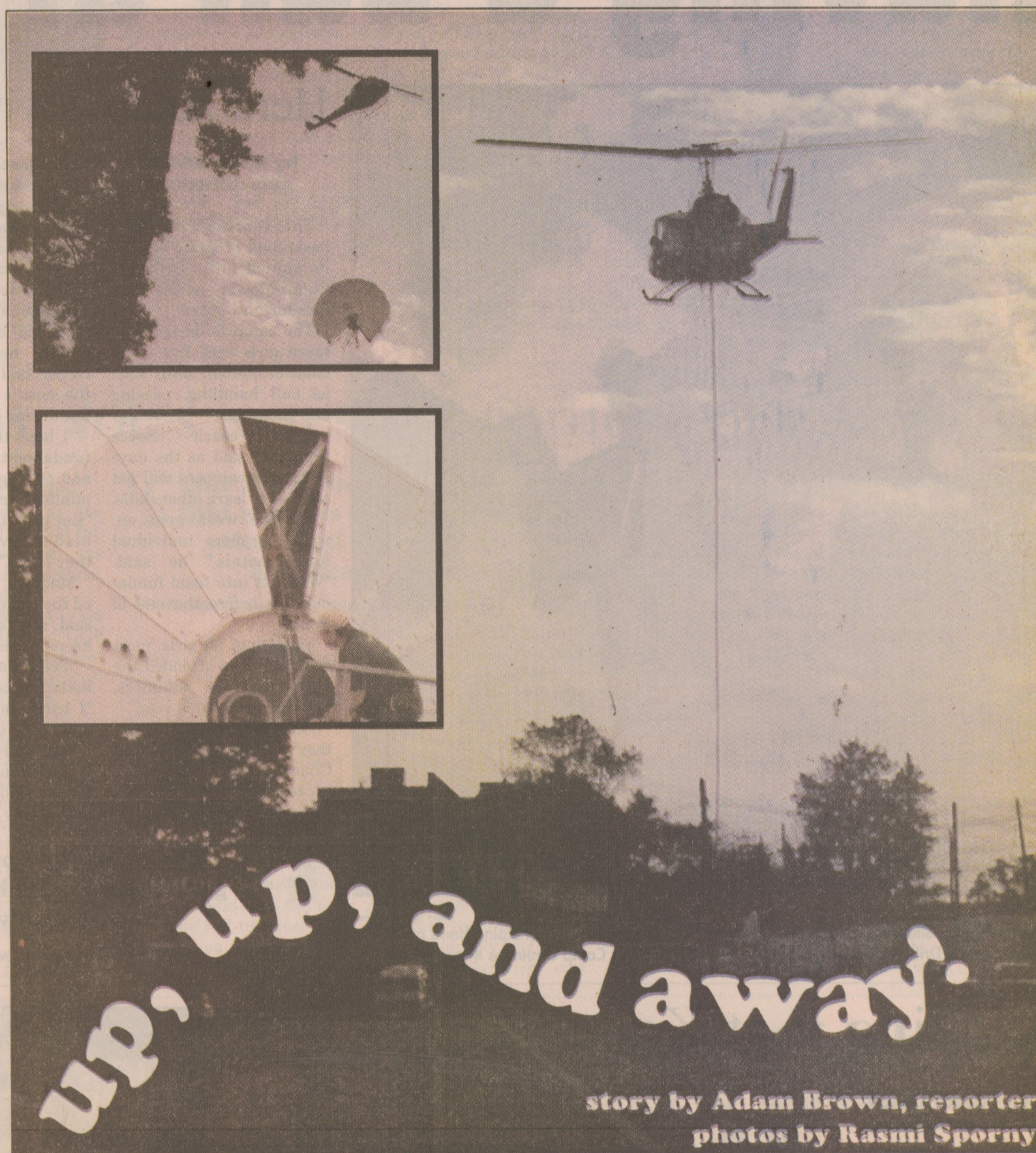
Row after row of titles awaits the discerning book buyer or browser. Perhaps I am biased; I've always loved huge stacks of books. But apart from Pullman Square's addition to Huntington as a whole, Empire Books & News, hands down, impresses the most.

But don't take my word for it. Get out, get up and do something. The time for excuses has passed. Celebrate Huntington. Celebrate life and freedom. Go down by the river, listen to the train whistle and get lost, man.



photo by Ashley Perks

The breezeway connecting the garages at Pullman Square



story by Adam Brown, reporter  
photos by Rasmi Sporny

A Vietnam War Huey helicopter removed a satellite from the roof of Smith Hall Sunday evening.

Police blocked off Third Avenue from 20th Street to Hal Greer Boulevard, blocked off the 20th Street entrance into Commerce Avenue and closed the area around Smith Hall.

The 1,700-pound satellite was lifted from the roof in two pieces and taken to the nearby Empire Recycling Center.

The satellite, which was the largest to

line the Smith Hall roof, was owned by WPMY. WPMY used to broadcast from the Communications Building, which is connected to Smith Hall and now houses the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Workers removing the object first used the helicopter to loosen the bolts. They then tried to lift the entire satellite but were unsuccessful.

"When it's humid the density altitude increases and when the density altitude

increases helicopters don't like to fly," Dave McClanahan, engineer for West Virginia said. "Our pilot is flying against a density altitude of 3,600 feet so that's significant."

After splitting the satellite into two pieces the helicopter successfully lifted each piece and took them to the recycling center.

The helicopter, which saw action in Vietnam from 1962-1970, is owned by Marpat aviation, which is based out of Logan.

## 'Batman' saga begins again

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio - Superhero movies seem to be all the rage these days. With the release of "X-Men" in 2000, comic book characters ranging from the notorious ("The Incredible Hulk," "Spider-Man") to the not-so-famous ("Daredevil") began making their silver screen transformations. It was only a matter of time before a new Batman movie was announced for consumption, and it comes in the form of "Batman Begins."

With Val Kilmer and George Clooney delivering dismal performances in the past two Batman films ("Batman Forever" and "Batman & Robin," respectively), some considered this to be a dead franchise. After all, if some of Hollywood's best actors were flopping in their portrayals of the black knight, who could possibly fill Batman's shoes?

Enter Christian Bale, a relative no-name in the business whose work is primarily known through the independent film community for his work in "American Psycho" and "The Machinist." He does an absolutely phenomenal job portraying Bruce Wayne in the film, supplying the character with the subtle charm that Val Kilmer failed to exude on all levels, and the bad-ass attitude that nice-guy George Clooney simply could not execute.

Thankfully, Bale is not the only highlight of this movie. Liam Neeson, fresh out of his Jedi tunic, takes on the role of Henri Ducard. Ducard is an upper-level operative in a Far Eastern group with plans to purge the corrupt from modern-day society. He ends up training Bruce Wayne to become part of his ninja squad, the League of Shadows.

As Ducard completes his training with Bruce Wayne, he informs his protege of a

plot to destroy Gotham City, which is considered to be a hotbed of corrupt villainy. After Wayne takes out the terrorist headquarters while simultaneously sparing the life of Ducard, he decides to head back to Gotham in order to purge the city of treachery himself by enforcing justice as Batman.

Upon returning to Gotham, Wayne discovers that things are not exactly how he left them. Wayne Enterprises is about to become a publicly traded company, and crime rates are skyrocketing throughout the slums of Gotham City. Wayne begins to use experimental technology developed by Wayne Enterprises to become Batman, utilizing the help of Lucius Fox, the man responsible for developing the better part of Batman's technology. As Fox, Morgan Freeman is responsible for some of the best displays of comic relief throughout the movie, something that hasn't been done well in these superhero revival flicks, with the notable exception of the Spider-Man series.

Every Batman movie certainly would not be complete without a love interest, and in this case, it is Katie Holmes, who plays the role of Bruce Wayne's childhood friend, Rachel. However, Holmes comes up incredibly short, coming off as annoying and predictable at best. She is the stereotypical feminist equipped with a passion for justice and morality and a brain to back it all up. This role might have worked with another actress, but with Holmes, everything just seems so forced. There is simply no way that Holmes can be believed as a district attorney with a panache for sleuthing around where she should not be.

To make up for every moment Holmes appears on screen, "Batman Begins" features some incredibly stunning action

sequences. Rather than dashing into combat, guns-a-blazin', Batman definitely uses the more tactical and stealthy approach, and uses it well. Swords play a big role in the action scenes, and some of the combat between Wayne and Ducard gives Star Wars' lightsaber warfare a run for its money.

Aside from Holmes' atrocious performance and a haphazard plotline, Batman Begins is incredibly well-produced and helped along by some very talented actors, allowing the plot to be a bit easier to swallow. The conclusion to the film is appropriate, to say the least. With an ending like this, it looks like the Batman franchise could potentially begin anew.



photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

Christian Bale portrays Batman in the new movie 'Batman Begins.'