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MU dean named to leadership program

by **ADAM BROWN**
reporter

As one of only 104 accredited journalism programs, the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communication is known for producing leaders in the mass media field.



Dennison

Similarly, Corley Dennison, dean of the SOJMC is one of 13

deans selected to participate in the inaugural JMC Leadership Institute.

Sponsored by the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication, the selective program is designed for new deans and includes participants from Arizona State University, University of Nevada—Las Vegas and the University of Kansas.

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— **Dr. Corley Dennison, SOJMC dean**

other schools are handling similar situations that we are not alone in facing," Dennison said. "MU has a wonderful tradition. We're in there with the top schools and I think we'll compare favorably."

The institute, which runs until 2007, will consist of four face-to-face meetings a year.

"We have meetings plus material to read and we'll have discussion meetings on the phone," Dennison

said. "I expect it will be like taking a class."

In addition to communicating regularly with other participants, each dean will have an executive coach to help with intricacies of the fellowship.

"The executive coach will be someone with experience in higher education who has fought the bureaucratic battles," Dennison said.

He said two of his concerns are changing technology and the curriculum.

"Our main concern is to keep current with the equipment," Dennison said. "We've made good progress and we need to keep rising to the trend especially with

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MU student enlists in Army after four years with Air Force

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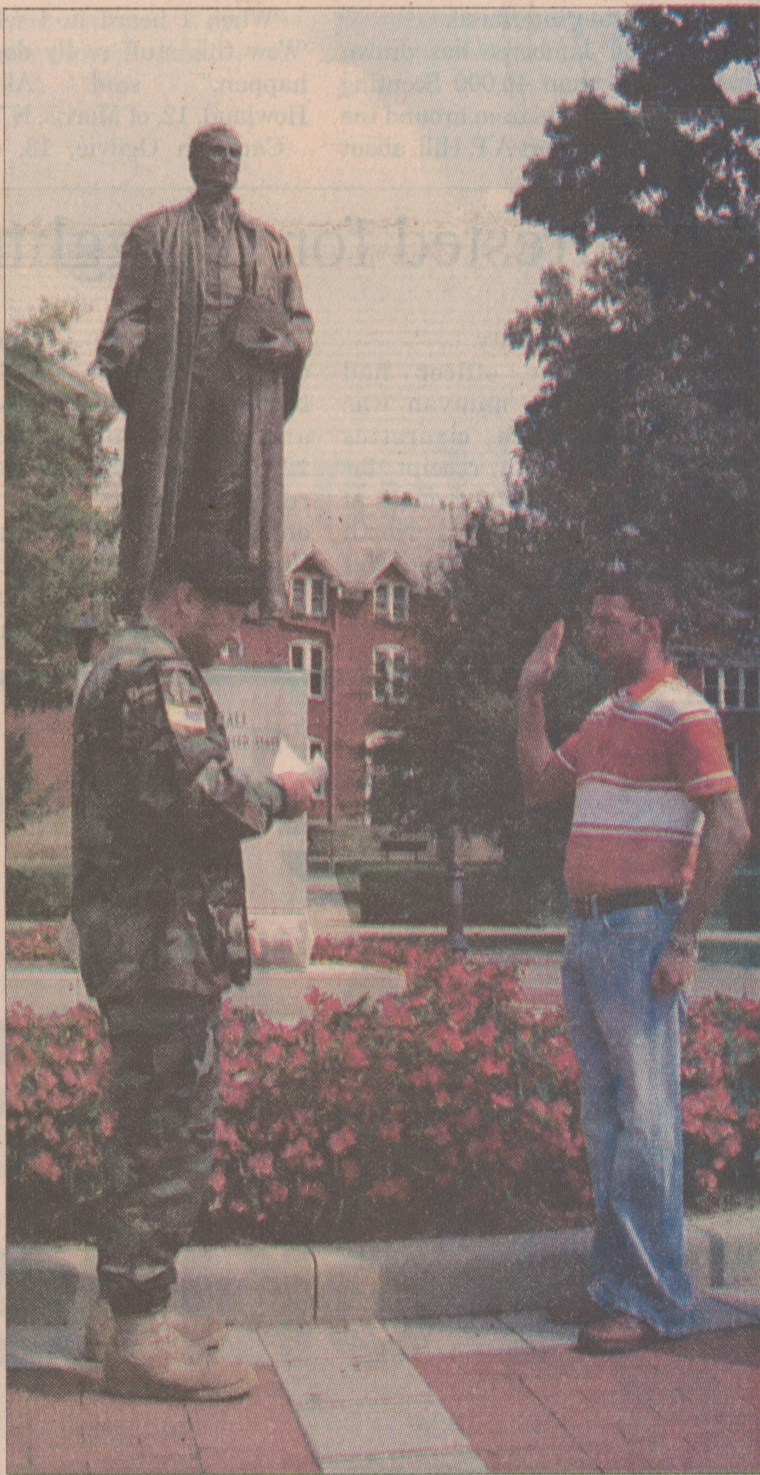


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Capt. Shane Nichols (left), of the 771st Troop Command, gave Joey Williamson (right) the Army oath in front of the John Marshall Statue yesterday. Williamson chose to enter the Army after serving four years in the Air Force.

by **RASMILIYA SPORNY**
executive editor

A Marshall student made a life-changing decision at 11:12 a.m. as he raised his right hand to take an oath while standing in front of the John Marshall statue on campus yesterday.

Byron "Joey" Williamson, from Man, W.Va., made the decision to re-enlist in the West Virginia Army National Guard. This decision came two years after he was honorably discharged after serv-

ing four years in the Air Force. Williamson was deployed to Iraq for one year where he served as a military police officer.

"I have a strong sense of patriotism and I like being part of a team and I feel good that I'm doing something," Williamson said. "I always enjoyed that when I was in the Air Force. Protecting and serving my country is something that is really important to me, and I enjoy doing it."

Williamson joined the Air Force in 1999 and was dis-

charged in 2003. He decided to pursue his childhood dream of being a police officer and enrolled at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College as a criminal justice major. He enrolled at Marshall this summer to complete his degree.

While in Iraq, Williamson said it was tough work, but he enjoyed learning about the culture. He asked a local contractor about the Islamic faith and if it

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MU prepares new students with Welcome Weekend

by **KRISTINA MURRILL**
copy editor

Family, food and fun will be the weekend entertainment for incoming freshmen and transfer students next month.

Welcome Weekend, a three-day program that runs Aug. 19 to 21, gives new students the opportunity to make friends, move into the dorms a day early and meet their deans, professors and classmates.

Erin Bradley, an admissions counselor and coordinator of Welcome Weekend, said students should take advantage of meeting new people on campus.

"The most important thing for them is to meet other students," she said. "I think that is the biggest benefit of this program."

Activities planned for the weekend include a family picnic, T-shirt tie-dyeing, a live radio

broadcast, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, video games, inflatable games and a class walk-through of students' schedules.

Bradley said the family picnic has always brought a large crowd, but this year they want to keep that crowd by having a casino night, where students and their families can play games and win prizes.

"This is something totally new we came up with this year that will hopefully draw a lot of people," she said.

Bradley said she encourages all new students to attend the event.

"There's lots of food and lots to do," she said.

To register for Welcome Weekend, visit www.marshall.edu/orientation/weekend before Aug. 12, or call the New Student Orientation Office at 696-2354 or 1-800-438-5392.

The grass is always GREENER

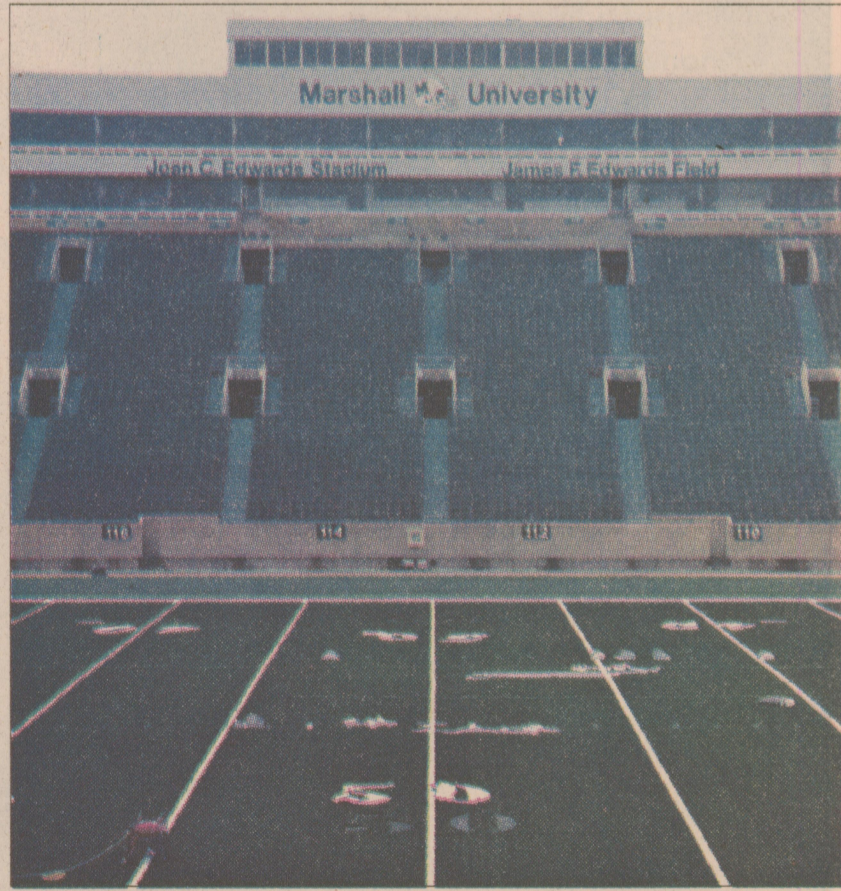


photo by Ben Hunt

New FieldTurf has been installed for the playing surface on James F. Edwards Field in Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The new turf is of a higher quality than the old AstroTurf.

ADDITIONAL COVERAGE ON THE FLIP SIDE

\$250,000: Can you hear me now?

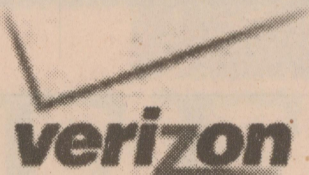
courtesy University Communications

Verizon West Virginia President H. Stan Cavendish and First Lady Gayle Manchin presented gifts last week totaling \$500,000 to Marshall University's June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development at a ceremony at Drinko Library July 20.

The funds will enhance the provision of high school courses and professional development for rural schools in Regional Educational Service Agency

(RESA) I, II, III and IV, according to Dr. Stan Maynard, director of the center.

Verizon provided half of the total, or \$250,000, through a grant from the State Technology Users Council (STUC) for content development and delivery in southern West Virginia. Maynard said the money also will provide funds for technology needs in the



new June Harless Demonstration Site at Kellogg Elementary in Wayne County, expected to open in fall 2006.

Marshall University and Senator Robert Plymale provided \$250,000 in matching funds, which will enable the Harless Center to employ staff crucial to the development and delivery of curricular requests from West Virginia schools.

The targeted professional development needs will be standards-based mathematics, reading education, assessment, science education and assessment strategies.

"Verizon is West Virginia's leading broadband company and our support of this program will ensure that the benefits of broadband technology continue to spread throughout West Virginia," Cavendish said. "Distance learning is an excellent example of how broadband can bring education and professional development opportunities to anyone, no matter where they are."

News Brief

by KRISTINA MURRILL
copy editor

Calling all book lovers: The Marshall Library Associates will be celebrating books this Friday, along with anti-Quarian bookman Jack Walsdorf and local Civil War historian Jack Dickinson, on the third floor of Drinko Library from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Doors open up for the Celebration of Books at 3:45 p.m., and the reception and presentations begin at 4 p.m.

Walsdorf will speak about his experiences as a bookseller and will give book appraisals following his lecture. Dickinson will be speaking about his newest book, "Civil War Paper Items" and will have a book signing session at 5 p.m.

Admission is free to Library Associate members and \$5 for all other guests. Reservations are required.

Reservations can be made by contacting Pam Ford at ford@marshall.edu or by calling 696-2318.

Lightning strikes again

St. ALBANS (AP) — A man was killed Wednesday when he was hit by lightning while unloading vehicles from a car-carrying tractor-trailer at an automobile auction business in Kanawha County.

Paul William Thaxton, 53, of Charleston was on top of a car hauler preparing to unload its last vehicle when he was hit by lightning about 4:10 p.m., Sgt. Mike Morris of the

Kanawha County Sheriff's Department, said.

He died instantly, Morris said.

Thaxton was a contract employee of Capitol City Auto Auction in St. Albans, where the accident occurred, Morris said.

"For some reason he was out in the middle of the storm," he said. "He was in the wrong place at the wrong time during a lightning storm."

Bush unable to attend memorial for scouts

BOWLING GREEN, Va. (AP) — Bad weather forced the cancellation of President Bush's trip Wednesday to the Boy Scouts' national jamboree where tens of thousands of youngsters have been saddened by the deaths of four of their leaders in a tragic accident.

The president was to have flown by helicopter to the National Boy Scout Jamboree being held at Fort A.P. Hill, an Army base about an hour south of Washington. But Bush's appearance, as well as the entire schedule of evening events at the jamboree, were scrapped at the last moment because of the threat of severe thunderstorms and strong winds.

The White House said Bush would instead travel to the gathering on Thursday evening.

At the last jamboree four years ago, Bush's trip was also canceled because of bad weather, in which lightning

strikes caused minor injuries to two Scouts. He spoke to the group a day later by videotape.

The four Scout leaders died Monday while erecting a large dining tent at the gathering. Military and Scout officials were investigating the incident, in which the adult Scout leaders lost control of a huge center pole, sending it into nearby power lines. The men burned to death in front of stunned children.

The 10-day event, which draws 40,000 Scouting enthusiasts from around the world for camping, fishing, archery and merit badge competitions, was closed to visitors Tuesday as Scouts reviewed safety procedures and mourned the four men but was trying to get back on schedule Wednesday when weather interfered.

The Jamboree has drawn more than 40,000 Scouting enthusiasts from around the world to Fort A.P. Hill, about

an hour south of the nation's capital.

Some Scouts witnessed the deaths of the leaders as the large pole at the center of a large, white dining tent came into contact with power lines. Screams rang out as the tent caught fire and the men burned.

An investigation into the accident is incomplete.

While power lines crisscross the Jamboree's 7,000 acres, the Jamboree's Western Alaskan Troops 711 and 713 had ample room to erect a tent out of range of overhanging limbs and power lines.

Flags flew at half-staff near the shooting range Wednesday, but otherwise it appeared to be business as usual as sweaty Scouts walked under the blazing sun to various activities.

"When I heard it, I felt, 'Wow this stuff really does happen,'" said Alex Howland, 12, of Morris, N.Y. Cameron Ogilvie, 15, of

York, Pa., said he heard of the deaths from his bus driver as he was riding back to his campsite.

"It shocked all of the boys on the bus hard. We all just got quiet," he said.

Scoutmaster Brad Mohr, 51, of Pasadena, Calif., said an announcement after the accident informed leaders not to use tent poles in excess of 6 feet.

"Sometimes you're too close to things and you can't see them and all of a sudden you realize that you're actually (in) danger," Mohr said.

Those killed were Michael J. Shibe, 49, Mike Lacroix, 42, and Ronald H. Bitzer, 58, all of Anchorage, Alaska; and Scott Edward Powell, 57, who had recently moved from Anchorage to Perrysville, Ohio. Shibe had two sons at the Jamboree and Lacroix had one.

Three adults were injured, and one returned to the Jamboree after being released from the hospital.

Providing clothing for W.Va

CHARLESTON (AP) — West Virginia has devoted an additional \$2.8 million this year to help poor families buy clothes for their children for school, increasing the program's vouchers from \$150 to \$200 per student, Gov. Joe Manchin said Wednesday.

Manchin said more than 57,000 children in the state are eligible for the vouchers. "We need to be taking responsible steps to take care of our neediest citizens," the governor said.

Better-than-expected tax revenue provided the additional funding, and Manchin said both Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin, D-Logan, and House Speaker Bob Kiss, D-Raleigh, have approved this use of surplus funds.

"The voucher program is the best example of how gov-

ernment can effectively assist low income families," Sam Hickman, executive director of the state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, said.

"This money will go right back into the economy. This will provide dignity to school children."

The announcement marks a turnaround from a year ago, when welfare funding cuts prompted the state to reduce the vouchers from \$150 to \$100. The state later secured federal funds to restore the voucher amounts.

The vouchers allow families to buy clothing or materials for clothes tax-free. Families that have already received the \$150 vouchers are automatically eligible for the additional \$50, administration officials said.

Russian man arrested for smuggling cigarettes

BECKLEY, (AP) — A Russian man pleaded guilty Wednesday to illegally transporting about 11,000 packs of cigarettes through West Virginia, federal prosecutors said.

Sergey Chernyavskiy was arrested in May after a routine traffic stop in

Raleigh County.

A police officer had noticed his minivan was stuffed with cigarettes and found a receipt for nearly \$13,000 worth of cigarettes from a North Carolina tobacco outlet and more than \$24,000 in cash.

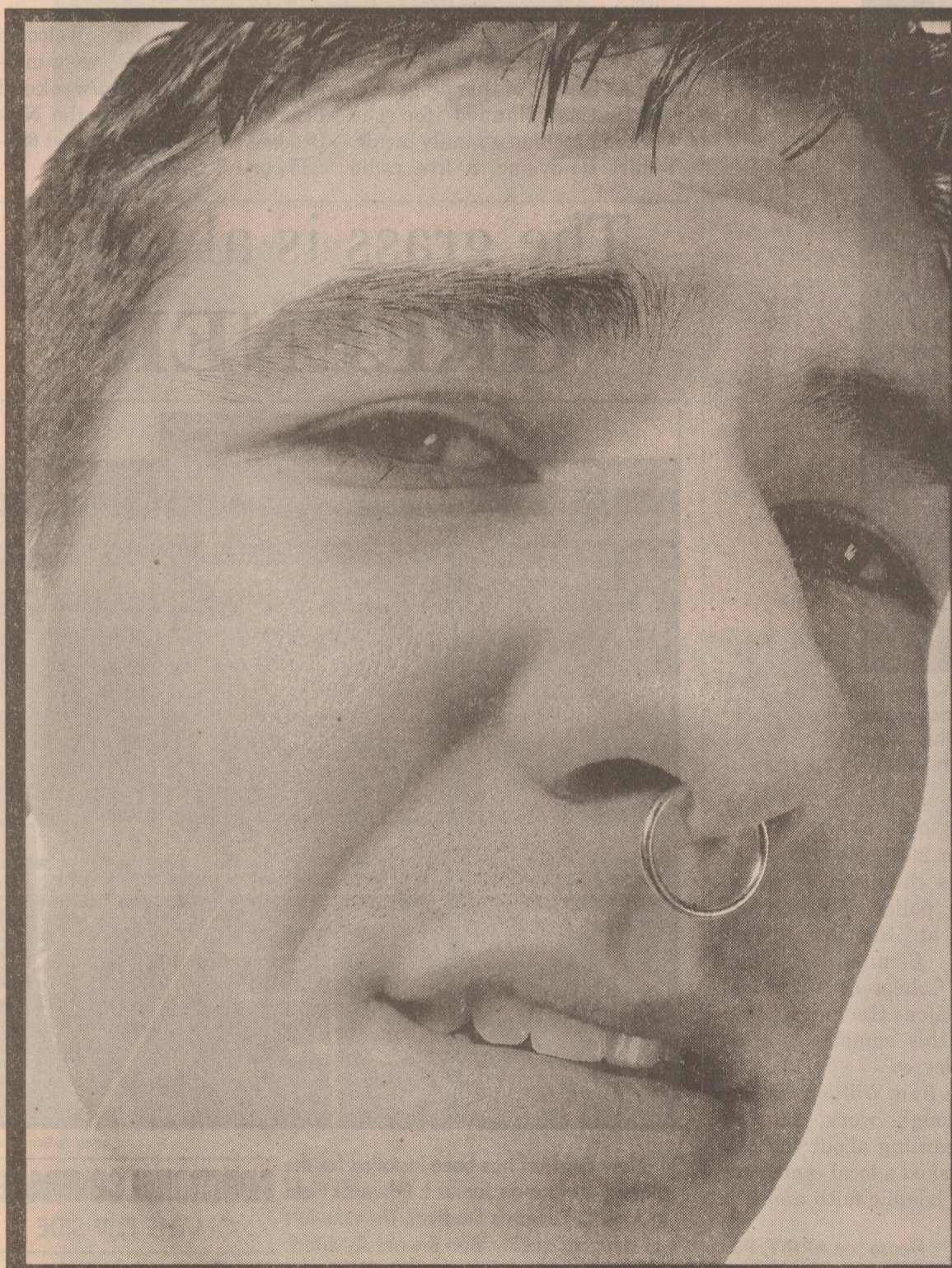
Chernyavskiy was charged with knowingly shipping, transporting and possessing about 222,000 contraband cigarettes "bearing no evidence of payment of West Virginia State Tax."

Chernyavskiy has addresses in Florida and

New York.

He has told U.S. District Judge David Faber that he had moved from Florida to New York.

He could face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced Oct. 11 in Charleston.



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DEAN

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TV mandated to go digital in 2009. We also need to ask our faculty to look at the

curriculum to be sure it remains relevant."

Charlie Nickell, a senior advertising major from Ronceverte, said he is proud of Dennison and the school of journalism.

"Dr. Dennison has done a superb job and we should all feel proud that he and the school of journalism has received such recognition," he said.

ARMY

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all Muslims were set out to kill Americans.

"I was able to talk to one of the civilian contractors there and I asked him about his religion," he said. "He told me he was taught Islam all his life and not once had Allah or the Quran told them to kill Americans."

Williamson said he hoped he is not sent back to Iraq, but has registered to take Arabic as his language requirement this fall. He said the climate there was harsh.

"It was hot, really dusty and there were a lot of dust storms," he said. "We had 16 to 18 hour work days, but I loved it."

Williamson has an older brother and a younger sister. His mother, Linda Williamson, said she supported her son with the decisions he makes in life.

"Him being deployed is fine with me," she said. "He has my full support."

Linda Williamson said she did not feel the same way as she does now when her son first enlisted in the Air Force.

"The first time he enlisted I was not for it," she said. "When the recruiter called, I did not tell him he called. But it's his decision and I'm behind him all the way."

Staff Sgt. John Valdez

was present at the recruitment ceremony. He said many of the students who come through his office enlist for one year. About half a dozen come back to re-enlist.

"The Army helps many students further their career and gives them a financial windfall when it comes to paying for college," Valdez said. "Everybody needs to experience responsibility and what I like to call grow-up time. This is a great way to accomplish that."

Valdez said the most common job many of the enlistees go for is truck driving.

"They get to drive two-and-a-half ton to five-ton Army trucks," he said. "It's an important job and it pays well."

Many of the enlistees have their tuition paid in full. Out-of-state enlistees pay in-state tuition and are given many educational benefits, Valdez said. Many of the enlistees with prior service are paid \$600 a month and have the chance to choose from more than 200 jobs in the military.

Joey Williamson said he was a police officer in Chapmanville for six months. He said he gained experience in civilian law enforcement.

Stephanie Tomblin, of Logan, is Joey Williamson's fiancée. She was not with him the first time he was deployed and said she is

anxious about him re-enlisting.

"Even though I am a little nervous about him going away again, whatever decision he makes, I will stand by him and support him," she said.

Amy Williamson is the youngest of the three siblings. She said she did not understand why her brother enlisted the first time.

"I didn't understand what he was doing," she said. "He never wanted to leave home before, then all of a sudden he wanted to leave. But he was happy, so it didn't really bother me that he re-enlisted."

As a father, Ernest Williamson said it is difficult to see his son join the military, but he thinks every man should want to serve their country in order to ensure freedom.

"It causes problems sometimes," he said. "There's heartache and sometimes death that comes along with it, but it is an honorable thing to do. If that's what it takes to keep this country free, then I'm all for it."

Approximately 4,100 West Virginians enlist in the West Virginia National Guard each year. Valdez said the goal was to enlist at least 6,500 in the state each year.

For more information about recruitment, Valdez is available in his office in RoomIW6 in the Memorial Student Center.

Arrests in England

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Police stormed a brown-brick duplex Wednesday and used a stun gun to arrest a Somali suspected of being one of four men behind botched attacks in London, a breakthrough that could yield the inside story on terror bombings that set the British capital on edge.

Yasin Hassan Omar, 24, was carted to a top-security police station in London, and a key official called the arrest significant, but warned that until all the bombers were in custody, the threat remained.

Dozens of anti-terrorist police and bomb disposal experts, some in heavy body armor, swept into a neighborhood of Britain's second-largest city to arrest Omar, a Somali citizen with British residency who is suspected in the botched July 21 attack on the Warren Street subway station.

"They had him dressed in one of those white suits. He had plastic cuffs on the front," said one neighbor, Andy Wilkinson, who recognized Omar from police images of suspects. Police use such suits to preserve physical evidence that may be on a suspect.

Police also detained three other men at a house about two miles away, saying the arrests were linked to the second set of failed bombings, but

declining further comment. In all, 11 suspects are being held, though only Omar is thought to be one of the bombers, police said.

Interrogations of Omar may be key to determining whether the second set of bombings July 21 are linked to the July 7 suicide attacks that killed 56 people, including the four bombers.

After arresting Omar, police evacuated up to 100 homes and sent a bomb squad into the Small Heath neighborhood in Birmingham, a city some 120 miles northwest of London.

They allowed a few residents to pick up belongings during the day, but kept up cordons near Omar's rundown house next to a sprawling park. The blue-framed door was ajar as investigators moved back and forth between the home and a white police trailer parked out front.

Kati Stewart, 31, a health care worker who lives across the street from Omar, said she had seen four men coming and going frequently over the past two weeks.

"They would come at 2 a.m., and then when you looked in the morning, the car had gone," she said.

But Omar generally attracted little attention in the diverse neighborhood, where residents of many ethnic backgrounds and

faiths, Indian, Pakistani and Irish; Christian, Hindu and Muslim, say they live together peacefully.

One woman said she believed Omar had lived in the close-knit area for less than a year.

"Everybody knew that he didn't interact with the neighbors much at all," said the 38-year-old neighbor, who would give her name only as Anna.

Other raids were carried out Wednesday in south London's Stockwell district, where officers arrested three women on suspicion of "harboring offenders," and on two more London homes, where no arrests were made but forensic tests were conducted, police said.

Police were still seeking three other men believed to be involved in the failed bombing attempts.

"I must emphasize that until these men are arrested, they remain a threat," said Peter Clarke, the head of London's police anti-terrorist unit, though he called Omar's arrest "an important development in the investigation."

Police also released another photograph of a suspect who tried to detonate a bomb on a train near the Shepherd's Bush subway station. The man took off a blue T-shirt after the attempted bombing, changed into a white sleeveless shirt and jumped on a bus he rode until the end of the line.

Floods hurting Bombay's economy

BOMBAY, India (AP) — India's financial capital was paralyzed Wednesday by the strongest rains ever recorded in the nation, with torrential downpours marooning drivers, snapping communication lines and leaving at least 200 people dead statewide.

At its worst, the rainfall descended in what looked like a solid wall of water, overwhelming Bombay, a crowded city long accustomed to monsoon rains.

"Never before in Bombay's history has this

happened," Police Commissioner A.N. Roy said. "Our first priority is to rescue people stranded in floods."

At least 83 people have died in Bombay, crushed by falling walls, trapped in cars or electrocuted since the most intense rains swept through the city Tuesday evening, deputy chief minister R.R. Patil said. Phone networks collapsed, highways were blocked and the city's airports, among the nation's busiest, were closed.

"Approximately 200 dead bodies have already been recovered in the state," Patil told The Associated Press, saying an additional 100 deaths were feared across Maharashtra state, where Bombay is the capital.

Rescuers started arriving Tuesday night in the village of Kondivali, 95 miles south of Bombay, hoping to extricate nearly 100 people trapped by a landslide, said police officer S. Jadav. At least 30 more people were feared buried in another mudslide in the nearby village of Jui.

"We have no information from them, all lines are dead," another officer, P. Ranade, said.

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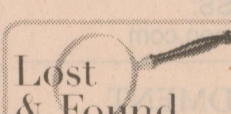


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Staff Editorial

Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) — When Chronicle writer Patrick Muir went to United Leadership Council last Friday, he listened to the leaders of various student groups criticize the amount of negative press in The Chronicle.

Representatives from student groups such as the Associated Students of the University of Utah, Greek Council, Lesbian-Gay Student Union and the Latter-day Saint Student Association attended an overnight retreat to discuss how student groups could help each other improve.

While attendees spent a lot of time patting each other on the backs for their many accomplishments, the only suggestion they had for The Chronicle was to start writing more positive stories.

If there is good stuff done, then we'll have something good to say.

Our job is not to be your cheerleaders. Our job is not to give student groups free publicity.

Our job is to report facts, and the fact is that sometimes, student groups mess up.

For example, it would be irresponsible for The Chronicle to ignore that the ASUU hired a 19-year-old with minimal experience to head up the Presenter's Office, or that Greek Council can't seem to stop recruitment numbers from falling. We can't fabricate the facts.

Our responsibility is to report those facts sans a positive-or negative-spin. The employees at The Chronicle are journalists, not public relations representatives, as our role in the community is that of a watchdog.

Can you imagine the headlines in a world where newspapers served as someone else's press release?

"Nixon: Stand up guy, doing great in his second term."

"Enron: Made. a boo-boo, but is really super sorry about it."

"Salt Lake employees using taxpayer money for gas ... but never premium."

Come on, people-this isn't The Daily Universe.

The First Amendment doesn't say "freedom of the press release."

Will The Chronicle occasionally make factual mistakes? Yes, just like any newspaper does. In those cases, we will run a correction and do our best to get it right the next time.

Will The Chronicle print things that make people mad?

Indubitably, as our job is to inform the university community about what is going on, not what you want them to think is going on.

QUOTE of the DAY

"A little nonsense now and then, is cherished by the wisest men."

— Roald Dahl, author

Saving America millions

BY MATT SABIN
columnist

Ever wonder what happens to the millions of railroad ties and telephone poles replaced each year in America due to storm damage or old age? I did!

It turns out some are resold, but a considerable amount are ending up in America's landfills, and it is costing us a fortune. It shortens the landfill's life, increases your local garbage costs, and it is a major problem environmentally because of the

injected toxic chemicals within these materials.

Recently, I read about funding available through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the country of Haiti for alternative energy sources. In the past, Haiti produced electricity by burning wood. However, this quickly destroyed more than 90 percent of the forest.

Haiti is now being forced to import wood and change its infrastructure to an oil burning system, and that is expensive because of the unpredictable oil prices. Haiti should use the IMF funding to update its cur-

rent wood burning infrastructure by adding scrubbers to take out the chemicals in these materials.

This would allow Haiti to utilize America's waste to provide an affordable and desperately needed energy source that will dramatically reduce their dependency on oil. Both of our governments would benefit economically.

Imagine if the United States added these materials to the foreign aid list and donated the railroad ties and telephone poles as a foreign aid package to the country of Haiti, instead of paying to have them dumped into our landfills.

We can save in a variety of ways; no donation of money is needed, we get a longer lifespan out of landfills, the rising garbage costs are stabilized, and the environmental impact is lessened, all while using the same American shipping companies that are already transporting goods to this country, courtesy of the American tax payer.

If you want to save yourself money, lower America's business costs, and help the environment, then contact your local congressman and/or senator and ask them to add this to the foreign aid policy used today.

Senators' actions for personal agenda

BY JUSTIN KNABB
guest columnist

Apparently not having anything better to do with her time (besides hopping on bandwagons), Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has teamed with Senator Joseph Lieberman to attack the video game industry once again, namely Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas.

It seems that this game has become the new scapegoat for bad parenting.

There has been a recent outcry among parents' groups and the two senators calling for GTA to be rated Adults Only, replacing its current rating of Mature. Basically the only thing that this does is raise the age restriction on it from 17 years old to 18. This has all occurred because recently a software modification has emerged allowing players to get the characters in the game to engage in sex acts.

I fail to see the logic in this. All of a sudden parents

and senators are upset because sex can now be seen in this game? This game, which is full of blatant drug use, theft, destruction, prostitution, foul language and extraordinary violence, is only now being rated Adults Only? The only thing this has done for GTA, and its creator, Rockstar Games, is generate more publicity, which in effect will generate more sales.

If parents don't want their children playing these games, then it should

be dealt with on an individual basis. When are these parents' groups and our government going to learn that the more you try to censor something or keep it from certain people, the more popular it will become?

Incidentally, stay tuned for Senator Clinton's new book: It Doesn't Really Take a Village, it Just Takes a Carpet-bagging Senator Who Will Undertake Any Hot Button Social Issue to Advance Her Own Political Agenda.

Progressives want to keep night bright

by Jayne Lady
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

(U-WIRE) — Daylight-saving time has traditionally been defined as beginning in April and ending in October. Progressives in Congress are trying to extend daylight-saving time by four weeks. They contend that making Americans change their clocks in March and November instead will reduce energy consumption.

It's unfair for activist legislators to force a radical time change onto main-

stream America in order to promote left-wing environmentalism. We need a constitutional amendment to protect the sanctity of daylight-saving time.

There's definitive evidence in the Bible for protecting traditional daylight-saving time. In Genesis 1:4, "God saw that the light was good," and "He separated the light from the darkness."

You can't get much clearer than that. It's "Let there be light," not "Keep the night bright." Religion is under attack from these secularist

definitions of time.

Proponents of daylight-saving time promote the psychological benefits of having more light later in the day. They criticize the fact that in the winter months, children may wake up, go to school and come home in the dark. So what? Spending several months of the year in eternal darkness builds character. By refusing to coddle our children with "sun" and "light" we are building a hearty, strong-willed people who will keep the homeland strong.

America is on the brink of a slippery slope to chronological anarchy. If daylight-saving time is extended into March and November, where will it end? What's to prevent people from changing their clocks forward and backward whenever they feel like it? Soon it will be noon in New York, midnight in Chicago and dawn in Los Angeles. Hardworking, decent Americans, the heart of this country, won't know what to tell their children when they ask them what time it is. Won't somebody please think of the children?

TV refuses to allow depth in programs

by Ailee Slater
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(U-WIRE) — In terms of art, television is still careening around its recent turn for the worst. With the help of TiVo, cable, DVDs and the like, fewer people are taking the time to look for good, new shows. It has become an expectation that what's on television will be crap, unless it's Sunday and you're a "Desperate Housewives" fan.

The problem with much of the bad television today is that it refuses to push limits. New sitcoms pop up every day, with the same overweight, foolish man and a gaggle of gorgeous women surrounding his everyday life in the office or the house. Characters (especially female characters) are allowed no depth of any kind. The death of the sitcom had

it coming: Modern sitcoms tend to be nothing more than a safe space for stereotypes to make television producers a little more money.

Reality shows are not much better. Especially taxing to intelligent viewers is the stream of reality shows that are obviously fake. MTV's "Date my Mom" features three mothers who must persuade a young man to go on a date with their daughter. A simple premise, but watch one episode and you'll understand: There is no way that these people don't have a script. Their speech sounds rehearsed, choppy and anything but real. Watching this "reality" show is akin to watching a sitcom with a boring storyline and heart-wrenchingly bad actors. Who's watching this stuff?

Another great example of poorly done TV, this time

focusing on the poorest people among us (I'm talking intelligence) is "elimiDATE," and network shows similar to it. On "elimiDATE," it is usually a man going on one date with four women and eliminating them one by one as the night goes on. "elimiDATE" women are always clad in too much eye makeup and too little fabric covering their all-important bodies. The personality of each person on the show is hardly distinguishable from the next; the show is entertaining because it is gross, but that grossness is enchanting and unusual in its lack of subtlety.

Luckily, along with disturbing reality shows, modern television has also produced a great amount of unusual and awesome humor. It is a testament to the intelligence of the average TV-viewer that "Family

Guy" is back in business, and "Adult Swim" keeps people up all night with characters such as a Claymation contestant on "Zombie Idol." Comedy, especially animated comedy, is able to both push limits and stay interesting, artistic and intelligent. There is comfort to be found in the irony of adult animated shows, for they show us how comical it truly is to live in our own rigid world. Gender expectations, such as those relied upon to create reality television, are usually questioned by intelligent animation. Reality shows would rather accept and exploit those rigid expectations.

But, everyone knows making a really good comedy is often more difficult than making a really good drama. I guess modernity can pat itself on the back for knowing how to be funny rather than be real.

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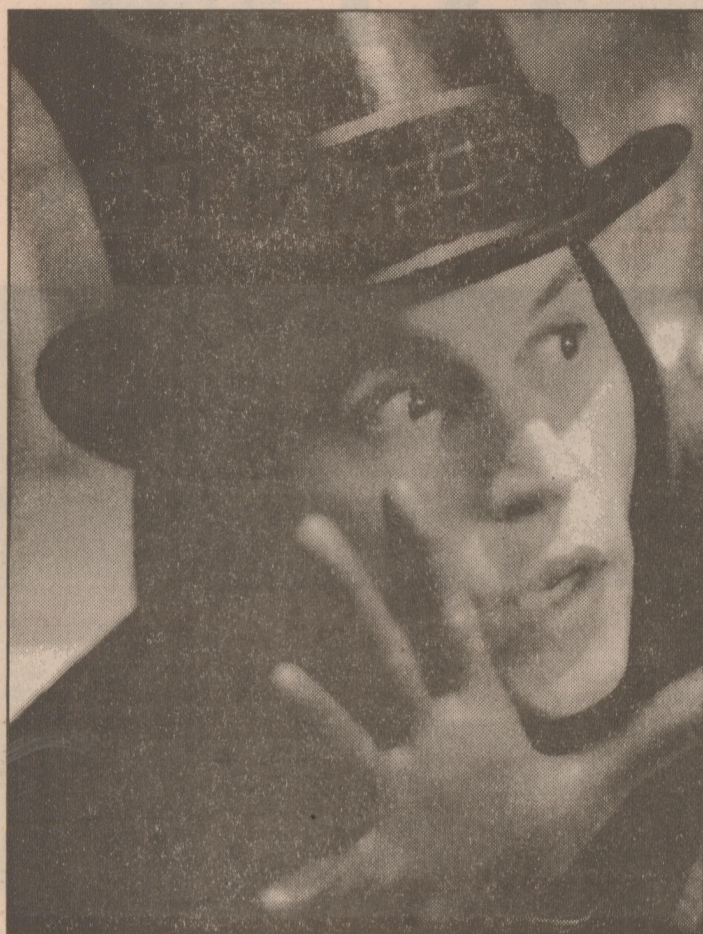
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'Charlie' a delicious summer treat



Johnny Depp portrays Roald Dahl's beloved character Willy Wonka in Tim Burton's adaptation of Dahl's novel.

(U-WIRE) CARBON-DALE, Ill. — Johnny Depp is the sort of actor who can adapt to just about anything that's thrown at him. Just when one thinks that he's reached the pinnacle of his abilities, he manages to pull off something totally incredible. Working with Tim Burton has added great depth to Depp's abilities time and again, whereas other directors never really knew how to fully develop Depp.

Whether it was as Edward Scissorhands, Ichabod Crane, Ed Wood or Willy Wonka, Depp has portrayed characters that most of us would consider just plain weird. Weird can either be good or bad. With Burton's new reincarnation of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," weird is definitely a good thing.

Some critics have compared Depp's performance to Michael Jackson, as opposed to Willy Wonka. But great credit should be given to Depp and Burton

for not producing a Wonka that adheres too closely to Gene Wilder's original theatrical rendition. Wonka has the personality and imagination of a child, as well he should, and Depp captures that fully.

The film is truly a feast for the eyes and the mind as Burton's team of artists and special effects gurus have mixed style concepts from the original film and put Burton's own special touches of exaggeration and expressionist style that were seen in "Beetle Juice" and "Sleepy Hollow." Those who are diehard fans of the original film may be slightly disappointed because instead of the freakish Oompa Loompas with the day-glow orange faces, Burton has opted to digitally reproduce the Kenyan actor Deep Roy as the Oompa Loompa.

The musical numbers are slightly modernized in orchestration but still incredibly funny. Burton even goes so far as to help

explain who the Oompa Loompas are and where they came from, which is a little treat in itself. No stranger to the director's films, Roy also appeared as Mr. Soggybottom in Burton's "Big Fish."

The child actors do an excellent job capturing the essence of their characters and are exactly as annoying as they are meant to be. Freddie Highmore as Charlie Bucket is just as meek and humble as he should be. Philip Wiegratz is just as disgusting as the original Augustus Gloop who constantly gorges himself on Wonka bars, and the female actresses who portray Veruca Salt and Violet Beauregarde are just as annoying and maniacal as in the original film.

The character Mike Teavee is the overly-aggressive destructive, tech-savvy brat everyone dreads to encounter. It isn't long before the viewers wish something dreadful would happen to these other four

children, and Burton gladly obliges.

As far as plot and overall storyline, Burton is pretty faithful to the original "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." However, Burton does the Wonka character much more justice and opts to dig deeper into Wonka's psyche and help explain why it is that the man has problems not just relating to grown-ups, but people in general. Just when it seems as if the movie might end, Burton lets loose of the reins and allows the film to jerk forward once more into yet another dimension of Wonka's persona.

This movie seemingly has it all. It has suspense, a little drama, plenty of comedy that doesn't bow down to the lowest denominator, great acting, astounding special effects and a great overall message. With all of these features, Burton has created a film that the whole family can enjoy, and they can leave with a smile.

New 'As I Lay Dying' album doesn't exactly meet metal expectations

(U-WIRE) KENNESAW, Ga. — Since its birth in the '70s, heavy metal music has evolved through many tumultuous times. '80s hair metal was an amusing disgrace to the genre, and after a slight recovery in the mid to late '90s, metal has once again fallen into the realms of silliness. It seems that after the teens of the late '90s graduated from high school and punk rock at the same time, they began the journey down the roads of college and heavy metal.

This path has a fork in it, one direction leads toward European power and black metal, who are gods of the genre and take cues from Iron Maiden's greatness during the '80s. Bands such

as Dragonforce, Heavenly and Sonata Arctica understand metal perhaps better than anyone in history. The other direction leads to "short phrase" metal (bands named for short, easy to remember phrases, i.e. Poison the Well, From Autumn to Ashes, etc), which is, in spite of what the 15-year-old next door tells you, completely ridiculous. Unintelligibly growled lyrics, "chug-chug" guitars and the mysterious lack of talent throughout mark this genre of metal. As I Lay Dying's new CD, "Shadows Are Security," falls squarely within these parameters.

The CD's opening guitar riff shows promise, but as soon as the drums and

vocals kick in, the listener instantly realizes what will follow is a big old plate of mediocrity. The lead singer, Tim Lambesis, gutturally roars his way through the whole disc, taking away any listenability the bands semi-talented musicians might have given it. Strangely enough, those lyrics Lambesis seems so intent on bellying out have a Christian theme, which one would never guess judging on the severity of the vocals themselves. Only a surreptitious look at the linear notes will yield that reward. That bizarre twist is the only thing this CD has that sets it apart from a million other bands in this subpar genre of what one hates to call "metal."



Catch the band As I Lay Dying August 3 at HYAMP with Black Dahlia Murder and The Haunted.

Latest Harry Potter novel may possibly be 'Prince' of the series

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — With the exception of 2002's "Order of the Phoenix," a slight hiccup in quality for the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling's seven-part arc about a boy wizard's battle to vanquish evil has been the rare artistic steamroller: both infectious and surprisingly enduring. So without further adieu, we can safely say that "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" lives up to the significant expectations of millions of fans, and might just be the best book in the series so far.

There has been much talk leading up to the book's release that this addition to the series is darker than any other Potter book. Certainly the grim tone is set early on. We find out many important and powerful witches and wizards have been killed as the fight against the Dark Lord Voldemort has gradually broken into open war.

Yet even in the darkest of wars, in the bleakest of times — as the book's jacket says — life goes on. Indeed, whether following the hilarious mishaps of adolescent wizards in love

for the first time or gaining vital insights into the life of a young Lord Voldemort, the reader is lulled into a false sense of security, one that comes crashing down in the final few chapters. It's hard to believe that this late in the series, when we already know so much, Rowling is able to pull off a thrilling and unexpected twist ending and make it wholly believable. But somehow, that's exactly what she does.

Though there are some laughs along the way, the book as a whole is a story of war and all its tragedies, and readers, the young especially, will be overwhelmed by the final chapters. It goes without saying that parents need to judge their own child's sensitivity when putting a tome this dark in their hands. Make no mistake, it's a dark beyond dusky: people die, the bad outweighs the good, and even Harry borders on

unlikable in places.

The flow is much different from that of any other book in the series. Instead of getting all the action and answers at the end as readers are used to, things are revealed early and often in this book, and there are times when readers will almost feel guilty for knowing so much so early.

"Prince" is certainly the best of the Potter books in terms of plot, but lacks a little something in other respects. Because the situation in the wizarding world is now much more desperate than before, Rowling is limited in using humor in her dialogue, which is unfortunate because it's one of the best parts of her writing. But while "Prince" might read slower than its predecessors "The Prisoner of Azkaban" and "The Goblet of Fire," the compelling plot stills make it next to impossible to put down.

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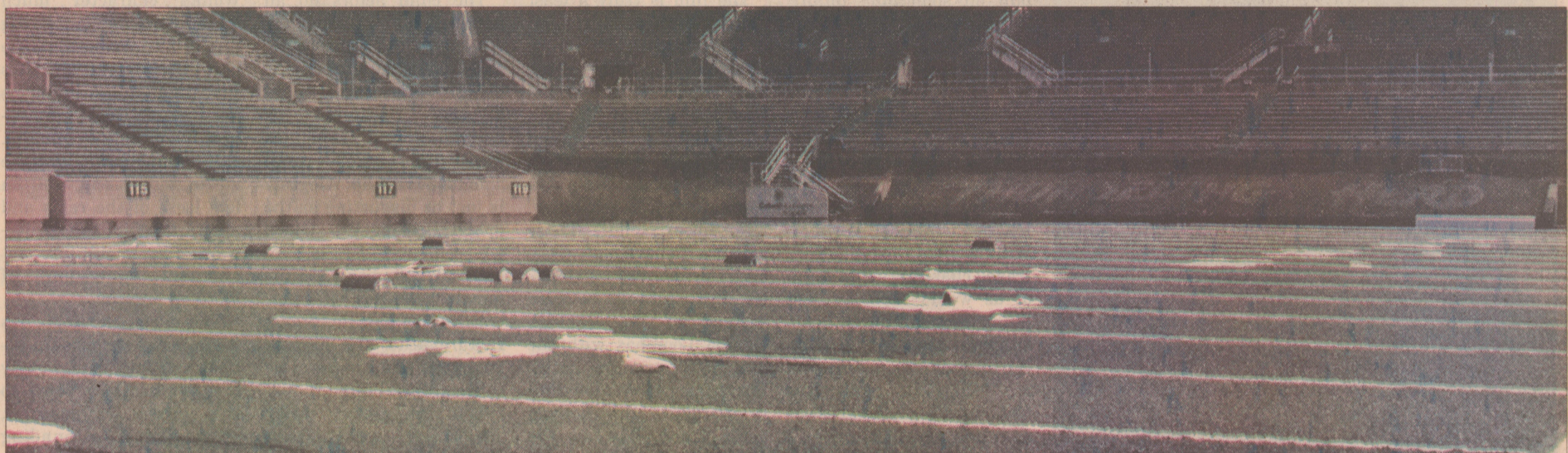
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FieldTurf installation in final stages



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“FieldTurf was the best of the bunch. I know as a coach, I love FieldTurf.”

— Mark Snyder, Marshall football head coach

Joan C. Edwards Stadium is much greener than it has been in past weeks. After months of anticipation, the transformation from Astroturf to FieldTurf is nearly complete.

The stadium's original turf was replaced in 1998 at a cost of \$700,000. When the surface was removed in June in preparation for the FieldTurf installation, some fans were looking to take home a piece of memorabilia.

“I wanted a piece just as a souvenir,” John Sinnette of Tampa, Fla., said. “I was here during the crash and when Marshall wasn't a good team. I've been back a few times since. All I want is a piece to take back and show the alumni association back in Tampa.”

Dick Queen, of Lavalette, said he could use some carpeting.

“I had three daughters who graduated from Marshall,” he said. “I'd like to have a piece for my office.”

The cost of FieldTurf for Joan C. Edwards Stadium is \$855,000 and is being paid for by a combination of public and private contributions.

Some of the benefits of FieldTurf are improved safety and lower maintenance costs.

More than 30 Division-I NCAA football teams, including The Ohio State University, Syracuse, Missouri, Michigan, Southern California and Kansas State have FieldTurf installed either on their fields or practice facilities.

“What we did at Ohio State was we had three different companies put down three different turfs to test it for a year,” Marshall football head coach Mark Snyder said. “FieldTurf was the best of the bunch. I know as a coach, I love FieldTurf.”

Some of Marshall's former Mid-American Conference foes Ohio, Northern Illinois and Miami (OH), have played on FieldTurf for at least one season. NIU head coach Joe Novak praised the artificial turf, according to FieldTurf's Web site.

“We are really liking the turf,” he said. “It's really nice. It's in perfect condition and very soft.”

Memphis and Tulsa, two of the Herd's new rivals in Conference USA, already have the playing surface.

The National Football League's Player Association polled every NFL player for the best stadiums in the league. FieldTurf ranked fifth of 32, ahead of 15 natural grass fields.

Ballard Sports Construction crews from Cary, N.C., have been laying the new surface the past week, and the process has taken more than three dozen rolls of the synthetic material.

Sections of the field have been sewn together in five yard increments. The process for laying the turf involves an infill mix of silica sand, cryogenic rubber and patented layering process that emulates natural grass.

Lines and numbers on the field are not painted, but are white sections of turf.

When the job is finished, the end zones will be familiar to fans. The most notable difference will be the large block M logo with “The Herd” at the 50-yard line.

Vice President of Ballard Sports Fritz Ballard said the field's transformation is going along as planned and will be ready for play soon.

The field is scheduled to be ready before the beginning of the Herd's fall practice Aug. 3.

