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Puffless day

By SUSAN HANEY
Reporter

Can you stop smoking for one day? That's what the American Cancer Society wants you to do Thursday for the "Great American Smokeout."

The smokeout is a nationwide effort to encourage millions of smokers to give up smoking for one day, according to Mrs. Elliott M. Wheeler, executive director of the Cabell County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

In West Virginia the smokeout is planned to inform smokers about the dangers of cigarette smoking, showing them that

control of the smoking habit comes a day at a time and that the American Cancer Society can help them quit, Wheeler said.

Tim Sayre, New Haven freshman, said he thinks the smokeout is a good idea. Sayre, who smokes but said he can quit anytime, said that a day without a cigarette will make smokers stop and think about what they're doing.

Kris Carey, Charleston sophomore, said she is willing to participate in the smokeout, but she doesn't think it will do any good. "Not smoking one day will not help someone to quit because they would just be waiting for the day to be over so they could smoke

again," said Carey, who smokes about a pack a day.

David Moore, Wheelersburg, Ohio, junior, agreed to participate, but said he doesn't think one day will make a difference. Moore, who smokes two packs a week, said that he is sometimes bothered by his habit.

Elizabeth Morgan, Point Pleasant senior, said the smokeout is a good idea, but she

could not quit for one day. Morgan, who smokes three packs a day, said she enjoys cigarettes because they're "a good way to divide my time and they're something to look forward to."

Morgan said she realizes that her habit is bad for her health, but the pleasure she derives from smoking is worth it. "Physically, I could probably quit for one day," Morgan said, "but mentally, I would go crazy."

There are numerous benefits for quitting the habit, according to the American Cancer Society, such as no early morning cough, less tension, sounder sleep, improved senses of smell and taste, greater endurance for sports and all other activities, saving money, fewer fires, and cleaner air in offices, homes, restaurants and bars.



Cancer smokeout encourages students to abstain for one day

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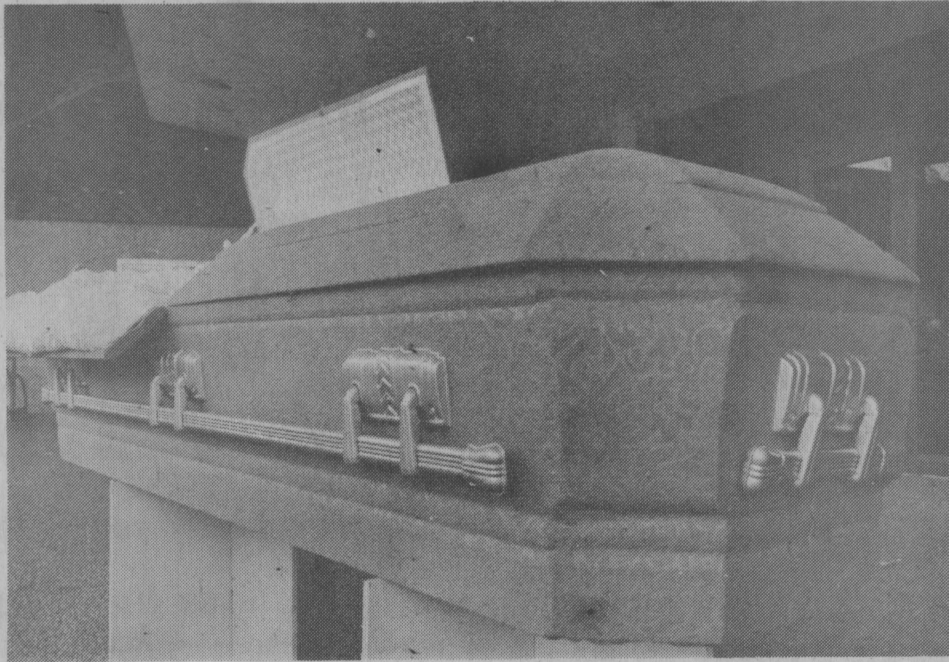


Photo by TIM DAILEY

Dead scene

This empty coffin was not looking for an occupant, it was an advertisement for the movie, "If I Should Die," sponsored by the Campus Christian Center.

BOR expected to accept proposal, abolish two MU degree programs

The Board of Regents (BOR) is expected to act next month on a recommendation to abolish two degree programs at Marshall.

Under consideration are the Community College's recreational leadership, a two-year program, and the College of Education's program to train teachers of mentally retarded students grades seven through 12.

The programs are two of 34 being discontinued at all state institutions.

Marshall officials recommended the changes at MU.

Students now enrolled in the programs will be allowed to finish, but no new students will be accepted.

Marshall reviewed six two-year programs and five secondary teacher education programs before recommending termination

of the two, according to C.T. Mitchell, director of university relations.

The five other two-year programs reviewed were in accounting, cytotechnology, engineering technology, library media technology and medical laboratory technology.

The four other secondary teacher education programs were in chemistry, mentally retarded (kindergarten-12), physics and safety education.

Mitchell said MU has had the recreational leadership programs since 1975 and Darryl D. Beaver, director of special education, said the mentally retarded (7-12) program has existed since about 1970.

Dr. Robert L. Case, chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education

and Recreation, said recreational leadership should not be confused with MU's four-year recreation program.

Case said the four-year program is "very viable," with more than 100 people enrolled.

Dr. Robert P. Raus, head of the department's recreation division, said recreational leadership is a para-professional program that prepares students for a very narrow type of employment.

Raus said these students are prepared to instruct in one specialized field, such as arts and crafts.

Students in the four-year program, Raus said, get a much broader background and can perform a larger number of duties in more areas.

'Power of the Pen'

MU hosts author

Edward Albee, two-time Pulitzer Prize winning dramatist and author of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" will be on campus today and Thursday as part of the creative writing seminar, "Power of the Pen."

Albee will speak at 8 p.m. today in Old Main Auditorium, discussing "The Playwright Versus The Theatre."

Thursday, Albee will conduct two workshops, one on acting and directing at 10 a.m. and another at 2 p.m. on creative writing.

Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" has become a theater classic and was made into a movie starring Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.

Albee is directing the play on Broadway and is drawing praise from critics and the

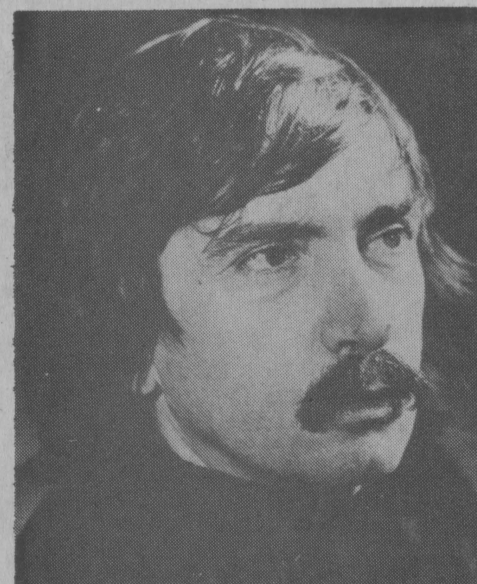
viewing public for his work, according to a news release.

Albee's first Pulitzer Prize winning play was "A Delicate Balance." Max Lerner said this play portrayed "through barbed talk and polished interaction, the prime disease of our time and our society, which is neither violence nor materialism nor alienation, but quite simply emptiness."

"Seascape" was Albee's second Pulitzer prize winning play.

Albee began his writing career with poetry at age 6. As a teenager, he wrote two novels, neither of which, Albee says, were intended for publication. He stopped writing at age 20 and did not resume writing until he was 30 years old.

Students will be admitted to the lecture free with IDs. Admission for the public is \$2.



Edward Albee

Will speak tonight

Second floor residents unite for garbage removal

By CAROL PROCTOR
Reporter

Second floor residents of Twin Towers and South Hall say they want garbage on the cafeteria roofs of both dormitories to be removed.

Kathy L. Bingham, Ravenswood freshman, and Twin Towers West resident, said if maintenance workers can sweep the garbage into piles as they did Nov. 8, the workers should be able to clean it up.

Bingham said the garbage attracts flies, gnats, and gives off odors that not only come through open windows, but also through the air conditioners. She said even in the winter when windows are closed and air conditioning is off, the odors come through the open fire escapes onto second floor.

"I feel if the girls above us will realize they have been inconsiderate and that we don't appreciate it, they will stop," Bingham said. Bingham said the garbage is not just trash, but sandwiches, different types of liquids including urine, articles of clothing, as well as empty beer and wine containers.

Cheryl C. Hersman, Hinton graduate student and Twin Towers West resident, said the odors, flies, and gnats were much worse in the early fall and summer than now. She added that winter didn't stop people from dumping dirty liquids that landed on second floor window ledges.

Barbara E. Mann, Lewisburg graduate student and Twin Towers West resident, said she didn't understand why the garbage was not removed when it was swept into piles. She said by the time workers return to move it the wind has scattered it again.

Gene G. Coon, superintendent of maintenance, said students throw everything from paper, trash, and wine and beer bottles and cans filled with urine.

Coon said the trash is cleaned up at breaks when students are not on campus. Previous

attempts to clean the roofs while students were in the dormitories have resulted in workers being hassled and injured from garbage being thrown at them as they worked, Coon said.

Coon said it is dangerous to clean the roofs now, but as soon as students leave for Thanksgiving break, the roofs will be cleaned.

Zeke Davis, Fairmont freshman and South Hall resident, said the trash on South Hall cafeteria is rotten, but he could understand maintenance workers not wanting to clean it while students are in the dormitories. Davis said the odor is bad now, but he sympathized even more with students living in dormitories during warm weather.

Ernie Sparks, Barboursville freshman and South Hall resident, said he could tolerate the trash. He said it is the urine and vomit he cannot stand.

This is especially bad when it lands on second floor residents' windowsills and they (second floor residents) must clean it up. Sparks added that it is even worse when vomit or urine is thrown out while second floor residents' windows are open and the wind is blowing.

John W. Calendine, Parkersburg senior, said if the students throwing garbage could be caught, their punishment could be having to clean the roofs.

Calendine added, "I wonder if these students act like this at home."

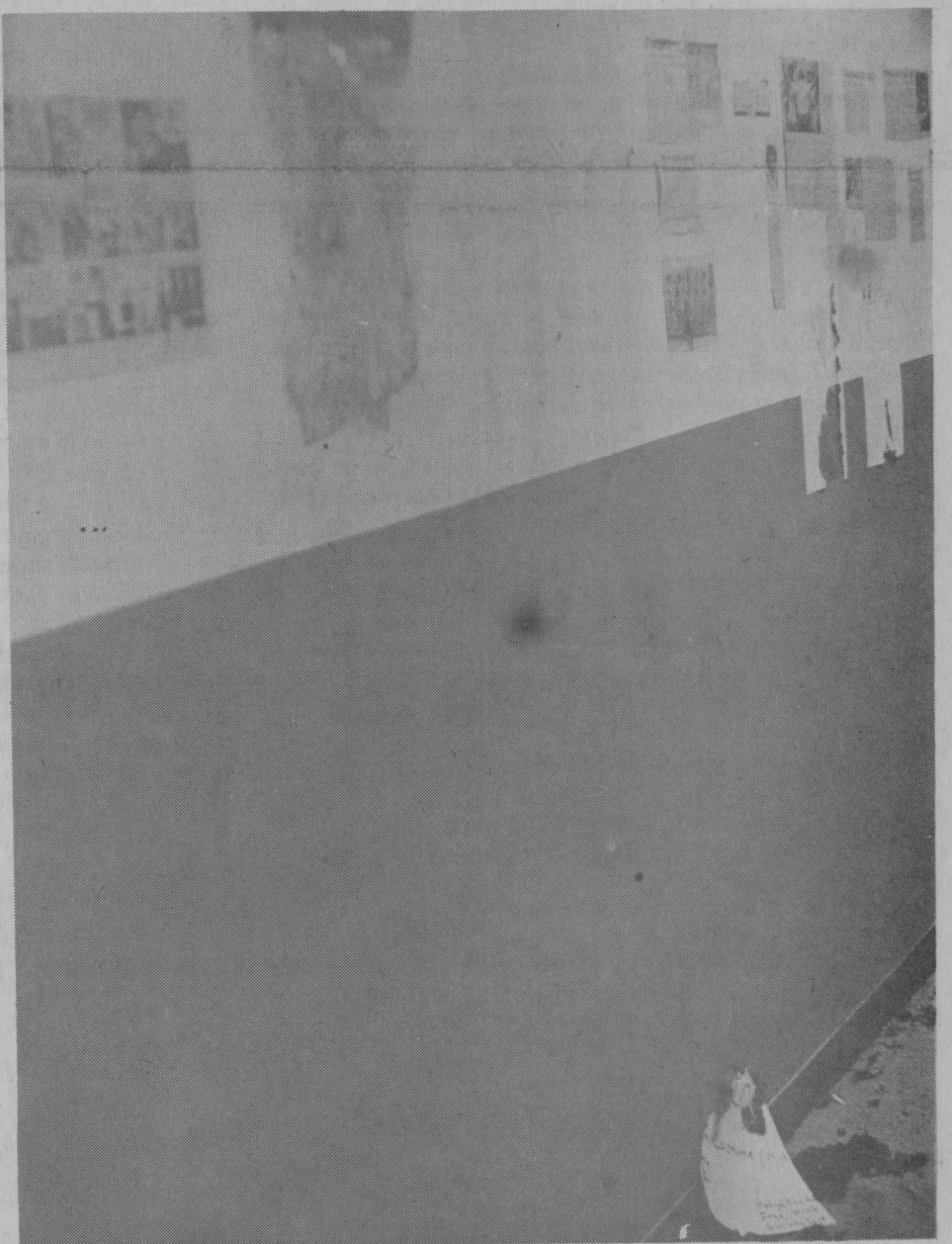


Photo by TIM DAILEY

Advancement lecture topic of visiting dean

"Yes, I can" will be the topic when Dr. Milton Wilson speaks at Marshall University.

Wilson, dean of Howard University's School of Business and Public Administration, is "eminently qualified to speak on the possibilities of advancement for students who do not feel there are sufficient opportunities," according to Dr. Robert L. Brown, chairman of the Department of Finance and Business Law.

The Marshall community is invited to hear the address concerning unseen or unrealized opportunity, Brown said.

A native of Kentucky, Wilson earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia State College and both his master's degree and doctorate from Indiana University.

Under his leadership, Howard University's undergraduate programs in the School of Business received accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Wilson is on the board of directors of the AACSB and serves on numerous committees in the association.

Up in smoke!

Burnt bulletin board fires up harriers

There were signs of fire in Hodges Hall Monday night.

The signs of fire were not of enthusiasm though, but were thought to be signs of jealousy, according to Tim Coon, Fairmont sophomore and member of Marshall's cross country team.

Since the cross country team won the Southern Conference championship last week, numerous fans and students have placed signs on the second floor bulletin board in Hodges Hall.

Then, Monday night, someone set the signs on fire.

"We were the first team ever to win the Southern Conference and we never thought anyone would accept it like that," Coon said. "That's pretty bad."

Coon said he suspects a Hodges Hall

resident of another sports team may have set the fire.

Coon said the cross country team members would have been disappointed if had they not been the first Marshall team to win a conference championship. However, they would have congratulated the MU team that was first and wouldn't have burned signs.

John M. Barnes, the security officer investigating the burning, said there are no suspects at this time.

"The fire caused very little damage," he said.

According to Barnes, the fire was reported at 3:59 a.m. when a Hodges Hall resident notified a security officer located nearby. Barnes said the fire probably started around 3:55 a.m.

Improved security aim of TV

A closed circuit television monitoring system has begun operation in the finance office on the first floor of Old Main, a method Security Director Donald L. Salyers said would improve security and protection for the campus.

Two monitors have also been installed in parking lots on the north side of Third Avenue, but are not yet functional Salyers said. These cameras, mounted on towers, will span the entire lot areas from 16th to 18th Streets.

The system was originally recommended as part of an overall security plan developed from an October 1972 survey of protective

measures on campus, Salyers said. The system will help protect vehicles from vandalism and safeguard students attending night classes. With night and day monitoring, the cameras have pan and tilt capabilities include zoom lenses according to Salyers.

"Now if someone is trying to break into a car, we can zoom in and make an identification," Salyers said. "It's an effective means of incorporating protection and security for everyone concerned."

It is possible the system will be expanded later, Salyers said, but no concrete plans for additional monitors have been developed. He mentioned a proposal that a system be set

up at Fairfield Stadium, but said it had not been initiated.

The cameras are strictly visual, and no tapes are kept of the areas scanned, Salyers said.

The monitor base is set up in the Security office in the basement of Old Main. A bank of five monitors has been installed, Salyers said, and three are currently functional, scanning the finance office.

Said the system was installed by Midwest Telecommunications, Inc., of Nitro, at a cost of roughly \$15,000. The company installs the equipment only. Salyers said physical plant employees run cable and electrical equipment from the cameras to the monitor base.

Wednesday Dateline...

Rain

The National Weather Service forecast for today and tonight calls for occasional rain with an 80 per cent chance of precipitation. Today's high will be near 60, with the low tonight near 40 degrees.

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Letters

Marco's removal raises questions

I really must take issue with *The Parthenon* article of Nov. 11 concerning Marco the buffalo. Reporter Baker did not misquote me, but she did depict me as a bleeding heart, and made no real effort to understand my background or my concern in the matter.

The letter to *The Herald Dispatch* was written for one reason only—I wanted Marshall to have a mascot to be proud of. I had no idea that the feelings of Mr. Nudd (Marco's owner) would be hurt by that concern, and that he would pick up his buffalo and go home. For that matter, I did not know who owned Marco until I read *The Parthenon* article.

The reporter did not bother to elaborate on my experience with animals nor did she explain my concern for Marshall University. I have raised sheep for over 20 years, and know something of animal care. The condition of Marco's hooves is not necessarily a sign of malicious abuse. It may simply be a sign of neglect, perhaps neglect resulting from ignorance.

Marco's caretakers may be unaware that all ungulates (four-legged hooved animals) confined in small areas need foot care. The hooves of these animals grow just like our fingernails. If they are not kept filed, either by hiking over rough ground or by occasional manual clipping, they become overgrown. The longer the hooves, the more painful walking is for the animal. Dirt and manure become impacted under the hooves, often resulting in serious infection and permanent lameness.

You can realize the misery of the animals, if you imagine your toenails grossly overgrown, caked with dirt and jammed into a pair of too-small shoes. Overgrown hooves is a condition that I have seen and treated many times. But our own animals are fortunate in that we trim their feet routinely, and never wittingly allow them to become overgrown.

If Nudd's caretakers do not know how to trim hooves, I'm sure that an experienced farmer, horseman or veterinarian would be glad to teach them. But I still feel that it usually takes a professional to correct damaged feet on a really large animal.

Just as *The Parthenon* reporter did not bother to report my practical knowledge of animal husbandry, neither did she delve into my Marshall background. I am a Marshall graduate (A.B., 1967; M.A., 1975) and am a former instructor of history at Marshall. I was present at Marco's debut, and for several years, my father and I were the voluntary caretakers of dear old Sam the Ram.

Marco the buffalo

Last week, the MU Athletic Department and the owner of a local amusement park gave us a new technique in problem solving—"Ignore the problem and maybe it will go away."

A Marshall graduate, Jane Morse, wrote a letter to the Huntington newspaper expressing concern over the poor condition of the hooves of Marco, the Marshall mascot. Morse and her father, who saw the buffalo at a recent football game, are experts in animal care, and hence, should know about such things. What was the response of the MU Athletic Department and the owner of Camden Park? According to an article in *The Parthenon* on Nov. 11, because of all the "bad publicity," Marco would simply not be brought to Marshall football games any longer!

Not once did anyone from Marshall or from Camden Park deny Morse's allegation, so we must assume it is true. Sure enough, Marco did not appear at the Marshall-Western Carolina football game Satur-

day. I wonder if his feet felt any better as a result.

Let me suggest to the Athletic Department and to Camden Park officials that "bad publicity" resulting from a problem would also go away if the problem was solved, rather than ignored. In this case, why not simply take Marco to a veterinarian to have his hooves trimmed? This seems, to me, to be a much more humane way of dealing with this problem. Marco would certainly feel better.

Dr. W. Thurmon Whitley
Associate Professor of
Mathematics

Ramell

In response to the letter from Dan Justice concerning the parking fine issue, I want to say that I certainly respect his right to second guess my work and in my position I must accept it. I would just like to point out to Dan that March 22, 1978, is the

Reporter Baker did not mention this fact. No doubt she, like the rest of Marshall's current students, did not realize that Marshall had a ram mascot, donated by Sam Samworth, for one or two games in the early '60s.

Over the years, my interests at Marshall have been largely academic, but I have attended many football games, both at home and away. It is true that I have not attended a game this season. Surgery, out-of-town business, and weekend work have combined to keep me away. But my father and son have seen and reported Marco's condition this season (I don't think they would lie!), and I have seen the buffalo in past seasons. Each season, we were disturbed by his deteriorating appearance.

It would be a shame if Marshall lost her mascot. But, in a way, Marco has never been a true mascot in the tradition of the Army mule, the Navy goat, the Texas longhorn, or the Arkansas razorback. They are gentle creatures, that can be freely led around their stadiums. Poor Marco was never gentled enough to be trusted out of his trailer. I have known bulls, as large as Marco that are as gentle and controllable as show dogs. At nine years of age, Marco is not likely to learn such tricks. Perhaps Marco should be put out to pasture, and a younger, more tractable animal trained to replace him.

It would be a greater shame if nothing is done to help Marco. Whether he is retired, or continues to attend Marshall games, he deserves the best of care. Friends of Marshall should ask themselves several questions:

1. Why should one simple, personal letter arouse such a furor?
2. If Nudd is such a "gracious" supporter of Marshall, why has he snatched such a flimsy excuse—one critical, but sincerely concerned letter—to remove Marco from Marshall home games?
3. If Marco is so well cared for, why is he being retired from public view? Wouldn't a more plausible move be to let the people see for themselves how healthy Marco is?
4. Why is it that the Athletic Department is more concerned about the "bad publicity" than the physical condition of the team mascot?

Wherever any fault lies, true Marshall supporters should insist that Marco be well cared for. If you care for Marshall, give her the best possible image in all fields of endeavor!

Jane L. Morse
Chesapeake, Ohio

day to file to run for Student Body President. I'll expect to see him there.

Rick Ramell
Student Body President

Dorm laundry

The daily task of washing and drying a load of clothes in South Hall is unnecessarily difficult. After washing my clothes, I have had to, at times, go several floors above to dry them. The washers and dryers are on the 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th levels, yet it is usually necessary to search several of these levels to find machines that aren't being used.

This is an extreme waste of time and energy due to the fact that the dormitory doesn't provide adequate laundry facilities, or keep them in good running condition.

Therefore, the best workable solution would be the purchase of new machines, placing them in the remaining, unequipped

levels, and repair of equipment which is presently broken.

Robert L. Armstrong Jr.

Do you have a question, an answer, a problem, a solution, a complaint, some praise or just something to say?

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White glove inspections gone

ROTC boasts 'new image'

Close-order drill, white-glove inspections and endless parades are as obsolete as the tactics involved in Pickett's advance at

Gettysburg in the "new image" Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program at Marshall University.

It's one reason enrollment in ROTC here is the highest it has been since 1969 and is still climbing, according to Major Joseph W. Corder Jr., chairman of the Department of Military Science.

Cadet enrollment for the 1977-78 school year is 161 students compared to 130 at this time last year.

Emphasis in ROTC now is on "adventure" training programs involving rappelling, mountain climbing, skiing, camping, cross-country running with maps and compass, war games, guerrilla and anti-guerrilla warfare tactics and skills in modern weaponry, said Corder.

Classroom work isn't neglected, however, and in addition

to studies in military science, cadets must complete the required number of courses in the numerous other academic programs offered by the university.

"Our cadets are graduating with the abilities and skills not only to be good military officers in the modern Army, but they are learning to relate to the problems and possibilities of civilian life after they end their tours of duty in the service," Corder said. "Our military science program today is designed to complement the other academic programs experienced by the cadets."

Corder and other officers in military science agree, however, extracurricular field training or adventure exercises in the rugged hill country of West Virginia and at such military installations as Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Bragg, N.C., seem to be playing a major role in "turning on" young men and women to the "new" ROTC.

Two examples they cite are Darel Pickenpaugh of Caldwell, Ohio, and Stan Mathis of Wayne.

Pickenpaugh and Mathis returned to MU after eight "tough, but exciting" weeks at the Army's training schools for elite Airborne, Ranger and Green Beret units at Fort Benning and Fort Bragg.

Pickenpaugh and Mathis are the only (ROTC) members now enrolled at Marshall to earn the coveted silver badge of the U.S. Airborne soldier while still students, according to Shamblen. Another cadet now at Marshall earned the badge as a paratrooper in the service before enrolling at Marshall.

Both will serve two years in airborne divisions upon receiving degrees and commissions as second lieutenants at MU. They may remain in the service as career officers at the end of two years if they wish, according to Capt. Gordon B. Jobe, assistant professor of military science.

New two-year program to train legal assistants

Highly-trained assistants with specialized supportive skills have been working with physicians and dentists for years.

Leaders of the Community College believe it's time the legal profession had similar help.

Attorneys agree, so Marshall planners are doing something about it.

In a program so new the first graduates haven't yet entered the job market, the community college has 125 full- and part-time students enrolled as majors in its Legal Assistants Program, according to Dr. Patricia Carol Gunn, program coordinator.

The program, which requires four semesters to complete, began last year. It was planned in conjunction with the West Virginia State Bar in accordance with American Bar Association guidelines, according to Glenn E. Smith, associate dean of Community College.

A survey done with the assistance of the state bar indicated a significant number of law firms which responded would be interested in hiring persons with such training, Smith said.

All students in the program are officially enrolled in Marshall's Community College, but some take their classes in Charleston.

Instructors in legal classes are attorneys with corporate and private practices in the Hun-

tington and Charleston areas. Gunn, who received her Juris Doctorate in 1974 from Boston College Law School, also instructs.

Students pay standard Marshall fees.

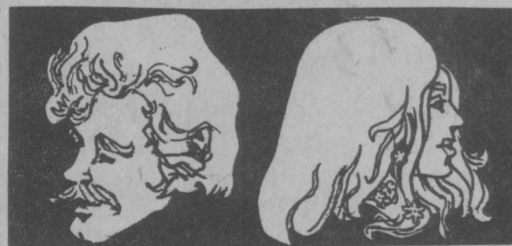
The students, ranging in age from 18 to 50, are working toward Associate in Science degrees as legal assistants which, while not permitting them to practice law, will qualify them to do many tasks occupying much of an attorney's time.

Gunn said legal assistants can't accept cases, give legal advice or make court presentations. She stressed that all of their job activities are done under the supervision of an attorney.

As defined at Marshall, a legal assistant is a trained paralegal specialist who can manage a law office operation, relieve a practicing attorney of routine portions of cases that require knowledge of the legal process, and directly assist the attorney in handling complicated legal problems. The legal assistant also assists the attorney in research, design and development of new procedures, techniques, services and law office processes.

"We think when attorneys in West Virginia discover their usefulness, the job situation for our graduates will improve to an even higher extent," Gunn said.

There's more than one way to look at education.

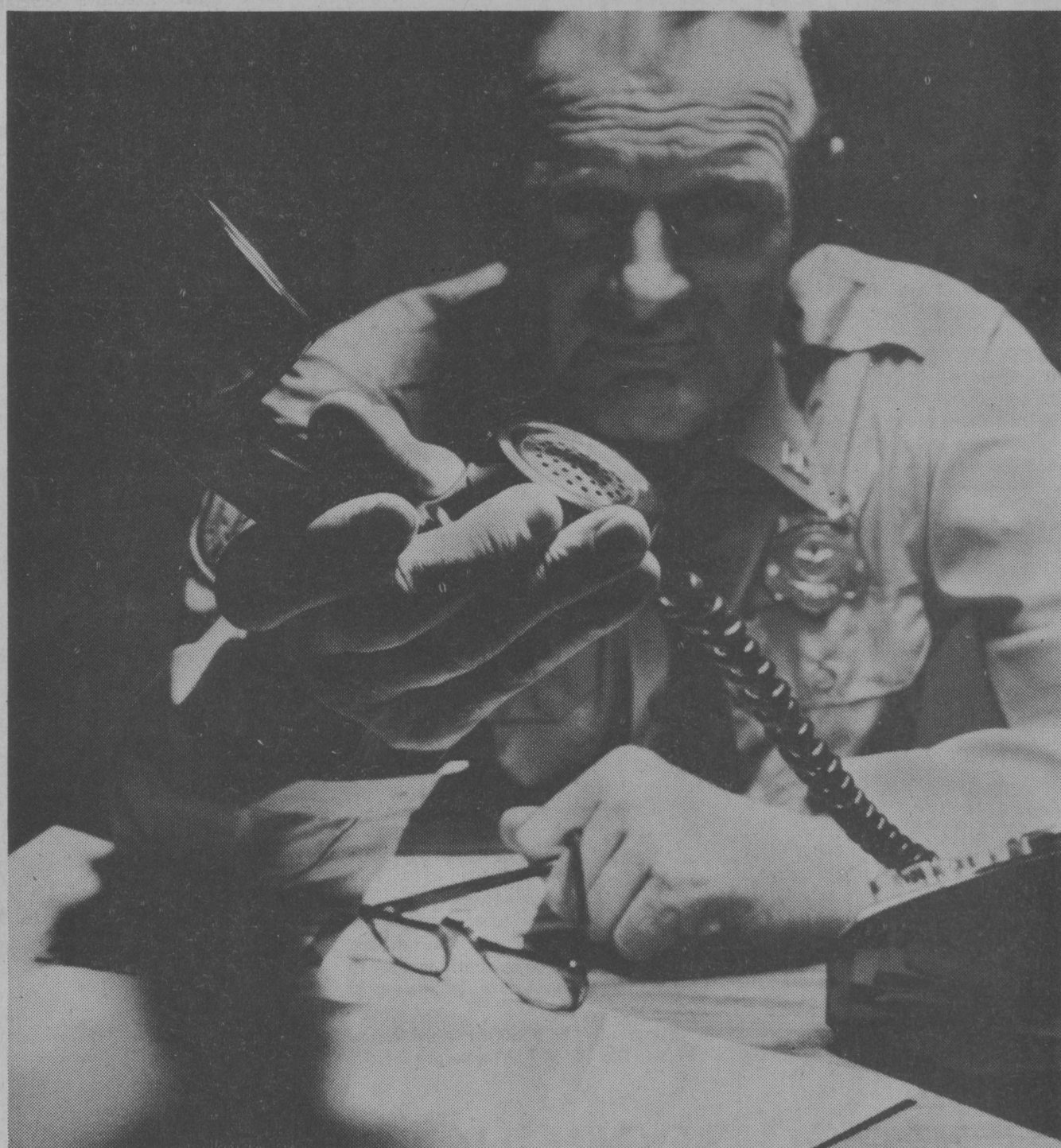


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Herd defense pale reflection of '37 powerhouse

Contrary to popular belief, once upon a time Marshall football was spelled d-e-f-e-n-s-e.

Marshall's 1937 Buckeye Conference football champions, honored Saturday as the Herd proceeded to lock itself in the Southern Conference cellar and throw away the key, must have been wondering if that strange, new-fangled carpet called astroturf had some magical curse over the green and white defensive pretenders.

After all, under the guidance of the legendary Cam Henderson, that year Marshall rushed to a 9-0-1 record and blitzed seven opponents via the shutout route. In the process MU outscoored the opposition 297-19. In short, the Herd resented anyone else having possession of the football and let them know it.

The old-timers probably had trouble shaking up with the scoreboard Saturday, as Western Carolina shook off an early miniblizzard and went on to score more than twice the number of points surrendered by the '37 team in its 10-game season. The



On the rocks

Comment-analysis by Rocky Stanley

41-26 setback, pushing the losing string to seven, the conference mark to 0-4 and the overall record to 2-8, represented the ninth time Marshall had given up 26 points or more.

Statistics can be misleading and even boring at times, but the fact remains that Marshall is allowing 35.2 points per game and has given up 352 this season. The Herd is presently fourth

among major college conference teams and independents in terms of points allowed.

Rice (which has Texas, Texas A&M, Arkansas and Texas Tech to contend with) has been victimized for 407 points and looks to be the runaway winner here. Oregon is next with 361 points surrendered, facing aerial bombardments from pass-happy Jack Thompson (Washington State) and Guy Benjamin (Stanford), not to mention other conference members like Southern California and front-running UCLA. Close behind is Texas-El Paso, holding up the Western Athletic Conference with 360 points.

Marshall has a legitimate shot at the second spot Saturday when it confronts the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, which needs a win to share the conference title and is one of the top scoring teams in the Southern Conference.

Coach Frank Ellwood has shuffled defensive personnel and strategy at a rate that could compare only to Dean Smith's antics at the University of North Carolina.

SC offensive player honor to Lipford

And to the victor goes the spoils...

Western Carolina tailback Darrell Lipford, who led his team to a 41-26 win over the Thundering Herd Saturday, has been chosen Southern Conference (SC) offensive player of the week by the conference media association.

The 5'8", 175-pound running back gained 243 yards on 35 carries, scored three touchdowns and caught a pass to propel the Catamounts to their fifth win of the season and first SC victory. During the game he became the first runner in North Carolina collegiate history to rush for more than 4,000 yards in a career.

Lipford now has 1,275 yards this season and boosted his career total to 4,046. A senior, he will play the last game of his college career this weekend against Appalachian State.



Mike Sprouse brings down Catamount's Darrell Lipford.

Intramural harrier title decided

John Welch ran to victory in the intramural cross country meet Monday at Ritter Park.

The Clendenin graduate student covered the two-and-one-half mile course in 11 minutes, 56 seconds to win both the overall and independent categories. Alan Saunders was second in the category and second overall among 16 runners.

Warren Armstead of Black United Students won the social division title, and Steve Jarrell of Sigma Alpha Epsilon finished second.

Tom Smirl, Martinsburg sophomore, won the dormitory championship.

In intramural action today, West Hall and the Tennis Team will play for the women's volleyball championship at 6:15 p.m. in Gullickson Hall. Linda Holmes and Connie Clay will compete in the women's singles badminton finals at the same time.

There will be open badminton and volleyball play in Gullickson Hall today after 6 p.m.

Weather, loss chills Herd hopes

Commentary by KEN SMITH Sports Editor

Frank Ellwood came into the briefing room, handkerchief in hand. The biting wind that whipped through Fairfield Stadium had taken its toll, chilling both the coach's nose and the Herd's chances for Southern Conference respectability.

But the weather wasn't a true factor—rather, it was a symbol of the icy doom that has gripped the football team all year. But even as the malignant moles of misfortune tunneled under astroturf at the frigid arena, the beleaguered squad fought on and nearly roared to an unexpected upset win.

The defense played decently and actually shut off Western Carolina during the comeback attempt. Sam Kinker's interception, David Kirby's fumble recovery, the deflected passes—all helped to blunt the mighty Catamount offense. The momentum had shifted. Marshall was ready to take command...until the kick.

The 54-yard punt by Mike Pusey put the Herd back on its own four-yard-line. After Marshall stalled, Charlie Perry hit a weak 24-yard punt all the way to his own 31. And a team can't give

such an explosive squad the ball with such great field position—and hope to win.

That, in effect, was the death blow for Marshall. Winless in the conference, the Herd has little hope of beating the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Saturday. Thus, the team that local observers said would dominate the SC has degenerated into the doormat.

One can't fault the effort the team showed Saturday. It faced the nation's top receiver—Wayne Tolleson. It had to try to stop one of the country's top runners—Darrell Lipford. It had to counteract the SC's total offense leader—quarterback Mike Pusey.

It tried...and came short too many times. But how often has that been said this season?

Ellwood was restrained, dejected. The eight losses his team has suffered show on his face and are evident in his speech. He is not afraid—his job is not yet in danger. But the frustration of seeing his team fall short so many times—by such large margins—would subdue any man.

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And Frank Ellwood bears it better than most.

"We made too many mistakes," he reflected. "We gave up too many points in one blow, missed tackles—that's what we've been doing."

And Frank Ellwood said it all right there.

MU to host prep track meet

Marshall will host the 1978 state high school track meet, the Secondary Schools Activities Commissions (SSAC) Board of Appeals announced last week.

Housing, facilities and officials were the main factors in the decision for Marshall, according to SSAC Executive Secretary Sam Williams.

"We have qualified people

(officials) in the area, many of whom have worked the state meet for years," Williams said.

The meet, scheduled for May 26-27, has been at Laidley Field in Charleston, which is unavailable this year because of

expansion and renovation projects, Williams said.

"We've been trying for years to get the state meet," said MU Athletic Director Joseph H. McMullen. "We feel Marshall has the best track in the state."

Listening and learning

Aberdeen likes tradition

During his brief tenure at Marshall, incoming head basketball coach Stu Aberdeen has listened—and learned.

After Frank Ellwood startled Southern Conference (SC) observers this summer by proclaiming his Thundering Herd football team would win the league crown, the basketball mentor is keeping quiet. Since the gridders have now clinched last place in the conference with an 0-4 record, Aberdeen is letting others do the predicting.

During the annual SC Basketball Tip-Off meeting Monday in Roanoke, Va., polls of both sportswriters and sports information directors foresee the Herd finishing fourth in hardcourt competition behind Virginia Military Institute, Furman and Appalachian State.

The meeting brought together coaches, league officials and news media members covering SC affiliates.

Instead of making his own predictions, Aberdeen reminded conferees of Marshall's basketball tradition and outlined the exploits of veteran Herd coach Cam Henderson.

Henderson coached at Marshall for 35 seasons and won 610 games. "You build on tradition," Aberdeen said. "And we're proud to bring this tradition into the Southern Conference."

Aberdeen said he hopes his squad could hold its own in league play. "Our goal is to be as representative as we can and hope our play never embarrasses us or the conference," he said.

Herd fans will get a chance to preview the team Tuesday during the annual Green-White scrimmage at Memorial Field House. It will be first open practice since the "Midnight Special" scrimmage Oct. 15.

Game time is 8 p.m. Marshall students will be admitted free with IDs and activity cards, and general admission is \$2.

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