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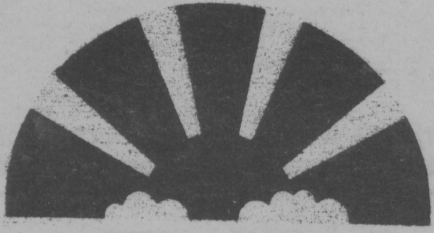
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# The Parthenon

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## Reasons behind dropouts studied

By ALYCE COOPER  
Editor

Approximately 3.8 percent of undergraduate students enrolled at Marshall during the 1978-79 school year withdrew, but a Student Affairs survey shows that about 75 percent of that figure plans to return to Marshall at a later date.

The survey was designed to determine who is leaving and why.

It was planned by representatives from the Student Development Center and directors within Student Affairs, and was implemented by Stephen Naymick, student development counselor.

The survey shows that approximately 613 students withdrew from their total classes last year. According to Registrar Robert H. Eddins, 16,053 undergraduate students were enrolled for the fall and spring semesters of the 1978-79 academic year.

Naymick said of those 613 students who received the survey, 551 completed the forms sufficiently to be included in a computer run of the data collected.

A breakdown of survey results shows the number of students who withdrew from each college: liberal arts — 169 (31 percent); business — 139 (25 percent); education — 94 (17 percent); science — 88 (16 percent); Community College — 41 (7 percent); regents BA 4 (1 percent); and medical school 14 (3 percent).

Withdrawal by class was as follows: freshmen — 231 (43 percent); sophomores — 138 (25 percent); juniors — 113 (21 percent); seniors — 50 (9 percent) and unclassified — 10 (2 percent).

Naymick said this showed an expected decline in dropouts from the freshman to senior years, because students tend to become more serious as they progress.

Some figures are missing in each of the categories because some respondents did not answer every question, Naymick said.

Seventy-nine percent reported in the sample that they had grade point averages above 2.0, according to Naymick. But, he cautioned that these are "self-reported" averages, and although he said he had no reason to believe students would falsify this information, it had not been verified.

Thirty-five percent were part-time students and 65 percent were full-time, according to the survey.

Naymick said the difference between the number of dropouts by sex was negligible — that it reflected an almost "50-50 split." Male dropouts reported totaled 275 (52 percent) and females 255 (48 percent).

Withdrawals by race were black — 29 (5 percent); white — 496 (94 percent); hispanic — 2 (.5 percent); and foreign — 2 (.5 percent).

The survey also showed that 66 percent withdrew within the first

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## Numbers curtail exit interviews

By ALYCE COOPER  
Editor

Students wishing to withdraw from the university are required to do so through the Student Development Center, and although most comply with this regulation, some do not.

Stephen Naymick, student development counselor, said, "The initial theory was that we could conduct an exit interview. Maybe there's something we can do to alter the situation."

He said there are several instances when students may not contact the development center before withdrawal. For example, some students mail or call in their requests, or they can be approved by a dean from one of the colleges.

But, Naymick said, the policy is not as feasible now as when it was initiated.

"It's impossible to do at this time. The numbers (of students) are too large for us to deal with."

He said the majority of students withdraw just within the limits of the eight-weeks at the beginning of each regular semester when classes can be dropped without knowledge of the student's grade status.

"That gives us too many at one time to handle," he said.

And, he added, "It is a rare case when we could really alter a situation."

"When a person has made up their mind to do something, it's rare they change their course of action."

"The interview is not that valuable. Are we going to be able to turn that many situations around?"

"Our time is better spent working with students during the year, and not as a stop-gap just before exit," he said.

The Student Development Center offers free personal and academic counseling for students.



Photo by TIM FILLINGER

## Get the signal?

Approximately 50 high school students from West Virginia and nearby states are participating in the first Eastern Band Front Camp at Marshall University this week.

Instructors from all over the United States began working with the students Monday. The camp will conclude today at 3 p.m. with a camp show on one of the campus fields. The exact site was unknown at press time.

## Students job oriented

By STEVE HAUSER  
Reporter

The colleges of Business and Science are attracting more students again this fall, while Education and Liberal Arts are showing slight declines.

James W. Harless, director of admissions, said today's students are very job oriented. They link education with the fields in demand, Harless said.

Job opportunities in science, business and related fields are up from a few years ago, while job opportunities in education, liberal arts and related fields are down from a few years ago, Harless said.

E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the College of Sciences, said, the increased enrollment over the past few years is "part imaginary."

"Many students were originally undecided, but have declared majors over the past few years," Hanrahan said.

Transfer students have also made a difference in enrollment, Hanrahan said.

"The St. Mary's nursing students are an example of this," Hanrahan said. The students were originally a part of the College of Arts and Sciences which split into the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science.

"After subtracting all that, you still get an increase that can be attributed to Marshall's new medical students and to the fact that students know Marshall is committed to science," Hanrahan said.

Enrollment for the College of

Liberal Arts is down because it does not lean toward specific fields, according to Warren G. Lutz, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

"The College of Liberal Arts has become less popular because it deals with an overall education," Lutz said. "Over the past couple of years students have been looking toward specific career fields."

Declining job markets and adverse publicity have directed students out of the College of Education, according to Jack Maynard, assistant dean of the College of Education.

"We have maintained ourselves

pretty well because when the undergraduate population was dropping, the graduate population was growing," Maynard said.

Maynard added that he knew the decline was coming four years ago and believes things have leveled off now.

"We could see the handwriting on the wall," Maynard said.

All the segments of the university could be losing students in the 1980s, according to Harless.

"The declining birth rate 17 years prior to '82 could result in a 10-15 percent drop in the number of students graduating from high

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## Kaleidoscopic light illuminates 'Equus'

A REVIEW  
By ELIZABETH HOLROYD  
Managing Editor

Frankly sexual and clearly psychotic, the play packs a punch. "Equus," by Peter Shaffer, is a rather involved story about a boy who gouges out the eyes of six horses and what he and his psychiatrist discover about themselves while searching for the reason.

The main setting of the University Theatre production is in a psychiatric center where flashbacks accompanied by bizarre aerial lighting provide insight into stableboy Alan Strang's behavior.

The boy is played by Huntington freshman Ed Heaberlin, who said he has been in only two other productions. His newness to the stage is not evident, however, as he convincingly mimes doors, horse halters, and a wild ride over the English countryside.

Heaberlin also slips easily into the withdrawn, troubled boy seeking help from Martin Dysart, child psychiatrist, powerfully played by James Lawhorn (who has has an M.A. degree in speech from Marshall).

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# Interchange

A space dedicated to the interchange of opinions within the university community

## Editorials

### 'Commitment' early

Marshall University is committed to science. So says E. S. Hanrahan, dean of the College of Science.

Yes, Marshall has a medical school. And, yes, there is a separate college devoted to science.

But since when has the university made a firm commitment to science?

(See related story, page one)

In the Feb. 23 issue of *The Parthenon*, medical school Dean Robert Coon said there is "minimal usage of animals" in the medical school. If Marshall were firmly committed to science, then it would stand to reason that the medical sciences would be firmly committed to research, to the utilization of laboratory animals and other research resources, more than Coon has indicated.

And one has to wonder how much research is conducted by the College of Science. This college is fairly new and is still developing. It seems "commitment" is a bit strong at this point. It sounds as though Hanrahan would have the university community believe that Marshall has such a strong science program as to reach competitive status with other schools in surrounding states.

It would be nice, but that posture just isn't realistic at this time.

Marshall has taken a stand to develop science programs. But to claim a commitment now is premature. The medical school and the College of Science are still in their infancies — it is really too soon to tell how much efficacy these programs will have.

To say at this point that "students know Marshall is committed to science," is a little too forceful. It implies outside recognition, and while the university may be aware internally, it will take a while before others acknowledge this school as being scientifically distinguished.

In years past, Marshall has been known nationally for its College of Education. This still holds true today. Other curricula also are being boosted to the national forefront.

What distinguishes these curricula from the sciences is longevity. These programs have had time to evolve and modify to become solid sequences.

Time. This is what the College of Science and the School of Medicine need before either can claim that Marshall is committed to science.

We know we're trying. We're just not there yet.

## Energy problems

President Carter has issued his command that all non-residential buildings are to conserve energy by reducing thermostats to 78 degrees when possible.

When possible. When life-saving equipment is not involved. When food spoilage is not involved. When delicate computer equipment is not involved.

That Marshall University should comply with the President's guidelines is necessary — mandated in fact. But to reduce the temperature in all areas of all campus buildings may, in the long run, be costly.

(See related story, page three)

Computers are delicate creatures. They need air cooled to about 70 degrees to properly function. If the temperature should rise, say, to 78 or 80 degrees, the computer programming can break down. And it takes money to repair computers.

Various forms of conservation will see the university through this new energy crisis. Turning out lights in unused classrooms will help, as will reducing classroom building temperatures when feasible.

All facets of the university are affected by Carter's latest guidelines. And all facets must comply — with stifling classrooms and wet collars.

The country is facing a serious energy shortage, Carter has told the citizenry. And he also told them — in a somewhat fire-and-brimstone manner — that he wasn't going to put up with this situation.

But doesn't it seem odd that this latest in the long line of energy crunches is so dire and so serious to warrant such drastic measures to conserve?



Commentary by Elizabeth Holroyd

## Cyclists have rights, too

Bicycles are not really all that much fun, especially when they are the only mode of personal transportation available.

But a bicycle does not eat gas.

The feeling of breezing down the road with the wind running its grimy polluted imaginary fingers through one's hair cannot be equalled, unless one considers those gut-wrenching undulating mini-hurricanes created by big tractor-trailers passing by.

But a bicycle does not eat oil.

The joys of bicycle riding includes watching for everything at once. "Everything" includes: (1) the parked car door which opens three feet in front of the unsuspecting bike rider; (2) the pedestrian who obviously believes the biker can stop on a dime — or at least swerve like a bird, and (3) the motorist who is sure the cyclist hasn't got a brain — or else he would be driving a car, right?

Now, all you motorists out there need not rise up and bludgeon this unprotected bicycle rider. I understand your attitude. I used to drive an automobile. Unfortunately, my little Vega was totaled

during a three-car accident more than two-years ago.

I remember faint anger at the cyclist who would ride alongside the road in his unprotected manner, dodging potholes and opening car doors, begging to be hit by me in my gas-guzzler.

Why should the biker want to make me a murderer?

Now I am on the other side of the steel, in a manner of speaking. I do not want to be injured while tooling along to school or the store.

I want to get there as quickly — and as painlessly — as possible. I observe the same rules every motorist using public roads is to obey. I signal to turn and to stop. I ride as far to the right as possible, except when making a left-hand turn from a three or four-lane road. In this case I am in the left-turn lane.

So why all the excitement? Nearly every time I am on the road, some hotshot motorist yells "two points" as he passes within a short few inches of my handlebars, roaring his motor or blasting his

horn as if I had taken all of the seven feet of one-lane pavement allotted to wheeled transportation.

At least once during each foray onto blacktop, a motorist pokes along behind my admittedly-slower form of transportation until I pull to the side to allow the scowling driver to pass. I do not take up any more than two feet, six inches, and each lane of the four-lane, in-town roadways are approximately three feet wider than most cars. Get the point?

There is plenty of room for bicycles and automobiles on our public road system.

And a bicycle does not eat gas or oil.

With energy prices going up and reserves going down (so "they" tell us), everybody needs to save any form of energy any way he or she can.

So I am willing to make a deal on behalf of bicycle riders. We will not use any gasoline for our three-, five-, and ten-speed bikes, leaving the motorists with more petrol. All we ask in return is a little respect on the highway.

Think of it as an investment for future trips to the beach.

## Letters

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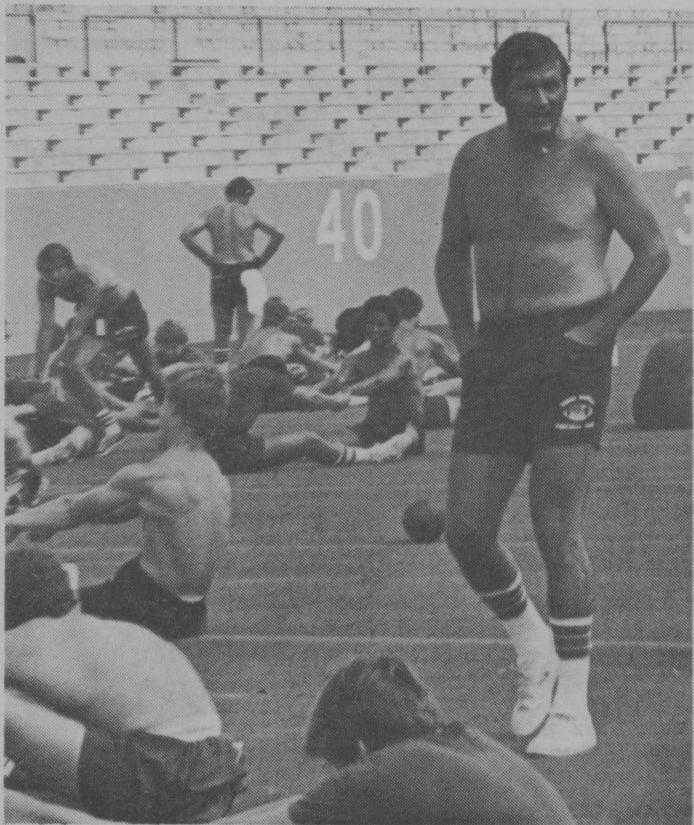


Photo by MIKE ENOCH  
**MU football coach Sonny Randle surveys the turf of Fairfield stadium cluttered by more than 100 youths attending his first Marshall-based camp.**

# Randle holds first Fairfield camp

By STEVE HAUSER  
 Reporter

Nearly 150 students from 10 to 18 are participating in the first Sonny Randle Football Camp at Marshall University.

The camp started Sunday and marks the 20th year Marshall's head football coach has been involved in one, but the first year he has offered a camp at Marshall.

Randle said the purpose of the camp is to prepare students to play ball.

"The camp not only provides an opportunity for students to become better players, but gives them exposure to Marshall," Randle said.

The 11-member coaching staff consisted of high school coaches from around the state and the entire Marshall staff, Randle said.

The day starts at 7:30 a.m. and practice begins no later than 9:30 a.m., Randle said. At 12:30 p.m. the students leave Fairfield Stadium and head back to Marshall for lunch.

In the afternoon the students are back at Fairfield Stadium practicing until 6 p.m., Randle said. From 7:30-8:30 p.m. the students work out lifting weights or swimming and at 9 p.m. they end the day watching NFL highlight movies.

Randle said any student could attend the camp for \$40. A team of 10 or more could attend for \$125.

The camp ends Friday at 1 p.m.

## MU signs tracksters

Marshall's women's track team has announced the signing of three of the top performers in West Virginia to letters of intent.

The signees are Janet Clayton of Fairmont, Susan Grandal of Charleston, and Risa Withrow of Nitro. Clayton set a new state record in discus while attending Fairmont Senior High School.

Grandal, from Stohewall Jackson High School, won the state AAA championship in the 440 and placed third in the 220-yard dash.

Withrow, of Nitro High School, placed third in the AAA 880-yard run last spring.

## 'Youngest team ever'

# Cook lands three recruits

By MARK ESSLINGER  
 Sports Editor

Three additional players have signed with Coach Jack Cook's baseball team next season.

The players are Brad Binder from Belfry, Ky., Ed Britton from Cincinnati, and Rick Wilson from Reston, Va.

Binder, a 6-4 185-pound righthander, played third base and pitched for Belfry High School, but was injured his senior year. His pitching records were impressive in his sophomore and junior years with records of 5-3 with a 2.15 ERA, and 8-3 with an ERA of 0.11. His senior record was 1-5 with a 4.50 ERA.

Britton, a 6-4, 200-pound lefthanded catcher-first baseman, graduated from Princeton High

School and played in the Cincinnati East-West All-star game. Britton batted .373 with 28 RBIs during his senior year. He is the third player to come from Princeton to Marshall in the past three years.

Wilson, a 5-11 170-pound outfielder from Herndon High School, batted .442 with three home runs and 19 RBIs during his senior year.

Cook said the recruits will fill the need for a strong pitcher, a home run hitter and a swift outfielder. "We needed quality players who could step in and play right away and we've signed some who can do that," Cook said. "Next spring, we'll field our youngest team ever in terms of college experience, so our recruits will have to grow up in a hurry."



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# THE REV. LOYD

## 'He's' a woman

By KATHY YOUNG  
Reporter

The Rev. Loyd is the new United Methodist campus minister at the Campus Christian Center.

What's so unusual about that?

The Rev. Loyd is a woman — the Rev. Martha Loyd. She has been ordained for 10 years, and has been on Marshall's campus for about a month.

Loyd cited many reasons why she chose the ministry, but she said the main reasons were her interests and the lack of red tape. "My primary interests were religion and people. And red tape in religion isn't as much as in other social services."

She credits her decision for going into the ministry to the campus minister at Fairmont State when she was doing her undergraduate work. "He was instrumental in suggesting and pointing me in the right direction and making those steps possible."

Loyd said she comes from a strong religious family and that her family accepted her decision very well. She said they had no objections.

Loyd said the ministry was not a difficult area to enter. She said when she entered the seminary at Duke University, women in the program were still a novelty. At that time there were about 15 women entered, and now at least one-fourth to one-third of those entered are women, she said.

Loyd said more women are entering the field because there are no stereotypes to break and, therefore, doorways are being opened.

She said acceptance is one of her biggest problems. "People don't know how to relate to a woman minister." She added this problem was bigger in a local church setting than on a campus.

Loyd mostly has worked at local churches in West Virginia and said she has received mixed reactions. She said women gave her the most problems because they expected her to fill the duties of the minister's wife. She said she didn't have the time or the energy to fill that role as well as that of the minister.

She said that being a woman is also a big plus for her.

"Women generally are more sensitive to people." She said that in counseling situations, it is better to be a woman. In her experiences, she said, she finds women to be more open with her. But she added that many men were also very open in counseling sessions.

Loyd said she feels women can fill the same jobs as men and considers herself a part of the women's liberation movement with her understanding of it. "You have the right to choose what you primarily would do with your life."

She added that she doesn't believe all women are alike and qualify in the same areas. Loyd is unmarried and said that a woman in her profession must be serious about her job. She said that marriage is not currently an option for her and that she is not planning to be married at this point.

She said she wanted to be a campus minister because she had served in every Campus Christian Center capacity since 1964, except for the minister position. She said she thought Marshall would be a ministry she would enjoy being involved with.

Loyd, who replaces the Rev. Todd Turner, said the campus appointments were made for one year and that she would be at Marshall until June 1980. She added she hopes to be allowed to stay longer. "I want...to offer to Marshall the best ministry I possibly can in the time that I am here."

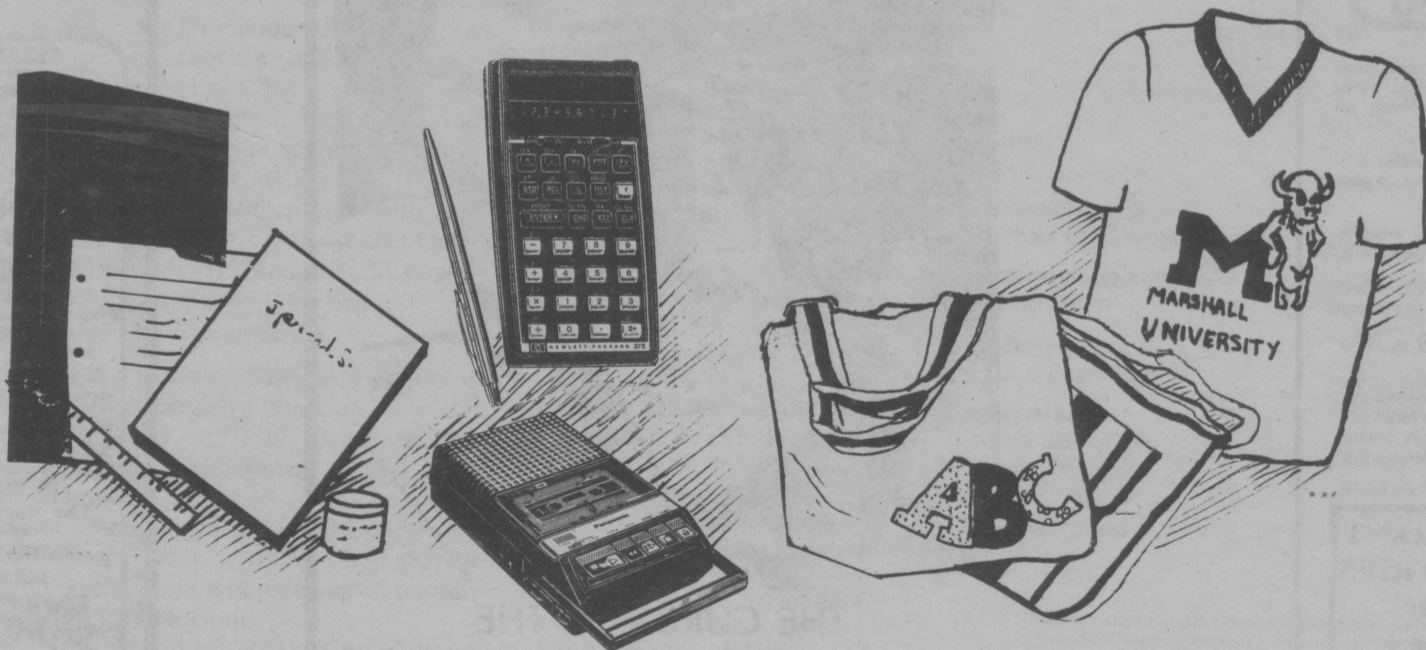


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Acceptance easier on campus, Loyd says

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