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Elections offer no surprises, professor says

By BELINDA ANDERSON
Staff Writer
and
CHERYL BOYES
Reporter

Despite close races in Tuesday's elections, a Marshall political science professor said he was not surprised at the results because of West Virginia's strong Democratic Party ties.

(See related stories, page 2.)

Dr. Troy M. Stewart said although Republican senatorial candidate Arch A. Moore Jr. was a popular governor and is regarded by many West Virginians as a man who can "allegedly walk on water," Sen. Jennings Randolph — who defeated Moore in one of the state's closest races — is a popular Democratic incumbent.

Moore won the 1968 gubernatorial elec-

tion by a very close margin, Stewart said. Because West Virginia is predominantly democratic, a Republican seldom wins against a Democrat, he explained.

Dr. Richard H. Rosswurm, associate professor of political science, said the off-year election is tough for incumbents, which was another factor affecting the close senatorial race.

The hotly contested 5th District state senatorial race was "not surprisingly close," according to Stewart. He said it is traditional for state senate elections to be close.

Rosswurm said he was "delighted" with the Sen. Robert R. Nelson's victory over Republican challenger Albert C. Esposito, both as a Democrat and as a West Virginian.

The closeness of the election — Nelson defended his seat, 15,244-13,466 — was

because Esposito was a strong Republican candidate and this is a "good hard Republican area," Stewart said.

However, Nelson believes his victory wasn't as close as other contests. "I won by a thousand votes, despite the all-out effort made by the opposition. Evidently the people believed that I have done a good job."

"I'm sorry Marshall became an issue," he added, "but that was the approach the opposition took. I'm proud of my roots at Marshall. The Marshall issue backfired for Esposito, because anyone that knows anything about Marshall knows I would never do anything to harm the school."

Insuring enough funds for the multipurpose physical education facility, despite high construction bids, is one of Nelson's top two goals for this term. He said he would also like to see a port terminal in the area. "I

think it would be a great economic boost."

Esposito said he feels he ran a "clean campaign," although he believes "we need citizen legislators at the grass roots level in Charleston. However, the people elected a professional politician and they'll have to live with him for four years."

Esposito, an area ophthalmologist, said he hasn't decided whether he will run for office in future elections. "I haven't made up my mind yet, but I'm glad that I can go back to practicing medicine and taking care of my patients."

However, Esposito reported to the secretary of state's office that Nelson may have violated election laws during the campaigns.

His specific charge was about several ads that appeared concerning such subjects as Esposito's legislative attendance, and which

were under the name of The Committee to Inform the Public. Esposito contends the ads "distorted the truth," and called Nelson's campaign "dirty."

Nelson responded that the committee was not an extension of his campaign, "but I knew of its formation because several people, including the treasurer of my 1970 campaign, came to me and said they felt there should be some response to ads by Esposito that were making charges against me. Until then, I had made no refutations."

"However, I had nothing to do with those ads. It was easy enough for the people to look up Esposito's attendance record," Nelson called the charges by his opponent "an eleventh hour attempt."

An investigation is being made about the matter, according to William Harrington at the secretary of state's office. "It appears

that there has been a violation of the election laws," he said. "We have no record of the committee's formation, and all committees are responsible for reporting here or to the county clerk 60 days before the election and give a financial report five to 10 days before the election."

The matter was brought to the attention of the office by Esposito, but Harrington said, "We have no evidence at all that Nelson was behind it."

If there has been a violation, it is punishable as a misdemeanor by a fine of no more than \$1,000 or confinement in jail for no longer than one year.

Harrington estimated that within a week the office will come to a conclusion about the possible offense.

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Paintbrushes in hand, these Hodges Hall residents touch up the walls of their "home away from home" during a self-initiated renovation this week. From front, these handy helpers are Joe Sukup, Detroit, Mich.,

sophomore and resident adviser; Dave Phillips, Circleville, Ohio, sophomore; Frank Shaffer, South Charleston senior, and Mark Harvey, Gallipolis, Ohio, senior.

Photo by JEFF ANDERSON

Animal house?

Hodges' image to change

By PAM MUNDAY
Reporter

Living in an "animal house" may be all right for John Belushi, but residents of Hodges Hall say they're tired of it.

"We don't want to be known as the 'animal house' any longer," said Joseph Sukup, Westland, Mich., sophomore, and coordinator of the project to give Hodges a facelift and a new image.

The men have started the first part of the project: painting the halls of the first floor and designing murals to make the building more attractive.

Instead of the green-and-white two-tone found on hall walls in the rest of Hodges, the first-floor hall is now white with geometric designs in orange, green, and brown.

Sukup, a second-floor RA in the building that houses most of Marshall's varsity athletes, said the first-floor hall is just the beginning. He said the men plan to paint all the halls in the building and a large mural of sports figures is planned for the recreation room walls.

A mural of geometric figures representing sports in which the residents participate will be painted outside the office on the first floor, and the entrance facing 18th Street will be painted with lines converging on one spot painted with the words "Hodges Hall."

Sukup said the project was designed to give the residents more pride in the place they live. "Everyone will get to try his hand at the painting and everyone has the chance to work on the project," he said.

Sukup said he thought if the men had a chance to work to improve the residence hall, they would take more pride in it and then the destruction that has always plagued

Hodges would be halted or deterred.

"I think the men's attitude has already improved," Sukup said. "Before, there was always a lot of garbage lying around. Now, there's not."

"I hope that a lot more of the destruction will stop by the time everyone gets involved," Sukup added.

Sukup said many of the men have repainted their rooms since the project began two weeks ago.

The paint for the work is being supplied by the Housing Office and most of the brushes belong to Sukup.

The building is much cleaner now than before the project began, Sukup said. More personal effort and getting the janitors to work harder are the two most significant reasons for this, according to Sukup.

"I think it's great that everyone is doing this," said Jeff S. Wooten, Logan junior and a first-floor resident. "Hodges Hall has the reputation of being a dump and it's great that everyone is finally taking pride in it."

Wooten said he also thought the project would help reduce the amount of destruction in the hall.

Jim Johnson, Columbus, Ohio, junior and an MU football player, said, "It really gives me a boost to see what the guys have done so far."

Johnson also said that he thought the project would have a positive effect deterring destruction in the building. "A lot of the guys don't really care about this place," he said. "Now maybe they'll take some pride in it."

"I don't know about anybody else, but I'm tired of people calling us 'animals,'" Johnson said.

Campus coverage irks Nelson

By BRUCE HASH
Reporter

The losing candidate is usually the complainer after an election.

However, in a reverse twist following Tuesday's election, state senatorial winner Robert R. Nelson complained of unfair treatment in news stories in *The Parthenon*, while losing candidate Dr. Albert C. Esposito said the news coverage was handled fairly.

"From a news reporting standpoint, *The Parthenon* did not present the candidates fairly," Nelson said.

Nelson explained that he personally attended a "Meet the Candidates" program Nov. 2 on the Marshall campus, while Esposito only submitted a letter to the program, yet the news story reporting the program was treated as if Esposito had attended the program, he said.

Nelson also claimed another story that gave unfair coverage to Esposito was a story related to a reprint of a column by the late John R. Brown about Nelson in *The (Huntington) Herald-Dispatch*, parts of which were reprinted in the Nov. 1 issue of *The Parthenon*.

"My opponent's views on that column made up more than half of the story," Nelson said.

Nelson blasted *The Parthenon* Editor Ken Smith, saying that news coverage was not handled well, and that editorials by Smith and others did not contain enough background information and did not "do much of a job of presenting the candidates."

Smith responded to Nelson's charges by saying "both candidates were given the same amount of space in the paper, and the

commentaries and editorials simply reflected the opinions of the newspaper or the respective writers."

Esposito said, "All in all, I felt *The Parthenon* did a real good job" of covering the candidates.

Esposito added that Nelson has complained of not getting enough coverage in the past, but the paper had been covering Nelson regularly months before the race became heated.

Both candidates said they were happy with their advertisements in *The Parthenon*. Esposito placed ads in the Nov. 1 and Nov. 7 issues.

"The advertising department did an excellent job," Nelson said. He said the advertisement that appeared in the Nov. 1 edition was so well done that he placed the

same ad in both of the Huntington newspapers.

He said he believed the ads *The Parthenon* did were superior to those done by either of the Huntington newspapers.

Tom Drummond, *The Parthenon* advertising manager, said Esposito's two advertisements totaled \$100 and Nelson's ads totaled \$160.

According to the office of the secretary of state, Nelson's total expenditure for the campaign was \$4,367.13, while Esposito spent a total of \$5,312.42.

A spokesman for the secretary of state's office said a breakdown on how much was spent on advertising was not available, but most of the total was for advertising.

He added that Esposito spent \$204 for advertising in the Huntington newspapers, and Nelson spent \$246.51 for newspaper ads in Huntington.

Senators to seek student feedback

By KIMA JOHNSON
Reporter

A need for students to increase awareness and utilization of the Student Senate is a recurring theme voiced by student senators.

After small group discussions at Tuesday's senate meeting, each group of senators listed a common goal of receiving more feedback from constituencies.

In outlining suggestions to increase communication with constituencies, senators suggested senate meetings in dormitories for question-and-answer sessions, and listing senate activities in calendars. A "Know Your Student Government" day was also suggested by senators.

The senate has already allocated funding for placement of an ad in *The Parthenon* listing information about senators in efforts to obtain closer communication with students.

Ideas for suggestion boxes and weekly reviews and reports of senate expenditures were also discussed. Weekly reports on the senate's budget would allow students to understand what has been allotted from the senate budget, Michael T. Mitchell, Charleston sophomore, said.

Mitchell also suggested the possibility of senators representing residence hall students attending residence hall government meetings in an effort to create closer interaction with their constituents.

Kevin S. Hughes, Spencer senior, had asked for student input on the question of allocating funding to the Graduate Student Association, but said he did not receive any telephone calls from students giving opinions.

Rockwell dies

BULLETIN
STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Artist Norman Rockwell died at his home late Wednesday night. He was 84.

Thursday

Sunny

Sunny skies will grace the area today, according to the National Weather Service at Tri-State Airport. The high will be near 60 degrees.

Phantom tickets

Four tickets that have been distributed for the "Nutcracker" production have seat numbers that don't exist in the Keith Albee Theatre.

Due to an error in the drawing of the seating chart, any student holding a ticket with seat number 29 in rows A-S in Section 2 of the balcony needs to return their ticket to Memorial Student Center Room 2W23, Hindley said.

"The students aren't really informed about what's going on," said Steve Williams, Parkersburg sophomore. "They don't know how their money is spent."

"I think the itemized list of the budget is a very good idea," he added. "I urge the students to voice their opinions more because that's the only way to organize, to get going for them."

Kevin Bowen, South Point, Ohio, senior, said another idea for increasing student input is the distribution of printed questionnaires.

"A lot of times they (students) won't come up and just volunteer information," he

explained. "A lot of times we make decisions concerning how to spend student fees, and without their input we don't know if they're satisfied."

Williams, off-campus senator, and Bowen, transient senator, pointed out a difficulty in knowing many of their constituents.

"They're a loosely knit group," Bowen explained. "It's hard to get their input."

Senators also listed investigation into parking problems at MU as a common goal for this year. Senators said they want to continue community projects, such as the blood drive.

Pedestrians beware!

Illegal turns plague MU

By BRUCE STOLLINGS
Reporter

The law is being broken constantly at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard.

During a 17-minute period the morning of Nov. 2, 15 vehicles made an illegal left turn from Hal Greer Boulevard onto Fifth Avenue.

In an earlier survey for a 30-minute period at midday, 26 vehicles turned right onto Hal Greer Boulevard while the pedestrian walk light was on — eight of these while pedestrians were crossing the street. Six of the 12 vehicles illegally turning onto Fifth Avenue did so while pedestrians were crossing, violating state law.

The West Virginia Code calls for vehicles to "yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk...."

Those making the illegal left turn on Fifth Avenue are in direct violation of a sign beside the traffic signal stating, "This lane turn on left arrow only." Those turning right onto Hal Greer Boulevard are in violation of state law and also are disregarding the traffic signal with an arrow for them to turn and a sign stating, "No right turn on red 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m."

When asked why these laws weren't enforced, Lt. J.N. Hunter, commander of the public safety division of the Huntington Police Department, said, "We have selective enforcement because of limited manpower. Lately we have concentrated mainly on school zones to watch for speeders. We can only be certain places at certain times."

Hunter said he is sure that this happens all over the city. "This should not be the only spot in town with this problem," said Hunter.

Hunter said that his department is "something like 15 men short." He said there are nine men in recruiting school who will be available in December.

The intersection of Fourth Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard is another such spot, but for a different reason. In a 15-minute period in the mid-morning, 26 pedestrians illegally crossed the street.

There are walk lights, accompanied by a bell that signals pedestrians to cross, and it is illegal to cross at any other time. The signals are triggered by pedestrians pushing a button, but it appears that few bother.

In 15 minutes there were only three such bells.

Hunter said, "There hasn't been any enforcement on jaywalking in my career here."

Food services to retain sweetener despite cancer-causing possibility

By JACQUELINE LLEWELLYN
Reporter

Despite the latest reports by the National Academy of Sciences that saccharin is cancer-producing, food service management at Marshall will continue to make the substance available to students.

The Academy concluded that saccharin, a sugar substitute, is a weak cancer-causing agent as well as a promoter of carcinogenic activity. At the request of Congress, the scientific body conducted research which revealed that one-third of children under 10 are saccharin users and may be subjected to the greatest risk.

The food service managers at South Hall, Twin Towers and Memorial Student Center were unanimous in their response to the

NAS findings. Sweet 'n Low, an artificial sweetener containing saccharin, will remain on cafeteria tables.

Barry Stinson, food service manager at Memorial Student Center, said, "I'm going to continue to make saccharin available unless there is a government ban. The students can choose for themselves."

No recommendations have yet been submitted to the government by the panel.

Stinson said that if he were to remove Sweet 'n Low from the cafeteria the students would complain. He estimated that students use approximately 3,000 packets of the artificial sweetener a month, one-fourth the total amount of sweetener consumed.

"Almost everything gives you cancer these

days," John Spotts, food service manager of Twin Towers commented. "It's like smoking. If people want to use saccharin, they will. They are aware of the dangers."

Spotts noted that due to the expense of Sweet 'n Low he would prefer the substance being taken off the market. However, he said if such an action were taken, students would object vehemently. At Twin Towers, students use approximately 3,000 packets of Sweet 'n Low a week.

Mitch Clemens, food service manager of South Hall, first said he would terminate use of the artificial sweetener, but later decided to retain the sugar substitute.

He said that approximately 15 percent of the students use the sweetener.

A space for opinions

Interchange



Got them computer blues

There are two main purposes for automation. Automation supposedly helps hasten tedious processes formerly done by humans. Because human error is, in theory, eliminated, computers and other technological tools are supposed to do work more efficiently, also.

Analysis

However, some would argue that automation only makes things more inefficient. Tales abound of computer screw-ups, each portraying man as a helpless victim of his own technology.

A case in point is the breakdown of the newly-automated registration procedure. The computer broke down, supposedly overheating from overuse, early in the registration proceedings.

Although students were obviously perturbed, they showed great understanding, allowing registration workers to take schedules by hand.

We can sympathize with Registrar Robert Eddins and his computer woes. The Parthenon is also automated. Stories are

programmed into a Video Display Terminal (VDT), placed in the computer's memory banks, and printed electronically.

We know that computers can malfunction. One cause is if the machine itself breaks down as it did in registration.

A more common cause is still human error. Computers only work as well as the information programmed into them. When merely typing one incorrect number can change the entire meaning of information, it is easy to make mistakes, especially if the programmer is not highly experienced.

Since this is the computer's bow at Marshall registration, we should not be too harsh in judging it. Once the registration workers figure out the bugs in the system, it should provide faster, more efficient service for students.

In the meantime, it should be remembered that the computer did not delay everybody. Some said it was the fastest registration ever. And in the future, perhaps the whole process will be far less time-consuming and less of a hassle.

Letters

Dog tired

In the interest of putting an end to the short-running controversy over the film "A Boy and His Dog," I'd like to offer a more pertinent opinion.

The film was based (closely) on Harlan Ellison's novella of the same name, and Ellison has come under attack before for the reasons cited by Sarah Schifferer, Barb Sinnett and Chenita Barber.

In an interview a little over a year ago, Ellison said:

"Apparently a great many women see that story as a paen of praise to rape and the brutalization of women. It is not. I intended it to be a cautionary tale. It was actually a political statement that I wrote after the Kent State massacre, in which I portrayed the fat burgers of Kent, Ohio—the Kiwanis who had a

luncheon and made a public statement and said that the National Guard should have shot all those kids. Those are the people of the Downunder city, as opposed to the kids who, without thinking, are the Rovers. People have forgotten that condition in this country and they see "A Boy and His Dog" only as brutalization against women. They fail to pay attention to the fact that it's just as much brutalization against men; more in fact."

It should also be noted that Ellison is a vigorous and vocal advocate of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Nor is this intended to bolster the comments of Steve Guerry and Mike Haines, who also failed to look at the movie from the proper perspective.

Rape cannot be justified, no matter the society or moral standards, and although the woman does outsmart the "boy," she has no choice in doing so, her

actions being dictated by the Downunder society. Only through their own initiative the two escape. It's also interesting to note that the dog is the most intelligent being in the film.

The critic must always be cautious how he deals with a film, or he risks coming across like Bill Murray's satire of that individual on NBC's Saturday Night Live, saying "I haven't seen the flick, but a friend of mine did and told me...etc."

Chuck Minsker
St. Albans senior

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Off-Campus briefs

Moore hopes error to blame for loss

CHARLESTON — Arch Moore did not concede defeat Wednesday, hoping that a tabulating error would prove responsible for his apparent loss to incumbent Sen. Jennings Randolph.

Randolph emerged the victor by about 4,500 votes out of 488,000 cast, following a better-than-expected election day turnout.

The defeat opened the possibility that Moore, a Republican, could oppose Gov. Jay Rockefeller in 1980, although Moore had earlier stated he would retire from public life if he lost.

Rockefeller said Moore would be better off to forget any such notions.

"He would never beat me. There's too much going this way," he said.

Randolph polled 248,380 votes to 243,862 for Moore, according to unofficial returns.

As the votes were counted, Randolph noted that he was not as strong in some counties as he had anticipated.

But he did not suffer heavy losses in key counties, Moore did.

In Raleigh County, Moore lost by more than a 2-1 margin — 11,926 votes for Randolph compared to 5,765 for Moore.

On the congressional front, all four of the state Democratic incumbent congressmen easily won re-election. Rep. Harley Stagers, dean of the state's congressional delegation, had the stiffest opposition. Republican Cleveland Benedict polled 56,182 votes, compared to 69,621 for Stagers in the 2nd District.

Rep. John Slack grabbed 59 percent of the vote in the 3rd district, soundly defeating David Staton — 74,373 to 51,112.

Rep. Robert Mollohan swept the 1st District in his race against Gene Haynes. And 4th District Rep. Nick Jo Rahall ran unopposed.

The constitutional amendments on Tuesday's ballot went down to defeat.

The Freeport Amendment, which would have given the Legislature authority to exempt warehouse goods from the state's property tax, was overwhelmingly rejected. Nearly three-quarters of the voters said "no."

The School Levy and Bond Amendment lost by a smaller margin.

Voter turnout high despite bad weather

CHARLESTON — Despite predictions that voter turnout would be very light even in the best of weather, 48.3 percent of those registered to vote went to the polls in cold, clammy weather.

Thornton Berry, campaign manager for the victorious Sen. Jennings, said he believed that heat generated in the final days of the contest between Randolph and former Republican Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. increased voter interest.

The high turnout was a backlash against Moore's campaign tactics, Berry contended.

As he watched the election returns come in Tuesday night, Gov. Jay Rockefeller said he believed that if it hadn't rained, Democratic candidates would have gotten three or four percent more votes.

Randolph told supporters in a victory statement early Wednesday he believed the turnout helped him win.

"Bob Byrd and I agreed if we had 45 percent of the eligible voters at the polls, we would win," Randolph said. Heavy turnouts favor Democrats, according to conventional political wisdom.

Terrorist squad kills attorney, bodyguards

FROSINONE, Italy — A terrorist assassination squad shot and killed a district attorney and his two bodyguards Wednesday, raking their car with submachine gun fire in the bloodiest strike since the kidnap and shooting of former Premier Aldo Moro.

One terrorist was wounded in the crossfire of his comrades and his body was found in the car the terrorists used to flee from the scene, police said.

A caller told a Milan newspaper several hours later than the attack was the work of "Frontline," a leftist terrorist group that has claimed responsibility for a number of killings and bombings.

Police said they had no way of establishing whether the call actually was from the terrorists.

Police said Wednesday's attack occurred as Fedele Calvosa, 59, district attorney in this town of 35,000, was being driven to work from his home.

As the blue Fiat came out of a turn on the provincial highway, the driver braked to avoid hitting a car blocking a crossroads.

A witness told police that three persons stepped out of the thick bushes on both sides of the road and opened fire at the car at close range, killing Calvosa and his driver Giuseppe Paglietti, before Paglietti could get his gun out of his holster.

A third person in the car, Luciano Rossi, was in training as a new bodyguard for Calvosa and was unarmed. He tried to flee but was gunned down, police said.

The terrorists dragged their wounded fellow into their car, leaving a trail of blood across the road, and then sped away.

Republicans gain control of 19 legislative seats

CHARLESTON — Republicans picked up 19 legislative seats in Tuesday's off-year election including the one held by House Speaker Donald L. Kopp of Harrison County.

Democrats still will maintain substantial control in both chambers, but in the House the numbers will change from 91-9 to 74-26 and in the Senate from 28-6 to 26-8.

Seeking an eighth House term, Kopp ran sixth in voting for four seats from the 25th Delegate District Harrison County. He has been House speaker since January 1977.

Harrison County voters selected two Republicans and two Democrats to send to the house including incumbent Republican Michael Greer. State GOP Chairman John McCuskey led the list with 17 percent of the vote.

Former Senate Minority Leader J. Frank Deem of Vienna, ousted from the Senate in the 1976 election, defeated Russell Beall in the 3rd Senatorial Dis-

trict, 16,317 to 11,468. Beall was running for a third term.

Michael Shaw, a Point Pleasant lawyer who used to be in the House, narrowly defeated Robert Hatfield in the 4th Senatorial District. Shaw's unofficial margin was 15,529 to 14,728.

The other Senate seats among the 17 at stake Tuesday for four-year terms will remain in possession of the party that holds them now. Ten Democratic incumbents, four of them unopposed, and three Republican incumbents were re-elected. Democrats also won two races in which no incumbent was involved.

In the 8th Senatorial District, Democratic Del. John "Si" Boettner of Charleston beat former Republican Del. Paul Zakaib of Charleston to capture the seat being vacated by Democratic Sen. Roland "Joe" Savilla of St. Albans, who did not run again.

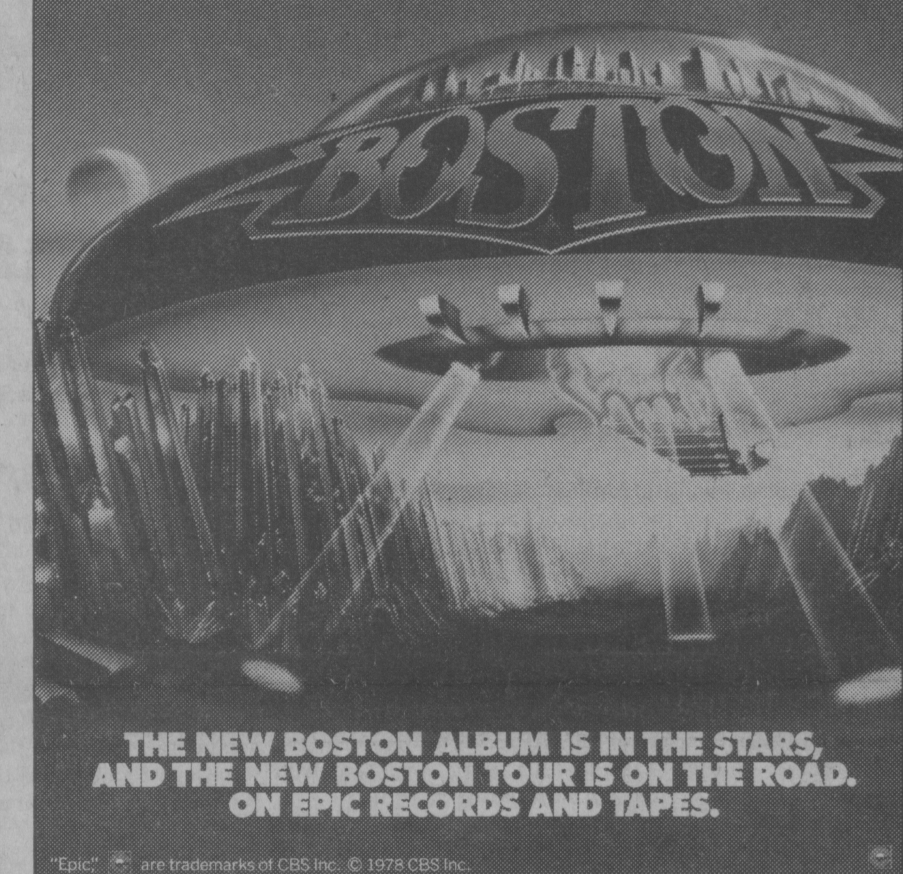
Also winning contested Senate seats were Democratic incumbents J. Robert Rogers of

Madison, Alan Susman of Beckley, Ralph Williams of Rainelle, William A. Moreland of Morgantown and Si Galperin of Charleston and Republican incumbents William Gilligan of Sistersville and C. N. "Bud" Harman of Grafton.

Re-elected to the Senate without opposition Tuesday were Democratic incumbents Late P. Ward of Williamson, the Senate majority leader; Richard P. Baylor of Hinton, Carl E. Gainer of Richwood, and Robert M. Stentoe of Martinsburg.

Republicans Jimmie Joe Wedge of Point Pleasant and W. F. Carmichael of Ripley and Democratic incumbent John E. Fitzgerald of Ravenswood ran 1-2-3 in the 10th District voting and won three of the seats. Although Democratic incumbent Dan Shumate of Ravenswood ran fourth, he is a loser under the law and the fourth seat goes to the candidate who ran fifth, John H. Reed III of Hurricane in Putnam County.

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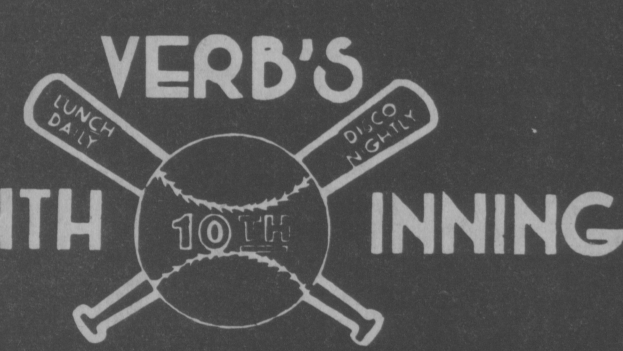
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Jeff Anderson

Future promising for grid program

Marshall football fans have had little to cheer about this season, and most would just as soon forget it ever existed.

No one is arguing that the '78 season has been a cheerful occasion, but there is hope.

Despite my many attempts to avoid the cliché "wait till next year," a look should be taken at what the team will lose, and what it will have back.

The biggest loss will be in the offensive line. Four regulars will be lost through graduation, but a strong bench should shore up any weaknesses that would otherwise occur. Junior Greg Smith should re-claim his center position after losing it to senior Paul Wheeler.

Offensive guard Dan Wells and tackles Randy Chafin and Mike Kesling will be gone after solid performances. However, they should be replaced by some experienced players.

Sophomore Danny Stephens and juniors Sylvester Drobney, Matt Gaines, Howie Harris, John Kirkling and Scott Peterly all have extensive playing time and should provide a strong offensive front.

Freshmen Darnell Richardson and Dickie Rollins will compete at tailback. Both have quickness and some experience.

Sophomores Dave Crisp and Tim Campbell both have shown that they can run well with the ball, and should battle for a starting fullback position.

Danny Wright looks like the logical choice at quarterback, but sophomore Jeff Shaner will make Wright earn his position. Shaner has looked good at times and can pass the ball with real zip.

The quarterback will have some experienced receiver to throw to. Juniors Todd Ellwood and Mike Natale will return for their final season, and should provide the team with an added dimension.

The kicking game could provide some pleasant surprises with John Huth adding the placekicking duties to his punting chores. If Huth can kick as consistently as he can punt, the loss of senior Ed Hamrick may not be felt quite as much when the Herd kicks off the '79 season.

Defensively, the Herd will not lose quite so much, and fans should expect another improved year.

The line will miss the likes of Joey Brison and Mike Sprouse, but will welcome back juniors Brian Hite, Mike Hamrick, Jim Johnson, Hobart Phillips, sophomore George Elliot and freshmen Jim Hynus and Randy Hockenberry.

The defensive backfield loses Mike Johnson, but will have plenty of depth.

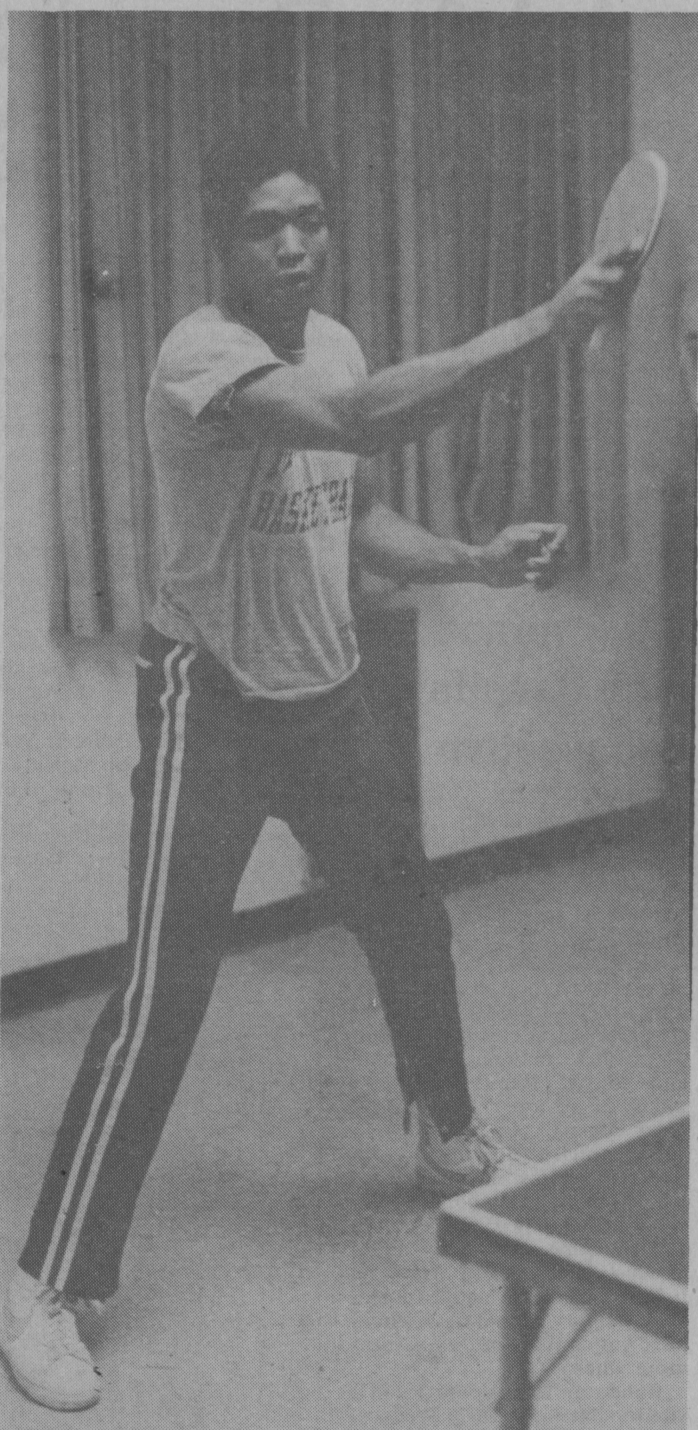
Freshman George Crisp and sophomores Sam Kinker and Greg Kendziorski will battle for the two cornerback positions. All have had plenty of playing time and should be solid on the corners.

Junior Kevin Smith joins sophomore Chris Chaney at safety and could be more capable of stopping the big play which has plagued the Herd all season.

So the big feeling is "wait till next year." Because next season looks promising and hopefully the fans will support the team and give it the real support it deserves.

After all, no one but a group of losers deserves the treatment the Herd received at Fairfield Stadium this year. And Marshall, despite its records, simply does not fit into that category.

The fans do.



King of ping

Photo by JEFF ANDERSON

Greg Young, Brooklyn, N.Y., graduate student, returns a serve from Tony Murphy, Big Creek graduate, in the finals of the Hodges Hall table tennis tournament Wednesday. Young, a graduate assistant with the basketball team, defeated Murphy 3-1 in the best-of-five-game finals.

WVU conquers Yugoslavia

By the Associated Press
MORGANTOWN—Gale Catlett was victorious Wednesday night in his first appearance as coach of the West Virginia University basketball team as the Mountaineers defeated a Yugoslavian squad 95-90 in an exhibition game.

Dana Perno paced the Mountaineers with 20 points. Andre Knego was tops for Yugoslavia with 21.

The Mountaineers led the entire first half, but Yugoslavia took the lead at 12:35 in the second half.

The lead then see-sawed, with the Yugoslavs going up by as much as 81-76.

Herd freshman 'just can't wait'

By MIKE RUBEN
Sports Bureau Chief

Not unlike many anxious Marshall University basketball fans, freshman recruit James Campbell "just can't wait for the season to begin."

One of four freshmen signers with the Herd, Campbell said despite the youthful look the team is planning to win this season, not two or three years down the road.

"If the fans have to wait to see a winner here, that's not the way we're planning for it. We can win and win big this season," Campbell said.

MU head coach Stu Aberdeen said, "Our team this year will be young, very young. As it stands now, seven of our first eight players will be freshmen or sophomores. Four of our first ten players will be freshmen, with four underclassmen probably starting. We may not be old enough to shave."

Campbell is not a basketball player used to losing many games. He averaged 17 points per game to lead Memphis Melrose High School to a 38-1 record and the Tennessee class AAA state championship last year. In Campbell's three years at Melrose his team had a record of 98 wins and 11 losses.

Numerous honors were bestowed upon the 6-5, 190 pound right winger during his high school career. Campbell was named Tennessee AAA player of the year, Memphis region, All-State and he was termed as "the number one player in Tennessee" by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

The presence of MU coach Aberdeen is the main reason James Campbell is wearing a Thundering Herd uniform.

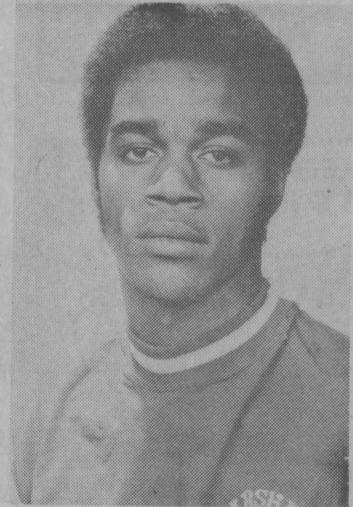
"He's (coach Aberdeen) a winner and I was a winner in high school. I thought it would be best to go from one winner to another," Campbell said.

Campbell turned down offers from the likes of Vanderbilt, Memphis State, Mississippi and Auburn.

The difference between high school and college basketball is

being able to "play a little better defense, be a little quicker, jump a little higher and shoot a little better," Campbell said.

Campbell is listed as a back-up for Carlos "Bunny" Gibson at the right wing position. "At first I didn't believe he (Gibson) could shoot like they were saying he could. But now I believe them. He's the best shooter I've ever seen," he added.



James Campbell
Right wing

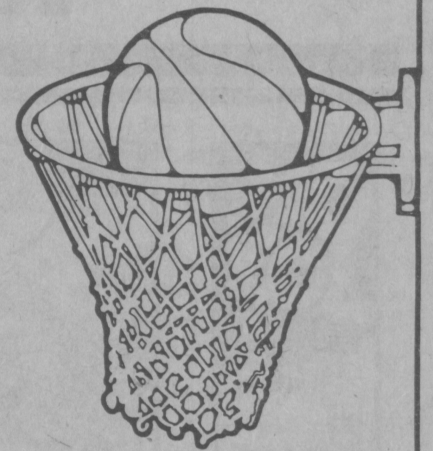
Aberdeen said Gibson's experience will aid Campbell this season. "With Bunny already being familiar with our system, we can afford to give Campbell all of the practice time he needs."

Campbell said outside shooting and defensive play are his personal strong points on the basketball court. "My range is around 15 to 18 feet and in. I don't drive in unless someone takes away my outside jumpshot."

One area Campbell said he wants to improve on is his ball handling. "I can handle it good enough for someone not to be able to take it away from me but I'm not as good as I would like to be," he said.

As a team goal, "We would like to win the Southern Conference. That's what we're really working for. We want to wear those championship rings and we've got too much talent to call that an unrealistic goal," Campbell said.

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Southern Illinois' goal: stop Wright

By MIKE CHERRY
Sports Bureau Chief

Danny Wright. Just one man, but one man that puts fear into the heart of head coach Rey Dempsey of Southern Illinois, Marshall's opponent Saturday.

"We have got to stop the quarterback option," Dempsey said. "If we cut down the running of Wright, I'll feel real good. Honestly, if we shut off the option, I don't see how they can beat us."

Southern Illinois, 5-4 on the season, is coming off a 28-7 victory at Indiana State which broke a three-game Saluki losing streak. "We only played one bad game during that streak," Dempsey said. "Wichita State beat us real bad (33-7) but we have bounced back." In the game against Wichita State, the Salukies were victims of a 67-yard field-goal by Joe Williams which tied an NCAA record.

Despite last week's win, Dempsey said he saw one thing that disturbed him in relation to Saturday's game. "Last week, we let a lesser runner than Wright gain a lot of yards. Our defense broke down several times and we missed a lot of tackles. Wright has a lot of power for a kid his size," Dempsey said.

"One thing we don't want is for him to scramble after dropping back to pass," Dempsey said. "I actually hope he sees somebody open when he drops back. That way he'd throw and we'd attempt to cover up from there."

Dempsey said Marshall may throw more than they usually do against most teams.

"Our pass defense hasn't done the job," he said. "We have the tendency to give up the big play. It has definitely been one of our weak points."

That may be an understatement. In the fourth game of the season, New Mexico State's David Spriggs completed 31 of 59 for 536 yards, which by contrast is 103 yards less than Marshall's season total. Jeff Evans alone in that game caught 15 aerials for 316 yards. Sprigg's yardage and Evans' reception total were both the fourth highest marks in NCAA history.

"Spriggs had one of those nights that he couldn't miss," Dempsey said. "Since that game (SI's fourth of the season) we have improved our pass rush and play tighter coverage. I think if we played them now, he may have only completed 25 passes," Dempsey laughed. The Salukies did intercept four passes that night and won the game 43-39.

"Last season we had the type of year Marshall is having now, a lot of close losses," he said. "Our problem last year was point production. We averaged nine or 10 points a game and a lot of it was because our line was too small. This season, our line is much better and we have averaged close to 20 a game."

Dempsey said one big plus to his offense is the return of starting quarterback John Cernak, who broke his leg eight days before the season began. "John gives us good balance because he can throw long and short," Dempsey said. In the two games

since his return, Cernak has completed 13 of 23 attempts for 189 yards.

"Marshall's defense has been off and on," Dempsey said. "At times they do things as well as anyone we have seen. However, they do play a lot of one-on-one pass coverage and we will try to take advantage of it."

Another plus for the Southern Illinois offense is fullback Bernell Quinn, according to Dempsey. At present he has rushed for 939 yards and leads the Missouri Valley Conference in that category.

Dempsey said he and his team are working as hard as they have all season in preparation for this game. "I know a lot of coaches say things like this, but I honestly believe they are not a 1-8 team," he said. "I don't lie to my kids and they have been told that this is a good team. They block and tackle better than their record indicates."

"I know the people here will be shocked at Marshall's team," Dempsey said. "I have been telling my players and the local people that this is a good team."

However, Dempsey said he would much rather play a team like Marshall's. "They are doing good things, but I would still rather play a team that wonders if it is good than one that knows it is."

"We do not want to be the team that they upset," Dempsey said. "I'll tell you one thing, they are not going to catch us unprepared. My boys will be fired up when they get on the field. We have just got to watch Danny Wright. He is probably the best runner we'll see all year."

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