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Tragedy remembered, those lost honored

Memorial service for those killed in '70 plane crash

By Jeremy Leaming
Reporter

Yesterday's bright skies contrasted sharply with the dreary overcast day 18 years ago, a day that will never be forgotten at Marshall University.

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More than 350 people caught bright rays from yesterday's sun as they gathered on Memorial Student Center Plaza for a brief memorial service to honor the 75 football coaches, players and fans lost Nov. 14, 1970 in an airplane crash at Huntington's Tri-State Airport. The plane was returning from a game at East Carolina University.

Michele Prestera Craig, whose father, a fan, died in the accident, was the speaker at the service.

She spoke about the relationship between Huntington and Marshall, which she described as unique.

"There were times when the event (the memorial) was considered a sad event, and I really think it has turned into a positive and wonderful event. I think the memorial is a positive force," Craig said.

"Those who died would have been proud of the many achievements that Marshall University has realized since 1970," Craig said. "Dedicated fans of 1970 were a lot like the dedicated fans of 1988. They would have been overjoyed at last Saturday's win over Western Carolina University."

Coach George Chaump said, "It really

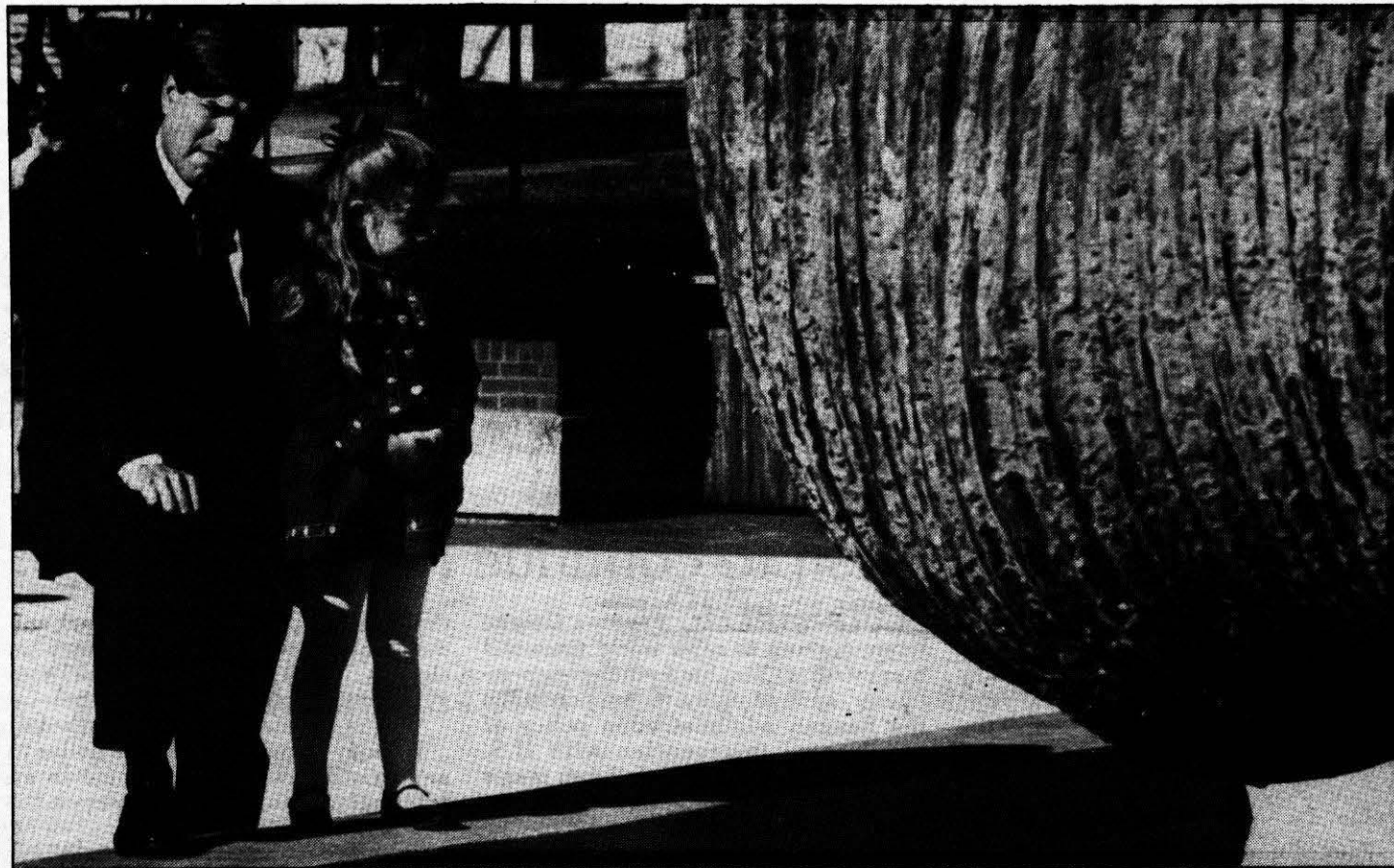


Photo by Chris Hancock

Tom and Michaela Craig gaze at the fountain during yesterday's memorial service on the Student Center Plaza. They are the husband and daughter of Michele Prestera Craig, whose father died in the

1970 plane crash that killed 75 Marshall football coaches, staff, players and fans. Prestera Craig was a speaker at the service.

causes reflections and causes us to think of what Marshall University stands for. It means so much in the lives of so many people."

Parker Ward Jr., president of the Quarterback Club, whose father, also a fan, was killed in the plane crash, introduced the speaker at the memorial service.

Melissa J. White, Student Govern-

ment Association president, and Courtney Proctor, a Marshall alumna who lost parents in the tragedy that is still felt today, made the presentation of a memorial wreath. Her parents were fans traveling with the team as well.

The ceremony ended with the Memorial Fountain being turned off as it is year after year, and the retiring of the

colors while the song, "God, Our Help in Ages Past," played on the university's carillon.

The Memorial Fountain was dedicated in November 1972, as a lasting tribute to the 75 persons who died in the crash. And each of the points atop the fountain represents each of the people who lost their lives 18 years ago.

No layoffs planned, but policy created anyway

By Kelli Hunt
Reporter

Although Marshall has a layoff policy in the works, President Dale F. Nitzschke does not anticipate using it.

A layoff policy proposal prepared by a university committee was submitted about a month ago to Nitzschke. However, he has not yet approved it.

"I am not anticipating any layoffs, but if it becomes necessary to lay people off, it would be essential that we follow this policy as well as the policies set by the Board of Regents," Nitzschke said.

The proposed layoff policy would be a first for Marshall. "There has never been a layoff policy adopted at Marshall, just proposals," according to Herb J. Karlet, acting associate vice president for financial affairs.

One of the provisions of the proposal

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states employees who are laid off could return to their jobs when funding is restored for those positions.

Paul J. Michaud, Director of Human Resources, said the proposal is based on seniority, as the BOR had recommended.

Seniority is determined by job classification. Long term employees will be laid off last. The policy states that part-time and seasonal help would be laid off first. Karlet, along with nine members of

the Department of Human Resource-Personnel Office and Classified Staff Council Committee, wrote the layoff policy.

Not all areas of the policy were agreed upon by the members of the committee, Karlet said.

One area of the policy that brought some disagreement was salary protection. According to the policy, if employees are demoted, they will receive their previous salaries. Gloria J. Rickman,

vice president of Staff Council, said the staff council attempted to assure the policy would serve the interests of the staff members. On the other hand, Rickman said Karlet and the administrators were trying to look out for the best interests of the institution.

The BOR plans to ask the Legislature for supplemental funding for higher education to complete the fiscal year. However, if additional funding is not appropriated, Nitzschke said he does not anticipate being forced to layoff employees.

Instead of layoffs, Nitzschke said he expects an increase in tuition. The BOR will decide in its December meeting whether an increase will be needed.

Some parts of the proposal may be revised before it is approved, Nitzschke said.

BEYOND MU

From The Associated Press

Raleigh Co. group looks for support for anti-porn law

BECKLEY — A Raleigh County group is hoping it can help put some muscle behind the county's new anti-pornography ordinance.

George Burgasser, attorney for the Federal Obscenity Task Force Unit of the U.S. Justice Department, will speak at a meeting Wednesday night at the Raleigh County Armory-Civic Center sponsored by Citizens Against Pornography.

"You can take the saying from the Old Testament, 'I am my brother's keeper,'" said the Rev. Howard Miller, one of the meeting's organizers. "Freedom doesn't give you the right to do what you want. It gives you the right to do what you ought to do."

Area lawyers have called the Raleigh County ordinance "toothless," and Miller said Burgasser's appearance at the meeting is pivotal to explain just what can be done.

"We're against all pornography," said Miller, pastor of White Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Shady Spring. "But we're going to start at the top with the X-rated movies and then work our way down the line to the Hugh Hefner stuff (Playboy magazine). That's a mild form of it."

The ordinance carries a penalty of up to \$500 and 30 days in jail.

Sakharov visits White House

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, welcoming Andrei Sakharov to the White House Monday, said human rights will remain an irritant in U.S.-Soviet relations until all political prisoners are released.

"We've had great success," Reagan said as he praised Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev as more cooperative than any Kremlin leader before him.

But, Reagan said, "we can only wait and see" if Gorbachev makes good on a promise to release all political prisoners.

Sakharov told the president as they posed for pictures that "there are only individuals" left in jails. The Nobel laureate and human rights activist spoke through an American interpreter.

Sakharov says the West should worry more about the possibility that Gorbachev will fail in his bid to transform Soviet society, and less about whether the changes will strengthen the communist nation.

Sakharov, the Soviet Nobel Peace Prize-winning physicist and longtime spokesman for political prisoners and dissidents, told those honoring him Sunday at a National Academy of Sciences banquet that the effects of perestroika — the ambitious restructuring pursued by Gorbachev — will ripple throughout the world.

He said some have suggested that the Soviet Union could

pose an even greater threat to the West if the Soviet economy is strengthened.

"I always answer that question this way," he said. "The threat (to the West) of perestroika doesn't consist of its success, but of its bloody failure. This would be a total calamity."

The program pushed by Gorbachev, the Soviet general secretary, includes greater freedoms and movement away from a centrally controlled economy.

"I believe we are undergoing historic events whose significance extends beyond our country to the whole world," said Sakharov.

Sakharov is in Washington to attend the first meeting of the International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity. The foundation was organized by U.S. and Soviet scientists to address social and scientific problems that affect mankind.

Sakharov first made his mark as a physicist whose original concepts in subatomic particles attracted world attention. He is considered the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb.

At the banquet, guests applauded when Sakharov finally signed the membership book to the American Academy of Sciences, where he has been an associate member since 1973.

Bush to continue Reagan's foreign financial policy

GULF STREAM, Fla. — George Bush, seeking to calm world financial market fears about his forthcoming presidency, said Monday he will continue the Reagan administration policy of coordinated intervention with U.S. allies in exchange markets when major currencies rise or fall too quickly.

The president-elect sought to minimize the weakening of the dollar against

the Japanese yen and German mark and the plunge of the stock market since his election last Tuesday, saying, "These gyrations happen."

"Exchange market stability is the key ... Nobody is going to peg the dollar to any existing currency," he said in an informal meeting with reporters on the beach.

Questions about the markets' behavior have dogged the vice president

during his post-election Florida beach vacation. With the large drop in the Dow Jones, Bush was asked if he would favor lowering the dollar against foreign currencies, as has been suggested by his sometime economic adviser Martin Feldstein. Bush said: "The policy in effect is the administration policy built around policy coordination and exchange market stability ... That's the policy of the administration."

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OPINION

Football team displayed grit

The ability to come from behind and win. Ask any football guru in America and he or she will agree one of the things that separates a great football team from a good one is just that. And that is why Marshall is a great football team.

Coming off its only loss and a drop from the top spot in the polls, and trailing 35-7 midway through the second quarter Saturday against Western Carolina, the players had to be saying to themselves, "What else can go wrong?" They had to be down in the dumps. They had to be thinking when the next mistake would come. It would be natural. But what was unnatural was how the Herd reacted to all this adversity.

Like a true winner, Marshall challenged a psyched-up Catamount team and deflated it by rallying from 45-24 down in the third quarter to a 52-45 victory. Amazing might not be a strong enough word for the Herd's comeback performance.

Credit for this victory should go to Coach George Chaump, who must have displayed unbelievable leadership and trust in the Herd's ability to rally, and to the team itself, for showing why Chaump believes in them so much.

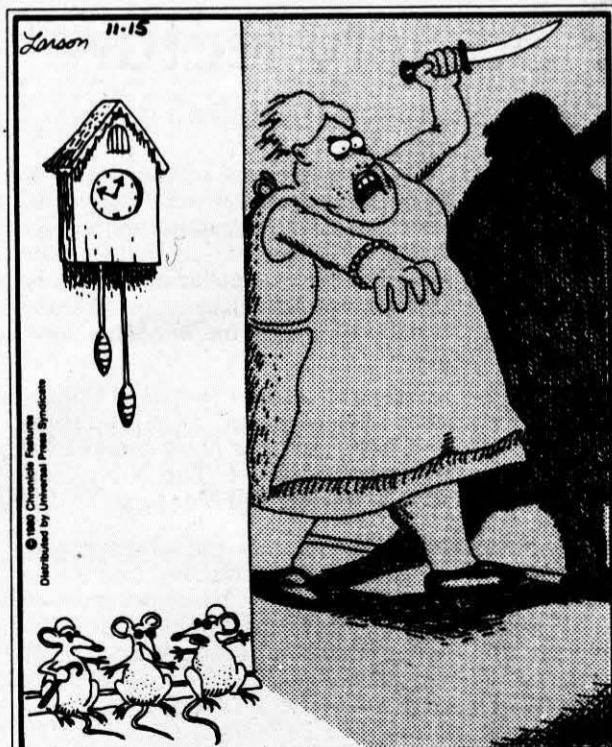
A greater comeback in any football game this decade may not be found. Even more incredible is that it was done on the road.

Naturally, talk is floating around as to why the Herd put itself in that position in the first place, but this should not be of concern. Football is a funny game. Strange things happen. That should be accepted.

Instead, the main topic of discussion should be how Marshall showed its character and came back to win a must-win game that many teams would have conceded.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Egad! ... Sounds like the farmer's wife has really flipped out this time!"



READERS SPEAK

Understanding of racism lacking

To the editor:

Your editorial of Nov. 3, 1988, regarding racism revealed a lack of understanding of the issue. In this essay you argued that blacks were as capable of racism as are whites, therefore implying that both blacks and whites are to blame for racial friction. This superficial perspective ignores the fact that regardless of the causes, the effects of racism fall most heavily on the minority population. Sure, blacks may be racist, but what resources does the black population in the United States have that would make the white population suffer the effects of this attitude.

As a group, blacks in our society have much less money, power, social status and economic opportunity than do whites. Unlike other "minority" groups that have over time become assimilated into the majority population, the legal subjugation of blacks existed in this country for

more than 200 years until the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and the current isolation of black Americans continues to erode any faith that things will get better. Who is to blame for this condition?

While the causes of this differential status may be both complex and long-standing, there is little doubt that white persons dominate positions of power in our society and therefore are better able to influence solutions to this problem than are blacks. But as long as white people remain aloof from racial issues, or view racial inequities as "black" problems, or focus on the obvious but irrelevant issue that "blacks can be racist too," or neglect to join blacks in a continuing fight against inequity, the solutions will indeed be long time coming.

Steve Hensley
assistant dean for student affairs

Both sides should be presented

To the editor:

Each fall, a West Virginia University health sciences team meets with Marshall University students who are interested in medicine. The idea of these seminars is to draw medical school recruits.

Upon learning that one of these seminars was to be on the subject of animal experimentation, I determined my presence might very well be needed to act as an alternative point of view. As it turned out I was right. The date was Oct. 20.

Within 10 minutes of his talk, it became more than apparent to me that Professor John Conners was an apologist for animal experimentation. He participated in a free-for-all of animal protectionist bashing. He declared that misguided animal advocates were "impeding help for the suffering." What's more, he cast aspersions on Ingrid Nukirk of People for the Ethical Treat-

ment of Animals. Located in Bethesda, Md., PETA is one of the leading animal rights organizations in the nation and Ingrid is one of its founders.

The students sat in rapt attention to Conners' totally one-sided, biased presentation.

I was horrified at his insults and spoke out vehemently.

But my strongest criticism is toward Marshall University. To pillory an entire group of people without their position being represented and expressed is an act of prejudice, pure and simple.

No responsible university should make available a forum of discussion without both points of view present.

Sadly, this was not the case and I call upon the administration to invite Ms. Nukirk or someone equally well-informed to shed light on the rest of the story.

Jacqueline Muth

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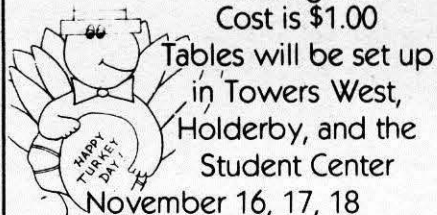
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CHINA

Foreign Exchange

MU, local leaders hope sister cities program will lead to cultural, business cooperation

By Diana Long
Reporter

What do Huntington and the Tang Shan Province of China have in common?

Tang Shan and Huntington are sister cities, which is just one of the programs starting because of the Chinese program beginning at Marshall under the guidance, support and funding of Robert Shell of Guyan Machinery.

Shell and a number of faculty members at Marshall are putting together a Chinese studies program. Several classes dealing with China are already available. However, next spring a new social studies class, "Introduction to Modern China," will be available. The class will be based around a public television show called "The Heart of the Dragon."

"What we're trying to do with this class is to kindle an interest in the whole area of Chinese studies," said William N. Denman, director of the Society of Yeager Scholars program. "It (The Heart of the Dragon) is a fascinating set of video tapes."

One of the goals of the program is to take Chinese courses already offered, develop one or two additional courses and create a minor in Chinese studies, according to Denman. One of those courses could possibly be a familiarization course of the Chinese

language.

"There's a lot of business people in the area who would be interested in having a knowledge of China, because there is the potential of doing business over there," Denman said. "This one semester course would give them just enough familiarization with the language so that they could at least begin to function (in dealings with China)."

The ultimate goal of the program is to sponsor the exchange of students between China and West Virginia. "It's very important to the educational process to travel abroad and meet people from different cultures," Shell said.

"I feel that China is an area of keen interest to most people," Shell said. "China is one of the few places in the world where Americans are unilaterally loved, and it's the safest place in the world for our kids to go to."

Shell said exchanging students and faculty should be economically feasible and relatively inexpensive compared with sending them to a place such as England. "We're trying to start some type of East-Asian studies institute here on a very low level and let it evolve as far as we can take it. China is the least expensive place to start this program."

When the program is established, Shell hopes to start another in either Korean or Japanese studies.

Author to discuss China at Yeager Society lecture

By Diana Long
Reporter

What's happening in China?

Liu Bin Yan, a noted Chinese journalist, will answer this question tonight at 7:30 during a public lecture in Corbly Hall 105, according to Dr. William N. Denman, director of the Society of Yeager Scholars.

Liu, a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and vice chairman of the All China Writer's Association, is a self-educated writer and a former reporter for China's leading newspaper, People's Daily.

In 1951 Liu began working as a reporter and editor in Beijing at China Youth Daily. However, in 1957, he was branded a rightist and a representative of Anti-party Adverse Current because of his critical works on the bureaucracy evident in party officials, Denman said. He was expelled from the Party and sent to the

country "to be remolded by physical labor."

Liu was restored to the Party in 1979 after being silenced for 22 years. He was exposing corruption and wrongdoing of Party officials, Denman said. The Party expelled him again in 1987 in the Anti-Bourgeois Liberalization campaign for his outspokenness.

Liu's publications include "Collections of Reportages", "On Literature and Life" and his most famous article, according to The New York Times, "People and Monsters?"

Liu has been a guest lecturer at UCLA, Yale, Columbia and Ohio State Universities. His appearance at Marshall is co-sponsored by the Gannett Foundation and the Society of Yeager Scholars. He will be at Marshall following a Monday lecture at Ohio State University, according to Denman.

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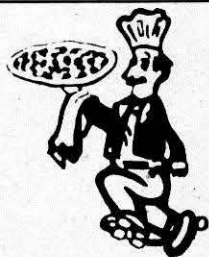
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Campus vandalism causes costly repairs

By Gary Young
Reporter

Vandalism on campus can be very costly.

For the academic year 1987-88, \$25,361.51 was spent for repairs of damages caused by vandals, the largest percent of the costs going for elevator repairs totaling \$8,207.09, Frederick R. Reenstjera, assistant manager of housing, said.

Joseph M. Marshman, director of residence life, said areas hard to secure such as exit signs, light fixtures, drinking fountains, and fire alarms are usually hit the most.

"The only full-proof preventions are 24 hour security, removal of the objects, or chaining down the objects, all of

which would be practically impossible," he said.

"We try to discourage these acts by sponsoring other activities that set a standard of maturity," Linda P. Rowe, assistant director of residence life, said.

Marshman said maturity does not come with chronological age. "Some freshmen are more mature than seniors," he said. "Labeling is unfair, although the majority of dormitory residents are freshmen and sophomores."

Rowe said levels of harshness of vandalism acts are less severe in the female and co-ed dorms than in the male dorms.

Many recorded incidents of vandalism are accidents or negligence, Rowe said. "Any act of this nature goes on file as an act of vandalism, regardless of true intent of the act."

Possible election illegalities traced to improper training

By Chris M. Grishkin
Reporter

Lack of voter registration knowledge may have caused illegal use of postcard registration, according to Hercul Gartin, Cabell County Clerk.

He also said there was a mix-up in registration on campus. Several individuals who registered to vote did not receive a card and forms for the election were not properly filled out.

Gartin said those who conducted registration at Marshall were not from his office.

To become registered to vote, the identity of the person signing the card must be proven while a notary is there, Gartin said.

"Apparently they (voter registration workers) didn't know what they were doing," he said. "The voter depended on the person registering them to complete the forms accurately. They assumed they could vote."

Gartin said he is conducting an investigation to find proof if these cases have been handled illegally.

Roman Stalka, state-wide notary and College Republican treasurer, said there should be a better training program for those who register citizens to vote. "My main purpose is to get young Americans to vote regardless of their party affiliation," he said. "The Secretary of State should implement a better training program. Statistics show that younger people tend not to vote. Because registering is the first step to voting, it should be done properly."

Elinore D. Taylor, member of the League of Women Voters and associate professor of English, said whoever took registration forms without a notary signature needs to properly trained. "I don't know whether this is fraud or simply inexperience," Taylor said. "The League of Women Voters is qualified to train students if they would just contact us."

Artificial intelligence subject of first satellite symposium

Artificial intelligence, a characteristic of fifth generation computers, makes them think like humans.

In the first satellite symposium on artificial intelligence (AI), speakers addressed approximately 50 people about the application of expert systems, a branch of AI.

Jamshid Haghghi, assistant professor of computer science, said he thought the symposium had a good turnout and the speakers covered the material well.

The speakers, all AI specialists, were Edward Feigenbaum, from Stanford University; Ed G. Mahler, from DuPont Chemicals; Marvin Minsky, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Allen Newell, from Carnegie-Mellon University; Herbert Schorr, from IBM; and Harry R. Tennant, from Texas Instruments.

The symposium was co-sponsored by the department of computer and information science and Texas instruments.

Climbing the executive ladder focus of seminar

The do's and don'ts of climbing the executive ladder will be explored by Queen E. Foreman, affirmative action officer, at noon, Wednesday, in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The goal of the Power Play seminars is to assist in building leadership skills

within the student body, Melody Cross-Weekly, graduate assistant for student activities and organizations, said.

This week's seminar is the second of six, and if a student attends four he or she will receive a certificate, she said.

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Student lobbyists fight possible tuition increase

Leaders from other colleges unite with Marshall's to activate possible strategies

By Mary A. Lovejoy
Reporter

Student leaders from Marshall and three other state colleges met Thursday to discuss strategies for stopping possible fee increases for next semester.

The meeting was primarily aimed at organizing a state-wide student lobbying group, but instead their efforts were concentrated on opposing the possible fee increase, said Bob Crowder, vice president of Marshall's student body.

"We feel that this issue is more important, this increase could raise student fees \$100-\$200," Crowder said.

Crowder traveled with Student Sen.

Krista L. Duncan, to West Virginia State College Thursday to meet with students from State, Bluefield State College and West Virginia Technical College.

The students discussed ways to influence state leaders into giving higher education the money it needs for next semester, Crowder said.

The student leaders from the other colleges present followed the example of Marshall's Student Government Association and began a petition drive. They will also begin writing letters to state legislators to voice opposition to the possible fee increase, Crowder said. "The students believe this might make a big difference."

The students requested a meeting with Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. During this meeting students plan on discussing the possibilities of calling a special session of the Legislature.

"He's the only person that can call this session, and we need his help," said Gary Kinder, WVSC's student body president.

Although Kinder requested the meeting, he said he has not had a commitment from the governor at this time.

The group also decided to use the name "Students for Higher Education." "We thought we needed a name to represent what we stand for when we contact people," Kinder said. "This will allow us to gain recognition as a

group."

In addition to the letter and petition drive, the group plans to call legislators and attend the Board of Regents meeting in Charleston Dec. 5.

At that meeting, the group plans to submit the petitions signed by students from across the state to the regents.

Their goal is to make the BOR members see where the students stand in their opposition of a possible fee increase, Crowder said.

The student group plans to meet again before the December meeting.

At this time the students are developing last minute strategies to oppose the possible fee increase and to organize themselves as lobbyists.

Deadline for tuition fees extended one week later

By Mary A. Lovejoy
Reporter

Students who have registered in advance for the spring semester will have an extra week to come up with the money for tuition.

The initial due date for tuition was Dec. 12, but the Office of the Bursar has extended the deadline to Dec. 20.

"This decision was made because administrators in the Office of the Registrar, Office of the Bursar and the Office of Financial Affairs realized the original date conflicted with the time grades would be coming into the registrar's office," said Richard Vass of the Bursar's office.

"Marshall must receive \$1.2 million from the state to not allow a fee increase for students. If neither of the two are done, programs at Marshall may be cut for the spring semester."

Vass said invoices will not be sent to students until three weeks before the date the money is due. Because of this, students will be receiving their bills at the end of November or the first week of December.

Although some people said they thought the date was extended because of the possible fee increase, Vass said his office has not been told by anyone to delay the mailing of the bills for next semester's tuition.

"Other than what I've read in the paper, I haven't heard anything about the possible fee increase," Vass said.

During the Board of Regents meeting earlier this month, James J. Schneider, the BOR's finance director, said if supplemental funding from the Legislature is not given to the state's colleges and universities, students could possibly see an increase of \$100 for in-state students and \$200 for out-of-state students.

At this time, the board's members have yet to decide if there will be an increase. The members will decide if the increase is necessary at the December meeting in Charleston, Dec. 5-6.

"Marshall must receive \$1.2 million from the state to not allow a fee increase for students. If neither of the two are done, programs at Marshall may be cut for the spring semester," said Herbert J. Karlet, associate vice president for finance.

Karlet said there have been no decisions of what Marshall would do if it does not receive more money. However, Karlet said he is working on these plans at this time to submit to the BOR.



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A WEEKEND OF VICTORIES Believe it or not... Herd made it!

Tremendous comeback from 35-7 deficit to 52-44 win

By Chris Queen
Reporter

Unbelievable. Astonishing. Remarkable. Courageous.

Any of those adjectives might describe the way Marshall came back from deficits of 35-7 and 45-24 to defeat Western Carolina 52-45 Saturday to run its record to 9-1 overall and 6-1 in the Southern Conference, clinching at least a tie for its first SC championship.

Act 1: Marshall got off to a terrible start when Ron Darby fumbled the kickoff. The Catamounts scored on the next play and Marshall trailed 7-0 after only 11 seconds. Marshall tied the score later in the quarter when Darby scooted eight yards for the Herd's first score. The rest of the quarter was dominated by Western Carolina. They scored on a 90-yard kickoff return. Two more big plays, a 45-yard run and a 44-yard pass play, resulted in 14 more points for the Catamounts. When the horn sounded ending the first quarter, Marshall trailed 28-7.

Act 2: The Catamounts continued to stun Marshall as the second quarter began. On their first possession of the

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George Chaump

quarter, they drove 54 yards for another touchdown. Trailing 35-7, Marshall slowly started its comeback. The Herd moved 80 yards on their first possession of the quarter and scored when John Gregory hit Michael Bryant for a nine-yard score. The last score of the half came when kicker Dewey Klein booted a 21 yard field goal.

Intermission: When the first half ended Marshall trailed 35-17. With only two quarters left, Marshall Coach George Chaump still thought the Herd could pull out a victory. "I told the players that

if we hold them in the second half, then our offense would score three touchdowns. We didn't hold them, but, fortunately, our offense scored five touchdowns."

Act 3: The Catamounts got the scoring going in the third quarter with a 27-yard field goal. Marshall retaliated with a 73-yard drive capped by a 16-yard touchdown run by Darby. With Marshall losing 38-24 the Catamounts tried to put the game out of reach when they scored on a 62-yard pass play. With the deficit now 45-24, Marshall began their climb for the win.

Act 4: On the ensuing kickoff, Kerry Parks ran 94 yards to the Western Carolina 1-yard line. Two plays later Darby scored his third touchdown of the day, pulling Marshall within 14 points at 45-31.

Act 5: The fourth quarter started with Marshall in possession at the Catamounts 34. From there the Herd moved to the Western Carolina 1, where Darby scored for the fourth time in the game. This time, he dove over the top to cut the lead to seven points, 45-38, with 11 minutes remaining.

Marshall's defense held Western on its next possession, and the Herd offense was on the field again. Marshall started a drive on its 32. After driving 36 yards, Gregory hit wide receiver Mike Barber for an 18-yard completion. After three running plays, Michael Bryant reached the end zone on a four-yard run. Marshall was down just one point, 45-44, so Chaump decided to go for a two-point conversion and the lead. The conversion failed when a Gregory pass fell incomplete in the end zone.

Act 6: Western Carolina now had only six minutes left to hold on to the victory. The Marshall defense held Western on a fourth-and-one at midfield and the offense had a chance to take its first lead of the day. Just three plays later, Gregory hit flanker Bruce Hammond for a 32-yard scoring strike. After Gregory hit Barber for the two-point conversion, Marshall's unbelievable comeback had put them in the lead, 52-45.

The Western offense had another chance, but two passes fell incomplete and time ran out. "I've never seen or been around a greater comeback. It was unbelievable," Chaump said.

Lady Spikers: SC tournament champions

By Robert King
Reporter

The Marshall volleyball team captured its first Southern Conference tournament championship Sunday in Chattanooga, Tenn., by defeating Western Carolina 15-11, 13-15, 15-13, and 15-11.

The Herd began its quest Friday with a victory over Furman 15-13, 15-10, 17-15. Next came an upset of the tournament's second seed, Appalachian State, by the scores 15-13, 15-7 and 15-12. Then, it was the win over Western and the SC tourney title.

As would be expected, Lady Spikers Coach Martha Newberry was ecstatic about the championship.

"We're on cloud nine. I can't even describe it. I'm just real psyched right now and I'm so proud of them," she said. "They have the highest grade point average of any athletic team on campus. Now they are conference champions and the seniors will graduate winners. This is what collegiate athletics are all about."

The tournament's most valuable player was Marshall's Cindy Bryant. She also was named to the regular season all-conference team. Bryant, however, said teamwork was the key.

"The team stuck together and got along well both on and off the court all season long," Bryant said. "Team unity pulled us through the tournament and



Newberry

another key to our success was our blocking and hitting. Everyone did both well and everyone did their part."

Newberry cited Bryant's excellent playing and overall team effort as reasons for the Lady Herd's victory.

"Cindy played best when she was counted on most," Newberry said. "She really delivered for us, but, as usual, it was a team effort. We had no weak spots. I didn't substitute because nobody was making any mistakes. Everyone on

the team could have been named MVP the way they played."

Newberry said it was special to beat the Catamounts in the title match.

"Western knocked us out of the tournament last year, and they also made us play them without lights down there last year, so we wanted them," she said. "We had no letdowns. We were pumped up for every game. I'm glad we beat them going out."

The coach said the Lady Herd played with an extremely high intensity level. "We were as intense in Friday's match as we were on Sunday. We played our very best volleyball when we needed to. We really had no letdowns at all. Our girls wanted this so much. Team-wise, this is the best team I've ever coached here. They deserve this."

Newberry said she is not surprised the Herd won the championship.

"The key was our senior leadership," she said. "We worked really hard, and after we won a few conference matches we started thinking about the possibility of winning the Southern Conference championship. We went into the tournament seeded third behind Appy and East Tennessee State. We beat Appy in the semifinals and Western upset ETSU. Then I thought we really had a good chance of winning it all."

In addition to Bryant being named MVP, sophomore Deanna Sharpe was named to the all-tournament team.

Herd falls to 7th

Despite a come-from-behind win against Western Carolina Saturday, the Marshall Thundering Herd (9-1) dropped one place in the NCAA Division I-AA Top 20 released Monday.

Marshall received 56 points from the panel of four athletic directors, which made it slip from sixth to seventh in the year's final poll.

The final poll of the year shows the top five did not change from last week. Stephen A. Austin (9-1) is first, Idaho (8-1) second, Georgia Southern (8-2) third, Western Illinois (10-1) fourth and Furman (8-2) fifth.

While Appy State dropped from the poll, the Southern Conference still managed to boast three teams in the top 10. Marshall, Furman, and the Citadel, which moved from 12th to ninth this week.

The team moving ahead of the Herd and into sixth place this week is Jackson State (7-0-2), which was 10th last week.

This is the final poll because playoff bids go out Sunday. At-large bids, which the Herd may have to rely on, are based largely on the poll. Marshall plays its final game at Youngstown State Saturday. A win would almost assure the Herd a bid if it doesn't get the conference's.

LIKE THE PHOENIX...

From a tragic airliner crash 18 years ago to a winner drawing national attention

By Robert Fouch
Reporter

The phoenix. It rises with a youthful freshness from the ashes of destruction into a new and vigorous body.

Seventy-five people, including Marshall football players, coaches, fans and the airplane crew, were killed when their Southern Airways DC-9 crashed on a rainy night Nov. 14, 1970, on approach to the runway at Tri-State Airport in Ceredo.

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Like the phoenix, Marshall's football team has risen from the terrible night to gain national recognition. The team is 9-1, ranked nationally in Division I-AA and is almost assured a playoff berth.

According to Nate Ruffin, a member of the 1970 team who didn't make the trip because of an injury, the success has been a long time coming. "I think it's been long overdue and we paid a lot of dues," Ruffin, regional director of personnel for Gannett East and The (Huntington) Herald-Dispatch, said.

"In 1971 we started with almost nothing. There was a lot of humiliation with all the losing, but Marshall's had a long hard-fought battle to get where it is."

The battle began paying off after Coach Stan Parrish's arrival in 1984. In the final game of the season, Marshall

beat East Tennessee State 31-28 to go 6-5 and post its first winning season since 1964.

Parrish, who is now at Kansas State, attributes much of his success to his coaching attitude. "I'm an upbeat, positive coach — that's just my nature," Parrish said. "When I came to Marshall, I opened up the offense and sold the team on the fact that we were a wide-open, exciting team, and we were never out of a game."

Parrish, who had a 13-8-1 record in two years at Marshall, said he put pressure on himself to win. "A coach always pressures himself to win, but the extra motivation to be the first coach to win after all those losing seasons made me put even more pressure on myself."

The team now under George Chaump is in its fifth consecutive winning season.

Ernie Salvatore, a sports columnist for The Herald-Dispatch said he knew Marshall could be successful. "I've spent a great deal of my career covering a down program, but I was convinced that if they got the right factors — sufficient funding, an administration that supported the team and a good athletic director and head coach — they could win."

Salvatore, a 1948 Marshall graduate, said the head coaching factor is now a strong point. "George Chaump is a great student of people and football. He is absolutely the perfect coach for the situa-

tion at Marshall."

Chaump, who is 25-10-1 in three years at Marshall, said the key to Marshall's success has been quality players. "We're fortunate to have players at key positions — the Tony Petersen's (last year's starting quarterback), Ron Darby's, Mike Barber's, Sean Doctor's and all the other players that do so well."

Keith Morehouse, whose father, Gene Morehouse, was sports information director at the time of the crash and was a victim, said Parrish and Chaump deserve much of the credit for the team's success.

"It seemed like a lot of people used the crash as a crutch. Players coming to Marshall had the attitude that if we lost it's expected and if we win it's just a bonus. It took somebody like Parrish or Chaump to motivate the players to win," Morehouse said.

Marshall's winning took the team to Pocatello, Idaho, last season where the Herd played Northeast Louisiana State for the national championship. Despite losing 43-42, Chaump said the success meant a great deal to fans who followed Marshall football at the time of the crash.

"I think winning means so much to those who were directly affected by the crash," Chaump said. "Families of those that were killed come back and express so much gratitude. They feel like a part of the success and feel good about it. I think that's important."

Parker Ward Jr., whose father (Parker Ward Sr.) was a fan who was killed in the crash, said the team's success is important to him. "I've always supported them even through the losing years. It's much easier to support a winner, and it's also easier to support someone when you're working with quality individuals like Chaump and the quality players he's brought in."

Ward is currently president of the quarterback club and incoming president of the Big Green Scholarship Fund.

No matter what the reason for the success is, Morehouse, who is a reporter for WOWK-TV in Huntington, said the success means a great deal to him. "It probably means more to me than the average fan because of the loss of my father and sitting through the losing seasons."

He said when Marshall began winning in 1984, it was like a weight was lifted off his shoulders. "I couldn't forget the crash, but it was almost like I could put it in the back of my mind. It had been a long time since Marshall fans could enjoy football, and whenever they started winning, they could."

"I got to cover the national championship in Pocatello, and it was like the crash had come full circle," he said. "Marshall came from the depths of the crash to rise to the national championship."

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