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MEETING THE MASSES



photo by Mike Andrick

Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush talking with the crowd Monday before his speech at Harris Riverfront Park.

Bush campaign gets local

Rally thrills supporters at riverfront

by ARRON PENDLETON
reporter

The rally for Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush rally began with a bang as fireworks exploded when the candidate took the stage Monday at Harris Riverfront Park.

Bush made his second campaign stop in West Virginia in as many months. The rally came one day before the first presidential nominee debate in Boston.

The College Republicans started preparing for the rally last Thursday. Kristy Hays, Knoxville, Tenn., senior and president of College Repub-



photo by Mike Andrick

Fans show support at Harris Riverfront Park on Monday.

licans, said, "We had a huge sign-making party on Saturday and we continued making signs until 3 a.m. Monday, just so George Bush would know how much the students supported him."

Some creative signs read,

"I invented the Internet."

Other signs read, "Got W?"

Bush talked about how he would like to spend \$2 billion over the next year to advance clean coal technology. He also spoke about building up the military and giving budget surplus

tax money back to the people.

Huntington Mayor Jean Dean remarked about the large number of students in attendance by saying, "Who said our young people are not involved in politics?"

Hays said there were about 150 Marshall students at the rally and about 300 young people overall.

Some students had a positive reaction to the rally.

Jimbo Boyd Jr., War, W.Va. junior, said, "The rally was electric. That was nothing like I have ever seen before. He was very presidential, which is what I was hoping I would see. He has conviction in his voice."

Hays said, "I thought the rally turned out fantastic. We had a lot of Marshall students out there which was wonderful. There were a lot of students. It was absolutely packed and it was a great way to send George Bush to the debates on Tuesday and on to the presidential election in five weeks."

Edwards gives funds, name to med school

by LARA K. STREIT
reporter

Joan C. Edwards stood behind the podium and said, "I pinched my arm until it was black and blue in May (to make sure this is not a dream) and now I am working on the other. It is a wonderful day."

Edwards was stating her feelings about the renaming of the Marshall University Medical School to Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

She looked up at floors lined with medical students, waved and mouthed the words "Thank you."

The ceremony, Friday in the MU Medical Center atrium, included Marshall President Dan Angel, U.S. District Court Judge Robert C. Chambers, MU campus minister Robert K. Bondurant, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences W. Donald Weston and School of Medicine Dean Charles H. McKown.

U.S. Sen. John D. Rockefeller was the keynote speaker.

"When Jay was governor (of West Virginia), the medical school was small and community-based. He responded to all of our requests and served us well in our time of need," McKown said.

"Rockefeller is the top member of Congress on health matters. He is the ranking minority member of U.S. Veterans' Affairs Committee — they deal largely with health matters," McKown said.

When Rockefeller spoke, he promised to keep it short. He was there to introduce Edwards.

"Long-term healthcare may be the biggest problem this country faces," Rockefeller said.

"Now, let's turn to something good that is happening today. The way that Joan has helped Huntington is awesome. I am happy to be participating in what may be the most important thing in West Virginia — the renaming of Marshall University Medical School."

According to a news release, Edwards is contributing \$2 million to the School of Medicine to begin the planning, design and development of a children's



Edwards



Rockefeller

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photo by Kate Johnson

Beckley, W.Va., junior Kristen Sparks washes cars as part of Sweatequity Day to raise funds for the Emergency Loan Fund.

Sweatequity Day has 250 volunteers

by KATE JOHNSON
reporter

Marshall may feel a little more like home to the approximately 250 students who spent part of last Saturday painting, scraping gum off the plaza bricks and washing windows among other tasks at Marshall's first Sweatequity Day.

At 10 a.m. students gathered for donuts and coffee before breaking up into work groups to improve the campus. In opening remarks, Marshall President Dr. Dan Angel explained the reason behind Sweatequity Day.

"The purpose is making freshmen really feel like they own part of the campus," Angel said. "It's great to be president of Marshall and I'm proud to see so many of you here."

Sweatequity is a term that goes back to the 1960s when

Secretary of Housing George Romney noted that though people may not have the money to buy their own homes, they could work to improve their property. This work, or sweatequity, would help people develop a sense of ownership of their home. Greek and other student organizations, sports teams and freshmen made up the crowd of students who came out to work.

Thundering Herd cheerleaders pulled weeds and dug up rocks outside the Memorial Student Center.

"The university has always been real good to us and this is an opportunity to give back," Madison junior and cheerleader Seth Summers said as he dug up rocks. "Everybody here is taking pride. We're cheerleaders. We're all about this stuff."

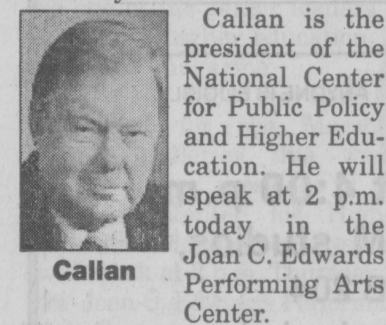
Other students came

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Callan to visit as part of MU Celebrity Series

by CURTIS JOHNSON
reporter

Marshall University reaches across the nation today to welcome Patrick M. Callan as the third of 12 academic celebrities featured in the Marshall Celebrity Series.



Callan

Callan is the president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. He will speak at 2 p.m. today in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

According to news releases from the Marshall Office of Communications, The National

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D.C. visit a success, Angel says

by ADAM GRAHAM
reporter

Marshall President Dan Angel blew into Washington, D.C., and then out again.

"It was a whirlwind trip," Angel said.

The two-day visit featured a reception for Marshall alumni Wednesday and an address for West Virginia's two senators, three representatives and their staff Thursday.

Wednesday's reception was at the Freedom Forum, and had a turnout of about 80 people.

Two Marshall alumni, Pam Galloway and Nate Ruffin, who are vice presidents of the Freedom Forum, were instrumental in organizing the event, Angel said.

Thursday's speech marked the only time a Marshall president has given an address in Washington.

Nearly 80 people were on

hand at the Mansfield Room of the U.S. Capitol for Angel's one-hour presentation.

The speech was similar to the State of the University address given on campus Sept. 5, but did have a few changes.

"We focused more on the contributions of those in D.C.," Angel said.

"Our delegation has done a wonderful job for us over the years and we wanted to thank them."

The address also gave Marshall's staff the opportunity to get to know the congressional staff.

"It was nice to see the congressional staff mingle with our staff," Angel said. "The only way they usually communicate is by phone."

The five delegates were West



Angel

Virginia's two senators Robert C. Byrd and John D. Rockefeller and its three representatives Alan Mollohan, Robert E. Wise Jr. and Nick Rahall II.

The event concluded with the presentation of Marshall neckties to the delegates.

"We ended the meeting with flair. We told them [the delegates] we would give them the shirts off our backs, but it wouldn't be appropriate," Angel said.

"Instead we took off our ties and gave them each a Marshall tie."

And there was a surprise in store for Marshall. A \$10,000 check was presented to the Erma Byrd Scholars Program by the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America.

Angel was pleased with the outcome of his trip.

"It was a home run," Angel said.

Contributors to university nominated

by ANNA L. MALLORY
reporter

It's hunting season at Marshall, which is searching for honorary degree recipients and commencement speakers. The University Functions Committee of the Faculty Senate sent an e-mail to Student Government Association, Faculty Senate, deans of all colleges and alumni explaining the nomination criteria. All students, faculty members, staff and members of the public are encouraged to provide nominations. Anyone nominated should have provided a significant service to the university. The e-mail asks for a brief biography of the candidate, reasons for the individual's nomination, the person's name, title, university affiliation and a way of contacting him or her. Deadline for nominations is Nov. 1. Submissions should be sent to Susan Jackson in the Art Department or e-mailed to jacksons@marshall.edu.



Many people walked to benefit the "Walk for Women" Saturday.

Women walk to take a step against cancer

by KATE JOHNSON
reporter

At 1 p.m. Saturday, the sun was shining as many Tri-State residents and Marshall students gathered at Ritter Park to participate in the "Walk for Women" for breast and cervical cancer awareness and to honor victims and survivors of the disease. Mayor Jean Dean, Marshall Football Coach Bob Pruett, Hovah Underwood and Marshall Women's Basketball Coach Juliene Simpson were guests. The Marshall women's basketball team has participated in the walk for four years. "It's important for us because we're women. This affects us directly," Virginia Beach, Va., senior and team captain Toni Patillo said. Simpson said the members of the basketball team benefit from mingling with the other walkers. When you get to know someone, the walk and the fund mean a lot more, she said. The "Walk for Women ... take a step against breast cancer" also raises funds for the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Fund, which helps women in West Virginia who can't afford treatment. "I was uninsured and didn't really know what I was going to do," Mary Sue Sawyers, a woman who benefited from the fund, said. "If it hadn't been for this program, I would not have had the test at that time and I would not be here today." Participants could choose to wear a badge that read, "I'm walking for _____." The survivors' badges completed the phrase with "me."

'Experiment gone sour' packs Keith-Albee Theatre

by SHALLON JONES
reporter

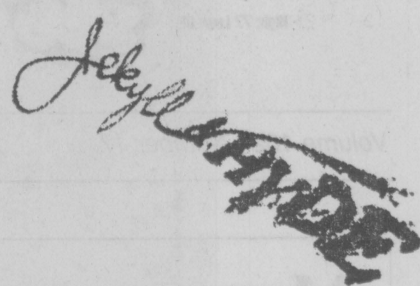
"Why shouldn't students come?" Doug P. Hildeman, a Pittsburgh junior theater design major, said. "It is free, a good show coming through the area and supports the arts," Hildeman said. "Jekyll & Hyde" packed the Keith-Albee Theatre Monday night. Tickets were sold out for the second performance of the Marshall Artists Series' (MAS) fall semester. The good Dr. Henry Jekyll, played by Guy LeMonnier, veteran stage actor, turned himself into the evil Edward Hyde as part of an experiment to get rid of all evil in the world. When the experiment went sour, Hyde killed many including his lover, Lucy, played by

Canadian singer Annie Berthiaume. Jekyll killed himself on his wedding day, and his bride-to-be, Emma, played by television actress and former Miss Indiana Shani Lynn Nielsen, led him dying in her arms.

"This is something more than going to the movies. It is a lot more cultural."

Heather A. Ratliff,
Charleston junior cytology major

Greg R. Gant, Parkersburg senior psychology major, said this was his first performance he attended through the MAS. "At first, I didn't figure it would be anything I would like, but I enjoyed it," he said. "I like both perspectives of 'Jekyll & Hyde.'" Matt B. Weimer, senior chemistry major from Toledo, Ohio, said, "It was a little more romantic than what I expected. It had good visual effects and lighting." The crowd moaned and groaned with the graphic



views of death throughout the play. Heather A. Ratliff, junior cytology major from Charleston, said, "This is something more than going to the movies. It is a lot more cultural." Heather's younger sister, Bethany D. Ratliff, freshman business major, came with her to see the musical. "It wouldn't have been the play it was, without the powerful music," Bethany said. The first word out of Hyde's mouth was "free" and the play ended with his soon-to-be wife telling him that in his death he would be free at last. Jekyll said that everyone has a good and evil side.

briefly...

Be amazed by the extraordinist

The Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) will present Extraordinist Craig Karges at 8 p.m. today in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room. "If you come to the show, we guarantee that you will have fun and, most of all, you will leave feeling amazed," SAPB executive member J.S. Bragg said. Karges visited campus last year and read thoughts and illusions. The performance is free to students. Karges will perform a teaser at 5 p.m. today in the Twin Towers Cafeteria.

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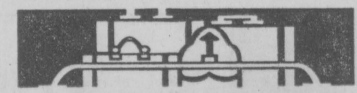
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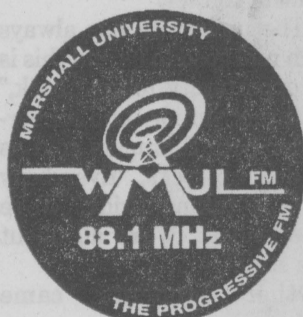


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Human Resources offers workshops

by NICOLE R. PICKENS reporter

"Thriving ... Not Just Surviving Your Job" is the topic of one of the free workshops for faculty and staff, said Judy Blevins, human resource services training and development specialist.

Blevins will lead the workshop on people skills. The two-part program presented by Human Resource Services runs from 9 to 11 a.m. today and will continue 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 10. Both sessions are scheduled to be in the Memorial Student Center's Shawkey Room.

Also 9 to 11 a.m. today, Kelley Francis and Nina Barrett of the accounting office will explain state purchase cards, Blevins said. This program will be conducted in the John Deaver Drinko Library Auditorium 402.

Faculty and staff can register to attend the programs at the Human Resource Services Office or at <http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/td>.

The university is required to provide job training for employees, Blevins said.

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cancer pavilion. She has provided in her will for an additional \$16 million to come to Marshall to construct and operate the center, which is to be built on the Cabell Huntington Hospital campus.

Edwards said everyone should leave a piece of themselves before they leave. "My piece I am leaving will be for children's cancer," she said.

"The name change, or adding to the name, will do a lot for the school," McKown said. "It has done a lot to develop prestige. Her generous offer deserves a name change."

The renaming of the school makes it the first medical school in the United States to be named for a woman.

Callan

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Center for Public and Higher Education is an independent, nonprofit organization that works toward improving the quality of higher education and making it more affordable.

Since its establishment in March 1998, the center has provided reports and published report cards on higher education institutions across the country.

According to the center's Web site, it focuses on sharing the financial responsibility of higher education between students, families and governments and how to make it cost-effective for each of the groups.

Another objective of Callan's group is to see how state and federal decisions encourage higher education.

Before becoming president of the center, Callan served as the executive director of the California Higher Education Policy Center from 1992 to 1997.

Callan has most recently assisted in the writing of "Public and Private Financing of Higher Education: Shaping Public Policy for the Future," "Designing State Higher Education Systems For a New Century" and "A Study of State Preparation and Governance of Higher Education."

In 1998, Callan was named as one of the senior leaders of American higher education by "Change" magazine.

Callan is one of two speakers scheduled for the Marshall Celebrity Series this week. Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems will speak at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Callan and some Marshall officials were unavailable for comment on today's speaking engagement.

Sweat

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because their professors made class announcements about the day. Oak Hill freshman Amber Hooper said she came out to get to know more about the campus and to meet people.

The new members from Alpha Xi Delta spent their hours scraping gum off the bricks that pave the Student Center Plaza. St. Albans freshman and Alpha Xi Delta mem-

ber Elizabeth Aluise said her group wanted to "come out to make a better Marshall."

Marshall baseball team member and Logan junior Rustyn Lee was pleased with his work at the stadium, where he and his teammates swept the parking lot and wiped down seats in the stadium.

"We made Marshall a better place," Lee said.

While the baseball team was cleaning up the stadium, the softball team was washing windows at Old Main.

Huntington sophomore Karri

Britt said the softball team attended Sweatequity Day because it was a good project.

A small group signed up to help Angel paint a voltage box next to Old Main while others scraped and painted the one-room school house next to Holderby Hall.

Mullens freshman Angel Christian said she had fun with her new Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters washing the windows of Twin Towers Cafeteria.

Students also had the opportunity to sign up to help with a car wash. Members of Alpha

Chi Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi joined Student Government Association President Bill Walker to raise money for the Emergency Loan Fund, a fund that helps students pay off emergency debts by issuing short-term loans.

Beckley junior and Alpha Chi Omega member Kristen Sparks said she washed cars because it is for a good cause.

"I've known people that have used the fund so I think it's great that since students are doing it, the money is going back to the students," Sparks said.

Barboursville senior and Alpha Chi Omega member Kristin Smith said the car wash raised \$171.10 to be donated to the fund.

Interim Dean of Students and Sweatequity Day coordinator Steve Hensley said the day was great. "I'm pleased," he said.

Angel said he would like to make Sweatequity Day an annual event. "It's social," he said, "but it has a purpose," he said.

That purpose, he said, is to make freshmen feel at home.

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OUR views

Students represented Marshall well at Bush visit

More than 100 Marshall students were among the thousands of Tri-Staters who attended Texas Gov. George W. Bush's visit to Huntington on Monday.

Many of those students are members of the College Republicans, a political group on campus. The group also made signs to welcome Bush to West Virginia.

But there were about 150 students there, more than just the College Republicans.

We hear all the time about how people should exercise their right to vote, but we never see too many examples.

College students do have a strong voice in November's elections; all we have to do is use it.

So, we commend those students for having the interest in their future to go hear the person who may be the next leader of this country.

We just wish more would have gone.

Sweatequity Day accomplished much on campus

Look around you.

The bricks around the Memorial Student Center Plaza are free of gum, Old Main's windows are cleaner and a car wash raised \$171.10 for the Emergency Loan Fund.

This past Saturday, an estimated 250 students worked to make their campus better through Sweatequity Day, an idea that President Dan Angel brought with him from Stephen F. Austin University.

The students worked for about two hours to undo the damage from the elements, normal wear and tear — and students.

We're pretty sure those students who spent their Saturday scraping gum off the sidewalks will not throw their chewing gum down again.

We just hope other students who slept in Saturday will be as considerate.

English 101 class pays tribute to Tom Winter

The following was written by English 101 students in collaboration with Dr. Janet Badia.

Saturday, Sept. 16, a tragic accident took the life of Tom Winter, a freshman business major at Marshall University.

As The Parthenon reported in its Sept. 19 issue, Tom was struck by a car as he walked down the street in his hometown of Charleston.

He died at the hospital later that evening.

Tom was our classmate in English 101, and over the past few weeks we had the opportunity to get to know him, to discover the person he was and the person he hoped to be.

Faced with his death and the loss of his presence in our class, we wanted to pay tribute to Tom in The Parthenon. We hope that through this tribute the rest of

the Marshall community might catch a glimpse of the person we came to know. Before sitting down to write, we talked as a class about our memories of Tom and about the things we had learned about him through our conversations together in class.

Here are just a few of things we learned: Tom loved the theater and soccer, and he thought he would like to be a politician someday. He also wanted to live a life that would allow him to help people. And, some of us learned, he longed to fall in love.

But most of what we learned about Tom we gathered, not from talking with him, but from observing him in class. You didn't need to interact with Tom for very long to know that he was friendly and personable, humble and ambitious, well-mannered and respectful, generous and always ready to help. He was

also remarkably open-minded and intelligent.

But what made Tom truly exceptional was his unique ability to use all of these qualities to bring out the best in everyone around him and to make others feel important and valued.

In class, Tom showed that he wasn't afraid to look at things from other angles and perspectives, and he would often go out of his way to respect, understand and support the opinions of others.

At the same time, he wasn't afraid to push us to consider issues in more depth or to look closer at the reading we were discussing.

The last discussion we had as a class before Tom's death was about the book "Into the Wild," which tells the story of Chris McCandless, a young man, only a few years older than Tom, who

died after daring to walk alone into the Alaskan wilderness.

Together, we debated the wisdom of Chris' decision and the stability of a man who would choose to follow such a dream.

Tom's comments in class and his writings about the book suggest that he understood something about Chris, that he had insight into the ambition and desire that motivated the young man to follow his vision — perhaps even that he intuited the fleetingness of life and the need to make the most of it.

After learning about Tom's death, it quickly became clear to us as a class that while each of us had only known Tom for a short time, he left an indelible impression on our lives.

We miss his presence in our class and we feel the loss of all that we had yet to learn from and about Tom Winter.



by James Harris

harris70@marshall.edu

HER view

Yahoo! ads are demeaning

I am astounded and disappointed by the reaction of the editorial staff to the controversy over the demeaning ads placed by Yahoo as an insert into the paper. I had fully expected that the Parthenon's reaction would be the opposite — immediate action to remove such inserts and a profound apology to the women of this campus. Instead, the ads have been dismissed as either justifiable under free speech protection or as the responsibility of a clever advertiser.

I am astonished that you are apparently unaware of the court rulings that material creating a hostile environment for women, the disabled, ethnic minorities or religious minorities in a workplace is not protected by free speech. Men are not "free" to post obscene pornographic calendars in offices where women work; police officers are not "free" to circulate Ku Klux Klan literature at the police station; Neo-Nazi teenagers are not "free" to express their anti-Semitism by posting swastikas on school bulletin boards. (All of the above incidents have been court cases.) So why does The Parthenon think that inserts that suggest date rape, sexual assault, and the general degradation of women is somehow "OK"?

In my many years of teaching, I have counseled untold numbers of women students who have been subjected to degrading remarks, date raped, sexually assaulted, and — in general — paralyzed by a hostile environment. These women suffer falling grades, require therapy, and often need years to work out their loss of self-esteem and anger.



LYNDA ANN EWEN
guest columnist

Apparently The Parthenon has no mechanism for screening the inserts. I wonder if someone in the Ku Klux Klan delivered an insert attacking African-American students whether it would automatically be distributed? Would your editors defend it as "free speech"? Would the administration stay silent? I would suggest that the staff needs a thorough discussion of the ways in which advertising is accepted. After all, you are the student newspaper for Marshall University — not a private enterprise.

And I would hope that the Student Government Association might be willing to look at this issue if The Parthenon is not. I would hate to see Marshall University make the news because some women sued the school for creating a hostile environment. I would support that suit — but would hope that remedy could be found before it comes to such a drastic measure.

In conclusion, I can only say that I am deeply saddened by what has occurred this last week. I had hoped for better.

Lynda Ann Ewen, Ph.D., is a professor of sociology and co-director for the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia at Marshall.

CAMPUS views

Professor's characterization of men is ridiculous

This letter is in regard to Professor Jackson's letter to The Parthenon. I will not argue that the Yahoo! advertisements aren't insulting and tasteless; they are. But Ms. Jackson, for you to say it promotes male behavior that leads to rape and other forms of violence towards women, is ridiculous. I don't know what kind of men you know, but every male I know did not have rape on his mind after reading the advertisements. They aren't influenced as easily as you make it seem. I think your generalization of men is extremely unfair and ignorant.

I also disagree with your comment about The Parthenon promoting such behavior. That is again, ridiculous. I've met most of the people who work for The Parthenon. They are extremely hard-working and intelligent. The staff and students who supply this university with detailed stories about Huntington and Marshall's campus spend endless hours a week working on that paper. For you to say the paper is promoting such disgusting behavior is an insult.

Finally, let me compliment you on exercising your First Amendment right expressing your feelings about The Parthenon. But remember, you

can also express your opinion by not reading it.

— Joseph Abbate
Long Island, N.Y., senior

Students made Marshall, W.Va. proud at Bush rally

Many political pundits consistently brush aside college students, saying that they are apathetic, however the over 150 Marshall students at the Bush rally on Monday proved them wrong. The park was full of students who were enthusiastically supporting their candidate.

It was exciting to see so many students take an active role in the political process and I can't wait to see how we will prove all of the pundits wrong when we go to the polls in record numbers. I want to thank all of the college students, and especially the College Republicans and the rugby team, who gave up a Monday afternoon to hear George W. Bush speak to West Virginians on his way to the debate in Boston. I was thrilled at the turnout and I only hope that it is a precursor of what is to come.

Thank you for all of your hard work making signs, coordinating students, and being at the rally. You made Marshall and West Virginia very proud.

— Kristy Hays
Knoxville, Tenn., senior

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The Thundering Herd volleyball team, 2-12 overall and 0-3 in Mid-American Conference, plays host to Morehead State at 7 p.m. tonight at the Cam Henderson Center. Students are admitted free with a valid Marshall ID.



Marshall football rips Buffalo

by JILL C. NETTLES
reporter

With 26 seconds left in the first half of its conference opener against Buffalo, Marshall had a 3-point lead at 17-14.

Something inspirational needed to happen for a Thundering Herd team who was looking to put an end to a two-game losing skid.

The inspiration came in the form of Coach Bob Pruett's halftime speech. However, he would not take credit for the third quarter success that led the Thundering Herd to a 47-14 victory.

"I just wandered around in the locker room," he said.

But the talk Pruett gave the team left some impression.

"Coach Pruett gave us that talk at halftime and we had no choice but to come out and

play," sophomore quarterback Byron Leftwich said.

Leftwich made a good choice. He threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns. "I don't know if it's a career night or not. I just want to play better than I did last week," he said.

Freshman receiver Darius Watts was the recipient of a 61-yard touchdown pass from Leftwich.

"He gets better each week," Leftwich said of Watts. "Once the ball is in the air he knows how to go get it."

"The halftime talk was very...inspirational," Watts said, with a laugh. "It made you want to go out and do good."

In the third quarter, the Thundering Herd scored three touchdowns. The first score by Watts, took two plays.

Sophomore running back Franklin Wallace scored on a

one-yard run giving Marshall a 31-14 edge.

Wide receiver Lanier Washington caught a three-yard pass from Leftwich for the third touchdown of the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Washington took a short swing pass from Leftwich and turned it into a 90-yard touchdown jaunt down the left sideline, giving Marshall its final score of the game and improving its record to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in Mid-American Conference play.

The Thundering Herd will be in action again at 8 p.m. Thursday as it plays host to MAC foe Western Michigan. The game will be televised on ESPN.

Marshall came back from a 23-0 deficit to claim a 34-31 last-second victory over the Broncos in the teams' last meeting, the 1999 MAC Championship game.



The Thundering Herd football team ended a two-game losing skid Saturday with a 47-14 victory over Buffalo. Marshall is in action again at 8 p.m. Thursday as it plays host to MAC foe Western Michigan. photo by Terri Blair

Men's rugby closes in on playoff berth

by WILLIAM FREANEY
reporter

Marshall's men's rugby club moved a step closer Saturday to clinching an automatic berth in the Ohio Rugby Union playoff as it defeated Miami (Ohio) 57-7 at Veteran's Memorial Field House in Huntington.

It was the third consecutive win for the club as its overall record improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in Ohio Rugby Union play.

"This was a conference game, so we knew we had to win," senior wing forward Jeremy Tominack said. "We are playing for a spot in the playoffs. We knew what we had to do and we did it."

Senior wing back John Janusz said, "Compared to past weeks, we executed our game plan better."

Thundering Herd Coach and professor of economics Dr. Al Wilkins said he knew the Redhawks were a young and inexperienced team, but was relieved his team didn't take them too lightly.

"Normally, when playing a weaker team you tend to play down to their level of skill," Wilkins said. "Overall, I felt we

played well. We maintained our intensity throughout the game. It was more of a blowout than I expected."

The team scored two impressive victories in the past two weeks. On Sept. 23, it defeated Kent State, 26-0. The previous week, it defeated Division I powerhouse Virginia Tech 37-22. Virginia Tech, had a pre-season No. 2 ranking, behind the University of California at Berkeley.

"We were really up for them. I don't think they expected us to play like we did," Wilkins said of Virginia Tech.

The Thundering Herd can secure an automatic berth in the Ohio Rugby Union playoffs with a win against the University of Cincinnati at home Saturday. Wilkins said it is going to be difficult, but said the team has what it takes to be successful in the playoffs.

"We need to make sure we are physically fit," Wilkins said. "There are going to be teams really fit like Toledo."

"We have some real good athletes. Skills aren't our concern, the conditioning is," he said. "If you play a team that has run out of gas, you can do what you want."

Women's rugby wins battle of state's universities

by WILLIAM FREANEY
reporter



Marshall women's rugby club defeated WVU 12-5 Saturday at Veterans' Memorial Fieldhouse. photo by Mike Adams

The Thundering Herd women's rugby club defeated West Virginia University 12-5 Saturday at Veterans' Memorial Fieldhouse in Huntington.

Senior inside center Sarah Judge scored Marshall's only points in the first half.

"My teammates really supported me today," she said. "I was happy to help the team win."

Thundering Herd Co-Coach Alisha Loupe was pleased with the outcome but said the team has a few things to work on.

"We dominated the first half," Loupe said. "The second half we got really tired. We need to work on our endurance."

The team was playing its second game of the season. In the first game, they lost to Ohio University.

"I think we were really nervous our first game," Loupe said. "We basically are 50 percent rookies."

The team continues to play, despite a lack of help from outside sources.

"We buy the equipment and line the field," Loupe said. "It is the people on the field that do everything."

The team is not affiliated with a rugby union at this time. Getting into a union is a major goal for the team.

The team is in action again at noon Saturday against Eastern Kentucky University at Veterans' Memorial Fieldhouse.

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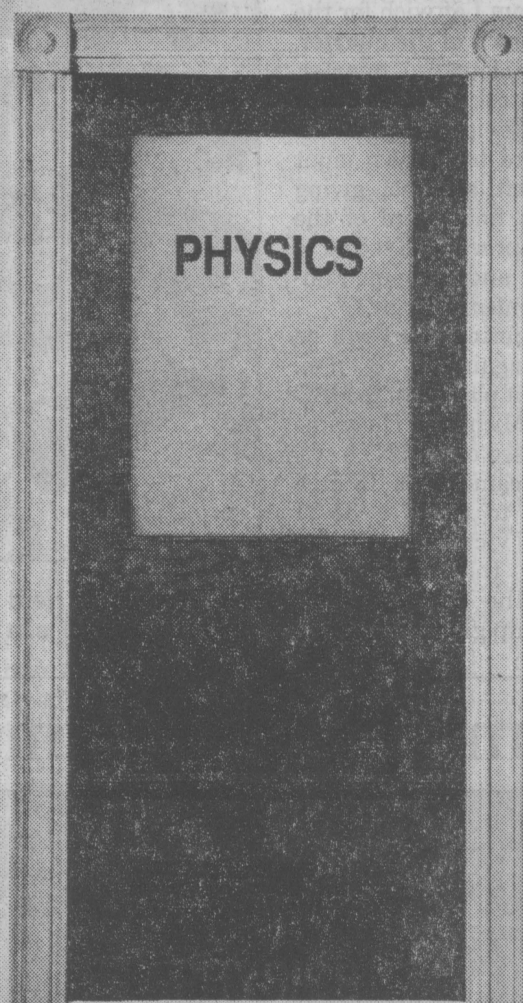
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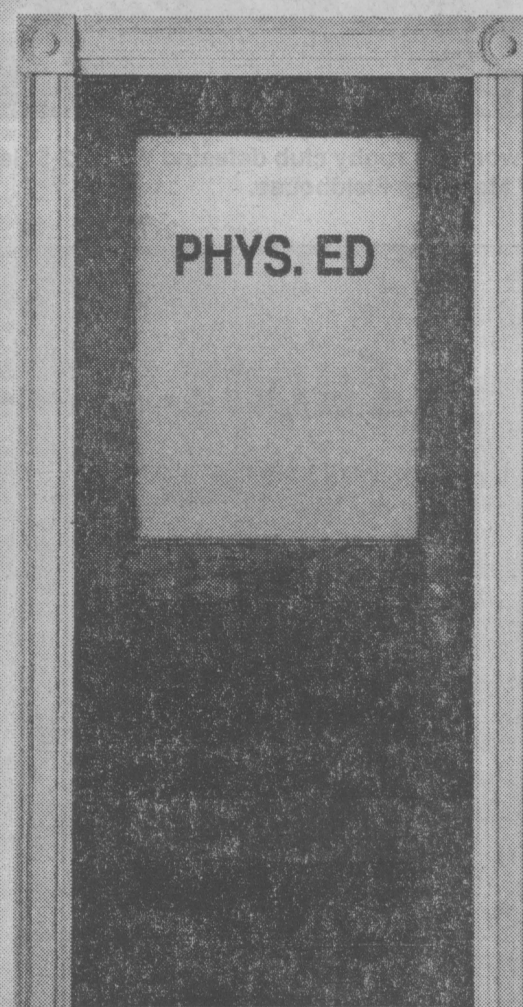
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