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Huntington, W.Va.

Some dismay, but merit pay on the way

By Teresa L. Plumley and Pat Sanders
Reporters

A system for giving outstanding faculty and classified staff a monetary "pat on the back" is in the works at Marshall and should be in place by the end of the year, according to Paul J. Michaud, director of personnel.

The value of awarding merit pay has been disputed among faculty. Some outspoken members have said they think all available money for salaries should go to fund the pay scales, which were passed by the Legislature and have yet to be fully funded. The pay scales determine what faculty and staff at all levels should be receiving.

President Dale F. Nitzschke also has expressed skepticism that merit pay will do much to further underpaid faculty and staff.

Key to success

Michaud said the main reason the university has not awarded merit pay in the past is because there was no set, uniform criteria in the state for deciding who should be awarded. With the approval by the Board of Regents for allowing merit pay, institutions are now meeting to develop uniform criteria.

Michaud said it's important that the duties and responsibilities necessary to receive merit pay be the same at all schools, thereby ensuring fairness. He also said he knows of a way to establish a uniform policy in a functional and scientific way.

He explained that under this system job responsibilities must be first made clear to all employees, and that the positive aspects of job performance will be weighed against the negative. "For example, a secretary will be told exactly how she is supposed to answer the telephone.

Michaud said merit pay is "a valid and reliable tool which is gaining momentum throughout the country."

Nitzschke concerned

The merit pay system may lose its momentum, however, when it comes time to find funding for it, according to Nitzschke.

Saying that a good salary-base is one of the keys to a successful merit pay system, he noted that staff and faculty will be underpaid next year — thus making merit pay ineffective. That could change if the Legislature approves a salary improvement package, he added. If adequately funded he said he supports merit pay.

Buster Neel, vice president for financial affairs, said he agrees that merit pay may have its faults, but that he believes it can work. Neel said the key to a successful system is that "the employee and supervisor must be on the same wavelength" in understanding job responsibilities.



Staff photo by Ben Petrey

It's a hit

Lead character R.P. McMurphy, played by Larry Hart (far left) transforms a blank TV screen into an imaginary World Series game, to the cheering of his

cohorts in the play *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. The play opens today at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Intern finds Hollywood hoopla humbling

He worked side-by-side with David Selby and the rest of the cast of the nighttime television drama *Falcon Crest*.

He was mentioned on *The Late Show* with Joan Rivers. He watched the arranging of music for the TV-miniseries *Amerika*.

He toured the motel where Norman Bates gave taking a shower a whole new meaning in the film classic *Psycho*.

He was photographed with Loni Anderson.

Marshall theater major Matthew Shane Ross was, in short, rubbing shoulders and working with the elite of Hollywood for eight weeks as part of an all-expense paid internship set up by Lorimar Telepictures and Selby, a West Virginia University alumni.

Ross was the first to partake of the newly formed internship.

In a recent interview, Ross discussed his experiences as a technician on *Falcon Crest*.

Ross said seeing famous people became as common as if he were seeing students walking on the Marshall campus.

The challenge, he said, was not to appear awe-struck. "I had to compose myself not to act like a cheap tourist ... but (seeing) Caesar Romero was like seeing an aura wherever he stood. I didn't want to get star struck (though), because it's insulting to them."

Other "brushes with greatness" included seeing Ed Begley, Jr. on the set of *St. Elsewhere* daily and spending time in Dom DeLuise's dressing room.

He said, however, he only got an occasional glimpse of Jane Wyman, leading actress on *Falcon Crest* and former wife of President Ronald Reagan, because her hours were from 5:30 to 8 a.m.

But perhaps as awe-inspiring to Ross as seeing the stars was observing and helping with the behind-the-scenes work that goes into the production of *Falcon Crest*.

"There is still an energy of telling a story," he said. "To see how these stories are put together is a real treat."

He also had the opportunity to observe how the musical arrangements were put together for the mini-series "Amerika," an area of particular interest to Ross, who is a musician.

"Laying music for scenes whether dramatic, sad, comical, or even for newscasts is an art form."

He explained that in the dubbing for *Amerika*, a 125-piece orchestra played while the conductor watched a recorded scene from a large screen. It was an experience that "raised the hair on my arms."

Ross also was struck by the ability of actors to do intimate love scenes while surrounded by technicians and other distractions. He said the actors and actresses go to great lengths to insure that the scene will appear real to viewers.

"They try to capture a meaning of a particular scene, but if one of the actor's is married and there are 15 other technicians around staring, it's then that you realize what these actors try to do to relate in a love scene."

Selby will be returning to Marshall to discuss with President Nitzschke, Dr. N.B. East, and Dr. Paul Balshaw of the theater department about more programs of internship.

"He (Selby) was very kind to have concern for me. All my expenses were privately funded by him," said Ross.

Despite the fact that Ross saw rare glimpses into Hollywood life few other students experience, Ross says he feels none-the-smugger for having been there.

"I came back feeling smaller than when I left," Ross said. "I am just a guy from Huntington with dreams not for fame, but for success in tech."

"It is more important that this university get recognition of possibilities of a program like this, than my aspects of going to Hollywood. The next guy that goes will get twice as much. I was glad I was missed and glad to be home."

Beyond MU

From The Associated Press

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Secretary confirms sexual encounter

NEW YORK - A 27-year-old secretary has confirmed she had a sexual encounter with evangelist Jim Bakker in 1980, but she denied any use of blackmail against him, according to a published report Tuesday.

Bakker resigned last week as president and chairman of the board of PTL, which stands for both "Praise The Lord" and "People That Love," after revealing that he had paid money in "blackmail" to cover up an extramarital affair seven years ago.

On Monday, however, Bakker said a takeover attempt of his empire was the underlying reason for giving up his multimillion-dollar PTL empire.

Jessica Hahn confirmed the 1980 encounter with Bakker and said she later received "a few dollars" of the \$115,000 that PTL officials reportedly paid after she complained to them about the encounter, New York *Newsday* reported.

She insisted there was "no black-

I didn't come forward in the first place. There were other people who used the information. But I didn't want to hurt anybody. I didn't want to hurt Jim.

Jessica Hahn

mail" but refused to give a detailed account of her alleged part in Bakker's downfall, the newspaper said.

"I just want this whole thing to blow over and for my family to be left alone," she said.

"I didn't come forward in the first place," Ms. Hahn told *Newsday*.

"There were other people who used the information. But I didn't want to hurt anybody. I didn't want to hurt Jim." She refused to elaborate.

Ms. Hahn portrayed herself as a sincere churchwoman who has spent most of her adult life working for the Massapequa Tabernacle

Church on Long Island, east of New York City.

"I've spent my life in the church," she said. "I was in at nights and working in the office during the day. My first job was cleaning the toilets. Nobody asked me to. I just did it."

A traveling evangelist, John Wesley Fletcher, who came to Massapequa occasionally in the 1970s, set up the Dec. 6, 1980 encounter between Ms. Hahn and Bakker in a hotel room in Clearwater Beach, Fla., *Newsday* said.

Bakker said Monday on a taped segment of the PTL cable television

show that the sexual encounter was an attempt to make his wife jealous.

"Tammy and I were having difficulty in our marriage, and I got some idea in my heart that I could make Tammy jealous and somehow win her back to my love," he said. "I made a mistake. It was wrong."

According to *The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer*, Ms. Hahn met with the Rev. Richard Dortch twice in 1984 about the encounter with Bakker. At those meetings, Dortch, PTL's new president, tried to dissuade her from making claims against Bakker and persuaded her to sign a document recanting the charges, the paper said.

Later Ms. Hahn renounced the document, and in early 1985 a California businessman, Paul Roper, acting on her behalf, sent PTL a draft of a lawsuit seeking damages, according to the *Observer*.

On Feb. 27, 1985, PTL attorneys gave Roper a \$115,000 check for Ms. Hahn, the report said.

Widow can't collect twice for single accident

FAIRMONT - A wrongful death suit against Consolidation Coal Co. for the 1986 Loveridge plant accident was thrown out of court by a circuit judge who said the plaintiff can't have it both ways.

Marion County Judge Rodney Merrifield on Monday dismissed the case filed by the widow of Joseph Dunn, saying she can't collect compensation payments from Pennsylvania and then add a lawsuit in West Virginia.

Mrs. Dunn's husband was one of five people buried alive when a coal pile collapsed beneath them at the Marion County plant in February 1986. The men died of suffocation. Federal mining officials this year fined Consol, saying the company failed to ensure that the giant coal pile was safe.

Consol lawyers argued that Dunn, the company's vice president of engineering, primarily worked in Pennsylvania and that Mrs. Dunn already had received workers compensation payments from that state for her husband's death.

Once those benefits are awarded, Pennsylvania law does not allow separate lawsuits seeking additional damages. West Virginia does allow such suits when employers have demonstrated "willful" disregard for employees' safety.

States may require permit for mining on federal land

WASHINGTON - States may require companies with federally approved mining operations on federal lands to obtain state permits as well, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The court, by a 5-4 vote, said a California agency had the legal authority to require a limestone-mining operation in Los Padres National Forest to obtain a state permit.

Regulations imposed on such mining by the federal Forest Service "not only are devoid of any expression of intent to pre-empt state law but rather appear to assume that those submitting plans of operations will comply with state laws," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

Haig makes bid for presidency, offers leadership for America

NEW YORK - Alexander M. Haig, stressing his decades of service to other presidents, announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday and said "what I offer is leadership for America."

Haig acknowledged his candidacy for the 1988 nomination is a long shot, but said he has the ability and the desire to lead the nation into the 1990s.

"The president's pre-eminent task is to lead. To lead, a president must be a driven man, driven by the force of his conviction in the rightness of his cause," Haig told a news conference.

Earlier today, Haig said of his candidacy, "I don't know of an endeavor more honorable."

"It's both momentous and frightening and a little intimidating," Haig said on NBC's "Today" show.

Pro-Contra aid filibuster holds, prevents freeze on spending

WASHINGTON - Senate opponents of Contra aid lost another battle Tuesday but said they would fight on to break a filibuster and compel President Reagan to account for millions of dollars in previous assistance they say has disappeared.

The vote on ending the filibuster was an even 50-50, 10 votes short of the 60 required.

The filibuster is preventing action on legislation to freeze Contra spending for six months and to order a full accounting of how previous aid was spent.

A first attempt to choke off the filibuster failed on Monday when 46 senators voted to end the debate and 45 voted to let it continue.

Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said Tuesday a third attempt to end the filibuster will be made on Wednesday.

Byrd made clear, however, that the real goal now is to produce, not 60 votes but 51, the "constitutional majority" that will be all that is needed to reject the president's request for \$105 million when it reaches the Senate floor later this year.

Speaker: U.S. attack in gulf could endanger Americans

NICOSIA, Cyprus - Iran's Parliament speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, said Tuesday that if the United States launched an attack in the Persian Gulf "Americans will be unsafe throughout the world."

In a Tehran radio interview, monitored in Nicosia, he declared: "The events in Lebanon could be repeated for the Americans around the world."

He apparently referred to the deadly bombings of the U.S. Embassy and Marine headquarters in Beirut in 1983 and the kidnappings of Americans in Lebanon. Eight Americans remain captive, most believed held by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslems.

Rafsanjani reiterated Tehran would intervene with the kidnappers to free the hostages if the United States frees several billion dollars' worth of Iranian assets frozen by Washington.

His remarks came amid tension over Iran's deployment of anti-ship missiles in the Strait of Hormuz, the gateway to the Persian Gulf.

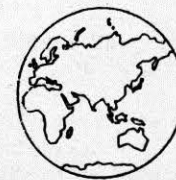
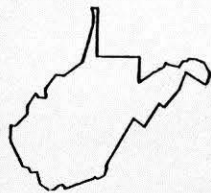
U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said Sunday that the United States is prepared to protect oil tankers against Iranian attacks and is drawing up contingency plans for military action.

French premier signs contract for 'Mickey-sur-Marne' park

PARIS - Premier Jacques Chirac Tuesday signed a contract for creation of a Eurodisneyland east of Paris, saying the link with the Walt Disney Co. was "a guarantee of success."

The \$2 billion project is to be built on a 4,400-acre site in Marne-la-Vallee, about 25 miles from the capital, with opening day set for 1992. National and local governments are pledged to spend \$333 million on the park, which has become known as "Mickey-sur-Marne."

The French government said it won guarantees from Disney, in negotiations lasting more than a year, that the park would incorporate themes from French and European culture, rather than simply copying the formulas of Disneyland in California and Walt Disney World in Florida.



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Money, enrollment

Marshall has been ripped off in the past when it comes to funding and things are not looking up.

And now it looks as if our administrators may have to start tightening admissions requirements in an attempt to decrease enrollment.

The budget the Legislature has approved leaves Marshall without a stadium — no great surprise considering the state's financial crunch.

But an additional \$2.6 million allocated to Marshall by the Board of Regents also was rejected by the Legislature. This is the "Year of Education?"

The BOR's allocation was an attempt to pull Marshall from its eighth spot on the state's priority list of funding for institutes of higher education.

It is easy to see that Marshall, if the funds are not there, will have to start looking at where cuts can be made.

And, sad to say, if enrollment is not curbed the quality of education for everyone will suffer.

As always President Dale F. Nitzschke is optimistic the money will be there.

Yeah, right.

But some administrators are being more realistic in realizing the problem is very real and something has to be done. Unfortunately, what will probably be done is enrollment will be cut by the university, rather than funds being increased by the Legislature.

It's a shame that money isn't keeping up with enrollment.

Contra aid

On Monday, the U.S. Senate killed a symbolic resolution that would suspend all assistance to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua for six months.

Last week, a similar move failed. That move would have frozen the last \$40 million of a \$100 million aid package earmarked for the Contras until the previous installment was fully accounted for.

It's crazy to give the Contras money that could be better used here and doubly so after the failure to account for the first installment.

If your mother gave you a dollar for a loaf of bread, and you came home without the bread or the dollar, do you think you could ask for another dollar? We doubt it.

Had either resolution passed, it would have been vetoed by President Ronald Reagan and a two-thirds override would have been very improbable.

The good news is Reagan's \$105 million Contra proposal for the 1988 fiscal year is in jeopardy. As well it should be.

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Notable quote

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"I don't want to confirm the belief that we have of being a narrow-minded school. But I wouldn't like to see my girlfriend with her clothes off."

Ray Bauer, student body president of West Virginia University explaining his feelings about his school being featured in *Playboy* magazine spread.



FOURTH DOWN AND PUNT ?

Our readers speak

Parthenon negative; TKE supports Sig Eps

To the editor:

We, the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon, would like to publicly express our concern with the handling of the Sigma Phi Epsilon affair. We feel that because of events in their past — events which are themselves of questionable criminal content — the Sig Eps have been unjustly assumed guilty. Please, this is America. A newspaper has no right to publish one side of a story just because one party decides to run her mouth and the other chooses to remain silent. In any case, would it really make any difference if the Sig Eps spoke up or not?

As to the suspension of the Sig Eps, the essential question is not whether a whole fraternity is responsible for the actions of one member. Rather, the question is whether or not Tommy Adkins is guilty. Has anyone even considered the possibility that Paula Wine's charges are untrue? TKE is not making a judgment either way. Neither are we trying to drum up negative feelings toward Miss Wine. We only want to see justice served properly.

The Parthenon has treated this story in the typical way it has most other Greek happenings — negatively. Yes, it is true the Greeks get loud and wild at times and, God forbid, they toilet paper each other's houses on occasion. But were Marshall's students, who covered an entire block of Fifth Avenue with toilet paper and closed traffic for two hours, condemned by *The Parthenon's* editorial staff to slowly roast on hot coals in eternal hell?

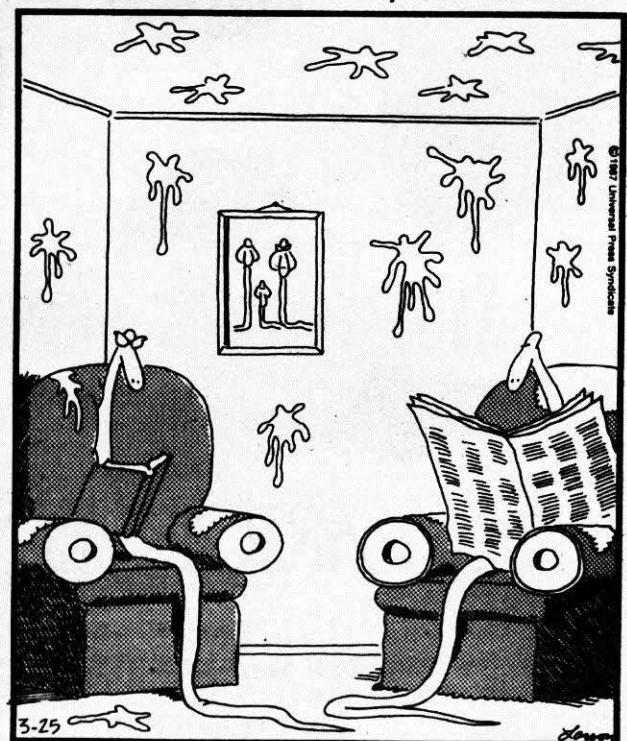
We want to wish Tommy Adkins best of luck in

court because we *do* presume him innocent until he is proven guilty. The Tekes would also like to assure the Sig Eps that we are behind them all the way. We realize that one man's actions reflect upon but do not necessarily characterize an entire fraternity. We have not forgotten the Sigma Phi Epsilon who brought fire extinguishers and offered assistance when our house burnt. We would now like to reciprocate. We would be happy to help you in any way we can.

Mark Dooley
president, Tau Kappa Epsilon

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



The spitting cobras at home

Calendar policy

The Parthenon has designed Calendar as a free service for campus groups and organizations to advertise their activities. Items are run on a space-available basis. Information for Calendar must be submitted by 3 p.m. two days in advance of publication on forms available in The Parthenon newsroom, Smith Hall Room 311.



When weight control turns to obsession:

Bulimics, anorexics face risks to health and sanity. . . .

Story by Jean Neel

Amy has the dorm room to herself. Her roommate went home for the weekend. Books and notebooks are scattered throughout the room — remnants of the hectic day just passed. Another late night study session has slipped into the early morning hours. The previous day was like many which preceded it, full of frustrations.

First the political science test. *Where did those questions come from?*

Mother called to see how the test went. *Why does she always have to add more pressure?*

John looked great today. *Why does he always have to sit by Becky and not give me a second glance?*

I had a dozen things I wanted to do today. *Why can't I finish anything?*

I did run two miles and do 200 sit-ups. *I should have run four miles, why did I quit so soon?*

The thoughts don't stop. Anxiety builds as the tolerance level for frustration diminishes. There is a void which needs to be filled. Food is the substance Amy uses to sedate herself, to fill that void. A pizza, three bags of potato chips, a quart of ice cream, a dozen doughnuts, two liters of Coke...she eats and eats. The taunting food is barely tasted.

She binges on food. The binge is followed by guilt and the intense need to get rid of the food she has taken in. Now, as she has done three times in the past 24 hours, Amy will retreat to the bathroom when no one is around. The cold tile walls and floor hide her secret. Just like before, she will stick her fingers down her throat and force herself to vomit.

If this doesn't sound pleasant, that's good. It's not. It is also not uncommon. Although Amy is a composite character, she could easily be one of several Mar-

shall students who suffer from disorders just like her's. They are eating disorders known as anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

Anorexia is characterized by dramatic weight loss from self-starvation or from severe self-imposed dieting. Bulimia is characterized by bingeing and purging, accompanied by frequent weight fluctuations. In many cases, people with anorexia turn to bulimia as an alternative method of weight control and bulimics will occasionally adopt behaviors typically associated with anorexia.

These disorders are predominately female problems, though not exclusively so. Over the last few years we have heard of many famous women who have suffered from eating disorders. Kathy Rigby, Jane Fonda and Karen Carpenter were all plagued with either anorexia or bulimia.

Some national statistics estimate that anorexia now strikes more than one in every 100 teenage girls and young women. Bulimia is thought to affect as many as one out of five college-age women.

Chris DeVos, counselor for the student development center, says she doesn't think the actual statistics are that high on a national level or on Marshall's campus. However, she does say that she believes there has been an increase in the number of students with eating disorders on campus. "There are more out there than I thought, but I couldn't begin to guess how many," she said.

Anthony J. Plienis, Ph.D., assistant professor of medical psychology at Marshall University School of Medicine, is careful to point out that there are exceptions. However, certain character traits are typically associated with anorexia and bulimia. Those who suffer from eating disorders are usually people who strive to please others, are very high

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achievers, are hard workers and have compulsive personalities.

The focus on control is a major issue with the development of anorexia. "Eating becomes a success experience," Plien explained. "It's like they can master it and get so much control over it. That control is difficult to let go of because they feel there are so many other aspects of their life they have so little control over."

The National Mental Health Association describes bulimia as, "an eating disorder characterized by a pattern of binge-eating and purging." Binge-eating is the rapid, uncontrolled consumption of large amounts of food. The number of calories consumed may range from 1,000 to 55,000 per binge.

Purging is ridding oneself of food eaten during a binge. The most common methods of purging are self-induced vomiting, vigorous exercise, laxatives, fasting and severe diets. A person does not have to purge to be considered bulimic.

Plien noted current research suggests considerable overlap between the two disorders. Sufferers of both illnesses exhibit difficulty in confronting problems and expressing negative feelings effectively. He says that the behaviors associated with anorexia and bulimia are really forms of anxiety reduction, especially the binge-purge cycle of bulimics.

Some physical complications common to eating disorders are digestive problems, muscle aches and cramps, insomnia, and loss of hair. In addition, the problems can get much more serious. Some victims of anorexia and bulimia die from heart failure, rupture of the esophagus, or other severe damage to the body.

Both Plien and DeVos make a distinction between bulimia and bulimic behavior. As DeVos puts it, "Not all who have

binged and purged are bulimics. Many people will try it once, but find it so revolting they will never try it again.

DeVos theorized, "We turn to food in times of crisis of emotional distress. I don't think our society as a whole relates normally to food. Almost everyone in our culture uses food as a tranquilizer."

Societal pressure seem to be the consistent underlying theme when focusing on eating disorders. "You learn from the day you are born what others expect of you. There are 10,000 voices telling you what you should do," DeVos said. "We act out what our culture says we should look like."

"You look at a magazine and see articles for the 10 best thigh reducing exercises and the 10 best recipes for chocolate yummys on the same cover," she exclaimed. "How are people supposed to respond?"

How do women respond? In February, 1984, Glamour magazine polled 33,000 women and found that 41 percent of the respondents felt moderately unhappy or very unhappy with their bodies.

Another study, conducted by David Garner on Playboy centerfolds and Miss America contestants as cultural examples of feminine beauty, may help explain why so many women are unhappy with their bodies. Garner found that in an almost 20-year span, from 1959 to 1978, "the ideal shape" was getting progressively thinner. The mean weights for both contestants and centerfolds were less than the average woman under 30.

After 1970 not only did all the winners of the Miss America contest weigh less than the average of all contestants, they were always the thinnest of the 10 finalists.

Marcia Lewis, coordinator of judicial

affairs and assistant director of residence life, said she has seen an increase in eating disorders in the dormitories over the last few years. "I've seen a greater increase as we become a lot more body conscious," she reflects. "I would guess that we see a lot more bulimia than anorexia."

Lewis said she thinks there is an increased awareness of eating disorders by students, but she is not sure they know how serious it is. "They say, 'I'll just do it for a little while.' They don't realize what damage it does to their body," she said. "Then they get carried away and they can't stop."

So when does it clearly become a problem? "When you start to realize that it is becoming a real part of your life and it is becoming a burden to you. It is clearly a problem when it becomes your way of dealing with the disappointments, frustrations, and stresses in your life. It becomes your escape," Plien contends.

Plien's message to students is to try to get help before things really get out of hand. "We recognize that for most individuals suffering with an eating disorder, it is a secretive thing. The first step toward disclosure is extraordinarily difficult," he said.

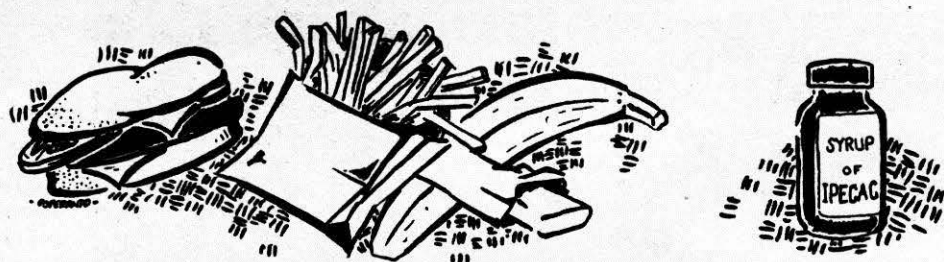
DeVos echoes these sentiments. She acknowledges that getting a person to

seek treatment and follow through with it is no easy task. "It's an issue that is so much easier to kick under the rug rather than deal with," she says. "I have always thought of eating disorders as an addiction because the substance is not used for pleasure," DeVos points out. "With any addiction there is denial until it is so obvious it smacks you in the face. With alcohol, you bottom out; with an eating disorder you go until it hurts so bad you have to seek help."

The Student Counseling Center provides free assistance to any student who seeks it, but DeVos explains that more intensive treatment may be needed. "The issue is so complex, so important. We provide short-term, outpatient help; inpatient treatment may be necessary."

For those who do want help, DeVos said they are currently in the process of developing a brochure of community resources offering treatment for students who suffer from an eating disorder. She also says there is a possibility of an informational/awareness type seminar on campus to "help students find a saner way to deal with the problems."

Editor's note: Jean Neel is the community relations coordinator for the eating disorders treatment program at St. Mary's Hospital.



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Chuck Chambers:

The governor, money woes, the stadium

By Jack Houvouras
 Reporter

In November 1948, presidential candidate Harry S. Truman went to bed believing he had lost the election. *The Chicago Tribune* had already declared his opponent, Thomas E. Dewey, the winner with the next day's front page headline "Dewey Wins!" They were wrong.

In November 1978, House of Delegates candidate Chuck Chambers went to bed believing he had lost his first election. However, the clerks office had made an error in vote tabulating. The next morning Chambers awoke to find that he had won his first primary.

Chambers said there is no question that Marshall University needs a new football stadium. "Everyone knows we need the stadium, the question is how are we going to pay for it."

When considering the stadium the legislature is faced with a number of problems, Chambers said. "Obviously, coming from Marshall, we understand the importance of having the stadium for the school and the community. However, when you go into other parts of the state, they don't share that concern.

"A more fundamental problem with the stadium is the way the governor would have us pay for it." Chambers said that under the governor's plan, money would be taken from the cam-

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Chuck Chambers

Since the Chambers, a Huntington resident, has commuted to Charleston as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. His political career has often taken an "unusual turn," which is evident in his latest job as Speaker of the House.

"It was not my plan to ever run for speaker," Chambers said. "I got involved in that race in an unusual way. The previous speaker was surprisingly defeated in his re-election, and to some extent, it was just being in the right place at the right time."

The 34-year-old Marshall University graduate is the first house speaker from Cabell County since 1877. Looking back at the first year of his new job Chambers said, "I've enjoyed it. We've had a very difficult session and I can't recall any time that I've been in the legislature that the state had so many problems."

This year's legislative session has come under fire for being unproductive. In response to such criticism, Chambers said, "I think it was a productive session in a way that is hard for the average citizen to see or understand. Facing all the problems we had this year, there was no way to do it without making an awful lot of tough choices. When you make those choices, you upset someone."

pus revenue account which is used each year for maintaining the older buildings on campus. The governor would also have money taken from the statewide telecomputer network. "We (Legislature) didn't think the governor's way of funding the stadium was sound at all."

Looking ahead, Chambers said that the next two weeks are important ones to watch. "If Gov. Moore does what we hope he will, he will sign the budget and increase his official estimate for the amount of revenue available for the state to spend next year." Chambers said that if that happens, the House will use that money to fund education this year. Chambers did say that "there's a good chance" funding for the stadium would probably go through next year.

Chambers said that the hardest part of his first year as house speaker was the transition. "Because of the unexpected campaign for speaker, the traveling, etc., I haven't had a chance to sit back and reflect upon the agenda or present to the legislature how I'd like to resolve a lot of issues."

As for the future, Chambers said he has no illusions of grandeur. "I like what I'm doing now. I'd like to stay in the House until I either get defeated in the election, or I get tired."

UCAM sponsors lobby day; will march on U.S. Capitol

Kimberly Mitchell
 Reporter

College students from across the country will travel to Washington, D.C. April 2 to participate in the fourth annual University Lobby to End the Nuclear Arms Race.

The lobby day, which is sponsored by United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM), provides students and faculty nationwide with an opportunity to urge Congress to pass legislation for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTB).

UCAM is an organization devoted to building a campus movement to

end the arms race. It holds the annual event to teach students effective citizenship skills for the advancement of their goals. It also gives participants a chance to meet with members of congress and to become involved in briefings with national arms control lobbyists.

There will also be a march on the Capitol followed by a rally on the Capitol's east side to ban nuclear tests.

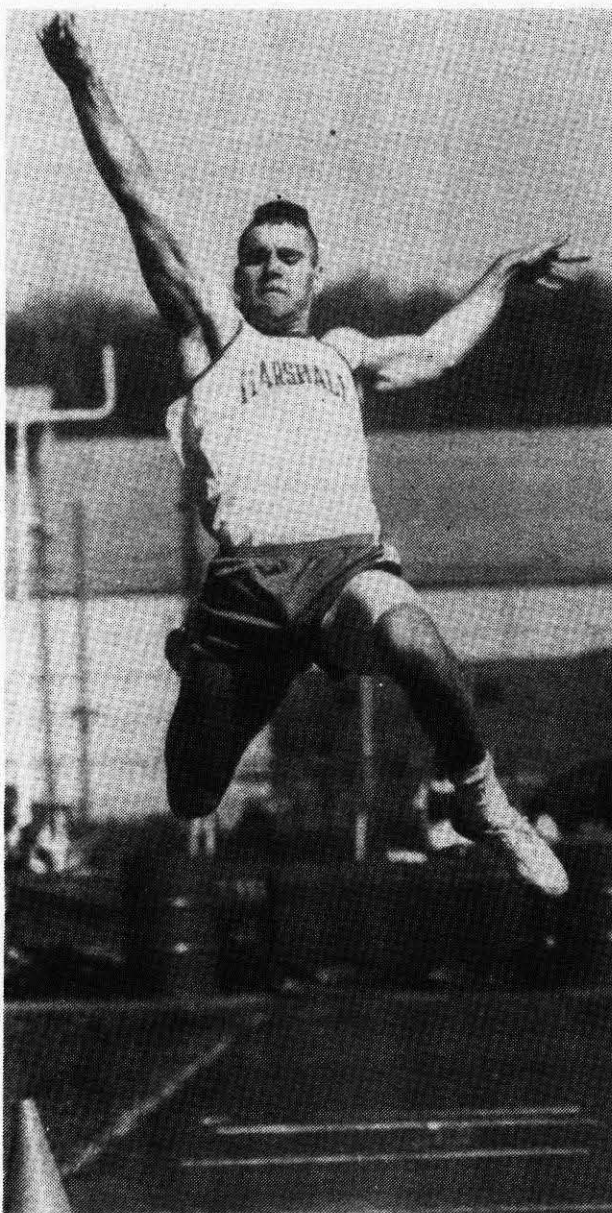
This year UCAM is offering a Leadership Development Program the day after Lobby Day to help students better organize their on-campus activities.

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Staff photo by Todd Shanesy

Clifford Simpkins, Point Pleasant freshman, takes his leap in the long jump in Saturday's Early Bird Relays. A versatile athlete, he will enter the decathlon in later meets.

Michael Jordan a ground show compared to Air Thaxton's vault

Without his equipment, you might guess he was a rock singer. His shoulder-length blond hair was more reminiscent of Sammy Hagar than an All-American college athlete. But his entrance to the pole vault area should have given the audience a clue.

Most vaulters toted a single pole with them to the pit. But not Steve Thaxton. He was conspicuous with a long canvas case, which contained four or five poles. He was content to sit on the grass and watch the competitors, including his brother Jeff, who vaults for Marshall.

It was a surprise to me he was here, but it was pretty logical. "It's spring break (at Abilene Christian), and I needed to jump," Thaxton said. Of course, Thaxton has plenty of ties to the area.

The Thaxtons are natives of Sissonville, a sleepy hamlet in Kanawha County. Besides being engaged to Jackie Rowe, a Proctorville, Ohio sophomore, Steve also has gone to summer school at Marshall.

Steve started vaulting in the eighth grade, and won the state championship at Sissonville High his junior year, with a leap of 14 feet, 2 inches. From there it was a scholarship to ACU, a school with an excellent track team and a pole vaulting tradition second to none.

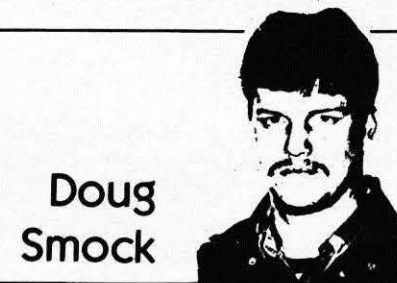
14-2 is child's play for him now. He watched the others as they could do better than 15 feet. When the final vaulter failed, it was time for the Air Thaxton Show.

This was a scientist at work. He waited for an opportune gust of wind, and went for it.

He started at 16-6. No one had ever cleared 16 feet in competition at the Marshall pit, but he cleared on his second try with ease.

Some time had passed when public address announcer Charlie Foster reminded me and everyone else of the main event, "The bar is at eighteen feet, one inch, the highest college vault in America this year."

I was in the stands across from the pit when he brushed the bar, knocking down on the first try. It brought a big "ohhhhhh" from the crowd.



Doug Smock

Thaxton waited for what seemed forever for the next try. The shifting West Virginia winds give him trouble, he later told me. After all, there's nothing like dealing with a crosswind 18 feet above the ground.

The third try, a brisk breeze blew at his back, and he knew it was time. It was a close call — he brushed the bar with his chest and it wobbled about two inches. He looked up at the bar while lying on the pit. The bar settled, staying 18 feet, 1 inch above the ground. Thaxton leaped off the pit, hugged his mother and his fiancée.

Some of Marshall's tracksters to watch for:

■ Lynn Kochendorfer, who ran three relay races plus the 400 intermediate hurdles.

■ Erica West, who just set the school long jump record, 18-5 1/4. A lightning fast sprinter, she anchors the 400- and 800-meter teams.

■ Clifford Simpkins, who did damn near everything Saturday. He entered the long jump, javelin, 400-meter and 800-meter relays, and whatever else. He will enter the decathlon at Ohio University in a couple of weeks.

■ Men's distance running in general, especially Todd Crosson in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Barring injury, the Connorsville, Ind. senior appears to be able to get his time down to the 8:44 NCAA qualifying time. He ran a smoking 8:56.3 in the Early Birds.

■ Bryan Murphy in the javelin, heretofore a foreign sport at Marshall.

AD has bounced between coasts, likes MU stop

By Jack Houvouras
Reporter

"He is a top-flight administrator with connections throughout the country. I think he will do great things for Marshall University." — **Ernie Salvatore**, contributing sports columnist for *The Herald-Dispatch*.

When Athletic Director David Braine came to Huntington in October 1985, it was easy to see why he had connections throughout the country. From his high school days of playing all-star baseball with Joe Namath, to his last job at Fresno State, David Braine has "been around."

He has worked at such schools as the University of Richmond, Georgia Tech, the University of Virginia, Fresno State, and, at the start of his career, conference rival Virginia Military. Braine explains that every job he has ever taken was always a step up.

Before traveling to both ends of the country as an assistant football coach and assistant athletic director, Braine was just a kid from a farm in Grove City, Pa. who wanted to go to college. He left the small community of 5,200 to go play football at the University of North Carolina. Times were different back then as Braine played as a defensive back and kicker. Braine

remembers his college experience as being a lot of fun, except for his freshman year. "My first semester, I was kicked in the face during practice. Someone's foot came through my guard and it broke my nose and cheekbone. I had a lot of trouble with that injury that year."

Although Braine's grades suffered his first year because of those problems, he was a dean's list student from his sophomore year on.

Looking back to a more recent part of his career, Braine pointed to various parts of the country while describing many of the jobs he had taken. When asked what it was like moving around so much, Braine said, "It's been a very good life. I tell my kids there's not many children that have swum in the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, been to Disney World and Disneyland. I've been very fortunate."

According to Braine, his latest stop in Huntington has been very rewarding. "My impressions of the city are the same as everybody's on the outside — they are either jealous or they have a great deal of admiration."

Braine recalls that at this year's NCAA Tournament, Huntington and Marshall University were complimented. "One of the coaches in Charlotte said there's no place like Huntington. The people at Notre Dame were totally shocked that we could

have so many people at the NCAA Tournament."

Meeting people and getting to know young athletes is what Braine calls the "best part of the job." His four-year stay at the University of Virginia enabled him to oversee several sports greats, including current NBA star Ralph Sampson. "I guess one of my biggest thrills from the past was being at Virginia while Sampson was there. I'll never forget the day they retired his jersey. I felt so lucky to have been there to have seen that young man grow. To know that he stayed there to get a degree when he could have gone on to the pros and made millions. He was a great person."

By contrast, Braine said the hardest part of the job is dealing with the media. "It's something you're not trained to do. When I started here, I thought I was ready, but nobody ever put five microphones in front of me and made me stand before 30 reporters. I was petrified."

With time, Braine said he became used to it. "One day you swallow hard and get over the fear, but it doesn't come easy. My biggest concern now is doing a good job for our university. Every time I do something for the media, I want people to say, 'I'm proud he's our athletic director.'"

As for the future of Marshall athletics, Braine said the outlook is bright.

However, in the last two months the basketball program has come under criticism for a schedule that some regard as too weak. Regarding this past season's basketball schedule, Braine said, "I've said all along it wasn't the greatest schedule in America. We did play Baylor, Kent State, Middle Tennessee, WVU, and Austin Peay. Two of those teams finished second in their conferences and Austin Peay almost made the sweet sixteen." He added, "I think people forget that we won 25 games when at one time we were 5-4."

Looking ahead, Braine said he has contacted a number of schools for next year's basketball schedule. The schools include Mississippi, Ohio State, Clemson, Kansas State, Missouri, Boston College, the University of North Carolina, and Notre Dame. "We've talked to everybody and nobody wants to come here and play. However, all those teams want to play us in football." Braine said Marshall is offering those schools \$25,000 to come here, and in return, we will play there for \$10,000. "That will leave them with a \$15,000 net gain which is unheard of," he said.

After all his traveling, Braine indicated that he may have found a home in Huntington. "The reason this is such a good job is because of Huntington, the people, and the support."

Calendar

Campus Entertainment Unlimited will have a Coffeehouse Meeting at 4:30 today in the Coffeehouse. For more information, call 696-6770.

Baptist Student Union will sponsor a Spiritual Journey Notebook Group from noon-1 p.m. today in the Campus Christian Center. For more information, call 736-7772.

WMUL 88.1-FM will air "Bif Goes To College" at 8 p.m. today.

Students for Christ will sponsor Thursday Night Live at 9 p.m. Thursday in Harris Hall 134. For more information, call 529-1341.

Top 40 dance band, Moss Alley will appear at 9 p.m. Thursday in Marco's. For more information, call 696-6770.

Minority Students' Program Office presents a lecture by journalist and author Lerone Bennet tonight at 8 p.m. in Memorial Student Center 2E11, 12 and 13.

Pi Sigma Alpha will sponsor Dr. John A. Stookey discussing "Trial Courts in America: Why the Rich Get Richer" at 3 p.m. Thursday in Corbly Hall 105. For more information, call 696-6636.

Baptist Student Union will sponsor a Creative Workshop Worship team at 6 p.m. and TNT at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Campus Christian Center. For more information, call 736-7772.

Campus Crusade for Christ will sponsor Prime Time at 9 p.m. Thursday in Corbly Hall 117. For more information, call 523-5096.

Today last day to apply for SGA election seats

Students interested in running for open student senate seats must apply by 4:30 p.m. today. Applications may be picked up in the Student Government Association office, Helen Matheny, head election commissioner, said.

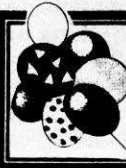
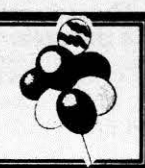
SGA will have a candidates' meeting at 9:15 p.m. tonight and will give qualified candidates information about elections and campaign rules, Matheny said.

Seats are open for student body president and vice president, 14 student senators, representative for the Board of Regents Advisory Council of Students and student representative for the Institutional Board of Advisors, Matheny said.

Disney to interview for summer, fall workers tomorrow

A meeting for students interested in talking with Walt Disney World representatives about summer and fall session work will be tomorrow at 9 a.m. in Prichard Hall.

The representatives are interested in sophomores and juniors majoring in advertising, education, finance, marketing, management, recreation, journalism, speech, public relations, or economics. Academic credit is available as well as salary and housing. Student I.D. cards, as well as a photo I.D. card are required. Appointments will be made for later in the day. Contact the Placement Center at 696-2370 for more information.

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