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Lonise Bias: Say no to anything wrong

Star's mother says mistakes happen but love yourself

By Kent Corbett
Reporter

To Len Bias' mother, Len has done more in his death than he could have in any national championship for the Boston Celtics.

Lonise Bias, mother of the former University of Maryland basketball star, Wednesday night addressed a standing-room-only crowd of more than 500 students, faculty, staff and athletes at Memorial Student Center Don Morris Room.

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Her message was just say no to anything that is wrong.

"Make choices for yourself," Bias said in a delivery not unlike a southern preacher. "It takes courage and character to be different."

Bias, who speaks to students across the United States in her anti-drug campaign, told students to "get control over your life.

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Lonise Bias

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Bias said she hopes her son's death will make people realize that peer pressure is a problem in today's society.

"I am here to bring a message of hope, not to weep over Len," she said. "I hope I can help save our nations greatest resource — young people.

"It's a shame it takes a tragedy in today's society to bring about change," Bias said.

Bias spoke about peer pressure, friends, problems young people face in today's society, sex and how today's young people treat their parents.

She said young people shouldn't take loved ones for granted or act disrespectful to parents.

"Kids talk and laugh at their parents, but they are the only people that love



Photo by Greg PARRY

Lonise Bias spoke before more than 500 people Wednesday and said it is sad a tragedy has to occur before change will come about.

you. And when times are tough, your friends are gone and your parents are the only ones that will stand behind you."

Bias said a true friend is someone who knows your past, understands your past and believes in your future and accepts the way you are.

Bias centered her speech on the lyrics of Michael Jackson's video, "Bad," and Whitney Houston's song, "The Greatest

Love Of All."

Bias said, "The greatest love of all takes place on the inside."

She said it is important for people to stand up for what they think is right no matter what people think about them.

"You become a slave to someone when you do what they want you to do," she said.

"Learn to love yourself because making mistakes is a part of life."

All should visit another country, professor says

By Virginia K. Crowe
Staff Writer

If Dr. Javier F. Campos could have one wish, it would probably be to have every person in the world visit another country.

Campos, an assistant professor of modern languages, came to the United States about 11 years ago from Chile to complete his doctoral studies and said it changed his way of thinking.

"When you know another culture, you can criticize your own," he said. "It is very good to go to another country because it helps you to understand your own without such a narrow point of view."

It was the size and color of the country that impressed Campos the most when he came to the U.S. "Everything was so huge and clean and pretty. And the color of the country, everything is bright."

However, it didn't take him long to form an opinion of the reason for all the color. "In a society where you have to sell something, that first impression counts."

The most difficult task for Campos when he came to the U.S. was learning to speak English. He did not speak any English and learned by taking five classes a day. Since he was studying teaching Spanish, most of his other classes were in his native language.

A factor that helped him to adjust to a new culture but not the language was a Spanish-speaking com-

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munity in Minnesota. "The Hispanic community is quite large," Campos said. "But you don't practice your English very much and that made it hard at first."

Having no family in the states, it was easy for Campos to move around the country. He has taught at several universities, including California State University and Ohio State University.

Before coming to teach at Marshall, Ohio was the closest he had been to Huntington.

Although Campos said he liked Marshall, he said he would not stay if he got a good job offer from another university. "Many are offering \$5,000 to \$10,000 more for less work. It is nothing against the students of the state of West Virginia."

Campos is also a published poet. He has had two books published. The second book, "The City of Flames," is primarily about his impressions of the U.S. since he has been here. Being from a rural area of Chile, the large cities of the U.S. inspired him to write. "Coming from that kind of region and then being jammed into a big city, something is going to happen to you — especially if you write or paint," Campos said.

Campos said he is working on another book about his recent visit to his homeland after 10 years. He said things seemed totally different from when he left. Since Chile is a dictatorship, the people do not have the right to vote, unionize or strike.

Campos said there was also torture, persecution and missing people. Although he did see most of his family, Campos said he could not find one of his old friends. He said his friend was probably one of the missing people.

Campos said writing poetry is not easy. "I don't believe in the kind of artists who receive illumination from above and write a masterpiece in one night," he said. "An image has to be cooking in your mind for a long time and then you work it out."

As a teacher, Campos described his classes as "relaxed." He has taught at Marshall for two years and said he believes it is important to show students more of the culture of the language they are learning. "I try to use a lot of the material you have in this country. I use the inter-library loan to get movies from other countries, like 'Carmen,'" he said.

Campos said he could see quite a difference between American students and Chilean students. "They (Chilean students) are more involved in political issues. They are always ready to discuss in class. You don't see a lot of discussion here. They (American students) don't know what's going on. Even with all the sources of information they have."

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Five killed, 15 wounded in bank ordeal

LOS MOCHIS, Mexico — Gunmen holding more than 40 people hostage in a bank tried to leave the building Thursday, but police fired back and wounded one gunman. The Red Cross said five people have been killed and at least 15 wounded in the 24-hour standoff.

"We want to leave now," one of the seven gunmen said in a telephone call to Mexico's major morning TV news program, on the private Televisa network.

"We want a helicopter. ... They don't want to meet their agreement," he said, clearly agitated after the shooting. "I'm not going to respect anyone anymore. ... They started to shoot."

Anchorman Guillermo Ochoa appealed to the gunman to stay calm.

Within minutes, Sinaloa state Gov. Francisco Labastida Ochoa was on the line and offered to let the gunmen meet with a committee of Red Cross officials, journalists, a Roman Catholic priest and state police who would guarantee safety and due process of law.

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One of seven gunmen in bank

(The gunmen should) accept that they have committed a crime, that they take care of the lives of innocent people, that they accept reality.

Sinaloa state Gov. Ochoa

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The Red Cross volunteered to escort gunmen from the bank, but it was not known whether the offer would be accepted.

Hundreds of police surrounded the Banamex bank in this city of 120,000 on the Gulf of California about 500 miles south of Tucson, Ariz.

Jesus Acosta, a spokesman for the local Red Cross, said one of its rescue workers was among those killed in a

gunfight Wednesday between police and the gunmen. He said the other four victims were a female bank teller and three customers.

Other accounts said the dead included a bank official and a policeman. Earlier reports said there were six gunmen.

The gunmen are demanding to be allowed to travel to a nearby airport and leave on a plane, said Ignacio

Lara, spokesman for the Sinaloa state governor.

The standoff began at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday (3:45 p.m. EDT). Witnesses said the gunmen burst into the bank and took hostages after an alarm alerted police to the robbery.

Ochoa, in a live interview with Televisa, said the negotiations were being conducted "with serenity" in hopes the gunmen would turn themselves in.

But he said the goal is for the gunmen "to accept that they have committed a crime, that they take care of the lives of innocent people, that they accept reality."

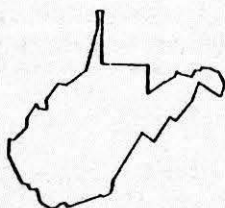
Another of the gunmen, in an interview broadcast live on Televisa earlier this morning, said all the hostages were being treated well.

Televisa said the gunmen appeared to be about 19 or 20 and that none wore masks.

The gunmen made telephone calls to Ochoa and Televisa demanding to be allowed to leave the site. "We don't have anything to do with politics," one was quoted as saying.

State teacher salaries slip another notch in national rankings

CHARLESTON — The average West Virginia teacher salary has slipped another notch in nationwide rankings even though the average pay for West Virginia instructors has increased since last year, a study shows.



The state classroom teachers' average pay is \$21,736, up \$290 from last year, but West Virginia ranks 46th nationwide, compared with 45th in 1987.

States having lower average salaries were North Dakota, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and South Dakota, according to the NEA study. Alaska was first on the list.

"You can't go up when you're not giving raises," said Del. Lyle Sattes, D-Kanawha. "It's unfortunate for the teachers and the state."

The House of Delegates education chairman said he expects teacher salaries to be addressed during a special session on education planned following the May 10 primary election. Otherwise, he said, teachers will continue to leave West Virginia for states with higher salaries.

On Wednesday, the president of West Virginia's largest teachers union said he was giving up his fight to keep educators in the state. Tom Vogel, who has been head of the West Virginia Education Association for three years, said he will apply for a job in North Carolina.

Sattes and other education leaders in the Legislature have advocated curtailing growth in the public education system, specifically in administrative offices. Sattes said the money saved could be used to enhance teacher salaries.

"It's essential to make structural changes," Sattes said. "I'm not opposed to (limitations on) class sizes, but we're hurting the professionals by letting the system continue to grow."

West Virginia teachers' salaries have ranked 43rd or lower since 1982, when average pay in the state plummeted from the 33rd spot.

Morale hurt at AT&T by proposal to phase out affirmative action

DENVER — AT&T says a white supremacist group hurt employee morale with its proposal to phase out affirmative action, even though the proposal fell far short of victory.



The resolution by the National Alliance — which contended that minorities were intellectually inferior to whites — drew 8.6 percent of shares voted at Wednesday's annual meeting of shareholders of American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

It might have won fewer votes if shareholders had realized the negative impact it had on the morale of the company's "family of employees," said Hal Burlingame, AT&T's senior vice president for human resources.

An opposing resolution to increase affirmative action, proposed by Alex Tillman, a black manager at Bell Laboratories, won just 6 percent of the shares voted.

Some saw the voting as almost a referendum on affirmative action because AT&T is the most widely-held stock in the United States, with 2.7 million shareholders.

U.S. victims of torture overseas may seek damages in federal court

WASHINGTON — The House Foreign Affairs subcommittee has unanimously approved a bill that would allow U.S. residents who are victims of torture overseas to seek civil damages in federal court.

All torture victims, either foreign aliens or American citizens, living in the United States would be covered once they had exhausted all legal remedies in the country where the torture occurred.

The families of victims of political killings also would be entitled to seek damages under the bill.

Persons who actually committed or ordered torture or political killings could be sued if they visit the United States.

Higgins to go on trial in Beirut, according to type-written statement

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A pro-Iranian underground group said Thursday it will try Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins on charges of spying.



"This criminal will be turned over today to the tribunal of the oppressed to try him for the crimes he has committed," said a type-written statement signed the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth.

The Arabic-language statement was accompanied by a black-and-white photograph of Higgins, 43, of Danville, Ky. Higgins was serving with a U.N. observer group in south Lebanon when he was kidnapped Feb. 17.

The picture showed the balding Higgins with a stubbled gray beard grown in captivity, wearing a dark field jacket, his eyes looking down and away from the camera.

It was the first photograph of Higgins released by his captors since he was kidnapped near the ancient port of Tyre. It was not known when it was taken.

The captors released a videotape on Feb. 22 in which Higgins pleaded with President Reagan to meet the demands they made for his release.

Thursday's statement was the fourth from the group since Higgins was abducted. It was delivered to the office of the British news agency Reuters.

On Monday, Beirut's Christian-run Voice of Lebanon radio station claimed Higgins had been killed by his abductors during clashes between pro-Syrian and Iranian-backed Shiite militias in south Lebanon.

The statement said the kidnapers had completed an investigation of Higgins' activities in Lebanon.

It said among the charges he faced was "spying for the criminal United States on our Lebanese and Palestinian peoples" and "active participation in American conspiracies against our Moslem people."

The statement also said Higgins was accused of supervising a "Pentagon team to combat Lebanese and Palestinian Islamic organizations in Palestine and Lebanon."

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Got a gripe? I'm responsible

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few things concerning how this paper operates. This same message has been delivered by former editors, but it seems there still are those who adamantly believe the faculty of the *School of Journalism* and *The Parthenon's* adviser control the paper's content.

This couldn't be further from the truth. As editor I, along with my editorial staff, make all final decisions. So if you disagree with something, or if we make a mistake it is I who must shoulder the responsibility. It may or may not be my fault, but that is a burden inherent with being boss.

At times this job is more than frustrating — it's infuriating. But the practical experience gained managing people and making decisions, be they right or wrong, is something which can't be taught in any classroom.

I've found, since becoming editor, that students are often predisposed to respond negatively when the subject of *The Parthenon* arises. This doesn't bother me. In fact, it tells me that people are at least reading the paper and that some of our content is controversial. For what more could an editor ask?

The Parthenon is a lab tool. It is a learning experience. People complain about mistakes, but if you knew the sacrifices made by those who work here, and the hours spent up here, you might not be so harsh in your judgement. This is a full-time job, at least for the editors. Eight-hour days are a given and there have been times when I've arrived at work at 8 a.m. and gotten home at 3 a.m. We often put other academic pursuits second to the paper and still manage to make an appearance on the dean's list each semester.

We're going to make mistakes — sometimes more than our share. We get as upset and disgusted by them as the reader, probably more so. But have you ever seen an error-free publication? Do you think the *New York Times* doesn't make mistakes? If there is one thing I, as editor, have placed above all else, it is emphasizing fairness. I can say with clear conscience that I have never lashed out editorially without good reason. For anyone who thinks otherwise, I'd be more than happy to explain my position.

No one is going to agree with all my decisions or my reasoning, even my staff. I don't want you to. The world would be quite a boring place if we all saw issues from the same perspective, don't you think?

It would be unrealistic for me to try to put my stamp of approval on everything that goes in *The Parthenon*. Time limitations make that an impossibility. But it's important to note that the reporters who write probably 90 percent of our copy are in a class. They are assigned to cover beats and are graded by professors. As in all classes, some do better than others. We try to cover all aspects of campus, but as I'm sure you know, this ideal isn't always realized.

What prompted me to write this was a rash of angry letters about various aspects of the paper sent not only to me, but to Dr. Deryl Leaming, director of our J-School, and President Dale Nitzschke as well. People, if you're perturbed about something we've printed, you have a beef with me, not Dale Nitzschke.



Wearing seat belts is a good idea, but making it mandatory won't do

This is for Dr. Allan Stern, President of the West Virginia Safety and Driver Education Association, who wrote Thursday about the defeat of the seat belt law.

Dear Dr. Stern, I am one of those who rejoiced at the defeat of the seat belt law. It was a useless and token law that would not have had any real effect on the way West Virginians act while in their automobiles. The law clearly stated that police officers could not stop a driver solely for the purpose of not wearing a seat belt. That means as long as motorists obey all other rules of the road, they won't ever be fined for not wearing a belt. If the law had passed, do you really think people would put on a belt when they are "just going to the store" or maybe "just over to Mother's for a while?"

Give me a break! I am not responsible for the "murders" of anyone. Those people who refuse to heed the countless advertisements on television, in papers, magazines and on billboards, are responsible for there

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Crowe



own deaths. Yes, it is tragic that so many people disregard the fact that wearing a seat belt could save their lives and their relatives a lot of grief.

However, it is not the Legislature's duty to look into every detailed aspect of our daily lives and make sure we are doing everything we possibly can to live a long life. If they start doing that, they will have to ban smoking (it is proven to shorten lives and cause cancer), drinking (and we all know how well prohibition went) and make a mandatory diet for America (after all, a healthy diet makes us live longer). Heck, while we are at it, why not have a mandatory exercise program?

In the end, we might as well have laws requiring us to brush our teeth three times a day. The point is we all know that safety belts are good and that we should wear them. We must count on Americans (and West Virginians) to take that knowledge and do what is right. That is the choice.

Gov. Arch Moore was right to veto the law, even if it is the only right thing he has done in the past four years. If the majority of people really wanted this law, it would have become a law. But the governor's office was flooded with phone calls of people who had kept quiet while people like you screamed for this token legislation. They never thought it would really make it to the governor's desk. When it did, they finally showed what the true majority of thought was in the state.

Quit trying to run people's lives, Dr. Stern. Wear your seat belt. Yes, I do wear mine and I encourage others to wear one, but I don't demand it.

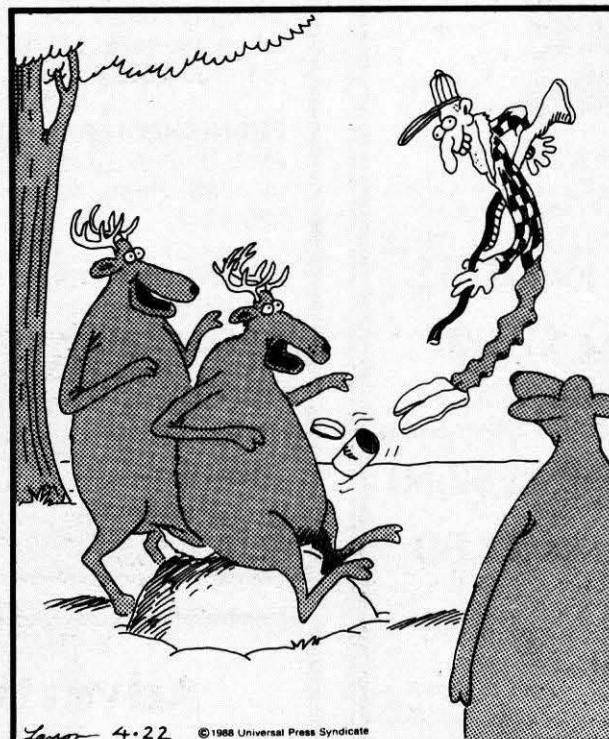
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'The Art of Seeing Songs' Videos an art form to some

By **Robbie Fouch**
Reporter

There are those people who can look at a music video and never see past its entertainment value but others see it as an art form.

"The Art of Seeing Songs," a music video festival 7 p.m. today in Smith Hall 154, "is the cutting edge of music video. It's an alternative to MTV and treats music video as a video art form," Michael Nash said.

The program is the second half of a two-part festival which combines broadcast videos with the underground scene. It will include two 90-minute components with videos by artists such as Mojo Nixon and Skid Roper, Devo, David Byrne and Brian Eno and several others.

"The concept of videos as art is new, and it hasn't really been accepted as a bonafide art form, especially where we live," said Roberta L. Walters, manager of the Institute for the Arts at Marshall. "We're just not exposed to this type of art and I think it's very exciting that it will be here at Marshall," he added.

Nash agrees that videos have not really been accepted as a legitimate art form yet, but he believes it will be in the future. "Most people, in general, still see videos as all the same. They classify them as MTV videos which tend to be very commercialized. But there are indications in the art world that they are gradually being accepted as art. Just recently the Museum of Modern Art had a history of music video program and it was very successful," he said.

The festival will also feature the premieres of videos by Steve Fisk, Pussy Galore, Kurt Kellison

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and others. Kellison will be present to premiere his video "Entropy."

"Kurt is a model of the future of underground video. He created his own video label, began working with different bands and created a private network," said Nash. "He's very smart, very talented and a hell of a nice guy. He's the kind of guy you'd like to see succeed," he added.

Although Kellison and the other artists make up a large network of video producers, the art itself is relatively new, according to Nash. He cites "The Residents" as being one of the first to begin working with the form in 1972 and remain "the underground's definitive audio/visual concept band."

Nash said many of the videos contain definite messages and are very effective in getting them across to their fans. He said, "Many of the videos in the festival have political commentaries. 'Black Flag' even has an anti-drinking and driving video. These messages get to people who otherwise probably wouldn't have been reached. The fans can relate to the bands."

Tickets for the program are available in Old Main 112 and are \$4 for the general public and \$3 for students. More information is available by calling 696-3107.

Athletes react to Bias' speech

By **Chuck Richardson**
Reporter

Keeping family ties, being motivated to reach goals and living right were the key points that athletes said they received from the speech Lonise Bias gave Wednesday night in Memorial Student Center Don Morris Room.

Bias spoke to close to 500 students, faculty members and athletes about dealing with peer pressure, dignity and self-respect.

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Reggie R. Giles, College Park, Ga., junior and varsity football player, said he enjoyed what Bias had to say. "It was stuff like your mother told you when you were growing up. It touched home with some of the things she was saying, like talking about people," he said. "I talk about people, but I do it in a joking way."

Another football player, George Barlow, Los Angeles, Calif., junior, said Bias wasn't just talking about sports but about how to live right; she said there was more to life than sports.

Lady Herd basketball player Jenelle L. "Spud" Stephenson, Charles Town sophomore, said the family aspect of the speech was the key. "I used to take my family for granted, but it really hit home when she spoke on that family members are your best friends and you should respect them."

Student Athletes were not the only ones who got the point of the speech. Judy A. Southard, Lady Herd basketball coach, said the message got across to everyone. "The speech was terrific and it was the one time that a speaker hit home with all of the athletes."

Athletes were encouraged to go and Southard said the players she spoke to were glad they came. "The athletic director (Lee Moon) felt it was good for the coaches to go and to encourage their players to attend. The girls I spoke to after the speech were very excited about being there and what she had to speak about," Southard said.

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Officer offers safety tips

By Melody Kincaid
Reporter

Although violent attacks, muggings and rapes seem to be unavoidable in today's world, there are some prevention methods which can be taken.

According to Captain Eugene F. Crawford of the Office of Public Safety, it is a good idea, especially at night, for students to walk in groups of two or more persons.

Crawford said that students should stay in well-lit areas and away from shrubbery, where an attacker could be hiding. "Campus security officers are always on duty to escort students who are walking after dark," Crawford said. "And officers are always patrolling the campus area."

Crawford said the most important thing to remember if attacked is to stay calm. He warns students that it is a bad idea to

carry a weapon, such as a gun or a knife, because it could easily be taken away and used by the attacker.

In the event of an attempted rape, Crawford also had some suggestions as to how to escape. "Tell the attacker that you are pregnant or begin reciting Bible scriptures or The Lord's Prayer," Crawford said.

Crawford's reasoning for this is that a victim may not make an attacker angry, and is less likely to get hurt.

"When all else fails, however, scream or make common items carried in a purse, such as a comb or hairspray, into weapons," Crawford said.

Another option students have in dealing with potential attacks is participating in a self defense course.

These types of courses teach students how to avoid making themselves targets for an attacker, as well as, techniques of how to get away from a dangerous situation.

Role models honored at banquet

By Kent Corbett
Reporter

A program geared to reduce the attrition rate of black students on predominately white campuses will have its Mentor-Mentee banquet at 6 p.m. today in the Morris P. Shawkey Room Memorial Student Center.

The banquet is given to honor students who have been good role models for freshmen in helping them get involved in campus activities.

Tony A. Davis, coordinator of minority student office, said the Mentor-Mentee program has been successful.

"The program has made a definite

improvement over the last year and as a result more freshmen are getting involved in activities," Davis said. "By the time they become seniors, they will have made a definite impact on campus," he said.

The Mentor-Mentee program also helps black students get accustomed to life on a predominately white campus by giving them a sense of security.

Students are paired to their mentor when they enroll at Marshall. They are matched to people who have the same or similar major and are also matched to professionals in the Huntington area.

Davis said in the program the mentor offers help to the mentee with his or her studies, listens to their problems and helps in other situations.

Olympic enthusiasm for Greeks

By Becky Gatehouse
Reporter

It won't be the Olympics, but traditionally the enthusiasm among participants and spectators has been about as great.

The event — Greek Week — includes competitions among campus fraternities and sororities as Greek in tradition as chariot races and as off-the-wall as the keg throw.

About anything with wheels and a seat goes in the chariot races that conclude today with the finals at 4 p.m. on Fourth Avenue between the Greyhound Bus Terminal and the Old Main gate.

At 6 p.m. today, the action moves to the Varsity bar on 20th Street for fooseball and backgammon competition and at 8 p.m. in the Don Morris room of the Memorial Student Center, T.J. Schmitz of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will give a presentation entitled "Yes, I'm Motivated."

Weekend events begin at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Biathlon in the Henderson Center. At noon tug-of-war will begin on the Intramural Field followed by beach volleyball, football and softball throw, keg throw, comedy relay, shuttle relay, pentathlon, barrel roll, and water chug.

The Greek Week Awards Dance will be 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Harris Riverfront Park.

Fun in the sun on beaches may be thing of past — prof

By Chris Morris
Reporter

That popular combination of sun and sand may become a thing of the past because our beaches are slowly slipping away, according to a Marshall geology professor.

Dr. Dewey Sanderson said, "Beaches are actually rivers of sand that are constantly moving. Beaches don't stay in the same place.

"Much of the sand is being stopped from getting to the coast because of dams, causing our beaches on the east and west coasts to be starved of sand. Many hotels are literally losing

their beaches."

The professor pointed out that dams are important for recreation, flood control and navigation but there is a consequence.

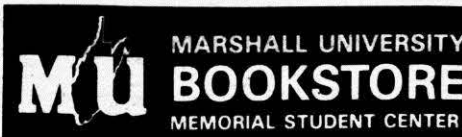
Sanderson said the problem has developed over a number of years but has become more noticeable in the past decade. "While the beaches may become smaller and thinner, erosion and other waterways will still supply a little sediment.

Some ways to slow the erosion, according to Sanderson, are to truck in sand or build barriers that slow the sand movement, so the beach remains longer.

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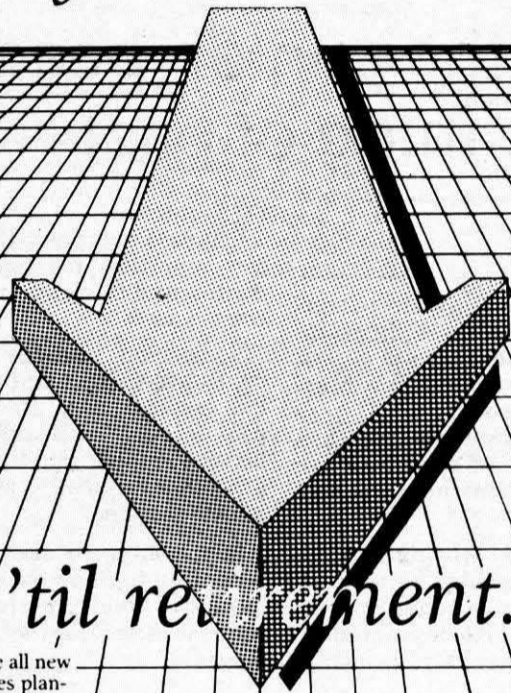
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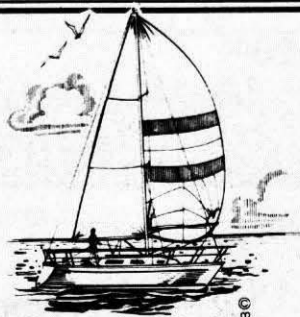
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Tri-State Group Trust aids parents of LD children

By Andrea L. Hunt
Reporter

Parents of children with learning disabilities will soon be able to establish an inexpensive trust fund following a session of Marshall's annual Autism Conference.

Plans for a Tri-State Group Trust entered the final stages during last weekend's conference.

The conference, attended by more than 120 people, included a session with the three trustees of the Tri-State Group Trust.

The trust is being established by the First Huntington National Bank, the executive director of the West Virginia Advocates and the executive director of the Association of Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program in West Virginia.

"The purpose of the trust is to provide a source of funds for expenses above and beyond what the child receives in the form of government benefits," said David H. Lunsford, senior trust officer at the First Huntington National Bank. "We had to structure the forms very carefully so the child's government funds won't be jeopardized."

Lunsford said he expects the majority of the participants to fund the trust through monthly payments similar to a life insurance policy.

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"We anticipate that most of the trusts will become active after the parents are deceased," Lunsford said. "The child will then have something to supplement their income once their parents aren't around to do it."

Lunsford said the group trust will be less expensive than if the parents attempted to establish an individual trust.

"The trust will already be structured so the parents will not have to have the documents drawn up by an attorney," he said.

Since the minimum level funding for the trusts, \$25,000, is paid through the monthly payments, Lunsford said parents who can't afford the entire amount at one time could still establish a trust.

Lunsford said the trust should be ready to begin in approximately 10 days.

"We (the trustees) are currently checking out some minor details of the trust agreement," Lunsford said.

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SC TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men shooting to finish third, women gunning for second

By Lisa Hines
Reporter

It's off to the Southern Conference Championships for the tracksters this weekend and Coach Dennis Brachna predicts the men may come back with a third-place finish.

The team departed from campus yesterday at 1 p.m. to participate in the two-day event at Virginia Military Institution in Lexington, Va.

Last year, both men's and women's teams finished third.

The men's squad will be in contention for third place along with the Citadel, Western Carolina and East Tennessee State.

"Over the past two weeks we have dramatically improved in the quality of performances and look very strong going into the conference meet," Brachna said.

Brachna said the men have a well-rounded team. They are powerful in the field events with Kevin Orr in the high jump, who is currently first in the conference with his all-time leap of 6 feet, 10 inches. Scott Jones is ranked first in the pole vault with 15-6 and Phil Backus, a powerful jumper and thrower, looks to be a great asset.

The distance races exert a good field of athletes for MU and Brachna feels a bulk of the points will be scored here.

Dave Marks will enter the meet with high rankings in the 1,500- and 800-meter runs. Dave Tabor leads the conference in the 10,000 and is fourth in the 5,000.

Team co-captain, Todd Crosson, will be defending his title in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and Richard Stewart is just behind Tabor in the 10,000.

The sprinting events should result in Herd points with Butch Jones and J.D. Scritchfield in the 100- and

200-meter sprints. Chad McPhee is the 400 contender to watch and hurdler Craig Burd will battle for first in 400-meter hurdles, where last year he finished second. Burd is also entered in the 100 high hurdles.

On the women's side the team will be battling for a second-place finish, but could as easily finish third or fourth, according to Brachna.

"Over the course of the season we have had a rash of injuries and illnesses, but I'm remaining optimistic because I feel those people contending will produce the points needed to finish the meet respectably," Brachna said.

One woman who has enhanced Marshall's chances for a high finish for the team is ETSU's Angie Barker. She was the national indoor champ in the shot-put and a key athlete for ETSU, but she injured her knee last week, leaving her out for the rest of the season.

The field events look very strong for the women because Barker was sure to score 30 points on three first-place finishes. With her out of competition, Tina Osborne, Lynn Cotton and Lea Ann Parsley have improved chances for wins in their events.

Cotton is the defending SC champ in the discus and is a "shoo-in" for that title again, Brachna said. Tina Osborne had her career high in the shot-put at the dual meet against Ohio University, throwing 40-8 and should place first or second in that event. Parsley has come on very fast in the javelin and has the ability to bring home a first-place finish, according to Brachna.

Other key individuals are Lynn Kochendorfer in the 100 and 400 hurdles and Erica West in the sprints and long jump.

Injuries to distance runners Debbie Dukes, Tina Maynard and Shelly Wallace have forced Denise Littleton and Ingrid Mason to pick up the slack.



Photo by Greg Perry

It's the story of the women's track team: injuries. While their teammates board the bus Thursday for Lexington Va. and the Southern Conference meet, Shelly Wallace, Huntington senior (back turned) and Debbie Dukes, Gerrardstown freshman stay behind on crutches.

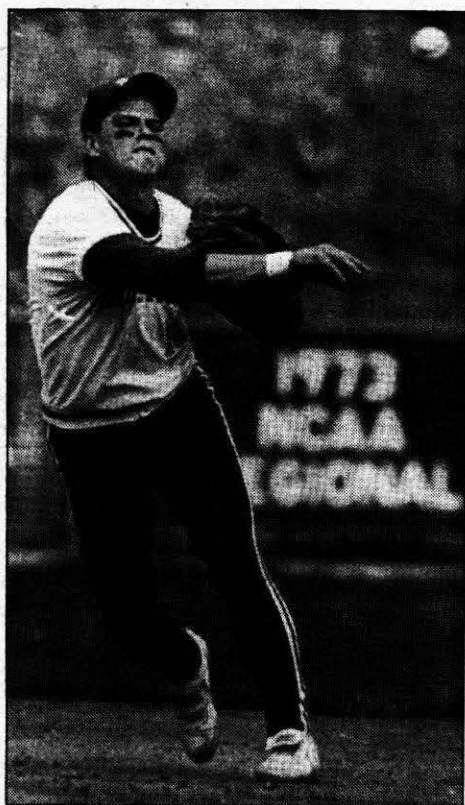


Photo by Chris Hancock

Jason Nixon played shortstop in the second game of Tuesday's twinbill. Nixon hit his team record 15th home run in the fourth inning of that game, a 5-2 win which finished a sweep of Bluefield State.

Herd takes two from Bluefield State

By Chris Hancock
Reporter

The Marshall baseball team swept a double-header from Bluefield State, 11-4

and 5-2, on Wednesday with the help of a six-run third inning in the first game and a three-hit pitching performance in the nightcap.

Chris Queen, a left-handed senior from

Ashland, Ky., opened up the double-header with five innings of three-hit ball. Queen gave up three unearned runs and John Chafin finished for the Herd, recording five strikeouts.

Marshall jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Sam Nelson scored on a double steal, then Roger McIntyre stroked his eighth homer with Jason Nixon on second.

The Herd scored one run in the second and then put the game out reach with six runs in the third. Coach Jack Cook's crew racked up six hits and two walks in the six-run inning for a lead that was never threatened.

A trio of Marshall pitchers combined efforts to three-hit the Big Blues in the second game. Rob Dearing started for the Herd fanning five players in 5 2/3 innings. Steve Bennett came in to finish out the sixth inning after Bluefield rallied to tie the score at 2-2. Keith Throckmorton finished for the Herd, securing his first save.

Bluefield gave Marshall the winning run in the bottom of the sixth. Designated hitter Chris Hall tagged up and advanced to third on a fly to right field. Bluefield pitcher Ralph Proffitt appealed Hall's tag but threw the ball into center. Hall raced home on the error for the go-ahead run.

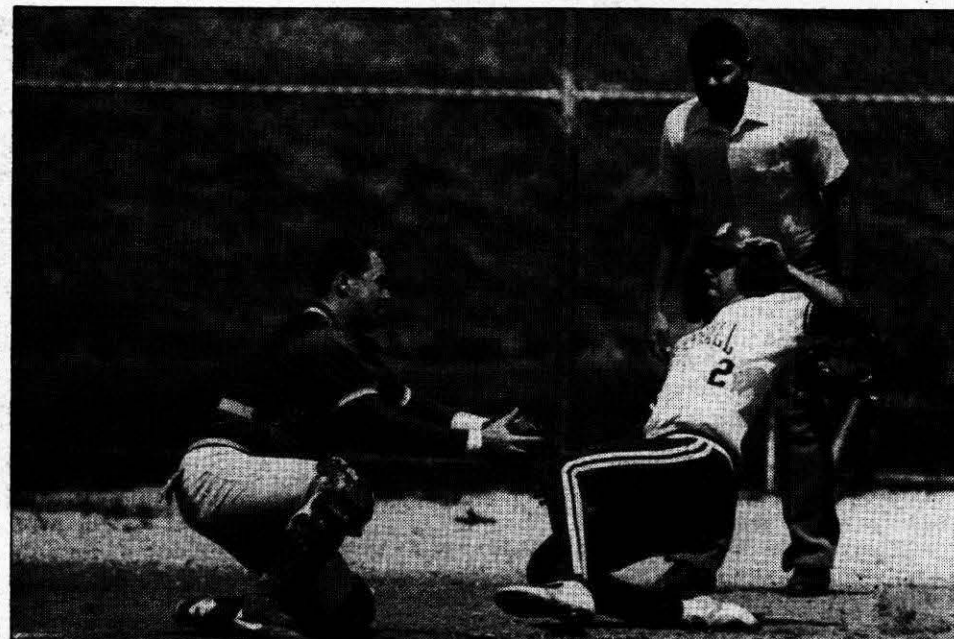


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Todd Hayes is tagged out at home plate by the Bluefield catcher in the first game of the double-header at the University Heights field. The Thundering Herd won both games, 11-4 and 5-2 to improve its record to 23-16.

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'The Seventh Sign'

Suspense builds as time ebbs

Review by John Gillispie
Impressions Editor

Living in such a fast paced society has made most of us spastic.

That's way when you've been watching a movie for two hours you start squirming in your seat and wondering when it's going to end. Unless your butt is sore or you are stuck watching a really dreadful film.

Fortunately I was able to forego by spasticity long enough to get completely engrossed in "The Seventh Sign." Not even a horde of young teenagers constantly moving to the aisle in front of me or directly behind me could prevent total movie enjoyment.

Going into the movie, I expected gore and violence. I got suspense and tons of it. I must admit part of the suspense came from expecting gore and violence to erupt onto the screen. However, it would be unfair to the movie to say that it does not create its own eeriness.

Demi Moore is fine as the expectant mother who is the only person who can save mankind from destruction. It is easy to develop a sympathy for her character, but the movie does not do a good job of painting a vivid picture of her past. We learn that she has tried to kill herself, but I am still not sure that's true to the character.

"The Seventh Sign" is not the greatest movie ever made, but in the film storage bin of all-time it sits hundreds of canisters above the true dogs.

One sure sign (pardon the pun) of a

good film is that it makes you think and "The Seventh Sign" does just that. All around us we can see man's inhumanity to fellow humans. It is hard to imagine things being any worse. So how far away is the apocalypse anyway when people care so little for each other?

The movie scared me. Not because of what I saw on the screen, but because of the thoughts it produced in me. I don't want the world to end at this time in my life, so what better plot to involve people than the good-ole save the world from destruction flick.

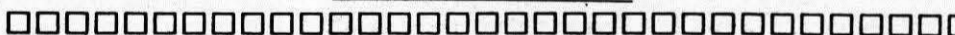
To the credit of "The Seventh Sign" and to the screenplay is that the evil force at work in the film does not summon up demons and devil dogs to aid him. He basically sits back and lets the human race destroy itself. Now that's scary.

In addition to Moore, moviegoers will recognize Michael Biehn of "The Terminator" as her husband. His acting is also fine even when he has to deliver a line that walks the line between ultimate seriousness and total foolishness near the end of the film. In other words you could take it as seriously as it was meant to be taken or laugh out loud. The teenagers in the aisle behind me laughed out loud.

Finally, "The Seventh Sign" is entertaining and worth the expense unless you're the type who likes to pick at every detail and say the end of the world would never come when people are expecting it.



THE SEVENTH SIGN



Senior project

Student director takes on 'A Thousand Clowns'

By Lee Smith
Staff Writer

When "A Thousand Clowns" premieres on campus next week, the production will have a unique quality: it will be directed by a student.

The desire to improve productions inspired Ceredo senior Earl Strohmeier to direct for his senior project. "As an actor I'd see something go wrong or see something I disagreed with and I'd say, 'I wish I could fix it,'" he said. "When you direct it's not a power thing, it's more responsibility. It's a creative thing."

"A Thousand Clowns" focuses on the life of a recently unemployed comedy writer. The play opened on Broadway in 1963, received great reviews and a Tony nomination but lost the award to "Who's Afraid Of Virginia Wolfe?"

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The University Theatre production is scheduled Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets, available at the box office in Old Main or at the door, are free to students with I.D. and activity cards and \$4 to others.

Only one student director is selected each year. Strohmeier said he has the same duties, including work with lighting, sound, props, costumes and set design, as faculty directors.

Most aspects of directing have been positive for Strohmeier, especially the creative process of developing ideas to

execute on stage.

His relationship with the actors has been a rewarding one as well. He said as a director he does not have a higher-up to ask advice of, so he throws suggestions out to actors. "It's rewarding to get an idea and suggest it and if they (actors) like it you think, 'Ah, there's an intelligent actor.'"

Strohmeier has his favorites in the world of drama. Milos Forman, his favorite director, is responsible for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Amadeus," Strohmeier's favorite

movie.

"It ("Amadeus") is a movie on a grand scale," he explained. "While it's not an epic or about every day life, it is dramatic with a lot of funny scenes."

Strohmeier's favorite actors include Robert DeNiro, Dustin Hoffman, James Woods and Daryl Hannah.

His plans for graduation are clear cut. By June, Strohmeier plans to move to Los Angeles, find a job and familiarize himself with the area. Within a few months he plans to get an agent, put together photos and a resume and start looking for an acting job. "I'd take anything - soaps, commercials, a slasher movie like Friday the 13th. It's great for the resume, it's money, it's experience, it could be contacts and it could get you into the union."

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