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One university idea gets OK from governor

By Chris Miller
Managing Editor

Combining Marshall and West Virginia universities, increasing salaries of public employees, and changing the way the state picks its treasurer and secretary of state.

Those are some of the ideas proposed Monday by Gov. Gaston Caperton in his

State of the State address.

Caperton said although his suggestions would "make West Virginia the best West Virginia it can be," they also might "bring out the critics."

The governor endorsed the Carnegie report's recommendation to combine Marshall, WVU and the College of Graduate

Studies at Charleston into one University of West Virginia.

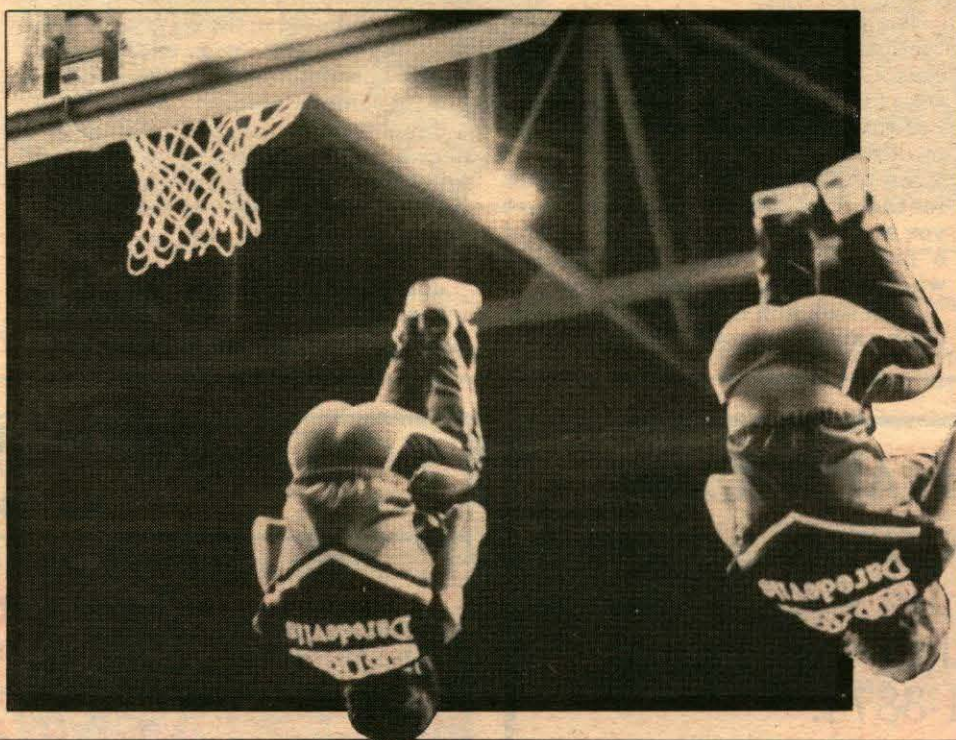
In his 45-minute speech, Caperton said to consolidate the three schools would be an "excellent way to maximize our effectiveness with limited resources."

Caperton also said the School of Osteopathic Medicine at Lewisburg should be-

come private.

"If we fail to implement these much needed changes (suggested by the Carnegie) it would mean the continuation of some very dangerous trends."

Caperton said "powerful direction is found in the Carnegie. It is a blueprint to strengthen and clarify missions.



Head over heels

Photo by Robert Fouch

The Bud Light Daredevils performed at halftime during Thursday's basketball game against WVU in Charleston. Although the daredevils were flying, high MU was shot down by West Virginia 81-73.

Some people say faces should be red on this day

By Deanna Sharpe
Reporter

Don't be surprised if you open your door today to find the Kissing Bandit or Cupid waiting with a hug, a kiss, a handful of balloons, a box of candy, or a song in his heart. It's probably just someone doing his job.

Balloons By Terpsichore specializes in delivering singing telegrams with a little pizzazz. Brent C. House, Huntington junior and assistant manager, said that the store likes to be creative and enjoys seeing people being embarrassed.

"We (employees) get a kick out of seeing someone's face turn red," House said. "Sometimes we have to kiss them on the cheek and that is even more amusing."

House, who a year ago heard about the job opening through Career Planning and Placement Center, said that for Valentine's Day the most common requests were for Kissing Bandits, Cupids, and hearts (someone actually dresses as a heart and delivers a singing telegram).

Another popular request is for the person delivering the message is to show up in top hat and tails bearing a box of candy and a bottle of champagne. "We actually pour the champagne and stay so the person receiving the message can drink a glass," House said.

On an average day, House said the store delivers five to eight singing telegrams.

Nitzschke contacted by state officials about being merged schools' executive

By Chris Stadelman
Reporter

Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke has been contacted about being the head of a West Virginia one-university system.

The system was recommended in the Carnegie Report about the effectiveness of higher education in West Virginia, which was released last week. It suggested incorporating the campuses of Marshall, West Virginia University and the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies into one state-wide university system, directed by an advisory board.

Although Nitzschke said nothing was

official at this time, he had talked to people throughout the state about a job as head of the board, which could be created if the findings are adopted by the state.

"There has been a lot of discussion on the part of a lot of people," Nitzschke said. "I have discussed that position (head of the system) with people around the state."

Nitzschke stressed that, "No offer has been made, accepted or declined.

"I've made it clear that if I stay in West Virginia that I'm happy where I am," he said. "I enjoy working with the faculty, staff and students. I really don't see myself in a central office position."

Nitzschke said that everything was speculation at this point and many things have been discussed.

"Not a stone has been left unturned," he said. "We have talked over all of the parameters and explored all sorts of possibilities.

"There is no structure (for the system) at this point."

Gov. Gaston Caperton was to meet with presidents of state colleges and universities Monday to discuss the report's suggestions and get reactions from the administrators about the system and other recommendations of the report.



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Marshall students who are married tell how they manage their time with studying to do and bills to pay.

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John Marshall's love

The man after whom Marshall is named may not seem romantic, but his love story is appropriate for this day.

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The art of stealing a heart

She couldn't get to first base in a softball game, but Dr. Joan Tyler Mead still managed to steal Dr. John Mead's heart. And she's kept it for 27 years.

By Chris Morris
Reporter

When Joan Tyler met John Mead, she struck out.

She was at bat and he was pitching, and she struck out.

But in the 27 years since then, the Meads have had a successful double play combination.

"If we managed through courtship, we can manage through anything," said Dr. John H. Mead, professor of music. He has been teaching at Marshall since 1969. His wife, Dr. Joan Tyler Mead has been at Marshall since 1983.

The professors met as undergraduates at New England Music Camp in Maine, where they were both counselors.

It was hardly love at first sight, Joan recalled.

She remembered how John asked her for their first date. "He said, 'I'll meet you at the canteen tonight if I can find a nickel for a Coke.' I didn't know whether to accept the offer or not."

Joan took him up on the offer. Later John said he managed to woo her by

capturing the attention of the girls in Joan's cabin.

"I used to replace the girl's front porch light with a red bulb," John said. "I don't think they ever understood the significance of it."

The couple continued seeing each other through summer, and then stayed in touch when each returned to school that fall.

John said he would drive through fierce northern storms and deep snow from Ithaca College in New York to the University of Vermont to see Joan.

"Those undergraduate days were tough," Joan said, "We lived far apart and there wasn't a lot of money."

John proposed in the summer of 1961 after an evening swim at the music camp. The Meads were married the following summer.

John went on to get his master's degree at the University of Vermont and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. Joan received her master's degree at Marshall and a doctorate from Ohio University.

John said his wife had one underlying motive for continuing her education. "The only reason she got her doc-

torate," John joked, "was so when she answered the phone, and someone asked for Dr. Mead, she could say 'Which one?'"

John is spending this semester and summer studying the alto trombone. His studies will take him to London, Denmark and Switzerland.

The professor is the principal trombonist with the West Virginia Symphony and plays with the Brass Quintet.

Joan plans to finish a freshman composition text she is working on and begin research for a book on Vermont writers.

The Meads share an interest in sailing which was the inspiration for a program of sailing literature, poems and music they are both producing.

One way the Meads stay in touch is by having lunch together at Wiggin's everyday for the last few years.

The Meads agree on Marshall. They like it. "We thought Marshall might be temporary for John while attending the University of Kentucky," Joan said. "Then we just liked it here. We like the school and we like our colleagues. We're fond of the place."



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Opinion

Editorials

A day for remembering those close to you

Valentine's Day offers a unique opportunity for people to have an excuse to do something nice.

We have devoted almost an entire paper to the phenomenon that happens on this day. In this issue, we have looked at marriage — both students and faculty — and Valentine's Day itself.

Whether it's for your parents, a friend or your other half, do something unexpected today. Not only will you feel good, but you will make someone's day.

And it seems, that is what Valentine's Day is all about.

It is a beautiful necessity of our nature to love something.
Jerrold

The greatest pleasure in life is love.
Sir W. Temple

Passion may be blind; but to say that love is, is a libel and a lie. Nothing is more sharp-sighted or sensitive than true love, indiscriminating, as by an instinct, the feelings of another.
W.H. Davis

That is the true season of love, when we believe that we alone can love, that no one could have ever loved so before us, and that no one will ever love in the same way after us.
Goethe

Absence in love is like water upon fire; a little quickens, but much extinguishes it.
Hannah More

The plainest man that can convince a woman that he is really in love with her, has done more to make her in love with him than the handsomest man, if he can produce no such conviction. For love of woman is a shoot, not a seed, and flourishes most vigorously only when ingrafted on that love which is rooted in the breast of another.
Colton

Love is an image of God, not a lifeless image, but the living essence of the divine nature which beams full of goodness.
Luther

Trip to post office has special value

When I think of Valentine's Day, I remember a grade school trip to the post office.

It was my first year in grade school. Our class was going to the post office on Valentine's Day to see how the postal system worked.

A few days before we made our trip, our teacher told our parents to send a valentine to the post office. This would make us feel like we were important and receiving mail.

After a quick tour of the building, myself and the other kids were starting to get restless. So the post master got out the mailbag of valentines.

Everyone gathered around with anticipation, as the post master passed out the mail. He emptied the large mailbag onto the top of a table. As the letters fell out, one large red envelope caught my attention near the bottom of the bag. "It had to be mine," I thought. "It just has to be."

I figured my mom hadn't mentioned it because she wanted to surprise me. "What a great idea. I bet all the other kids will wish they had a mom like mine when I open up that great big card."

At last, the post master picked up the oversized red envelope. I focused on his lips. "Go ahead and say it...Billy France...go ahead...Billy France," I thought.

"Harold Evans," he announced. "What, it's not mine? I can't believe this. My own mother forgot me. She forgot her own son."

Then the post master pulled out one last envelope. It was a small plain white envelope with my name on it. I opened it as my classmates watched.

"What does it say?" one asked. It was a plain sheet of typing paper with a drawing on the front and a brief message on the inside. "I love you, Happy Valentine's Day, Mom."

"How dare her," I thought. "Sending me a home-made card and embarrassing me in front of all my friends."

I quickly put the card away to save myself further embarrassment.

When I got home Mom asked me how I liked the card. I smiled and told her it was nice. She apologized for not sending one from the store. "I forgot about the trip until last night," she said. "So I got up early this morning and made you that one. I delivered it to the post office



Bill France

while you were at school." I smiled and pretended the card meant a lot to me, but the truth was I still was ashamed of it.

Today, I look back at that Valentine's Day and see how special it really was. It may have taken the other kids' parents a couple minutes to pick out their store-bought cards with their pre-written messages.

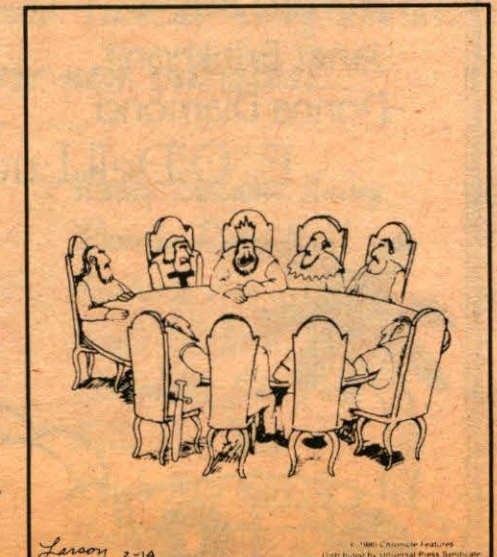
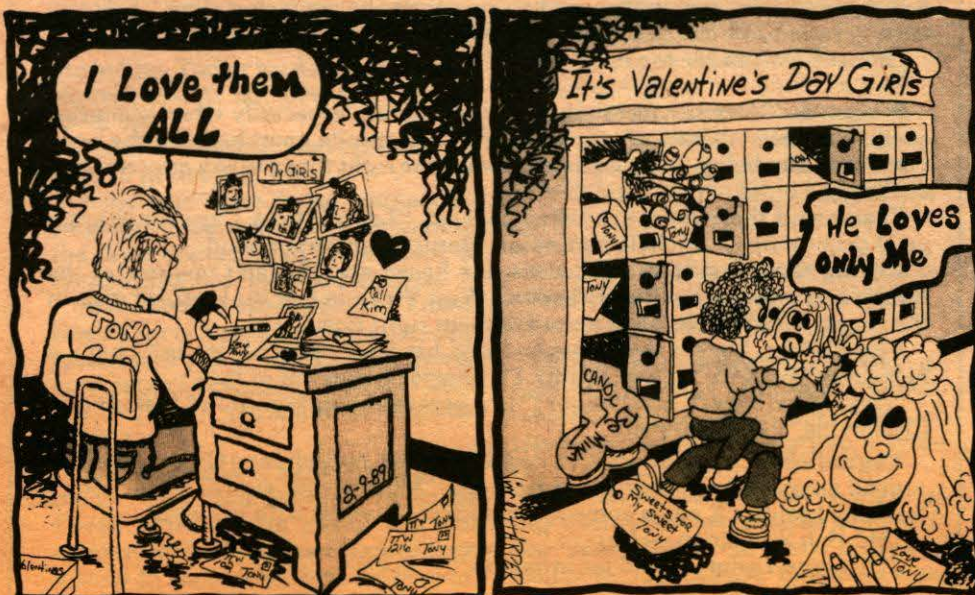
When you care about someone and want to show them how special they are to you it should be more than a one-day thing. Don't get me wrong, Valentine's Day is a great holiday. Without it some people would never show any extra affection.

Candy, flowers and balloons are all good but remember the real meaning of Valentine's Day. A day to share your heart with someone else. That doesn't necessarily mean paper store bought hearts, but the way you truly feel toward that person. Take a little time out, to give a little extra attention to your "someone."

Mom has bought me dozens of cards since that day, but I can't really remember what they looked like or what they said. But I'll never forget my first valentine, not from a friend or a sweetheart, but from my mom.

Happy Valentine's Day Mom.


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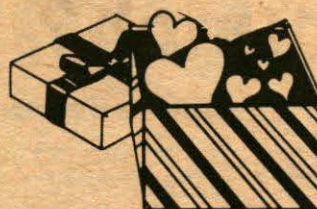
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Setting your sights on the perfect mate

By **Dreama Buck**
Reporter

Ahhh... The girl of your dreams. The pursuit of such an elusive being tends to be foremost in the minds of most males. Whether she be completely fictional or the girl next door, she is, as Willie Nelson or the Pet Shop Boys might say, always on their minds.

Carl Jung's dream girl theory focuses on the unconscious mind. He believed each man has an unconscious image of the feminine part of his nature and when he meets a person who fits that image... well, hey, let the fireworks begin.

While no empirical evidence is available to support Jung's theory, it could give some credence to stories of "love at first sight."

One study seems to scoff at "love at first sight." In one study of more than 200 engaged college students, only 8 percent of men and 5 percent of women said they were attracted to their fiances the first two days after meeting them. Instead, the attraction developed gradually.

Initial excitement and mystery cannot be the basis of a relationship, according to Roy Meland. "No one wants a woman who is mysterious and intangible," the Marlton, N.J., sophomore said. "They want someone real."

Meland said he prefers a woman who is dependable, intelligent and sexy. "Sexiness," Meland said, "is not necessarily beauty."

Cameron Pierce, Charleston junior, said women are "intriguing," especially the ones who are honest, sincere and have good personalities. "We need women," he said. "Lots of them."

Stephen Kimble, Charles Town senior, said he admires women who can make decisions by themselves and who communicate their thoughts.

He said he also likes "a girl who is not self-centered, who thinks about other people and how they feel; who is compassionate, sincere and trusting."

A graduate student from Beckley, Michael Plumley, said he wants a woman who is honest, independent and future-oriented.

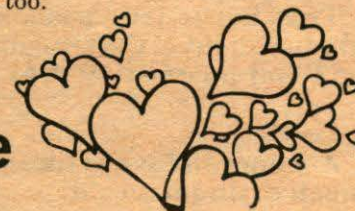
The most important feature a woman can have, according to Dan Wallen, Shady Spring sophomore, is femininity.

Eight of 17 Marshall men interviewed indicated physical traits were to be admired in women. Wallen was one who mentioned the importance of physical attractiveness. "You can't know someone has a good personality from 50 feet away," he said.

Matthew McClure, Charleston senior, also said he appreciates the physical, but other aspects of a woman are important too.

Sitting at a bar, looking for a date

By **Nick Schweitzer**
Staff Writer



You're single and somewhat lonely. You'd like to meet someone, but you're not really good at striking up a conversation with someone you don't know. So you practice in the mirror until this obstacle is overcome.

Now that you're good at conversation with yourself, you decide to hit the bars and meet someone.

But wait. Is a bar the proper place to meet someone, or would the library be a better choice? But what would you say in the library? "Oh, I love that book. I curl up in bed on rainy nights and read 'The Principles of Modern Engineering.' Do you?"

Maybe a grocery store would work. No, the line "Want to come over and clip coupons sometime?" probably does not stir up romantic images in the mind of a fellow shopper.

The bar it is, then. In the out-of-the-way bar you've chosen, you clasp a gin and tonic and notice the person sitting next to you staring in your direction. You wonder if at any minute now, you're going to hear a pick-up line. "Yes, any minute now. Let's get this over with. Why am I even here?" you think.

"So, you wanna see my ceiling tiles?"

You go home.

Several students say meeting people is difficult, especially when scenarios such as the one above are projected into their minds upon hearing the word "pick-up." But being in the right place with the right thing to say may ease the difficulty.

Easier said than done, according to most. "I don't think I've ever heard a good pick-up line," Michele McComas, Huntington senior, said.

Among the worst lines McComas has heard are "Weren't you one of the Robby's calendar girls?" and "I swear, West Virginia has the prettiest girls in the country and I'm looking at one of them right now."

Pete Plybon, Barboursville senior, said his least favorite line is "That's a nice dress you have on, but I think I'd like you better out of it."

"Hey, baby, what's your major?" is a personal non-favorite of Matt Dunn, Centerville, Va., sophomore.

Regardless of your favorite locale and method, comedienne Carol Liefer has a good suggestion — stay away from the "What's your sign?" scene. Here's how she handles it when someone introduces himself with his sign:

"Hi! Bob Steadman — Cancer."

"Hi! Carol Liefer — bladder infection."

Non-romantic bunch?

For various reasons, Marshall students didn't make plans for Valentine's Day

By Cindy Pinkerton
Reporter

When many people think of Valentine's Day, thoughts of love, romance and spending a night with a special someone come to mind.

At Marshall, however, many students are sticking with their regular schedules.

"I'll be in class from early morning to late afternoon," said Melodie Blevins, Williamstown junior. "After I get out of class I am so tired that all I want to do is rest."

"I think I'll just stay home and watch television," Raymond F. Vanhilst, Shepherdstown freshman, said.

Other students are forced to face the fact that the one they love is in another city.

"I'm going to class," Suzanne Cook, Mullins junior, said. "But it would be different if my boyfriend lived in Huntington."

"That's my boyfriend's birthday," said Marcy Y. Cain, Ranson freshman. "It's the first time I've had a boyfriend on Valentine's Day, and I'm going to make the best of it."

Many male students said they were going to class and some didn't even believe in Valentine's Day.

Others are taking their girlfriends out for a special evening later in the week.

"Since my girlfriend and I both have busy schedules, we decided to wait until this weekend to celebrate Valentine's Day," Tony Mercer, St. Marys senior, said. "I am taking her out to dinner and then to a movie."

Valentine's Day

How'd we get this holiday, anyway?

By Aline Bezdikian
Staff Writer

This day Dame Nature seemed in love,
The lusty sap began to move,
Fresh juices stirred the embracing vines
And birds had drawn their Valentines.
Sir Henry Walton in 1419

Valentine's Day.

Today's the day to exchange love tokens, send flower bouquets and heart-shaped candies.

But have you ever wondered why the day is named after St. Valentine and why is it celebrated on Feb. 14th?

"I don't know why they picked this day. I have no idea," said Jena Morpurgo, Freehold, N.J., freshman.

Other students were more informed. "Saint Valentine was executed on this date," said Julie Brown, Ironton, Ohio, senior. "When he was in jail he used to write letters filled with love and hope to his friends. So it is a tribute to him. Today we do the same. We express love to our friends or to our loved one."

The Roman saint was executed on Feb. 14 in the year 270.

Some said there is no connection whatsoever between the holy man of the third century and the custom of exchanging heart-shaped candies.

"The modern celebration of Valentine's Day is a recent creation of companies who sell greeting cards, flower bouquets and candies," said Dr. Clayton McNeary, professor of religious studies.

Ernest Dudley Chase writes in his book "The Romance of Greeting Cards" that in the pagan days of ancient Rome, boys drew names from a bowl to learn who their beloved-of-the-year would be.

This lottery drawing which held on Feb. 14th in honor of their god Pan and goddess Juno, is believed to be the true origin of Valentine's Day.

Ruth Webb Lee in "A History of Valentine" writes that early Christian pastors wanted to abolish the custom of drawing the love lottery, but knowing that would be impossible, they preferred to give it a Christian touch by substituting the names of saints for the names of girls.

"We don't celebrate St. Valentine at church," campus minister the Rev. Bob Bondurant. "It is a secular holiday, one that celebrates the love between male and female, husband and wife, boyfriend and girlfriend. It connotes romantic love rather than religious commitment or practices."

Americans don't have the Roman saint in mind when they celebrate this holiday, according to Bondurant.

Some other authorities believe that the word "Valentine" came from the Norman word "Galatin" meaning a galant or lover.

Ruth Webb Lee also reveals that while St. Valentine was waiting his execution in the jail, he formed a friendship with the blind daughter of his jailor, whose sight he was able to restore.

On the eve of his execution he wrote a farewell message to her and signed, "From your Valentine."

St. Valentine was buried in what is now the church of praxedes in Rome, where it is said that a pink almond tree blossomed near his grave, a symbol of abiding love.

McNeary does not believe there is any connection between the saint and the celebration of this holiday, except the fact that St. Valentine was martyred on Feb. 14.

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Planning wedding easy if care, time are taken

By Tamra K. Young
Reporter

Flowers, a gown, champagne, music, invitations, photography, food, a cake, reception site, limousines, rings...

Where should one start?

St. Valentine's Day often causes many proposals of marriage. So planning a wedding may not have been one of your top priorities yesterday, but it may be tomorrow.

"The couple should start planning at least six months in advance," Shelia G. Winton, bridal consultant for Stone & Thomas, said. "It takes 12 to 14 weeks for an ordered gown to come in, and you need a couple of months before that to shop around."

There are many things that need to be done six to 12 months before the wedding date, according to an article in *Bride & Groom*. Not only should the wedding gown, veil and accessories be ordered, but also reservations for the reception site and honeymoon should be made, bridesmaids should be chosen, the bride should register with the bridal gift registry of her favorite store and arrangements for their new home should be made.

The article also says the budget for the wedding should be determined at this time, and who will be responsible for which expenses should be decided.

Decisions on assuming financial responsibility should be discussed frankly by both families. The rules are flexible, but traditionally the bride's family pays for the majority of the wedding.

The article goes on to break down the expenses and allot them to whomever has traditionally paid them. The bride's responsibilities are the groom's wedding ring, her blood test, the bridesmaid's gifts, and the groom's wedding gift.

"Couples need to make the time to plan a wedding."

Sheila Winton

The groom's expenses include the bride's rings, the marriage license and his blood test, the bride's bouquet, gifts for the best man and ushers, the bride's wedding gift and the honeymoon.

The bride's family bears the brunt of the expenses, according to the article. Her family's financial responsibilities encompass the flowers and bouquets for the bridesmaids, all expenses of the wedding reception, photographic services, and household furnishings: lines, china, silver, crystal, and possibly furniture.

It is customary for the bride's family to pay for the bridal gown and accessories, also.

In that respect, there has been a return to the traditional elaborate white gown, according to Winton. "There are a lot of ivory and pink gowns available now," Winton said. "But girls really want to be married in white, and choose it more often."

Choosing dresses and accessories, and making decisions about the date, place, and honeymoon takes a lot of time. "Couples need to make the time to plan a wedding," Winton said. "Usually one of their biggest problems is they come in and rush around."

The challenge of making decisions for your wedding day will be mixed with some anxiety, a little confusion, and lots of fun, the article said. At first, it will all seem overwhelming, but relax and enjoy!

To say 'I do' Being married student stressful but rewarding

By Chris Morris
Reporter

Married students have their hands full with financial and time problems as they try to build a family and a relationship, according to a counselor at University Counseling Services.

Stephen Naymick, counselor, outlined many problems facing married students as they attempt to balance school, family jobs.

Naymick said that for students with children, the burden of finding daycare and the extra financial strain can be tough. "On the good side, you're young, and perhaps have more energy and flexibility."

"Married students must become good time managers," he said. "They don't have time for the activities single students would."

"Time together is hard to come by. Domestic tasks are hard to sort out and the young couples haven't worked out a comfortable routine."

Some young couples haven't determined which household tasks they should assume, such as who will handle the finances, Naymick said.

Naymick said he believes a long courtship period is needed to help prevent problems married couples may face.

"I'm pro long courtship period, that is where you get to know someone," adding it was more important than actually living together. "Building a relationship is done after five, 10 and 15 years, not over one or two."

The couple must become good friends before committing to a marriage, he said. "Romantic feelings can only last so long. Over the long haul you better hope you like the person that is there."

Naymick said most couples believe the most important aspects of a relationship are friendship, trust, communication, support and respect.

"A breach of trust is difficult to repair," the counselor said, "You have put something between you and your partner."

Communication is very important to a relationship and listening doesn't come easy. "Real listening is a commitment," Naymick said. "Many people are quick to fix the problem or defend their position as opposed to listening. They will take it personally rather than hearing one another out."

Trying to assume "roles" is one of the problems married couples face, Naymick said. Persons may change themselves to fit an image they have of marriage. "They begin to take on those roles that they think they should as a husband or wife."



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Married students face problems with school

By Dimitra Barouxis
Reporter

"Marriage is a lot of fun, but not necessarily right for every student." That's the way Jonathan P. Shaw, Huntington senior, sums up his view on marriage.

Shaw he has been married for three years and said he is very happy. He admits, however, that school has put a strain on his marriage. "Make sure marriage is what you want," Shaw said. "No student should be pressured into marriage."



"If a student decides to get married while in school, I recommend that he or she waits before starting a family," Shaw said. "Trying to be married, a student, and a parent at the same time will definitely put a lot of strain on the marriage."

Sean D.G. Dewey, Huntington junior, said marriage has made him more mature and gives him a reason to study. He said school has not put a strain on his marriage, but he said he wishes he had more time for his wife.

"You have to lay down guidelines before getting married," Dewey said. "Explain to person you are going to marry that school will take away time from the relationship, but that in the long run, you will be able to better support yourself and him or her."

Michael Titus and his wife Odetta Owen-Titus, Huntington seniors, both attend school full-time. Both also work part-time.

Because both are in the same situation, the marriage hasn't suffered the strain some student marriages do, they said.

A person has to compromise and always put the relationship first, the Titus' agreed. Dewey said marriage is more important than school. If he had to choose between the two, Dewey said he would save his marriage.

Dewey works part-time and attends classes full-time. "I don't need to work (financially), but psychologically I need it," Dewey said. "I can't cope with the fact that my wife would be supporting me."

Shaw said students might try living together before getting married. "Living together is almost like being married," he said. "It offers students the chance to try the living arrangement out before making the big step."

Marriage not outdated, three Marshall profs say

By Dimitra Barouxis
Reporter

When your grandmother and mother walked down the aisle, the message they were sending was its all right to get married.

And marriage is still not outdated, at least according to three professors.

Dr. Frances S. Hensley, Dr. Clair W. Matz and Dr. Robert W. Behrman all said marriage is still an American tradition.

Marriage is not as important as it once was in the American family because government now provides much support, Behrman, assistant professor of political science, said. But he said the family is still the fundamental and economic unit of society.

Marriage has changed and it is adapting to changes in our society, Behrman said. Women have gained popular recognition in the work force today, he said.

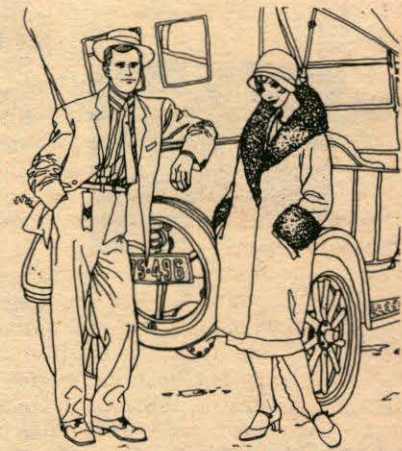
"Marriage is important," Hensley, associate professor of history, said. "But a woman does not have to choose between marriage and career today. A woman can do both."

People don't get married just because they want a family, Hensley said. She said most men and women choose to get married for intimacy, commitment and security.

And marriage is becoming more important to students today, Matz, professor of political science, said. "Many polls show that married people are the happiest."

Matz said in the 1960s, young people rebelled against different institutions and experimented with moralities. Today people are returning to better morals, he said.

A marriage can provide psychological and social support, something no other institution can pro-



"Marriage and families will be changing, but they will be around for the next million years or so."

Dr. Robert Behrman

vide, Behrman said. And the support a family can give cannot be compared to government support, he said.

Marriage is a continuous cycle with variations at all times. It changes just like our society changes, Behrman said.

People should give marriage a chance and not give up so easily, Matz said. Matz said he doesn't think living together before getting married will help the marriage or lower the divorce rate.

Economically, marriage is a good idea with women working, Matz said. Marriage is also a good idea if one has children because they are an economic cost, he said.

"Marriage and families will be changing, but they will be around for the next million years or so," Behrman said.

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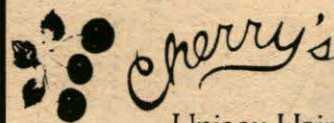


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Not Marshall versus WVU

No rivals here: These two are hot lovebirds

By Robert King
Reporter



Butler and Poindexter

Against all odds. That could be the Valentine's theme for Metta Poindexter and Bill Butler.

She's a student at Marshall. He attends West Virginia University.

She's majoring in business management. He wants to be a science teacher.

She's a 30-year-old returning student. He is 21 and went to college following high school.

She's been married and divorced. He is single.

It would seem that this unlikely couple shares nothing in common. Oh, but they do: They love each other. In spite of their differences, they have enjoyed a close personal relationship for almost two years.

"We have what I call a combination relationship," Metta said. "It's based on friendship first, love and support second, and romance third. All three are based on trust. We are very close."

Someone who doesn't know either of them would think they are too different to even be close friends, much less lovers. How do they continue to overcome these differences and remain so close?

Metta says communication is the answer.

"Communication is the most important part of our relationship," she said. "We've got to talk and discuss everything. As long as we do that, we can get through anything we have to face."

While they do get along together amazingly well, they have bad moments just like every other couple. She says these are the times when the strength of their relationship

is tested.

"There is no perfect relationship," she said. "There are times when we know it's time to get off by ourselves and be alone."

"He is a true love to me," she said. "His concern and caring are always there. I appreciate his honesty most of all. He's not the type who paints pretty pictures; he always tells it just like it is."

This Valentine's Day, Metta says she wishes everyone could be involved in a relationship like the one she shares with Bill. She added that while it is a special day, all their days together are meaningful.

Since she is involved in such a solid relationship, she qualifies as an adviser on the subject.

Her advice to those of us just entering into a relationship is to simply be themselves.

"People should never play games with each other," she said. "They need to let each other be themselves and except each other just the way they are. Any changes needed to be made will slowly happen on their own. People need to remember that the friendship needs to come first. It is the base for any good relationship, and without it, the relationship will fall."

Metta also has some good advice for those who are alone this Valentine's Day.

"I want to tell people to remember that inside themselves is someone very special," she said. "As long as they have faith, and try to live a good, honest life, someone will eventually find them. Who knows? It may even be a good friend who has been there all along."

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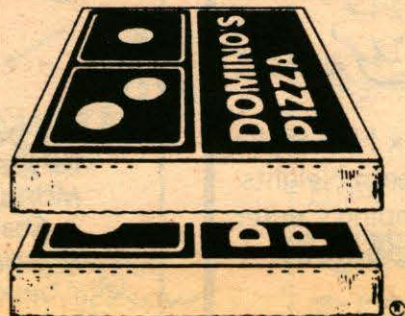
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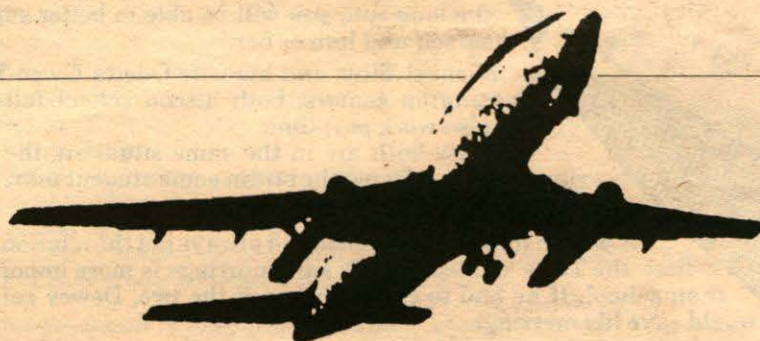
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Sports

Herd drops tough one to UTC at home, 79-78

Marshall splits weekend SC games to go to 4-6 and 6th place in league

By Jim Keyser
Sports Editor

The Marshall basketball team may be beginning to think it plays each game under some kind of Murphy's Law — if anything can go wrong it will.

Consider Sunday night's game against Tennessee-Chattanooga: With six seconds remaining and the Herd trying to inbound the ball for a tying 3-pointer, a foul is called on a Moccasin for holding Scott Williams. The catch: a foul at that point only hurt the Herd, and anytime all year Marshall wants a foul called it never is, then when they don't want one, it's called.

Secondly, only one second was left and Marshall still clung to some sort of hope, but Williams needed to miss the second of his two free throw attempts and hope a Herd player could tip it in and tie the score. The junior made the first one to pull Marshall within 79-77, then in attempt to clang the ball of the back of the rim Williams accidentally banked the free throw in and UTC was able to hold on, 79-78.

"It's just really crazy," Marshall Coach Rick Huckabay said. "All year when we've wanted fouls we haven't gotten them, then when we don't want one at all it gets called."

"And Scott has been missing free throws all year. He usually makes the first one and misses the second, but somehow this one banks right in. It's really something."

The loss once again dented a Marshall opportunity to move up in the Southern Conference standings. After the Herd defeated Western Carolina in the Henderson Center Saturday, 79-73, to sweep the season series with the Catamounts they were 4-5 in the SC and looking to move past VMI and into fifth place by beating UTC. But for the third time this year when the Herd has had an opportunity to advance they fell a little short.

Now Marshall is tied for sixth place in the SC with East Tennessee State at 4-6, and the Herd is suffering its worst season overall in 10 years at 11-12. The constantly adjusting SC standings find

Furman on top right now at 6-3, followed by UTC at 7-4, Appalachian State at 6-4, The Citadel at 5-4, VMI at 4-5, MU and ETSU at 4-6 and Western Carolina at 3-7. Every team except UTC and the Herd was in action Monday night.

Had Marshall been able to overcome the Mocs at the end it would have been the Herd's only lead of the night. The game was tied only once, at 2-2. From there UTC went up 10-2. Marshall cut it to 12-11 and down to one on three other occasions in the first half, but the Mocs held MU off and led 41-37 at intermission.

The key to UTC's first half lead was 3-pointers. The Mocs hit on 7 of 18 threes in the first 20 minutes of the nationally televised game as Marshall played a zone defense that left the outside open.

"We were just trying to take what they gave us," UTC Coach Mack McCarthy said. "We didn't make a lot of mistakes and plus we wanted to open things up inside a little."

In the second half UTC cooled down from outside, hitting only 1 of 8 from outside the arc, but the Mocs managed to maintain their lead. Marshall, though, did not quit.

The Herd kept widdling at the lead, trimming it to two and three points on three different occasions, but each time UTC built it back to seven or eight, setting the stage for the end of the game theatrics.

Trailing 73-65 the Herd went on a 7-1 run to cut it to 74-72. After Benny Green, who led UTC with 20 points and was constantly taunting the crowd of 6,539 all night, hit one free throw John Taft countered with two free throws to make it 75-74.

Then UTC hit some clutch free throws to eke out the win. Shendhi Moon made it 77-74, and Chris Behrends hit two to make it 79-76 after Williams had cut it to 77-76 on a layup.

"I think our guys decided after the VMI loss that if we wanted to be a decent team we were going to have to make our free throws," McCarthy said.

"We just never could get over the

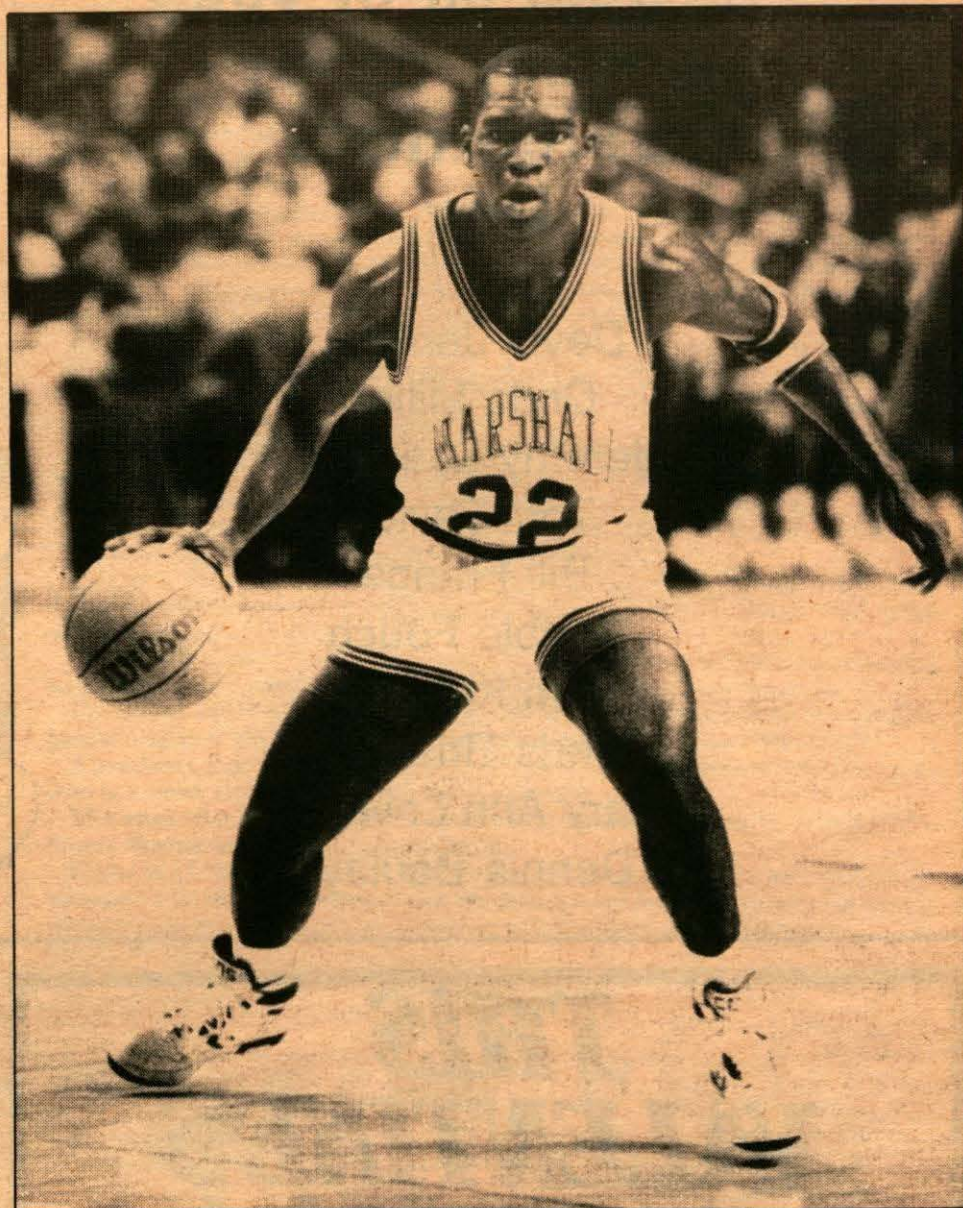


Photo by Chris Hancock

Marshall's John Taft looks for room to drive Thursday night against West Virginia University.

hump," Huckabay said. "We did some pretty good things but they always answered. This was a tough game to lose because we had our chances."

As disappointed as Huckabay was with the loss he maintained his optimistic attitude toward the rest of the year.

"We'll get it together sometime," he said. "We just have to keep playing hard and things will fall our way. I'm confident we have a chance in the tournament."

McCarthy agreed with Huckabay in that aspect.

"I'm telling you they're just like we were last year," he said. "They've got a lot of new faces and they don't know

where to put everybody, but they'll come around. By tourney time they could be the team to beat."

Last season UTC suffered through a mediocre season such as the Herd is this year, but the Mocs upset the Herd en route to the tournament championship and automatic NCAA bid.

John Taft led Marshall with 25 points, which is about his SC-leading average. He also had 10 rebounds. Omar Roland and Scott Williams each added 12, and Andy Paul Williamson chipped in 10.

Marshall has this week off to prepare for a two-game road trip this weekend. Saturday the Herd travels to Greenville, S.C. to play Furman.

Fairfield won't fall down; repairs under way

By Steven J. Keith
Reporter

Inspections of Fairfield Stadium last summer showed structural repairs needed to be made, and construction crews are preparing to make those repairs, the director of plant operations said.

Harry Long said these repairs didn't

pose a dangerous threat, but were changes that needed to be made. "If they weren't necessary, we wouldn't be making them."

Larry E. Ellis Architects, Inc. of Huntington inspected the structure and recommended repairs be made in the stadium's West stands, Long said. Ellis said his firm's inspection recommended "repairing deteriorated concrete surfaces

and joints and applying a water-resistant epoxy bond agent to help preserve the stadium for the next five years."

Long said, "The firm said 'for safety's sake,' some of the concrete supports needed repaired and some cement replaced." He said the repairs involve cutting out bad spots in the concrete and reinforcing other areas.

"They are also going to put a coating

over the cement once they're finished to prevent people from tripping on rough spots," he said.

Long said Jo-Dell Architects of Huntington has already started making the repairs. "How soon they get the work done depends on the weather," he said.

Money for the repairs, Long said, will be taken from the campus renewal fund, and will cost approximately \$90,000.

Lady Herd blows lead, but holds on to win

By Jim Keyser
Sports Editor

The Marshall Lady Herd continued its assault on an undefeated Southern Conference season Sunday with a 72-63 win over Western Carolina at the Henderson Center.

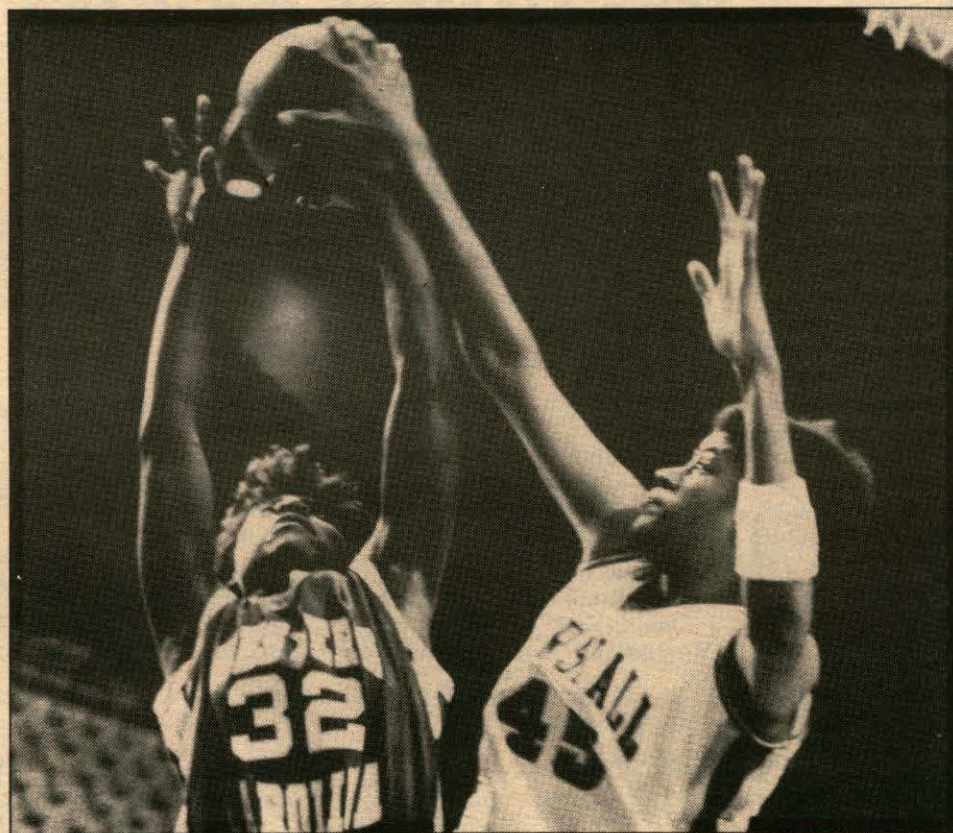
The win improved the Lady Herd to 6-0 in the league, just one-half game ahead of Appalachian State, which is 6-1, with four conference games remaining. Marshall is 14-8 overall.

Marshall jumped on Western Carolina early behind Jenny Leavitt, who had 19 of her game-high 26 points in the first 20 minutes. The Ladies built first-half leads to as many as 17 points before settling for a 15-point edge at intermission, 42-27.

In the second half the women continued to roll, increasing the lead to 55-33 with 13:04 remaining. But the Lady Catamounts refused to die and gradually began to come back.

A 22-7 run by Western cut the deficit to seven, 62-55, with 4:17 remaining, but the Lady Herd was up to the task. Leavitt, who had been quiet the second half, scored four straight points to help hold off the Lady Cats and keep Marshall at the top of the SC.

"I wonder about this basketball team sometimes," Lady Herd Coach Judy Southard said. "They seem to take for granted sometimes that we will win. Our first half was really good and we talked about not letting down at the half. We



did and all of the sudden they were right back in the game."

Marshall had beaten the Lady Cats just last week 67-54 in Cullowhee, N.C.,

but Southard said she knew the game would not be easy.

"I think we have to consider that Western is much better than they have

been," Southard said. "Everybody is getting better and better every year. We're 6-0 right now but we can't get too cocky, because we're not head and shoulders above everybody else by any means. In fact, we're primed for someone to take it to us if we're not ready to play."

Leavitt's 29 marked the 14th consecutive time she has scored in double figures. Janelle "Spud" Stephenson added 11 points and Lea Ann Parsley 10, and Sharon Deal had a good day with 10 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Deal, a 6-foot-1 center, is currently ranked nationally in shot blocking.

The Lady Herd's next game is Saturday in Greenville, S.C., against Furman. The Lady Paladins are only 2-5 in the conference, good for fifth place, but their overall record is 16-7, and Southard said playing down there is never easy. Plus, the Lady Herd is only 4-6 on the road this year.

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Dreaming about a favorite date in class? Don't worry — John Marshall did it, too

By Chris Miller
Managing Editor

Lava from fissure eruptions is almost always basaltic, especially when ...

You know the feeling. You're sitting in your 9 a.m. science class, but your mind refuses to concentrate on geology.

Chemistry is what's on your mind — the chemistry between you and the person you were out with the night before, that is.

So instead of writing about magma and the temperature of the earth's crust, you fill your notebook with hearts and cupids and the special person's name.

If carrying on a romance and studying is leaving your life in shambles, it may comfort you to know Marshall's namesake had the very same problem.

Most of us may have never thought of John Marshall in a romantic sense, but in "John Marshall: Defender of the Constitution," a paperback available at the university bookstore for \$8.25, all sides of the man are examined.

Author Francis N. Stites charts the entire life of Marshall, the country's third Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the man after whom Marshall University was founded in 1837.

In 1780, Marshall was a student at a Virginia college, and the lecture notes he took then might seem familiar to students at Marshall today.

He took more than 200 pages of notes on legal topics, but a portion of those pages were filled with doodles reading "Ambler," "Polly," or "Miss Maria Ambler."

The woman Marshall was writing of was Mary Willis Ambler, nicknamed "Polly." She was the second of four daughters of one of Virginia's first families and would become his wife.

That June, the Ambler family moved to the new state capital at Richmond and by the end of the summer, Marshall had passed the bar exam and began practicing law in Fauquier County, about 135 miles from Richmond.

She was 16 now and Marshall wasted no time asking her to marry him.

But Polly wasted no time in refusing him.

Marshall then mounted his horse for Fauquier County to begin a life without Polly, but as he rode away from Richmond, one of Polly's cousins caught up with him.

She was holding a lock of Polly's hair — a gesture she hoped would assure Marshall that Polly's real answer was yes.

On Jan. 3, 1783, Polly Ambler, 17, became the wife of John Marshall, 27, at the home of Polly's cousin in Hanover County.

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Everyone has her or his own special way of remembering Valentine's Day.

For at least one Marshall student, the fondest Valentine in memory is a frog.

"When I was two years old, my boyfriend gave me a little green frog for Valentine's Day," Jennifer L. Ruppel said.

"It was the cutest gift I have ever received," the Clearwater, Fla. freshman said.

Her favorite Valentine's Day was a result of being untraditional, said Dr. Maureen B. Milicia, professor of theater and dance. She turned the tables and bought the three Valentine basics — candy, flowers and jewelry — for her sweetheart.



To Tracy,
I'm your secret admirer/I'm ripe for the pickin'/You don't know who I am — but I LOVE watermelon and chicken. Love, T-Bone

W. David —
Regardless of how I say it or what happens between us, remember that I will love you always.
Marcya

I love my 8:00 Management 424 class!
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Bunny,
I love you too many bunches to count.
ME.

To a very special wife and mother,
You are the pillar of our family. Happy St. Valentine's Day, Elaine.
From you loving husband Jenaro and cute little baby Tito.

Brian B.,
When you wish upon a star your dreams come true.
Now until forever.

Mills Dillard,
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you always.
Karen

Dear Frank:
Happy Valentine's Day, you PCW face!
Love, Cybil

To Donnie Bias,
Happy Valentine's Day! I love you very much.
Michelle M.

PJM,
To the big chief from his eight little indians.

Roses are red/Violets are blue,/If you do

your homework,
You can pass finance, too!
The Finance faculty

To Mary and Kimberly,
We love you.
From Jeff and Bryan

Eric K., Wish you would Oro my Genesis!
Another P.

Iche liebe dich Wolfgang Steinberger!
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Tim McKeny,
It's been a wonderful two-years! Thanks! I love you! Michelle

Dallas,
Thank you for not giving up. I love you.
Dee

Spit Dismal,
You're a rebel and the spawn of satan and I love you.
Evie Lutz Virus.

Tamara,
You never know what I'm going to write about next in the paper. To a big ole hair, with a big ole heart, have a happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Bill

TDK,
Hi, Sweetheart. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you.
MAG

Catherine,
You'll always be my Valentine!
I love you, Jeff

Dear Katie,
I'm glad I've been fortunate enough to be able to share this St. Valentine's Day with you, despite the miles between us. Remember, I love you more today than yesterday, more tomorrow than ever before!

Sweetie,
You are my better half. LUVS Ya!
Brown Eyes.

May cupid shoot you in the ass,/A. James Manchin, treasurer of state;/God bless America, et cetera, et cetera,/And resign before it's too late.

Tim,
Tu es mon coeur, mon amour, mon vie toujours.

Jeff L.,
This "Silver Shadow" is CRAZY for you!
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A.

Queen (it rhymes with Horatio), Who loves ya, babe. Your secret lover.

To the lover of "9½ Weeks,"
It's been great. I love you.
The Goob.

Winnifred,
In you I see a "glimpse of His holiness."
Mark E.

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Be my Valentine, please! I love you!
Becky

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Ed,
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Deb

Dean Jan,
Happy Valentine's Day! We love you.
Dad and Mom

Dear Jamie,
Happy Valentine's Day! We love you.
Dad and Mom

You're the best thing that's ever happened to me, Don.

Love Lines

