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# The Parthenon

Friday, March 10, 1989

Marshall University, Huntington, WV

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One, two, three . . .



Photo by Robert Fouch

Caroline J. McClure, chief election commissioner, counts vote for the first time Wednesday night. The Wheelersburg, Ohio, senior helped in counting the votes three times that evening in the closest presidential race in at least a decade.

## Recount narrows win to 5

By Noel Clay  
Reporter

Krista L. Duncan's and Thomas L. Simmons' request for a recounting of the student body presidential votes was not beneficial.

"Being a very close election, I had to ask for a recount," Duncan said.

At noon Thursday, election officials began recounting the votes from each precinct. The recount was verified and there was a two vote discrepancy found in the Wednesday tabulation.

Tracy L. Hendershot and Thomas E. Hayden had 732 votes, while Duncan and Simmons had 727.

"I had planned to ask for a recount if there was a 20 to 30 vote difference," Duncan said. She said even if she and Thomas would have won the election she would have asked for a recount.

"I'm glad there doing it (recount)," Hayden, vice presidential-elect, said. Hayden said he would like to see he and

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Krista L. Duncan

Tracy work with Krista and Thomas to complete both platforms.

Caroline J. McClure, chief election commissioner, said the ballots were divided in precincts and then tabulated on legal pad Wednesday night.

"The number of ballots was compared to the number of votes for each candidate," McClure said.

Before the tabulation was complete, McClure said that there may be a one or two vote discrepancy. However, she said she knew the discrepancy wouldn't change the outcome of the election.

## Bill suggests changes, but not in MU name

By Chris Stadelman  
Reporter

It is called Senate Bill 420.

Contained within the bill are provisions for merging the state's universities into one, multi-campus university, eliminating the Board of Regents and phasing out the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine at Lewisburg.

More than a month after the Carnegie Report on the status of higher education in West Virginia was released, the governor has introduced the bill which, if passed by the state Legislature, will make the recommendations of the report law.

One thing which is not contained within the bill, however, is a change in name for any of the schools, according to William P. Burdette, assistant to President Nitzschke.

"In my opinion, they will leave the names," Burdette said. "There has been a general agreement that we shouldn't change them."

According to wording in the bill, the University of West Virginia would be a title for the entire system, but each university would still be referred to by its current name. The major changes come in the areas of administration and funding.

In place of the Board of Regents would be two boards — one for four-year colleges called the Board of Supervisors and one for the university called the Board of Trustees. Members of the boards will be appointed by the governor.

A chancellor will be in charge of each board. Both the boards and the chancellors will be under the direction of the Secretary of Education and Fine Arts, one of the seven department secretaries created by Gov. Gaston Caperton in his government reorganization plan.

According to Burdette, amendments could be made to the bill which would be to Marshall's advantage. Specifically he mentioned adding some stand-alone doctorate programs to Marshall.

"Marshall University has the faculty and equipment to offer certain doctorate programs," Burdette said. "We would like to offer selective, non-duplicative doctorate programs."

The bill in its current form refers to both Marshall and the College of Graduate Studies as "master's institutions" while calling West Virginia University a "doctoral institution."

Burdette said offering stand-alone doctorate programs would increase Mar-

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## Awareness day may be moved to next month

By Chris Stadelman  
Reporter

Racial awareness day at Marshall will not be before spring break, and may not happen until April, according to Dr. Nell Bailey, vice president for student affairs.

Although the logistics of the plan remain unclear, Bailey said rumors that the day would be next week could be silenced. "It will not be before spring break," she said. "We have made some contacts, but nothing is firm yet. We may have to move the day into April."

Also unclear at this time is whether classes will be cancelled. "We're not sure," Bailey said. "They may just be called off in the middle of the day. Much of what happens depends on the logistics which have not been decided yet."

"For some sections of the campus, it is just impossible (to cancel classes). Nurses, for example, have to be at the hospital in the afternoon," Bailey said.

While so much remained unclear, Bailey said something would happen.

"Planning a day like this is a lot of work," she said. "But something will happen before the end of school."

## Nitzschke drops Michigan chance

**'Right now, we have a very delicate and important situation for West Virginia.'**

Dale F. Nitzschke

Eastern Michigan University is going to announce today who it wants for president, but President Dale F. Nitzschke is no longer a candidate for the position.

Nitzschke asked the board at Eastern Michigan Thursday to withdraw his name from consideration.

Although Nitzschke said he enjoyed the people he met at Eastern Michigan, the final decision on who it wants as president is coming at a very bad time.

"Right now, we have a very delicate and important situation for West Virginia. I'm working every day with legislators, the governor's office and other higher education officials to address the reorganization of higher education in the state."

"At the same time, we're struggling to put together an adequate budget to operate Marshall and the other institutions in 1989-90," Nitzschke said.

# Just Clownin' Around

## Make-up, costumes do not a clown make

'You've just got to want to have fun,' student says

By Robert King  
Staff Writer

There is one student on campus who could correctly be labeled a class clown.

She is Sandy S. Kidd, Huntington senior, and she really knows how to put on a happy face.

Kidd has been a professional clown since 1982, and was trained by the world famous clowns from the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

"I decided I wanted to be a clown when I lived here in 1980, Kidd said.

"Two years later I moved to New Orleans and while I was there I got invited by the clowns from the Shriner's Circus and Barnum and Bailey Circus to train with them. Training with them was a very valuable experience for me."

Kidd, an elementary education major, says it is lots of fun being a clown.

"I love doing it because it's a way for me to be able to act like a fool when I'm in public. When I'm in costume, I know people expect me to act strange. It is like having a license to be weird."

She said when she is in her clown make-up, she actually feels like another person.

"The way I feel when I'm a clown must be very similar to having multiple personalities," she said. "It really does feel like there are two of us in one body. There's Sandy the student and Sandi the clown. Sandi the clown is the fun side of me."

It is rare for a clown to have the same name as the person under the make-up, but there is a reason for her name being the same, she explained.

"I used to babysit a seven-year-old boy who had brain damage," she said. "He is the one who exposed my true identity, so that I had no choice but to use my own name. His name is Roy and he and I are very close. When I first started taking care for him he couldn't respond to people because he didn't know how. I taught Roy sign language and how to feed himself. He couldn't do things other little boys his age could do.

"Well, one day I was working in costume doing some promotional stuff for a local business. About five or six of the kids I babysitted for were there for over an hour and none of them recognized me. When Roy came in, he walked



Photo by Robbie Fouch

Shawn Martin, son of Kathy E. Martin, Huntington freshman, is mesmerized by 'Sandi The Clown,' while his brother Paul sneaks

a peak at the camera. The clown is actually Huntington senior Sandy S. Kidd, who has been a professional clown since 1982.

straight to me and kept saying my name over and over in sign language. The other children knew what he was saying, so my cover was blown. It's funny how fast he recognized me, especially since the mentally healthy children had no idea who I was. That is why I've kept my name the same although I do spell it with an 'i' at the end when I'm a clown."

Kidd said that although she started out being a clown for the money, the children are the real reason she continues to put on the make-up.

"When I first started clowning, I did it for the money. Then I went to work for the New Orleans school system as a

teaching assistant. I specialized with special education children. One of the most rewarding experiences I've had being a clown was when I was a 'hugger' at the Special Olympics."

Kidd explained that a hugger is the person who waits at the finish line to congratulate all of the children. She said the kids need to feel successful whether they win or lose.

I love children and I like the idea of being a role model for them, Kidd said.

"I won't smoke, drink or do anything like that while I'm in make-up if there are kids around. I believe clowns are like role models because kids look up to them

so much. I don't want to project any image or habit that wouldn't be healthy for a child."

I do only volunteer work now, Kidd said. I also conduct workshops, which are like clown classes. I teach children how to apply the make-up and do simple clown routines. The most important thing I tried to teach them is that the thing they need the most to be a clown comes from inside themselves.

"Costume and make-up alone do not make you a clown," Kidd said. "You have to want to shed your inhibitions and cut loose. You've just got to want to have fun."

## Carnegie

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shall's funding. "The bill says all funding will be increased to compare with comparable institutions in other states," he said. Doctoral institutions are funded at a higher level than master's institutions.

In addition to the possible amendment for the stand-alone doctorate program,

other amendments to the bill have been made, according to President Dale F. Nitzschke.

The additional amendments could include a salary schedule to increase the baseline funding for higher education, changing the composition of the Board of Trustees to give the institutions better representation and changing statements concerning the two medical schools.

The amendment concerning the medical schools would exclude the position of

a supervisor called for in the education bill. Nitzschke said by eliminating this position much red tape could be avoided.

The proposed amendments made by Nitzschke and West Virginia University President Neil Bucklew must be passed by full consensus of both the House and Senate before the bill can pass, Nitzschke said.

An additional amendment presented to the governor was to not include a chancellor to govern the Board of Trustees. Although this amendment, if

passed, would have saved much money for the state, Nitzschke said the governor rejected the idea.

After being introduced, the bill was sent to the education committees of the Legislature.

There will be a public hearing on Monday at 4 p.m., according to Burdette. On Tuesday the author of the Carnegie Report, Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, will be in Charleston to meet with legislators and answer questions about the report.

# Opinion

## Editorials

### W-day has arrived; better act fast now

**'N**ever put off till tomorrow that which you can do today.'

Ben Franklin

**'There is an immeasurable distance between late and too late.'**

Swetchine

**'Delay not till tomorrow to be wise; tomorrow's sun to thee may never rise.'**

Congreve

**'Be wise today; 'tis madness to defer; next day the fatal precedent will plead; thus on, till wisdom is pushed out of life.'**

Young

Today is the day.  
It's W-Day.

For some, it's just another Friday. For others — and you know who you are — W-Day is a day of pure, abject terror.

It's a race to the registrar's office.

For weeks, there has been no doubt you will drop a class. After all, your history grades are in, and they are pitiful. Your economics textbook isn't exactly dog-eared from all the late-night reading. The seasons have changed since the last time you bothered to attend a Fine Arts lecture. And Spanish...it is but a hazy, *feo* memory.

But still the class remains on your schedule. Yes, you have become another hapless victim to the dread college disease - procrastination.

There's just never been time enough to find your professor and get her or his signature on your drop slip.

But today is W-Day, the day of reckoning.

And we reckon you better drop that class. And fast.

## On the light side

### For the lust of money

**M**ost college students' favorite fantasy has nothing to do with whipped cream, leather or the nude body of Tom Cruise.

Nope, we're practical, money-hungry Alex Keaton want-to-bes.

We dream about winning the lottery.

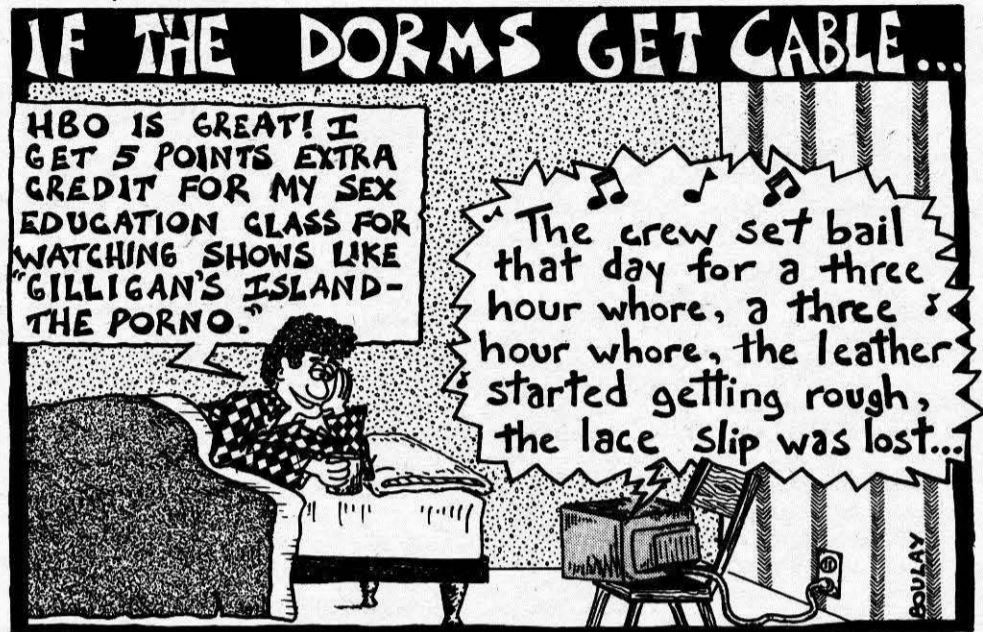
And while we students remain daydreaming, reality has changed drastically for one St. Louis woman.

A widow with 11 children hit the LottoAmerica \$3 million jackpot late last month.

A trip to Las Vegas is one luxury on her agenda, said Benona Sharp, who will cash a check for \$150,000 each year for the next two decades.

What was Benona's reaction when she realized her numbers — 4, 19, 30, 37, 40 and 51 — were the winners?

"I was sitting at the kitchen counter and I almost fell off my stool."



### North America is not only America

To the Editor:

*With its cities of steel and gigantic chimneys  
Its undercover agents and secret service.  
With  
its neon skylights and its after Christmas sales,  
its commercialization of God and hundred churches.  
Sitting like God himself, at the top ...  
North America is the Ruler.*

*But down here ... down where the inexorable  
hunger appeals to the bitter fruit of somebody  
else's decisions, time and military parades go by,  
and people do all those things that North America  
prohibits. With an everlasting hope ...  
in the south ... South America also exists.*

*With its T.V. evangelists and poisonous gases, its  
obedience schools and real estate agents, with its  
luxurious condominiums and its homeless on the  
corner, its spent defenses and its defense expenditure,  
with its invader gest ...  
North America is the Ruler.*

*But down here ... down in their own hiding  
places, there are men and women, working  
enthusiastically, taking advantage of the sun and*

*also of the eclipses. Putting aside what is useless  
and using what is useful, with an everlasting hope..  
in the south ... South America also exists.*

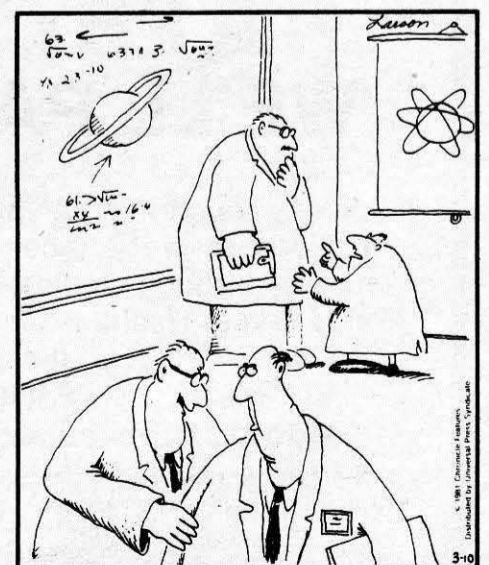
*with its French Restaurants and fast food chains,  
its African American music and taco supreme, with  
all its missiles and its encyclopedias, its star war  
and all its glories, with its merciful fury....  
North America is the Ruler.*

*But down here ... down very close to the roots, is where the memory not a memory omits,  
is where people dream to achieve what looks and  
sounds impossible, for everybody to know ...  
with an everlasting hope ...  
in the South ... South America also exists.*

**Harold Blanco**  
Caracas, Venezuela  
graduate student

### THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



## The Parthenon

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## WPBY examines W.W. II

By Jeff Saulton  
Reporter

World War II, 1939-1945.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the start of the second World War. During the month of March, WPBY-TV will air a series of programs on the history of the conflict.

Today's program will focus on Adolph Hitler and examine how he and Nazi Germany lost the war.

Dr. Charles V. Bias, professor of history, said Hitler had little chance of winning the war after he attacked the Soviet Union. "Hitler learned little from Napoleon about invading Russia," Bias said. Hitler's main reason for invading Russia was because he was frustrated with the failure of his air attacks on England, Bias said.

He said it was almost impossible for Hitler to win because of the massive population and land mass of the Soviet Union.

Another problem the Germans had was Italy, Bias said. Italy was not a

strong military ally and Hitler had to protect them with forces he could have used in other places, Bias said.

Bias said Hitler may have been able to force a negotiated peace with the Soviets if the United States had not entered the war.

He said on Saturday there will be a program focusing on Jimmy Doolittle, who led an air raid on Japan. Doolittle's raid had little to do with the outcome of the war militarily, but was a psychological boost for the United States effort.

It was a psychological defeat for the Japanese because the Japanese government had told the people the nation itself would never be attacked, Bias said.

The last program on Sunday will focus on the story of the entertainers who performed for the troops during the war.

Bias said many entertainers were used because they were looked up to by the public and they can be used to influence public opinion.

## Tax tips

### International Students can get help on forms

By Dwayne Bevins  
Reporter

International students who are having trouble with their income taxes may have an answer to their problems on Monday, according to Monica C. Wang, coordinator of international students.

An income tax seminar will be provided to assist international students with filling out their tax forms.

The seminar will be Monday, at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center in room 2E 12.

"Many international students don't have any idea of what to do with their taxes," Wang said. "They have never been exposed to having to fill out a tax form."

Immigrated (American) students are exposed to taxes and tax forms so they probably don't need help, Wang said. For many international students, this is their first experience.

International students are subject to filling out tax forms just as immigrated (American) students are. They are subjected to the same punishments and fines, Wang said. She also said students probably don't have to fill out an income

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Monica C. Wang

tax form if they earn less than \$1000. This statement can be clarified at the seminar.

This seminar is only for international students because the tax forms are different.

A representative from the Internal Revenue Service will be at the seminar.

"We are not filling the forms out for the students, we want them to learn how to do their own taxes," Wang said.

The IRS representative will be there to guide the students line for line through the forms," she said.

"Last year we had a seminar and students found it quite helpful," Wang said. She also said she was pleased with last year's turnout.

"There is no charge for the students to attend the seminar and the student should bring his or her W-2 form plus all interest statements that he or she may have," Wang said.

The interest statements will help in filling out the forms.

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# Law school: Getting there takes grades AND activities

By Joseph William Yingst  
Reporter

Law school is not for everyone, according to three area lawyers.

The lawyers discussed the facts about law school, and the chances of being accepted, at a panel discussion sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice.

W. Michael Frazier graduated from Marshall in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in English and graduated from law school at West Virginia University in 1985. "Nothing you do in undergraduate studies can compare to law school," he said. "It's important to major in something you like and can do well to get your grades up, to increase your chances of getting into law school."

Attorney Marc E. Williams also graduated from Marshall in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in history, and then graduated from law school at WVU in 1985. "The people that do the best are the ones that work the hardest and have the desire," he said. "Intelligence is not an indicator of how well you do in law school."

Williams said you must be prepared for the challenge of law school because classes are completely different from undergraduate classes. "You have class every day, then one test at the end of the semester that covers everything from that semester," he said. "It's one test for one grade."

Dr. Margaret Brown, chairperson of the Department of Criminal Justice, graduated from law school at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and she agreed that

in order to graduate from law school one must have dedication. "It's important to realize when you decide to go to law school that the competition is really intense," she said. "You are competing with people from different schools, that are very good students."

"I didn't make a 'C' in undergraduate studies, but I learned quickly what one was in law school," Brown said. "A 'C' is a perfectly acceptable grade in law school."

Williams said law school involves a lot of writing. "Around your second year in law school you have a paper that is generally 20 or more pages," he said. "Anything in undergraduate studies that develops writing skills is valuable."

Undergraduate classes can help in preparing for law school, according to Williams. "It's important that you take the most difficult curriculum, to prepare you for law school," he said.

Frazier said that extracurricular activities help in being selected to law school. "I think anything out of the ordinary that you do will be considered in your application," he said. "It's easy to forget a person who has a 3.2 grade point average, but was only on the chess team."

Williams suggests applying to more than one law school. "If you want to go to law school apply to those you think you can get into," he said. "After that, apply to those schools you would like to go."

"I believe that everybody I graduated with got a job," Williams said. "Over 95 percent of law school graduates get jobs somewhere," he said.

# W-day

Today is last chance to drop without pass, fail indication

By Lisa Wheatley  
Reporter

If you have been wondering what to do about that class you've been failing all semester, today is the last day to drop with a "W."

Students dropping a class today, must present their I.D. card to the registrar's office and the student must have their instructor's signature on the drop slip, according to Robert Eddins, registrar.

If students are on probation, they must also have the signature of their respective dean.

Students in the Community College, whether they are on probation or not, must have permission from the Community College and have their instructor's signature.

After today, if students want to drop classes, they must obtain the signature of both their dean and their instructor.

However, dropping a class after the "W" period, means the student will receive either a "WP," withdrawal passing, or "WF," withdrawal failing. If a student receives a "WF," it is averaged into the student's grade point average as an "F."

Eddins recommended to students dropping a class, that they do so before noon.

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# Interested in medicine?

## Free osteopathic information session Monday

By Jimmy Perry  
Reporter

If you are interested in a career in osteopathic medicine, there will be a free information session at the Holiday Inn-Gateway in Barboursville.

The Osteopathic Medicine information session will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Admissions advisers from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine will be joined by Dr. Karen J. Mulloy, one of its graduates, according to Dennis J. Maloney, director of counseling services for the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Mulloy is currently doing her residency at the Marshall University School of Medicine. She has served as a paramedic and cardiopulmonary technician in hospitals in Raleigh County.

The information session will give people the opportunity to ask questions and get information on a possible career in osteopathic medicine, according to Maloney.

**'We think that if people found out more about osteopathic medicine, it could lead to a career change.'**

Dennis J. Maloney

"If a person is interested in checking out the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine or if a person has any interest in a career in medicine, they should attend the information session."

"The reason for the information session is to make ourselves available to people who work," Maloney said. "We think that if people found out more about osteopathic medicine, it could lead to a career change."

Some of the careers in osteopathic medicine include Primary Care Physi-

cians, Special Care Physicians, Radiology and Gynecology.

Admissions advisers will be at the information session to help interested people get better acquainted with the medical profession and to find out what people qualify for admission to the school.

"The session will be informal, a person can just drop in at any time," Maloney said. "There will be printed information as well as a film on the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine."

The school is a state-funded four-year school. There are 15 osteopathic medical schools in the country and 28,000 osteopathic physicians.

## MU Report to air Sunday

By Shelley Nunnery  
Reporter

An interview with Thomas E. Hayden, Student Government Association vice president-elect, will be broadcast on MU Report at 10 a.m. Sunday on Channel 33, WPBY-TV.

"The program will start with the election results," Steven R. Ring, student producer, said. "Then we'll have the interview and a story on outgoing SGA president Melissa White."

A news feature on the SGA called "Inside Student Government" will also be included in the program.

MU Report is a program written and produced each week by seven advanced broadcast journalism students.

The program also will broadcast a feature on the problem of understaffing at the library. The understaffing caused the hours to be reduced by five per week this semester. Cuts in the library's services are because of recent financial problems within the state government.

MU Report will continue its series on the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights by spotlighting the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms.

Dwight Jensen is executive producer of MU Report and acting director of the school of journalism. He said, "The program points out there is a very serious disagreement in the interpretation of the amendment."

## SGA signs should be gone today

By Tamra K. Young  
Reporter

Signs from Wednesday's Student Government Association elections will be down Thursday night if guidelines are followed, according to Harry E. Long, director of Plant Operations.

Krista L. Duncan, said her campaign staff was to begin removing all signs Thursday night.

"We will remove every sign we see, not just our own, to help clean up," Duncan said.

Each candidate is responsible for removing all of his or her campaign materials from campus 24 hours after the polls close, according to SGA election guidelines. Failure to do so can result in loss of office and inability to run for office in Student Government for one year.

"Those who put them up are supposed to take them down," Long said. "But if they don't, custodians will begin removing those on the academic buildings and fences this evening (Thursday)."

Long said actually, all SGA signs are violations of the rules. "Everything up is contrary to Marshall's sign policy, but we overlook it for the student elections," he said.

Signs can be a big part of a campaign's budget. Kelli S. Thompson, Williamson sophomore and campaign manager for Duncan and Thomas L. Simmons, said the two bought 13 board signs, 1,000 flyers, 800 brochures and 2,000 business cards. "Half of our money was for paper products," Thompson said. "It was by far our biggest expenditure."

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# Sports

## A basketball tailgate?



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Several Marshall fans enjoy the good weather in Asheville last weekend by having a poolside cookout prior to Sunday's championship game. The weather

was sunny and 65-degrees, and that was good enough for four people to brave the freezing cold water of the pool.

## Parity should provide good conference tournaments

Parity is definitely an overworked word in almost all sports today, but for some reason it remains deathly accurate in college basketball, especially this year.

As Dick Vitale says, there is no such thing as an upset anymore when the home team wins. And since most tournaments are played at neutral sites, there is really no such thing as an upset in tournaments.

So as the major conference tournaments begin this weekend it is interesting to examine what might take place. And how unsurprising what takes place will be.

The Atlantic Coast Conference tournament should be as wild as its regular season was. North Carolina State surprised everybody by winning the league with a 10-4 mark, and the WolfPack was closely followed by a four-way tie for second between conference favorites North Carolina and Duke and upstarts

Virginia and Georgia Tech, all of which had 9-5 marks.

So in the first round of the ACC tourney, N.C. State faces Maryland, Carolina plays Tech, Duke plays Wake Forest and Virginia meets Clemson. Predicting who will win this tournament is like predicting a hole-in-one, but I will stick with my beloved Tar Heels even though they dropped two games last week and have to play Tech in Atlanta in the first round.

The funny thing about this tournament is that regardless who wins six teams, State, Carolina, Duke, Virginia, Tech and Clemson, are already in the tournament. And Wake Forest is NIT-bound easily. Kind of makes you wonder if anybody cares who wins the tourney, but I guarantee they all do.

Another tournament starting this weekend is the Big East, and it always provides thrill after thrill. This year, with surprises like Seton Hall and Prov-



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idence, the tourney should be even more exciting.

This tournament carries a little more weight than the ACC because several teams are "on the bubble." G'town, Syracuse, Seton Hall and Pitt are in, and Villanova, Providence, Connecticut and St. John's are all battling for probably two more spots, so the teams that make the best showing will probably be taken. I'll take the Orangemen of Syracuse to win it.

Another conference tournament carrying a lot of weight for its participants is the Southeastern. The reason this tourney is so important is because the teams, and therefore the conference, have struggled through mediocre years.

At first glance, it appears that only LSU, Alabama, Florida and Vanderbilt will receive bids, but with a strong showing Tennessee, which faces LSU in the first round, could get in.

The other teams, Georgia, which more than likely will have to settle for the NIT, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Auburn would have to win the tourney to go.

This tourney is tough to call because Florida has been playing well but LSU and Alabama always make strong showings. And Tennessee has the homecourt advantage because the tourney's in Knoxville. I'll go with Florida because the Gators still have the best talent and best big man (Dwayne Schintzius) in the league.



# Impressions

## Satanic Worship



By Bill France  
Impressions Editor

You open the door to your dorm room to find the lights are out.

Incense and candles are burning all around the room. Four other students draped with black robes are kneeling around a drawing of a pentagram with drops of blood spread across it.

You blink your eyes and try to awaken. But this is no dream. In recent years there have been many reports of satanic cults or devil worship across West Virginia. Now, at least two Marshall students have admitted to practicing devil worship on Marshall's campus.

"It's all over the place," said Mary, who asked that her real name not be used.

Mary is a 19-year-old student from southern West Virginia. When she left home for college, it was the first time she had ever spent any time away from her parents. "My parents are religious freaks," she said. "That's all I've heard all my life. I was always a good little girl. I went to Sunday School every week."

Mary, with her hair pulled back in a pony-tail, wearing a yellow sweater, turtle neck and jeans, said she may no longer attend Sunday School but she never stopped being a good person. "I do everything my parents ask me to," she said. "I don't cause them any problems. Of course they still think I kneel down and pray to the Lord every night. I still pray, only to my lord."

"People have such a negative attitude toward us," she said. "We get so much bad publicity, from freaks like Geraldo (Rivera). People think I'm a great person until they find out that I'm one of those 'devil-worshipping lunatics.'"

Mary said telling her first dorm roommate about her beliefs was a big mistake. "We were getting along great," she said. "As soon as she found out she started trying to find a new roommate."

Scott, who asked that his real name not be used, said

**T**wo Marshall students admit to their satanic involvement and claim there are other students, professors and Huntington residents involved.

getting involved in satanic rituals happened almost by accident. "I'm a headbanger," he said. He wore an "Iron Maiden" T-shirt, and pair of faded jeans with holes in each knee. "I like good loud rock and roll. I can't stand a bunch of wimpy music."

One night, in search of some loud rock and roll, he joined some friends going to a local bar. "We went down to the Rock-n-Roll Cafe to hear the band and drink some beer. After some drinking and smoking a couple of joints one of the guys suggested going back to his apartment for a dose of the devil."

Scott said he had no idea what they were talking about. "If I would have known, I would have never went with them."

When Scott and his friends arrived at the apartment he said they were taken to a room which had been completely painted black and then sprayed with neon painted messages: "Satan lives." "666." Other unidentifiable symbols were on the walls, he said.

After more marijuana the other students began a sort of chant, Scott said. "I thought it was sort of a game and started chanting with them. I must have passed out during the chant. I woke up in my dorm

room the next day and couldn't remember a thing that happened afterwards."

Rev. Bob Bondurant, campus minister, said most devil worship starts like Scott's, very innocently. "They do it out of curiosity at first," he said.

Bondurant said he wasn't surprised to hear devil worship was going on at Marshall. "Devil worship is real and it is at Marshall University," he said.

Scott mentioned satanic graffiti on the walls of the room where he went. Graffiti is common around scenes of rituals or where ceremonies are held, Bondurant said. Several of the students interviewed express concern with one house near campus. Satanic messages and the names of heavy metal bands are spray painted on a building that is referred to as "The Cage."

Behind the 5th Ave. 7-11 across from Twin Towers East is "The Cage," an old abandoned building which has been the target of satanic graffiti.

"I think it's pretty scary having a place like 'The Cage' around," Stephen D. Gardner, Mineral Wells freshman, said.

Sometimes a student's interest can be mistaken for devil worship. "I was even accused of being a devil worshiper," Gardner said. "Some friends helped me decorate my door for a contest in Holderby. It had upside down crosses and the number 666 on it."

"It was all in fun," he said. "I'm a christian."

Door decorations may be innocent but there are indicators, Bondurant said. Some people claim that Dungeons and Dragons, a fantasy role-playing game, the ouija board and heavy metal music can be the first steps toward satanic involvement. "My only advice is, if you don't want to slip, stay away from slippery places," he said.

A devil worshipping group of students calling themselves "The Sub Genius" reportedly practices on Marshall's campus. "This group has been brought to my attention before," Bondurant said. "I don't really know that much about them, but I've heard some of the students in the (Campus Christian) Center talking about it."

One of those students, Olen L. Jordan, Webster Springs freshman, said he has reason to believe the group does exist. "I definitely believe it's going on here," he said. "You just don't hear about it that often."

Mary and Scott said they knew nothing about "The Sub Genius" but said there were other satanic groups at Marshall and in Huntington.

Students may not be the only ones involved. Mary said one of her professors is in her satanic group. "There are two faculty members in our group. They treat me exactly the same as any other student. What if a student went to the same Church of God as their professor. It's the same principle."

Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president for student affairs, said she hopes that faculty members would not use their position to further their own satanic philosophy. "It's alarming to me when faculty use students for their own personal gain, whether that's satanic worship or racial relations. We shouldn't use students like that."

Bailey said devil worship concerns her but it doesn't scare her. "College is a time when we should open our minds to a lot of different things, not just devil worship," she said.

College is also a time for students to learn to get along with people who are not necessarily like them, Bailey said. "Students should not be so quick to jump to conclusions about students who are different than they are. Students may be fat, skinny, black, white, straight, gay or even a devil worshiper, but they're still students. If you can't get to know those who are different than you now you'll never be able to."



Photo by Robbie Fouch

"The Cage," a building located behind the 7-Eleven on 5th Avenue, has been the target of satanic graffiti.