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MU health program leads way

By Debra Morris
Special Correspondent

Marshall University is leading the way in helping to improve the health of rural elderly, according to Dr. Robert B. Walker, director of family and community health.

Rural health care is getting more attention than ever and the new interest has been a blessing to the rural program, Walker said.

"Many programs in Marshall's School of Medicine have trouble getting grants, but the rural program does not," he said.

In June, the school received a three-year, \$185,000 grant from the Public Health Service to create a program that would encourage new doctors to work in rural communities.

In January, the school also received a grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. The \$500,000 grant is to be used for a geriatrics studies program, based in Lincoln County.

Walker said he attributes this new attention of rural health care to several things. The first is the closure of many rural hospitals, which has made it difficult for elderly to receive the treatment they need.

"Rural elderly are people who have the most problems, the least ability to fight off illness and now they have the least access to treatment," he said.

Walker said there are also many economic factors involved and the program has tremendous financial potential for West Virginia and the federal government.

About 200 elderly from Lincoln County are participating in the program, based at the Lincoln Primary Care Center in Hamlin, Walker said.

The program has several goals, he said. "First we want to learn more about the problems of the rural elderly and second, we want to improve the health of these people," he said.

Walker said the ultimate goal of the program is to prevent unwanted hospitalization and nursing home placement.

Because of limited resources, those who need help the most must be identified, he said.

Each participant will receive a thorough examination and will be asked about social, economic and environmental factors. In addition, someone will visit the participant's home to see what improvements need to be made, he said.

"In designing a health plan for each participant, we look at mobility, nutrition, and prevention of accidents especially falls," Walker said. "We'll also look for depression, which may be due to over use of medication."

Walker said the participants set the lim-

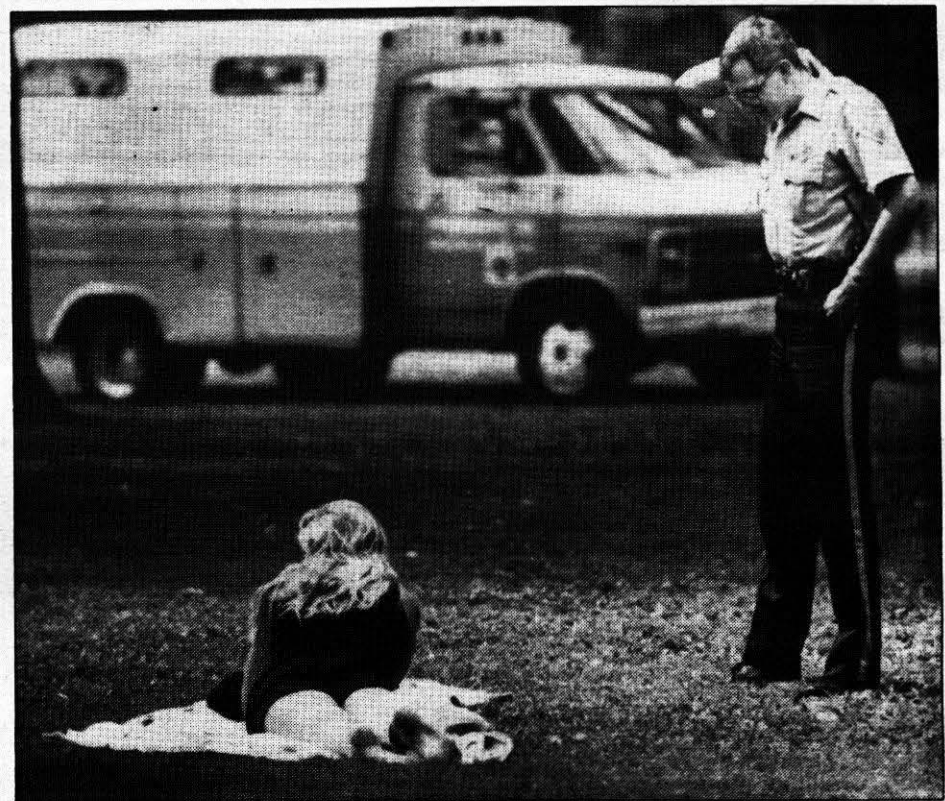
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Wiling away an afternoon with a nap

Christine Silver (above), Ashland, Ky., freshman, takes a nap near the ODK Circle (between Old Main and the Memorial Student Center) on campus Friday. Officer Jim Terry of the university police talks to Silver.

Photos by Chris Hancock



Police crack down on under age drinking

By David L. Swint
Reporter

Huntington police have started the second part of an investigation in answer to complaints by parents of alcohol sales to minors, said Lt. Gary Ferrell of the drug and vice division.

"It's an effort on our part to get bar owners to watch things more carefully," Ferrell said.

The investigation involves sending an 18-year-old police department employee to area establishments to attempt to buy alcoholic beverages.

Area nightspots report that checking identification is part of their standard operating procedure. Terry Turner, manager of the 1896 Club, 1502 Third Ave., said his employees check I.D.s at the door.

While law prohibits alcohol sales to those

younger than 21, Turner said he can't stop an 18-year-old from entering the club.

"We can have as many as 900 people here on a busy night, so it's hard to watch everybody and serve them at the same time," Turner said. "The laws exist to serve the lawmakers."

Ferrell confirmed the problem of age limits in bars. "An 18-year-old can serve drinks in an establishment, yet they can't buy them. The law wasn't written very well."

"Our doormen card everybody," said Faye Porter, bar manager at Robby's, 809 Third Ave.

"That's not to say I'm positive (Robby's has never served minors.) When you're dealing with more than 1,300 people on a weekend night, it's possible that you may have a minor in that crowd," Porter said.

Mike Mattern, bartender at Mycroft's, 1947 Third Ave., said minors usually are

not much of a problem. "We're not swamped with customers like some of the large bars."

Since Mycroft's is mainly a restaurant, there will be underage customers, Mattern said. "Our employees card people at their tables. Our policy is to check I.D. if a customer looks younger than 25."

"We really don't attract a young crowd, so I don't think we'll have much of a problem," Mattern said.

The first part of the investigation, conducted in August, resulted in 43 arrests at local businesses for carryout alcohol sales to minors.

"It's a misdemeanor charge, which carries a fine and payment of court costs," Ferrell said, "but repeat offenders could stand to lose their liquor license."

Ferrell said the second investigation should be finished within the next month.

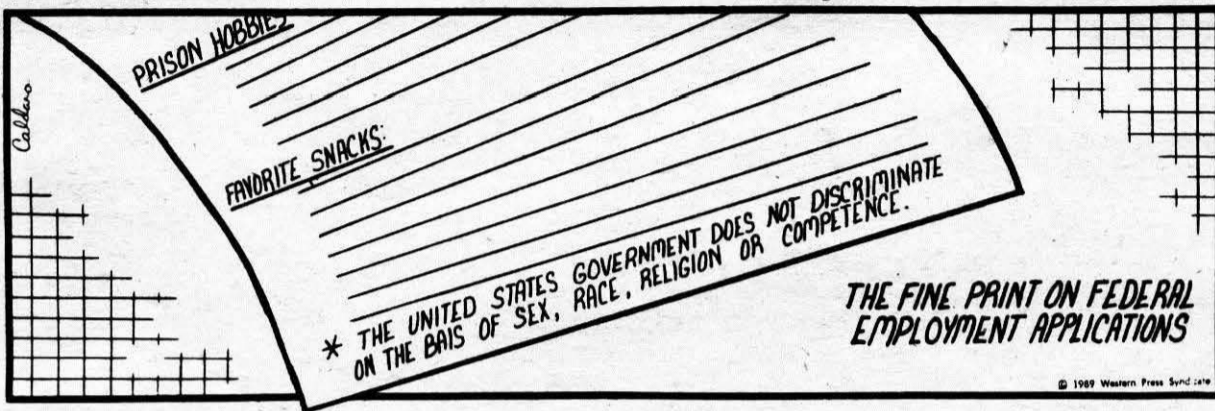
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Yeagers go beyond scholar stereotypes

By Loraine Hourani-Stout
Reporter

When referring to a person regarded as a "scholar" one might envision an individual who reads by candlelight and rarely, if ever, leaves his or her room to trade real life experiences for those found in the scholarly or academic atmosphere.

But that's not so with many of the individuals of the Ashland Class — the first class of the Society of Yeager Scholars, now juniors.

Most members of this first class (named after Ashland Oil Corp. for its million dollar endowment), are involved in numerous extracurricular activities, both on campus and off — ranging from collegiate sports to radio disc jockey.

John F. Hussell is a founding member of the Marshall rugby team. Hussell, a graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School, served as a student senator in the spring and fall

of 1988. He is president of the Model League of Arab States and this past year, at a national convention in Washington, D.C., was nominated as assistant secretary general of the National Model League of Arab States.

He has held the positions of scholarship chairman, secretary and athletic director for his fraternity — Lamda Chi Alpha.

Another scholar, Jennifer A. Ruehling of Canal Fulton, Ohio, serves as co-editor of Ms. Quotes, a publication of the Women's Center, where she is a student assistant and helps with the production of the lunch bag seminars. A member of Gamma Beta Phi scholastic honor society, Ruehling said she thinks she, as well as other scholars, are usually busy with outside activities. "Most of us don't sit around all the time," she added.

Louise A. Kelly of Fenwick serves as president of Alpha Chi Omega social sorority. Though her major is mathematics, she

was chosen to participate in the Young Designers Competition sponsored by McCall's Patterns, in Washington, D.C. Her variety of interests has led her to being a tutor and a proctor for Special Services Program since 1987. She was a member of the Panhellenic Council, governing body for social sororities, and the Presidential Council, composed of campus student leaders.

Kelly has served as vice president of the Marshall 4-H Club and attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the West Virginia 4-H All-Stars.

Todd R. Reulbach, of Orefield, Pa., is chairman of the Memorial Student Center Governing Board, which establishes policies for the day-to-day operation of the student center.

He is vice president of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity and has served as its fund-

raising chairman. Reulbach said being a Yeager Scholar has given him the opportunity to grow and develop.

Another scholar, Sharon K. Davis, of Tipp City, Ohio, is serving as president of the Student Organization for Alumni Relations. A member of Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority, she is serving as its public relations chairman.

Jennifer L. Taylor of Beckley is a disc jockey for WMUL. Taylor at one time rode quarter horses competitively and won the 4-H State Championship. She has qualified in the American Junior Quarter-Horse Association World Championship in Tulsa, Okla.

Rebecca Gatehouse of Waynesboro, Ga., formerly of Oak Hill, is a part-time reporter for The Herald-Dispatch newspaper in Huntington.

Though there are many more active scholars, the activities are as varied as their lifestyles and personalities.

Budget may be bigger under new guides

Marshall officials have started drawing up the university's 1990-91 budget under the new Board of Trustees guidelines that may give the school more flexibility and more attention than the previous Board of Regents guidelines.

Though the guidelines are similar in nature to those previously provided by the former Board of Regents, the major difference is that this year's requests will be reviewed by the new Board of Trustees.

"Though this doesn't affect the budget process itself, the new system it will help focus on the needs of Marshall," said Jim J. Schneider, director of finance for the central office of higher education. "The ma-

ior difference is the Board of Trustees will focus on only six institutions instead of the 16 the Board of Regents had to review," he added.

"Simply because of the split, there will be more focus on the needs of the institutions. Although there won't be more money per se, the Board of Trustees can get the governor's and Legislature's attention and plead their case for Marshall and other institutions under their jurisdiction." Schneider explained. "It's much easier to be an advocate for six institutions."

The budgets will be reviewed by the boards and a hearing will be conducted with concentration on the budgetary needs.

Correction

The Parthenon inaccurately reported the status of the search for a new director for the Autism Center in its Sept. 13 issue. The story should have stated that there have been four applicants and that no screenings had taken place.

Health

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its on how much they want to be helped.

The participants make the decisions because as most elderly, they are interested in the quality of life and not in how long they live."

Walker said Marshall is ahead of many schools in the rural health care field.

Last year Marshall won an award for the outstanding rural health care program, he said.



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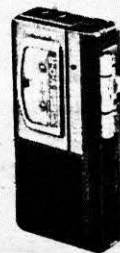
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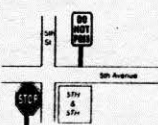
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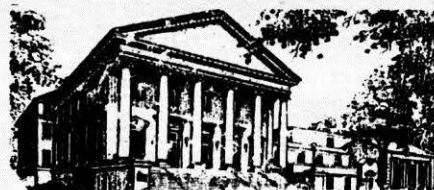
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Rugby teams win opener

Marshall's rugby teams defeated Salem College Saturday with the 'A' team winning 26-0 and the 'B' team 11-4.

Team captain Brian Shannon, Sacramento, Calif., senior, led the varsity squad with a powerful run though a pack of Salem defenders. Also scoring were Duane Thaxton, Charleston senior; Chris Porter, Charleston junior; Dave Milo, Columbus, Ohio, senior; and Kevin Copenhaver, Wellsburg senior.

Shannon said he was pleased with the way the team played. "We played the best we've ever played," he said. "There was great improvement from last year."

In the 'B' game Dennis Johnson, Fayetteville sophomore, led the team to victory with a scoring run.

Only three players on the roster had played rugby before coming to Marshall. Shannon played in high school while Thaxton was a member of the WVU rugby club before coming to Marshall.

Tim Thomas, a native of Kenya and the team's coach, played for Indiana University.

Next up for the teams will be matches against Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, Saturday.

VCU defeats Herd soccer team

Willy Merrick scored two goals in the final four minutes, but it wasn't enough as Virginia Commonwealth University defeated the soccer team 3-2 Monday night.

Merrick, playing his first game since being suspended for fighting against VMI last Wednesday, did all of the scoring for the Herd, which was help scoreless for the first 86 minutes of the match.

The loss evened Marshall's season record

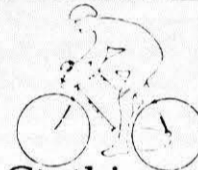
at 3-3-1, after Saturday's 2-1 victory against The Citadel. That win was Marshall's first Southern Conference victory in the past three years.

The Herd will be in action again Sunday at 2 p.m. at Appalachian State. Coach John Gibson describes the Mountaineers as "always tough and well-coached. Appy might well be the cream of the Southern Conference soccer crop."

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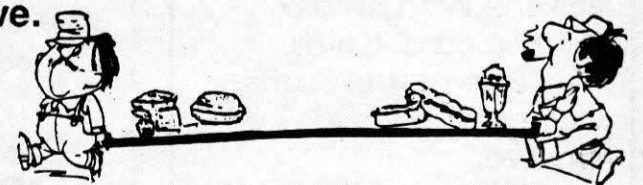
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