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## Gay support group protests radio parody, 'Nut 'n' Homo'

By Jeff Young  
 Staff Writer

A cereal commercial satire aired by a local radio station has sparked protest from Marshall's gay rights group.

The Lambda Society is upset with WRVC-FM, 93.7, management because of a satire of the Kellogg's brand cereal "Nut 'n' Honey." The spoof features the cereal "Nut 'n' Homo" and a pair of soldiers who fight over the double meaning.

Lambda Society co-presidents Caitlin W. Howley, Charleston senior, and R. Gene Surber, Lewisburg junior, said the skit is typical of attitudes their group is working to change. "I found it violent and homophobic," Howley said. Surber said he thinks the skit promotes stereotypes and violence toward homosexuals.

The group drafted a letter last week and sent it to WRVC General Manager Joe Johnston protesting the satire and asking that it be taken off the air.

Johnston said he received the letter and had no comment on the matter.

WRVC morning show disc jockeys Clint McElroy and Steve Hayes made the decision to air the nationally-syndicated skit. "I would have never put it on if I thought it promoted violence against anyone," McElroy said. "There was never any intent to go out and offend someone."

Hayes said the skit is no longer on the air because it is out of the station's regular rotation. But he maintained it had nothing to do with the society's letter. "We're sensitive to complaints, but that doesn't mean we'll pull a spot just because someone complains about it," Hayes said.

McElroy said audience complaints are nothing new. "After being in this business for 14 years, I've found that you almost can't go on the air without offending someone."

Surber said the Lambda Society plans to contact the comedy network that produced the skit, the Kellogg's cereal company and the Federal Communications Commission.

## Firearm confiscated

## Student suspected in incident

By Kevin D. Melrose  
 and Chris Stadelman  
 Reporters

A Marshall student, suspected of possessing a firearm in a residence hall Wednesday night, has been referred to Judicial Affairs, which will be responsible for disciplinary action.

Stanley A. Lacy, Kermit freshman, is suspected of possessing a model 659 semiautomatic 9mm Smith and Wesson handgun in Twin Towers East.

Lacy could not be reached for comment Thursday afternoon.

According to a Marshall University Police Department report, the Office of Public Safety received a telephone call Wednesday night from TTE sixth floor resident adviser James Barton Cavendish, East Bank junior, who said someone had pulled a firearm on some people on that floor.

Sgt. William D. Beard and officers James E. Jones and Ryan H. Wilfong responded to the call and, upon arrival, were given 14 rounds of Federal brand 9mm Luger full metal jacket cartridges.

Cavendish told the officers another resident gave him the cartridges.

In the report, Wilfong said he spoke to that resident who told him that Lacy and another male resident had been in a fight in the south side restroom of the sixth floor.

According to the report, the student said Lacy had a silver gun in the small of his back and, at that time, someone wrestled the weapon away from Lacy and gave it to him.

The resident told Wilfong that Lacy had said he called his aunt and gave her the gun to get it out of the building. The report stated that was the only information the resident could provide.

Wilfong stated in the report that he called Lacy's aunt who was not home. Wilfong told the aunt's daughter about the incident and asked her to have her mother call him.

The officers left and returned at 11:24 p.m. after receiving another telephone call from Cavendish.

According to the report, the officers returned and met Cavendish in the fifth floor study lounge. The resident with whom they had spoken earlier was in his room and confirmed his earlier story.

The resident said someone handed him the gun after it had been wrestled away from Lacy. He then unloaded the magazine and placed it and the gun in the ceiling of the fifth floor lounge.

He then gave the cartridges to Cavendish.

Wilfong said he searched the ceiling tiles and found the magazine, but he did not find the gun at that time.

Wilfong said in the report that he spoke to Lacy who said he did not have a gun, only the magazine and cartridges that he was supposed to give to a friend.

The report stated that Lacy and the two residents with whom the MUPD officers spoke were intoxicated and concise information was difficult to obtain.

Officer J. E. Terry of MUPD said he and Capt. Eugene Crawford retrieved a model 659 Smith and Wesson handgun from the ceiling of the fifth floor study lounge of TTE Thursday at 10 a.m.

Linda Templeton, coordinator of Judicial Affairs, said the case has been turned over to her office but that she could not comment about charges against Lacy.

Templeton would not discuss specific penalties concerning the incident, but mentioned what would usually be done in similar situations.

"If we feel they need to be charged with having a firearm on campus, we will charge them with that, no matter what the intent," she said.

Templeton said the maximum sanction against the student would be expulsion. "It could be anything from a verbal warning to expulsion, but I would say a verbal warning is not appropriate in this case."

She would not comment further about possible sanctions.

According to the Student Code of Conduct, possession of dangerous weapons, devices or substances such as firearms and ammunition is a type one behavior violation with a maximum sanction of



Photo by Robert Saunders

Melissa Ramsey, Ripley freshman, drinks from a water fountain in Old Main. The fountains in question are in Smith, Northcott and Gullickson halls.

## Lead in fountains may pose hazard

By Rob Bastianelli  
 Reporter

Some water coolers on campus may be exposing students to dangerous amounts of lead.

Coolers in at least three buildings contain parts made by companies that have appeared on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of items containing dangerous lead components.

EBCO-Manufacturing Corporation and Sunroc Corporation, which appear on EPA's list, have parts in coolers located in Smith, Gullikson, and Northcot halls.

Roger C. Allen, director of plant operations, said some testing had been done last spring, but he did not think any of the coolers were recalled.

"I do know that some water coolers were replaced about 18 months ago, but that may be an unrelated event," Allen said. "I do recall seeing quite a few coolers stacked up for junk."

"I find that there is no written report on record of the testing last spring," Allen said. "We definitely need to do some more testing. This is a hazard we are aware of and we are arranging for testing to be done."

According to an article in Insight Magazine, Michael B. Cook, director of the EPA's Office of Drinking Water, said, "The EPA

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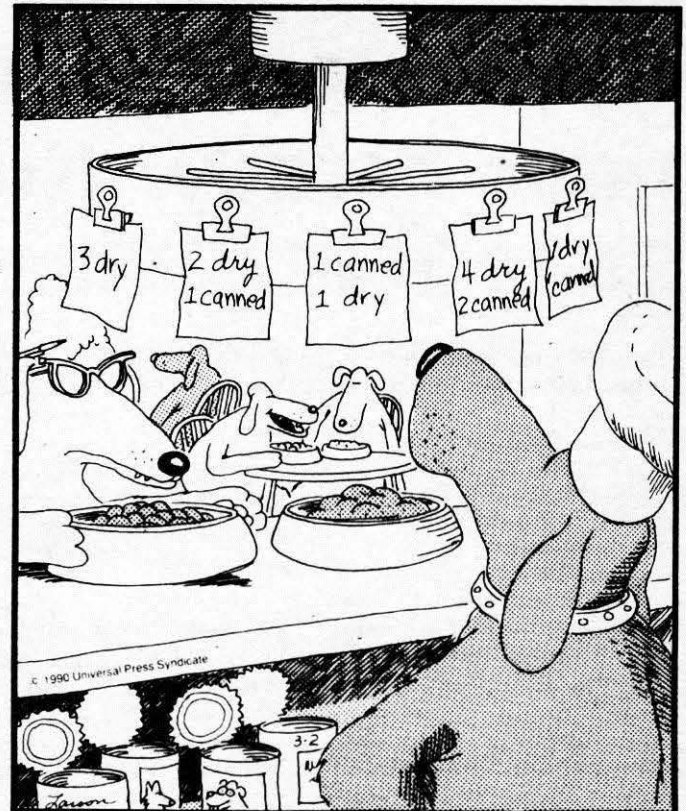
## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



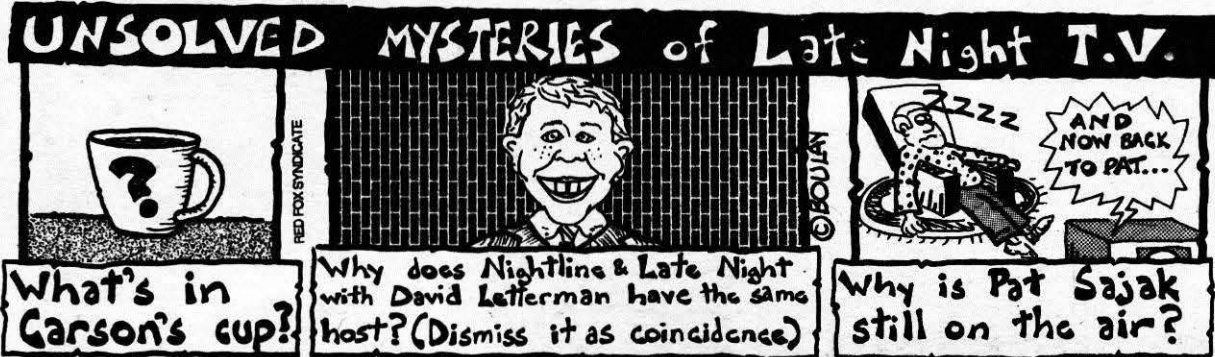
## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Snail's pace of legislators may cost us

**M**embers of the West Virginia Legislature are continuing to set records for futility.

With one week remaining in the session, only 16 bills have made it to the governor's desk, with 11 of them signed into law. While taking time to deal with sensitive issues such as tatoos and license plates for snowmobiles, the solons simply haven't been able to fit lesser issues into their busy days.

Minor issues such as the 1991 budget and abortion, for example.

With the Legislature scheduled to adjourn at midnight on March 10, talk already has surfaced about extending the session.

What a magnificent idea.

It is no secret the state of West Virginia is beyond broke. Ask anyone associated with higher education about that. So rather than working quickly to save the taxpayers' money, people such as Sen. Jay Wolfe, R-Harrison, are threatening to have every bill read on the floor in its entirety between now and the end of the session. Wolfe is upset because his favorite subject, abortion restrictions, have not been brought out of committee yet.

That's real mature.

Since he can't play the game his way, no one will play at all. And taxpayer will pay for it all.

What may even top that, however, is the fact that the House Finance Committee has not proposed a budget yet. Bobbie Haney, the committee secretary, said it probably will be Monday before one is released to the floor of the House. That leaves five days for the budget to pass the House, pass the Senate and be signed by the governor.

Admittedly it may be done. But even if it is, why have they waited this long and taken a chance on costing the taxpayers extra money when they haven't done anything to speak of for two months?

When they get down to work, members pass legislation at the drop of a hat. Unfortunately, they don't seem to get into that mode until they are being paid overtime. Officials said they weren't sure how much extra it cost, but at this stage anything is too much.

Of course, it also simply could be that they are having such a good time in the big city that they don't want to go back into their backwoods districts.

Surely all the constituents there don't mind paying for their hard-working representatives to relax a little.

Do they?

## Flushing all the men's room myths

It's not just a bodily function, it's an adventure.

All men, at one point or another, have wondered what goes on in the women's room, but how many women have wondered what goes on in the men's room?

Men's room society is so seldom discussed, I'd like to take time to explore this mysterious world of waste.

Like any country, people shape the society. Therefore, by describing these people, one should be able to paint a picture in her mind of the general atmosphere.

In any crowded mens' room 10 stereotypical users can be observed.

**The Orator**, upon entering the room, strikes up a conversation with whomever unluckily ends up at the urinal beside him. He, by far, is the most skilled and educated urinator of the crowd. Without even thinking he can do his business and strike up a conversation at the same time. He spews his facts and other things, zips up and then leaves.

**The Competitor** always finds himself looking into your urinal to make sure you're not doing better than he is. It's a race to see who can finish first or who can go longer.

**The Rabbit Man** practically crawls into his urinal. He always heads straight for the corner. He never speaks; he never even makes eye-contact with anyone. Some bathroom sociologists have suggested he can communicate with the wall in front of him.

**The Trickster** has an uncanny ability. He can perform his duty without using his hands. He obviously developed this ability as a child and often shouted for his mother to observe.

**The Shaker** is not a member of a religious sect. He is a neat freak who will not relieve his post until the last drop is dispelled. He often takes it upon himself to flush not only his urinal, but also the urinals beside him.

Chris Rice  
NEWS EDITOR



His converse, **Spot**, is careless and sloppy. He often leaves the mens' room red-faced. Noticeable wetness dots his trousers, revealing where he went when he slipped away. Spot also seldom washes his hands.

**The Distance Man** stands as far away from the urinal as possible, takes aim and fires. He gradually moves closer and closer to his target as pressure decreases. Novice Distance Men are responsible for the infamous mens' room odor.

**The Artist** draws pictures in the bottom of the urinal. His work is beautiful to see. The glistening yellow hues surrounded by the serenity of the white porcelain might have inspired Warhol. But like a spider's web or a snowflake or a deal at McDonald's, it lasts for only a limited time.

**The Marksman** enjoys shooting at something. He drops a cigarette butt or wad of gum into the bottom of the urinal. He may also pretend that the drain of the urinal is an alien invader. Some days he will imitate a machine gun or laser rifle while taking care of business.

Finally, the lovable **Drunk** who often requires more than one urinal. He often, unselfishly, fills the pants' cuff of anyone standing nearby.

This collection of characters is the basis for any men's room society, an ever-changing society so fragile it can be destroyed if anyone sits down.

## Readers' Voice

### Columnist blurs issue of abortion with false claims

To the Editor:

I would like to make some comments regarding Vina Hutchinson's Feb. 28 column. First, Operation Rescue's subsidiary organizations are called "terrorist." The definition of "terrorist" is "one who uses systematic terror as a means of coercion." I did not realize that sitting on a sidewalk singing psalms was a form of inflicting terror.

Secondly, the column attempts to blur the issue at hand (abortion) by slurring Randall Terry's character. Next time, Ms. Hutchinson, before giving a sweeping psychoanalysis of someone, perhaps a little more research should be done than just a guess at their motives. One never knows, perhaps Terry is motivated by the bloody "surgical removal" of 4,000 babies every day in America. Unless there is hard evidence worthy of defaming someone, please refrain from slandering them.

Finally, it is implied that Operation Rescue advocates violence. Before allowing people to rescue with O.R., the potential participants must agree to be "peaceful ...and non-violent in both word and deed."

There is no doubt that there are some involved violently in the abortion battle, but Operation Rescue and Randall Terry are not among them.

Jim Butcher II  
Huntington junior

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## Nutrition expert set to address med students

By Michael Corsaro  
Reporter

Marshall University medical students will be able to hear a nationally known expert on nutrition and cholesterol at the opening lectureship of The Third Annual Research Day.

Dr. Dewitt S. Goodman will speak about "Retinoid and Retinoid-Binding Proteins/Recent Advances," at 7 p.m. Monday in Memorial Student Center Shawkey Room. He will speak again at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Radisson Hotel on the National Campaign to Lower Cholesterol and Coronary Risks.

"We need to educate the public and the physicians about how to deal with nutrition and cholesterol," Goodman said.

Goodman is the chairman of a committee that determines what are high cholesterol levels, how physicians are to treat patients and guidelines that patients should follow.

"The committee is the national leader of cholesterol education and is responsible for publicity and practices relating to cholesterol and heart disease," Goodman said.

He explained labels can be misleading in that they state "no cholesterol," when in fact the product contains a lot of saturated fat, which is worse than dietary cholesterol. While this practice is not widespread he said it does happen. Goodman said the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture are working to get better food labeling bills passed by Congress.

Goodman attributed one-half of all deaths to cardiovascular heart disease and one-third of those to coronary heart disease that can be traced to eating habits.

Effective March 1

## Cost of prescriptions \$3 for students

By Renee Peterson  
Reporter

A change has taken place in the student health policy. The new policy states prescriptions given by the doctors at John Marshall Medical Center, filled at the university pharmacy, will cost only \$3 for Marshall students, effective Thursday.

The health service contract has specific rules in order for the discount to be in effect. They are as follows:

- Medicines purchased without a prescription will not be covered under the plan. Students will continue to purchase over-the-counter medicines at their own cost.

- Only medicines found on the formulary list (a list devised by the committee) will be covered through the student health plan.

- Medications will be provided for acute illness only. If a student is taking a medication on a chronic or on-going basis the prescription plan will not cover those particular medications.

- Students will still be responsible for a small payment for other prescription drugs. Initially, this charge will be a \$3 co-payment per prescription.

- No outside prescriptions will be honored through the prescription plan. Only prescriptions written from the drug formulary and the Student Health Services will be honored.

Kenneth E. Blue, associate dean for student affairs, said the portion of the cost of the prescription that isn't covered by the \$3 will be paid by Student Health Services.

**Students can now get some prescription drugs at the campus medical center for \$3 instead of paying the full cost of the prescription under a new policy started this month.**

Blue said he had been trying to get a policy like this for many years because many college students cannot afford prescription prices. The figure of \$3 was chosen as a random recommendation by the committee, according to Blue.

Robin Ashford, the registered pharmacist at John Marshall Medical Services, says she expects more prescriptions to be filled at the pharmacy now with the reduced cost. Most students take their prescriptions home to be filled at their local pharmacy so that their parents can pay for them, according to Ashford. Now, because of an affordable price, they can pay the cost themselves. Ashford said that before the new policy went into effect, students paid 90 percent of prescription prices.

Blue said there was a possibility of change in the plan's future. The \$3 cost may be raised or lowered depending on the stability of the money set aside for the plan. He said he would like to have the prescriptions given at no cost to the students, but at this time Student Health Services cannot afford to cover the whole cost.

## Research grants available for graduates

By Chris Ann Stoutamyer  
Reporter

The Graduate School and Graduate Student Council plan to award 10 research grants in early April to encourage students to work on thesis projects this summer, Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Graduate School, said.

Graduate students whose thesis projects have been approved by the thesis committee and the graduate school may apply for a \$384.60 grant to underwrite their research efforts. Deutsch said the program is relatively new. This is the third year grants have been awarded. Application deadline is March 31. Applications are available in the Graduate School office.

Recipients are chosen according to the quality and significance of the research, the likelihood the research will result in a completed thesis and the student's financial situation.

The grants are designed to encourage thesis research. "They will mean that the students will have the time and the money to devote their attention to making substantial progress on their thesis," Deutsch said.

More English, history and science students do these projects than other students, he said. Biology students apply for thesis approval most often, Deutsch said.

The Graduate Student Council's Student Research Committee will award the grants. The committee consists of graduate students, faculty and the graduate school dean.

The committee will read and rank the proposals, discuss the rankings, reach a consensus and select the winners, Deutsch said. The Graduate School or the Graduate Student Council will announce the winners in early April.

Grant recipients will receive a tuition waiver and \$384.60 for research expenses. Award winners may not serve as graduate assistants. Students who receive grants must submit a progress report on research to the Graduate School or a completed thesis by June 30.

Funding for the grants comes from several sources including the HERF committee, the Marshall Foundation, Inc., the Graduate Student Council and the Graduate School.

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By Gregory Leaming  
Staff Writer

## Contagious virus cause of cervical cancer

### Early detection from Pap test can save lives

Deaths from cervical cancer are abnormally high in West Virginia, and a virus which often causes the cancer is spreading among Marshall's female students, Dr. Sherwood C. Lynn, associate professor of obstetrics/gynecology said.

The death rate from cervical cancer in West Virginia is 50 percent higher than the national average, said Lynn. Much of the disease is thought to be triggered by the Papilloma virus, known for causing venereal warts.

"The problem with cervical cancer is that it takes its roots in the Papilloma virus—venereal warts—which are rampant on this campus," Lynn said. "We're swamped with cases. We see several every day. It's frightening."

According to a Department of Health and Human Services study, only Washington, D.C. and South Carolina had more women die from the disease than West Virginia. Nearly six of every 100,000 West Virginia women die of cervical cancer annually.

Venereal warts are difficult for women

to detect. The warts often progress to pre-malignant lesions. These lesions become actual cancer in 85 percent of all cases.

The Papilloma virus is extremely contagious. Lynn described people between the ages of 18 and 25 as being at high-risk of infection. He said he has seen women as young as 17 treated for pre-malignant lesions.

"It's not just sexually transmitted. You can pass the virus by trading bathing suits," Lynn said.

Lynn believes people should be alarmed by the virus and its connection to cervical cancer. He expressed concern that not enough people are aware of the problem because the "spotlight and the hype have been taken over by AIDS."

While men apparently are not in danger of developing a cancer caused by the virus, they can contract venereal warts. If untreated, men will carry the virus for life, infecting all women with whom they are sexually involved.

Lynn said that condoms are helpful in preventing transmission of the virus, but are not a fail-safe method of prevention. Some studies have indicated as many as 10 percent of all condoms rupture during use.

Presence of the Papilloma virus, pre-malignant lesions and cervical cancer can be detected by the Pap test.

Lynn said most women should have a Pap test annually and young, sexually active women should be tested every six months. He said the test is a quick and painless

procedure.

"If we catch these pre-malignant lesions before they become cancer, they are totally curable," Lynn said.

Once diagnosed as cancer, treatment is usually aggressive. A radical hysterectomy is often suggested.

"This is a major procedure that usually leads to bladder and bowel problems," Lynn said. "If the cancer is very advanced, radiation therapy is used, and is often successful."

Lynn came to Marshall from the University of Texas at Houston. He said one of the reasons for his move to West Virginia was concern about the unusually high cervical cancer mortality rate. He blames geography and lack of health care facilities for the problem.

Lynn said Marshall University is working with the American Cancer Society to set up a mobile screening program. The program will take the PAP tests to rural areas where health care is scarcely available.

The trial program will cover Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason counties. Lynn said that 16 other West Virginia counties have expressed interest in the program.

## Med School offers AIDS program to public schools

By Michael Belcher  
Reporter

Medical students in the Marshall University School of Medicine are teaching public school students about AIDS as part of a required eight-week community service rotation, Dr. Linda Savory, associate professor of the Department of Family and Community Health said.

The program, Students Teaching AIDS To Students (STATS), was developed in 1988 by the American Medical Association, and began at Marshall last December, Savory said.

"The program is set up for any high school or junior high school," said Lisa L. Besser, medical student from Sharpville, Pa. "We teach that the best way to fight AIDS is by preventing it. We teach everything from basic sex education, within limits, to specifics about AIDS."

The program, designed as a two-day presentation, includes a video tape and literature supplied by the AMA. After the initial hour-long presentation, the medical students return the next day to

answer any questions, Savory said.

"AIDS phobia is another big thing that we try to fight. We push that AIDS is not an easy thing to get. If you're involved in risky behavior, then sure, it's real easy to contract. But you can't get AIDS from a person sitting next to you," Besser said.

The program has received some resistance from local high schools, Besser said.

"We tried to go to the Huntington area high schools, and there was a lot of resistance. Parents were afraid of us teaching AIDS to their children, and that's a shame. We're not teaching kids to have sex. We are trying to save their lives," Besser said.

Peggy J. Campell, supervisor of health and physical education for Cabell County's Board of Education, disputed this claim.

The state Legislature has mandated that each county draft its own AIDS health program or adopt the one being drafted by the state government. State law also requires that the programs are viewed by the local communities before being taught in the communities' schools, Campell said.

"Once the final program is finished by the state, and we have accepted it, Marshall is more than welcome to submit the STATS program for the community to screen. I'm not blaming anyone, but Cabell County is

simply caught between laws right now," Campell said.

The medical students also took the program outside of the Huntington area, Savory said.

"It seems to be very popular with the high schools. Since it is related to the delicate area of sexuality, I think students relate to the information better from people closer to being peers, than from old fuddy-duddies telling them 'don't do this and don't do that,'" Savory said.

"There was a great response," Besser said.

## Lead

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included on the list of coolers with lead-lined tanks all models with any evidence that they contained lead. Some models are on this list based on evidence from a single cooler. The only way to be sure there is a problem is to use EPA's guidance document and testing protocol."

In a study conducted by Dr. Herbert L. Needleman of the University of Pittsburgh, people fail to outgrow such problems as low grades, poor coordination and high absenteeism that occur as a result of lead poisoning.

"We think this study, the longest follow-up on record, shows that the affects of lead are permanent and are reflected in real-life success," Needleman said.

Lead harms the brain by interfering with the normal growth and development of the central nervous system.

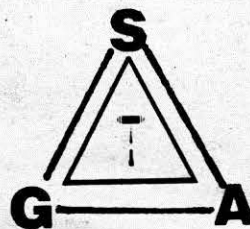
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# Alumni parties part of tourney plans

By Anthony Allred  
Reporter

Two activities are set for Marshall fans traveling to Asheville, N.C., for the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament, Director of Alumni Affairs Linda Holmes said.

The Southern Conference Alumni and Fans reception will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Haywood Park Hotel.

Holmes said the cost for the reception will be \$3 a person and a cash bar with prices set by the hotel will be provided.

One event the planned is "Marshall Day

at Bill Stanley's" from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday. Bill Stanley's Barbeque and Blue grass Restaurant will sponsor an all-you-can eat buffet at \$10 a person and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

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# Sports

New season, new coach

## Change characterizes MU team; baseball season starts Sunday

By Mark Stein  
Staff Writer

Even though the start of the Major League Baseball season is in jeopardy, fans won't have to wait long to see a game.

Marshall's baseball season begins Sunday against West Virginia Wesleyan at University Heights field with its first new coach in 23 years, Howard McCann.

McCann, who replaced retired coach Jack Cook, served as an assistant baseball coach for seven years at the University of Georgia.

McCann said Cook made his job at Marshall easier. "I inherited a lot of good talent," he said. "We have a number of kids with a lot of potential."

McCann takes over a team which led the Southern Conference with a .322 batting average last season. Five starters from last year's 16-14 team could give Marshall enough experience to challenge for the conference championship. "Our experience will definitely help our ball club," he said.

Returning junior first baseman Dave McAnallen, with a team leading 42 RBI, was the Herd's top hitter last season with a .375 batting average and nine home runs.

Senior shortstop Dave L. Piepenbrink returns after hitting .360 with eight homers and 23 RBI. Senior outfielder Chris Hall hit .348 with three homers and 20 RBI.

Other returning starters are junior outfielder Tuffy Gould, who hit .293 last season, and senior third baseman John Piepenbrink, who hit .225 last year.

McCann said Marshall should be good offensively. "We have a team that led the conference in hitting last year," he said. "We are going to score some runs."

"Our only problem is that we don't have a left-handed hitter in the lineup," McCann said. "What we are concerned about is the right-handed pitcher who throws a good hard slider. Those type of pitchers might be a problem for us."

McCann said the key to the teams' success this season is the way it work. "Our work habits have definitely improved," he said. "To win you have to have it. We have to handle the routine day in and day out."

One area McCann had to work on was the pitching staff.

*"I inherited a lot of good talent. We have a number of kids with a lot of potential. We'll be competitive."*

Howard McCann

Last year's undermanned staff had an earned-run-average of 6.03, walked 153 batters and gave up 273 hits.

"Our pitching will be much improved," McCann said. "We have enough pitching depth to keep us in most games." McCann said senior Jason Schafer, who was 2-4 with a 4.82 E.R.A. last season, will be his starter on Sunday.

Other possible starters along with Schafer are junior Keith Throckmorton, freshman Scott Miller and freshman Bill Craig.

The middle relievers are junior Ronald Thomas, freshman Ron Spencer and freshman John Winters. McCann's closer is sophomore Chris Bellomy.

McCann said the Herd has grown as a team since his arrival. "We have a winning attitude," he said. "It is more of a family atmosphere here now. Kids are talking 'what can I do for the team?'"

"The team concept we have tried to instill here is going to help us," McCann said. "Our off-season conditioning program brought us closer together as a team."

Trying to upgrade the entire program is a key to the team's success, McCann said.

"When we came here, our first priority was to make the kids feel like they were playing for a class act," he said. "We want to give them enough confidence so they will believe they can beat any Division I school."

McCann said the Southern Conference race will be interesting. "We'll be competitive," he said. "We'll be around at the end."

After the West Virginia Wesleyan game, Marshall plays nine consecutive games on the road, including a three-game set against Clemson in Clemson, S.C., during spring break.

Steven J. Keith  
SPORTS EDITOR



## Asheville... Magic of town brings out best in basketball team

It's that time of year again.

Time for our honored men in green to trek down to a small North Carolina city to show everyone in the conference what they're made of.

It's time for some "Asheville Magic."

The first weekend of March brings the Southern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament and all the excitement surrounding it. The regular season is finished and each team has a chance to start all over... a chance to prove itself... a chance to win it all. This is a team's time to shine and that is just what Marshall usually does come tournament time.

### Last year is an excellent example

After finishing a lowly sixth place in the regular season last year, the Herd traveled to Asheville with most people expecting it to lose the first game. But a pumped-up Herd, backed by hundreds of screaming fans, beat third ranked Appalachian State, 83-69. Although many people may not have expected that to happen, afterward they were sure that was the end of Marshall's fairy tale tournament appearance. Wrong.

That same enthusiastic Herd team went on Saturday to defeat second-seeded Furman by a whopping 91-68 score. The unexpected had become a reality. A Marshall team, which had struggled all season, would challenge for the tournament title.

Unfortunately for the team and its supporters, however, that's where the fairy tale ended. Although the team played a good, close game for most of the contest, a stronger East Tennessee squad exploded in the closing minutes to defeat the Herd by an impressive 23 points.

Yes, our men lost the championship, but they had proved much more. They were a team with a mission and showed they could play better than their 6-8 regular season conference record indicated.

### Marshall makes the tournament

But this is where the Herd stands out above the rest. It's Marshall's moment in the spotlight. SC Commissioner Dave Hart even said last year that "Marshall makes the tournament." No doubt about it. Why?

A major factor is the hundreds of fans who travel to the tournament every year — Hundreds of screaming, loud, supportive, green-bleeding fans. This is the first year, as a matter of fact, that Marshall hasn't sold more tickets to the tournament than any other conference school.

This year should be no different. Picked to finish as low as sixth again this year, the Herd finished second and challenged ETSU for the regular season crown. The team has already proved itself and, after two close losses to ETSU in the regular season, the Herd will be out for blood. They'll be a team to be reckoned with in the tournament.

It is, after all, their tournament. Once again, let's hope they shine!

## Sports Shorts

### Simmons named member of SC All-Freshman team

Harold Simmons has been named to the Southern Conference All-Freshman team by league sports information directors.

Simmons, a 6-foot guard from Houston, Texas, is one of six named to the team. Others are Western Carolina's Eric Dailey, The Citadel's Aaron Nichols, Appalachian State's Billy Ross, Furman's Derek Waugh and Tennessee-Chattanooga's Maceo Williams.

Simmons is averaging 4.7 points per game and is shooting 41.8 percent from the field, 32.4 percent from the three-point line and 87.5 percent from the free throw line.

He has started 13 of the Herd's 27 games and is second on the team in assists with 25 steals and third with 48 assists.

Simmons is the ninth Herd player to make the team since Marshall joined the conference in 1977.

### SC Tourney begins at noon

The action of the Southern Conference Tournament kicks off at noon today when the number four seed, Virginia Military, faces number five seed Tennessee-Chattanooga. That game is followed by number one seed East Tennessee State battling number eight seed Western Carolina at 2:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m., Marshall, the number two seed, plays Furman, the number seven seed. Ending the first day of action, number three seed Appalachian State battles number six seed The Citadel at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's games will feature the winners of Friday's first two games and the winners of the two evening games. Game times are 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

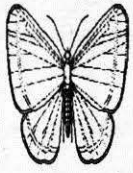
The winners of those contests will go for it all Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the tournament championship. The winner of the championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.



# BREAK AWAY

The answer to Thursday's "What Year is This?" article is 1978.

## Tattoos



body art  
making  
its mark

"A tattoo is a personal expression," Kristi D. Dodson, Charleston sophomore, said about her tattoo. "It hurt like a bitch, but it was worth it."

Tattooing is enjoying a resurgence in popularity, especially among college students, said Diana L. Booth, owner of Tattoos By Diana, in Chesapeake, Ohio.

People usually associate tattoos with bikers, musicians and criminals, but that is a misconception, Booth said.

"I've done work on all kinds of people—doctors, lawyers, students, wrestlers—you name it," she said.

With origins traced to ancient Egypt, tattoos have served as decoration, punishment, marking of social status and magical protection.

"No other body art is as threatening, mysterious and seductive as the tattoo," said Chris Wroblewski, author of "Tattoo: Pigments of Imagination." The book features photographs and descriptions of ornate body art.

However, decorating the body is not the only reason some get tattoos.

"I did it because my roommate said he would pay for half of it," Anthony W. Allred, Huntington junior, said.

Though more people are getting tattoos, many are concerned with the health risks. State Sen. C. N. "Bud" Harman, R-Taylor, Senate minority leader, is pushing for legislation that would either outlaw tattoos or require medical supervision and regulation.

"Anytime you have someone breaking the skin, there should be a doctor involved," Harman said.

The bill, which was requested by the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, is raised in concern to the spreading of hepatitis, possibly the HIV virus, and allergic reactions to the dyes used.

As of now, three states have banned tattooing and 16 regulate the procedure. West Virginia and Ohio have no regulatory laws.

"It shouldn't be outlawed, but the government should inspect," Booth said. "Places that aren't clean and sterilized can't stay in business anyway," she said, noting reputation is what draws customers.

Booth, who has been in business for five and a half years and estimates she has done more than 500,000 tattoos, said she has had no complaints about serious infections or hepatitis.

Rubber gloves are used and all wastes are incinerated. "I never use anything twice," she said.

A Kanawha-Charleston Health Department document, which includes reports from Arch Dermatol, a medical publication, states "tattoos of the buttocks indicate sexual preferences," and "use of certain illicit drugs is indicated by 'H,'



Richard A. Pettit of Huntington has spent 25 hours and \$1,000 getting his nine tattoos including the motorcycle emblem on his back.

'M,' or the more subtle '13' (the 13th letter of the alphabet-M)."

Booth said it is commonly understood that the "H" stands for heroin and the "M" stands for marijuana.

Booth said making tattoos illegal is "a waste of time and money."

Booth discussed her tattooing as anything but a job. "I think I was born to do it—it feels natural."

Skulls and roses are probably the most popular tattoos, she said, though many people bring in their own drawings or pictures. Booth has catalogs with thousands of her own designs.

"I'll do it anywhere you want it—as long as

you can sit still through it," she said.

Booth said the most unusual tattoo she has done has been a wolf's head on the top and down the back of a man's shaven head.

Starting with a trace pattern applied to the skin, Booth then starts the outline, going as fast as possible. Then, she fills in the design with the colors.

"I work from the bottom up so blood and ink won't get in the way," she said.

So far, only men have passed out while receiving tattoos, she said.

"It doesn't surprise me, but it's not what you would expect."

Booth said she doesn't know of any method to remove a tattoo without resorting to surgery.

Branding is another type of body art popular among black fraternities, said Ellis Bryson, Northfork sophomore and Alpha Phi Alpha member. The brand produces artificially raised scars called keloids.

"You're not forced (to get the brand)—you do it if you want it," said Bryson. Bryson, who used heated paper clips to brand his Greek letters on his arm, said "it didn't hurt, but one's enough."

Text by Brian D. Jack  
Photos by Chris Hancock

Right: Diana L. Booth, tattoo artist, is creating the new tattoo on Pettit's back. Below: Booth is re-touching a client's tattoo.

