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Orientation may become mandatory

Dean says proposal could go in effect by '91

By Lisa Wheatley Staff Writer

New students may be required to attend a mandatory orientation before they would be allowed to register, the associate dean of student affairs said.

Dr. Don E. Robertson said a proposal has been made that would require new students and transferring students to attend orientation.

Students entering the Community College and returning students 25 years or older would be exempt from the requirement, Robertson said.

The proposal has been recommended to go in effect in 1991 with the first summer session. The reason for the delay in starting the program is, "to make it the most effective orientation possible," Robertson said.

"The goal is to make it as accessible and convenient as possible," Robertson said. He said if the proposal is passed, a new

He said if the proposal is passed, a new student would not be allowed to register for classes unless they had attended their orientation

However, he said orientation would be directly tied to registration. The only time new students could register would be during their orientation. "This is one way of enforcing it," Robertson said.

He said this is not a new program for schools nationwide, but for Marshall it is a new program. "We researched what other schools are doing and we acted on our research of the trend," Robertson said.

If the Faculty Senate passes the proposed legislation, returning students would still have first priority for registering.

Handicapped and international students will have special orientations arranged for them but those would also be mandatory orientations. Robertson said.

'Walk of Fame' planned for stadium

Sale of bricks to benefit athletics

By Susannah Canoy Reporter

The Big Green Scholarship Foundation is selling bricks to anyone wishing to be a part of history in the making.

Although the Big Green solicits new members on a continual basis, the newest program to obtain money for athletes is the "Walk of Fame." Bricks are being sold for \$50 or \$100 to be part of the stadium's foundation.

Richard E. "Scooter," director of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, said the bricks will be placed in the order in which the contributions were made and notices of the location will be sent out prior to the opening of the stadium.

Shreve said approximately 30,000 brochures explaining the contribution programs available were sent out the second week of February to present Big Green members, alumni, some students and anyone else that has expressed an interest in participating.

The foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Its primary purpose is to provide financial support for the Building the Big Green . .

brick by brick

The Big Green Foundation is selling bricks for the athletes for the "Walk of Fame."

Bricks will be sold for \$50 or \$100 to use

as the new stadium's foundation.

total intercollegiate athletic program at Marshall.

The money received from contributions goes to the Athletic Department and is used for scholarships and recruiting.

For \$25 a year, anyone can be a Big Green member. A newsletter, "Word From The

Herd", is sent out to all members and depending on the level of giving, other privileges such as seating and parking priorities are received.

There is also a special long distance telephone service available. Every time a long distance call is made, the caller

Lambda Society's posters vandalized

By David L. Swint Staff Writer

Almost 500 posters announcing a meeting today of the Marshall Lambda Society were burned from posted sites on university buildings and property Wednesday.

Lambda Society co-president Gene R. Surber, Lewisburg junior, said the notices were posted between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tuesday, but by 8 a.m. Wednesday, "about 98 percent were gone."

98 percent were gone."
"Probably 3 percent of those were ripped down, and the rest were burned," Surber said

Surber said the Lambda Society has filed

a report with the Marshall University Police Department. "Whoever is involved may be charged with three misdemeanors: creating a fire hazard, destruction of organization property and obstruction of freedom of speech," he said.

Officer J. E. Terry of the MUPD said that according to the report posters were burned at several campus locations, including Harris Hall and the James E. Morrow Library.

"Several posters were burned, and others were torn down and written on," Terry said, citing the report.

Terry said there are no suspects in the case, but this is only one of several circum-

stances of the Lambda Society's posters being defaced.

Surber said there have been some problems with poster destruction before, "but not like this."

Surber said he thinks more than one person is involved, but he does not know the suspects' motives. "I don't know why it's such an issue. These people have gone way out of their way to get to the posters."

In addition to the MUPD report, Surber said the society will be writing to college deans, the Student Government Association and Dr. Nell Bailey, vice president for

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Institutional research director quits to resume teaching

By Kevin D. Melrose Reporter

Dr. Stuart W. Thomas is a very busy man.
Wearing blue jeans and a casual shirt,
Thomas sits in the Office of Institutional
Research, constantly sorting through papers and jotting down information — paying little attention to the heat in Old Main.
But now after four years he's giving it all

But now, after four years, he's giving it all up to return to the Department of Psychol-

ogy.

Thomas, who has been director of institutional research since 1985, said he never

considered his position a permanent one.

"I was asked to fill in when the previous institutional research director left," Thomas said. "I just never saw this as a career move. I see this as a time to go back.

"They needed someone who could fill the job, and they needed someone who was familiar with the files," Thomas said. "I had done some research earlier using the files."

Thomas said he can return to the department of psycology without causing a disturbance because of a vacancy left by Dr. George Ward II, professor of psychology, who retires at the end of the year.

Although he will be moving from an administrative position to that of a faculty member, Thomas said he did not think his salary will be greatly affected.

"I really haven't looked at that," he said.
"It's not going to be much of a cut at all."

He said during his stint as director, he has learned a lot and discovered something few people realize.

"I've learned that probably the administrative offices are as badly understaffed as the faculty positions," Thomas said. "You hear less about there not being enough people left to get the job done."

He said although he will miss his current job, returning to the classroom will be a welcomed change.

Thomas said the institutional research director position is being advertised in The Chronicle of Higher Education, a national publication, but expects most of the applications to come from people in this region.

He said he is to leave his current position July 1, but his plans may change.

"I just looked, and I have 29 days of vacation," Thomas said. "So, I'll either leave a month early or they'll buy my vacation—one of the two."

Christianity, Islam similarities conference's discussion topic

A conference about common links between christianity and Islam will take place at 7 p.m. today in the Shawky Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of the Marshall University Center for International Studies, and Dr. Jamal Badaway, chairman of the Islamic Information Foundation, will be the featured speakers.

Each speaker will lecture for about 30 minutes and then will answer questions from the audience.

"The main idea is to achieve an understanding of each other and to eliminate misconceptions about each religion," said Mohammad Shubair, president of the Muslim Association of Huntington.

The idea for the conference originated when Shubair was invited to speak in February at The First United Methodist Church in Huntington about Islamic views,

"This is the first time this conference has taken place and having the speakers answer questions allows more chance for the

people," he said.
"I think this is a terrific opportunity," said Matz, a professor of political science. "American people have too many stereotypes against Arab people and the Islamic religion. This conference may help eliminate such images."

Shubair said the topics will include views of Jesus, moral values of each religion and specifics of the Koran and the Bible.

Matz said he will respond with christian parallels to the topics Badaway discusses.

Badaway is a professor at York University in Toronto, which contains the largest Muslim community in North America. Badaway is the Imam, or leader in prayer and other services, of one of the continent's largest mosques, according to Matz.

Dr. Badaway is a very well-known expert on Islam and we are so very fortunate to have the opportunity to have him attend," Matz said.

Matz is an ordained Methodist minister and served at two churches in Pennsylvania before coming to the political science department at Marshall.

The conference was organized by the Muslim Association of Huntington, which is a chapter of the state office in Charleston;

the Marshall University Center for International Studies and The First United Methodist Church in Huntington.

Sci-Fi weekend features cash awards

MU trying to raise interest in science fiction to as high as it was in the early '80s

> By Penny L. Moss Reporter

Science fiction fans are gathering this weekend for a convention in the Memorial Student Center

The Marshall Science Fiction Society is sponsoring Demi-Con in its efforts to cultivate the level of interest in science fiction that existed in the early 1980s, said Ken E. Stamper, Charleston freshman and organ-

Science fiction gatherings, often called cons, include art shows, role-playing contests, costume calls, movies and other attractions for those interested in science

Cash awards will be given in the roleplaying and costume call tournaments, according to John W. Wright, South Point, Ohio senior and president of the society.

Local chapter members of the national organization, Society of Creative Anachronisms, will re-create medieval battles with costumes and props such as swords and shields Saturday on the MSC plaza, Wright

Also included in the weekend's events is a Huckster's room, in which booths will be set up selling various science fiction paraphernalia, Wright said.

The society is growing after the group "faltered and stagnated for a while," Stamper said. He has been involved with smaller conventions in the past, but didn't have the resources he has with Marshall's club to put on a larger event.

Demi-Con is a rebirth of Munchcon, a large convention Marshall's society used to put on every year, Stamper said. Conventions such as World Con on the West coast involve thousands of people, Wright said. "This is a little teenie version of that," he

"We hope to have a full-fledged Munchcon in a few years and pull people in from beyond the local area," Wright said.

The events run 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday. Costs are \$1 at the door and \$2 to enter the tournaments. Activities will be going on throughout the student center. "The Don Morris room is the place to go if you want to see the start of it," Wright said.

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) - The Cincinnatie Reds announced a revamped spring training exhibition schedule Wednesday that includes eight of 13 games at home.

The schedule begins with a March 26 game against Toronto in Plant City andfinishes with an April 7 game against Philadelphia. The Reds open the regular season Monday, April 9 in Houston. April 8 was left open for travel.

League opponents and three games against ager Sparky Anderson, is as follows: March 26, Toronto; March 27, Detroit; March 28, Houston; March 29, Minnesota; March 30, Boston; March 31, St. Louis; April 1, Detroit; April 2, Boston; April 3, Houston; April 4, St. Louis; April 5, Philadelphia; April 6, Detroit; April 7, Philadelphia.

Reds announce updated spring slate The schedule, featuring four American the Detroit Tigers and former Reds man-

Spring recruitment back on schedule after teacher strike

By Thomas Miller Reporter

Whether or not to attend Marshall University will be the question on many high school seniors' minds in upcoming weeks, and a team of Marshall recruiters begin travelling Monday in search of answers.

Sherry Stevens, admissions counselor and one of the recruiters, said, Our basic recruiting is done in the Fall; this is mainly a revisitation aspect of our program to help students who are interested in coming to Marshall, but need answers to important questions."

We have already visited some places, but the teachers strike last week hindered our progress. We should be able to start full force next Monday," said Dr. Jim Harless, director of admissions and records.

Most high schools have their "College Day" in the Fall, and the bulk of the recruiting is done then, but it is necessary to keep contact with potential students, Stephens said.
"We usally base our revisitations

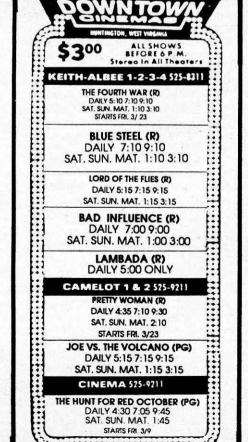
on how much interest we have had from the high schools. We then talk to the guidance counselors of the top 25 and make our appointments," she

Stephens said this recruitment period will take anywhere from 20 to 30 days.

"We mostly want to find out what they want to major in and give them the programs we offer in general. Then we usually discuss the location of the university and size. For a lot of people, Marshall's not-too-small, nottoo-large image is a big plus and, as always, the campus visit is one of our most dependable recruitment tools,"

Tamara Eubanks, minority admissions counselor, said she tries to have fun and enjoys talking to the stu-

"Usually I inform the students of the things we have to offer them, such as minority support, financial aid, scholarships, fraternities, sororities, and give a general overview. A lot of students feel we have nothing to offer them and I try to show them otherwise," she said.



Calendar

First Church of Christ will have a lecture on "Shouldn't Your Prayers Bring Healing?" April 9 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 736-7931.

The Ways and Means Committee, South Point Chapter will have a Country Breakfast Saturday, March 24, from 8 a.m. till noon. The location is the South Point Masonic Temple on Solida Road,

South Point, Ohio.
Prices: Adults \$4, Children \$2
homemade biscuits, gravy, sausage or bacon, fried Potatoes, eggs, orange juice, and coffee

Marshall University Safety Technology Program Division of Specialized Allied Studies announces

the 8th Annual Marshall National Safety Conference March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel. There will be a reception March 29 from 5-6 p.m. and a banquet from 6-8 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel to honor Allen Young, "MARCO," for his contribution to the children's safety programs at the banquet. The Prime Rib Dinner will be \$18.50. For more information call George Parker at (606) 325-

The fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega is having it's First Annual Spring Fitness Run April 21 at 10 a.m. at the Ritter Park Tennis Courts. For more information call John Snyder at 528-9893.

The Honors Convocation, which is open to the public, will be at 8 p.m. March 26 in Smith Recital Hall. For more information call Dr. Donna Spindel

Marshall University's Office of Returning Student Programs will sponsor a free seminar titled

"Women With Children" at noon on April 2, 16 and 30 in Prichard Hall 143. The seminar has been designed as a support group for women to discuss problems they may encounter, according to Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of the program. Topics include family matters, job related problems and school. For more information call Marshall University Office of Returning Student Programs, 696-

Start saving your glass containers and aluminum cans. Owens Illinois and BASF Guyandotte Corporation are co-sponsoring a Recylcing Drive from now through April to help stop child abuse. Bring your recycables to the Bottle Bank at 24th Street and 5th Avenue. A PAC-IT-IN Party (Prevent Abuse of Children) will take place from 1-4 p.m. on April 7 at the Bottle Bank. All proceeds from the drive will go to the Cabell County Child Protection Team and their local abuse efforts. For more information call Tony Angelo at 886-7258 or Nancy Landrum at 523-9587.

Opinion

Editorial

Closed minds prevail again

urprise! Narrow-mindedness once again has reared its ugly head on Marshall's

Yesterday, a majority of the Marshall Lambda Society's posted fliers were burned or ripped from their sites around campus.

It's good to know there are open-minded, tolerant college students in this free, liberated

Who are these self-righteuous pyromaniacs, anyway?

Obviously, the culprits have proclaimed themselves gods and have take on the responsiblity of judging the moral standards of others.

What gives them the right to decide whether homosexuality is right or wrong? We are not condemning or condoning homosexuality, and no one else should either.

Even if it is wrong, no matter how unpopular the view may be, our society protects the right to express it. That's the essence of the First Amendment.

Once again we find ourselves at the keyboard to defend the rights of others to speak freely. Surprised? Unfortunately, we aren't.

Let freedom ring!

First, the Germans ruled them. Then, the South Africans did. And finally, they are on their own.

Namibia's people Wednesday acquired the right to rule their country and in so doing, they put an end to the only remaining colony in

Thousands, including some students and faculty at Marshall, celebrated Namibia's independence Wednesday. The repeated emergence of democracies throughout the world is amazing and a wonderful trend to witness.

We hope this pattern continues and freedom rules.

Parthenon

The Parthenon, founded in 1896, is published Tuesday through Friday in conjunction with classes of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism. The editor has final authority over news and edito-

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Rumors about Moon need to stop

Journalists enjoy rumors. In my young career, I already have worked in four newsrooms, and I have yet to find one which did not buzz with some sort of rumor

Obviously, most of them turn out to be false, but that does nothing to stop them from being fun. It adds excitement.

My first semester working at The Parthenon was the semester President Dale F. Nitzschke spent looking for new jobs, and many of my stories dealt with that. Not a day went by when we didn't hear something from someone about where he might be applying or interviewing next.

It's still one of the most enjoyable experiences I've had in journalism.

Why am I mentioning all of this now? Because for the first time in my life, I am tired of hearing rumors about a Marshall official. That's something I thought would never happen.

It is simply time for the rumors and innuendoes surrounding Athletic Director Lee Moon to stop.

Even before the investigation into Marshall's basketball program was completed, Moon was the subject of criticism. It started in force when Dana Altman was hired to replace Rick Huckabay as basketball coach.

Altman was an assistant at Kansas State, the school Moon left to come to Marshall. People immediately began to say he had picked out a new coach before Huckabay had even resigned, and he had picked one of

I honestly don't know if that is true. What I do know, however, is that Moon was familiar with Altman and his practices. There is not any doubt in my mind that cleaning up the program was something that was paramount in the selection process. If Moon knew Altman was the man to do that, which he seems to be, then I'm

Worst spring break earns Cosby tickets

Was your spring break the break from hell? Did your car break down on the way to the beach? Did your parents drive you nuts? If so, you qualify for The Parthenon's "Worst Spring Break" contest and have a chance to turn your misfortune into two tickets to see Bill Cosby April 20.

To enter, submit a typewritten account of your spring break nightmare to The Parthenon. The account must be 750 words or fewer, and Parthenon editors will vote on who had the worst spring break. All students, except Parthenon employees, are eligible.

The accounts should be truthful, but embellishment will not be frowned upon. Entries should be turned in at Smith Hall 311, and the deadline will be at noon Monday. The winner will be announced Wednesday.

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Information for Calendar must be submitted by noon two days in advance of publication on forms available in The Parthenon newsroom, Smith Hall Room 311. Huntington resident

Chris Stadelman STAFF EDITOR



glad we had the contacts to get him at Marshall.

Now people are blasting Moon for his handling of the NCAA investigation. Rumors range from Moon wanting a job with the NCAA to Nitzschke asking him to go find another job.

All of them are false.

Throughout the process, Moon has said Marshall would accept the penalties if they were not too severe. All you have to do is look at Maryland to see what could have happened, and you'll realize the sanctions could have been much worse

Personally, I think it is refreshing to have an official who 1) admits mistakes were made and 2) accepts the penalties that follow. The most ludicrous accusations I've heard suggest that Moon was at fault for the violations, or at least stood quietly by while they were going on.

Moon came to Marshall in March of 1988, just after the basketball season finished. That means Rick Huckabay "resigned" one season after Moon got here, in other words, as soon as Moon found out what was going

I'm not saying Marshall's Athletic Department is perfect. What I am saying is that the program, and Marshall's athletic director, are much cleaner than

And despite what Rick Huckabay and his supporters say, Lee Moon's presence and Huckabay's absence help keep it that way.

Readers' Voice

Religious understanding helps people in trouble

To the Editor:

People and God

A good many people feel that they know or would like to know what pleases God. Although there are a few recorded instances of the Creator speaking directly to the people, most are influenced by what they observe or what others tell them. Perhaps some would be interested in an explanation which my father game me when I was growing up.

He said he had been taught in medical school that homosexuality first came about when countries were making an effort to enlarge their armies in order to use some of their excess population as a way of gaining larger areas of control over other countries. Even young boys were sent into the army, each one in charge of an older soldier, to make sure he learned the art of war properly. Since they were separated from girls and women, the boys regarded the older men with whatever affection they were capable of giving, but the results were less satisfactory than growing up normally would have been.

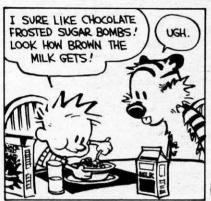
In schools today a little bit of similarity may exist although students meet many more varieties of people and are given clearer explanations of differences. Lacking happy personal associations, some young people do take to drugs or even commit suicide, not knowing what is better to do. Better religious understanding can be helpful to them.

Bonnie F. Starkey

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Students, faculty celebrate Namibia freedom

By Felix Benedicto Reporter

A "new colonialism" threatens to cripple gains in Third World nations which have recently achieved independence, speakers from African countries celebrating the first day of Namibia's independence said Wednesday.

Namibia gained its independence Wednesday, and for the first time in 500 years, the African continent is without a colony. Sam Nujoma was sworn in as the country's first president, and thousands of blacks and whites cheered and applauded at the flag ceremony.

At Marshall a group of students and faculty members joined Hoze Riruako, political science graduate student, in celebrating his country's independence during a ceremony at the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

The International Students and Scholars Office, Minority Students Office, African Students Organization and the Center for International Studies co-sponsored the

"Even the Evil Empire (the Soviet Union) has recognized apartheid is bad. Oppression is not workable," Maurice Davis, coordinator of the Minority Students Program,

George Arthur, a professor from Ghana, said, "Nelson Mandela's release marked the turn of events of Africa. I am happy that Namibia has benefited from this and gained independence.

Arthur said that for 33 years Africa has experienced political "flag independence." He said many African nations had to shed blood to gain independence and that it was up to the new generation of Africans to win what he called "economic independence." He said economically, Africa is ravaged by other countries.

The "new colonialism," Arthur said, is apparent where a country's government has the right to rule, but instead is a puppet pulled by a string. "The younger generation should liberate Africa and put it in its place in the community of nations," he said.

Riruako said apartheid has caused an illiteracy problem,

which runs anywhere from 60 to 89 percent. He said in the post-independence period, new ties should be created with the world to educate Namibia's citizens to solve its economic problems.

Alieu Demba, president of the African Students Organization, said the Africa of the 1990s is diverse and huge, influencing events worldwide and "propelling the continent to a destiny difficult to control."

Davis said it was a historic week for Africans and people with African ancestry, and for all freedom-loving people. He said the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People lauds Namibia's independence. He also offered Namibian students at Marshall the support of the NAACP and invited them to join the organization's International Affairs Committee, saying they are Marshall's link to what is going on in Namibia.

Riruako is pursuing his master's degree in public administration. He finished his bachelor's degree in political science at Marshall, supported by a scholarship grant from

the United Nations.

Nobel prize winner to speak at Honors Convocation

By Mary Beth Torlone Reporter

The 28th annual Marshall University Honors Convocation will be Monday at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall, according to Donna J. Spindel, director of university honors program.

The convocation is a good way to recognize students who have achieved academic awards," Spindel said. "Students can benefit from this important academic event."

Special awards will be presented including the A. Mervin Tyson Award for the outstanding student in any Honors seminar, the University Honors Book Award, for the best student in a lower level Honors seminar, and the University Honors Summer Study Abroad Scholorship, Spindel said.

Special faculty awards being presented include the Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching and The Marshall University Distinguished Service Award, Spindel said.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Gertrude Elion, the 1988 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Medicine. Elion and her collaborator, Dr. George Hitchings, discovered solutions to many medical problems including leukemia, malaria, herpes, and the rejection of organ transplants. The discoveries have cleared the path for drugs which today are 80 percent effective in curing leukemic pa-

Elion is a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board, the board of the World Health Organization, a professor emeritus at the Burroughs Wellcome Pharmaceutical Company, and a research professor at Duke University.

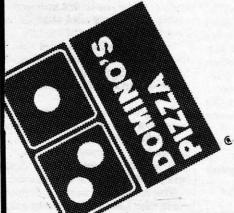
She will speak about her pioneering cancer research and discoveries, according to Spindel. The university community is invited, she said.

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Bud Foote The Detroit News

"In thirty-some years at The Atlantic, I cannot recall a response to a new author like the response to this one. Letters drifted in for months, obviously from people who knew nothing about him, asking for more stories, inquiring for collected stories, or simply expressing admiration and gratitude. Whatever it is that truly commands reader attention, he had it."

Phoebe Lou Adams The Atlantic

"God called him home because he saw too much dishonesty and evil in this world and he couldn't cope."

Helen Pancake Breece's mother

"A writer, no matter what context, is made an outsider by the demands of his vocation, and there was never any doubt in my mind that Breece Pancake was a writer ... His craftsmanship was exact, direct, unsentimental.

> James Alan McPherson Pulitzer winner for fiction and friend of Breece

"He worked as hard at his writing as anyone I've known, or known about. I've seen the pages of notes, the sketches, the number of drafts, the fierce marginal notes to himself ... And of course, the final versions, as hard and brilliantly worn as train rails."

Breece's close friend and writer John Casey

Marshall in 1974, was a writer who received rare acclaim. In

1983, his only book, a group of stories about life in West Virginia, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Breece never saw it happen. In fact, he never saw the book published. He killed himself in 1979, shortly before his 27th birthday.

No one seemed to suspect Breece's impending suicide that spring.

He had entered the creative writing program at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in 1976 but had taken classes there the previous fall while he taught at Fork Union Military Academy.

At the time of his death he needed six hours of German to complete his master's

By all signs he was very much in the middle of his life - with no intention of ending it. There was an unfinished letter in his typewriter and a shopping list affixed to the dashboard of his car

Breece had sold several of his stories to The Atlantic magazine and had a verbal contract for a novel (he had finished three chapters)

The Washington Post included Breece as one of the Writers on the Ridge of Fame a group of authors affiliated with the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Breece's friends James Alan McPherson, winner of the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and John Casey, winner of the National Book Award 1989, were also included.

Nevertheless, on Palm Sunday 1979, Breece's body was found seated under a fruit tree close to his garage apartment, the victim of a gunshot triggered by his own

Breece lived in a small garage apartment

Text by Thomas A. Taylor

opposite a posh golf course. His landlord said Breece would have been against everything the course stands for.

Breece went fishing in one of the golf course's decorative lakes once, his landlord said. He didn't care about the rules.

As the story goes, Breece was found that night sitting in a cottage that was rented to

a golfer.

The golfer was a friend of Breece, his mother said.

Why he was in the cottage has never been satisfactorily explained although his mother believes he was sleepwalking. She said he was prone to do so when under stress.

When the golfer's girlfriend entered the cottage, she was startled to see the wild figure of the man sitting in the semidarkened room. She screamed.

Pancake took off to his apartment, which was about 20 feet from the cottage on the same estate. But before leaving through the back door, he took a moment to tell the woman his name and that he would not hurt her.

The complainant stated that Mr. Pancake cornered her and explained that he had a drinking problem and had a tendency to wander around," according to the sheriff's

The golfer's girlfriend left through the front door and went a couple of doors down to call the police and then went to see the landlady.

The landlady laughed at the idea of Breece being a prowler, his mother said.

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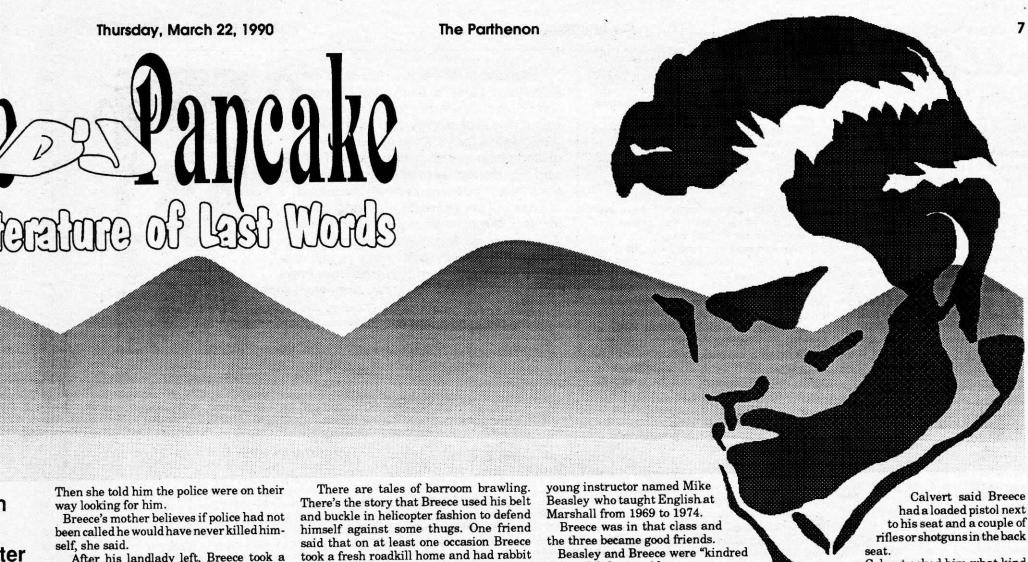
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After his landlady left, Breece took a folding lawn chair and one of his favorite guns and sat under a fruit tree. There, about 30 minutes after being discovered in his neighbor's cottage, Breece emptied the first barrel of the gun, as well as the contents of his head, onto the wall behind him.

Informed of the suicide, Breece's girlfriend Emily asked John Casey to go see if

Casey, probably Breece's best friend when he died, later said, "If I could have eaten some of it off the wall that night, I would

reece felt out of his element.

His mother, Helen Pancake, said he tried everything he

could think of to stay in West

Virginia but that the depressed

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Others were not so kind. "Some of the kids made fun of him," she said. It embar-

James Alan McPherson, a black writer,

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reece has become something of a legend. It is difficult to separate the man from the myth at times. Everyone seems to have known a different Breece.

took a fresh roadkill home and had rabbit for dinner. Another said Breece once told him that when he was at Marshall he was so hard up that he once cooked a cat in his oven and ate it.

Most of these tales were not witnessed by those who told them and as Cynthia Kadohata writes in the Mississippi Review no one can be sure how far Breece would test the limits of gullibility of people, even

his closest friends.
"Many people have tried to find Breece, but he can't be found," Helen Pancake said.
"While people have their assumptions, Breece is smiling down on them.

When David Calvert of Charleston returned to college from the service, his first class was a writing course taught by a Beasley and Breece were "kindred spirits," Calvert said.

The three of them went into a bar once and as Breece and Calvert were getting ready to play a game of pool, Beasley stood up and loudly announced to the pa trons, "My buddy Calvert says he can whip anybody in here," Calvert said.

That was the kind of thing that Breece admired about Beasley and it influenced him, Calvert said.

Breece owned a lot of guns, too. Everyone said he did a lot of hunting but Helen Pancake said that when he and his father went hunting when he was younger they always felt bad for their game.

The last time Calvert saw him, Breece was on his way back to Charlottesville.

had a loaded pistol next to his seat and a couple of

Calvert asked him what kind of trouble he was expecting between Milton and Charlottesville that he would need so many guns and scolded him for carry them along but Breece paid him no attention, he

Helen Pancake said Breece would make life less than comfortable for himself.

"He was struggling. He would say 'A writer needs to struggle; it makes him a better writer," she said.

During his first winter at Marshall, Breece lived in an attic with only a sleeping bag and an air mattress for a bed, she said.

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Play, film, translations in works

The legend of Breece D'J Pancake doesn't end with his death.

The collection of his stories was first published in book form in 1983. Apart from the critical acclaim, a radio play is in production. A stage play will be performed next month and a feature-length film is planned. His book is being translated into Portuguese and German.

Mark Rance, an independent film-maker who has headed the West Virginia International Film Festival in Charleston since 1986, said a full-length stage play will be per-formed in Mt. Hope on April 13, 14, 20, and 21, close to the 11th anniversary of Breece's

Rance, who wrote and is directing the lay, is working with the theater company The Curtain Callers.
The play, "Hollow," is based on two stories.

which were never published as well as several in Breece's book, Rance said.

The play may move to Charleston in May,

He also has almost completed a radio play which may be broadcast sometime this summer. The play will feature the voices of David Selby (Richard Channing on Falcon Crest) who is originally from West Virginia, and Kathy Bates of the original Louisville production of "Crimes of the Heart" and the Broadway production of "Night Mother."

Rance said he plans to use music by George Crum and local talent in the radio play as well. Upon its completion, it will comprise eight shows including a half-hour documentary featuring outtakes by Mary Lee Settle, author of "Charlie Bland," and Jane Ann Phillips, author of "Fast Lane."

Rance has been working toward a film based on the life and stories of Breece for the past five years.

He had planned to film the movie as a single story but finances have forced him to reconsider, he said. Rance has received several grants but they still fall short of the \$800,000 to \$1 million needed to produce the film. "It is great literature but it is tough to sell as a movie," he said.

Nevertheless, Rance continues to search for financing while going ahead with plans to start filming. The radio play will help attract people who are willing to help finance as well, he said.

"The life of any work is stretched when it is placed in another media," he said.

Currently, he plans to begin filming the first of several individual stories which, in addition to a funeral scene, will be assembled into a feature-length film.

The funeral scene will be focused around the afterword of Breece's book, written by John Casey.

Rance intends to use local talent in the film which is to be filmed in West Virginia, primarily in the Milton area, he said.

Little Brown and Company Publishers received in December a signed agreement from Neuer Malik Verlag for a German edition of Breece's book, Breece's mother Helen

A Portuguese version is also well under way, she said.

Helen said she was in continual contact last summer helping Patricia Bins, the translator who she described as "the Joyce Carol Oates of Brazil.*

Breece

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He was given access to the bathroom and refrigerator in the apartment below but it could get cold up there, she said.

Sometimes Breece would open the windows to make himself even less comfortable, she said.



ooking at some of the most reliable information, Breece seems to have been a sort of living paradox in his last years. He is described by friends as sometimes cruel or unkind, but

he was also very generous with apologies and gifts. He was a heavy drinker, but his conversion to Catholicism was central to his last years. And even though he is said to have wanted to improve the image of West Virginia, he exposes some of the most embarrassing topics of Appalachia.

One friend told a Charlottesville newspaper that in the two years before his death, Breece's social behavior was increasingly

antagonistic.

"He was chaotic. You never knew what kind of mood he was going to be in — or if he were going to end up storming out," said Libby Wilson, another of Breece's friends. "Ialways did trust that deep down he wanted to be kind — even though he very often wasn't."

Breece would get mad over things that were better ignored and would get mad at the wrong people, John Casey said in his afterword to Breece's book.

"A theme of Breece's life and stories is the bending of violence into gentleness. He struggled hotly to be a gentle person," Casey writes.

Breece would scold Casey about not going to mass. "He could be blistering. And then penitent," Casey writes.

Breece's mother, Helen Pancake, said, "One time after mass, I gave him a \$50 bill and he crumbled it up and threw it back at me and walked away."

After that, he went to the priest, told him he had insulted his mother and asked what he must do, she said. The priest told Breece to send his mother flowers and then go apologize, but Breece told him he couldn't send flowers because his mother knew he couldn't afford them and would get mad, she said.

Breece often hurt his mother's feelings by refusing to accept any help, she said.

McPherson writes in the forward to the book that Breece created a "persona of the Provider," which kept him from asking for help, and ultimately played a hand in the confusing conflict that McPherson says led to his suicide.

"He was in the habit of giving gifts, and once he complained to me that he had been reprimanded by a family for not bringing to them as many fish as he had promised to catch. To make up for his deficiency, he purchased with his won money additional fish, but not enough to meet the quota he had promised," McPherson writes.

hortly after the death of his father in 1975, Breece decided to join the Roman Catholic Church.

He was already familiar with the church because had been taking some of the Catholic students he taught to mass when the headmaster re-

fused, Helen Pancake said.

"As with his other knowledge and art, he took in his faith with intensity, almost as if he had a different, deeper measure of time. He was soon an older Catholic than I was," Casey writes.

But Breece continued to drink heavily.

"He loved his beer. He really loved his beer," his mother said.

Though she never thought he was a "heavy drinker," Helen Pancake would try to get him to drink less because he had low blood sugar, she said.

She mentioned it the last time he was in and Breece said, "Mom, don't preach to me. I'm trying."

Calvert said Breece would get "wild" when he drank, but not necessarily in a negative sense.

"Breece was drawn to some of the dimmer bars ... not student bars, but places you wanted to be careful in," he said.

Breece had been drinking the night of his death. Calvert said he doesn't believe Breece would have ever killed himself sober.

He was capable of some pretty uncharacteristic acts, but only when he was drunk, he said.

John Casey told the Mississippi Review: "I think it's true that Breece, on some days, could drink a six-pack and it would have very little effect on him. Other days he would have two beers and he would be loaded. And that's a very dangerous thing. I even suspect that that's probably how he ended up shooting himself — he had a couple of beers in a weird mood, and it accelerated the weirdness of his mood, and he killed himself."

Breece was very self-conscious about how West Virginia was portrayed, according to McPherson. "He told me he did not think much of Harry Caudill's "Night Comes to the Cumberlands." He thought it presented an inaccurate image of his native ground, and his ambition, as a writer, was to improve it," McPherson writes.

But his stories seem in stark contrast to this statement. The following is from a Philadelphia İnquirer review by Martin

"The stories present working-class characters struggling to make life less unbearable in a land where poverty and harsh nature form an overpowering alliance. The stories are crammed with images of barren fields, abandoned buildings, rusting machinery, physical pain, sunlight that hurts the eye, darkness that conceals danger, too much heat, too much cold....

"I counted nine stories out of 12 in which a significant character, or more than one, either has escaped or is planning an escape — from West Virginia, or from poverty, or from some other intolerable aspect of life.

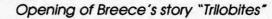
"I also counted four stories dealing significantly with violent human death, and



Skeevy felt the fine bones of his jaw shatter and tasted blood. Gibson did not fall, and Skeevy danced with the flagging pain. He went again with a combination to the temple. He wanted to tear the eye out and step on it, to feel its pressure building under his foot...pop.

From Breece's "The Scrapper"

I open the truck's door, step onto the brick side street. I look at Company Hill again, all sort of worn down and round. Along time ago it was real craggy and stood like an island in the Teays River. It took over a million years to make that smooth little hill, and I've looked all over it for trilobites. I think how it has always been there and always will be, at least for as long as it matters. The air is smoky with summertime. A bunch of starlings swim over me. I was born in this country and I have never very much wanted to leave. I remember Pop's dead eyes looking up at me. They were real dry, and that took something out of me. I shut the door, head for the cafe.





these elements hover in the near background of each story....

"All things considered, Pancake's stories do not constitute a cheerful invitation to beautiful West Virginia.

"Even so, I would not want to influence anyone to avoid reading the stories out of fear of being depressed. Pancake was a genuine tragic artist. Aristotle would have approved of him, because his stories do stir up the emotions and a sympathetic reader would emerge feeling better than before."

Breece's mother said, "He wrote for the underdog. He said, "These people need a voice and I'm speaking for them."



lthough Breece's book has consistently received literary acclaim, the fact of his suicide has created problems for the critics and spurred more thoughtful searches by read-

ers for meaning.

"It is usually a wise policy to ignore all the press release puffery about an author and his work, the explanatory forewords and grandiloquent blurbs, and focus on the writing itself," said David Bosworth in a review for the Boston Globe.

"But suicide, especially a young man's suicide, cannot be brushed away as easily as jacket copy or an author's suspect praise. The sacrilegious act haunts our reading habits. We cannot help but place the book into a new and disturbing category, a sort of Literature of Last Words, wherein the text acquires an added, deathbed gravity," he writes.

In a review for The Detroit News, Bud Foote writes that he would have preferred not to know about the writer's death so that he could be fair to the stories.

"I keep reading them as symptoms rather than as works of art, looking for the alienation, pain and loneliness that could cause a young and gifted person to do such a thing. Further, I find myself looking at the stories as fossils, like trilobites in the lead story, remnants of life now dead, creatures with no successors."

Joyce Carol Oates wrote in the New York Times Book Review, "The stories — tense, elegiac remorseless in their insistence on the past's dominion over the present — argue for a sensibility so finely honed, so vulnerable to the inexorable passage of time that it is likely death appeared as a solace."

But death weaved its way through Breece's life long before his own suicide.

"His life was so bound up in grieving that had he lived he would have almost certainly given us a great work on death," independent filmmaker Mark Rance said, adding as an afterthought, "Instead he gave his life."

"He had enough experience with death that we were bound to get something out of that."

Breece's father died in 1975 from multiple sclerosis. His mother said the wasting away of his father embittered Breece. "You can't imagine what seeing your father in a wheelchair for three years can do to you," she said.

After the death of his father, Breece had hoped his best friend, Matthew Heard, would help him through the months following. But 10 days later, Heard was beheaded when his car collided with a truck with one headlight. He mistook the truck for a motorcycle, Helen Pancake said.

"It would be like turning to his friend and seeing that he is dead ... or a headless

corpse," Rance said.

The two had become friends after wearing each other out in a fistfight at Fork Union, Calvert said.

Shortly before Breece's death, he wrote a letter to Casey saying: "Ilove you. Ilove you because when my father and friend were dead you helped me hang on for dear life, told me I could write (and be damned if I haven't done a passing job).... You've fought hard for me John — fought hard for five years, and please don't think that by my gruff manner and early temper I am any less the man for you."

Other friends received letters of similar tone around the same time, and many think them to be suicide notes veiled by other reasons and only visible in retrospect.

There are other examples of death interwoven in Breece's life. One of Breece's heroes was Phil Ochs, a successful songwriter during the '60s. Ochs hanged himself when the songs stopped selling — one day short of three years before Breece's death.

Breece's fascination with Ernest Hemingway is perhaps the most intriguing of his associations with death.

Breece had named his cat Papa Hemingway.

Critics have acknowledged how Breece seems to have patterned his writing after Hemingway's.

Both converted to Catholicism and, regrettably, both used a shotgun to take their own lives.

"I only wish you could have known the Breece that I knew," Helen Pancake said. We can't.

But there is so little time left. So little time.

From a poem by Breece D'J Pancake

Good diet, nutrition important for students

It's a career for some

By Heather Smith Reporter

"Creative, challenging and successful," is Eleanor M. Zizzo's description of dietetics, a profession traditionally thought of as a free ticket to a health-care facility.

"The job market is wide open for registered dieticians (R.D.) in traditional as well as non-traditional roles," Zizzo, director of Marshall's dietetics program, said.

A traditional role for an R.D. used to be planning menus in a health-care facility. Now the opportunities are endless, she said.

Students in the dietetics program can look forward to a variety of job possibilities. These include R.D. positions in corporations, spas, resorts and cruise ships.

Salaries range from about \$24,000 to \$27,000 for an entry-level R.D., she said, throughout figures vary around the country.

Zizzo said like any other profession, the salary depends on where people are willing to work.

The dietetics program is in the Department of Home Economics in the College of Education.

Among the courses dietetics students must complete are HEC 470, Practice of Dietetics, and HEC 404. Diet Therapy.

404, Diet Therapy.

HEC 470 is a clinical study at the VA Hospital that parallels the background material students receive in HEC 404, Zizzo said.

In HEC 404 students learn about

medical terms, how to read medical records and how to perform nutritional assessments. In HEC 470 they must practice using what they've learned in HEC 404.

The dietetics program also involves students in many activities which will help them to better understand their field of study, Zizzo said.

National Nutrition Month began March 1, and students in the dietetics department have been participating in campus programs to "heighten the awareness of Marshall students and faculty about the foods they eat," she said.

March the month to make people aware

By Heather Smith Reporter

A healthy diet is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain in a society geared towards faster work, faster living and faster food.

In an effort to help students realize the importance of nutrition, the dietetics department is celebrating National Nutrition Month throughout March and early April.

Programs planned for Nutrition month are based on a report released by the Surgeon General, and include recommendations such as:

•Fats and Cholesterol: Reduce consumption of fats (especially saturated fat) and cholesterol.

•Energy and weight control: Choose a diet in which energy (caloric) intake is consistent with energy expenditure.

 Complex carbohydrates and fiber: Increase consumption of whole grain foods, vegetables and fruits.

Sodium: Reduce the intake of sodium by choosing foods relatively low in sodium and limiting the amount of salt added in food preparation.

• Alcohol: Reduce the risk for chronic disease, take alcohol only in moderation (no more than two drinks a day), if at all.

These topics will be addressed on fliers in the

cafeteria and information sheets posted around campus, according to Eleanor M. Zizzo, director the Marshall's dietetics program.

The tents are designed to inform students about foods they consume and which ones they should stay away from or eat very little of, Zizzo said.

One table tent, "Halt the Salt," focuses on reducing sodium as suggested by the Surgeon General. Sodium is measured in milligrams and the "safe and adequate" minimum is 500 mg per day.

According to the Surgeon General's report, this translates into less than one-fourth teaspoon of salt

Another project planned for the month is the "Older Americans Health Fair," at the Huntington Civic Center, Zizzo said.

During the fair, sponsored by the Red Cross, student volunteers from the dietetics program will work with registered dieticians from the Tri-State area to educate older residents about the need for healthier diets, she said.

Health tips will cover the above topics and also information on the importance of calcium in the diet, and its relationship to osteoporosis.

Dietetic students also will be participating in "Supermarket Savvy," a grocery store tour designed to teach them how to read food labels. Students will work with registered dieticians, "to become astute nutrition consumers," Zizzo said.

The world comes to Marshall

Model United Nations competition this weekend

By Cynthia Pinkerton Reporter

While President Dale F. Nitzschke is off visiting other nations, the United Nations is coming to Marshall.

The Model United Nations of Marshall University is sponsoring a competition for Model U.N.'s from area high schools, Wendy Wysong, a former officer with the MU United Nations, said.

"The Model U.N. is for all majors and we attempt to learn about what the U.N. does and learn to debate by using the parliamentary procedure," Dr. Clair W. Matz, direc-

"It is our outreach to the community and to help the high school students."

Wendy Wysong

tor of the Center for International Studies, said.

Wysong said the three competing schools are Ceredo-Kenova High School, Ironton High School, and Buffalo-Wayne High School. The schools will be representing 15 different nations for the Model Security

Council, she said.

Matz said the competition is a simulated Security Council debate. "We publish an agenda with the debate topics ahead of time," he said.

Some of the topics being used this year are demilitarization of Central Europe,

peace in Central America, and stabilizing Namibia, Matz said.

Wysong said the competition will be Friday from noon to 10 p.m. and continue Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be an awards ceremony afterwards.

Xiaozhun Yi, the Third Secretary (Commercial) at the Embassy of China in Washington D.C., will be the guest speaker.

ington D.C., will be the guest speaker.
"It is our outreach to the community and to help the high school students," Wysong

The competition, which will be on the eighth floor of Smith Hall, is open to the public.

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Sports

Moon takes steps to ensure no further NCAA violations

Booster brochure lists rules' do's and don'ts

By Chris Dickerson Athletic Correspondent

A brochure describing NCAA rules has been given to athletic boosters to ensure no further violations occur, Athletic Director Lee Moon said.

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Moon said the brochure, "NCAA Rules and Regulations Every Alumnus and Friend of the University Should Know," has been given to boosters since last fall.

In the brochure, five "Rules of Thumb" give answers concerning rules. They are:

 Only coaches and athletic department staff members are permitted to be involved in the recruiting process

•A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after he or she signs a Letter-Of-Intent or financial aid agreement to attend the university

·Don't do anything for prospective or enrolled athletes without specific authorization from the Athletic Department

 The prohibition of contact with a prospective student-athlete is not intended to relate to unavoidable incidental contacts with prospects by representatives of a member institution's athletic interests

• If a student-athlete accepts any benefits based on his or her special consideration as an athlete or because of athletic skill, the student-athlete will lose all eligibility for intercollegiate athletic participation.



"We've already begun to take steps to make sure violations won't occur again," Moon said, referring to the NCAA report on the men's basketball program released March 12. "We started passing these brochures out in the fall," he said.

Edna S. Justice, Athletic Department secretary, said other schools, such as Georgia Southern, has requested copies of the bro-

An opening letter in the brochure signed by Moon and Dorothy E. Hicks, NCAA faculty representative for athletics, describes the "Marshall Family" as a group that must adhere to the NCAA rules to enhance the bond it shares.

"This brochure has been prepared as a handy reference to NCAA rules governing situations most likely encountered by alumni and friends," the letter states. "Please remember that it does not include all applicable provisions."

UTEP assistant's case similar to Huckabay's on limitations

By Chris Dickerson Athletic Correspondent

ball coach Rick Huckabay is hired by another NCAA member school in the next five years. that school might face possible sanctions based on a recent ruling by the NCAA Committee on Infrac-



Huckabay

The March 14 Issue of NCAA News -the same issue in which Marshall's sanctions were announce — published a report by the committee concerning Charlie Bailey, former Memphis State football coach who led the Tigers when the team violated NCAA rules.

After leaving Memphis State, Bailey was hired by the University of Texas, El Paso as an assistant coach. The hiring occurred within a five-year period issued by the committee requiring member schools to face the committee if Bailey is hired by the school.

If Huckabay is hired before March 12, 1995, he and the school must go before the committee

Bailey and UTEP, however, did not meet with the committee before his hiring despite Bailey being told the meeting was required.

The committee met with UTEP representatives last month and informed them to show cause why penalties should not be imposed upon the school if it does not:

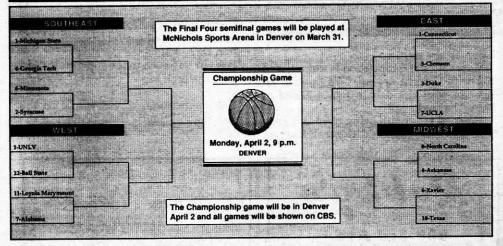
 Prohibit Balley from engaging in offcampus recruiting and evaluation activities until August 2, 1991. UTEP may not replace him with another to perform these duties,

 Prohibit him from involvement in a summer job or other student-athlete work program until after August 2, 1993,

·Submit a report each year until August 2, 1992, of the institutional, conference and NCAA monitoring and compliance programs and seminars in which Bailey has been involved.

The committee considered Bailey's help during the Memphis State hearings, his voluntary resignation there and that he was an assistant coach, not a head coach, at UTEP.

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Baseball twinbill snowed out

By Chris Dickerson Athletic Correspondent

Snow plowed into Fairmont Tuesday to cancel a doubleheader scheduled between the Thundering Herd and Fairmont State.

The games have been rescheduled for

The Herd boasts a 7-5 record and has been led so far this season by two seniors, Chris Hall and Johnny Piepenbrink.

In the 12 games, center fielder Hall has 12 runs batted in. The Wayne High School graduate also leads the team with a .353

batting average.
Piepenbrink, the third baseman, also has
12 RBI's and is batting .300 through the dozen contests.

Piepenbrink's brother Dave, who plays shortstop, is hitting .318 while catcher John Ellis has a .313 average. The brothers both graduated from Huntington East.

Sophomore second baseman Jamie Clark has the team's highest batting average at .390. Clark has started 11 of the 12 games and has 16 hits in 41 at bats.

Junior designated hitter Mike Perry is second on the team, batting .381. He has 16 hits in 42 at bats.

The Herd has these six hitting .300 and a .293 team batting average.

The Thundering Herdhad a doubleheader against West Virginia Tech scheduled for Wednesday. The first game was to start at 1 p.m. at University Heights.

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Major league baseball one step closer

Full 162-game season a possibility

By Ben Walker AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK-Baseball moved closer to restoring its 162-game schedule Tuesday and finished revising the exhibition season to include an extra week of games.

A decision is likely Wednesday on the regular season, and it is expected all teams will wind up at 162 games. With opening day pushed back to April 9 because of the owners' lockout, clubs currently are set to play just 158 games.

The issue is not totally resolved," Commissioner Fay Vincent said. "They're still working on it.

Baseball teams would prefer to make up the missing games at the end of the season. That would push the postseason back by a few days, and that move would require permission from CBS-TV, which holds the rights to show the playoffs and

"I guess that would be ideal," Vincent said. "It would be so much easier to transpose the week. It would be crisp and clean."

Vincent said CBS has been "terrific." The network said it is considering the options.

"Baseball initiated discussions with us yesterday on giving consideration to moving the postseason back," said Jerry Handelman, vice president of program planning at CBS Sports. "We have not established a position, we're examining it."

Baseball would prefer to make up the missing games resulting from the delay of opening day at the end of the season. This would push the postseason back a few days and would require permission from CBS-TV, which holds the rights to show the playoffs and the World Series.

"We're in a business partnership with baseball, we have a collective interest here.' Handelman said. "I can appreciate from a fan's standpoint that what happens in October is not an immediate concern. But there are numerous things that are affected within CBS."

If the season cannot be extended, doubleheaders and open dates could be used to play the extra games.

Several games, meanwhile, were added to the exhibition schedule. The spring season had been set through April 1 — the day before the original opening day - but was changed to go through April 8.

Spring training began Tuesday and exhibition games start March 26. All teams will play at least 13 times and the Chicago Cubs will play the most, 16. Some split-squad and 'B' games still might be added.

But Memphis, Des Moines and some other cities that were to host big-league exhibition games lost them. Several teams that had been scheduled to play on the road as they worked their way to opening day now will stay longer in Florida and Arizona.

Las Vegas, Jacksonville, Oklahoma City, Columbus and Greenville, S.C., also were among cities that lost exhibitions.

Seattle and San Diego were to play March 30 in Las Vegas, the site of the Padres' Triple A team. Instead, they will meet that day at the Padres' spring training home in Yuma, Ariz. Tickets never went on sale in Las Vegas for that game as officials waited to see whether it would be played.

Louisville and Washington, D.C., which each had exhibition games scheduled, will have them. Baltimore and St. Louis will play at RFK Stadium, home of the Washington Senators, on April 7 rather that March 31. A Kansas City-Baltimore exhibition set for April 1 in Washington was canceled — the two teams had been scheduled to open the season in Baltimore on April 2.

Also, baseball clarified a scoring rules decision, saying that for the first two weeks of the season, starting pitchers will need to work just three innings to get credit for a victory. After that, starters will need to pitch the usual five to be the winner.

Lady Herd tennis team wins three. loses three over break

By Chris Dickerson Athletic Correspondent

The Lady Herd Tennis term ended Spring Break with a 3-3 record after six meets in North and South Carolina.

The Lady Herd played at Hilton Head, S.C., Sunday through Thursday against five schools and left the Palmetto State with a 3-2 mark.

After a 0-9 loss to Virginia Commonwealth Sunday and a 1-8 loss to Winthrop College Monday, the team defeated Bryn Mawr 6-3 Tuesday, Nazareth College 8-1 Wednesday, and Longwood College 7-2 Thursday.

After leaving Hilton Head, the team traveled to Davidson, N.C., to play Furman Saturday, where the Lady Paladins defeated the Lady Herd, 0-9.

Golf team struggles but coach still confident

By Chris Dickerson Athletic Correspondent

After playing in two tournaments during spring break, golf coach Joe Feaganes said he still has confidence in the team.

The men's golf team competed in two tournaments over the break, finishing in a fourth place tie at the William and Mary/Kingsmill Invitational golf tournament, Monday and Tuesday, and 14th in the Palmetto Intercollegiate golf tournament, Friday through Sunday.

Feaganes said the team's performance in the William and Mary tournament in Williamsburg, Va., was not as good as its finish shows. "I didn't feel we played well at William and Mary even though we finished fourth," he said. Eighteen teams "I'm confident in the players. We have a good golf team."

Joe Feaganes

competed in the tournament.

Scott Shellenberger led the team on the Kingsmill River Course with a 73 in the first round and a 78 in the second round for a 151 total, good for a tie for sixth place individually. Todd Thomas shot a 77-87-154, to finish in 23rd place individually.

At the Palmetto Intercollegiate tournament in Santee, S.C., Pat Carter led the team with a 75-75-79-229 on the par 72 Santee National course. Thomas shot a 74-78-79-231 and Eric Shaffer shot an 80-74-

Feaganes said a tougher field of opponents played at the Palmetto Invitational. "I felt that if we played well, we could finish in the top five," he said. "If we played OK, we could finish in the top ten.

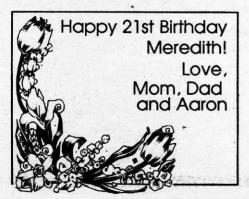
"We started well," he said. The team was seventh after the first round on Friday, then fell to 10th after the second round, when play was suspended until Sunday morning due to high winds.

They ended the three-round tournament

14th out of 18 teams. "We had one of those bad days," Feaganes said.

After the tournaments. Feaganes said he is still confident with the team and its performance. "I'm confident the players," he said. "We have a





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The Lambda Society was reactivated at Marshall in response to the needs of the gay community on campus. "I looked for a gay

organization when I came to Marshall, and was surprised to find nothing," Surber said.

"People need an outlet not just for emotions, but for thinking and doing, too," he said.

Surber said one main goal of the society is to educate the public and reinforce a positive attitude about homosexuality. "There are a 1001 misconceptions about what a homosexual is," Surber said.

Pop singer needs surgery after accident

NEW YORK (AP) —Singer Gloria Estefan will need surgery and three to six months recovery for an injured vertebra suffered when her bus was rammed by a truck, doctors said Wednesday.

The star of the Latin-pop group Miami Sound Machine, known for her energetic dancing on stag, had some numbness and weakness in her legs, and a slim chance of paralysis remained, surgeons said

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