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# The Parthenon

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## Senate to rule on altered mission today

By James F. Treacy  
Reporter

The Faculty Senate will vote this afternoon on a mission statement including unauthorized revisions made by former President Dale F. Nitzschke which had angered some faculty members.

The statement includes two additional paragraphs concerning the School of Medicine, according to Tom Hayden, student body president. The paragraphs were added when the mission statement was presented to Nitzschke for his approval.

Hayden said the mission statement looks acceptable and, if passed by the Faculty Senate, will then go to the

president for his approval. Finally, the Board of Trustees, of which Hayden is the student representative, will decide on the final approval for the statement.

Hayden, who was disappointed that the senate as a body was not consulted on the mission statement, said it is hard to speculate whether the Faculty Senate will approve the revised edition of Nitzschke's statement.

The first added paragraph said the mission of the School of Medicine is to "maintain and improve the health of West Virginians by educating physicians and basic medical scientists, rigorously investigating significant issues involving health, and providing direct and supportive health services to West Virginia citizens, health providers and institutions."

Also, it states the first paragraph affects all portions of West Virginia and the Appalachian region, but especially the southern, central and Ohio River areas of the state.

The second added paragraph concerns the School of Medicine's need to serve rural parts of West Virginia.

It says that the "orientation to rural primary care will be expressed in special efforts in recruitment, basic sciences and clinical education, graduate medical education, research, and continuing clinical support and education."

Also, it states that the School of Medicine, despite its small size, "aspires to regional and national excellence in its programs."

The School of Medicine recently began two programs in which medical students travel to rural areas to help in health care and screening needs in West Virginia.

## Weekend finals could be cut at first meeting

By Ace Boggess  
Reporter

Several proposals, including one to eliminate Saturday finals, will be considered when the Faculty Senate meets today. The meeting will be the first this year for the Senate.

The proposal suggests classes meeting on Saturday re-schedule exams to fit within the following framework for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8 to 9:50 a.m., 10 to 11:50 a.m., noon to 1:50 p.m., and 2 to 3:50 p.m.

According to the proposal, "Saturday finals have not always been policy," and they tend to "cause undue hardships for students because there is little time to prepare for such finals when the last class of the course occurs less than 24 hours before the final."

The proposal would raise the maximum number of exams on weekdays to four, while maintaining Wednesday "study day."

According to the document, a resolution eliminating Saturday finals was passed by the Faculty Senate Dec. 7, 1989, but was not approved by the president. "We have since learned that the faculty governs policy concerning the schedule of finals week," the proposal states. "Therefore, we have re-introduced the resolution."

Other proposals being considered today by the Senate include a change in the mission statement regarding the medical school, a change in the title of MGT 692 from Business Responsibilities and Social Issues to Ethics and Global Aspects of Business, and two separate changes in procedures for submission of final grades.

The first of the two proposals dealing with final grades would make the 48-hour deadline for grade submissions after finals a suggested deadline only. The other would change the deadline for grade submission from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the fall. According to the proposal, "Grades have not always been sent out before Christmas," and "grade reports can be sent out in January without interference in registration."

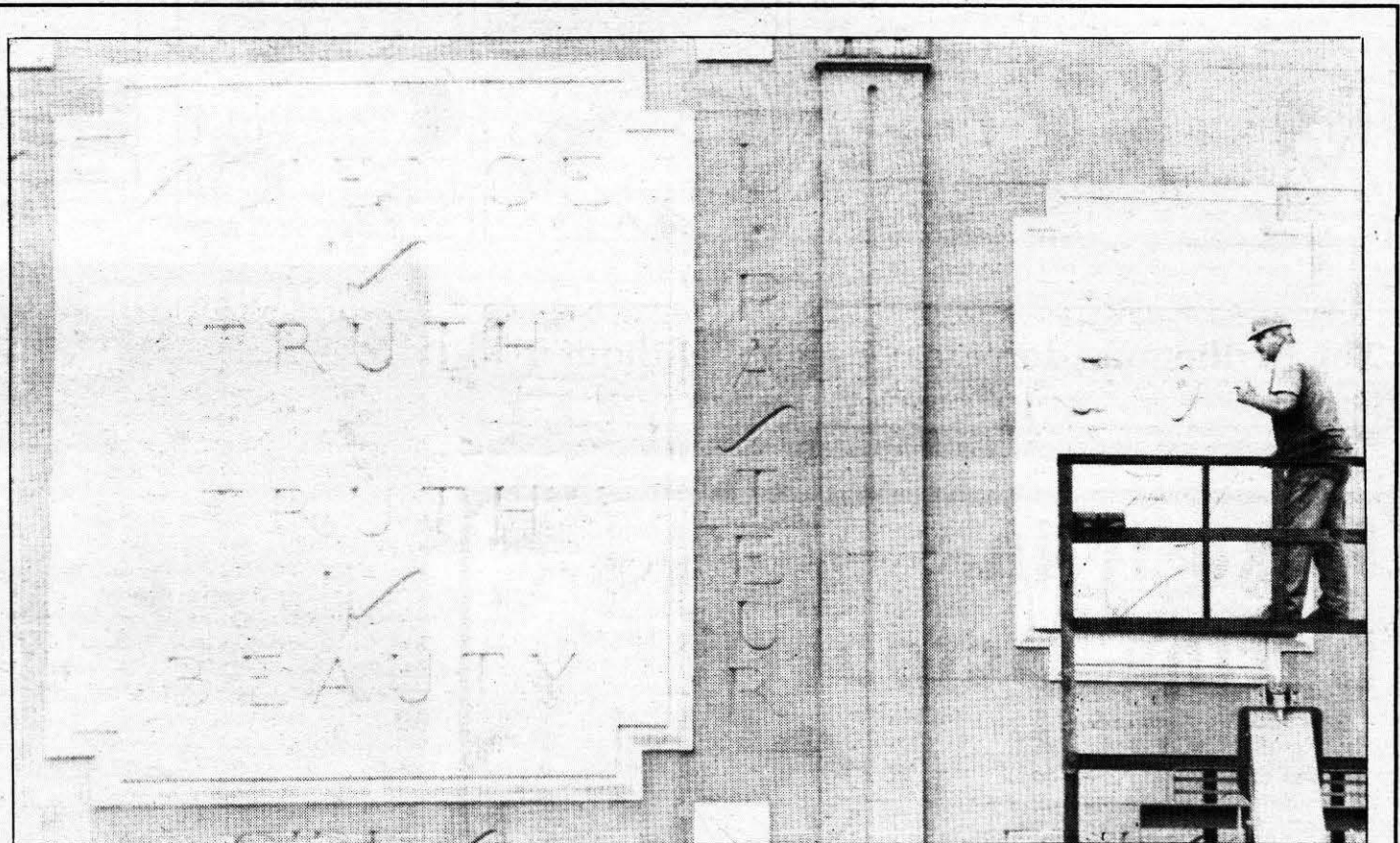


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## Face to face with truth

A construction worker appears to take a moment to contemplate while working on the Science Building. Construction

crews have been cleaning the outside of the building, while renovations take place inside.

## Lambda promises more, despite avid protesters

By Tony Plerro  
Reporter

Despite anti-gay protesters Monday and the fact that only two people showed up for Wednesday's noon workshop, this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week is only the beginning, according to Melissa F. Charlton, co-president of the Marshall University Lambda Society.

Charlton, Huntington graduate student, said the week so far has been encouraging and she is looking forward to next year's events.

"I don't know how everyone else feels,"

### Today's Gay Pride Events

- 4 p.m. - Movie "Desert Heart," MSC 2W22
- 6 p.m. - Workshop "The Enemy from Within" MSC Alumni Lounge
- 8 p.m. - Workshop "AIDS/HIV Disease" Alumni Lounge

Charlton said. "We aren't having any official meetings this week so there is no time when we (members of Lambda) are all together."

Charlton said attendance at events and the lack of interest in Wednesday's noon workshop doesn't surprise her because of the time.

"Since it was lunchtime, I'm not real surprised," Charlton said.

Charlton said two of the week's events have gone exceptionally well. One was Tuesday's showing of the movie "Torch Song Trilogy" and the other was the candlelight vigil for victims of AIDS, which she described as "beautiful."

On Tuesday the Student Senate, after

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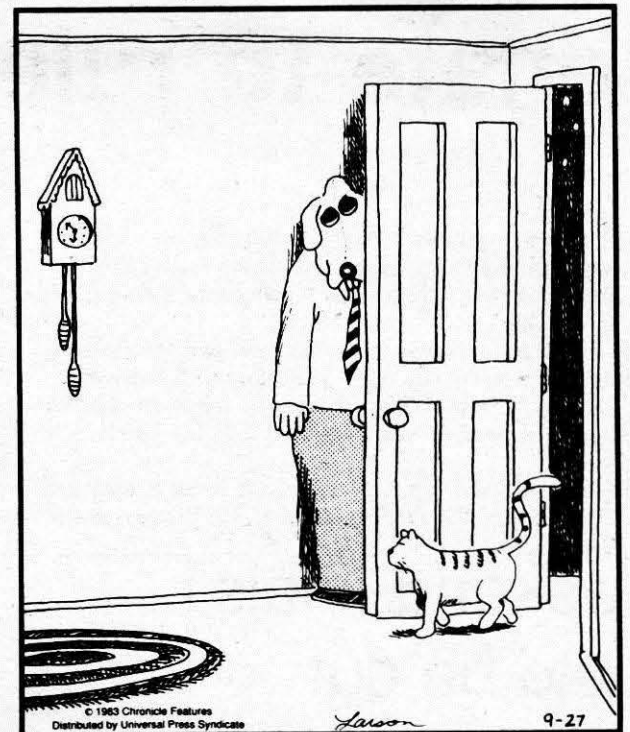


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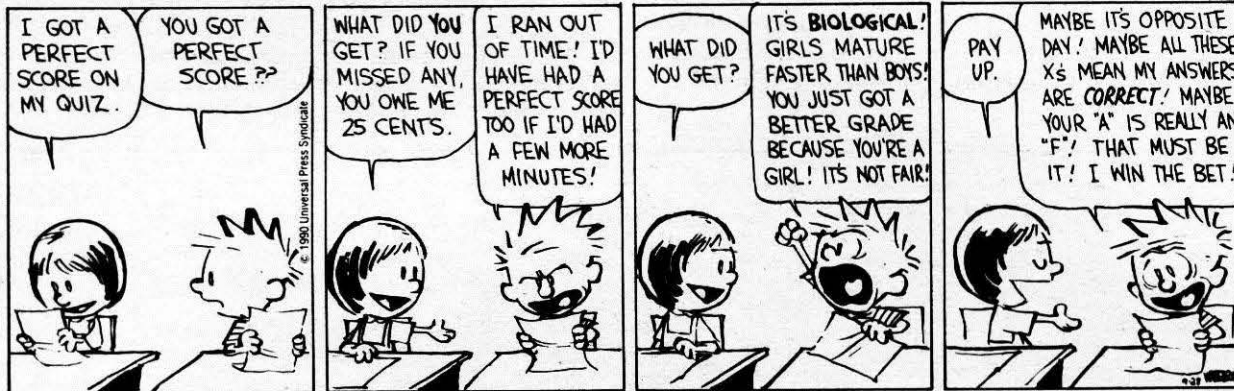


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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Understanding's not easy request; you have to think

It was the beginning of a long week. Monday started Gay and Lesbian Pride Week at Marshall University. The speeches were over by mid-afternoon on the first day, but disagreement and discussion continued long after the last speaker had finished his presentation.

Gregory King, Marshall Lambda Society's keynote speaker from the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington, D.C., was talking with a small but vocal group of students near the entrance of the Memorial Student Center.

One young man leaned forward and asked King, "You ever had a girlfriend?"

King calmly said that he had.

The young man leaned away, smiled, then loudly proclaimed, "Wasn't it great?"

Had King asked the young man if he'd ever slept with a man, the reaction probably wouldn't have been so calm.

But it would have been a fair question.

Another young woman explained to King why she referred to homosexuals as "fags," saying she didn't mean it in a derogatory way. Apparently she understood the term to be a slang expression for casual use.

Just like a lot of other slang expressions. Nigger. Pollack. Herring-snapper. Jewboy.

But maybe she understood that, too.

Perhaps it's time to reassess what we think we understand—this week's events have helped underline the fact that we really don't understand that much.

Websters New Twentieth Century Dictionary describes understanding as "the power or ability to think and learn." It doesn't mention the fact that thinking and learning usually require an open mind.

King and the other guest speakers at Monday's function were greeted with the sounds of minds slamming shut. It's been a long week and there are two days left.

Ignorance is a changeable condition; stupidity is a commitment.

## Awareness up; things are changing

*"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."*

Most Marshall students do not know the difference — usually because of the acceptance of system or because of compliancy. But things are changing. Students are becoming increasingly aware of the problems on our campus.

The lack of understanding of homosexuals, the idea that blacks are "hiding" behind their minority statuses, and the lack of adequate funding for Marshall are but a few of the problems that have come to the forefront in the past week. So, the gay community is having a pride week in the hopes of acceptance, which they deserve, and one student is upset with the constant bombardment of alleged racism. In a letter, he wrote that racism charges are getting old and not advancing the African-American cause, merely hurting it. Through various comment, I have heard that his feelings are shared by a vast majority of other students.

There is a constant fuss about the lack of funding for teachers, buildings and other needed improvements here. The strange thing is, people are starting to speak up about what they think is right or wrong — a big change from only a few years ago. Everything is showing our changing attitudes.

For example, media coverage, film, books, political action committees and even crime portray the way our government is interfering in our private lives, in commerce and in trade. Not long ago our "twenty-something" generation was being blackened for its apathetic attitude. Today, we are surpassing the "thirty-something" generation, becoming aware and attempting to change those things that need changing.

Speaking of change, what do YOU think about members

Jim Buresch  
GUEST COMMENTARY

of our beloved faculty trying to run OUR university? Since the beginning of school, I have read and reread articles in OUR newspaper about how faculty members are "upset" with the process of how a new president is being sought.

We also read about how they don't make more money and how they're upset about the inclusion of paragraphs in the university mission statement. They agree with the statements, but they're upset because they didn't get final approval. Give me a break!

Listen up and listen good: All faculty members are not to blame — most are not. But as for the rest — get back to teaching and leave administrating to the administrators and the politics to the ELECTED politicians. AND most of all, leave the governing of students to OUR ELECTED representatives and the Student Body President. Again, I'm not saying the entire faculty is at fault — it is not. There are those who are overbearing, obnoxious and power hungry. This is an institution not for faculty members, it is for the students, and if WE were not here, YOU most definitely would not be here.

In the spirit of change, reevaluate your mission and work with the administration. Even by your own statements, you are the minority. You are not the paying members. You are not the ones who live here. So, stay out of the dorms. Stay out of the football stadium. Stay out of the bars. Stay out of others' lives, BUT stay in the classrooms.

## Reader's Voice

### Hendershot blasts SGA Senate leader for appointments

To the Editor:

As a concerned student at Marshall University, I find I am compelled to voice my opposition to the continued shenanigans of the Student Government Association Senate President Talcan Romey. In particular, I am upset at Romey's heavy-handed tactics in the selection of individuals to fill vacancies on the Senate, as well as his single-minded crusade to use SGA to benefit the Lambda Society.

First, in regard to the Senate vacancies, I was astounded to learn that the Romey-led panel that interviewed the applicants used pending gay pride legislation as a litmus test during the interview. Many applicants report they were asked if they would vote to approve gay pride funding (Romey's pet project) should they be appointed. Many exceptionally qualified individuals were passed over because they did not agree with Sen. Romey on this issue. It is even more outrageous that a former Senate president was turned down for an appointment despite having a solid track record with two years of SGA experience. The appointments should have been based on overall merit rather than using Sen. Romey's pet project as a litmus test.

Second, SGA officials are charged

with the responsibility of representing ALL the students, not just homosexual ones. Sen. Romey does not even attempt to represent us all. Romey has used his position as Senate president to try to order less experienced senators to write legislation that would financially support the Marshall Lambda Society. (Two senators refused his orders to write pro-Lambda bills.) This is a serious abuse of power, and the students at Marshall deserve much better.

Tracy L. Hendershot  
Parkersburg senior

### Ex-SGA official uninformed critic, COLA Senator says

To the Editor:

Last Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:15 p.m. the Judicial Committee of Student Government Association conducted interviews to select nine senators to fill vacant seats. The three members of the Judicial Committee did not leave the office until 11:30 p.m. We made good use of our 2 hours and 15 minutes each evening.

We spent this time reviewing applications, talking to applicants and asking them to give us their ideas on a certain controversial bill. This bill involved a controversial subject, and we wanted to make certain that these

applicants did not allow personal beliefs to influence their decisions, no matter what decision they made. As senators we wish to eliminate prejudice, racism and sexism from SGA. This was our way of securing that the applicants could separate personal beliefs from their responsibility of decision-making and representing the students.

It seems our ex-Student Body President, the Honorable Tracy L. Hendershot has a problem with how our committee conducted these interviews. Let me add that this sad critic did not bother to appear for one simple interview. He knows nothing about what went on. He was unconcerned until he had the chance to open his big mouth and destroy our hard work and credibility. He also has tried to unjustifiably accuse our Senate president of forcing senators to write legislation.

As a member of SGA, I cannot tolerate an uninformed critic, who for his own self-glory, claims to be thinking of the students' welfare.

I've had enough of your criticizing, Hendershot. If you have a problem with the students' representatives in SGA, then you come and personally talk to us. If I could have reached you, I would have much rather commented to you personally, than through a letter.

And dear Mr. Hendershot, if you think that this is the last time you'll hear from me, let me promise you — this is just the beginning.

Lisa Naylor  
COLA senator

## The Parthenon

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# Lambda — Diet pill abuse increasing, study shows

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heated debate, allocated \$50 to the Lambda Society to help pay for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. Charlton said the Senate's actions were both encouraging and discouraging.

"It's like saying, 'We're going to give you \$50 to show that some of us support you, but not enough to give you \$500,'" she said.

Charlton said the difficulties gays and lesbians have in trying to gain acceptance are the result of people dwelling too much on sexuality.

"I don't look at someone and accept them or not accept them on the basis of their sexuality," she said. "We're not out to be accepted as gay. We're just out to be accepted as people."

In response to Lambda's call for gay supporters to wear blue jeans Friday, signs have been posted on campus requesting non-gays dress formal. Charlton said she would dress both ways.

"I'm normal. I'm going to wear a pair of jeans and my most formal blouse and my most formal pair of shoes," Charlton said.

By Sherry Jacobson  
College Information Network

WASHINGTON — Diet pills have become such a mainstay of college students, particularly among women, that experts have begun warning against overdosage and possible side effects from combining the pills with other drugs.

"There is increasing danger of overdosage by the more desperate young women who feel they must lose weight quickly," said Dr. Arthur Vener, a social psychologist at Michigan State University in East Lansing and a leading researcher on diet pill usage. "Some women take double or triple the recommended dosage."

Diet pills have been linked to a variety of side effects from insomnia to strokes, said several researchers, who question the continued government approval of phenylpropranolamine hydrochloride (PPA), which is contained in many over-the-counter diet preparations. The compound acts as an appetite suppressant.

The debate over PPA and particularly its use in diet pills will be reviewed Monday by a House panel investigating problems

in the diet industry.

The Food and Drug Administration approved PPA for dietary products in 1979. Since then, researchers have questioned its effectiveness and possible side effects.

The FDA says it is reviewing new research on the drug and will issue a decision within the next year. Until then, federal officials have urged consumers to follow label directions and not exceed recommended dosages.

Vener's studies of diet pill usage with Dr. Lawrence Krupka, a Michigan State biologist, found that nearly 30 percent of female college students, aged 18 to 21, used them in a given year.

Their diet surveys among nearly 3,000 Michigan students in the early 1980s were the first to demonstrate possible widespread abuse of the over-the-counter diet treatments.

"We found that almost 10 percent of the women who consider themselves to be slightly underweight had used diet pills. That is shocking," said Krupka, who will testify Monday. "Many times, women are really caught up in trying to maintain an extremely slim silhouette, almost like a

mannequin."

Some researchers are convinced that there are widespread problems related to juvenile dieting, including eating disorders, physical maladies and even death.

"There is a significant amount of misuse of diet products by young adults and teens who are mixing diet pills with other agents," such as cough medicines, said Dr. Paul Raford, a family practice physician assigned by the U.S. Public Health Service to study medical problems related to dieting.

Dieting teens were once thought to use diet pills for about three weeks at a time. However, recent studies indicate that women, as well as girls as young as 12 years, use the drugs for up to six months.

The longer the usage of PPA, the greater the potential for side effects, Raford said.

In 1988, the Drug Abuse Warning Network reported about 1,500 adverse reactions to PPA that were treated that year in emergency rooms across the country. However, the number of adverse reactions could be three times as high, according to the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, a group of about 1,000 doctors who specialize in obesity treatment.

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## SGA justice, senators sworn in; election commissioners approved

By Ella Elaine Bandy  
Reporter

Eight student senators and one student court justice were sworn in Tuesday afternoon at the Student Government Association meeting.

The senators are Shari M. Lilley, South Point, Ohio, sophomore; Jennifer Dickens, Huntington graduate student; Rita Pike, Chesapeake, Ohio, junior; Heather R. Wilt, Huntington junior; Donald L. Boila, Atlanta, Ga., sophomore; Patrick L. Miller, Parkersburg junior; Hannah Curry, Parkersburg junior and Jeffery S. Noble, Falls Creek, Va., junior.

Robert W. Jenkins III was sworn in as court justice.

Three election commissioners were approved by the senate. They are Heidi Naghibi, Huntington junior; Kimberly P.

Reuter, Hayes, Va., sophomore and William R. Deal, Ranger senior.

First readings of three bills were passed.

- One would enhance funding for student organizations.

- Another would allocate \$466 to the Marshall University Rugby Club.

- The third would allocate \$164 to Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

To enable student organizations to receive funding one week sooner, the bill would limit the number of times a group can apply for funds to two times a semester.

The Rugby Club requested money to pay for jerseys, equipment, travel, food and tournament cost. The club, which is not supported by the Athletic Department, has estimated a deficit of \$466 this season.

The Alpha Sigs requested funds for a Tri-state convention.

## Students watching campus for credit

By Greg Collard  
Reporter

Escort services and campus safety have improved with the addition of 46 campus watch volunteers.

The program is coordinated through the Department of Criminal Justice. Dr. Sam L. Dameron, assistant professor of criminal justice, said the department assigns six to ten volunteers a night to patrol four zones on campus.

Prearranged escorts cannot be arranged, but Dameron said students in need of assistance can request an escort by calling 696-HELP.

The Marshall University Police Department will then dispatch a campus watch volunteer to the person needing assistance.

Although the campus watch program has not aided in arrests, Officer Mark D. Rhodes of MUPD said the volunteers' presence helps minimize crime.

Dameron said students patrol Monday through Thursday 8 to 11:30 p.m. and Sundays 8 to 10:30 p.m. "We want to patrol

at least a half hour after the library closes," he said.

The campus is not patrolled Friday and Saturday because many students go home, Dameron said.

Dameron said MUPD trains the students and provides equipment such as radios and flashlights.

Campus watch volunteer Mike A. Parsons, Marlinton senior, said the group's main purpose is to provide escorts and call police when they see something suspicious.

"We are an extra set of eyes and ears for the police," he said.

The program is getting the attention of other institutions. Dameron said West Virginia University recently asked about the program.

Dameron said 22 volunteers returned from last semester. Campus watch volunteers can earn up to three credit hours for working one semester with no tuition charge, he said.

The group will recruit members at the end of the semester.

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# Colleges respond to increase in campus racism

## Universities sponsor classes, workshops

By Mary Beth Marklein  
College Information Network

MADISON, Wis. — The Multicultural Center in the University of Wisconsin's Memorial Union provides a "comfort zone" for Theola Carter, a place where she can escape racial slurs.

On this particular afternoon, the 25-year-old graduate student is giving bear hugs to a stream of friends just back from summer vacation. Meanwhile, other minority students pore over textbooks, watch videos and talk with friends.

But the center is more than a place where minorities can retreat for socializing, studying or poring over the center's books and videos. It is one example of the responses colleges are making to continuing displays of racism on campus.

Elsewhere on this campus of 43,695 students, Carter says, the mood is often tense for the 2,856 minority students — Blacks, Asian-Americans and Mexican-Americans. Racial tensions reached a breaking point two years ago when students protested two

incidents on fraternity row involving crude portrayals of blacks.

Last year, 113 college campuses reported incidents of racism ranging from name-calling to physical abuse, and Howard Ehrlich, research director for the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, Baltimore, says the numbers probably will be similar this year.

Officials at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va., asked a fraternity to leave the campus after some members were told to kiss black women on another campus and document it with photographs. "Bigotry will not be tolerated," says Tom Goodale, vice president for student affairs.

"But that doesn't mean positive things aren't going on," he adds.

Still, Ehrlich says there are positive things happening, but the response to racism from U.S. colleges is still "very uneven." At least, he says, "most campus administrators have moved beyond denial."

Some examples of how the problem is being approached:

• **New programs.** The University of Louisville held a festival celebrating diversity earlier this month and is giving dorm resident assistants new training in race consciousness.

• **Curriculum.** The University of Cincinnati requires all students to take at least one course about diverse cultures.

• **Orientation.** Freshmen at Albright College, Reading, Pa., this year were required to watch a documentary on the effects of discrimination. Parents of black freshman students were invited to a workshop at Hood College, a predominantly women's college, to discuss key academic hurdles their daughters will face.

• **Grievances.** The University of Rochester (N.Y.) appointed a mediator to investigate racial or ethnic harassment. They also conducted programs promoting tolerance, and issued a handbook spelling out penalties include possible expulsion for racial or ethnic harassment under a policy implemented this fall.

In Madison, the university has undertaken a plan to increase racial diversity and understanding. The program includes increasing the numbers of minority student and faculty and improving retention rates. Freshmen must take an ethnic stud-

ies course, and faculty and staff receive sensitivity training. Students who verbally or physically attack minority students are punished.

A progress report out earlier this year notes minority faculty hiring is on schedule and minority enrollment in graduate and professional schools is up. But it also says some initiatives, including freshman recruitment plans, "are stalled, and a few have experienced frustrating setbacks."

"The jury is still out," says Paul Barrows, minority affairs adviser to Chancellor Donna E. Shalala. While overt racism may appear to have subsided there still exists among many whites "a kind of cold indifference toward people of color," according to Barrows.

Some students, meanwhile, say the plan is largely a public relations effort that has not improved the student climate.

"It has now degenerated into more segregation and more polarization," says Steve Yun, a member of the Minority Coalition, a student group that focuses on preventing future outbreaks through education.

"The first step is in ... having people admit that we are living in a racist society," he says, "but it's hard to educate people when they do not want to be educated."

# Anti-Semitic attitudes shake Madison college community

By Mary Beth Marklein  
College Information Network

MADISON, Wis. — A recent rash of behavior has shaken this campus community, long known for liberalism and tolerance.

Since summer, police have handled more than 20 complaints — for name-calling, graffiti on Jewish fraternities and sororities, and broken windows at synagogues. Severed brake lines also were discovered on a school bus for a Jewish camp.

"It's kind of out of character for Madison," says David Margulies, 20, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where about 4,000 students — about 9 percent of the student population — are Jewish.

Usually, he says, "People feel they're free to be who they are, (but) all of a sudden we've got this horrible, filthy anti-Semitism."

Last Wednesday, while he attended sun-down services for the Jewish New Year at

the campus Jewish center, police stood guard outside. The measure was taken for protection, not as a reaction to threats.

What's puzzling is no one can identify what spurred the attacks. No one has been apprehended, and there is no evidence the incidents are part of an organized effort.

On campus, the reaction has ranged from anger to disbelief, says senior Ian Lapp, a founder of the student Jewish Coalition.

Many students "have never experienced the magnitude of persecution that they have felt in the last few weeks," he says, because most grew up in predominantly Jewish neighborhoods, and their only brush with anti-Semitism came from reading the newspaper.

Lapp says his group has encouraged students to respond to the attacks with pride rather than fear. "We're not going to back down from attending this university and acting as a Jewish student on this university."

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It's 'October' and the 'Hunt' is on

# Video stores ready to debut summer's hits

By Maureen Mack  
Reporter

October may be hunting season, but that's not the message video stores will be conveying when they advertise the release of "The Hunt for Red October" Oct. 25.


The cinema blockbuster based on Tom Clancy's No. 1 bestseller is only one of many video releases slated for next month.

The \$170 million grossing "Pretty Woman," starring Richard Gere and Julia Roberts, will be available Oct. 19.

And those "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" will be rocking TV screens next Thursday. The animated film made more than \$50 million in cinemas and is currently the center of several advertising campaigns.

Other blockbusters scheduled for release at the end of October are Robert Zemeckis' high-spirited "Back to the Future Part III" and "Bird on a Wire," with duo Goldie Hawn and Mel Gibson.

Movies that didn't fare so well in the cinemas but will



### October home video releases

- "Pretty Woman".....Oct. 19
- "The Hunt for Red October".....Oct. 25
- "Back to the Future Part III".....late October
- "Bird on a Wire".....late October

give it another shot on videotape this month include "Cadillac Man," starring comedian Robin Williams; the animated "Jetsons: the Movie" and steamy Mickey Rourke, of "9 1/2 Weeks" fame, in "Wild Orchid."

Video and movie companies release more than 30 movies every month. Many of these have only been shown in movie theaters in larger cities because there aren't enough screens elsewhere. That means that high-quality films that haven't been advertised in Huntington will be available in video stores.

Here are a few other "sleepers" due out this month:

• "Stanley and Iris," starring Jane Fonda and Robert DeNiro.

• "Tales from the Darkside," based on the TV series.

• "In the Spirit," a murder/comedy starring Olympia Dukakis and Peter Falk.

• "The Cook, the Thief, his Wife and her Lover." Billed as "The most controversial film of the decade," it is available in both R-rated and uncut versions.

• "The Fourth War," starring Roy Scheider and Jurgen Prochnow.

This month also has its share of not-so-acclaimed films as well. "Dangerous Game," which bills itself as "Die Hard' in a department store," will be available Oct. 19. "Angel Town" is this month's gang leader warfare movie. And what month would be complete without a sex-thriller? "Deceptions" will fill that role at the end of October.

Not all films will be available at every video store because stores purchase movies based on clientele. If a movie cannot be rented locally, it may be purchased through its production company.

## Community College receives machinery to assist students

By Rob Bastlanelli  
Reporter

The Mazak is coming, the Mazak is coming!

No, the Mazak is not some strange space alien, but an industrial machine center the Community College will receive for its new management technology program, according to Merle Thomas, assistant professor of management production, said.

The Mazak is a machine that assists in the development of component parts for various uses, Thomas said. "The Mazak is replacing industrial computerized machines."

"We hope to have the Mazak in operation by the first part of next year," Tim Klim, manufacturing manager for the technology program, said.

"We already have an industrial machine center that is a three-access system, but the Mazak is a four-system unit. The machining centers can perform various tasks such as drilling, grinding, sawing and the like," Klim said.

"We also have an IBM robot handler," Thomas said. "The robot handler is essentially a robot arm and attached assembly that can perform many functions."

"There are smaller milling stations and a miniature version of the IBM robot arm upstairs for use in classroom work," Thomas said. "These machines are run by a Computer Numerical Control (CNC). There is a class in CNC and robotics that is taught here." This will help students when they use the bigger machines downstairs, according to Thomas.

"The computers are linked with the WVNET in Morgantown. This is the main computer system that links all colleges and universities in West Virginia," Thomas said.

"There will be classroom work upstairs and practical shop work downstairs. The shop downstairs will be used for on-the-job training."

"Industrial management and physical equipment courses will be taught on campus. The shop work will be performed here at the (Marshall University) Research and Development Center," Thomas said.

"We hope to have the upstairs labs completed by Oct. 15," Klim said. "We are also receiving more machines on Nov. 16, and we should be in full operation by the first week in January," Klim said.

The machines, including the Mazak, were financed by The National Center for Manufacturing Services, Klim said.

## Calendar

The Center for International Studies is hosting a reception today from 3-5 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in the Memorial Student Center for those who traveled abroad in the last year or who would like to do so. More information is available by calling the center at 696-2465 or stopping by Old Main 228.

Huntingtonians For a Better City is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" forum at 7 p.m. Oct. 1 in the second floor Court Room No. 1 at the Cabell County Court House. The public is invited to attend. More information is available by calling 529-4400.

Omicron Delta Kappa is soliciting nominations for membership. To be eligible students must have completed one year at Marshall, be a junior with a 3.15 GPA or above or a senior with 3.0 GPA or above and have made other special achievements. Nomination forms are available in the Placement Services Center, Fifth Avenue and 17th Street, and must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. today.

Student Health Education Programs (SHEP) is sponsoring a Stress Management III workshop today at 12:30 p.m. In addition, SHEP sponsors Women's Contraceptive Health Education clinics at 2 p.m. each Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursdays. Appointments are required. The group also will sponsor Stop Smoking "Fresh Start" seminars starting at 5:30 p.m. Monday. More information is available by calling 696-3111.

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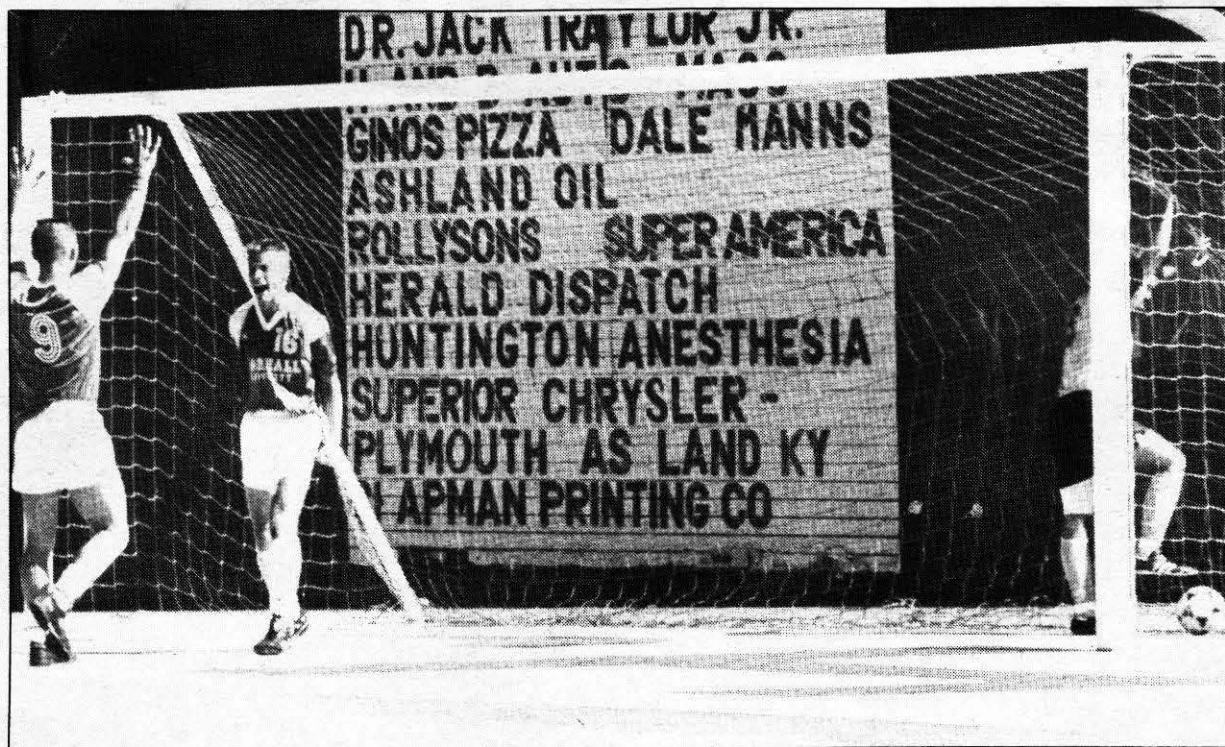


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## One in the net

Paul Mutart (9) and Lance Kovar (16) celebrate after Kovar scored a goal against Appalachian State University as the Mountaineer goalkeeper vents his frustration in the opposite corner of the net. Kovar, a junior defender from Charleston, scored the only goal Saturday against the Mountaineers with about 10 minutes left in the contest. The teams played to a 1-1

tie, ending the Herd's six-game losing streak. Kovar was named Southern Conference soccer player of the week Tuesday. The soccer team, 3-4-2 overall and 0-0-2 in the SC, played host to the University of Kentucky Wildcats Wednesday and returns to action next Wednesday in Columbus against the Ohio State Buckeyes.

## Runners face challenges from Bobcats at OU meet

By Steve Young  
Reporter

The men's and women's cross country teams will try to run past the field this weekend at the Ohio University Invitational.

Coach Dennis Brachna said he is happy with the teams' first three meets, and the progress they have made. "I'm very pleased with both programs," he said.

The key to this weekend's meet is getting past the OU Bobcats, a team Brachna said is one of the strongest teams in the meet. The Bobcats defeated Marshall earlier this year in a duel meet at Bowling Green 20-35.

In a field of eight, Brachna said the Thundering Herd should finish in the top two.

Junior co-captain Jimmy Cunningham agrees with Brachna and said he's looking forward to the meet. "It's a good course for setting a personal record," he said.

Cunningham said OU will be tough but said the Herd has a good chance of winning the meet. "If we run like we did at Malone, we can beat Ohio," he said.

The men finished second at Malone last weekend and the women placed fourth.

This meet will be the first varsity race for sophomore Randy Gibbs, who has been out with a knee injury. Gibbs ran Saturday in the open division and placed fifth.

On a muddy, hilly course last weekend, the men's first five runners finished within 23 seconds of each other.

Cunningham and Brachna both said that is excellent for any race. "The men are doing super," Brachna said.

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**Jimmy Cunningham**

A top three finish for the women is "a challenging but realistic goal," he said.

The women's team will compete with a new face too. Brachna said Melissa Simms, Russell, Ky., freshman, is a welcome addition to the team. Simms finished seventh in her high school cross country team championship meet last year.

Freshman Michelle Strager will be healthy this week after missing practice due to a cold before the Malone meet. Brachna said she is continuing to improve her performance each week.

The Lady Bobcats also defeated the Herd earlier at Bowling Green 20-37.

Besides OU, Brachna said the University of Toledo and the University of Cincinnati will be strong contenders for the women's event. Nine teams are competing in the women's event.

"All athletes look forward to OU," Brachna said.

## Tennis team remains perfect with UC win

The Thundering Herd tennis team continued its perfect season Tuesday with a 7-2 victory against the University of Charleston on the Third Avenue Courts.

Paige Pence, Jennifer Treloar, Kathy Sawvel, Rhonda Felser and Angie Holland picked up singles victories, while the teams of Treloar-Felser and Holland-Kathy Ray earned doubles wins.

The win improved Marshall's record to 6-0.

The team returns to action at 3:30 p.m. Friday when it battles the University of Dayton. At 9 a.m. Saturday, the Herd plays Sinclair College. Both games will be played at the University of Dayton.

## Steeler fanatic beaten after taunting LA crowd

By Peter Pegnam  
College Information Network

TUCSON, Ariz. — A Tucson man making his first trip to Los Angeles to watch his first professional football game was beaten severely at a game Sunday by other fans he apparently was taunting.

Paul Albrecht, 35, described by a co-worker as a big Pittsburgh Steelers fan, was in serious condition Tuesday after the incident during the game between the Steelers and Los Angeles Raiders at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

A head injury at first left him unconscious and unresponsive, according to a spokeswoman with the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. A spokesperson said Albrecht had improved to serious condition from critical, but he remained in the intensive care unit.

Shane Geringer, 19, was booked for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon, according to police Lt. Rich Molomy. He later was released after posting \$30,000 bail.

No weapon was used during the attack, but the victim was kicked after he had been knocked down, constituting assault with a deadly weapon, Sgt. Kris Davis said.

The attack occurred in the stands directly behind the Steelers' bench during the Raiders' 20-3 victory. "The Steelers' fan was walking through a section of Raiders' fans, taunting them," Davis said. "The Raiders' fans were throwing things at him. This one fan went over and punched him, knocking him to the ground."

Albrecht was given medical attention by trainers from the Pittsburgh bench before paramedics arrived, according to a witness who asked not to be identified.

Earlier in the game, Albrecht was attacked in a bathroom and knocked down, he said. Later, he said, Albrecht apparently went looking for his attackers. "He never told me what he was doing. If he did, I would have stopped him."

A wire service story on the incident identified Albrecht as a former Pittsburgh resident who moved to Tucson. Los Angeles police said occasional fights in the stands at football games are not unusual in the city, but called an attack of such severity rare.

## HPER organizing club for mountain bicyclists

A meeting for students interested in a mountain biking club is at 4 p.m. today in Gullickson Hall 123.

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department is trying to start a club for students who like to mountain bike. Mary Taylor from HPER said she would like to plan an off-road tour on the Greenbrier River Trail near the Elk River. She said a discount is available for student groups.

Taylor also said she would also like to have tours in Huntington and Charleston. "A lot of students ride, but don't know where to go," she said.



# Impressions

## Professors make novel use of free time

### Imagination takes over where time leaves off

By Brad McElhinny  
Staff Writer

Sometimes novel ideas occur at work. Sometimes they happen at home.

And sometimes novel ideas strike people at Marshall University.

Three Marshall professors have shaped imagination and ideas into published works.

The latest is as-

assistant professor of English Richard Spilman whose book "Hot Fudge" was published nationwide in April by Poseiden Press. The book, which Dr. Spilman had worked on since 1980, is a collection of four short stories and two novellas. It locally is available at the Marshall University Bookstore, Stationers, and Waldenbooks.

"I didn't think a collection of short stories would be published in a large market," he said. "Short stories are a little harder to market than novels."

Originally, Spilman had intended to publish a novel first, and he had found a publishing agent who was interested in helping him. But, he said, "she got tired of waiting for the novel and

decided to market the short stories."

Spilman formed the stories by creating characters and placing them in situations. Then he let his imagination take over.

"I tend to approach each story like I'm a character actor in a role," he said. "I tend to throw off one role and put on another. When I wrote

I was trying to make each story as different as possible."

The result has been received well, Spilman said.

"Mostly the reviews have been good," he said.

"There haven't been large numbers of them, but they've all been good."

Spil-

man is now working on the second draft of his novel which involves "murders, police, a young woman coming of age, marriages cementing themselves or falling apart—everything that makes life interesting."

Assistant professor of English Gweneth Hood is much more specific about her subject matter. Her choice is science fiction.

Hood's first novel, "The Coming of the Demons," is about humans from the future who "blunder into medieval Italy and make a mess for themselves and others." It was

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- Gweneth Hood

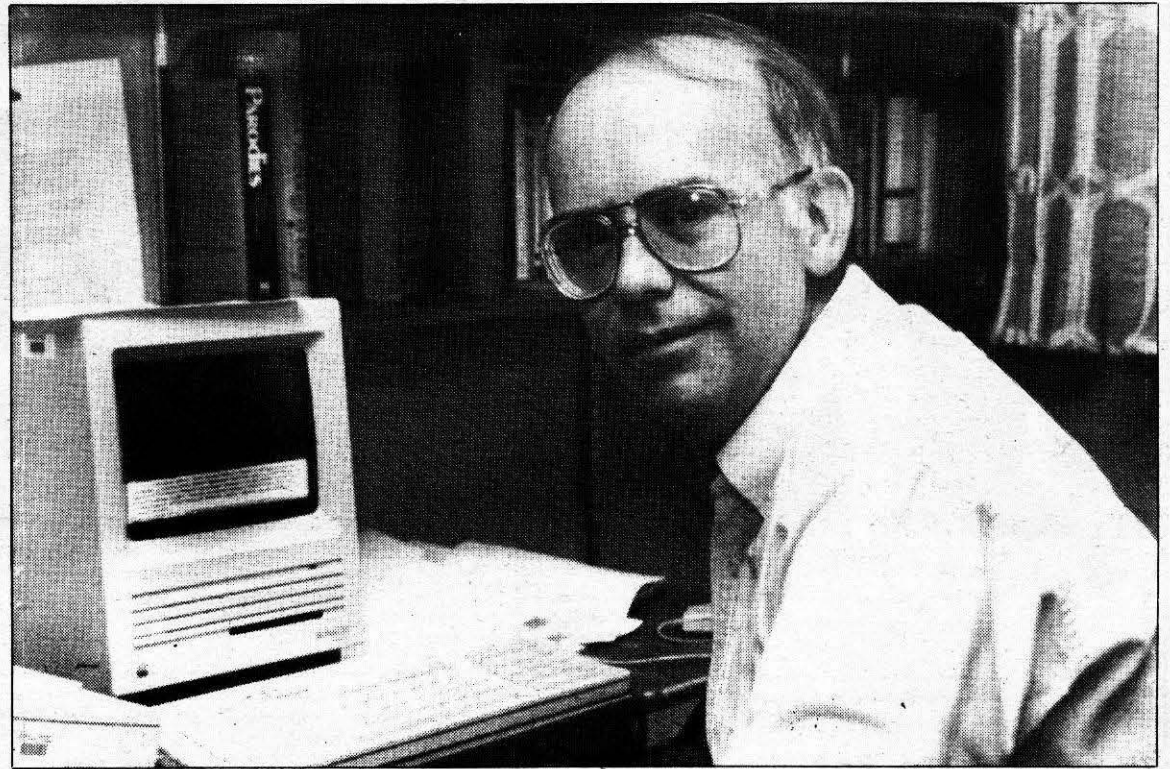


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Dr. Richard S. Spilman, assistant professor of English and author of the award-winning "Hot Fudge," takes a break from his writing to talk about his short stories and novel.

published in 1982 by William Morrow & Co.

"It is the one I always wanted to write," she said. "I did a lot of research on medieval Italy."

Her reviews were somewhat mixed.

"Getting reviews depends on the opinion of the reviewer," she said. "My hometown was sort of a rave review. Publisher's Weekly was pretty good. Isaac Asimov's was only so-so. In talking to ordinary people who read it and reading the reviews, though, the ordinary people seemed to understand it much better."

Hood wrote a sequel to the novel, but it wasn't published. Now she is working on a series of four books, but doesn't have a publishing

contract signed yet.

"I have so many ideas, I don't know where they come from," she said. "They come out when I'm teaching a class, when somebody says something... I have a lengthy backlog of ideas and I don't think I'll be able to get to many of them."

Wallace Knight, associate professor of journalism, published his first novel, "Lightstruck," in 1979 and has two more—"Beeline" and "A Dead Duck"—that he hasn't tried to publish.

"I don't try to write mystery or action-adventure or anything," he said. "I try to write about people, how they think and how they act."

"Lightstruck," published by Atlantic Monthly Publishing House, is about "a group of people

who see a U.F.O., how they respond to it, and how they use it to their own benefit."

"It isn't a science fiction story by any means," Knight said. "It's a story about people."

"I don't have the slightest idea how I get my ideas. It is not as if you are struck by lightning. When you write you have to work at it. You have to work to develop a plot and that leads to the characters and pretty soon they start doing things."

The story, Knight said, sold a moderate amount of copies.

"It is hard for a first novel to sell and I proved it," he said. "I didn't make enough money off of it to get excited about, but it was enough to make me feel good."

### Methods used to fall asleep

Watch television	ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ	33%
Read	ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ	30%
Nothing	ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ	29%
Daily exercise	ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ	13%
Meditation	ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ	13%
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