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U.S. officials lose hope for cease-fire in Gulf

By Tom Raum
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House officials scrambled Wednesday to dampen expectations of a Persian Gulf cease-fire, insisting only a "massive withdrawal" by Iraq could end the fighting.

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President Bush was described as "very saddened" by the first U.S. ground casualties, but pledged to continue "standing up to the evil" threatening world

peace.

As the president continued to rally support for Operation Desert Storm, officials took pains to deny a rift between the president and Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush had not seen in advance a U.S.-Soviet statement issued by Baker the night before and had only learned of it as he headed to the Capitol to deliver his State-of-the-Union address.

The statement issued by Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh widely was interpreted as movement toward a new cease-fire over-

ture toward Iraq. Fitzwater denied any policy change but said Bush "expressed concerns with the interpretation of the statement."

The U.S.-Soviet communique said a cease-fire could be possible if Iraq would make an "unequivocal commitment" to withdraw from Kuwait and followed it with "concrete steps." Furthermore, the statement pledged to deal with the Arab-Israeli conflict once the Persian Gulf war was over.

"There's no change in policy; there's no linkage (to the Israeli-Palestinian issue) from our point of view and massive withdrawal is the way for Saddam

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Photo by Jack Bailey

Sgt. Maj. Donovan Combs spoke to about 30 students in Twin Towers East Tuesday on the likelihood of a draft and terrorism.

Sergeant tells students draft unlikely

By Jack Bailey
Staff Writer

While much of the nation watched President Bush's State-of-the-Union address Tuesday night, 30 young men met in Twin Towers East with a member of the Department of Military Science to address their concerns about a possible draft.

"I think the probability is extremely low because there is no need for one right now," Sgt. Maj. Donovan Combs said.

He also added that the only way there would be a draft is if, "this thing goes to heck in a handbasket and drags out for a few years."

Combs said a draft only could be instituted by an act of both the president and Congress.

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■ Sgt. Maj. Donovan Combs
Military Science Instructor

"Politically, it is not a good decision. None of the politicians want to do it," he said.

If a draft were started 20-year-olds would be the first called upon. Then a lottery system based on birthdays would be used to determine who in that age group would be drafted.

However, even if a person were drafted, Combs said it would be six to eight months before they were in a

combat situation.

"If you do get drafted you must go through basic and advanced individual training, and this usually takes a minimum of six to eight months depending upon an individual's speciality," he said.

Besides the draft, Combs also discussed a number of other topics such as getting mail to the troops, terrorism and anti-war protests.

"Before the war started the best time for a letter reaching someone in the Gulf was 10 days. The norm was 13-15 days," he said. "Now since fighting broke out the planes that were used to carry mail are used to carry equipment."

Combs said receiving mail from

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Senate proposes more restrictions on pre-registration

By Jodi Thomas
Faculty Senate Correspondent

Faculty Senate will consider a recommendation today that would eliminate priority registration for all students except the physically challenged and those enrolled in the HELP program.

Several students currently are permitted to register for classes before regular registration begins.

Priority registration now is restricted to physically challenged students and those enrolled in the Higher Education Learning Problems program, nursing students, athletes, Yeager Scholars and John Marshall Scholars.

If passed by the Faculty Senate, the proposal will be sent to Interim President Alan B. Gould for final approval.

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee reviewed the reason for groups having priority registration.

Committee Secretary Donna Donathan, said the board's findings were surprising.

"The oddest thing is that there is no policy (for priority registration), just a thing that has been understood," she said. "It is not in writing anywhere."

Donathan said the consensus of the committee's members was that the reasons were not sufficient for most groups.

"Some of the reasons given could be applied to huge amounts of students," she said. "For example, the School of Nursing said they need priority registration because they have clinicals. Karen McComas (committee chairwoman) pointed out that the speech pathology majors also have clinicals, but they do not have priority registration."

Donathan said another reason the committee suggested eliminating most priority registration is that it was dis-

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Fighting described by troops as 'hellacious'

Battle claims first U.S. ground casualties

By The Associated Press



D H A H R A N, Saudi Arabia — U.S. Marines fired anti-tank weapons and called in air strikes to repel a three-pronged

attack by tank-led Iraqi forces Wednesday. Twelve Marines were killed and heavy Iraqi casualties were reported, U.S. military officials said.

The Marines were the first American ground forces to die in battle in the two-week-old war with Iraq. The clash, which started Tuesday night, began when Iraqi tanks were spotted moving into Saudi Arabia and was the heaviest ground fighting so far in the Persian Gulf War.

By late afternoon, about 50 Iraqi troops in armored personnel carriers were holding the central part of the Saudi border town of Khafji, U.S. Marines and Saudi troops deployed on the outskirts said. It was the first time Iraq held any Saudi territory since the war began.

As the ground battle broke out, air-sea clashes were reported in the gulf, and bomb-laden allied airplanes thundered off runways in Saudi Arabia to strike targets deep in Iraq.

A Pentagon source characterized the Iraqi ground action as a "probing attack" aimed at assessing allied strength and weaknesses.

Reports from Marines on the ground

If they control the town for the moment, it's only going to be for the moment.

■ **Lt. Michael Ragoza**
Platoon commander

spoke of street fighting in Khafji. Marine Lt. Col. Cliff Myers described the fighting as "hellacious" as the Marines battled Iraqis in the moonlight in the freezing temperatures.

About 20 Iraqi armored vehicles were destroyed and 25 Iraqi soldiers were reported captured, according to pool reports.

Marines in a small weapons and scouts platoon said the two sides exchanged artillery and small arms fire throughout the day.

The Iraqi forces also fired rockets toward the rear positions of the allied units around the city, the Marines said.

Platoon commander Lt. Michael Ragoza, 26, vowed the allies would push the Iraqis out of Khafji. "If they control the town for the moment, it's only going to be for the moment," he said.

The battle began around midnight when a small Iraqi force crossed the Kuwait border into Khafji, where they were engaged by troops from the tiny gulf state of Qatar. The Qataris destroyed two Iraqi tanks and took 10 prisoners, preliminary reports stated.

The heaviest fighting was right at the Saudi-Kuwait border, according to the pool dispatches by reporters in the area.

They said when the Iraqi assault began the allies had troops patrolling Khafji but there were no soldiers stationed in it.

Marine units from the 1st Marine Division rushed to the outskirts of the deserted border town and began lobbing artillery at the approaching Iraqis, pool reports said.

Marines also apparently engaged a larger Iraqi force with TOW-firing vehicles and air support from Air Force A-10s, Marine A-6 bombers and Marine AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters.

The Marines then pulled back and Saudi soldiers were sent in to take over the fighting, a senior U.S. military official in Riyadh said.

A third Iraqi incursion began around noon Wednesday as a force of up to 80 Iraqi armored vehicles and 3,000 to 4,000 men approached Saudi positions, pool reports said.

By mid-afternoon some Iraqi soldiers remained in Khafji, and the Saudi troops were "trying to talk them into surrendering," the U.S. military official in Riyadh said.

The Marines lost two armored vehicles in the battles, and the Iraqis lost 20 T-55 tanks and armored personnel carriers, Marine officers told pool reporters.

Myers said much of the Iraqi armor was destroyed by TOW anti-tank missiles fired by Marine ground units.

Bill would set state insurance financial standards

By The Associated Press



CHARLESTON—Seven administration-sponsored bills were introduced Wednesday in the House of Delegates, including a measure to

strengthen the state insurance commissioner's regulatory powers.

Gov. Gaston Caperton's health care control legislation was submitted to the Senate. A bill to strengthen the Health Care Cost Review Authority was introduced earlier in the House.

The 74-page insurance bill would make a number of changes, including making hospital, medical, dental and health agencies adhere to certain financial standards already applicable to traditional insurance companies.

The standards included requiring a specific annual financial statement, maintaining capital and fund surplus requirements, and restrictions on investments.

The bill would strengthen the commissioner's power to regulate and

restrict certain transactions between a state insurance company and an affiliate.

It also would give the commissioner new power and provides criteria for when he can take over an insurance company in financial difficulty.

Other new administration bills would:

- Increase the maximum penalties for sexual assault. It would increase from 25 years to 35 years the maximum penalty for first-degree sexual assault and from 20 to 25 years the maximum penalty for second-degree sexual assault.

- Provide additional employment credit preference points for state hirings to any veteran who served in Beirut, Grenada, Panama or the current operations in Saudi Arabia.

- Ensure that escape from custody of the Division of Corrections is a felony. The state Supreme Court ruled last year that escape from the division's custody was a felony after a circuit judge ruled there was no specific law on the issue.

- Update businesses taxes to bring them in line with changes made annually in federal tax law, a generally

routine bill.

- Restructure current health care finance programs.

- Update certain provisions relating to educational opportunities for the children of deceased veterans.

Other bills introduced would:

- Increase from \$10 to \$15 the charge that could be levied against a person who bounces a check.

- Create a misdemeanor offense for assault of a sports official.

- Broaden the definition of hospitals to expand the ability of health care facilities to generate working capital.

- Prohibit ownership or keeping of pit bull terriers in the state. The bill, however, provides no penalty section.

- Allow the attorney general to convene a statewide grand jury to prosecute certain criminal offenses.

- Make it simpler for the state Board of Education to take control of school districts that are faltering educationally or financially. The bill was sponsored by the board.

- Require signs to be posted prominently alerting motorists to areas where school buses routinely change direction or enter highways.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON

Ceasefire possible if Iraq takes steps

The U.S. and Soviet Union said Tuesday that a ceasefire in the gulf war is possible if Iraq takes "concrete steps" to remove its troops from Kuwait. The joint statement — issued at the end of talks between Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh — marks the first U.S.-backed ceasefire offer since the conflict began 13 days ago.

EL SALVADOR

U.S. sends weapons to El Salvador forces

The U.S. delivered three A-37 jet fighter-bombers and six attack helicopters to the El Salvadoran air force. The equipment replaces material lost to guerrillas in recent attacks. The A-37s were inscribed with the names of the three U.S. servicemen killed after rebels shot down their U.S. Army UH-1H helicopter in eastern El Salvador.

WASHINGTON

Court says agents may seize terrorists

A federal appeals court in Washington upheld the right of the federal government to seize suspected terrorists overseas and forcibly bring them to the U.S. for trial. Upheld: the conviction of Fawaz Younis for the 1985 Beirut hijacking of a jetliner with two U.S. citizens aboard. U.S. agents lured him to a yacht in the Mediterranean Sea and arrested him.

SEATTLE, Wash.

Legal euthanasia bill discussed in Wash.

An initiative that would make Washington the first state to legalize euthanasia was sent to the Legislature. Citizen groups, AIDS activists and civil liberties groups gathered more than the required 150,000 signatures for the measure, which would allow terminal patients to seek aid in dying from their doctors. The medical community is fighting the measure.

OUR VIEW

Ignoring cause is bad medicine

"If they took away our sticks and gave us brooms, we'd still have fights."

Phil Esposito

Taking away Marshall's medical school isn't going to solve the state's funding fiasco.

There still would be so many programs competing for so little money that Marshall would continue to be treated like the state's higher education stepchild.

Gov. Caperton has said the state can no longer support three medical schools, and one of them may have to go. Some are saying Marshall can kiss theirs goodbye.

But if Caperton is convinced he knows all the answers and must eliminate one medical school, Marshall's certainly is NOT the one.

Marshall has a higher percentage of medical graduates stay and practice in the state than either of the other schools. And that's what we need. Not only good physicians, but good physicians who will remain in West Virginia and fill the state's dire need for health care.

Eliminating the medical school, or simply moving it to another area, would only lead to Marshall having that much less to offer students, while Morgantown's "university upon a hill" would continue to be babied.

Over the course of several years, state officials have been clouded in their belief that Marshall should absorb all cutbacks.

But no more.

To treat a "disease" (for example, dazed legislators) one must eliminate the cause, not just alleviate the symptoms.

Why ax MU's medical school as a temporary solution when officials (especially those northern Mountaineer puppets) should be looking at the big picture — How can we work to keep all three schools?

They're giving up much too easily.

Besides, if we wanted to quickly eliminate all of the state's less desirable aspects, we'd erase Morgantown from the map completely — preferably while state legislators were meeting there.

But this kind of behavior is bad medicine. And it really makes us sick.



College Press Service

YOUR TURN

Protesters not very realistic

To the Editor:

With all of the recent anti-war protests being reported, I feel compelled to remind people that there are those who support the war as well.

War supporters have been labeled as callous, insensitive individuals who are leading this country to destruction. To me, that just sounds like the kind of rhetoric Saddam Hussein is using. Many protesters say we have no reason to be over there, and that we are exchanging "blood for oil." These people must be living in Disneyland with their mouse ears on too tight. For those who can't see out of the Magic Kingdom, let me provide them with an update on what's going on in the real world:

In case anyone has forgotten, Iraq has invaded, pillaged, and persecuted the peaceful nation of Kuwait. Saddam Hussein has taken diplomats hostage — American and otherwise — and threatened to use them as shields. Only when it became diplomatically inconvenient did he release them.

Sanctions were imposed and did not work and The United Nations ordered Iraq to leave Kuwait. It refused. So when Saudi Arabia asked us to protect its border, we went in.

Over the course of six months, diplomats consulted and still Iraq would not budge. During that time, women and children in Kuwait were, and still are, being sexually assaulted and murdered.

If these anti-war protesters don't think this is a reason to intervene, then what would be? Check out "The Rape of Kuwait" at Waldenbooks, and you'll find plenty others listed.

No one wants war. But there comes a time when men and women of good conscience cannot and should not tolerate atrocities committed against innocent people. We shouldn't let our fear of war override our sense of justice, and the morality of protecting those who can't defend themselves.

As Americans, we symbolize the hope that all citizens everywhere will one day live peacefully, and have the "self-evident" rights that we now possess. While some may not believe in the American Dream anymore, most Americans do. We support our troops, and what they are doing. And anyone who protests

the war, I'm sorry, does not support the troops. Its a contradiction in terms. You can't support what someone is doing and protest it at the same time. I, for one, support both. I am proud of them — and pray for their safe return.

Support our troops, stop the atrocities, prevent aggression and pray for peace. Anti-war supporters: Please, think about what you're really saying. Peace!

Jim McDermott
Huntington freshman

WVU med school far better

To the Editor:

After reading our Gov. Gaston Caperton's legislative speech concerning medicine and health care in West Virginia, I first thought he was giving doctors a pat on the back. But in this address he did not mention any budget for the state's two medical schools and the osteopathic school in Lewisburg.

I was astonished later to find that he thinks West Virginia University's medical school is good, but too expensive, and what he wants is cheaper "bargin basement" medicine for the state's rural people. So he filled his medical education commission with people he thought would cut the WVU budget and add it to Marshall and the osteopathic school to train "general practitioners" for the state's rural areas.

If Caperton were sick I bet he would be looking for the most highly trained and renowned medical specialists in the United States to diagnose and treat his complaints. The cost would be like pennies to him and would be the last thing he would consider.

Most good doctors like to get the best training they can find or afford. If they cannot find it in West Virginia, they will go to better schools in other states.

And they won't come back.

Nobody doubts that the WVU medical school far surpasses Marshall's and the school in Lewisburg.

Why tear it down to make it cheaper? Instead, let's make it better!

Ralph W. Ryan, M.D.
Morgantown, W.Va.

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Architects unveil plan

Stadium seats 'found'

Representatives of Rosser Fabrap Inc., architects for the football stadium project, unveiled plans Tuesday to add 2,268 seats to the south end of the stadium to correct the "loss" of 2,082 seats resulting from a design flaw.

The drawings were discussed at a meeting of representatives of the Atlanta architectural firm, university officials and a staff representative of the state university system's Board of Trustees.

"The problem is Rosser Fabrap's responsibility," Henry Teague, senior vice president for project operations, said in a university press release. "Rosser Fabrap feels it has an obligation in the cost of the additional seats to be built."

The stadium's current construction schedule will provide 28,000 seats that will be ready for the first home game (Sept. 7 against New Hampshire) of the football season. The additional seats will be erected after the 1991 season and before the 1992 season.

Students, faculty confident

Med school will survive

By Gregory Colliard
Reporter

Despite talks of medical education spending cuts by Gov. Gaston Caperton, faculty and students of the School of Medicine are confident its program will survive.

Dr. Maurice A. Mufson, School of Medicine chairman, said the medical school is an important part of medical education in West Virginia.

"I believe Marshall will be a medical school in West Virginia forever," he said. "Students at Marshall want to stay in West Virginia, and that is what the state needs."

Mufson said he did not know if any of the three medical schools in the state will get cut, but said Marshall is fulfilling its mission in medical education and rural health delivery programs.

"Marshall places many graduates in rural areas of West Virginia, so the state gets its dollar's worth," he said.

The school has produced the same amount of primary care physicians for West Virginia in 12 years of existence as West Virginia University has in almost 30 years, Monty Baylor, senior medical student said.

"Marshall's primary care is vastly superior to WVU's," he said. "If you were to do away with Marshall's program, many patients in this area would suffer."

Patrick I. Brown, associate dean of academic and student affairs, said he suspects a decision on the future of medical education in the state will be made this year.

"This certainly is not a new issue," he said. "I do not know why it has not been dealt with earlier."

Many services available for physically challenged

By Anissa Henderson
Reporter

More than 200 physically challenged students attend Marshall and many services available to them, according to Sandra M. Clements, coordinator of the Educational Support Program.

Services provided for these students include: tutoring on an individual and group basis, reader services for visually impaired and learning disabled students who are unable to use a regular printed textbook, test proctoring and accommodation to allow students time extensions, oral testing and private locations for testing and early registration for disabled students two days prior to the start of advance registration.

Physically challenged students are not required to participate in the educational support program but are expected to request services on their own.

Many of the students who participate in the program receive a vocational rehabilitation sponsorship which provides them with financial assistance for vocational training.

Maintaining a 2.0 overall grade point average and being a full-time student are the two primary requirements for receiving sponsorship, said Jerry Meadows, counselor for the West Virginia division of rehabilitation services.

Broken MSC door creates problems for some students

Many physically challenged students were forced to ask for assistance because a door malfunctioned, Jan. 24, at the Memorial Student Center.

As a result, individuals in wheelchairs have had to rely on others to open the door.

Cal B. Stephenson, chief of maintenance, said he "didn't know it was broken. Nobody reported it." The door was fixed Tuesday.

"They know they are here for an education and for that reason only," Clements said. "Our students are also very active on campus. We have a student who works with the campus escort service and another student on the Spring Fest committee."

Disabled Student Services are free to full and part-time students. Students are expected to pay for some services such as personal care attendants. Students interested in services, may contact the office of educational support programs at 696-2271 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Professor dedicates life to helping burn victims

By Jim Stowers
News Editor

An associate professor and several small furry patients are attempting to make strides in burn treatment at the School of Medicine.

Dr. Louis H. Aulick, associate professor of physiology, studies molecules in the blood of rats who have been burned to locate an inhibitor which may cause the depression of immune systems in burn victims. "What kills burn patients is their inability to fight infections," he said.

Aulick, who received his graduate degree from Indiana University, brought his wife and two sons to Huntington in 1984. One son has since graduated from Marshall and the other is a senior.

He became involved in burn research



Dr. Louis Aulick

while working at the Brooks Army Medical Center burn unit in San Antonio, Texas, from 1974 to 1984. As well as being a research facility, the unit treats seriously burned patients, both civilian and military, from across the country.

Even though Aulick is no longer on the Army payroll, the Army is still interested in his research and supplies all the funding for his work. He initially received a \$130,000 grant over a two-year period to study metabolic rates. Now he is working from a one-year, \$30,000 grant.

For the first half of his 10-year stay at BAMC, Aulick calculated the metabolic rates of burn victims by measuring the amount of oxygen they use. He then moved to the laboratory for the second half. He said this move to the research division of the unit is a standard and important transfer for medical personnel.

"It keeps the doctors sane to go to the lab and say 'I'm going to make this part (of the suffering) better,'" Aulick said.

"Being from an institution like BAMC, I know what it's like to be

burned," he said. "Having my kind of experience makes it more than an academic study."

Aulick completed all his human research during the first half of his tenure at BAMC. He then moved to laboratory rats.

"When you study a patient, you can only study response," Aulick said. After studying human responses, the research moved to animal physiology.

The process for using a rat starts by putting it to sleep, putting a 30 percent third-degree burn on its back and then drawing blood.

Aulick said the animal can't feel the burn because third-degree burns destroy the nerves, but it does feel sick. He said this is vital because he couldn't use an animal who was in pain. "It's important to me both ethically and professionally," he said.

He said since pain increases the metabolic rate and his study involves how burns affect metabolic rate, he has to eliminate all other factors which affect it. The sickness the animals feel results from bacteria which enters the circulation from the burn.

Aulick studies eight rats at a time.

With 20 percent of his 11-hour workday reserved for teaching classes, about 70 percent of his schedule is devoted to working to purify an inhibiting factor from the blood and trying to find out if or how it affects the immune system.

"Potentially, it has very significant value," he said, "but we're several years away from knowing that."

Aulick said it is accepted in his profession that after research is completed, the results are not applied clinically for another 10 years. During this time, the results are tested.

"If I had to survive on immediate gratification I would have gotten out of the business a long time ago, he said.

"It would be nice to sit back in my rocking chair at age 75 and look back and know that I had some effect on burn care. But that's not what brings me to work every day.

"What brings me to work is the challenge to find the answer to whatever the current problem is."

This and the hope that his research will aid in the recovery of burn victims.

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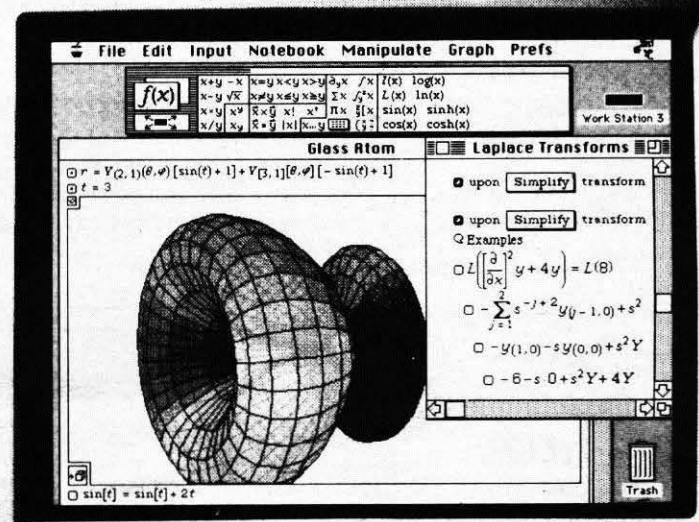
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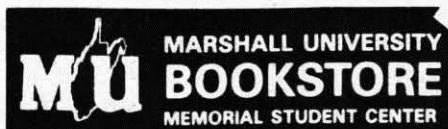
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Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



YOU CAN PUT MY BODY TO BED, BUT MY SPIRIT'S GOING TO STAY RIGHT HERE, SO WHY BOTHER? WHY SHOULDN'T I JUST STAY UP?



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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"So! . . . You must be the one they call 'The Kid.'"

IRAQ

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Hussein to get out of Kuwait," Fitzwater said. "We're anxious that no one should think we're altering policy."

For his part, Bush told reporters, "There are no differences" between him and Baker on gulf policy.

Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman, also insisted the joint statement broke no new ground on the Persian Gulf conflict or on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

"It does not call for a (Middle East) peace conference. It does not call for a pause for peace," she said.

Both she and Fitzwater also said statements following meetings among foreign ministers frequently are not

cleared with the White House before being issued at the State Department.

She said the notion of a breakdown in communication between Baker and Bush was "absurd and silly."

Fitzwater said the statement may have been designed in large part to mollify Soviet concerns about the war.

"A main part of the statement was to say again publicly that both the United States and the Soviet Union are not trying to destabilize the Middle East, do not want Iraq to be destroyed by this war," he said.

Rep. William Broomfield, R-Mich., the ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the statement was "encouraging" if it could pave the way to a cease-fire.

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn. called the statement "the first ray of light in many dark days."

DRAFT

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home means a lot to the troops.

"This is the biggest highlight of their day, it's a real morale booster. It's well worth its weight in gold."

During his military career Combs was assigned to a base in Germany and had to learn how to deal with the threat of terrorism.

Although Saddam Hussein is threatening terrorist attacks throughout the world, Combs said he is not worried living in Huntington.

"Terrorism is something that does occur, but it is on such a small scale, except psychologically," he said. "The odds against terrorism in Huntington are astronomical."

SENATE

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criminary.

"I think it discriminates because a very small group of students always has the perfect 'schedule,' she said. "We give no concessions for students who work full-time or students with families, so why these groups?"

In a proposal by the Athletic Committee, priority registration should be given to athletes because "the policy assists students in making satisfactory progress, and should not be denied to student athletes who have more responsibilities and constraints than do typical students."

Donathan said this is the goal of all students.

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Economy hurting ticket sales, official says

By Kerry Salmons
Reporter

Ticket sales for the first eight home men's basketball games are down from last year, in part because the economy is weaker, an Athletic Department official said.

Joe Wortham, assistant ticket/concessions manager, said season tickets sales this year are about 300 less than last season.

Wortham admits admission into games is monitored more closely than it was in the past, but he said he doesn't think this has affected sales.

The team not being as successful and "the general economic conditions have hurt sales," Wortham said.

“Like every department, there is a budget and you don't always budget well. A budget is a balancing game and if you have to make cuts, you make cuts.”

■ Lee Moon
Athletic Director

"Discretionary spending is what goes first when trying to conserve."

The only price increase has been for four games — the Virginia, West Virginia and Marshall Memorial Invitational games — in which all tickets were \$8 instead of the normal general admission cost of \$6.

To improve sales over the holidays when Marshall students were off-

campus, high school students were offered general admission tickets for \$3 and were allowed to set in the student section. Wortham said the first two games — Virginia and Virginia Tech — were successful.

But because the \$3 tickets for the Tennessee-Chattanooga game were limited to high school basketball players and cheerleaders, the turnout

wasn't as large.

Wortham said concession sales have also declined from the '89-'90 season.

"If you don't have people in the house, you aren't going to sell hotdogs," he said.

Wortham did not have exact figures because the season isn't over, but he said he expects only a small decline.

The concession stands are operated by the Marriot Corporation but it pays a commission to the Athletic Department.

"Like every department, there is a budget and you don't always budget well," Athletic Director Lee Moon said.

"A budget is a balancing game and if you have to make cuts, you make cuts," Moon said.

Big Green stays busy by selling bricks, raising funds for athletics

By Kerry Salmons
Reporter

The Big Green Scholarship Foundation's fund-raising projects are half way through for this year but the Buy a Brick drive is still going strong.

The drive allows the community to be a part of the new stadium by having their name placed on a brick. The price of the bricks are \$50 and \$100.

Dick "Scooter" Shreve, executive director of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, said close to 800 bricks have been sold, but he said the foundation would like to sell a few thousand.

Besides fund drives the Big Green Scholarship Foundation has been named the soul beneficiary to a few \$100,000 life insurance policies and have been named in several wills.

All the money raised or donated goes to the Athletic Department except for the operational expenses of the Big Green Foundation, Shreve said.

The foundation was formed in 1942 as a support arm for student-athletes, according to Shreve.

The scholarship candidates are selected by a selection

committee made of coaches, Big Green staff members, financial aid and others in the Athletic Department.

When determining scholarship recipients, Shreve said, "We look at what the student is doing for us athletically, what he or she is doing in the community and on campus."

He said the foundation's scholarships are primarily for athletes but they do give scholarships to students in sports medicine.

Shreve said the program is a successful one and he is proud of the fact that the foundation has bought 25 courtesy cars for coaches and administrators to use and travel vans for the team.

"We have the biggest fleet of cars in the Southern Conference," Shreve said.

The annual dinner for Ashland Oil will be toward the end of April, he said. Over the past few years, this dinner has raised more than \$150,000 for the department.

Anyone can donate to the foundation, Shreve said. People who donate enough money to the foundation for a full scholarship are recognized in some way.

The main emphasis of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation "is to keep a positive image of Marshall University athletics," Shreve said.

Lady Herd in action at Liberty

After dropping a 75-69 decision Monday to Youngstown State, The Lady Herd returns to action at 7:30 p.m. today in Lynchburg, Va., to battle Liberty University.

The Lady Herd, 12-6, goes into the game with three players averaging in double figures — Sheila Johnson with 18.7 points per game, Wendy Gatlin with 13.9 and Kristi Huff with 11.3.

As of Jan. 21, the Lady Herd ranked 10th in the NCAA in scoring defense, allowing only 59.6 points per game.

Liberty enters the game with an 8-8 mark.

After today's game, the Lady Herd's next game is Monday at Western Carolina. Game time is 7 p.m.

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Something old and something new; old bricks borrowed, construction's due

By Dave McGee
Reporter

A little bit of the old will provide the material for the new look to Marshall's Hal Greer Boulevard entrance due for renovations later this spring.

Antique brick salvaged from the 20th Street stadium site will be used on new walkways leading from the Hal Greer Boulevard gate to the entrance of Old Main, Ed Grose, vice president for administration, said.

The new entrance will be closed to vehicles and remain open to pedestrian traffic only. A wall will be constructed on either side of the entrance gate extending only a short distance and will terminate in ornamental curves with wrought iron on the top.

Posts will be installed that can be knocked down in case of an emergency such as a fire.

Additional changes to the west entrance include the construction of a brick wall with a lighted Marshall University sign. The sign will be built into the hill between Old Main and Smith Music Hall.

The John Marshall bust will face Old Main from a newly constructed brick plaza in front of the Old Main entrance. Benches will be spaced around

the plaza.

A small beach tree will replace the stump of the old Marshall beach tree. The commemorative plack now on the stump will be placed at the site.

The steeply sloped bank between Old Main and Smith Hall is a high maintenance area and was a factor in beginning the project in that area, according to Grose.

A drainage system will be installed to alleviate the problems now encountered on the hill. Tentative plans call for planting an ivy covering on the hill.

Planters and benches will be installed along the north side of Old Main. The kiosk at the east end of Old Main will be removed and replaced by a bulletin board with a map of the university.

Additional bench seating will be placed in the area.

Bids on the project will be taken soon so the project can begin when the spring semester is over. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$300,000, according to Grose.

Future campus landscaping plans are incomplete. "It becomes a matter of economics as to how much further you can go, you have to stop some place," Grose said.

The project will begin in the summer when there is less student traffic.

FYI

Baptist Student Union will sponsor a "Share Seminar" Jan. 31 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Campus Christian Center. Other programs include "I Am" Wednesdays at 2:20 p.m., "Building a Good Reputation" Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., "TNT" Thursdays at 7 p.m. and "Lunch For A Buck" Mondays at noon.

Student Health Education Program (SHEP) is sponsoring a "Fresh Start Smoking Cessation Group" Feb. 4, 6, 11 and 13. A limited number of participants will be accepted, so students must pre-register by calling Denise Norris at 696-3111.

Substance Abuse Education is again sponsoring "Concern Series" lectures throughout the semester. The first discussion is "Use, Abuse, Dependency: Where does one end and another begin?" and will take place at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in MSC 2W37.

Men's and Women's Rugby Club will conduct tryouts and an organizational meeting Friday at 3 p.m. in Gullickson Hall. More information is available by calling 525-9088.

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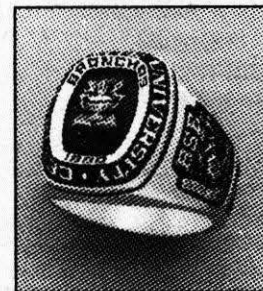
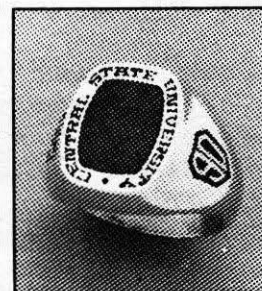
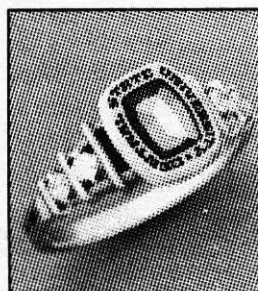
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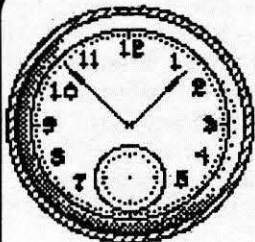
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