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## 'Patients will die' if WVU loses funds, dean says

By Jennifer P. Moran  
Reporter

The dean of the West Virginia University's medical school has written to patients telling them "people will die" unless WVU wins its lobbying battle in the Legislature.

"To target patients to solicit support is highly unethical," Del. Pat H. White, D-Putnam, said Thursday. White is a member of the governor's task force on medical education. The letters were discussed Wednesday at task force meeting.

Letters from Dr. Robert M. D'Alessandri say if the legislature doesn't fund WVU at the level requested, health care services will be lost.

Sen. Sondra Moore Lucht, D-Berkeley, also a task force member, said, "I'm outraged that one school is sending letters to patients saying that

**■ The West Virginia University School of Medicine alumni association has instituted a campaign to solicit support for increased state dollars for its programs. Letters from Dr. Robert M. D'Alessandri, dean of the WVU med school, state that if the Legislature doesn't fund the school at the level requested, health services will be cut.**

their health care is in jeopardy. It's worse than unethical — it's cruel."

WVU's medical school and its alumni association initiated the aggressive campaign to solicit support for increased state dollars for its programs. D'Alessandri said he thinks it is his responsibility to tell how critical the situation is and how it might negatively affect medical services.

"We are facing a crisis situation and, ultimately, programs will suffer."

WVU is in competition with Marshall's medical school and the

School of Osteopathic Medicine for funding in a state that Gov. Gaston Caperton said cannot support three medical schools.

The letters, mailed to patients of the WVU Health Services Centers, state, "It's no exaggeration to say that people will die if we cannot continue to offer the range and quality of care that we now offer."

The letters also ask individuals to write their legislators.

The Board of Trustees and its predecessor, the Board of Regents, were set

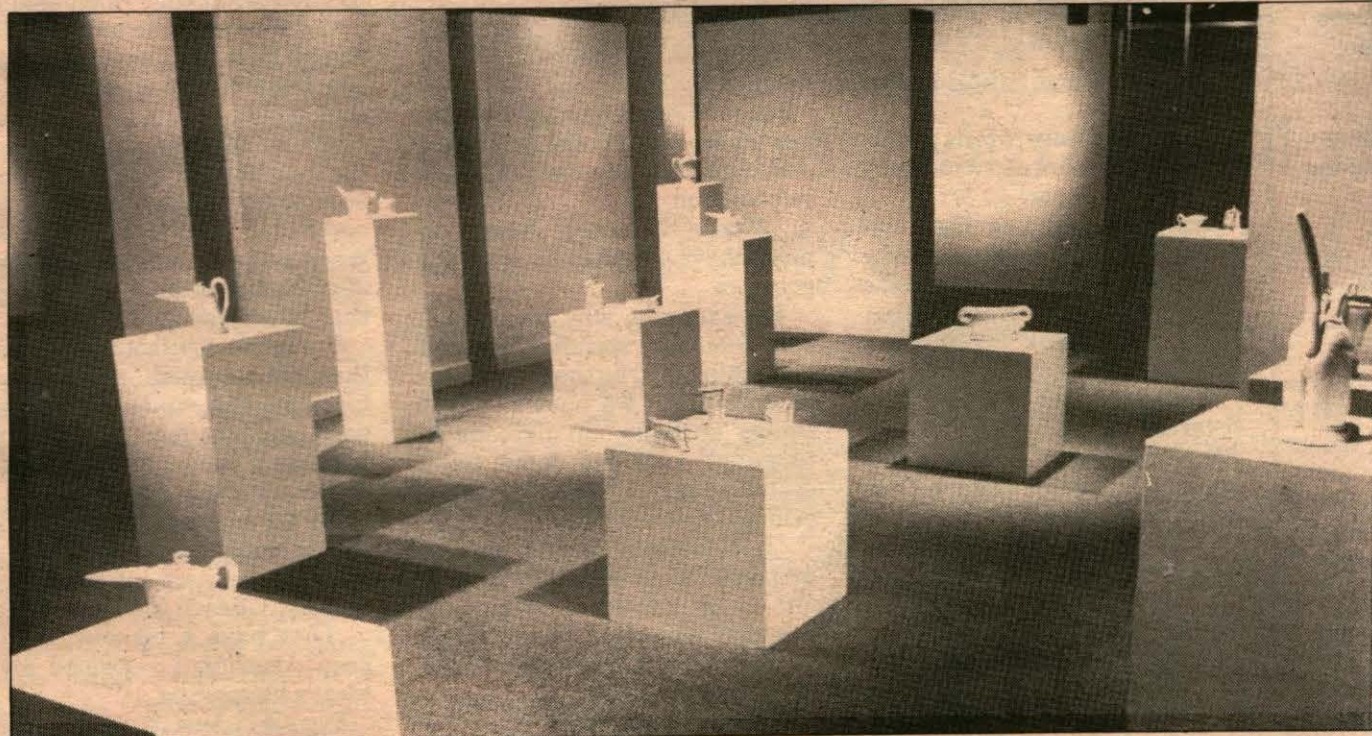
up by the Legislature to handle higher education administration and funding in the state. One of the reasons was to avoid competitive lobbying at the Capitol by individual schools.

D'Alessandri claims WVU is not lobbying. He said the mailing is "perfectly appropriate" and officials are not forcing people to write support letters.

But according to White, "there is no question — it's clearly lobbying."

She said WVU is trying to influence the decision-making process to its benefit. "In their effort to obtain additional dollars they have used whatever means and as a result have created a lot of animosity," White said. "Their tactic has backfired."

Dr. Charles McKown, dean of the Marshall University School of Medicine said, "It is a very different, unusual approach. I have never really seen a med school participate in that type of crusade before."



### Tea party

Photo by John Baldwin

Paul A. Dresang, a professor in the Department of Art and Design at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is exhibiting his ceramic teapots through Jan. 21 in the Birke Art Gallery. See related story, Page 13.

## Group proposes \$250,000 fund to hire minorities

The Commission on Multiculturalism wants \$250,000 to be set aside to hire minority professors at state supported schools.

The commission decided during its Wednesday meeting to draft and submit a proposal to the Board of Trustees, the Legislature, and the governor asking the BOT to set aside the requested funds from its budget.

"It has become increasingly apparent to me that if we don't really begin to notice seriously the issue of under-represented faculty at Marshall that we will not be able to do very much in that area," said Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs.

"The hiring practices of any institution plays an important role in shaping the character of that institution."

Marshall now has 385 full time faculty members, only nine of whom are black, Cleckley said.

## COB enrollment down; \$100 fee increase may be factor

By Julie S. Brown  
Reporter

Full-time enrollment in the College of Business is 11 percent lower than enrollment during the 1990 spring semester, Registrar Robert A. Eddins, said Thursday.

"The College of Business is the only

one that experienced a significant decrease," he said. "And it is significant."

Eddins said he had spoken earlier with Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the COB.

Alexander cited the COB's \$100 supplemental fee increase and competition from area schools as two possible factors affecting enrollment.

Dr. Anna Meador, associate professor of accounting, said publicity about the lack of American Assembly of Colleges and Schools of Business accreditation might have affected enrollment.

"The bad publicity is uncalled for," Meador said. "Some of the finest schools in the country are not accredited by the AACSB."

Only 57 of the 700 business schools in the country are accredited by AACSB.

Enrollment this spring increased 2 percent over spring 1990 enrollment. Marshall enrollment increased by 2 percent over spring 1990, Eddins said. The College of Nursing and the College of Liberal Arts were the only other colleges to experience a decrease.



## OUR VIEW

### Let's pull together to keep our stars shining brightly

*"Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity."*

Prayer Book

There's a lot to be said about unity. And recent deficiencies found in the School of Journalism show some unity certainly is needed. When an accreditation team discovered weaknesses in equipment, faculty research, minority representation and other areas, it struck quite a blow to many on campus, both inside and outside the department.

What had been one of the university's star programs suddenly was a bit clouded.

Although the report may not have been completely accurate, some problems do exist — and they require the university's immediate attention.

Additional equipment, updated library holdings and more faculty aren't going to magically arrive overnight.

And the School of Journalism can't obtain these things alone.

It will require the school and the university to work together to make necessary changes.

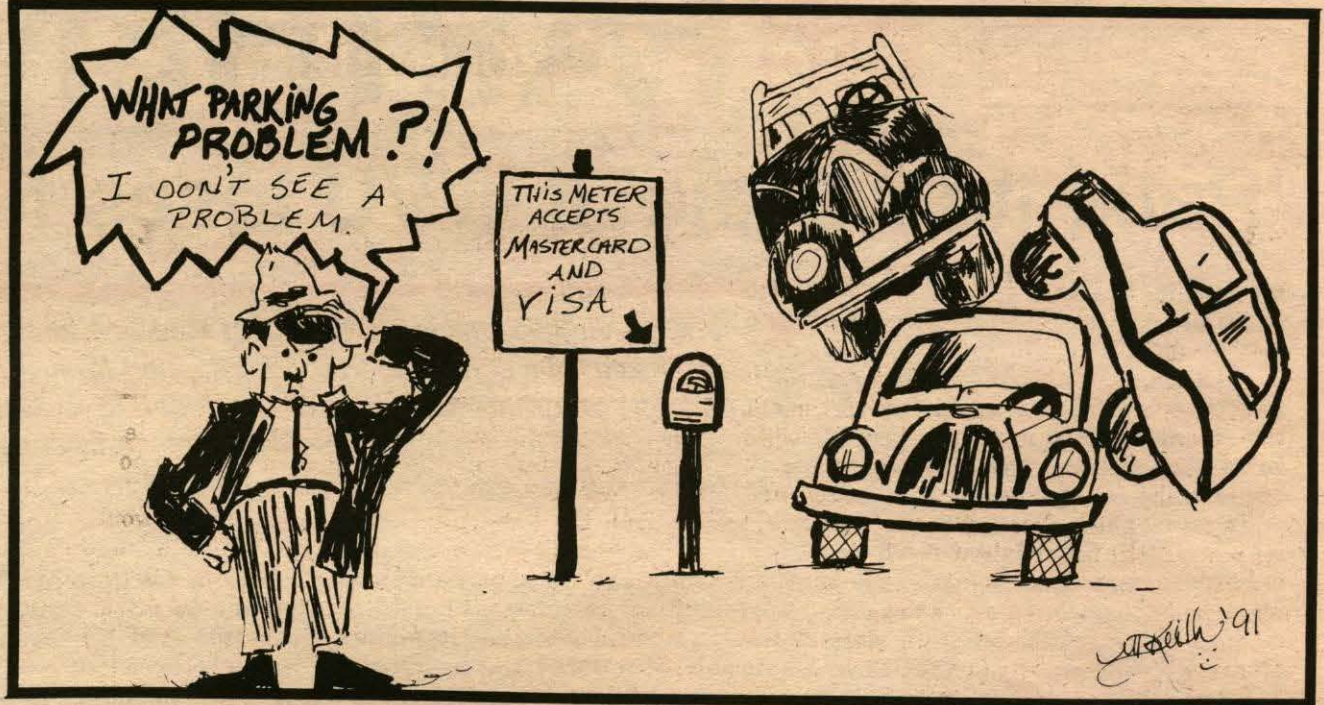
It will require a commitment.

These groups will just have to decide if it's worth a little extra time, effort — and money.

We think it is.

The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism has long been one of Marshall's shining stars.

Officials should do what it takes to keep it shining brightly.



## Forget the fluff, give us the truth

### Press restrictions show us war through rose-colored glasses

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press."*

#### — The First Amendment

These truly were words people lived by 200 years ago when they were put to paper.

Over time, however, their significance has been demeaned by a series of ridiculous Supreme Court cases and federal laws that surely have our forefathers turning in their graves.

The latest blow to free media coverage came when defense officials said all U.S. media war coverage from the Persian Gulf would be limited.

Their guidelines state Department of Defense officials can restrict coverage on details of future military operations, information or photographs that reveal specific locations of military forces, information on troop movements, identification of downed aircraft while search and rescue operations continue, and specific plans of attack.

Now I can accept these provisions, because to do otherwise would endanger the lives of American troops in the field and

■ Jack Bailey  
Columnist

in the air.

Most journalists would never want to do that.

But the Department of Defense has far exceeded these guidelines and is giving the press next to no information.

That's nonsense. American people have a right to know what's going on.

For example, why haven't we been told more specifically about targets inside Iraq that have been destroyed. All we have heard is things such as, 80 percent of targeted airfields have been destroyed or 75 percent of targeted bridges have been hit.

If something inside Iraq is destroyed, what harm will it cause for us to know? It obviously wouldn't endanger future operations. If a target has been destroyed, it's gone.

You can't argue with that.

Defense officials also have been very adamant about not divulging how many Iraqi troops have been killed or wounded. They won't even give estimates.

After three weeks of intense bombings, have they had any success?

They know — and we should too. With a major ground campaign on the horizon, American people and American soldiers there need to know what they're up against.

And we should be able to SEE it as well. The "real" story — not just the Department of Defense's PR fluff tapes.

We've seen bombs go through the front doors of building, we have seen pinpoint bombings of bridges and SCUD missile launchers. But we only have seen footage of about 20 of the more than 50,000 missions that have been conducted.

I want to see footage of bombs that have missed, or some that have hit the wrong buildings. I don't want to just see the good, because I know there are bad things happening too.

Military and government officials should stop stone-walling the press and release more information on U.S. activities in the Persian Gulf.

They have a responsibility to keep Americans informed about what's happening.

Even if it doesn't paint a pretty picture.

So far we have viewed the war through rose colored glasses and that has to stop.

We need to open our eyes or soon the red we will be seeing will be blood, and we won't know how or why it came about.

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### CALENDAR

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## YOUR TURN

## Let 'non-essential' athletics carry burden

To the Editor:

I am appalled to read that the student fee assessment for university theater has been cut by 5 percent for next year.

This is particularly offensive given the "reasons" the committee gave for such a cut. SGA Vice President Heather L. Ramsay was quoted as saying "services which deal with non-necessities—like theater—should be more frugal." According to The Parthenon article, she said "The College of Fine Arts should shoulder more of the financial burden."

Now, hold on just a second. Compare the situation of Fine Arts with that of Athletics at Marshall:

- The College of Fine Arts is—first and foremost—an academic, degree-granting unit; athletics is not.
- Fine Arts programs are adjuncts to academic programs of the university; Athletic programs are not.
- While both Fine Arts and Athletics may be forms of leisure-time entertainment for the non-practitioner,

*The College of Fine Arts is, first and foremost, an academic, degree-granting unit; Athletics is not.*

ner, Fine Arts also supplies important knowledge about the human condition; Athletics provides knowledge of athletics.

I should think that any reasonable individual would single out Athletics, and not Fine Arts, as a "non-necessity" in an academic environment.

Now, let's compare the impact of these areas of the students' fees. The total assessment last year was \$148.50 for each full-time student each semester. Of that, \$2 went to theater, \$4.25 to music programming and 60 cents to the art gallery, totaling \$6.85 for Fine Arts, only 4.61 percent of the total.

By contrast, \$37.50 went to inter-collegiate sports, with an additional \$7 to intramurals, totaling \$44.50

for Athletics—that's 30 percent of the fee! I suggest that perhaps it is time for the Athletic unit to "shoulder more of the financial burden" for the outrageous costs of athletic programming at Marshall University.

Everybody hates to part with a dime. Everybody hates to pay for services which they say they don't really use. But educational programs are the last things any responsible university should consider cutting.

Heather L. Ramsay should stop by the Department of Art sometime so I can explain just how much of a burden Fine Arts already shoulders in comparison to 'purely' academic departments at this institution.

Meanwhile, I hope Interim President Alan B. Gould has the good sense to veto the committee's recommendation.

And I hope students start asking intelligent questions about how their money is being spent.

Susan G. Jackson, Ph.D.  
assistant professor of art

## Discussion lacked balance, benefits

To the Editor:

Rather than addressing the issue, the recent MAPS forum to promote "discussion" was, in my opinion, poorly organized and accomplished very little in the way of constructive dialogue, which is needed now more than ever.

If the objective was to present both sides, MAPS should have provided a more learned authority expressing an opinion in favor of U.S. involvement.

The process of critical and open thought on the matter is absolutely vital. Without it, all we create is more division and little or no understanding.

To illustrate my point, consider this:

In opposition to the war were John Hennen, doctoral candidate at West Virginia University; Dr. Lynn Rigsbee from Marshall's political science department; and Jason Huber, a MAPS activist. Representing the opposing opinion was Craig Hannah, Buchannon sophomore, who was instrumental in the Holderby Hall Flag-Flying project. Not to knock Mr. Hannah, but his ability in expressing favor for the war was limited at best, and was no match for a full professor and a doctoral candidate.

I would like to make a plea to MAPS and other organizations concerned with the expression of opinions. If you want to promote further understanding and open debate, please allow more credible sources of information on both sides. The poor organization of this exercise in dialect does not facilitate educational or democratic systems.

I oppose U.S. involvement in this senseless act, but I also strongly believe that such biased dialogue is destructive and accomplishes very little.

Benji Biederman  
Huntington senior

AMERICA AT WAR  
READERS RESPOND

## MAPS, writer not rational, lost in Goofy's fantasyland

To the Editor:

In response to Courtenay Craig's Feb. 6 letter, there are several facts being overlooked. And while I don't dispute MAPS' right to protest, I must challenge their rationalization. They're resting in their insular complacency—a recurring syndrome for those who ride the monorail too much. (Give my regards to Pluto and Goofy).

Illogically citing South Africa, Craig says sanctions could have worked. Well, congratulations picking a fine example to undermine your defense.

We saw what good sanctions have had on South Africa, haven't we? Ten years of murdering, kidnapping and oppression while we haven't done anything because of liberalists like you. We simply watched and slapped their wrists and said "Tsk, tsk."

Craig states that anti-war protesters "do not spit on troops, or turn our backs on our country." Well, while looking through the history books to support that line of thinking, Courtenay must have overlooked the Vietnam War era. All the things you said couldn't or

wouldn't happen, did. Ignorance always will be a problem it seems.

Thank you for trying to enlighten us, Courtenay, but maybe you should hit the books again. I'd be very interested in trying to see how you justify murder, rape and terrorism. I think you'd just end up sounding like Saddam Hussein.

A friend of mine commented: "There always seems to be a group of people who blame everything on America first, and then ask questions later." That's so true. Luckily, there's still people with common sense around. Otherwise, we'd all be on Space Mountain now.

The United States cannot condone these atrocities. Unlike other events, this one threatens the international community, and we have been asked to help. Don't insult the memory of those dying over there for what they believe in. Don't play into Saddam's plans.

Sorry MAPS, but the silent majority still is against you and still supports the troops. Shouldn't you stop postulating whether we should be at war or not? We are! And we're in it to stop Hussein's butchering in the Gulf.

It makes me want to ask, "Whose side are you on, anyway?" Examine the facts, and you may be surprised at the answer.

Jim McDermott  
Huntington freshman

## Salute to our troops

To the Editor:

*We dedicate this poem to our family, friends and all troops serving in Operation Desert Storm:*

We're staring out our windows  
Praying for world peace.  
Wishing you would come home  
In hopes the waiting would cease.

Your strength and your courage  
Is honored here at home.  
We'll always stand beside you  
You'll never be alone.

The daily tears we shed  
Are meant for only you  
And we daily whisper a prayer  
For God to help you through.

All the brave U.S. troops  
You've left your lives behind  
And until your safely home  
You're always on our minds.

— Susan Estep

Holderby Hall Sixth Floor

## War forum unbalanced

To the Editor:

Gee, I sure hope that one day after I get my doctorate, I'll get the chance to debate a Buchannon sophomore!

I don't blame the academic types who took part in the recent MAPS war forum. It's just ridiculous to attempt dialogue with such unbalanced sides.

Perhaps MAPS could have found a high school student or one of our state's illiterate to defend the administration. Maybe next time...

Bill Bissett  
Barboursville senior



Baker says controls came too late

## Chemical weapons may have U.S. source



WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker acknowledged Wednesday that U.S. firms may have sold products to Iraq

that could be used to develop chemical weapons.

"I know that we did — albeit belatedly — slap foreign export controls on Iraq before hostilities began," Baker told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in response to a question by Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn. "In hindsight, I think we'd have done things differently."

Baker came to Capitol Hill to update lawmakers on U.S. efforts since the war with Iran began Jan. 16.

But Gejdenson's questions focused attention on a dispute between the administration and Congress since before Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2.

Last year, Congress approved Gejdenson's bill to overhaul a law passed after World War II to prevent Western technology from crossing over the Iron Curtain.

Bush vetoed the bill because it would have required presidents to impose sanctions against nations that have used chemical weapons in violation of international treaties.

Baker said the provision would have tied presidents' hands in dealing with the proliferation of such weapons.

Gejdenson took advantage of Wednesday's hearing to ask Baker whether he still opposed setting up "a regime to curtail the export of such

sensitive chemical materials."

"I bet we could solve this problem in a flash if you don't cut the president of the United States totally out of this area of policy," Baker said.

"But why wouldn't the president want sanctions on a country that has used chemical weapons?" Gejdenson asked.

"That's hypothetical," Baker said. "The president isn't going to agree to a bill that simply takes him totally out of policy in this area."

The bill Bush vetoed last year proposed easing rules for high-tech trade with Eastern European nations, but limiting trade of goods that could be used for chemical or biological weapons.

Government documents show the United States approved the shipment of \$1.5 billion of high-tech products to Iraq since 1985.

## Terrorists say American was killed because of the Persian Gulf War

By The Associated Press



ADANA, Turkey — A gunman Thursday assassinated a retired U.S. serviceman employed at an air base used for bombing raids on

Iraq.

A terrorist group said he was killed because of the Persian Gulf War.

An anonymous caller to newspapers and news agencies in Istanbul said the victim had been punished by Dev Sol, an underground leftist group.

"We punished a CIA agent in Adana.

The bases cannot be used for the bloody games of U.S. imperialism," the caller said.

The American was a customs specialist employed by Vinnel, Brown and Root, a company providing services to the Incirlik base outside Adana, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman said.

She identified him as Bobbie Mozelle, 44, of Detroit. He was a Vietnam veteran who retired from the Air Force as a master sergeant two years ago.

Mozelle was shot while getting into his car at 7:05 a.m. to go to work, the Anatolia news agency said. He died immediately after being hit by four bullets in the chest and stomach, the agency reported.

## Bill would modify state drunken driving laws

By The Associated Press



CHARLESTON — A bill that would help enforce drunken driving arrests by not requiring the arresting officer to attend a hearing was

introduced in the Senate Thursday.

The state's drunken driving laws would be modified to allow the officer simply to submit a sworn statement of what occurred or to attend the hearing by telephone.

Another bill would make a small but significant change to mental health laws. The administration-sponsored bill, introduced in the Senate, would add the words "to the extent funds are available" in state law requiring officials to make mental health services available to all citizens.

The measure would make other

modifications within the Department of Health and Human Resources to make the health commissioner a six-year term. The commissioner now simply serves at the request of the governor.

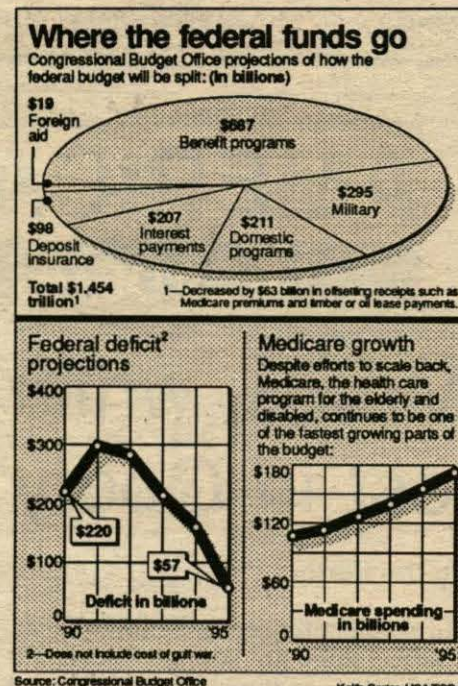
The bill would allow the health commissioner to be fired only for just cause and transfers authority over to the state hospitals from the health commissioner to the secretary of health and human resources.

The measure also would eliminate the Senate's duty to ratify the governor's nominee for the health commissioner post.

It makes the person an appointee of the secretary and eliminates the \$45,000 statutory salary. It was unclear what the new salary would be.

Secretary of State Ken Hechler's election spending control bill was introduced by Senate President Keith Burdette, D-Wood.

The bill balloons the filing fees for



## BRIEFS

ASHLAND, Ky.

### EPA says Ashland Oil added to air problems

Ashland Oil, Inc. responded Thursday to a federal report on emissions from its Catlettsburg refinery.

Drafts of a six-volume U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study, the last portions of which were released in December, pointed out numerous equipment malfunctions at the plant. The drafts also showed the area has air-quality problems and Ashland Oil was contributing to them.

But the report, begun in 1988, failed to support local residents' claims that fallout from the plant had damaged their health or property. A West Virginia judge already has awarded four plaintiffs in the case \$10.3 million in damages, but the state Supreme Court has agreed to hear Ashland's appeal.

Company spokesman Roger Schrum said Thursday he could not summarize the response because it contained "very technical analysis of the reports. It would be kind of tough to boil 50 pages down into a paragraph."

He said EPA officials in Atlanta would review the company's response and other comments on the study before making a final report.

RICHMOND, Va.

### Arch Moore's case before appeal panel

Former West Virginia Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. should have been permitted to withdraw his guilty plea to charges in a corruption probe, his attorney argued Thursday before a federal appeals panel.

Moore was sentenced July 10 to five years, 10 months in prison on charges of extortion, obstruction of justice, tax fraud and mail fraud.

Moore's attorney, William G. Hundley, argued in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that his client admitted guilt only to a count of obstruction of justice, and not the other charges, as part of a plea agreement with the U.S. government.

Hundley had advised Moore to enter a guilty plea after listening to tapes of a meeting during which Moore admitted receiving illegal donations in his 1988 campaign and discussed plans to hide information from investigators.

offices from 1 percent of the annual salary to 10 percent, unless the candidate voluntarily submits to certain campaign spending limitations.

A number of groups have endorsed the proposal.

Other bills introduced Thursday would:

- Establish a process for the regulation and control of medical waste and prohibits commercial infectious waste facilities.

- Require full-time guidance counselors by 1991-92 in elementary schools with an enrollment of 350 or more.

- Require the state Board of Education to establish nutrition standards for breakfasts and lunches provided to students by county boards of education.

- Require county schools to provide comprehensive instructions in reading and writing Braille.

- Allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to revoke the driver's license of a person writing a bad check.



## Congress awards state grant to get aerospace activity off ground, flying

WASHINGTON (AP)—A group consisting of Marshall University and six other West Virginia colleges and universities will receive a \$600,000 grant to enhance aerospace activity in the state, U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd said Thursday.

Byrd, D-W.Va., said the four-year \$150,000 annual grant was awarded to the West Virginia Space Grant Consortium, one of 26 groups awarded grants nationally through the National Space Grant College and Fellowship program. The program is authorized by congress.

The West Virginia consortium partners are Marshall, Fairmont State College, Shepherd College, West Virginia Institute of Technology, West Virginia State College, West Virginia University and Wheeling Jesuit College.

## Postal rate hike hits school in wallet

By Kim Wheeler  
Reporter

Monday's postal increase could cost the university \$40,000 by next fiscal year, according to the vice president for finance.

"For the remainder of this fiscal year it is estimated that the increase will cost the university \$20,000," Herbert J. Karlet said.

First class mail increased from 25 to 29 cents and bulk rates from 8.4 to 11.1 cents per piece.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration, said about 71,000 pieces of mail, both first class and bulk, leave the university each month.

No more money will be allocated to departments to compensate for the rate hike, Comptroller Ted W. Massey said.

"On some departments it will have a

small impact and on other departments it will have a great impact," Massey said. He said each department has to decide how it will handle the increase.

Dr. Deryl R. Leaming, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said each department will have to cut back on unnecessary mailings.

Chairwoman Joan T. Mead said the increase will cost the Department of English an additional \$112 a year.

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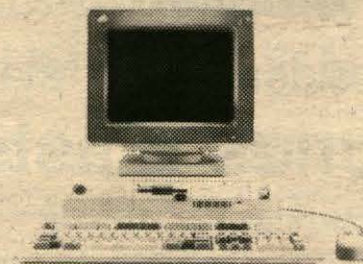
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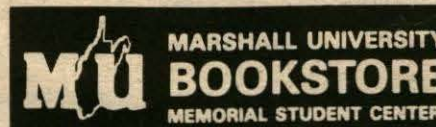


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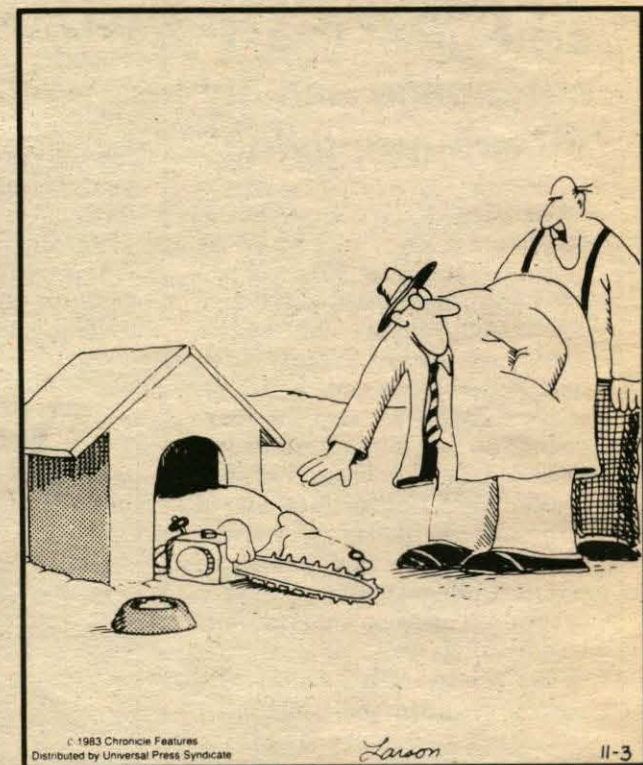


## Calvin and Hobbes

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"I wouldn't do that, mister... Old Zeek's liable to fire that sucker up."

President wants 'status quo'

# Jones blasts plan to merge his, MU medical schools



JONES

By Jennifer P. Moran  
Reporter

CHARLESTON — The president of the Osteopathic School of Medicine blasted a proposal by Marshall officials Wednesday to merge their medical school with the Lewisburg facility.

At a meeting of Gov. Gaston Caperton's task force on medical education, Dr. Olen E. Jones, president of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, said, "If you touch the osteopathic school by blending the basic sciences you can kiss the school good-bye."

Dr. Charles H. McKown, dean of the School of Medicine, presented a recommendation for improving rural health care through a dual track system which would integrate the medical school and the osteopathic school.

"This is a bold, aggressive and dramatic recommendation to move us for-

ward," McKown said. "It is dedicated to both medical education and rural medical services."

However, Jones said McKown's illustration of students learning "elbow to elbow" was incorrect, because the schools are so fundamentally different their basic sciences could not be merged.

The dual track system described by McKown would allow the teaching of two different medical philosophies in the same system. The first two years of basic sciences are taught together, while the diagnostics and treatment sections of the programs — where the schools differ — are taught separately.

Jones said the osteopathic students will become second class citizens if merged with the School of Medicine.

"There will be a deterioration of their education in this environment, and eventually there would not be an osteopathic profession in the state."

McKown cited Michigan State as an example of how the two philosophies can be blended successfully into one program.

"It offers both cost savings through shared facilities and improved educational opportunities," he said. "The dual-track recommendation can save \$1.5 to \$2 million dollars for the state."

Jones criticized the ability of Marshall's med school to provide graduate-level education. "That's why we have the College of Graduate Studies," he said.

Jones' recommendation for medical education is for things to stay the way they are. "I think things should stay status-quo," he said.

Dr. Robert B. Walker, chairman of family and community health, said, "We are spending a fortune on it (medical education) and its not working. The system has to change."

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# Hayden, Ramsay oppose student election bill

By Laura J. Bustetter  
Reporter

Opposition to a bill calling for regular elections on issues of student concern is coming from Marshall University's student body president and vice president.

The proposed bill states that an election shall be conducted "within the first two weeks of September, October, November, February, March and April" and all resolutions and recommendations passed by the Student and Faculty Senates concerning university policies that directly affect students shall be placed on the ballot. If passed, it may allow students to vote on issues like university smoking, class withdrawal and student refund policies, and pre-registration.

Student Body President Thomas E. Hayden said students are not properly informed about university issues and worries that traditionally low student-voter turnout may "hurt more than help" when the Student Government Association presents counterproposals to the university president.

"Whatever students vote on an issue will become the official stand of SGA," Hayden said, "But if only 10 people vote, President Gould may say students don't really care."

However, Hayden said, a strong student vote could give SGA more credence with the university president.

■ *The student body president and vice president say they oppose the referendum bill because students aren't informed enough about issues and extra elections will be expensive.*

Student Body Vice President, Heather L. Ramsay, called the proposal "unnecessary," saying policy changes still must be approved by the university president.

"When the Student Government Association knows students don't like a recommendation passed by the Faculty Senate, (they) write a counter proposal to go before Dr. Gould," Ramsay said.

A special election Feb. 26 will allow students to vote on the bill. The election was called for by referendum, which requires signatures of about 125 students. D. Lee Biola, College of Liberal Arts senator and co-sponsor of

the bill, said 155 signatures were obtained on a petition asking for the election.

To pass, the bill must be approved by a two-thirds majority.

Hayden said he tried to postpone the special election and combine it with the general election in March to save money. However, he is bound by a rule that requires him to hold a referendum election 5-30 days after he receives the necessary amount of signatures.

Average cost of student elections is \$700, he said. If the bill passes, about \$4,200 of student fees will be used to cover election cost.

Biola said he wanted to have the ref-

erendum in place in time for students to vote on the withdrawal policy. Faculty Senate is scheduled to vote on their proposed withdrawal policy February 28.

Hayden and Ramsay say that if the bill passes it will change the representative style of SGA, making it closer to a pure democracy. Hayden compared SGA with the representative style of state and national government, saying it "seems to have worked well for 200 years."

"You elect representatives and if they don't (do their jobs) you don't re-elect them or you get involved yourself."

Biola said the bill does not propose a complete direct democracy and that the bill is comparable to referendum systems in California, Colorado, and Ohio.

"The Student Senate will continue to pass bills and resolutions as they have, but students will get to voice their opinions about it," he said.

## Minority and out-of-state students wanted

By Alan P. Pittman  
Reporter

Marshall is trying to attract more minority students, scholars and out-of-state students for the next school year, according to Dr. James W. Harless, director of admissions.

Harless said this is a concerted effort by the university to promote a more diversified student body.

"Marshall and the state have a mission to offer education to all people," he said.

"Minority recruitment is something we should have been working on for the last 100 years, and it's high time we started making a good effort."

About 85% of Marshall's students have traditionally been state residents, Harless said, but greater out-of-state recruitment is necessary now due to the drop in the state's population that has lowered the sizes of graduating classes.

"We visit every high school in a 340-mile radius from campus," Harless said. That radius includes much of Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Wash-

ington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

In addition to recruiting high school seniors, Marshall tries to attract graduate and transfer students, and encourages students as young as 10th grade to take college preparatory classes, he said.

The American College Test is Marshall's most popular recruitment tool, Harless said.

He said Marshall probably talks to 10,000 students and parents each year. About 4,000-5,000 students apply and then 2,400-2,600 become freshman.

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•**Sculptural American Glass** exhibit (Huntington Museum of Art) For more information, call 529-2701.

•**The Daywood Collection** (Huntington Museum of Art) For more information, call 529-2701.

•**Sylvia Obert Turner, Cochise, Arizona Earth** exhibit (Ashland Area Art Gallery) For more information, call (606) 329-1826.

•**Philip and Margaret Arabla Gallery Exhibition** (French Art Colony, Gallipolis, Ohio) For more information, contact Brent Adkins.

•**Paul Dresang Ceramics Exhibition** (through Feb. 21 at the Birke Art Gallery) For more information, contact Roberta Walters at the Institute for the Arts.

•**Pastels and watercolors by Sandy Nelson Perrin** (Paramount Arts Center Gallery, Ashland, Ky.) For more information, call (606) 324-3175.

•**ChromaZone: A Brush with Color** (Huntington Museum of Art) For more information, call 529-2701.

#### •FEBRUARY 8•

•**Oaxacan Indian Village** (through March 25 at the Sunrise Children's Museum, Charleston) For more information, call 344-3085.



The Marshall Artists Series will sponsor a production of William Shakespeare's classic tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet" at the Albee Theatre.

•**Steel Magnolias** (Feb. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at the Civic Center Little Theatre, Charleston)

#### •FEBRUARY 9•

•**Folk Treasures from Mexico** exhibit (through March 25 at the Sunrise Children's Museum, Charleston) For more information, call 344-3085.

#### •FEBRUARY 11•

•**Atlantic Winds** in concert (8 p.m., Birke Fine Arts Symposium, Smith Recital Hall)

#### •FEBRUARY 12•

•**"Taming of the Shrew"** (11 a.m., Keith-Albee Theatre) For more information; call the Artists Series at 696-6656.

#### •FEBRUARY 13•

•**"Arsenic and Old Lace"** (through Feb. 16 at 8 p.m., Marshall University Theatre) For more information call, 696-ARTS.

#### •FEBRUARY 16•

•**West Virginia Symphony Orchestra** (Charleston Municipal Auditorium) For more information, contact the Charleston Civic Center.

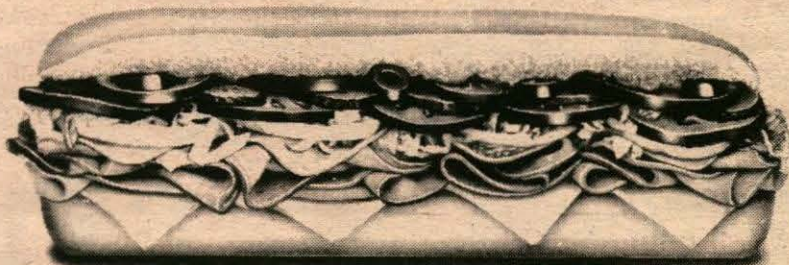
#### •FEBRUARY 19•

•**"Red, Hot and Cole"** (8 p.m., Paramount Arts Center, Ashland, Ky.) For more information, call (606) 324-3175.

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## Atlantic Winds to help celebrate Mozart and More

By Ellsa F. Senesi  
Reporter

He gave concerts for kings before he was 10.

He wrote operas before he was a teenager.

He died 200 years ago before he reached his 36th birthday.

He was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Marshall will celebrate his music and times with Mozart and More, a festival of free concerts and musical residencies throughout the spring.

The celebration begins Monday at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall with a concert by the Atlantic Winds woodwind quintet, a musical group from New Haven, Conn. The quintet also will conduct student seminars and rehearsals Tuesday.

Mozart and More is endowed by the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, West Virginia Humanities Fund, Marshall University's Greatest Needs Program and the College of Fine Arts.

The Birke Symposium is a fund created by Mrs. William D. Birke and her daughter, Julie Birke Siegal, to ad-

Information for the calendar was taken in part from the River Cities Monthly Calendar of Events.



The Atlantic Winds woodwind quintet will play at 8 p.m. Monday in Smith Recital Hall to kick off the 1991 Birke Fine Arts Symposium's Mozart and More celebration. Based in New Haven, Conn., the Atlantic Winds perform as soloists and as chamber players with the Orchestra New England. During their two-day stay, the quintet's members will conduct brass and woodwind student seminars.

vance cultural and educational activities in the area.

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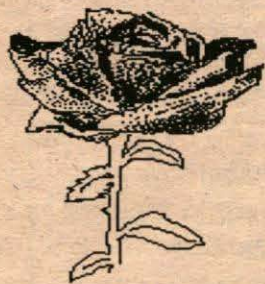
Dr. Donald Williams, Chairman of the Department of Music, said the cele-

bration is not entirely musically oriented. Other arts and disciplines are focusing on Mozart and the time during which he lived. Students in an English course are reading a Mozart biography, and students in a music appreciation course are studying Mozart's works.

•Musical comedy, "I Do! I Do!" (8 p.m., Paramount Arts Center, Ashland, Ky.)

### FEBRUARY 21

•"Romeo and Juliet" (8 p.m., Keith-Albee Theatre) For more information, call the Artists Series at 696-6656.



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## Gould to rule on priority registration

By Ella Elaine Bandy  
Presidential Correspondent

Interim President Alan B. Gould said he has been flooded with petitions and correspondence from faculty and students requesting athletes not be eliminated from priority registration.

Faculty Senate recommended Jan. 31 that athletes, Yeager and John Marshall scholars, and nursing students be excluded from participating in advanced registration. Priority registration is still available for "physically challenged" students and those enrolled in the Higher Education Learning Problems program.

Gould has 15 working days to act on the proposal, according to the Faculty Senate Constitution.

Gould said none of the other groups restricted from priority registration has approached him.

"I haven't made a decision yet," Gould said. "I'm still gathering information, asking opinions and listening to what my constituents say."

Another proposal awaiting Gould's approval is the activity fees adjustments recommended by the Committee to Study Student Fees. The committee reduced the amount given to some programs and increased it for others. It decided on a \$3 overall hike.

Gould said he was concerned about the 10-cent cut in money appropriated to University Theatre.

"I want to make sure we're doing the right thing," he said. "The committee is very responsible, and I'm sure they felt they had good reason for the cut."

Gould also discussed the problem of the new stadium which will have 2,000 fewer seats than the proposed 30,000.

He said the 2,000 seats won't be added until after the 1991 football season because he doesn't want to jeopardize the current building schedule.

"Perhaps we can have a better looking stadium than we envisioned in the first place," he said.

In a recent article in The Parthenon, Student Body President Thomas E. Hayden said he would like to create a

faculty evaluation book so students could know more about their professors.

Gould said he hopes the Faculty Personnel Committee will be willing to look into it.

"I think whatever is done should be done in concert with faculty and the deans," he said. "I hope it can be done."

Concerning the search for a new university president, Gould said he thinks a finalist will be selected by mid-April.

He also said if he were conducting the entire search himself, he still would keep candidates' names anonymous.

"You have to have faith in the people on the committee," Gould said. "When the candidates finally visit Marshall, I will assume they will release a list to the press."

And finally, Gould said he thinks people have focused too narrowly on the medical school issue - that of consolidating the state's three medical schools and other ways of cutting back on medical education costs.

## Parking permits not picked up

By Lin Taylor  
Reporter

Students who applied for parking permits have been notified of available spaces, but only a small percentage have responded, according to parking manager Mary Wilson.

"I sent out 2,224 letters and have sold 188," Wilson said.

The university has 1880 parking spaces available at \$40 each per semester and 130 spaces near the new stadium at \$30, she said.

Wilson said the stadium spaces are cheaper because they expire on Fridays, requiring students to move their cars before Saturday football games. Students will not be allowed use to those permits to park at a ball game, she said.

Wilson said she does not foresee any problems in asking students to move their cars before games.

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- Feb. 18 - Film: **Mo' Better Blues** 9:15 p.m. In Marco's
- Feb. 25 - Film: **Flatliners** 9:15 p.m. In Marco's
- Feb. 28 - Brad Lowery, comedian 9 p.m. In Marco's

#### March

- March 4 - Film: **Mr. Destiny** 9:15 p.m. In Marco's
- March 5,6,7 - Talent Show in Marco's
- March 11 - **Three Men and a Little Lady** 9.15 p.m. in Marco's
- March 13 - Sierra 9 p.m. In Marco's
- March 15,16 - Super Dance MSC Cafeteria
- March 18 - Film: **Shocker** 9.15 p.m. in Marco's
- March 19,20 - It's Showtime, Variety show

#### April

- April 8 - Film: **Ghost** 9:15 p.m. In Marco's
- April 12 - Films: **Pretty Woman/ Home Alone**
- April 17 - Bill Millser, soloist in Marco's
- April 22 - Film: **White Palace** 9:15 in Marco's
- April 29 - Film: **Vital Signs** 9:15 p.m. In Marco's

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- May 2 - David Naster, comedian 9 p.m. In Marco's

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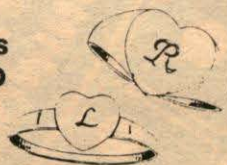


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## Buskirk shows support for troops

By Stefani Rae Fleenor  
Reporter

Buskirk Hall residents are hanging American flags in their windows to honor and show support for troops stationed in the Persian Gulf.

The flags were distributed Sunday by the Buskirk Residence Hall Association and decorated windows Mon-

day morning.

The idea to hang the flags came from a fifth floor resident who offered to make the flags, but RHA decided to buy them, said Beverly A. Brady, French Creek sophomore and RHA president.

"We wanted to do something interesting to show we care about the troops over there," Brady said.

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Huntington donated 300 flags, two for each room, after an RHA member explained how the flags would be used.

Buskirk also sports large paper yellow ribbons made of typing paper on its lobby windows and stairway doors. The ribbons were hung by Margie M. Weed, desk coordinator.

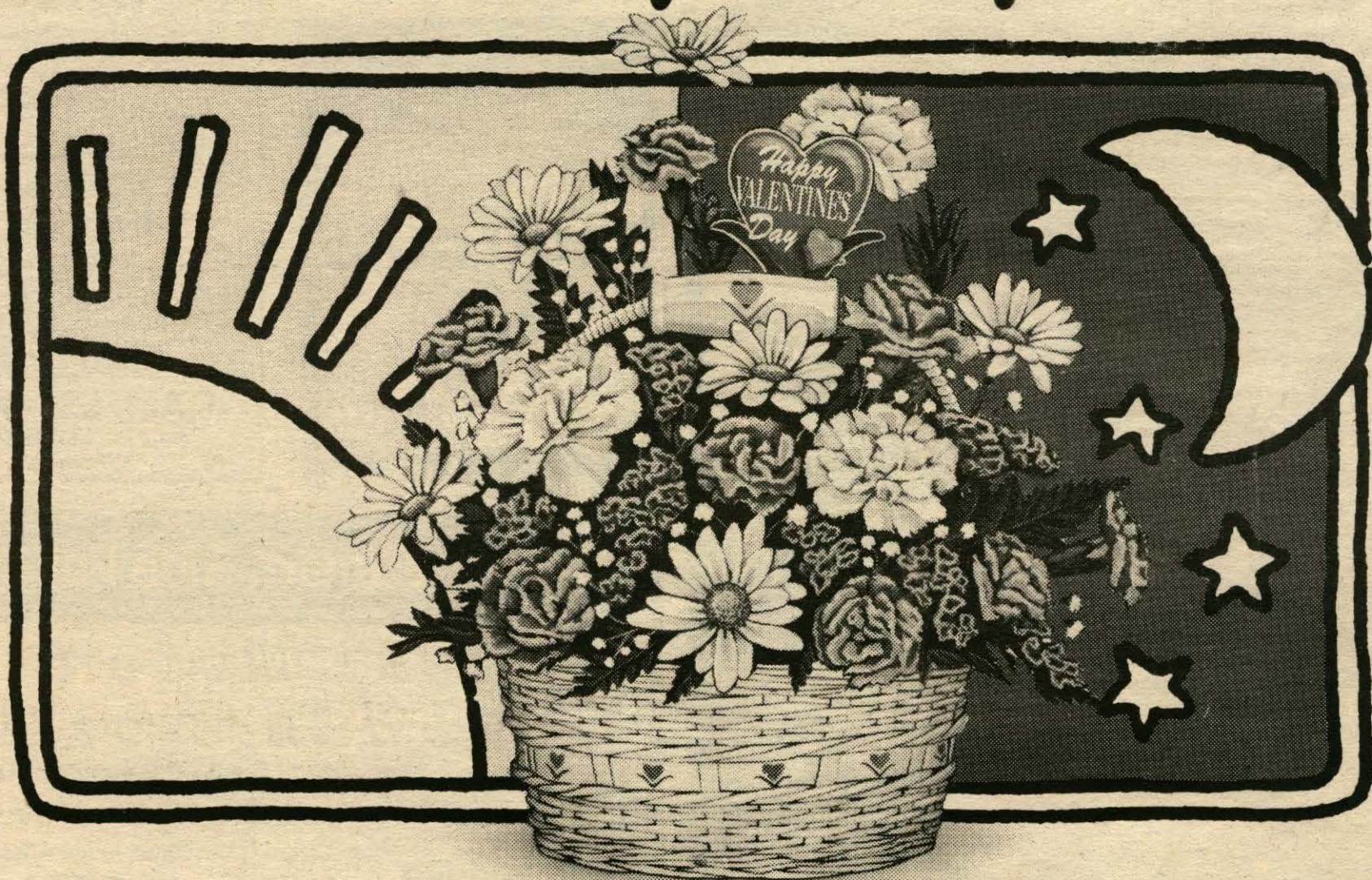
Weed said she thinks the flags and ribbons are complementary.

## Students honored by Who's Who

Inductees into Who's Who Among America's College Students will be honored at 3 p.m. today during a reception in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

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# MAPS activist says U.S. economy in dire straits

By Paul Phillips  
Reporter

A staggering American economy and a president with a sincere belief in the viability of a ruling elite are the major reasons the country finds itself at war, according to a former Marshall Actions for Peaceful Solutions president.

John Hennen, a doctoral candidate in history at West Virginia University, said the United States' economy is in dire straits.

"I think the collapse of our system is just right behind the Soviet system," he said. "That's why he (Bush) is so desperate to get back into place the types of spending priorities we've had for the past 45 years — those based on military expansionism. All we make are weapons."

In an interview following Monday night's panel discussion about the war in the Persian Gulf, Hennen said President Bush is an elitist who truly believes that the U.S. is the "light of the world."

"He believes that the U.S. has every right to take action to guarantee that

our system operates in the way that it has," he said. "He believes in this system. He believes in a ruling elite. He comes from that elite. I don't believe he's insincere in that. I believe he identifies the U.S. as the ruling elite as consistent with national interest," he said.

As a panelist, Hennen called for increased emphasis on the development of alternative fuels, the immediate withdrawal of American troops from the region and the continuance of economic sanctions against Iraq in lieu of the current policy.

Denouncing the president's call for a "new world order" as expansionist and imperialistic, Hennen said: "George Bush believes that our role in the new world order is to be a protectorate over those oil reserves and use them for our purposes. That's what the new world order is all about—to keep third world countries in a dependent position when it comes to consuming western goods."

Hennen thinks those who believe the United States has an interest in protecting its access to middle eastern oil

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■ John Hennen  
Former MAPS president

reserves are ignoring economics.

"It is unlikely that Hussein would have cut the U.S. off from oil because he needs the markets, just as we would if we had control of the oil," he said.

While Hennen denounces Saddam's actions as "brutal, unjustified, and indefensible," he said "it is important to understand that Hussein has had a case against Kuwait since the divisions in that part of the world in 1899 and 1916."

Hennen said he does not think Iraq will attack another Arab country in an attempt to solve the Palestinian situation.

"I don't think Hussein considers Kuwait or Saudi Arabia to be Arab countries, I think he considers them to be extensions of U.S. and British financial concerns."

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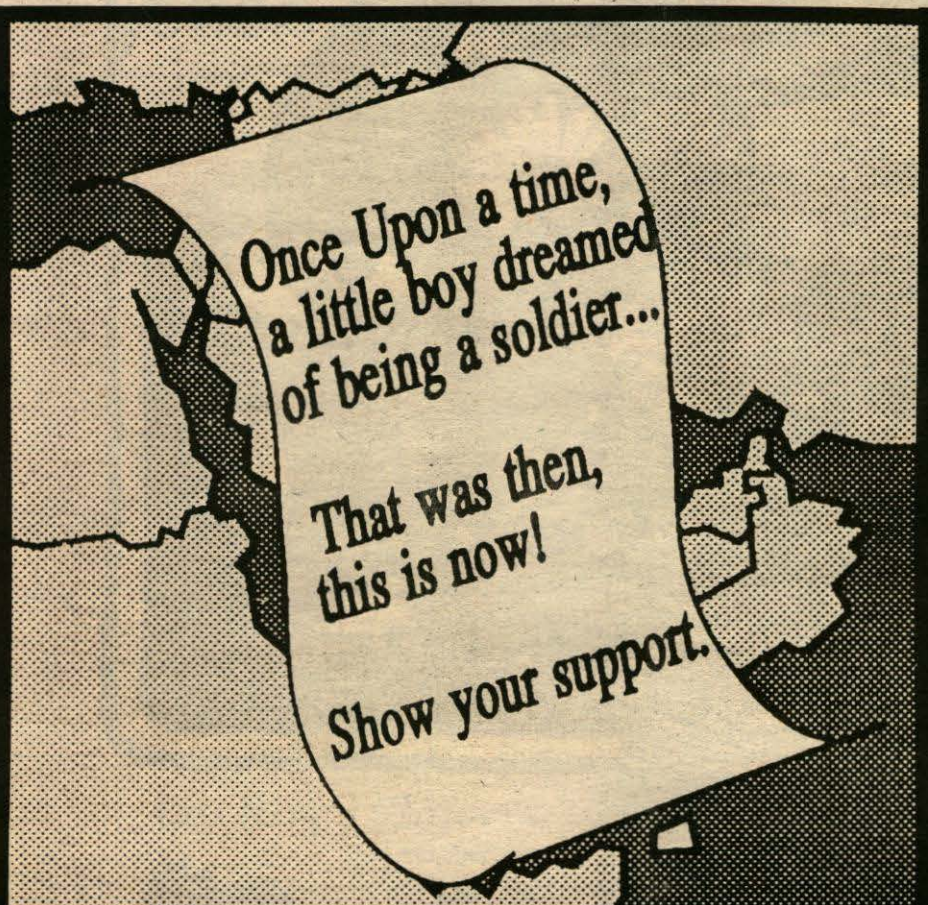
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# TEA TIME

Unconventional potter displays 'sensual' works during Birke art exhibit

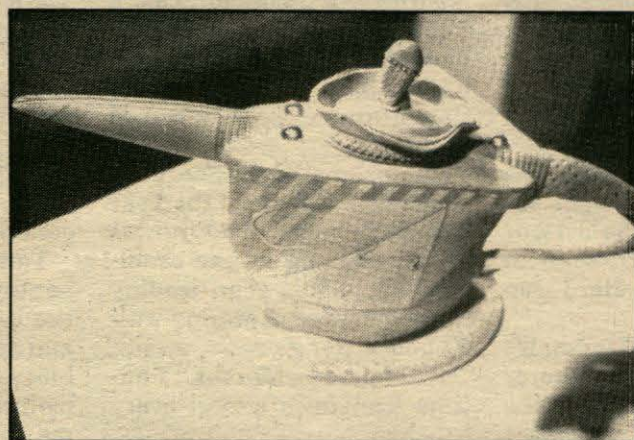


Photo by John Baldwin

**S**ome envision a potter as a person hunched over a spinning piece of clay, forming a bowl or vase.

However, Paul A. Dresang doesn't fit the mold.

He makes teapots.

"I work with teapots because I consider them a very complex image and form with a lot of different parts," he says. "That, and people know what they are — even if they don't use them."

Dr. Michael I. Cornfeld, chairman of the Department of Art, says Dresang's exclusive use of teapots brings art closer to home.

"Teapots and cups are something everyone has experience with, but everyone has different ideas about," Cornfeld says.

Dresang attaches lids on some of his teapots so they can't be removed.

■ Paul A. Dresang, a professor in the Department of Art and Design at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, is exhibiting his teapot work through Feb. 21 in the Birke Art Gallery. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.



"My pieces are never meant to be used," he says. "They are purely aesthetic."

Dresang says he tries to convey a feeling of motion in his work.

"A sense of motion is sometimes augmented by a pattern that changes size as it moves across the piece. I am interested in things that have detail such as machines, gears or flowers.

"These things (teapots) are not static or mechanical. They are about something that is living. I am a tourist and a hedonist. I am interested in things that are sensual in nature."

That sensual feeling often is shared by others.

"His work is very handsome ... very elegant and refined," Cornfeld says. "For pottery it is very sensual and tactile. It is playful and sensual with sexual images."

"He shows pottery or porcelain teapots or vessels can have meanings. You can seek in them some kind of ideas that go beyond functional use."

Dresang began working with clay in high school, but turned to pottery after seeing a student exhibit while in college.

He is a professor in the Department of Art and Design at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and works out of the basement of his Ed-

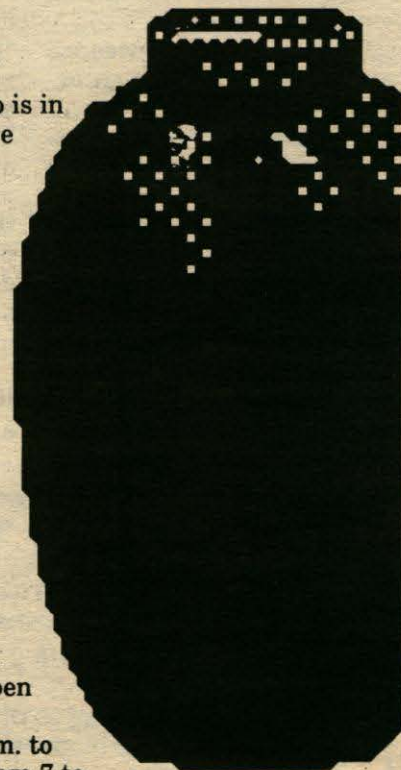
wardsville home.

"Since my studio is in my basement there are not enough windows and I often get depressed," he says. "My work also tends to be awfully fussy so I don't like to do it for too long. I generally work two to four hours at a time."

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By Raymond van Hilst  
Reporter





# TAFT...

He's at the top of the Southern Conference. He's got a shot at the NBA. He's confident with his ability and yet he's not arrogant or cocky. He may be leaving Huntington in May, but there's no way anyone who has seen him play can ever forget number 22.

By Robert Fouch  
Staff Writer

**J**ohn Taft was scared. Marshall was down by a point to Furman with two seconds left on the clock in overtime, and the game was in the freshman's hands as he stood nervously at the free throw line.

It had been a tough first year playing on a team of veterans that included Skip Henderson, Tom Curry and Rodney Holden. But that was behind him, and these two free throws were all that mattered.

Fortunately, in what has become a familiar sight for Marshall fans over the last four years, Taft came through in the clutch and the Herd won the game, 70-69.

According to Taft, Marshall's second all-time leading scorer with 2,169 points, that was the last time he can remember being scared on the basketball court, and it also was a turning point in his career.

"I was nervous because people had so many high expectations. You play mind games with yourself. I was struggling at the time, I was struggling with the season and at one point I had lost a lot of confidence.

"I said to myself, 'This is going to make me or break me. If I miss it, I'm through. If I make them, I succeed.' From that day on, I've just been playing with a lot of intensity and a lot

of confidence."

Many who follow the Herd would never believe Taft was scared on the court. He exudes confidence when he's playing.

"I'm not trying to be cocky or anything, but I think if you put the best players in college on the court and put me out there with them, I feel like I can handle my own."

His career statistics back that up. If not for limited playing time as a freshman, Taft, a 6-foot-1, 205-pound senior, undoubtedly would have surpassed Skip Henderson's all-time Marshall scoring record of 2,574.

He was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year his sophomore and junior years, and is a strong candidate again this year, leading the conference in scoring with 27 points per game.

He is among Marshall's all-time leaders in almost every category.

The comparisons to Henderson are inevitable, but Taft said he thinks he is a better player. "Being compared to a great player, I guess everybody would love that. But Skip is his own person and I'm my own person. I think he was more an offensive player. I think I'm a better all-around player, because I work hard on defense and offense. I think another thing I got on Skip is hustle. I play hard.

"Coach Huck (former coach Rick Huckabay) let him get away with everything. He

mainly was the coach's kid, because he got away with a lot of stuff. I think that's what really hurt him, because he always had everything handed to him and when things didn't happen for him, I think that just destroyed him. That's why I work hard at each end of the court. I don't expect anything from any of the coaches."

Henderson has had his troubles off the court since leaving Marshall. He was banned from the Continental Basketball Association for cocaine use, and is serving two years in prison for burglary and forgery. When he was arrested on those charges, he violated his parole from a previous conviction of cocaine possession.

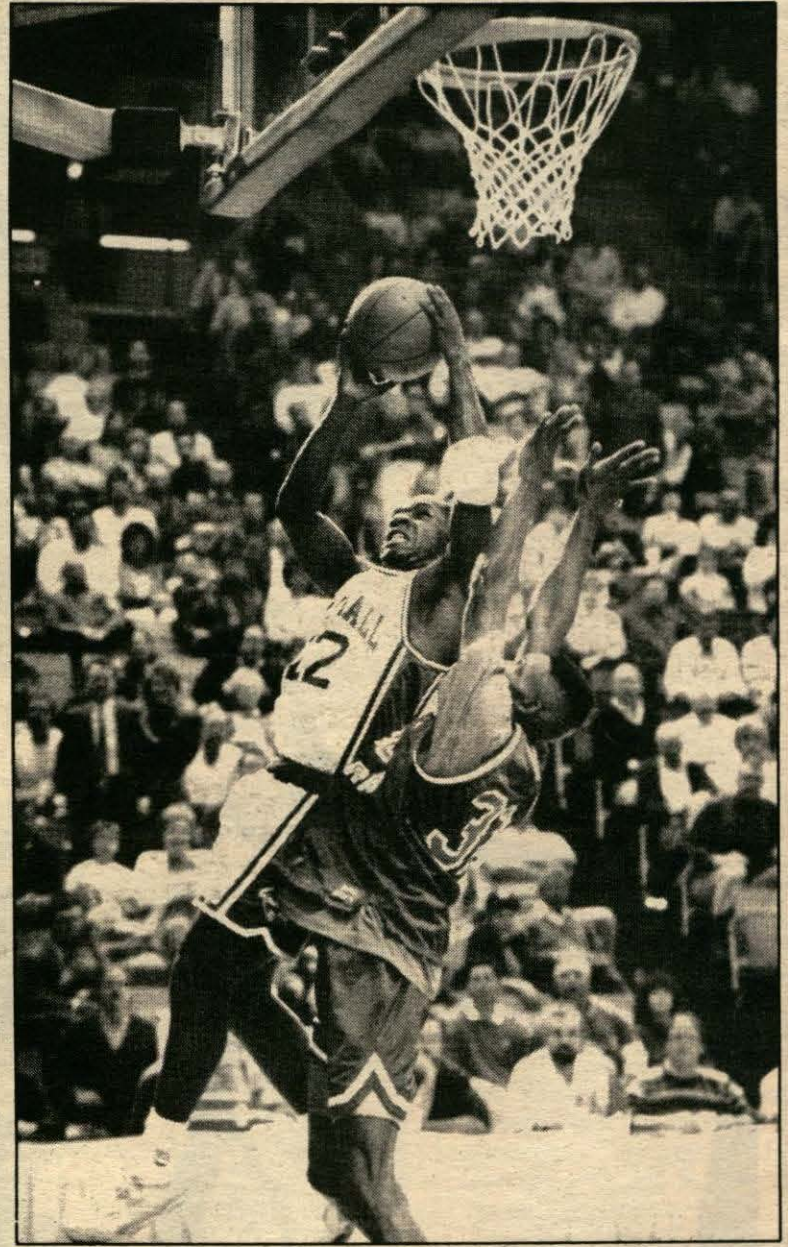
Taft said he has made sure he stays clear of any trouble off the court while he's playing, and he said he feels a responsibility to the children who idolize him. "I know they look up to me, so I want them to look in a positive way — both on and off the court.

"It's just like the incident with Skip Henderson. A lot of the kids looked up to him. Now, they don't have the same kind of respect as they did a while back. They don't even look at him the same, and I really don't want that to happen to me."

Taft, who said he will graduate this May with a degree in sports management and marketing, was a Proposition 48 player. Under Prop. 48 high school athletes who don't meet academic requirements for college and who have below a 700 on the SAT must sit out a year to work on studies.

Although critics, particularly Georgetown coach John Thompson, say the rule discriminates against blacks, Taft said it helped him. "I think I really matured that one year. I think it really helped me find out what college was all about. I had a chance to work on my studies."

Taft said he tries to go at his studies with the same intensity he plays basketball. "I try to stay focused and really try to learn something. When we're on the road, we miss a lot of



Parthenon file photo

John Taft drives into a Robert Morris defender while powering his way to the basket during the Marshall Memorial Classic earlier this season.

class and you can really get behind.

"A lot of students don't realize that traveling, coming to practice every day and then trying to study — it's really tough. I got some hard classes. That's why I try not to miss class. Every chance I get to go to class, I want to be there."

In what little time he has to himself, Taft said he listens to his favorite rapper, Big Daddy Kane. "What I love to do more than anything is listen to music. I just lay around and relax and be by myself. I do a lot of thinking."

The pressures of being a college basketball player and a full-time student can be tremendous, and Taft says he sometimes starts feeling a little down. When he does, he calls his older sister, Anne Moore. "My mom passed away when I was in the ninth grade and my sister, she's been there for me through the thick and the thin.

"I really respect her and I look up to her. She graduated from college. She's doing everything she want to do in life.

She takes real good care of me, and I really look up to her and respect her for that. That's why I'm really trying to get my degree, because she accomplished hers.

"She's been an inspiration to me. Every time I'm down, I just pick up the phone and call her. Whenever I have problems, she always makes them a lot easier."

Another important person in Taft's life is his high school basketball coach, Rich Valavicious. Averaging 27 points per game, Taft was a first-team class 6-A all-state player as a senior at Huntsville High School in Huntsville, Ala.

"He's really inspired me," Taft said. "He always told me that whatever I want to accomplish, just set my mind to it and go out and do it. He just told me to keep working hard and playing hard and everything would take care of itself. That's the way he took things."

Taft said he still keeps in contact with Valavicious. "I always call him to let him know

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### MARSHALL CAREER STATS

- Second in all-time scoring with 2,190 points
- First in 3-point attempts with 427
- First in 3-pointers made with 171
- Fourth in 3-point accuracy at 40.1 percent
- Fourth in field goal attempts with 1,609
- Third in field goals made with 762
- Fifth in steals with 126
- First in free throw attempts with 688
- Second in free throws made with 495
- Eighth in assists with 264





## Weekend road trip offers challenges, Freeman says

By Chris Dickerson  
Sports Editor

After snapping a five-game home losing skid, the Thundering Herd takes to the road this weekend for two tough Southern Conference games.

Saturday, the Herd will try to avenge an earlier loss to Western Carolina. Monday, Marshall, 10-13 overall and 3-6 in the SC, will try to do the same at Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The Herd has to win four of its remaining five games to finish the season at .500. The last time Marshall finished with a losing record was 1978-79's 11-16 campaign.

Coach Dwight Freeman said the 93-91 home loss to WCU, 9-11 overall and 2-6 in the league, last month was tough to swallow, but he said he isn't making revenge a major part of the game plan.

"We don't want revenge to be a key factor," he said. "Seeking revenge usually hurts a team's play more than it helps it. It's always tough to play on the road, but the guys are going to be ready to play."

Monday's game against UTC, 14-8 overall and 7-2 in the SC, will be played in the hostile environment of the Roundhouse.



Photo by John Baldwin

Junior forward Troy Taylor lays in a basket earlier this season in a Marshall Memorial Classic game against Mercer. Taylor is one of the Herd's top reserves, averaging three points and 2.3 rebounds per game.

"Our guys just need to play hard," Freeman said. "That's the bottom line. If that is done, you'll come out on top most of the time."

## Lady Herd controls own destiny going into weekend homestand

An important Lady Herd weekend Southern Conference homestand has become even more so, according to coach Judy Southard.

The Lady Herd plays host Friday to East Tennessee State and Sunday to Furman.

"I'm not sure we can put a premium on what's more important for the rest of the season," she said, noting that Appalachian State defeated Furman Wednesday. "We've gotten enough help from others that we are in control of our own destiny."

Marshall enters the weekend with a 14-6 record, 2-2 in the league. ETSU is 10-9, 2-2 and Furman is 12-9, 3-3.

ETSU features the league's leading scoring in Nicole Hopson, who is averaging 23.5 points per game.

"Nicole is one fine, fine young basketball player," Southard said. "She can do everything."

Southard said the key to both games is to control the tempo.

"It's important not to look beyond the next game," she said. "We have to take the rest of the season one game at a time. The league is so full of parody. That has been shown in the last 10 days. Anybody can beat anybody."

The Lady Herd ranks 16th in the NCAA with a scoring defense average of 59.4 points per game.

Southard said she is not surprised. "To be honest, this is where we wanted to be," she said. "Strong defense was a goal of ours going into the season. We've accomplished it."

## Indoor track teams compete in Cincinnati

In their final test before the Feb. 22-23 Southern Conference championships, the men's and women's indoor track teams compete Saturday in the Cincinnati Open at Armory Fieldhouse.

Sixteen teams are entered in the non-scored meet. Coach Dennis Brachna said the field should provide good competition, but expects Marshall, Louisville and Cincinnati to lead.

"We expect to do well," he said. "Both teams are coming off fine meets."

Brachna said he is taking the complete men's and women's team this weekend and the results will affect who will go to the league meet.

Brachna said the men will be without the services of shot putter Larry Brandon, who was injured during a practice demonstration Tuesday afternoon.

## TAFT

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how I played. He's always reading about me. He looks at the stats and says, 'You should have hit that free throw, you should have hit that shot.' He still gives me a hard time, but he's a great person and he's a great coach. He really cares about me as a person, not only as a basketball player, and I really respect him."

Taft also played football, soccer and baseball and ran track in high school, but said he excelled at basketball. Taft said he wasn't always good at the sport. "I was about seven years old. I just

started playing. Like a lot of little kids, I just got a basketball and started dribbling.

"I wasn't that good at first, but I worked real hard at it. Once I thought I really wanted to play basketball, I spent a lot of time just playing every day, just working hard by myself. I spent a lot of time just working by myself, ball handling and doing the things it takes to become a better player. I think that's where a lot of my success comes from."

Will all that work be rewarded with a career in the NBA? Taft said, "I think I got a pretty good chance with the quality of teams we've played this year. I think I can only help myself because

I played pretty good ball against that type of competition. I think I've got just as good as chance as anybody else."

Some say playing at a small school will hurt Taft's chances of playing pro. He doesn't see it that way. "It really doesn't matter what school you come from. If you've got talent, the scouts are going to find you. If they feel you can play on the next level, they come watch you. The scouts know the talent."

If he doesn't make it in professional basketball, the 22-year-old Taft said he would like to come back to Marshall and work as a graduate assistant under coach Dwight Freeman while pursuing a Masters degree. His eventual goal is to be a college athletic director.

Taft said Marshall has been a great place to play. "I wouldn't regret coming to Marshall for anything in the world right now, because I've had the opportunities to do a lot of good things for myself and get a lot of exposure."

"If I had it to do all over again, I'd pick Marshall again. I really made a name here a Marshall for myself. I shouldn't have any regrets for that."

"The fans here are great. It's hard to believe how the fans here support us."

"I really like this town. This is a town I could come back to and raise a family."

Although he'll likely be leaving in May, Huntington and Marshall may not have seen the last of John Taft.

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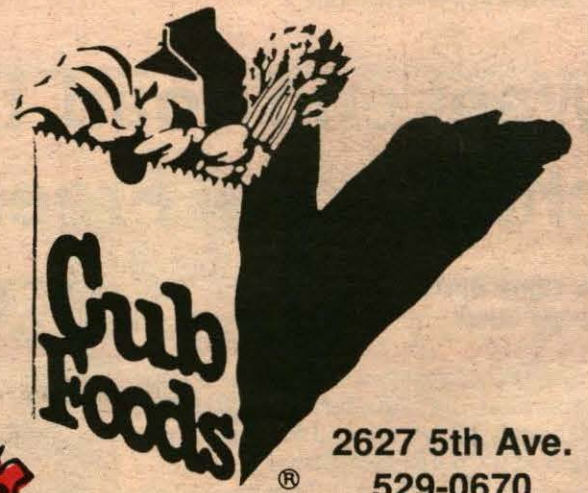


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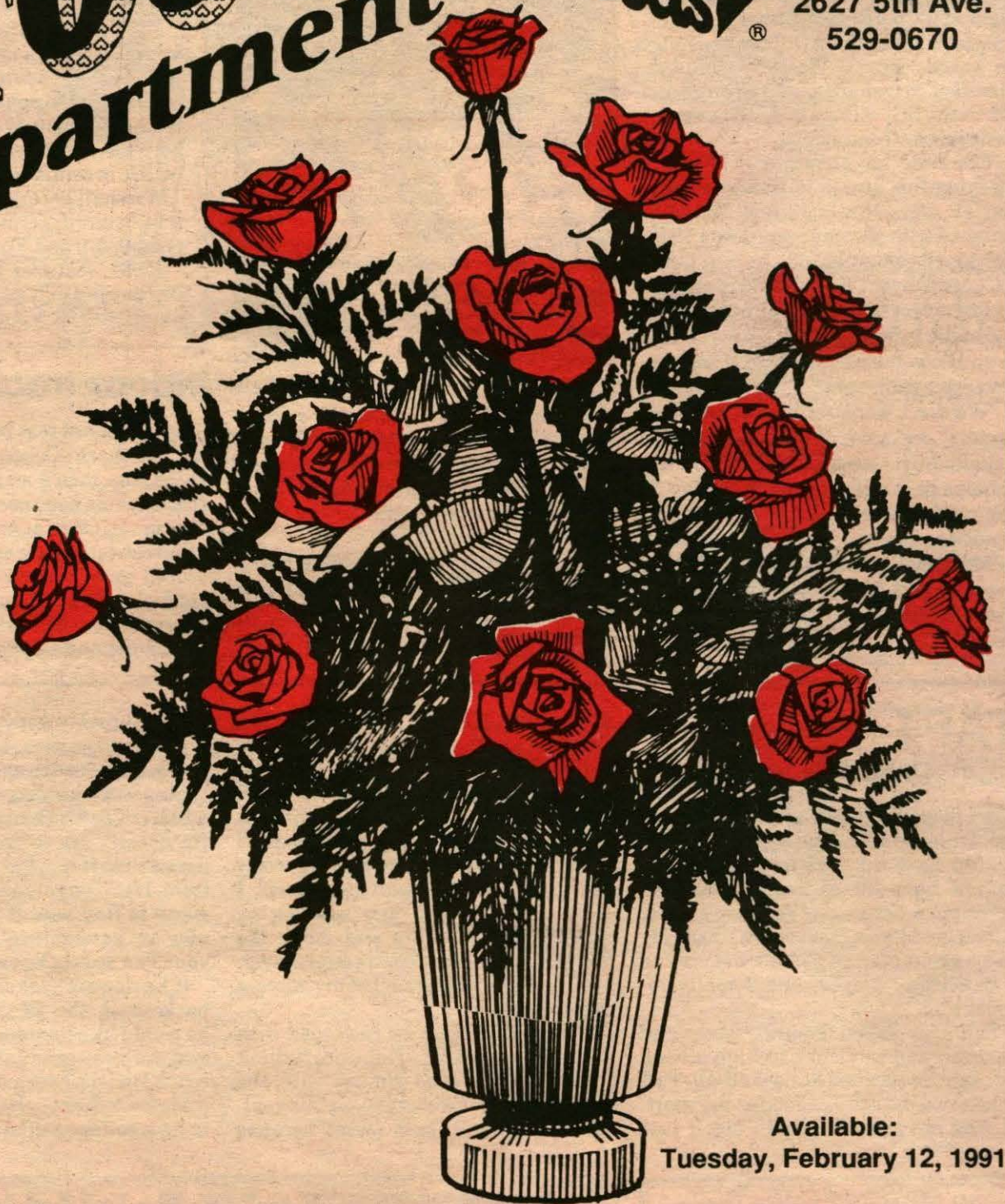
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