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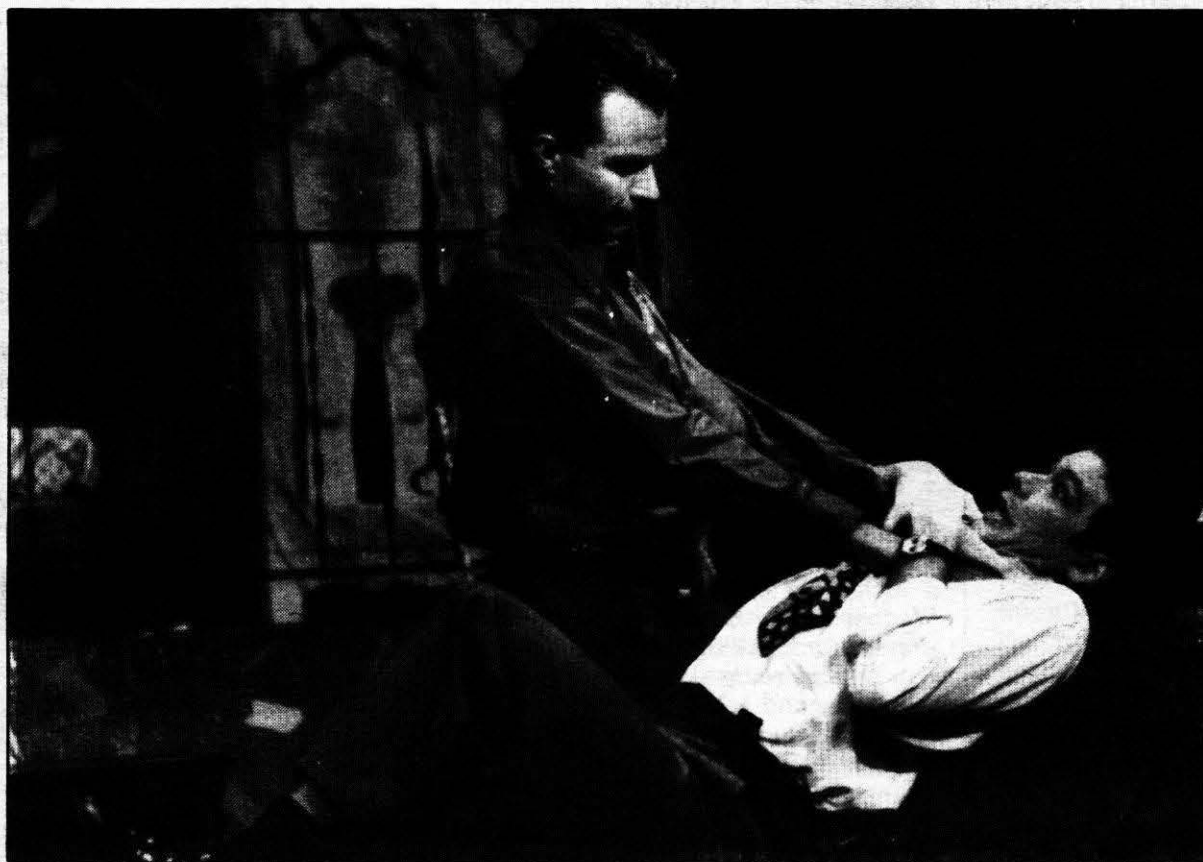
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## No laughing matter



Jerry Kinser (left) and Phillip Wilcox rehearse a scene from the Marshall University Theatre production of "Black Comedy. The play begins today and runs through Saturday.

Photo by John Baldwin

## Cooperation key to medical grant, officials say

By Ed Loomis  
Staff Writer

Support from Gov. Gaston Caperton and cooperation with West Virginia's two other medical schools were the most important reasons the university will share a \$6 million grant, according to a School of Medicine official.

Dr. Robert B. Walker, chairman of family and community health, said, "A lot of credit belongs to Gov. Caperton. He communicated directly with the Kellogg people."

Dr. Linda Savory, associate professor of family and community health and a member of the committee that developed the grant proposal, said the cooperation among the medical schools was "amazing."

"It (the proposal development) was in the middle of the debate over the ascendancy of medical schools," she said, referring to attempts to close or merge medical facilities early this year.

The Michigan-based Kellogg Foundation selected

the alliance of West Virginia medical schools as one of seven organizations to split \$47.5 million to improve medical care in underserved areas.

"The Kellogg grant is designed to find new ways to educate medical, nursing, dental and pharmaceutical students, and to encourage them to serve underserved people," Walker said. "It moves them out into the areas where they are needed."

"The (grant) proposal was to make an innovative, forward-looking, multi-disciplinary approach," Savory said.

The first three clinics to benefit from the grant are located in Spencer, Rainelle and Camden-on-Gauley. Professors and students will work together, not only learning more about the patients they will serve in the future, but also each other.

Walker said students in different health care specialties have few opportunities to interact in traditional educational situations, but the Kellogg grant will have them working side-by-side.

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## Could one of five candidates left in COGS search

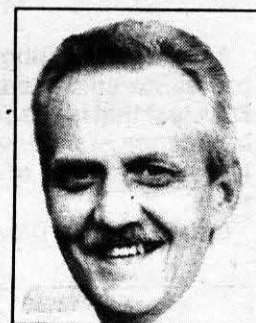
By Alan P. Pittman  
Managing Editor

Interim President Alan B. Gould is one of five finalists for the presidency of the University of West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

Gould, who has served as Marshall's interim president since Dale Nitzschke left last August, is scheduled to return to the provost position when Dr. Wade Gilley becomes president in August.

"I'm very pleased to be a finalist," Gould said. "I hear there were 100 applicants for the position and to be one of five finalists is an honor."

Gould said he enjoys being provost and will stay at Marshall if he doesn't get the COGS position. He said his future right now is at Marshall, but if the opportunity arises to move on he will.



GOULD

When the search for a new Marshall president began some thought Gould should apply for that position. But, Gould said he likes the appeal of being president at a smaller, less complex, and strictly academic institution like COGS rather than Marshall.

Kemp Winfree, search committee spokesman for COGS, said there isn't a leading candidate for the COGS position. "The search committee thinks all five are leading candidates," he said.

James Rowley, current COGS president, said he thinks Gould is an outstanding candidate but so are the other four. "No one can say that there is a number one finalist," Rowley said.

Finalists will visit the COGS campus between July 8 and July 19 for on-campus interviews.

The search committee will then submit three to five names to the Board of Trustees (BOT) which will make the final decision.

Earlier this year there was talk of merging COGS with Marshall.

Rowley said there was talk about a merger, however the Board of Trustees decided that the schools were too different to merge.

Rowley said Gould as COGS president would not have any more influence merging COGS and Marshall than the out-of-state COGS candidates. "In this situation the president of COGS would not have any influence because it's more of a BOT and BOA (Board of Advisers) decision."

## Gilley to meet with campus constituencies, tour facilities next week

By Alan P. Pittman  
Managing Editor

Marshall's new President, Dr. J. Wade Gilley, will visit campus Monday through Wednesday to meet with campus constituents for what Gilley calls "widening my circle of friends."

Gilley, currently senior vice president of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., will meet with

several of the vice presidents, members of the presidential search committee, and campus constituents, such as faculty, deans, and department chairs.

"My family is coming with me to look the university over," Gilley said. "My son is thinking about transferring from George Mason."

Gilley said he hopes to get an understanding of the people, programs, and various buildings. He said he will tour the fine arts and science buildings,

as well as the new stadium.

Gilley, 52, was officially hired June 21 after a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees.

He will receive a salary of \$93,000 excluding various benefits, such as a home and a car.

His salary at George Mason is \$111,000.

•Look for the Parthenon's Question & Answer interview with Dr. Wade Gilley on July 11.



# Arsenic did not kill Taylor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tests show that President Zachary Taylor was not poisoned by arsenic 141 years ago, a medical examiner said Wednesday, apparently dispelling an author's theory that he was assassinated.

"It is my opinion that Zachary Taylor died of one of a myriad of natural diseases which would have produced the symptoms of gastroenteritis," said Kentucky Medical Ex-

aminer Dr. George Nichols.

Remains of the 12th president, including hair, bone scrapings, and fingernails, were analyzed for arsenic here and at the nation's largest research reactor in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Clara Rising, who researched a book on Taylor, had theorized he was poisoned for opposing the spread of slavery into the Southwest.

Among those she had proposed as suspects were Sen. Henry Clay of Kentucky and Millard Fillmore, who as vice president succeeded Taylor.

Taylor fell ill after attending the July

4, 1850, dedication of the Washington Monument and died a few days later of what were thought to be natural causes. Gastroenteritis was listed as the cause of death.

Rising and others said Taylor's symptoms resembled those of arsenic poisoning and had speculated that someone may have put the deadly substance in some fruit the 65-year-old Taylor had been eating.

Rising agreed to pay the \$1,200 for an exhumation, and on June 17 Taylor's crypt in Louisville was opened and samples were taken.

## BRIEFS

### CHARLESTON

#### Governor takes back DNR chief's pay raise

Gov. Gaston Caperton has decided to rescind the \$12,200 salary hike given to Division of Natural Resources Director Ed Hamrick, a Charleston newspaper reported Wednesday.

Hamrick's salary will drop from \$60,000 to \$47,800 a year starting Monday, according to the Charleston Daily Mail.

The announced raise caused a furor among legislators who said Caperton had circumvented them in giving the raise.

Caperton said in a letter to House Speaker Chuck Chambers that he plans to ask lawmakers to grant the raise later this year.

Hamrick said Tuesday that he was the one who recommended the salary increase be rescinded.

### WASHINGTON

#### S&L bailout may take another \$80 billion

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady asked Congress Wednesday to provide another \$80 billion for the savings and loan bailout and extend the life of the program by more than a year.

Brady told the Senate Banking Committee that the Resolution Trust Corp., which has received \$80 billion in taxpayers' money so far, needs to double that amount to finish the job.

"This would permit the RTC to complete its work as quickly as possible without costly delay," he said in prepared testimony. "Funding delays simply add to taxpayers costs because they slows the RTC's resolution activity."

Brady also rejected calls from members of Congress for a major reorganization of the bailout agency's administrative apparatus but he did say they current senior manager, David Cooke, should be replaced.

### UNITED NATIONS

#### Kuwaiti emir commutes death sentences of 29

The emir of Kuwait has commuted all 29 death sentences handed down by his country's martial-law courts, changing them to life imprisonment, U.N. officials and diplomats said Wednesday.

The move came one day after Kuwait decided to lift martial law, which was imposed immediately after the liberation of Kuwait City by U.S.-led allied troops in late February.



NATION

## Test used in Woodall case too new to be reliable, prosecution argues

A George Washington University professor said Wednesday that a DNA test that is alleged to prove the innocence of a convicted rapist is just the newest of several such tests.

Cabell County prosecutors want to prove the unreliability of the test Glen Dale Woodall said proves he could not have committed the rapes for which he was convicted in 1987.

"We've had some bad days in forensic science with rushing forward" with new technologies, said James Starrs, a professor of law and forensic sciences at George Washington University.

It is proper to call (the test) experimental," he said.

Woodall, 33, was convicted of kidnapping two women from the Huntington Mall parking lot and raping them. He was sentenced to two life terms plus at least 200 years in prison. His lawyers are asking for a new trial on the basis of genetic

tests.

The purpose of this week's hearing before Cabell County Circuit Judge Dan O'Hanlon is to determine the validity of the test, call the Polymerase Chain Reaction Dot-Blot exam. The test duplicates minute samples of DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, and then charts the markers.

Two genetics experts have testified that DNA, the genetic building bloc of the human cell, from Woodall's blood does not match sperm samples taken from the rape victims.

Starrs acknowledged that he has never used this particular kit used by lawyers for Woodall, but said he was concerned about what he called a "kit mentality."

"The process of accepting on face value what is done by another laboratory is quite bothersome," Starrs said.

"DNA is not on trial here, and PRC is not on trial here," Starrs said. "What's on trial here is a PCR kit. ... This is a particular kind and type of PCR."

"This case could be misread well beyond what's involved here," he said.



STATE

## Troops take over Lithuanian centers of communication

MOSCOW — Soviet troops seized Wednesday Lithuania's communications centers, taking over its independent TV and radio station and cutting telephone and telegraph links to the republic, Lithuanian officials in Moscow said.

The reported takeover of the republic's central telephone and telegraph office in the capital, Vilnius, occurred at about 10:40 a.m. EDT.

About 30 minutes later, Soviet troops also occupied Lithuania's independent television and radio station in Kaunas, said Yanis Lusia, spokesman for the pro-independence People's Front in the neighboring republic of Latvia.

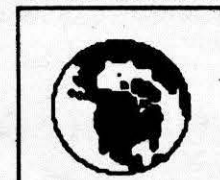
Lusia said he received the information by shortwave radio from Lithuania. He said there were no reports of injuries.

Telephone calls to Vilnius, the republic's capital, did not go through. A Soviet telephone operator said all connections to the republic had been cut off, but she declined to say why.

The action at the telephone and telegraph center was described by the independent radio and TV station before it was attacked, according to a spokeswoman for the Latvian parliament. No shots were heard during the takeover of the telephone and telegraph center.

If the reported takeovers are confirmed, they will be the latest in a series of confrontations between Soviet authorities and Lithuania, which has angered Moscow by declaring independence.

The reported takeovers also come at a time when Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is trying to gain aid from western governments who have been sympathetic to Lithuania's bid for independence.



WORLD

## Missing banker arrested in Nevada

MORGANTOWN — A bank president whose disappearance last month prompted a nationwide search was arrested Wednesday on a fugitive warrant charging him with embezzling a bank car, state police said.

William E. Coleman, 51, was arrested about 7:30 a.m. in Laughlin, Nev., a resort town of 5,000 people about 90 miles southeast of Las Vegas, said Sgt. Michael Taylor of Morgantown detachment.

Police arrested Coleman at a motel after investigating his use of a credit

card at an automated cash machine in nearby Bullhead City, Ariz., Taylor said.

Coleman had not been seen since he drove away from the Westover Bank in nearby Westover on May 13. Shortly before leaving, he call his wife of 25 years and said he was headed for a meeting.

Taylor said embezzlement of a car is a felony. Coleman was charged with taking a 1989 Eagle Premier, which he had been allowed to use as bank president. If convicted, Coleman faces a maximum 10 years in prison.



## OUR VIEW

## Trustees should reconsider policy on social justice

*Only mediocrities rise to the top in a system that won't tolerate wave-making.*

Laurence J. Peter

The Board of Trustees has failed again. Instead of expanding its social justice policy to include homosexuals the board defeated just such an amendment, after an hour of debate in which board members neglected to mention the words homosexual, gay or lesbian.

Homosexuality will not go away by not talking about. And with a policy like this, neither will discrimination.

Trustee Henry Taylor said he was uncomfortable talking about sexual orientation, even though he is a medical doctor. This from a person who is a member of a board that makes major decisions about the state's two universities. It sounds like the Board of Trustees may be afraid or even scared to talk about the taboo subject of shh... homosexuality!

The policy specifically bans discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability. Taylor said he believed that sexual orientation is "implied" in the policy that was passed. Certainly when the Bill of Rights was created, many blacks thought it applied to them also.

Then again, if sexual orientation is implied can't we assume that other types of people are implied and everybody is protected?

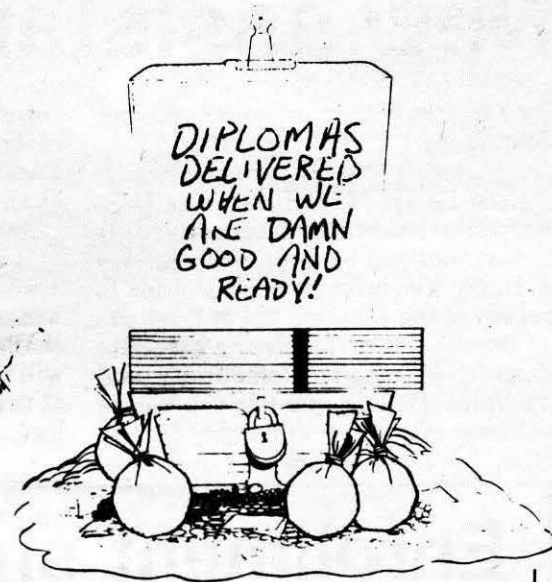
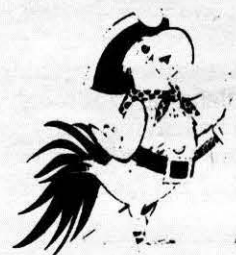
Marshall and West Virginia University both have individual policies banning discrimination due to sexual orientation, but the trustees rejected the idea of including homosexuals in a state wide social justice policy. Why? It only makes sense that the Board of Trustees would take into account what the two state universities are doing. No — on second thought — why would the trustees start now?

Sexual orientation is becoming standard in other states non-discrimination policies. Pennsylvania's Board of Trustees just expanded its policy to include sexual orientation, and gay-rights advocates are already pushing for the state to test the new policy. It seems West Virginia rather likes to be behind the times.

Trustees needs to put their prejudices and fears aside and reconsider the policy. Without specific mention, homosexuals will continue to be persecuted. Regardless of ones belief, society can not combat discrimination with backward attitudes.



MR. CLIP



JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS OVER, BOB EDDINS AND HIS BAND OF PETTY PAPER PUSHERS PROLONG YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

## Numerous laws not on books

Even in this country of freedom of expression, there seems to be an awful lot of laws that restrict our every move.

And if there is not a law over our actions, there is always some one yelling "there ought to be a law against that."

Law seems to be so important in today's society that there are even classes like communications law or business law. And if you are real excited about law you can take a whole lot of classes and become a lawyer (that's scary).

But over the years and through my infinite wisdom, I came across numerous laws that would not be listed in the books such as:

- The Unspeakable Law: As soon as you mention something it goes away if it is good. If it is bad, it happens.
- The Astronomical Law: Those who reach for the stars get their fingers burned.
- Har's Law of Problems: Inside every large problem there are many tiny problems struggling to get out.
- Boren's First Law: When in doubt, mumble.
- Bramham's Observation: The other line always moves faster.
- Jiff's Law: The bread always falls peanut butter side down on

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■ James LeFew  
Staff Writer

the carpet.

- Scheuber's Hypothesis: If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it.
- The Eye for an Eye Law: Pay backs are a medevac.
- Ohm's Law of Electronics: It works better if you plug it in.
- St. Benedict's Dictum: It is easier to ask for forgiveness than to seek permission.
- The Peter Principle: Some do and some don't.
- SNAFU Law: Anything that begins well ends badly.
- Mort's Corollary: Anything that begins badly gets worse.

And then of course there are always such laws that seem to fit in well for Marshall:

- Student's First Law: If you don't know the answer, scribble.
- Student's Second Law: Always take a coin to a true-false exam.
- Student's Third Law: It is

easier to study at Gumby's.

- Student's Fourth Law: Always register for the class with the lowest number.
- Law of Probability: If the Marrow library has the periodical you want it is probably stored with the wrong year. And if you are able to find the magazine, it probably has the article you want ripped out.
- Beethoven's Fifth Principle: Your favorite tape always gets eaten by the tape player.
- The Father Knows Best Law: Whatever the students and faculty want the university selection committee will select something else.
- Law of Relativity: Discovering D.V. Glavasic is your cousin.

But reciting laws such as these always requires one law to be listed:

- Murphy's Law: No matter how well you know the subject, the professor will always find something wrong with your answer.

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Helping Marshall grow, Denman's goal

## New assistant provost 'excited' about job

By Tim Glon  
Staff Writer

Dr. Sarah N. Denman has been named assistant provost, effective July 1. Denman will be replace Dr. Rainey J. Duke, who is leaving the position to return to the Department of English.

Denman is currently the associate dean of Marshall's Community and Technical College and has experience working with many university organi-

zations. She has served as the director of the Search Committee on Recruiting Excellent Students program and has chaired the university's Academic Planning and Standards Committee.

"I am very excited about being the assistant provost," Denman said. "I was ready for something different, more challenging. One tough part of the move will be leaving many very good friends at the Community and Technical College. I am looking forward to working

with a lot of people I am familiar with from my previous work."

Although noncommittal about her expectations and goals, Denman said she wants to help Marshall continue to grow.

"Having good relations with the faculty and all of Marshall's colleges will enable me to quickly fit in with Dr. Gould (Provost)," Denman said. "I won't say what goals or things I want to accomplish, but I'm going to do every-

thing in my power to help Marshall University continue to grow and prosper."

After receiving both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall, Denman earned her doctorate in higher education from West Virginia University.

Denman joined the Community and Technical College faculty in 1975 was named assistant dean in 1984 and associate dean in 1989.

## Enrollment shows no major change

Summer numbers increases slightly; registrar anticipates small decrease for fall

By Jodi Thomas  
Editor

Preliminary enrollment figures for first summer term show enrollment is holding steady, but Registrar Robert Eddins said the university may have a slight decrease in enrollment for fall semester.

First term summer enrollment is up 48 students from last year and the enrollment for the second term is ex-

pected to remain about the same as last year, according to Eddins.

A total of 3,332 students are attending classes during the first term, while 3,284 attended last year at this time. Eddins said the reason is increases in the Graduate School and the College of Liberal Arts.

"We are running about the same as last year at this time. These (figures) are not too bad," he said.

Eddins said he believes that fall enrollment may be down due to an expected smaller freshman class.

"The freshman pool is getting smaller," he said. "There have been fewer high school graduates in West Virginia over the years, and in an institution with 87

percent of its students from West Virginia, you better pay close attention because you may have some problems."

Eddins said the university recruiters have done a good job so far keeping freshman enrollment up.

"There has been a whole lot of hard work, by a whole lot of people, looking for students to replace the decreasing pool of students graduating from West Virginia high schools.

"Marshall has been gaining for the past few years, but with this situation, I think its got to catch up with us sometime.

"The national trend with the economy and things just doesn't look good."

## GRANT

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Another significant change to traditional methods in providing health care in Marshall's Kellogg grant proposal will be the degree of community influence on what shape the care should take.

"Communities will approve the curricula and what they want," Walker said. Walker thinks the grant will be a boon for professors conducting research.

"Medical professors will be able to do research because they will be in the field," he said.

The demonstrated teamwork by the medical schools in securing the grant was emphasized by Manahan in explaining the turn-around in proposed funding legislation.

"Apart we would have never done it," Manahan said. "It was a partnership of the medical schools with the governor's office."

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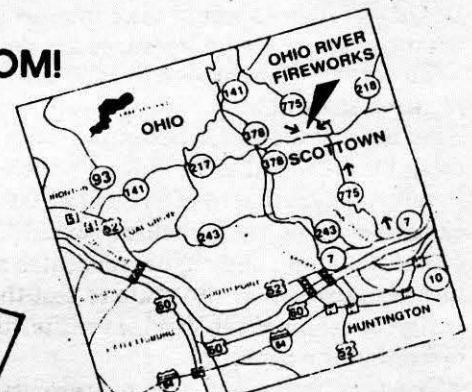
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# Construction threatens preservation of artifacts

By The Associated Press

A Marshall University professor said construction workers on a beautification project are destroying prehistoric artifacts, but a school official said even though he is interested in preserving any artifacts, the digging will continue.

"What we're really angry about is that, had we had sufficient notification, this could have been avoided," said Nicholas Freidin, professor of sociology and anthropology.

Workers are digging a trench for a drainage line around Marshall's central administration building and are preparing to lay down a new sidewalk.

Freidin said campus officials promised that the workers would dig no deeper than 10 inches.

"But then we found out they were going to take two feet. That makes a big difference," he said.

At that depth, the soil holds enough artifacts to indicate that a prehistoric Indian village once stood on a knoll next to the administration building, Freidin said.

"We're furious, to put it mildly," Freidin said. "They were well aware that there had been Indian finds there, but it didn't seem to bother them much."

Ed Grose, Marshall's vice president for administration, said he is inter-

ested in helping preserve any artifacts, but he also said the digging will continue.

Grose said Freidin was consulted about the project but wasn't told of plans to dig as deep as two feet.

"But it's not a project that's any surprise to anybody. We've been working on this beautification plan for almost a year," he said.

In addition, the site has been dug up several times to install telephone, water and utility lines, Grose said.

"I guess I would be more concerned if it was an undisturbed area," he said.

Grose said he wants to cooperate with Freidin, but Freidin is often working at an archaeological dig in St. Albans.

"We can't shut down the job just because he's not there. We'll do everything we can. But we're under a contract with these people, and we've got to proceed," Grose said.

Freidin and his students went to the construction site Monday to save whatever artifacts they could.

While sifting through soil the workers dug up, they found several arrowheads, a stone axe and a stone scraping tool.



Photo by John Baldwin

Dr. Nicholas Freidin and some students sift through dirt at the construction site near Old Main. Arrowheads and other weaponry were found in the area that was once an Indian village.

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# May graduation does not mean a diploma

By Julie Welkle  
Staff Writer

A T-shirt in Hallmark's graduation line of gifts reads, "Four years of college and all I got was this lousy T-shirt...AND NO CAR."

For Marshall students graduating in May, the shirt could read "...AND NO DIPLOMA."

May graduates do not receive their diplomas until August, registrar Robert H. Eddins said. The delay is to allow time for final grade submissions by faculty members and the reviewing of transcripts.

"The BOT requires us to submit an official graduation list 10 working days after the graduation date," Eddins said. Diplomas are then ordered and mailed to students the first or second week of August.

Eddins said in order to have diplomas in time for commencement, his office would have to order them by Feb. 1.

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*If we went by those lists to order diplomas early, we would have had approximately 200 worthless papers once final grades were checked.*

— Robert Eddins  
Registrar

The registrar's office does not receive preliminary graduation lists from each college until around March 1. "If we went by those lists to order diplomas early, we would have had approximately 200 worthless papers once final grades were checked."

"Two hundred students that had applied for May graduation, for one reason or another, did not meet the qualifications."

"In addition to graduation, honor status on the diplomas could also change. We had some magna's (magna cum laude) that became summa's (summa cum laude), and some

summa's that became magna's," Eddins said.

West Virginia University is one state school that gives diplomas on the day of graduation. "They are able to do this because commencement is one week after finals. There is time to process the grades and prepare diplomas," Eddins said.

"For us to have diplomas ready in time, grades would have to be submitted two weeks beforehand."

Marshall used to give diplomas on graduation day, but changed the process approximately 15 years ago. Eddins said that changes in the student

population and class structures caused the switch.

"Twenty-five years ago, the majority of students completed college in four years. Seniors took senior classes, juniors were enrolled in junior level course, and so on. It was not disruptive to have senior finals early."

"Then, we began to have students that took more than four years to complete school, and students in all levels were taking the same courses. A teacher might have been left with 15 of 25 students after graduating seniors were gone. That was just too disruptive."

The change was initiated by faculty members. Faculty studied alternatives by finding out what other schools were doing at the time.

Any alterations in the current method would likewise begin with the faculty or a Faculty Senate committee, Eddins said.

Larger system operational July 8, official says

## University upgrades AT&T phone system

By Julie Welkle  
Staff Writer

A \$50,000 upgrade in the university phone system will not affect phone users, but will improve the way in which the system is managed, a university official said.

William S. Deel, director of campus technology, said that AT&T's new system is being installed in order to make future changes within the system easier and to accommo-

date phones at the new stadium.

Currently, all phones have to be within a certain distance from a module to be used. Modules are cabinets that contain computer cards with information for the phones within that module.

The campus has three modules one each in Twin Towers, Prichard, and Smith Halls. A fourth one will be placed at the stadium.

Manager-4 increases the maximum distance phones can operate from each

module. Additionally, extension number changes and name changes for phones with view screens can be made more easily.

While Manager-4 is being put in place, a temporary "freeze" has been placed on phone modifications, Deel said.

A copy of the system tape was sent to the AT&T center in Boulder, CO, and will be fed into the improved system. Once this process is completed, the tape will be returned to the univer-

sity.

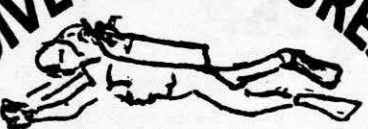
The moratorium, which went into effect June 11, was established so that any alterations made during the adjustment period would not have to be added to the new system, Deel said.

Manager-4 will be fully operational by July 8.

The present system was installed in July, 1987. Improvements are not made on a routine basis, but only when needed, or when the phone company makes changes, Deel said.

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# Taftless Herd faces tough schedule

By Tim Glon  
Staff Writer

Not since the 1976-77 season, when the likes of North Carolina, Louisville, DePaul, Mississippi and Detroit squared off against Marshall on the hard court, have Thundering Herd fans been treated to a basketball schedule as difficult and exciting as the one that faces Dwight Freeman and his squad this winter.

The Herd will face nine schools that went to post-season play last year, including five that appeared in the NCAA tournament.

Marshall's home schedule may be the toughest, with Pittsburgh, Wyoming, Penn State, East Tennessee State and South Florida all playing in the Henderson Center. Away games include Virginia, West Virginia (in Charleston) and the arguably tough Southern Conference match ups.

"This is about as tough a schedule as it gets," said Freeman, Marshall's second-year head coach. "We're just gonna have to roll up our sleeves and get after it. We will have a lot of teaching to do, considering that we may start two or three freshmen."

Athletic Director Lee Moon said: "I think we'll be competitive. We have a young team, but it will be a great experience for our kids. Playing these nationally recognized teams on our home court in front of our fans will make a difference too."

This year marks the second consecutive year that Moon has upgraded the basketball schedule. No speculation on what the future may bring is forthcoming from Marshall's athletic director, however.

"By playing a national schedule, you get your program better exposure, and by playing the level of competition we have the past two years, our team is better prepared for the conference portion of the schedule."

## 1991-92 Basketball Schedule

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Fri.-Sat. Dec. 6-7  
Sat. Dec. 14  
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Thurs. Dec. 19  
Fri. Dec. 27  
Sun. Dec. 29  
Sat. Jan. 11  
Mon. Jan. 13  
Thurs. Jan. 16  
Sat. Jan. 18  
Sun. Jan. 19  
Thurs. Jan. 23  
Sat. Jan. 25  
Mon. Jan. 27  
Sat. Feb. 1  
Mon. Feb. 3  
Sat. Feb. 8  
Mon. Feb. 10  
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Tues. Feb. 18  
Sat. Feb. 22  
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# Is that Thunder I hear? Name should represent future

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The stadium represents a new era in Marshall football, a new direction (possibly division I) so let the name represent the new era.

Other proposals include Sam Clagg, former football captain and interim president. Let me think a moment...Clagg...Clagg...just say his name over and over and you'll know why it's stupid.

Another suggestion (probably made by Reds fans) is Riverfront Stadium. This would be nice if the Ohio happened to flow down 3rd Avenue.

I'm surprised no one has suggested John Taft stadium?? I'm sure many would overlook the minor detail that he played basketball.

A few have the gall to suggest Nitzschke-Moon stadium. Who the HELL would want a name like Nitzschke-Moon stadium. I can hear the P.A. an-

■ Alan P. Pittman  
Managing Editor



nouncer now.... "Welcome to Nitzschke-Moon stadium on the riverfront.....home of the Memorial Claggs."

The debate could go on for ever and just might before a name is given. C.T. Mitchell, executive assistant to the president and director of university relations, said "It's a drawn out process like everything else around here."

Just like his title, I might add.

First a physical facilities planning committee, or PFPC, decides on a name. Then it suggests to the president, who is Wade Gilley (probably the first decision he makes as president). Why should a man who just arrived at Marshall from George Mason, Va. have anything to do with naming our stadium? If Gilley likes it he gives it to the Board of Advisors (people who advise). If they like it they send it to the Board of Trustees, (people you can trust) who have the final say. The BOT makes the final decision,

because it represents higher education in W.Va., and frankly, that's what naming a new football stadium is all about? At least at Marshall.

Nobody asked me but I think Marco should decide on a name. Marco symbolizes Marshall athletics. Maybe we should name it Marco stadium. No, I forgot, we already have Marco's in the MEMORIAL Student Center.

Anyway, until someone comes up with something better, my choice is Thunder Stadium. At first I thought it was dumb, but then I heard Garth Brooks song "Thunder Rolls" and I liked it. Think about it... seconds before the game...the crowd is buzzing (in more ways than one)...the drum roll (pretend thunder) from the band echoes across the stands... "Welcome to THUNDER STADIUM...home of your Thunddeerring Herd" (insert crowd noise). Donnan and the rest of The Herd burst onto the field and everyone goes nuts.

(OR) If we name it Memorial Stadium, we can have a moment of silence just before the football team quietly walks onto the field wearing black arm bands. Which one will it be Marshall?

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# Stark Raven: Band may be gone, but members play on

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tark Raven, arguably the best band ever to come from this area, has journeyed to the crossroads. Unfortunately, at least for the fans, not all of its members have taken the same turn.

Lasting almost nine years together, longer than many marriages, the band members grew in different directions and believes it is time to concentrate more on individual goals.

"We haven't reached some of the goals, like a record contract, we had set out to achieve," said vocalist and guitarist Ron Sowell. "So we are dissolving and going at it from different directions."

Stark Raven was unselfish with its talent by playing songs that would often feature every member of the group.

However, having such an eclectic sound can be a curse when it comes to grasping the elusive recording contracts.

"I think that part of our break up is due to the frustration that we have heard from record companies, like there is not enough focus, or there is not enough identity," said vocalist and guitarist Julie Adams.

Bass player John Kessler said the problem with Stark Raven was "there were too many directions that the band was going in. When you start to get higher up in the world of music it is like talent doesn't become as important and image becomes a lot more important."

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owell said the group was much better at writing and creating than marketing themselves.

Although Stark Raven was very successful and had developed a strong following throughout the southeast, members said they believe the band did not develop the marketable image the record companies

needed. "I feel Stark Raven has failed," cellist Bob Webb said. "I just feel like the music industry didn't have a place for us and didn't have any imagination. I've always felt that the groups that were truly innovative were the ones that didn't fit in any particular category."

But through the years, Stark Raven band members concentrated on writing their own songs and making sure everyone enjoyed their music.

"What has worked for us live and kept people entertained doesn't necessarily translate to the recording," Adams said. "When you are trying to focus on so many things, it has done very well as a live thing because it's real entertaining and people get to see a lot of different things. It is not the same thing over and over."

Nonetheless, Stark Raven produced two albums of original music hoping to attract a record label as well as fans.

However, both Adams and violin player Deni Bonett said there was never enough of a push of the album to tell were they could have gone with their music.

"And that's probably the main regret of breaking up at this point," Adams said.

Governor Gaston Caperton hosted Stark Raven's last public appearance in Charleston on June 23 on



Stark Raven's Deni Bonett now plays her violin at the Governor's mansion, June 23, as part of the band's final appearance.

the mansion's lawn. However, the members will continue to play as the house band for the nationally-broadcast public radio show "Mountain Stage."

And it was the producers of "Mountain Stage" who chose not to use the Stark Raven name for the house band.

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he group's members think that if producers would have used Stark Raven's name, they would have attracted record companies. Consequently with the exception of Adams and Bonett performing as the Fabulous Twister Sisters, they went unnoticed.

"If we had been able to be on 'Mountain Stage' as 'Stark Raven the House Band,'" Webb said, "we would have had the back door into the national level. The front door is locked up by the music industry but the back door is left unguarded and that's public radio and television. Groups do have an access to national media that way and that was our one big chance and they would not go for it."

Kessler and drummer Ammed Solomon, have joined

the Fabulous Twister Sisters Bonett and Adams and have been rehearsing since January as the new group.

"Mountain Stage" has an audience of about one million people that listens every week," said Bonett, who attended West Virginia University on a music scholarship. "We are counting on the fact that at least people in certain areas are familiar with our name so we can go in and play."

Kessler said using the Fabulous Twister Sisters' name is much more marketable for the group.

"The image is there and we have a tremendous amount of publicity from the radio show," he said.

The Fabulous Twister Sisters plan to become much more narrow in their music production by having Adams sing the lead vocal with Bonett supplying harmony. Everybody's role will be much more clean cut than in the past.

"The places where the Twister Sisters are looking to play live is where 'Mountain Stage' is popular and Boston is one of them," Bonett said.

Sowell plans to produce a solo album. In fact, he has already asked Kessler if he will play on the album.

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ebb will continue producing a documentary film about Harold Hayslett, a West Virginian who hand crafts cellos and violins that sell for \$12,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

Although Stark Raven will soon be defunct, memories gathered over nine years will last a lifetime.

The group recalls when Kessler used one of his bass strings to wire the muffler back on the truck in the middle of the night.

One of Sowell's most memorable experience is when members left Webb at a gas station in Virginia, not realizing it until an hour later.

Another time band members played in their pajamas at the Monarch in Huntington with Adams and Bonett wearing matching long sleeve flannel nightgowns.

They will always remember the wonderful praise they received about their music such as, "That's the wimpiest damn band I ever heard," or "Can you play something we can understand?"

More pleasant memories, however, include playing at Sen. Jay Rockefeller's house in Pocahontas County as well as the Greenbrier.

For those die hard Stark Raven fans who cannot bear the fact of the group is breaking up, they can always travel to "Mountain Stage" and see them there.

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