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When it rains it pours for health library

Library faces dual problems of flooding and underfunding

By Lakara Webb
Reporter

Administrators of the Health Science Library well know that when it rains it pours as they face the double problems of a building that floods when it rains and inadequate funding for acquisitions.

During the area's latest bout of rain the water levels "didn't come up as high as it sometimes does," said Laurie Hildreth, head of public services in HSL.

Hildreth said that about three to five times a year, heavy rains back up the drainage pipes and water floods the library, which is in the basement of the community college building. Water levels come up to the edge of the bottom book shelves, but not enough to damage the books.

The flooding also forces the library to close occasionally. "Generally we end up closing two to three times a year," said Edward Dzierzak, HSL director.

Despite the soggy environment, however, Hildreth said HSL hasn't lost many materials. The worst loss she recalls was when workers were reshuffling things around and had some journals

sitting on the floor.

Sometimes, however, it does not even need to be raining for leaks to occur. According to Dzierzak, last week a leaky pipe caused the loss of 75 to 100 bound volumes of thousands of journal articles.

"We had a donation of a fairly complete collection of journals, and most of those got water soaked," Dzierzak said when the slick paper pages got wet they "glued together."

If the funding flowed into HSL as easily as the water does, administrators know their other problem of inadequate holdings could be solved.

According to HSL's newsletter, the library was tied for last in overall rating in the 1988-89 edition, and was next to last in the 1989-90 edition of the "Annual Statistics of Medical School Libraries", which rates approximately 140 health and science libraries in the U.S. and Canada. "That's a fairly reliable placement," Dzierzak said.

Dzierzak said that the primary reason HSL rates so low is because of lack of funding. The director said that he was able to buy only 19 books last year. "We

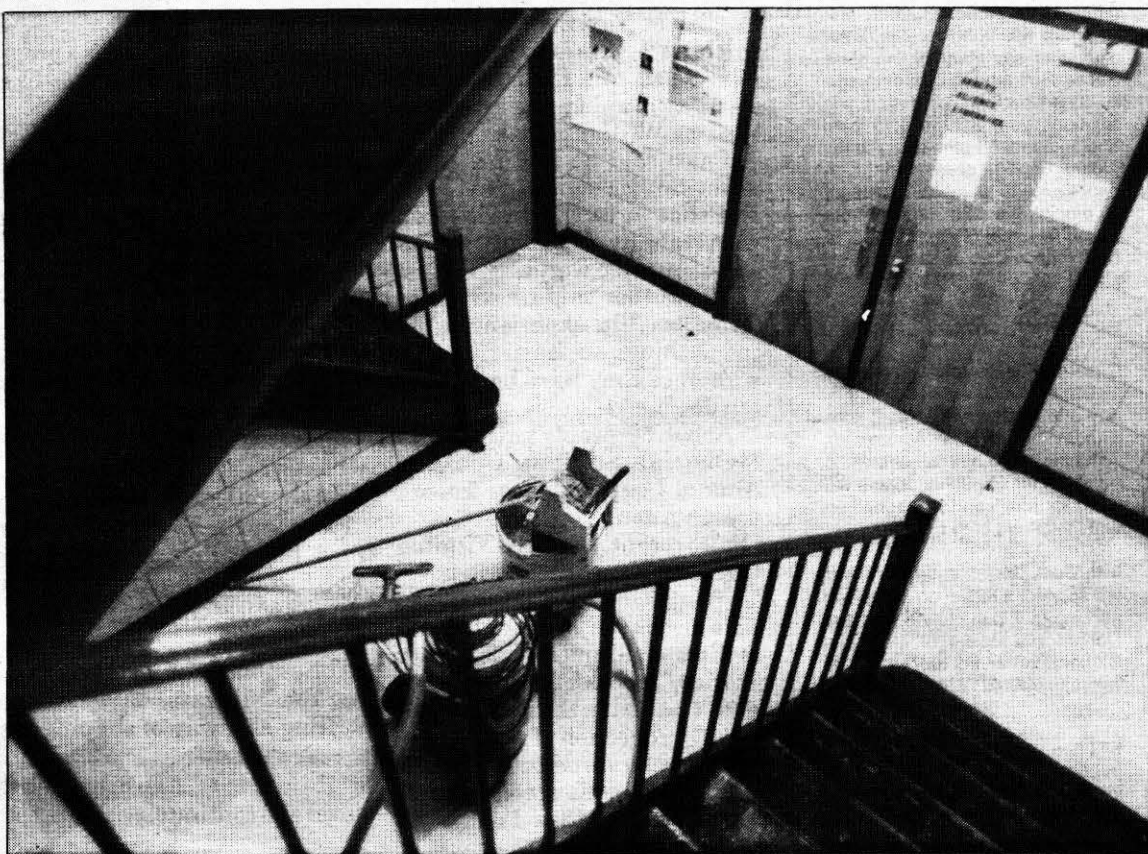


Photo by David L. Swint

Equipment was on hand Monday at the entranceway to the Health Science Library cleaning up water from recent rain.

won't even get that this year." Most of HSL's books come in through James E. Morrow Library budgets.

Limited resources have forced HSL administrators to choose between buying books or jour-

nals. "We try to concentrate on journals because you get more up-to-date information," Dzierzak said. "But we do need both, otherwise your collection is very unbalanced."

He explained that the journals

have a very narrow subject area, while the books are more general and comprehensive.

As a result of this choice, however, HSL's book collection is "just too old for current clinical medicine," according to Hildreth.

Conference offers chance to question renovation

By Lingtong Zeng
Reporter

A pre-bidding conference for the final part of the Science Building renovation project will be on Dec. 16 in Memorial Student Center.

According to K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration, the conference is designed to offer people one more opportunity to ask questions and get clarification of the plan for the project.

"Anyone who is interested in the bidding or the project is welcome to come to the conference," Grose said.

The university has put aside \$5 million for this phase of the renovation project. Construction work will focus on the third and fourth floors.

"We plan to open bidding on

January 17," Grose said. "If we get good bids within the budget we will proceed right into contracts."

The construction work will last about one year, according to Grose. If nothing goes wrong, all chemistry students will be able to move into the building by the spring of 1993.

"I can't foresee any big problems for the project," Grose said. "Questions such as the number of doors, volume of air circulation and degree of temperature have already been addressed."

However, money is needed to purchase equipment for the laboratory in the building.

"Students can use the laboratory," said E. S. Hanrahan, dean of College of Science. "But it [the laboratory] is not fully equipped."

Gilley planning to cut off state funding to Yeagers

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of a three-part series focusing on the Society of Yeager Scholars. This installment will focus on the future of the program. Part I detailed the use of state funds by the program. Part II explained why the program is having problems.

By Chris Rice
Staff Writer

President J. Wade Gilley has plans to wean the Society of Yeager Scholars from all state funding, but there are no definite plans now.

It is possible, Gilley said, that next year (1991-92) no state money will be going into the program, and it is a definite possibility that the program would be receiving no state funding by the 1992-93 year, but the program will be completely cut off no later than 1993-94.

Gilley said the university would likely spend \$200,000 supporting the Yeagers this year in addition to the \$760,000 already spent and the \$155,000 in tuition waivers.

In order to become self-sufficient the program must have enough money in its account to pay its expenditures out of the interest accumulated from that money annually.

Gilley estimates the program will require \$6 million to become self-sufficient, an amount the Yeagers' account probably will not actually contain for three years.

With \$6 million in the account, Gilley estimates more than \$9,000 should be available for each student with 40 students in the program.

"That has to be enough to support the program," Gilley said.

But, Dr. William N. Denman, director of the Society of Yeager Scholars, said the \$6 million figure would not be enough to sustain the program.

"If we have to live on \$6 million dollars we're going to have to make some serious cuts," Denman said.

With only \$6 million dollars to work with, Denman said the Yeagers might have to cut back to eight students, cut both trips abroad, and even consider such trivial matters as capping the amount of money spent on books.

Denman said the program would require \$10 million "to maintain something similar to its current configuration."

To return the program to its original format which allowed for 20-student classes Denman

FYI

Keramos Potters' Guild will have a Christmas sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Friday in Memorial Student Center.

Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, is throwing a farewell party for Dr. Elaine Baker at 1 p.m. Friday in Harris Hall 342. Everyone is welcome.

Affirmative Action/Human Resources will bring James Sims, executive secretary of the state Public Retirement Board to discuss the new retirement system in sessions from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. and 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. today in the Alumni Lounge of Memorial Student Center. The meetings are for all employees who participate in State Teachers Retirement or a combination of State Teachers Retirement/TIAA CREF. Release time is granted to those wishing to attend either session.

Community Players will present "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in Old Main Auditorium. Students and senior citizens will be admitted for \$5. Other tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Inter-hall Government Council will sponsor a forum on game day parking at 7 p.m. Monday in the Don Morris Room of Memorial Student Center. For more information, call 696-4017.

FYI is a service to campus life to publicize events. FYI will run twice weekly subject to space availability. Announcements must be submitted on official forms in Smith Hall 311 two days prior to publication. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any announcement.

Unsettling experiences spell success for author

By Dawn Fragale
Reporter

Edward Falco said unsettling experiences built the foundation that made him the success he is today.

Falco, associate professor of English at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, read selections from his work Tuesday evening as part of the Visiting Writers Series.

Falco said he is inspired by unsettling incidents in his past, and that writing provides him with stability and identity in an often unstable world.

The author said he writes to formalize his experiences because things are easier to cope with once they have been written down.

About 50 people gathered in Memorial Student Center's Alumni Lounge to hear Falco's presentation.

Falco recently won the Virginia Governor's Award for his novel "A Winter in Florida."

He also is the author of "Plato at Scratch Daniel's and Other Stories," a book of short stories, and "Concert in the Park of Culture," a collection of poems.

Falco read three poems and a short story in his presentation.

One poem, "Sea Island," is about an island off the coast of Georgia where he, his family and friends vacationed.

Another poem, "God Bless The Child," inspired by jazz vocalist

■ **Author Edward Falco read from his poetry Tuesday evening in Memorial Student Center as part of the Visiting Writer Series.**

legend Billy Holiday, was a prose poem consisting of a jazz-like tempo and beat.

Falco said the poem also is about his older brother Frank, a jazz musician. Falco glamorized jazz and all its aspects in this poem.

The short story Falco read, "Gifts," was about people of the '60s.

Falco said "Gifts" is dedicated to two of his friends that didn't make it through the '60s.

The story centered on a lawyer who can't get along with his son, a recent college graduate.

Falco said he hoped people who read his work find something worthwhile in the stories, which in turn will reciprocate pleasure for them.

The author, who has been writing for 20 years, said he saw writing as a way of shaping his personality.

He plans to finish his third novel and continue writing prose poetry.

He said he also will continue to teach English and writing courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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estimates the Yeager program would need to raise \$20 million — an amount he does not see the Yeagers obtaining in the near future.

Once the program is back on track, Denman said he wants to return some of the money the program has taken from the university.

"I think we're going to be obligated to at least repay some of that money that has come from the institution, at least in some way or another ... I feel an obligation to do that," Denman said.

Gilley said Nitzschke had considered the money given to the Yeagers to be a loan, but there was never any agreement made for the return of the money.

"No one has directed me to do that [pay back the money]," Denman said, "but, if we have the resources to do it, we ought to be able to do it."

Denman said the payback might come in the form of equipment.

For example, he said, if a Yeager scholar is working on a re-

search project in the department of science and the student needed a piece of equipment to complete research, money could be taken from the Yeager account to purchase that equipment for the College of Science.

Despite the financial problems, Denman remains optimistic about the program, and feels the fundraising situation has changed dramatically in the past two years.

Denman said the members of the administration are working more closely to raise money for the program and the entire operation is more organized.

But, he said, one of his problems will be dealing with the suspicion that surrounds the program.

"I think we've been very up front with what we've done, but the great difficulty is some people don't perceive it that way," Denman said.

"How do you go about convincing them [the faculty] that what you are doing is not only appropriate for the students in the program, but is going to be of some benefit to the institution?"

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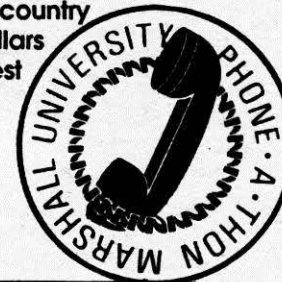
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Arabs and Palestinians walk out after Israel fails to show for talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arab and Palestinian delegates met for a second round of Mideast peace talks at the State Department today but quickly left when Israel, their negotiating adversary, failed to show.



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"We are very much disappointed the other side did not appear," Syria's chief envoy Muwaffak Allaf said as his delegation departed after attending the meeting for about 20 minutes.

The Syrian envoy said his delegation decided to leave after being formally told by U.S. officials that the Israelis did not plan to show up.

Asked what the next steps will be, he said, "It depends on our consultation with the United States, the Soviet Union and

other parties."

Promising to join the talks at the State Department next week, Israel offered last-minute concessions.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a "goodwill gesture" apparently intended to deflect criticism of Israel's absence, dropped his insistence that Middle East peace negotiations with each of the three Arab delegations be held on separate dates.

And Israeli Ambassador to the United States Zalman Shoval said Israel will make far-reaching proposals on Palestinian self-rule when the Israeli delegation arrives next week. Previously the Israelis had said the Washington talks should be limited to procedural matters.

Israel said it would not attend because it needed until Monday to prepare for the talks with the Arab delegations. Benjamin Netanyahu, a Shamir aide, was to

present Israel's position separately at a news conference in Washington.

Although Israel was not present at the negotiating table, it sent scouts to hear what the Arab delegates had to say to reporters upon their entry and exit from the building.

The session began away from press scrutiny. State Department spokeswoman Margaret D. Tutwiler said Tuesday that reporters and television cameras would be kept out because "we are not going to play the empty-chair game We think that is below the belt, and we are not going to participate in that."

Syria's chief delegate, Allaf, was asked on arrival why he came to the State Department when there was no one to negotiate with. "We were invited to come on this day," he said. "We are coming because we are sincere in our quest for peace."

David Duke starts renegade campaign against president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke Wednesday launched a renegade Republican campaign against President Bush, saying the president has "sold out" his party and allowed the nation to become captive to a welfare underclass.

Duke announced his presidential bid less than three weeks after he was thrashed in the Louisiana governor's race.

He got just 39 percent of the vote but won a majority of white votes with an anti-welfare, anti-affirmative action message that critics said was thinly veiled racism.

A heckler interrupted Duke's announcement at one point, screaming "Nazi, Goddamn Nazi" before she was escorted from the room.

Duke said Bush encouraged reverse discrimination against whites by signing the recent civil rights bill. And he said raging crime, drug use and poverty in America's "wasteland" cities was a direct result of a welfare system that perpetuated dependence.

Terry Anderson released after 6.5 years of captivity

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Terry Anderson, the longest-held Western hostage, was released by his Shiite Muslim captors Wednesday and handed over to Syrian officials in Lebanon, a Syrian Foreign Ministry official reported.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Anderson was on his way to Damascus under Syrian escort and would be turned over to U.S. Ambassador Christopher Ross at about 10 p.m. (3 p.m. EST).



WORLD

The Syrian convoy bearing Anderson on the Beirut-to-Damascus leg of his journey to freedom was reported to have been forced by heavy snow to take a longer route than normal.

The announcement by the Syrian Foreign Ministry official came nearly 11 hours after the first report, by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, that Anderson had been released in Beirut.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who has been overseeing lengthy hostage-freeing negotiations, and the Syrian foreign minister earlier ex-

Anderson was the longest-held Western hostage. Two Germans are still in captivity.

pressed hope Anderson would be given to U.S. officials in Damascus Wednesday.

The day of roller-coaster reports about Anderson's release mirrored hopes and fears about his fate throughout his 2,455-day captivity. Anderson, chief AP Middle East correspondent, was the best known of the captives and came to personify the long-running hostage ordeal.

Anderson would be the third American hostage freed in three days.

His release was initially reported by Iranian, Syrian, Lebanese and U.S. officials, who said earlier Wednesday he had been turned over to Syrian troops and was en route to Damascus. But that could not be confirmed for hours.

Eight other Westerners have been freed since August, when the United Nations launched negotiations involving a complex swap of Western hostages, hundreds of Arabs held by Israel, and information about missing Israeli servicemen. Two German hostages are still being held.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK

Pan Am stops flying after Delta backs out

Pan American World Airways, the historic pioneer of commercial aviation, stopped flying Wednesday.

Pan Am said it was killed off by a decision from Delta Air Lines to withdraw from a deal that would have helped Pan Am emerge from bankruptcy court.

"Without funding, we simply would not have the cash resources to provide the stability the new company would require for its employees and customers," Pan Am president and chief executive Russell L. Ray Jr. said in a statement.

WASHINGTON

1 in 4 babies in 1990 born out of wedlock

Women are almost twice as likely to have a first child out of wedlock now than they were 20 years ago, the Census Bureau says.

A survey released Tuesday showed about one out of every four initial births in the late 1980s were to unmarried women. In the late 1960s, only about one in seven first babies were born outside of marriage.

In 1990, one in four babies was born to an unmarried woman.

WASHINGTON

Economy grows 1.7% in second quarter

The U.S. economy grew at an anemic annual rate of 1.7 percent in the July-September quarter, far slower than previously believed, the government said Wednesday in a report that added to worries that the country could be slipping back into recession.

While the Bush administration was certain to hail the new report as proof that the country did emerge from the recession in the spring, private analysts expressed concerns about the newfound weakness in the most recent quarter.

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OUR VIEW

Poverty becoming as American as baseball

"And homeless near a thousand homes I stood, and near a thousand tables pined and wanted food."

William Wordsworth

Living in America offers a constant flow of information to compare and contrast.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that former Pittsburgh Pirate Bobby Bonilla signed a \$29 million five-year contract with the New York Mets.

The 28-year-old outfielder also gets \$200,000 if he is traded, a \$100,000 bonus if he wins a Most Valuable Player award or finishes second or third, \$250,000 for finishing among the top three in two MVP ballots, \$1 million for finishing among the top three in three ballots and \$2 million for finishing among the top three in four ballots.

Another AP story from the same day reported that more than half of all children participating in the school lunch program eat free or reduced-price meals as more families are descending into poverty.

Figures from the Department of Agriculture indicate that of the 24.5 million students in the program in September, 12.4 million received either free or lower-cost hot lunches, an increase of 1.3 million from a year earlier.

Forecasters tell us the current generation of young adults will be the first generation in America's history that will not surpass their parent's standard of living.

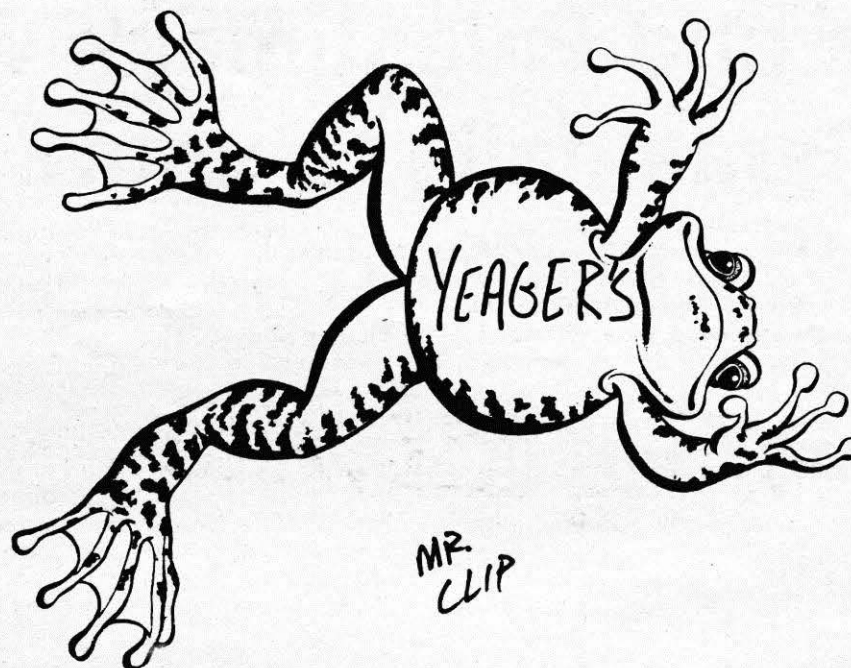
There really is no basis for comparison between those two situations ... it's the age-old notion of comparing apples and oranges. Sports heroes and children in poverty simply don't mix.

But it does make for interesting commentary regarding where our priorities lie.

When asked to choose between a winner and a loser ... well, we already know the answer.

But perhaps we should reconsider how we define a winner.

And, more importantly, how we define a loser.



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YOUR TURN

U.S. was formed on integration

To the Editor:

In response to Doug Harlow's Dec. 3 propagandist tirade. Doug was that you that ran for governor of Louisiana?

The views expressed in your letter seem to be the same narrow minded racist stereotypes this nation is trying terribly hard to shed.

I think it is important that you consider your ancestors in a list of illegal aliens. The Indians probably could have done without all of us.

The fact is that this country was built on immigration and integration of cultures. Do we stop now that it is inconvenient?

The rights you spoke of, i.e. black rights, gay rights, etc. are all of our rights. The names are merely platform names to draw attention to various cases of discrimination which we all are protected against.

What really bothers me is why not give all American families a chance? Why just Christian? Why don't we all realize we need to help one another in this country and around the globe?

We bozo liberals would really like

to know what kind of positive attainable answers you and the rest of the selfish ethnocentric conservatives have?

Courteney Craig
Huntington junior

Group hides lies in advertisements

To the Editor:

I wish to alert you to a matter that necessitates your immediate attention and vigilance.

An organization known as CODOH (Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust), under the directorship of Bradley Smith, has been placing deceptive advertisements in college newspapers in the United States. The thrust of Smith's message is that the Holocaust is a hoax.

Most recently, these full-page ads have appeared in campus newspapers at Duke University, Cornell University, University of Michigan and Northwestern University. Editors at Yale, Harvard, Brown, University of Pennsylvania and the University of Southern California have refused to run the advertisement.

The facts of the Holocaust and the

mass annihilation of millions of Jews and non-Jews is indisputable historical fact. No reputable historian has ever questioned the reality of history's most heinous and documented crime. Smith, however, is part of an organized attempt to deny and whitewash the crimes of the Third Reich. His agenda is largely anti-semitic, seeking to brand the survivors, the witnesses, the historians, the jurists and the liberators of concentration camps as liars. Factual historical evidence for Smith and others of his ilk means nothing.

We are all, of course, concerned about First Amendment guarantees. There is, however, no obligation for any newspaper to print material that is false and misleading. Smith's advertisement is false and misleading.

For the record, in the Superior Court of the State of California Judge Thomas T. Johnson took judicial notice that "the Holocaust is not reasonably subject to dispute" and continued that "it is simply a fact" (Mel Mermelstein vs. Institute For Historical Review, Oct. 9, 1981).

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Dr. Gerald Margolis
Director, Simon Wiesenthal Center

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Parthenon encourages letters to the editor about issues of interest to the Marshall community. Letters should be typed, signed and include a phone number, hometown, class rank or title for verification. Letters may be no longer than 300 words. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any letter.

Actors bring 'Cowboy' to Artserve

Artserve Gallery 3 will present the theater group "angstrid." Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

"angstrid." will be performing Sam Shepard and Patti Smith's one act play, "Cowboy Mouth."

A new group to the community, "angstrid." was founded by Marshall theater majors Danford Egnor and Jason Bell.

Bell said the group consists of themselves, Deena Conley and Phillip Wilcox. "angstrid." plans

to enlist other members for future productions.

According to Bell, "Cowboy Mouth" focuses on a day in the life of a typical "wacked out couple." The play deals with the subconscious repressions and desires of the couple, Caval and Slim.

Artserve Gallery 3 is located at 922 Fourth Ave., across from the Keith-Albee Theatre. A \$5 donation is requested at the door.

Med school professor wins award for diabetes research

By Jeff Parsons
Reporter

A School of Medicine doctor, whose research has revealed a link between vitamins and insulin production in the body, has been awarded Marshall University's Meet-the-Scholars Award.

Dr. Bruce Chertow, professor of medicine and anatomy and chief of endocrinology and metabolism at the medical school, will receive the award during a Dec. 10 reception at President J. Wade Gilley's home.

Chertow was selected in part because of the volume and the significance of his work, said Dr.

Kenneth Guyer, selection committee chairman.

"Dr. Chertow has made meaningful contributions to the understanding of diabetes, the relationship between vitamin D and abnormal parathyroid function, and the role of vitamin A in human health," Guyer said.

Chertow currently is directing a five-year, \$500,000 study to determine how vitamin A deficiency may lead to abnormally low release of insulin or to problems in the growth of cells that release insulin.

Guyer said members of the selection committee were impressed with the results of Chertow's research.

"He discovered that vitamin A helps regulate the secretion of insulin from the pancreas, which is a highly intriguing finding," Guyer said.

"This knowledge should help promote better understanding of the disease and possibly lead to ways to treat it more successfully."

Chertow returned this fall from a nine-month sabbatical at the Baker Medical Research Clinic in Australia, where he received state-of-the-art molecular biology training. The training will help further his study of the vitamin A-diabetes connection.

Chertow, a graduate of the University of Illinois' undergraduate and medical programs, has received other awards for his work, including the Distinguished Research Recognition Award at Marshall. He also was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the West Virginia Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association in 1984-85.

Program HELPs one more succeed

By Jacqueline Anderson
Reporter

For most people, a trip to the Owl machine, a fast-food drive-thru, or the grocery store is some-

thing taken for granted.

But for Belinda Fetty, Williamstown senior, these common events take time.

She has dyslexia.

Fetty struggled through grade school, high school and several years of college before she found out about her learning disability, but with assistance and encouragement from the HELP program, Fetty is set to graduate

this month.

"It is an incredible feeling to know that graduation is around the corner. I have earned it and I can do it," Fetty said. She now is making plans to pursue a masters degree.

Marshall's Higher Education for Learning Problems program has helped Fetty and others succeed in college. Through the program, Fetty learned reading, spelling, analyzing and organizing skills.

She admits that when she found out that she was dyslexic, she thought that she would have to drop out of school.

"I feel being aware [of dyslexia] has given me a greater empathy for others challenged in other ways," she said. "Not everyone can be a chemist or a psychologist. I'm happy with who I am."

"I feel that God has challenged me in a different way and I'll make the best of it."

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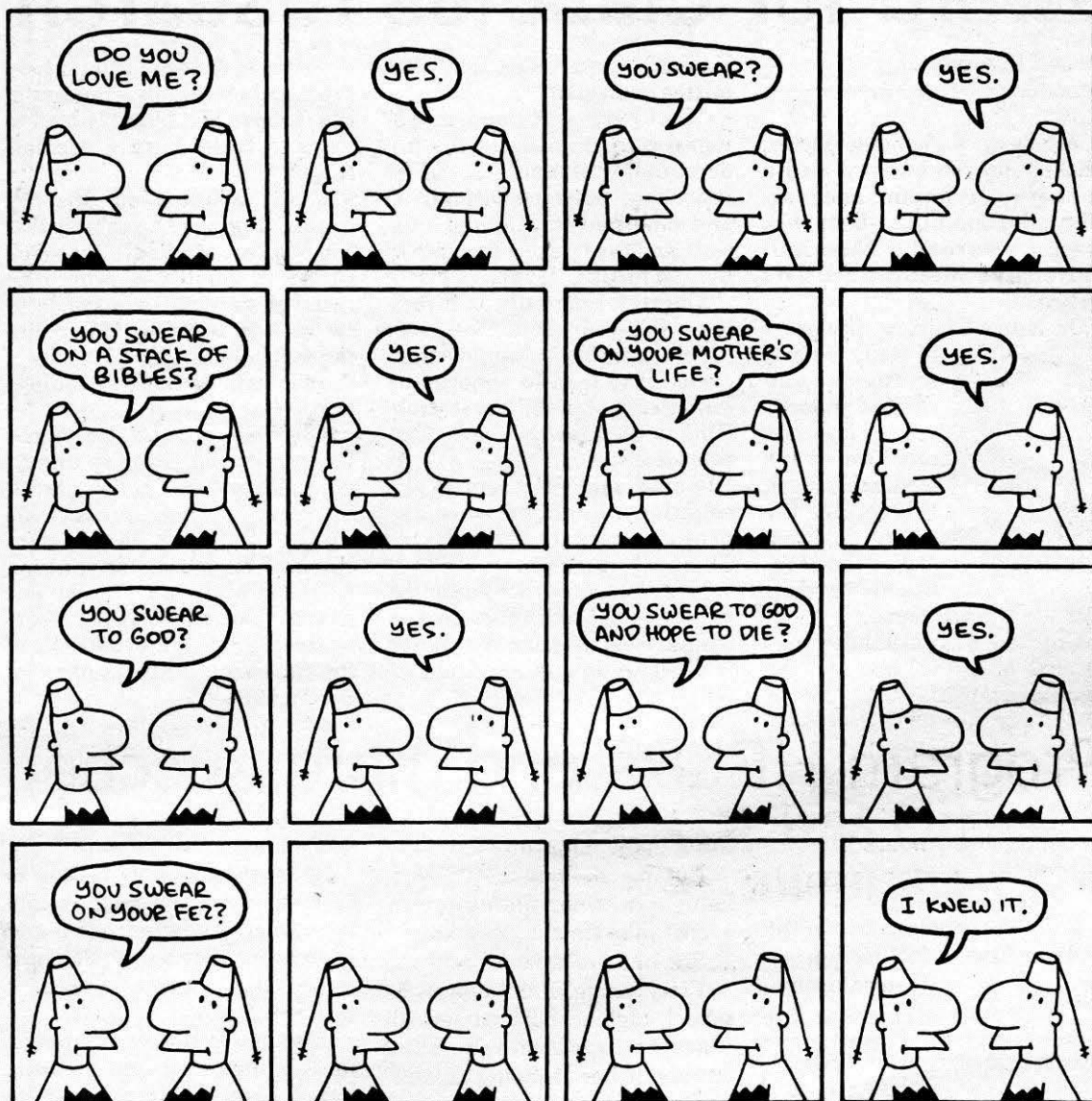
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Parents: 'My Girl' too mature for children

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The ads make "My Girl" look like a sweet comedy, but some parents and children are in their seats before they discover the character played by "Home Alone" star Macaulay Culkin dies.

"This was supposed to be a story of a little girl and a little boy — fun, loving and happy," said Ileen Kaufman of New York. She took her 8-year-old daughter Heather to "My Girl" based on its cheerful TV commercial, which shows the child stars jumping into a lake and sharing a very quick kiss.

"We had no idea that the little boy would die, that the family lived in a mortuary — that was all a surprise," Ms. Kaufman said. Heather was "very upset and very saddened" by the death.

Brian Grazer, the movie's producer, said the death of Culkin's character was intentionally withheld from the preview and other advertising.

"That's not what movies are about. You're giving away the mystery of the movie," Grazer said. "Movies are about discovery."

However, Columbia Pictures, fearing a greater outcry than what has developed so far, did not discourage critics from re-

vealing the death and even screened the film for child psychologists.

Exit polling conducted by Columbia shows that patrons who were lured to "My Girl" by the trailer liked the movie. "My Girl" opened in second place at the box office, grossing \$17.2 million over the five-day Thanksgiving weekend.

Many parents had warning because Culkin and the movie's other stars — Anna Chlumsky,

Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis — have been on the promotion circuit assuring youngsters that the 11-year-old Culkin is alive and well. Many reviews of the movie mentioned the character's demise.

Chlumsky, 11, stars as a hypochondriac who believes she killed her mother in childbirth. Culkin plays Thomas J., her best friend. Aykroyd plays her mortician father, and Curtis is featured as a makeup artist for corpses.

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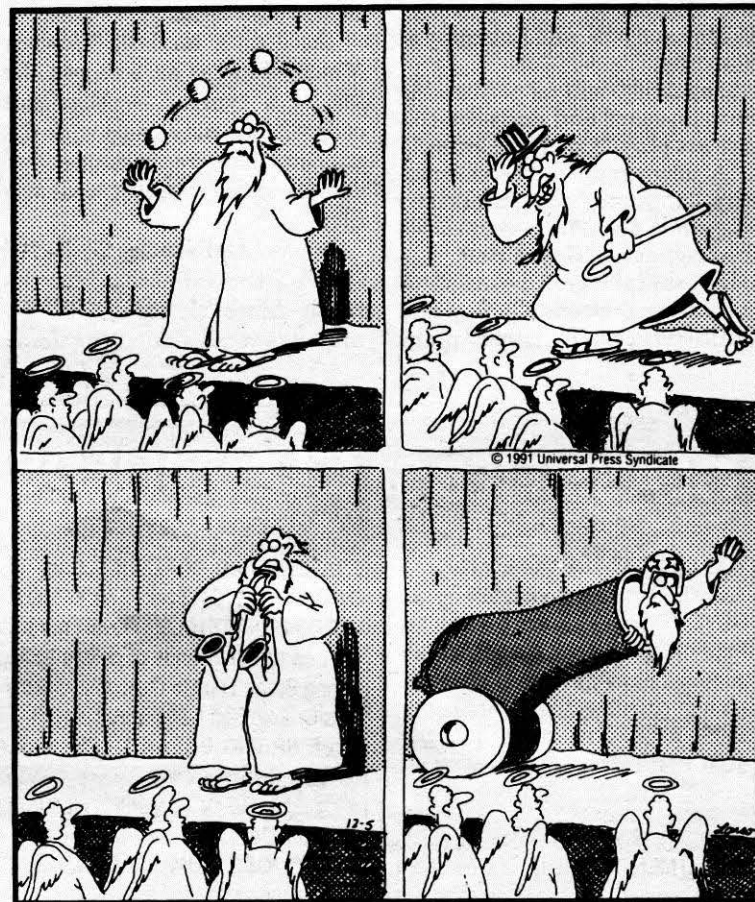
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Herd learns from road loss

Players not use to 'hostile environment,' Freeman says

HUNTINGTON (AP) — Coach Dwight Freeman is glad to have the Thundering Herd home after it was blown out in its first road game of the season.

The Herd (1-1), which lost 85-61 to Robert Morris in Coraopolis, Pa., hosts the Marshall Memorial Classic this weekend. It meets Oral Roberts (1-4) and Wyoming plays South Florida, both 3-0, in Friday's opening round.

Freeman said playing for the first time in a hostile environment was a shock to some of his young players.

"I think they understand now they have to lock in better on the road," Freeman said.

"Sometimes when you're staying in a hotel and eating at restaurants you start thinking it's vacation time. It's not, and they need to learn that," he said. "It's a

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■ Dwight Freeman
Basketball coach

whole different world on the road."

Monday's game was close for the first few minutes, but Robert Morris ran to a 52-34 halftime lead and led 66-40 nearly midway through the second half. The closest Marshall came was 70-54 with 6 1/2 minutes left.

The Herd was 23-of-67 from the field and only 5-of-26 from 3-point range. Robert

Morris also outrebounded the taller Herd 55-35.

"We didn't execute very well on offense or defense," said forward Harold Simmons. "They're good, but they're not that much better than us."

"A lot of people were gun shy," Malik Hightower said. "At home nobody is afraid to put it up ... I think we were a little afraid to shoot. Nobody wanted to be the guy who took the shot."

One of the few bright spots was Marshall's improved ballhandling. The Herd had just 16 turnovers, down from 31 in its opening win over the University of the District of Columbia.

"We're getting better with that and closer to where we want to be," Freeman said. "But we saved the turnovers and everything else went out the window."



Coach Dwight Freeman

Dodgers continue off-season revamp

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers, who finished the 1991 season one game behind the National League West-champion Atlanta Braves, no longer exist.

The Dodgers continued to revamp its team Tuesday night, firming up its starting rotation by re-signing Orel Hershiser to a three-year contract and signing knuckleballer Tom Candiotti to a four-year deal.

Candiotti signed for an estimated \$16 million while Hershiser will receive about \$10 million over the life of his contract.

Dodgers general manager Fred Claire announced the signings after former Dodger right-hander Mike Morgan agreed to a four-year, \$12.5 million contract with the Chicago Cubs.

Last week, the Dodgers acquired outfielder Eric Davis and pitcher Kip Gross from the Cincinnati Reds for starting pitcher Tim Lincecum and reliever John Wetteland.

Miami coach favors deciding game

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Miami coach Dennis Erickson likes the current bowl system just fine. But he'd be willing to play an extra game to prevent a repeat of last season, when Georgia Tech and Colorado split the title.

"I'm saying if there's a situation where you have two teams like that, it would be a good thing," Erickson said Monday. "I would be against more than one extra game."

The potential is there for another controversy this season.

Erickson's top-ranked Hurricanes and No. 2 Washington both finished the season undefeated and were separated by a slim 14 points in the final Associated Press poll of the regular season.

"I'm not in favor of a playoff," Erickson said prior to speaking to the Montgomery Quarterback Club. "I really like the bowls. The tradition of the bowls is what college football is all about."

While he's against a full-fledged playoff, Erickson said it might be feasible to settle any disputes over the national title with a championship game between the

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Miami coach

1-2 teams after the bowls are over.

"I wouldn't mind playing one more game in a year like this, or like last year between Georgia Tech and Colorado," he said.

Colorado was named No. 1 in the AP poll of writers and broadcasters, while Georgia Tech was selected No. 1 in the UPI coaches' poll.

Of course, any playoff is just a fantasy at this point. Miami (11-0) plays No. 11 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl the night of Jan. 1. Earlier in the day, Washington will take on fourth-ranked Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Although Miami has lost ground in the

poll to Washington the past two weeks, Erickson said he would expect his team to win another national title if it defeats Nebraska.

"The way things are set up, the way the polls are now, we should be No. 1 regardless of who wins the other games," Erickson said, although he admits that Miami's bad boy reputation — a reputation he has worked to erase this season — could cost some votes.

"We got only one taunting penalty all year. We're doing things the right way now," he said. "But I think there are people out there who don't like Miami because of what's happened over the years. I think that hurts us (in the polls), but there's nothing I can do about that."

Erickson is happy to be playing at home on New Year's Day, but he wonders what would have happened if the bowls had waited a few weeks longer to make their matches. Perhaps it could be No. 1 Miami vs. No. 3 Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

"I would love to see that match," Erickson said. "If we had gotten the opportunity to go to the Sugar Bowl, we might be playing Florida this year."

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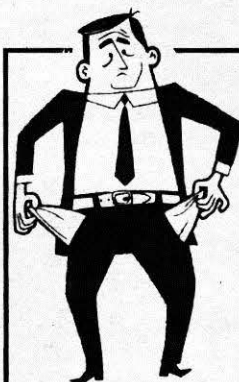
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Professor made waves with TV shows

By Amy O'Dell
Reporter

Remember Tattoo and Mr. Rourke? Julie, Issac, Doc, the Captain and Vicky? Dr. Maureen B. Milicia, professor of theater and dance, put the words into their mouths for a couple of episodes.

Fifteen years ago, Milicia wrote a couple of scripts for "Fantasy Island" and the "Love Boat."

"I wanted to make some extra money and I'd always been interested in doing some play writing but I'm not an excellent writer," Milicia said. "Then, I thought — look at the shows like 'Love Boat' and 'Fantasy Island.' How much talent do you have to have [to write scripts for these shows]?"

Milicia added, "There are about four stories going on in an hour plus there are about 18 minutes of commercials in a one hour show — so, the actual show lasts only 40 minutes. That means there are 10 minutes per segment and you weave them [the different stories] in and out."

"I thought I could write something for 10 minutes and that's basically how it started," Milicia added.

"I have a friend who is in the publishing business and he told me how to get into the writer's guild and about an agency in New York. There was a lady there who is a friend of his who handles TV scripts," Milicia said. "You can't get anything in [to a show's producers] without an agent."

"I wrote a couple of 10-20 page scripts and sent them to this lady and she said she would handle it," Milicia added. "She gave my ideas to the shows" ["Fantasy Island" and the "Love Boat"] producers and they bought my ideas."

"There were two 'Fantasy Island' shows where they [the producers] bought my ideas, the scripts, and actually produced the shows," Milicia added. "My name

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was in the credits. It was exciting to go through the whole process."

"One script was about a man who wanted to be a rock star. He got his wish but he wasn't ready for the fame. He realized that he wanted to be famous but that he couldn't start at the top. He needed to go back and work his way up so that at each step he would know what his priorities were," Milicia said.

"Another script was about a fellow whose grandfather had died before he was born. The kid's mother and grandmother told him how wonderful his grandfather had been and they idolized him. His grandfather had been a sea captain who sank on a ship. His wish was to meet his grandfather. The ship was brought up and the boy found that his grandfather had been a drug runner. The boy learned that things aren't always what they seem to be," Milicia said.

In addition to Milicia's script-writing experience, she has done illustrations for "Seventeen" and, in 1981, she was the featured speaker at the Regional Authors Council's annual luncheon.



Photo courtesy of Maureen Milicia

Dr. Maureen Milicia, professor of theater and dance, has done everything from artwork for Seventeen magazine and producing a program about Appalachian poetry to writing scripts for '70s television shows "Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island." In this photo, she poses with TV and movie star Henry Winkler at a 1976 California convention.

Mayberry Zen law enforcement and the way of one-bullet

"Boy, giraffes are selfish. They just run around looking out for number one."
— Deputy Barney Fife

Misunderstood by his peers and persecuted by the masses, Barnard Fife potentially was among the world's great philosophers.



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But like so many of his brethren, he was trapped in a hell of his own design.

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In those days things were simpler. People were simpler. Jesse Helms was leaner, meaner, at his prime fighting weight.

And Aunt Bee was more than just a pretty face. She was a vision, a hot temptress in blue gingham.

Fife was building his agenda in those days, laying the groundwork upon which he would form a dream, a philosophy, an attitude toward all those

things around him. Zen law enforcement and the way of one-bullet.

"This is the rock," Fife said, "and, at the rock, we play hardball."

His master was Andy Griffith.

Like any master, Anj concealed his lessons within the auspices of deceptively simple tales and homespun humor. The real message, of course, was much deeper than it appeared.

And the answer much simpler.

But Fife, like so many before him, was a victim of his impulses. In his youth, he was a hotbed of human desire, a psyche cocked and loaded, a slave to his libido.

Oh, he was no Floyd Lawson.

No, no. Floyd was more reserved, keeping a tight rein on his primal urges — only loosening his grip in a futile attempt to snag a rich widow from Baltimore.

And while Barney drew his infinite wisdom from the deep wells of his soul, Floyd was a man of the world and called upon a vast athenaeum compiled

from his journeys.

"Andy, did you know the dingo dog is indigenous to Australia?" he pondered one afternoon outside his barber shop. "Well, it is."

Barney was raw, untamable — a tempest unleashed, and only one woman stood at the eye of his emotional storm.

Thelma Lou.

Well, except for those two incidents with the fun girls and the telephone affair with Juanita, the waitress at the diner. But even the mighty can fall.

Yet no woman was involved in Deputy Fife's final plummet to the depths of despair.

Like giraffes, Barney was selfish. Greed and avarice ate away at the soul of the philosopher, driving him away from Mayberry — away from that which fed the inspirational suffering of a genius.

Barney, in keeping with his kind, had dreams of something greater. Something bigger than all of us. The big city.

Raleigh.

The desire to fulfill his lifelong ambition of becoming a private investigator overcame him, and he succumbed to the Dark Side: a spinoff series.

Barney hit granite, and no Zen teachings could save him.

In his infinite wisdom, Fife foresaw his own downfall. Mayberry's own Nostradamus. His insight into the behavior of the giraffe was symbolic of what the future would hold.

Sure, he later returned to his humble beginnings, but a taste of the forbidden fruit left the orchards of his mind barren, depriving the world of one of its true geniuses.

"This is Deputy Fife speaking, and I'm armed," he said.

But the words just didn't seem to carry as much weight anymore.

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