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Technique allows autistic people to communicate

By Katy Dalton
Reporter

Autism is a neurological disorder typically recognizable during the first three years of life and is manifested by deficits in communication and social behavior, according to the director of the Autism Training Center.

Dr. Barbara J. Becker said autism occurs in five out of every 10,000 births and is four times more common in boys than in girls.

Becker said the center's staff has been communicating with people with autism by means of a technique called facilitated communication since May of 1991.

Becker said, "Facilitated communication is the use of an augmentative device (i.e. letter board, typewriter, computer) with assistance ranging from the shaping of a user's hand to enable him or her to isolate and extend an index finger for pointing to a simple encouraging hand on

the shoulder to boost confidence."

Becker said the facilitator or person who assists the person doing the typing helps them type.

"It is not a situation where the facilitator moves the person's hands to the keys," she said. "You can really feel the person who is communicating moving to letters that they want to type or point to."

Becker said the center has five educational specialists who travel throughout the state working in the homes and classrooms of 231 people with autism.

"It seems like every week one of the staff finds someone in the state who is starting to facilitate," Becker said.

She said the center also provides in-service training and one on one training in facilitated communication for clients.

Becker said clients of the Autism Training Center must reside in West Virginia and have a primary diagnosis of autism.



Nicholas Barker, a 9-year-old boy with autism is helped by his facilitator, Debbie Slack. The facilitator holds the hand of the autistic person so they can communicate by typing.



Photos by
David L. Swint

Winners spent largest amount in SGA race

By Missy Rake
Reporter

Once again the guy with the gold makes the rules as this year's Student Government Association winners spent nearly four times more than the second biggest spender on campaign costs.

Taclan B. Romey and Patrick L. Miller spent \$580 and captured the support of more than half the 1,200 voters to become student body president and vice president respectively.

Robert D. Sealey and David R. Webb spent \$156 while write-in candidate, Matthew F. Leary, and Tamie R. Kinzel, spent only \$8.

Although Romey said he realizes he could have spent less money, he still believes candidates can't be too thrifty when it comes to political campaigns.

"If you want to promote a professional image, you have to spend money," Romey, Lansing junior, said. "You can win without spending a lot of money, but

you have to be very well-known and have a straight record of accomplishments."

Most of Romey's and Miller's campaign money was used to pay for posters and cards, according to Romey. Weeks before the election he and members of his campaign committee tacked up about 400 posters on campus buildings, Romey said. Because he ran for student body president last year, Romey had the basic tools needed for another campaign such as plywood billboards and a poster design.

Leary and running mate, Kinzel, said they were rushed to prepare campaign signs because they entered the race late. Looking for the quickest way to put out posters, they spent \$8 to photocopy campaign signs.

The write-in presidential candidate received almost 30 percent of the vote in last month's election. When Kinzel considers the short amount of time she and

A conversation with Nicholas Barker

EDITORS NOTE: The following is an unedited transcript of the conversation between Nicholas Barker and Reporter Katy Dalton.

By Katy Dalton
Reporter

What would a 9-year-old boy with autism say to those who don't understand a disorder that affects five out of every 10,000 newborn children:

"God will forgive them and so will I. You don't understand."

Nicholas Barker who was diagnosed with autism at age three, typed the following with the help of his facilitator Debbie Slack.

Barker is a client of the Autism Training Center where he uses facilitated communication

to "talk" to Slack and other staff members.

Slack said Barker who can not talk, has been communicating with the help of facilitated communication since January.

The following are questions Barker typed on a typewriter with Slack acting as the facilitator. The answers appear exactly as Barker typed them.

Q. When were you born?

A. May 191985 (Barker was really born in 1983)

Q. Where do you live?

A. steimner rd

Q. What are your parents' names?

A. rosaklynbarkeer and john barker i have two brothers named wes and jared barker

Q. Do you go to school?

A. yes i go shchool ast nichols elementary under principal

Q. What do you do there? Do you have a favorite subject?

A. i listen to music ilovre music still

Q. Do you like music? What kinds?

A. countrty and roveck musive ilil;kreb debbies music gtoos

Q. Do you like sports? Which ones?

A. i like tio watch wes play baseball that is al;i like because i cant play any soports that is why i dont like them kp

Q. What is it like being autistic?

A. it ids no fun being autistixc it feelks like i am trapped inside

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Gilley asked to justify fee increases at BOT meeting

By K. Mark Truby
Reporter

With the deciding vote coming in May, debate over state university fee increases continued at the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday.

Presidents from Marshall, West Virginia University and others were asked to give a report specifying where increased revenue would be used.

President J. Wade Gilley said Marshall would not be adding or improving programs with the money.

"Fee increases will cover increase cost and administrative cuts will cover the deficit," Gilley said.

Gilley said cuts were in accordance with initiatives set forth by the BOT.

Francis Bennet, student representative to the BOT, said the proposed increases are too much for students to handle at one time.

"I have a big problem with any increases above 10 percent," Bennet said. "Financial aid is not rising at a comparable rate and the Legislature is not helping."

Joe Samoni, faculty representative, said the main issue was whether faculty would have to go another year without a raise.

"Bottom line is we were not able to raise faculty salaries," Samoni said. "We can't put fees any higher so where does that

leave us."

Samoni said more cuts would be the only way to raise salaries.

"The only way to do something about salaries is paying people more by paying less people," Samoni said.

BOT Chairman of Finance, John Hoblitzell, conceded fees would have to be raised and said the Legislature did not "respond" to higher education needs.

Other items from the April BOT meeting include the approval of a purchase by Marshall of a parcel of land to be used eventually for a new parking building.

A proposed holiday policy was tabled because of confusion over whether activities were required on Martin Luther King Day.

NICHOLAS

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want to be free of autism so I can talk to people. I will talk to everybody and teach them do not really talk about people that are different I can wait to see their faces when I talk to them can you? I can't wait to stop the noises in my head so I can talk to everybody I will tell them how to help others with same problem.

Q. How long have you been reading?

A. since I was six years old I think that is right.

Q. How long have you been using facilitated communication?

A. since I met Debbie in January this year I am grateful that I met her.

Q. Who do you like to be the facilitator?

A. I want Debbie to be the facilitator.

Q. Does it hurt your feelings when people say that facilitated communication does not really work?

A. yes it does I want people to believe in facilitation because it will help autistic people get help that is the reason for facilitated communication it will help others get better.

Q. What would you like to say to people who don't understand people with autism?

A. God will forgive them and so will I know that you don't understand.

Q. What would you like to do in the future?

A. I want to talk and help people that have autism you help and I want to too.

Q. Could you tell me what it feels like to be Nicholas Barker?

A. I feel trapped that is the thing that is like be Nicholas Barker I hope to feel different someday I will.

Q. Do you like being interviewed?

A. yes I do it has been fun.

Barker taught himself to read without any specific reading instruction. "This is known as hyperlexia," Dr. Barbara J. Becker, director of the Autism Training Center, said. "We are not quite sure why so many of these people with autism have this ability or why it works neurologically," she said.

Becker said prior to facilitated communication it was not known that Barker could read, spell or do math.

Slack said she carries the letter board everywhere she and Barker go. "I have the means of communication available at all times," she said.

She said when she started working with Barker she asked him only yes and no questions. Slack said she first knew Barker could read when he spelled out "strawberry milkshake" on the letter board after being asked what he wanted to drink.

Slack said it is a joy working with Barker and she looks forward to the future.

"I consider Nicholas to be a friend," she said.

SGA

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the short amount of time she and Leary had to prepare for the election, she said she believes they were lucky to receive that much voter support.

A third team in the presidential race, Sealey and Webb, spent \$156 on its campaign.

"I spent the amount that I did and got 20 percent of the vote. That's not bad," Sealey said.

Sealey and Webb put up about 300 signs at the beginning of the campaign, but Sealey said a lot were taken down. He said most of the money was spent on lumber needed for large posters.

Kelly Shivel, Barboursville senior, said politicians in student government as well as state and national government usually empty their pockets to win.

"You don't see the poor man in office," Shivel said. "It's just like any other political campaign."

Lisa K. Mills, Parkersburg sophomore, said she believes Romey's and Miller's election success was a result of their popularity in SGA.

"Romey was already well-known to students because of past elections and the offices he held," Mills said. "Money wasn't a key factor in this election."



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BRIEFS

RAVENSWOOD

Chairman Boyle fired by board of directors

Ravenswood Aluminum Corp. Chairman R. Emmett Boyle said Tuesday he was fired by the board of directors in the midst of a 17-month labor dispute. He said OR-ALCO Management Services Inc. will continue directing Ravenswood Aluminum while a new management team is put into place.

SAN QUENTIN, Calif.

Last minute pleas fail to stop execution

Double murderer Robert Alton Harris was executed in the gas chamber Tuesday in California's first execution in 25 years, after the Supreme Court overturned a fourth stay. After the ruling, he was returned to the chamber. Gas was introduced at about 6:10 a.m., a spokesman for the state Department of Corrections said. Harris, 39, was pronounced dead 11 minutes later.

CHARLESTON

More people being tested for AIDS virus

There was an 86 percent increase in the number of people who were tested for the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, in the last three months of 1991 compared with the same period in 1990, West Virginia AIDS Program spokeswoman Trina Bartlett said. There was a 46.5 percent increase from 1990 to 1991 in the number of people tested for the virus.

MARTINSBURG

Man fined \$750 by judge for missing jury duty

Brian T. Frazee, 35, was fined \$750 for failing to appear for jury duty and for obstructing a police officer after a sheriff's deputy said he refused to come to court.

Beckley woman killed in car crash

AFTON, Va. (AP)—Fog that carpeted a mountainous highway and reduced visibility to less than a car length contributed to two pileups Monday that killed two people, one a West Virginia woman, and injured more than 40, authorities said.



STATE

Authorities disagreed over whether special fog lights were working along Interstate 64 atop the 1,374-foot Afton Mountain when the accident occurred Monday.

The pileups began about 10:45 a.m. on both sides of the highway and involved nearly 60 vehicles.

State police identified the victims as Robert W. Welsh Sr., 77, of Spring Hill, Fla., and Peggy Elizabeth Harrah, 43, of Beckley, W.Va.

"I've never seen anything like it," said

Michelle Gibson, who was driving to her job at the Howard Johnson's restaurant in Afton when she came upon the scene.

"The fog was so bad that I couldn't even see in front of my own car," she said. "I couldn't even see the flares on the road or the firemen standing there trying to direct the traffic."

Police said they were unable to determine how the chain reaction began, but said fog may have been a contributing factor.

The mountain remained shrouded with fog throughout the day, and police estimated visibility at less than 20 feet.

State police said 44 cars and trucks piled up in the westbound lanes, killing Welsh. Almost simultaneously, a 10-car crash occurred in the eastbound lanes, killing Harrah.

"I hit the brakes and bang," William Lavery said.

"The car behind me swerved to the right.

Then they really started backing up into both lanes. They were piling up.

"We could hear them crashing behind us."

Lavery, a former president of Virginia Tech, was uninjured.

His wife was taken to University of Virginia Medical Center where she was in fair condition with internal injuries.

The Waynesboro Rescue Squad also said two ambulances collided while responding to the accident, resulting in several minor injuries.

"This almost makes me never want to get in a car again," said Doug Doughty, one of those caught in the eastbound pileup.

He was not injured. The mountaintop stretch of highway has been the scene of numerous weather-related crashes.

"This is what this mountain is famous for," said Richard Moyer, a Waynesboro Rescue Squad official.

Mandela launches comeback despite criminal accusations

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Winnie Mandela, still a heroine to many young, militant blacks, has launched a comeback campaign just days after her political career appeared to be finished.

Thousands of African National Congress supporters cheered her Monday when she vowed to remain active in politics despite controversies surrounding her.

"I will not abdicate my position," Mrs. Mandela said outside the southeastern city of Pietermaritzburg.

Mrs. Mandela's tumultuous career seemed over last week when she separated from her husband, ANC President Nelson Mandela, and resigned her post as the ANC's social welfare director.

The announcements came after several of Mrs. Mandela's former associates accused her of criminal acts.

Mrs. Mandela, convicted last year on kidnapping and assault charges involving four young blacks, maintains her innocence and is free as she mounts an appeal.

The ANC leadership has sought to dis-

tance itself from Mrs. Mandela. Some leaders say privately that she has become a liability and they would prefer she stay out of the spotlight.

But the strong-willed Mrs. Mandela, 57, still holds her elected post on the ANC's national executive committee, the policy-making body.

More importantly, she has kept the support of young militants by preaching confrontation with white authorities.

Mrs. Mandela's passionate speeches often bring crowds to their feet, though her statements sometimes are seen as reckless and at odds with official ANC policy.

On Monday, Mrs. Mandela blamed the government for the chronic factional fighting among blacks and called President F.W. de Klerk "the managing director of the violence."

"How long will he be talking peace in the day and providing guns for the warlords in the night?" she said to roars of approval.

Her husband, meanwhile, appeared with de Klerk on Easter Sunday.

Both men spoke of political reconciliation at a religious service attended by some 500,000 blacks.

Crews begin pumping water

CHICAGO— Crews slowly pumped water today from the flooded tunnels underneath the Chicago Loop, fearing that faster work could collapse the turn-of-the-century passages and cause old buildings to settle.

"The water levels are dropping slowly, steadily and safely," Mayor Richard M. Daley said Monday.

Pumps were drawing about 4,800 gallons per minute from the passages, which was flooded with millions of gallons April 13 when a tunnel underneath the Chicago River broke.

The tunnels hold electrical and communications equipment, and the flooding forced authorities to shut off power to the area. About 200,000 people were evacuated from downtown buildings.

Engineers said it could take 12 days to pump out all of the water.

"We do not want to exceed this rate initially because my technical experts want to watch the situation," said Army Corps of Engineers Lt. Col. Randall Inouye. "If we are suspicious of any structural abnormalities, we will not hesitate to shut off any or all of the pumps."

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OUR VIEW

Mark Manchin is at it again

"Sometimes it seems that one small voice doesn't matter anymore."

Michael Stipe

Sen. Mark Manchin, long an advocate for clamping down on personal freedoms, is at it again.

You may remember the Kanawha County Democrat from the recent legislative session when he introduced a bill to curtail sales of records and movies with sexually explicit content.

Now he has a new target — the right for women to have abortions.

Manchin currently is running for state auditor, an office that for the past three years has provided money for low-income women to have abortions.

That ability was not grounded in state law however, only an attorney general's opinion and a directive from the Caperton administration.

However, all of that may change, however, if Manchin is elected.

"I am pro-life, I don't think there's any question about that," Manchin has said.

But just because it's his opinion does that mean it should change the way the auditor's office has been run for the past three years?

Attorney General Roger Tompkins called any attempt to make law through the budget process unconstitutional.

Unconstitutional, and that's exactly what Mark Manchin wants to do.

Whatever your personal views on abortion may be, you can surely understand the power play that Manchin is trying to make.

He would be usurping the power of the attorney general.

And, in effect, be making the law of the land from an administrative office.

No other administrator can do that; they all must go through proper legislative channels.

Manchin should not be allowed to do such things.

Auditor is one office up for grabs in the May 12th primary.

Manchin's opponent, Glen Gainer Jr., said, "The auditor's office has always in the past abided by the attorney general's opinion until a court directs the auditor otherwise."

That's the way it should be; so do yourself and West Virginia a favor and don't vote for Mark Manchin.

Elect someone who will follow the law and not usurp it.

Springfest found dead; police suspect foul play

HUNTINGTON (BP) — Marshall University officials on Monday found the slightly decomposed body of Springfest outside Memorial Student Center.

A Huntington Police Department spokeswoman said Monday evening that investigators suspect foul play, but she could not comment on any suspects.

However, university students suspected Springfest had been ailing — or even dead — for several years.

"I thought he had died years ago," said Richard Brautigan, Dunlow senior. "The week's events had stunk for several years. I just supposed it was rigor mortis."

Others expressed similar sentiments.

"Springfest is dead? How could you tell?" said Sylvie Plath, Marlinton junior.

"I knew he was really sick when even the Georgia Satellites couldn't play for him," said John Kerouac, Elizabeth senior. "Man, that's really sick."

Still others didn't even notice Springfest's passing — or his existence.

"Springfest? What's that? Is it anything like that Greek sport-thing?" a university spokesman said.

One student blamed herself for Springfest's untimely death.

"If only I had known something was wrong, maybe I could have done something," Mary Shelley, Crum junior, said. "I guess I should have suspected something when the egg-in-a-spoon race and 'Star Trek VI' became the week's highlights."

And a university mourns ...

YOUR TURN

U.S. and South Africa stand alone

Tuesday the United States again proved America is one of the most barbaric countries in the entire civilized world.

For the first time in more than 25 years, the state of California executed someone,



Chris STADELMAN

convicted killer Robert Alton Harris. Harris' execution was temporarily stayed by a federal appeals court early Tuesday,

but the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the stay and Harris was put to death Tuesday morning.

The decision came in spite of a class action suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union claiming the gas chamber is "cruel and unusual punishment," something which others have tried in the past.

How the court, and millions of people around the country, can deny that death is a cruel and unusual punishment is beyond me.

Anyone who argues death is not cruel has a great deal to learn about life. And the fact that South Africa is the only other industrialized nation in the world to continue capital punishment certainly makes it un-

usual.

The United States and the most backward, institutionally racist country in the world standing alone against people with brains. Any questions?

I know all arguments for the legalized killing of human beings, but they simply don't make sense, legally or ethically.

The U.S. Constitution bans "cruel and unusual punishment," which the death penalty is.

That alone should make any other arguments invalid, because regardless of how cruel the crime was, our country's founders thought punishments such as this should be banned.

Another common argument is the death penalty saves taxpayers money because people are not kept in prison.

However, the number of court appearances needed to be sure no innocent person is executed make the death penalty more costly than life in prison.

On an even higher level is the fact it is simply wrong to kill another human being.

That crime is exactly what the criminal is being punished for, yet the state thinks homicide is acceptable as long as politicians decide who gets killed.

Even more problems remain with

institutionalized murder, including the fact that the death penalty is administered more often to poor and minority defendants than to anyone else.

Harris, who suffered from fetal alcohol syndrome and never had a real family life, is a perfect example. Those who can afford expensive, Washington-based law firms will find some way to keep from being executed, even if they are convicted.

Not being able to afford the best defense should not be grounds for being deprived of oxygen, even in America.

Thankfully, West Virginia has not re-instituted the death penalty despite legislative efforts nearly every year.

For once, West Virginia can be proud it is much closer to a world leader than many other states, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. policy concerning legalized murder isn't likely to change soon. In a time when communism suddenly collapsed and the Atlanta Braves went to the World Series, however, maybe we can hope for just one more miracle: the sudden enlightenment of American voters.

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Search goes beyond Tri-State for minority school teacher

By John B. Snyder
Reporter

Some people may think it would be easy to find one minority high school teacher in the Tri-State area, but last year the Marshall University School of Medicine found it impossible, the assistant dean for research development said.

The medical school wants a minority high school teacher to work with five minority students selected for this summer's Minority High School Apprentice Program, Dr. L. Howard Aulick said.

"We couldn't find a teacher last year and we were told there aren't any minority high school teachers in this region," Aulick said. "We may need to go to the Charleston area to find a teacher willing to work this summer with the

students."

Although the preference is for a minority high school teacher, a teacher that has taught minority studies before will be considered, Aulick said.

Marlene Chaffin, administrative aide to the dean of the school of medicine, said the National Institutes of Health is sponsoring the \$15,000 program designed to provide minority high school students an inside look at medical research.

This is a federally sponsored program and is open to students who are African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Alaska native or Asian, Chaffin said.

Aulick said, "We want to show the kids that science is not as hard as most people think it is and that science is for everyday people."

Counseling professor given outstanding teacher award

By Elizabeth Johnson
Reporter

Dr. Violette C. Eash was awarded the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds 1992 Outstanding Teacher Award Monday night at the academic awards.

"Dr. Eash has been an inspiration to an untold number of students, as well as faculty and staff members," Dr. Alan B. Gould, vice president for academic affairs, said.

"She is a dedicated professional in everything she does and her lessons extend beyond the classroom. She is a teacher," Gould said. "Through her life, she teaches."

When asked about the award, which carries a \$3,000 stipend Eash said, "It's wonderful, but it's also humbling to know how much support I have among my students and peers."

"I consider it my first genuine academic achievement in my chosen career."

A native of Hollsopple, Pa., Eash, at the age of four, contracted a crippling disease which affected her growth and mobil-

ity. Although confined to a wheelchair for several years, Eash completed grade school through tutoring at home and in the hospital.

Eash earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in special education and rehabilitation from the University of Pittsburgh. She received her doctorate in counseling and educational psychology from Pennsylvania State University.

Before joining the Marshall faculty in 1977, Eash served as a rehabilitation counselor at the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown, had a private psychology practice in Lancaster, Pa., and taught at Pennsylvania University.

In 1983, she was recognized as "Handicapped Professional Woman of the Year" by Pilot Club International.

In 1984, she was recognized as "Distinguished Handicapped American of the Year" by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and received a "Distinguished Service Award" from the College of Education.



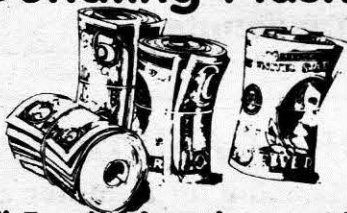
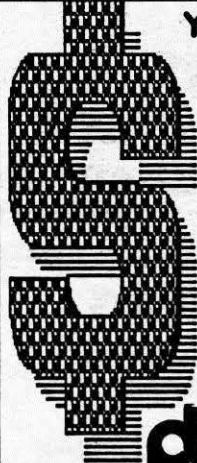
Dr. Violette C. Eash
award winner

In 1984, she also was inducted into the National Hall of Fame for Persons with Disabilities.

Eash also works as a chemical dependency therapist at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland, Ky.

The Outstanding Teacher Award was established in 1985, and endowed by Marshall and Shirley Reynolds of Huntington.

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Pritt discusses her political platform

By Matthew R. Turner
Reporter

Marshall graduate and democratic candidate for governor Charlotte Pritt said Monday low per-student funding at Marshall is caused by purely political reasons.

Marshall is the second-largest state-supported university in West Virginia, but is eighth in per-student funding, according to a recent study.

"If I became governor, I can assure any budget would make sure Marshall receives prompt and fair funding," Pritt said. "Higher education is a top priority issue."

Pritt also said as governor she would fully fund and support updated salary schedules for faculty and classified staff.

"They haven't had a pay raise for two years," Pritt said. "A 10

percent pay increase will cost only \$10 million for faculty and \$8 million for classified staff."

Gov. Gaston Caperton's Campaign Secretary George Manahan said obtaining the money to pay for increased funding and pay raises is a problem and is the reason for Marshall's low funding.

"She says she can cut the budget more than \$150 million — where it (budget cuts) comes from is the question," Manahan said.

Pritt said \$70 million would come from eliminating "super-tax credits" which some businesses and industries receive. The coal severance tax would provide an additional \$60 million.

As governor, Pritt said she would focus on small businesses in West Virginia.

"I will use higher education to help small businesses — college

seniors would receive six hours of credit for working with these businesses," she said.

Pritt was asked her stance on social issues such as abortion, equal rights, the welfare system, and animal rights.

"Abortion is one of the most difficult decisions a woman can make . . . It's spiritual and emotional," she said. "It's a decision left to God and the woman, and I think government is a poor excuse for God."

Pritt said she supports equal rights among everyone, including gays, lesbians and minorities.

Welfare recipients should be trained under apprenticeships with small businesses for jobs which require skills, Pritt said.

Pritt also supports organized labor and collective bargaining for public employees.

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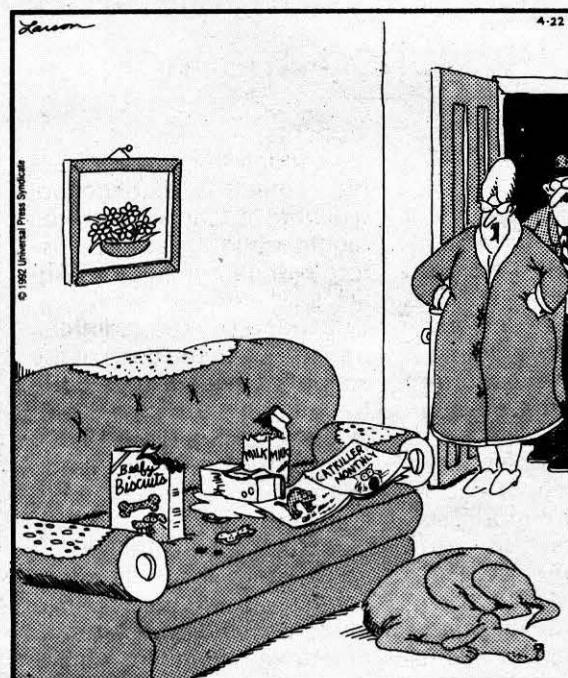
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Jennings to moderate news special for kids

NEW YORK (AP) — Yes, there is a human skeleton hanging in Peter Jennings' office and, no, it's not the remains of an unlucky producer on his "ABC World News Tonight" broadcast. Jennings, news anchor for 15 million viewers every weeknight, is too nice a man to do that.

The skeleton, he explains, is for the live, 90-minute news special for kids he will moderate this Saturday morning — "Prejudice: Answering Children's Questions."

The skeleton is to show children that underneath their skin, human beings are pretty much alike.

"We talk about racism all the time. What we should talk about is skin-ism," Jennings said.

Preparing for the program, he said, taught him all sorts of interesting things, including his discovery last week that "transparent" adhesive bandage strips

don't really work for people of color.

"I've learned little things about what people have to endure, time and time again," he said.

Why make a news special for a young viewers and risk losing them to the cartoon competition on Saturday morning?

"That's where the kids are," Jennings replied, "and I actually think we'll end up talking to adults."

"One of the things I think we're discovering is that if you deal with children at a fairly sophisticated level, their parents look and listen over their shoulders," he said. "That's what we learned in the Gulf War."

On Jan. 26, 1991, in the second week of the allied air war against Iraq, Jennings moderated a live, 90-minute, Saturday morning news special titled "War in the Gulf: Answering Children's Questions."

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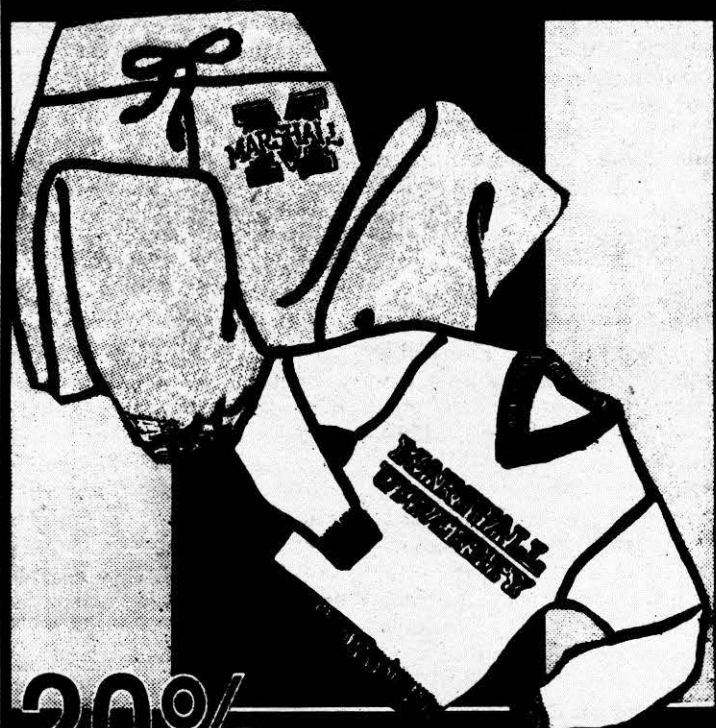
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In case you didn't notice, this team had a great year

It hasn't been a bad year for Thundering Herd sports. The men's basketball team finally got off probation, and showed promise through a tough regular season. The women's team exceeded all expectations to finish third in the conference.

And, of course, the year was highlighted by the football team which rolled to an 11-4 record and a spot in the national championship game.

But Herd fans may not realize what team is most improved over last season.

Led by the top singles player in the Southern Conference and an enthusiastic coach, the tennis

team had its best season ever, without 33,116 screaming fans.

This season was tennis coach Lynn McLeod's first as the Lady Herd's sole leader. McLeod had built a strong nucleus with returners Paige Pence, Jennifer Trelor and Cindy Machmer.

However, McLeod took the Lady Herd to another level when she landed a recruiting coup with Austria's Gunda Pristauz-Telsnigg (see page 11 of yesterday's paper under Gibson).

McLeod said she knew she was taking a chance by recruiting an athlete she hadn't seen play, but the gamble paid off.

Pristauz-Telsnigg joined the

Lady Herd in the fall and took over as the number one singles player. She finished with a 5-1 singles mark and a 9-0 mark in doubles with Pence.

"When she's on the court, she goes to another level," McLeod said of Telsnigg in an October issue of The Parthenon. "She's given the girls great incentive to show where they can take their game."

The team responded to McLeod's challenge this spring and put together its best season in the history of the program.

Highlights of the spring season included a first-ever win over rival UT-Chattanooga and a six game winning streak as they entered the SC tournament.

The Lady Herd finished 9-5 on the regular season, and enjoyed similar success in the tournament. Marshall finished third in the tournament, the team's highest finish ever.

"I couldn't ask for anything more ... It was a wonderful weekend," McLeod said.

For her efforts, McLeod was named the conference coach-of-the-year.

Pristauz-Telsnigg, who won the number one singles title, was named tournament MVP. She became the first player from a school other than Furman or UTC to win the award.

Pristauz-Telsnigg finished the spring with a 12-2 singles record and a 9-5 mark with Pence. She clearly was the leader of this

team, but as McLeod emphasizes, tennis is a team sport.

Pence, who unselfishly gave her number one position to Pristauz-Telsnigg, finished 9-8 in number two singles. Trelor was solid all season at 10-7 and finished third in the tournament.

These student athletes represented Marshall as well as any program on campus, despite small crowds at their home matches. This season should be a springboard for the Lady Herd next year, and perhaps the fan support will grow as well.

They may well need the extra help next season. Pristauz-Telsnigg, who will return to Austria in May, won't be smashing forehand winners for Marshall in the fall.

McLeod began her rebuilding process though, when she signed Lisa Sucheski Monday. Sucheski is a highly regarded player from Ohio who compiled a 57-18 record at Hudson High School.

Also new to the Lady Herd will be redshirt MaryCarol Liberatore. Liberatore, a transfer from Virginia Tech, should make an immediate impact.

McLeod has brought the Lady Herd to unprecedented heights, but now the job of maintaining consistency begins. That's what building a winning program is all about.

Anthony Hanshaw, Meadow Bridge senior, is Sports Editor for The Parthenon

Injuries plague NBA playoffs

(AP) -- How are you feeling?

That's the question for Michael Jordan in Chicago, Larry Bird in Boston, Clyde Drexler in Portland, Chris Mullin in Oakland and David Robinson in San Antonio.

Injuries, the great playoff equalizer, are popping up nearly everywhere in the days before the NBA postseason schedule begins Thursday night.

Jordan, who strained his lower back while scoring 32 points in Sunday's season-finale against Detroit, underwent 45 minutes of treatment after the game. The six-time scoring champion predicted he will be fine by the time the Bulls face the Miami Heat in Game one of their best-of-five series Friday night.

The news was equally good in Portland, where Drexler sat out the last four games of the regular season because of a sprained right knee. He went full speed through a workout Monday and said he was ready.

The Trail Blazers, top-seeded in the Western Conference, face the Los Angeles Lakers, who overcame long odds to make the playoffs for the 16th consecutive season. The series starts Thursday night in Portland.

"Thursday is fine. I can't wait to get started," said Drexler, who averaged 25 points this season.

Bird, who missed the last eight games of the season — all Celtic victories as they earned the No. 2 seeding position in the Eastern Conference — is doubtful for Boston's opener against Indiana Thursday night. The team had an off day Monday, and spokesman Jeff Twiss said Bird was expected to attend Tuesday's workout, although it was not known if he would be able to take part because of continuing back problems.

Mullin, whose 25.6 average was just ahead of Drexler's among the final scoring leaders, injured his right leg in Sunday's final game against Seattle, the

Warriors' opponent in a series starting Thursday.

Warriors team physician Dr. Robert Albo on Monday said Mullin should be healed in time. Albo said the All-Star forward suffered a sprained right ankle and strained right calf.

"I was really worried when Mullie went down," coach Don Nelson said. "I still am a little bit, although doctors tell me he's going to be all right."

Definitely out for the first round of the playoffs is Robinson, San Antonio's All-Star center who missed the last 14 games of the season and underwent surgery for ligament damage in his left thumb.

The Spurs lost nine of those 14 games, dropping them into fifth place in the Western Conference.

San Antonio, which won the Midwest Division the previous two years, must go on the road to play fourth-seeded Phoenix, beginning Friday night.

Old Main's last curtain call

By Deanna B. Hall
Reporter

The stage production of "Hay Fever" will be a farewell to the Old Main Auditorium for Marshall University Theatre.

"Hay Fever," a comedy written by Noel Coward will be presented tonight through Saturday in Old Main, the home for MU Theatre for 67 years.

"Hay Fever" will be the last play in Old Main unless something happens to stop the move into the new theatre, Dr. N. Bennett East, chairman of the department of theatre and dance said.

The production, directed by East, is a play about a rather spoiled and frivolous artistic family.

The show reveals the turmoil the family's bickering has put upon four invited guests.

Ironically, the guests have high expectations for an enjoyable weekend away from the turmoil of the city.

Deena J. Conley, Portsmouth, Ohio junior depicts the role of Judith Bliss, an actress who is planning her comeback to the

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stage. Her husband David Bliss, a successful writer of popular novels, is portrayed by Philip B. Wilcox, Chesapeake, Ohio junior.

Michele R. Goodson, Huntington junior and J. Randall Hicks, Huntington junior perform the roles of Sorel and Simon, the equally headstrong and willful children who are adept at using wit to devastate those about them.

The invited guests, who come to the Bliss household expecting a romantic weekend, are confronted by a family who thrive on verbal attack.

Eric M. Neff, Vernon, Conn. junior appears as Sandy Tyrell, a young man who has caught the attention of Judith Bliss.

Bethany Cline, Matewan senior depicts Myra Arundel, a

worldly woman who comes to capture David's attention.

Mindy R. Gully, Cross Lanes freshman appears as Jackie Coryton and Trevor W. Long, Beckley freshman performs as Richard Gratham.

The unfortunate maid Clara is performed by Colleen M. Gleason, Huntington junior.

According to East, the play's dialogue has been contributed to the lasting appeal of the play for actors and audience.

"This play lets you laugh at your own life," said East.

The play will start tonight and run through Saturday. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the box office in Old Main B23 or may be reserved by calling 696-ARTS. Students are admitted free with a valid ID and activity card.

Earth Week begins series of events with workshops and ecology play

By Juliet C. Matthews
Reporter

In conjunction with Earth Week, two student and community groups, CAARPP (Citizens Against Alabama River Pulp & Paper) and SAVE (Students Active for a Vital Earth) are sponsoring many events including workshops and street theatre productions.

Today, CAARPP will perform "ECO-MAN," a street theater production that addresses the issues of government, corporate ecocide and what can be done to stop it. The performance will be at noon on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

Also today, a representative of Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) will speak in MSC Room 2W37 at 7 p.m. John Harrison of Fairmont State College will present "The Case Against Dioxin" and give a "com-

■ CAARPP and SAVE are sponsoring workshops and street theatre productions for the events being held during Earth Week.

prehensive review of why zero discharge is the only safe amount of dioxin," according to a CAARPP press release. Dioxin, a waste product of many chemical processes, has been proven to cause cancer and birth defects.

Thursday, the workshop "Monkeywrenching: Philosophy, Need For and How To," will be presented in MSC 2W37 at 7 p.m. Mark Smith, vice president of SAVE, is tentatively scheduled to lead the workshop.

A repeat performance of ECO-MAN will be given at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Earth Day celebration in Huntington's Ritter

Park.

CAARPP and SAVE will have a table set up on the MSC plaza every day during Earth Week. The table will include petitions and information about the pulp mill and also information about recycling and Ashland Oil, Jason Huber, Parkersburg senior, said. Huber is a member of CAARPP and MAPS.

CAARPP is an organization based on principles of grassroots political action as a means to attain environmental, ecological and social justice. The Alabama Pulp Mill project, which is to be located in Point Pleasant, has caused several members of local progressive political groups to join forces to combat the impending ecocide that would result from the operation of such a plant, the release stated.

Huber called CAARPP an "offshoot of different groups" on campus.

Professors to play recital Thursday in Smith Recital Hall

By Mike Pauley
Reporter

Dr. James Taggart, professor of music and Dr. Joan Adkins, professor of English will present a duo-piano recital Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. Thursday's recital is entitled

"Eine Kleine Nachmittagsmusik III" which features music by composers such as J.S. Bach, Henry Purcell and Darius Milhaud. It is the third program Taggart and Adkins have presented in the past three years.

"Professor Adkins and I have made these recitals more or less

a yearly tradition now," Taggart said.

Dr. Adkins has studied piano with Dr. Taggart for many years, and in 1989 the two started collaborating in two-piano music.

Faculty, students and the public are invited to attend the recital at no charge.



People admire the art work shown at the art exhibition given for graduating seniors.

Seniors exhibition a success for graduating student artists

The graduating seniors of the art department had their Senior Exhibition Monday at 7 p. m.

The artists included Michael Brady, Julie Raines, Jennifer Lemle, Heidi Moeller, Gretchen Moeller and Rick Fields.

Raines's works include two self portraits. The first is a ceramic bust glazed in a copper gloss. The second self portrait is a pencil drawing on canvas. The portraits are dark and lonely and express Raines as a shadowy figure. Overall, Raines artistic ability shines through in her "Colligraph", a collage series brought out in a aqua and spring green. Her "Pamplona Vamp" is a fun and an exciting concept.

Brady's works enriched traditional pieces and brought about exciting, new concepts. His most inviting piece is a four part series in oil on abandoned houses in the Tri-State. The work, "Emotional States in Space" uses full advantage of analogous colors and complementary colors. The piece "Looking Up The Stairs" actually takes you back to the bottom of the steps and the aqua and reds intertwines an uneasy yet curious feeling.

Heidi Moeller's piece

"Puzzle Box" was entertaining and confusing. The purple-marbled colored assemblage helps one enter a spatial realm. Her other works include a computer based design of Baryshnikov and a ceramic serving tray with imprints of sea shells.

Lemle emphasizes on athletics in her works and her sculpture, "Avon Calling" shows a vivid satire of a face that needs a facial. Lemle is also a master at weaving and tapestry. Her "Rising 'K'" is ornate and beautiful. Reminders of Aztec weaving is shown in this piece.

"Pollution", a computer generated graphic by Gretchen Moeller, brings awareness about toxic conditions. "Pisces" is a mixed media piece that deserves recognition for her use of overlapping and gray-tones mixed with baby blues and pinks.

Fields best piece is "We all have to Go", in which a beat-up car is directly in front of the cemetery.

Seniors did the work on the exhibit, including a reception and printing their own invitations. The exhibit was worth the effort because the show was a glorious success. The exhibit can be seen today from 1-3 p. m. in Birke Art Gallery.

Art review by Melissa Brady