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Some financial aid to arrive late

By Greg Collard
Managing Editor

A crackdown by federal financial aid programs to reclaim money for students who withdraw from school has forced university officials to hold financial aid checks until Sept. 2.

Vice President for Finance Herbert J. Karlet said because Marshall is responsible for financial aid recipients who withdraw during the first week of classes, the university had no other sensible alternative.

"This institution is not in a position to accept that liability. It is the student's

responsibility to pay it back, but it's up to us to collect it from students. That's not feasible, so we would have to come up with that money."

Karlet said that although the number of students who take the money and run is minimal, no chances can be taken.

"Most students use the money to finance college. We batted this around in a number of meetings and we do this with reluctance ... We're just in a Catch-22."

Still, even a few offenders can add up to a lot of cash, he said.

"When [financial aid programs] are dealing with so many students, even 5 percent can be a large amount of money."

However, some financial aid recipients are not included in the policy. Students receiving assistance for tuition, room and board will not be affected since the money never is given directly to them, said Dr. Edgar W. Miller, director of financial aid.

Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president for student affairs, said financial aid recipients were notified of the change, but at least one student said he wasn't aware of the situation.

"I didn't receive anything," Charles Kyle, Huntington junior, said. "If a person like me is all budgeted until Aug. 15, what are they going to do for books Aug. 24 - 31 ... or what are they going to do if they need to

make a deposit for an apartment?"

Students are welcome to complain, but Bailey said it probably would be a waste of time.

"I don't know what good it will do. If they were at the beach working and didn't go home to get the mail, it's not our responsibility."

Meanwhile, Karlet said the additional time will be used to make sure students are enrolled for the fall semester to ensure Marshall's fate isn't the same as some other colleges.

"More institutions are having to pay money back. The dangers get more and more every year."

Making waves

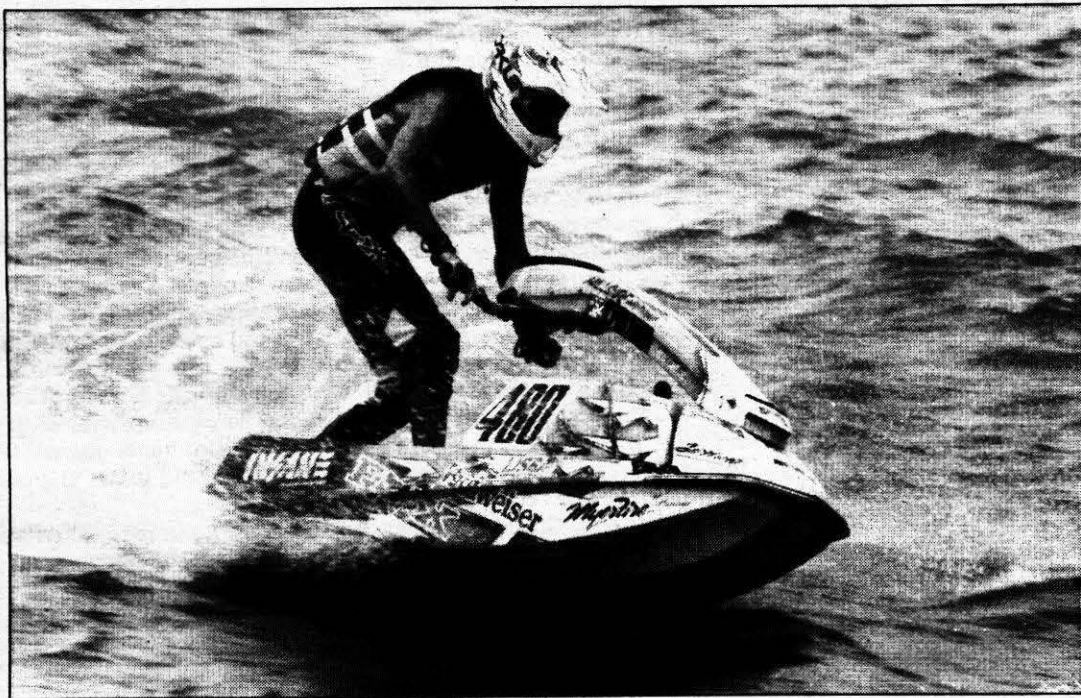


Photo by Keef Jones

A jet skier cut through the water of the Ohio River in one of the races during Summerfest.

Seat controversy may end in court

By Kevin D. Melrose
Editor

Although most of Marshall's \$30 million football stadium was completed almost one year ago, debate over its 2,268 missing seats is far from over.

The University System Board of Trustees last week authorized Chancellor Charles Manning to take action to resolve the problem.

"The board has empowered me to take whatever steps necessary to move forward in the matter," Manning said Wednesday evening from Charleston.

And that could include litigation.

Manning said he is working with the Office of the Attorney General, which must approve an attorney to represent the BOT in legal action against the contractors.

The contractors, Rosser Fabrap International of Atlanta, have offered a \$50,000 settlement, but some estimates for installing the missing seats are as high as \$350,000.

The error initially was discovered by university officials in September 1990, but neither the contractors nor the BOT have come to an agreement as to what should be done.

The missing seats leave the stadium short of the 30,000 seats needed for the university to move from NCAA I-AA to I-A.

Although the contractors originally had agreed to construct a 30,000-seat stadium, the number of seats were reduced when plans for a television camera platform, chair seating and seating for the disabled were added.

Paul Kinsing of Rosser Fabrap

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Science enrollment increases 30%

By Bill Gardner
Senior Writer

College of Science enrollment for fall semester is up more than 30 percent over last year, according to university figures.

As of July 17, 1,789 students had enrolled in the college, an increase of 421 over a year ago.

A growing demand for health-care professionals is largely responsible, according to Dr. James Harless, director of admissions.

He also cited the recent success of the university's football team.

"Marshall was spread across the country on CBS during the championship game. We still get

The director of admissions attributes part of the increase to the university's increased national exposure.

people calling asking for information on the football program."

President J. Wade Gilley said he was pleased with the increase.

He said the science annex and specialized recruiting have contributed to the popularity of science programs.

The number of incoming freshmen enrolling in the sciences has

increased 202 over fall 1991 to 828.

Officials said the influx has created scheduling problems. "It wasn't easy to get [freshmen] the classes they needed," Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the College of Science, said. "We were able to give almost all students at least one science or one math class."

Part of the College of Science increase can be attributed to the transfer of the Department of Computer Science from the College of Business to the College of Science.

Overall, 9,410 students had registered by July 17 to attend Marshall this fall, an increase of 832 over the same time last year.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

Regular registration for fall semester will be Aug. 17-21 in the basement of Old Main from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

Classes begin on Aug. 24

The schedule adjustment period is Aug. 24-28 and Aug. 31:

- graduate students may register at their convenience
- seniors from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 24
- juniors from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 25
- sophomores from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 26
- freshmen from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 27

Aug. 28 and 31 will be open for all students from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All fees must be paid at time of registration, and there will be a \$20 late fee for registration after Aug. 21.

Source: Registrar's Office

Grad students must pay higher rate

Policy requires those enrolled in undergraduate courses to pay graduate fees

By Greg Collard
Managing Editor

Graduate students enrolled in undergraduate courses for the fall recently discovered their tuition is higher than they may have expected.

According to a new policy proposed last spring by Vice President for Finance Herb Karlet, graduate students must pay Graduate School tuition rates for undergraduate courses.

Graduate students sometimes are required to take undergradu-

ate courses without receiving graduate credit to fulfill prerequisites.

Now, in-state graduate students enrolled in a three-hour undergraduate course must pay \$276 instead of \$190.50, metro graduate students \$528 instead of \$358.50 and out-of-state graduate students \$804 instead of \$551.25.

Previously, the bursar's office had coded graduate and undergraduate courses separately when assessing fees and charged those students accordingly.

Karlet said the change simplifies "the fee-assessment process and changes the definition of undergraduate and graduate students."

Graduate students who think they have been misclassified can seek undergraduate status or appeal their tuition rate, Karlet said.

Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Graduate School, said it is students' responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the proper program.

He said part of the reason the

proposal was not announced until recently was because the university's fiscal year didn't begin until July 1.

"When things occur over the summer, I guess, unfortunately, not very much notification occurs."

Although Karlet admits the policy was not publicized, he insists it was not kept secret.

"We just didn't feel like it would affect that many students. How prevalent it is ... I don't know. I don't know how many students we're talking about."

Editors file request for MU records

By Bill Gardner
Senior Writer

Parthenon editors have filed a state Freedom of Information request seeking to force university officials to permit them to view financial records.

The editors want to examine how Marshall spent state funds from 1987 to the present.

"We all recognize both the Freedom of Information and higher education laws allow for public access, and that information is public record," said William J. Shondel, director of purchasing.

"[But] they want to look at nearly 60,000 purchase orders, which is a staggering search.

"Deciding how we to do this is being worked on," he said. "We should have a formal response to [the editors'] request in the next few days."

Under West Virginia Freedom of Information Laws, the custodian of the records is required to respond to the request within five working days.

The editors filed the request on Tuesday.

"Purchasing officials initially granted Parthenon staff members permission on July 10 to begin reviewing the records — most of which are stored in a second floor men's restroom, Editor Kevin D. Melrose said.

But after Herbert J. Karlet, vice president for financial affairs, discovered the search, he ordered it stopped.

Melrose received a memo July 17 from Karlet that stated The Parthenon had to pay \$5.60 per hour for personnel to maintain the files during the search.

"The question is who is going to absorb the cost of the search," Karlet said.

Most FOI requests made to his office have been very specific, Karlett said.

"This is the first time a request of that number of documents has been made."

Melrose said it is necessary for The Parthenon to view each purchase order because purchasing files them numerically rather than by department, and most of the information is not stored on computer.

"According to Freedom of In-

formation laws we are only required to pay reasonable fees for photocopies," Melrose said.

He estimated it would take Parthenon employees two working days to view the documents.

He said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., described the request as reasonable.

Melrose received a memo from the center which said, "Though they is no statutory basis for imposing search fees, some public bodies use these fees as a tactic to discourage Freedom of Information requests."

"It's been nearly two weeks since we first requested to see the purchase orders," Melrose said, "And we still haven't gotten a firm response."

Parthenon editors said they are prepared to sue to gain access to the records.

According to the West Virginia Freedom of Information Laws, if the administration fails to respond or is found to be violation of the law, the penalties are fines of \$100 to \$500 and a jail term of up to 10 days.

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did not return telephone calls Tuesday.

Although Dr. K. Edward Grose, Marshall's vice president for administration, had said in February 1991 that the contractors had taken responsibility for the error, Manning pointed out the difference between admitting responsibility and pay for the correction.

"They have acknowledged error on their part, but saying 'taken responsibility for' implies rectifying the problem," Manning said. "They haven't done that."

Grose could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Athletic Director Lee Moon had said in January 1991 that "there already has been work done toward [correcting the problem], so we'll have the required number of seats in the stadium as soon as possible."

However, Manning said since that time, nothing has been done.

"It is certainly my understanding, that as of today, we are 2,000

seats short of 30,000. They haven't been put in."

Moon declined comment on the situation, saying, "We've been instructed not to make any comments regarding the situation with the stadium seating. There may be some litigation, so if I make any comments one way or another, it could affect the outcome."

If the BOT plans to take legal action against the contractors, it must do so by the end of September to meet a legal deadline.

"We'll just have to wait and see what unfolds," Manning said.

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Democrats still gaining support, poll finds

By Howard Goldberg
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — In a race with no Ross Perot, Americans by large margins are more willing to entrust their future to the Democrats than to the Republicans, according to an Associated Press poll.



NATION

President Bush has more than a hundred days to reshape these opinions. But for now, more Americans say they would be better off with Democrat Bill

Clinton in the White House.

In addition, more Americans see the Democratic Party as closer to them on issues that matter, and better able to deal with the stagnant economy.

Still, only 38 percent considered a two-way race better for the country, according to the poll taken after Ross Perot's pull-out. Reaction to Perot's departure was split, with 35 percent saying the Texan betrayed his supporters, and 46 percent saying he did the right thing by dropping out.

Asked to choose between the two parties, 56 percent said the Democrats are closer to them on the issues they care about while 26 percent said the Republicans. The remainder didn't know or were part of the 12 percent who said neither party was closer to them on the issues that matter.

The nationwide poll of 1,004 adults was taken by phone Friday through Tuesday by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultant Cos. The margin of sampling error was plus or

minus 3 percentage points.

The poll showed how much the Democratic National Convention improved the party's image.

More than a third, 39 percent, said they will be better off in future years if the Democrats win the presidential election, compared with 12 percent who expected to do better with a Republican president.

The same question six months ago resulted in a virtually even split, 22 percent for the Democrats, 20 percent for the Republicans. The percentage who said it wouldn't make much difference which party won dropped from 51 percent to 44 percent.

The Democrats also have been picking up support as the party that could do a better job of dealing with the economy — 54 percent to 21 percent over the Republicans.

DEMOCRATIC DIVIDEND

Will you be better off if



the Democrats or the
Republicans win the
presidential election?

BEFORE the Democratic convention

DEMOCRATS 22%

REPUBLICANS 20%

AFTER the Democratic convention

DEMOCRATS 39%

12%

REPUBLICANS

MARGIN OF ERROR: Plus or minus 3 percentage points

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRIEFS

Students show little biracial prejudice

LEWISBURG, Pa. (AP) — White college students show little prejudice toward children of biracial couples, according to a Bucknell University psychology professor.

Reporting on a recent study of students in an introductory psychology course, Professor T. Joel Wade said female students were more accepting than males, but the findings suggested that educated whites "may be more tolerant than they were in the past."

Participating in the study were 29 white males and 25 white females, Wade reported, adding that more research is needed.

But, he noted, indications are that clinicians and counselors "may be able to offer encouragement and hope to black-white interracial couples who may be hesitant or worried about bringing a biracial child into the world."

In 1967, the professor recalled, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws in 16 states that made interracial marriage or relationships a crime.

"This study is an indication that the decision 25 years ago was indeed a very good decision," Wade said. "It appears that educated people at least are willing to accept interracial marriage and willing to accept children of interracial marriages."

Corticosteroid may cause problems

ATLANTA (AP) — Patients taking corticosteroid medications for a variety of conditions — including juvenile arthritis, asthma and nasal allergies — are at increased risk for severe complications, reports the Atlanta-based Arthritis Foundation.

The complications could involve such childhood illnesses as chickenpox and measles, it warned, explaining:

"Corticosteroids suppress the immune system even at low doses taken over a long period of time. This makes children and adults vulnerable to serious or even fatal cases of chickenpox or measles when taking such medications.

"A new warning about the potential serious consequences of immunosuppressant doses of corticosteroids soon will be added to the products' labeling."

'Glass ceiling' still exists, study says

NEW YORK (AP) — The so-called "glass ceiling" — an invisible barrier said to block qualified businesswomen from top executive positions — is still in place, according to the Clairol Mentor Program.

Representatives of the program, which helps aspiring women achieve their goals, say progress is being made, however.

Relative charged with 1 murder after family of four found dead

By David Wilkison
Associated Press Writer

WESTOVER — A Fairmont man charged Wednesday in the shooting deaths of his brother, sister-in-law and their two adult sons gave himself up to authorities after a daylong standoff at a highway motel.

Nick Mauro, 47, surrendered to authorities about 3:30 p.m., said Marion County Prosecutor Monty Brown.

"It's over with. It came off with no incident. No one was injured," said state police Sgt. B.L. Burner Jr. of Shinnston.

Mauro, his wife, Sandra, a 3-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl had been locked inside Room 218 of the Econo Lodge motel off Interstate 79, authorities said. The motel is about 20 miles north of where Mauro's brother's family was found slain Tuesday night in Fairmont.

Mauro was charged with one count of first-degree murder in the death of his brother, James A. Mauro, 50; James' wife, Frances; and their sons, James A. Mauro II, 29; and Jeff Mauro, 24, Brown said.

Mauro was taken to Monongalia County Magistrate Court and then sent to Marion County for an arraignment.

Brown said prosecutors would review the evidence before filing any other charges. Mauro also was charged in the theft of the family's black Pontiac.

About 50 state, Monongalia County and municipi-

pal police officers stood by the motel throughout the day as a federal hostage negotiator and psychiatrists talked with Mauro and his wife by telephone.

Rev. Colombo F. Bandiera, pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Fairmont, came to the motel at the couple's request about midday, but it was not clear whether he spoke to the couple.

Mauro's mother and mother-in-law were also on the scene but were not used in the negotiations, Burner said.

"The thing that was done the most was just reassuring that no one wanted to hurt him and nobody wanted anybody to get hurt," Burner said.

At 2 p.m., Mauro asked for food and medicine, Burner said.

Burner did not know what type of medicine.

After the supplies were brought, Mauro told state police Sgt. Mike Taylor he would surrender at 3:30 p.m., after he had time to speak with his family, Burner said.

He walked into the hallway with his hands up and was arrested, Burner said.

Burner said the children were crying but were not injured.

Fairmont Police Chief Ted Offutt said authorities did not know the motive for the slayings.

Fairmont police were called to the Mauros' Gil-Bob Street home after dark Tuesday by friends who tried to call the family. Neighbors said they heard gunshots about eight hours earlier.

"They sounded like gunshots to me," said Irene Martin, who lives next door. "But my husband, Jim, said it was probably some people with firecrackers again. There had been a lot of that around here lately."

Drug cartel leader escapes during transfer to prison

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Medellin drug cartel leader Pablo Escobar and his lieutenants overpowered guards seeking to transfer him to a military jail and escaped Wednesday after a gunbattle that left two dead, officials said.

The escape of Escobar, with hundreds of murders to his name, was a major blow to the government, which has been unable to counter the strength of the cocaine cartels.

It was in response to reports that Escobar was operating his drug business from his luxurious

ranch house prison that 400 soldiers entered the jail Tuesday night to transfer Escobar and his 14 lieutenants to a military prison.

The cartel leader instead seized three Colombian officials who were accompanying the troops.

Army commandos freed the hostages at dawn Wednesday, but in the meantime Escobar fled with nine other cartel members, said Sen. Claudia Blum, who attributed the information to President Cesar Gaviria.

Five other Escobar associates were recaptured, she quoted Gaviria as saying.

OUR VIEW

Suprise awaits graduate students

Once again, students will be greeted this fall with another tuition increase. Considering last year's \$1.8 million deficit and the increasing cost of education, this news come as no great surprise.

Included in the hike were increases of 12.2 percent for in-state graduate students, 15 percent for out-of-state graduate students and 16 percent for metro graduate students.

This much was made clear.

However, graduate students recently received an unpleasant surprise when they were billed by the the university.

Contrary to past policy, they suddenly were informed graduate fees must be paid for undergraduate courses.

Without warning, administrators dropped another financial burden on students.

It's not uncommon for beginning graduate students to be required to enroll in undergraduate courses, despite their classification.

Although no one welcomes tuition increases, the policy isn't necessarily the target of the complaint.

It's the poor timing of the announcement.

Administrators should remember that many students must work to remain in college,

and they often are forced to stay within a limited budget.

With the new policy, in-state graduate students enrolled in a three hour undergraduate course must pay \$276 instead of \$190.50., metro graduate students \$528 instead of \$358.50 and out-of-state graduate students \$804 instead of \$551.25.

These increases are not drastic, but they they amount to more than just petty cash, especially in a state that ranks 49th in per capita income.

The reasoning behind this action, according to Vice President for Finance Herb Karlet, is to simplify the fee-assessment process.

In addition, institutions across the nation have similar policies, including our cross-state rival, West Virginia University.

Employees in the bursar's office verify the new process will make their jobs much easier when collecting fees, but that doesn't justify failing to inform students that their bill could be more by the time fees are assessed.

Common courtesy would have required a simple notification that told students tuition rates could change before the fall semester.

Yet no courtesy was observed.

Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Graduate School blamed the oversight on the time of year, saying, "When things occur over the summer, I guess, unfortunately, not very much notification occurs."

His explanation is convenient but inadequate.

Too often are students neglected when others make decisions that affect them, and, too often, it's always the students who have to pay — one way or another.

And, once again, what is done for the conveniency of Old Main simply places a burden on others.

WHAT WAS SAID

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— Dr. Leonard Deutsch
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POLICIES

Corrections

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AFTER SEEING "LARRY KING LIVE," BUSH AND CLINTON VIE FOR THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT CHER ENDORSEMENT.

When push came to shove ...

"You don't remember me, do you?"

It was about a year ago when the dark-haired man spoke this as he handed back my change from the fill-up and bottle of lemonade at the convenience store/service station off I-64, just inside Kentucky.



DAVID SWINT

About six feet tall, dark complexion, thickly muscled from years of working on cars, his white company shirt was besmirched with smudges of exhausted 10W-40, his dark blue pants tattooed with the black leavings of a hundred changed tires. He studied me from behind the counter, waiting to see if my eyes would light with the spark of recognition.

He was wrong. I did remember him.

Mike was a part of high school I tried to forget.

He had changed only a little in the 16 years since the 10th grade, when we were trapped together for an hour each day in second-period English.

The teacher was a middle-aged man, tall and prematurely gray, who seemed blissfully oblivious to most things external. His speech was as slow as his gait, which appeared to be an activity he undertook only as a begrudged necessity. His class was similarly uninspired.

Being a wonderfully maladjusted adolescent (one of those guys who preferred books to

sports, jokes instead of physical confrontation and writing to almost anything), I quickly became Mike's target for most of that semester.

Before each class, my books would be knocked to the floor. I would be poked, prodded and pushed around as I tried simply to take my seat and prepare for the tedium of the coming class.

I refused to fight back, preferring to take the stance of an Appalachian Ghandi. Mike tried to engage me in a fight, and each time I would decline. *It wasn't worth it, I rationalized, I've never been in a fight in my life ... I'm smarter than that ... I don't have to resort to fighting to settle anything ...*

I also didn't want to get my ass kicked.

Then one day, another guy in the class got tired of watching me get pushed around.

Don half stood near his desk behind me and hurled his English book with a hard overhand, slamming the text into the bridge of Mike's nose.

The room stilled to a cold quiet as Mike glared at Don, his dark eyes tearing, alive with rage.

Don's gaze was equally harsh and unflinching. "Leave him alone."

After a tense stare-down, Mike turned away. He wouldn't turn around again for the remainder of the semester.

I thanked Don for his support. He simply fixed me in that hard gaze, almost damning me for my non-action. "No one has to put up with that."

He was right, of course. No one has to put up with that.

And now, 16 years later, condensation was making the bottle of lemonade slick in my grasp. I pocketed my change and looked back to the clerk behind the counter. "Yeah, I remember you."

"It's been a long time, ain't it?" He smiled, without a hint of malice. Ironic, I thought.

"Sometimes I think it hasn't been long enough." I turned and walked out, knowing fully well the comment was lost on him as soon as I said it.

As I drove away, I thought about the possibility of a fight with Mike. Things had changed for me since high school. I'd taken up the martial arts in 1983, and almost four years later, I'd earned my first-degree black belt. I'd been away from karate for a while, however, and perhaps I wouldn't fare so well. But now I wasn't afraid of confrontation.

A few more miles later, I figured I'd done the right thing after all. There were years and miles between us, and I had been just a passing target way back when, nothing more, nothing less. I doubted that Mike even remembered the events in any great detail. All the malice that still existed was mine.

Then a sobering thought occurred ... perhaps this meant that he'd won, after all.

It was a long drive back to my apartment. I'd just been to the 10th grade and back, and I was all the worse for wear.

No one should have to put up with that.

David L. Swint, a Grayson, Ky., resident, graduated from Marshall in May.

'Independent' groups to rake election muck

By John Solomon
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Independent political groups are planning to do the dirty work for the presidential candidates in the fall election, inflicting attacks deemed too nasty to come directly from the campaigns or their parties.

For Democrats it would be their first full-scale venture into the so-called independent expenditure strategy, which Republicans have used for years to launch attacks like the infamous Willie Horton ad in 1988.

"We will be tough," declared Victor Kamber, a Democratic consultant who has formed Americans for Change, a political group hoping to raise and spend \$1 million on ads encouraging President Bush's defeat.

This time around everything from Bush's family business dealings and Dan Quayle's spelling mistakes to Bill Clinton's character and relationship with cabaret singer Gennifer Flowers appears to be fair game.

"We're going to deal with some of the

The law allows independent groups to spend unlimited amounts of money to support candidates but forbids them from coordinating their effort in any way with the campaign or the parties.

issues that maybe the campaign wouldn't dare touch that we wouldn't be afraid to touch," Kamber said.

Kamber is the Democratic answer to Republican operative Floyd Brown, who four years ago altered the political landscape with an independent effort to support Bush that culminated with the Horton ad.

That ad scorned then-Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis as soft on crime by highlighting the case of a convicted murderer who raped a woman while on a weekend furlough from a Massachusetts prison.

The ad was branded racist by some because it used a picture of Horton, who is black.

This year, Brown has formed a new

group which already has tried to revive Flowers' unsubstantiated allegations that she had a 12-year affair with Clinton.

It created ads mimicking phone-sex service commercials that encouraged television viewers to pay \$4.99 — half of which Brown will use to buy more advertising time — to call a telephone line to listen to "intimate" conversations Flowers claims to have taped with Clinton.

"We're not involved in sleaze. ... This is truth and fact," Brown insisted, promising to raise "other character issues" in the fall like whether Clinton tried to dodge the draft during the Vietnam War.

If his group can raise enough money, Kamber said he plans to counterattack with ads that estimate how much the business dealings of Bush relatives have

cost taxpayers, including son Neil Bush's role in a failed savings and loan.

He said he's also mulling a phone line similar to Brown's that will allow callers to listen to the "malapropisms of Bush and Quayle," such as the vice president's misspelling of "potato" while visiting an elementary school.

"I'm against negative campaigning like this but I'm just tired of Democrats being beaten up and losing," Kamber said.

The Bush campaign has gone out of its way to disavow Brown, even initiating legal action to block his latest endeavor. Both Clinton and Bush have expressed wishes to keep the fall campaign focused on non-personal issues.

But observers say that while the campaigns publicly disassociate themselves from such efforts, they sometimes benefit from the attacks while not having to bear any responsibility. "There always has to be deniability in things like this and although this was written into law in part because of First Amendment reasons it in fact serves an old political need," said Stephen Hess, of the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

Bush denies he'll dump Dan

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush, irked by reports that he might drop Vice President Dan Quayle from the ticket and bring Secretary of State James Baker to his re-election campaign, said today "there are a lot of crazy rumors floating around."

While flatly denying that Quayle would be replaced as his running mate, Bush again did not rule out the possibility that Baker might leave his Cabinet post and take charge of the campaign.

Bush called the reports "a feeding frenzy" and cautioned

reporters to "be sure to get good sources because I've read some (reports) that don't look pretty good."

Several major news organizations have published versions of a possible Baker move, while the Quayle situation has not progressed beyond the rumor stage.

Meanwhile, Bush's spokesman labeled Democratic vice presidential candidate Al Gore as "Mr. Sellout America" for "telling the world how crummy America is" at the environmental conference in Rio de Janeiro in June.

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\$38,000 yearly bill for American AIDS patients

By **DANIEL Q. HANEY**
AP Science Writer

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — The price of caring for one person with AIDS in the United States has soared to \$38,000 a year, while developing countries harder hit by the disease struggle to spend a few hundred dollars a patient.

The figures were disclosed in studies presented at the eighth International Conference on AIDS. While the week-long meeting has focused largely on the medical and personal tragedy of the disease, the latest research shows that AIDS is a financial disaster as well.

"Other types of costs can't be expressed in dollars — the cost of fear, the cost of grief, the cost in inequity and discrimination and the long-term cost of a pandemic that does not receive the attention it deserves," said Dr. Daniel Tarantola

of the Harvard School of Public Health.

His research showed the financial inequities in the pandemic — or worldwide epidemic — of AIDS between wealthy nations and poor ones.

He found that 94 percent of all money spent treating the disease is in the United States, Western Europe and other industrialized regions. About 80 percent of the new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome are in poor countries.

While one year of treatment for an AIDS patient in the United States costs \$38,000, only \$400 is spent a year for a patient in Africa.

In developed countries, people with AIDS are routinely treated with AZT, which costs about \$2,500 a year. This is five times more than the per capita gross national product in sub-Saharan Africa.

Tarantola estimates that AIDS spending worldwide this year will total \$3.5 billion for

treatment, \$1.4 billion for prevention and \$1.7 billion for research.

Fred Hellinger of the U.S. Agency for Health Policy and Research said the cost of treating an American AIDS patient between the time the disease is diagnosed and death has nearly doubled in four years.

The lifetime treatment of cost in 1989 was \$57,000. That rose to \$75,000 in 1990, \$85,000 last year and \$102,000 this year.

In comparison, Americans spend \$20,000 for treatment of lung cancer, \$52,000 for breast cancer and \$175,000 for kidney failure.

In the United States, caring for someone who is infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS but not yet sick costs \$6,000 annually, largely for medicines to ward off AIDS symptoms.

The rising U.S. costs also result from the increasing availability of drugs to treat the disease's symptoms. Some patients are on as

many as 10 different AIDS drugs.

"Drug costs account for 15 percent of the total cost and will get higher as time goes by," Hellinger said.

Among other reports at the meeting Wednesday:

—Researchers disclosed new evidence that the virus becomes more lethal over time as it evolves inside the body. Dr. Jay Levy of the University of California, San Francisco, said a slight genetic change is enough to alter the outer coat of the virus so it escapes destruction by the body's immune system.

—Dr. Deborah Holtzman and others from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said nationwide polls of high school students demonstrate a modest drop in sexual activity. They found that between 1989 and 1991, the proportion of students who admitted having sexual intercourse fell from 59 percent to 54 percent.

Murder charges dismissed against doctor, lawmakers urged to act on assisted suicide

By **STEVEN DRUMMOND**
Associated Press Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The second dismissal of murder charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian puts assisted suicide back in the Legislature's lap, with foes and backers of the practice urging quick action.

Oakland County Circuit Judge David Breck on Tuesday threw out charges against the suicide machine inventor because Michigan has no law against helping someone commit suicide. He also said prosecutors failed to show Kevorkian tripped the devices that two women used to die.

He suggested that Kevorkian stop counseling chronically ill patients for now. "To continue, I fear, hurts your cause, because you may force the Legislature to take hasty, and perhaps improvident, action," he wrote.

The retired Royal Oak pathologist said he has no plans to assist another suicide, but "I would if the case were extreme."

Gov. John Engler wants the Legislature to restrict assisted suicide "before Michigan gets known as the suicide state," spokesman John Truscott said Tuesday.

California voters will decide this fall whether the terminally ill should have the right to seek a doctor's help to die. Proposition 161 would let doctors help mentally competent adults in the final stages of a terminal disease kill themselves. Voters in Washington state rejected a similar measure last November.

In Michigan, lawmakers remain deadlocked. Polls suggest most residents believe they should have the right to commit suicide with a doctor's help.

"There's clearly a crisis now in Michigan," said Susan Wolf of the Hastings Center, a medical ethics research institute based in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

■ **Dr. Jack Kevorkian was present when 52-year old Susan Williams, suffering from multiple sclerosis, killed herself by inhaling carbon monoxide.**

■ **In 1990, 54-year-old Janet Adkins of Portland, Ore., suffering from Alzheimer's disease, died after Kevorkian hooked her to a machine that she used to inject herself with lethal drugs by pushing a button.**

The Hemlock Society, which advocates the right of terminally ill people to die, suggested that Kevorkian has gone too far. The two women in the latest case were not terminally ill.

"Once again, this points to the need for specific laws allowing physician aid-in-dying and providing adequate safeguards to both patients and physicians," said Cheryl K. Smith, a spokeswoman for the Eugene, Ore.-based group.

The state Senate has approved a bill that would make assisted suicide a felony. Its sponsor, Sen. Fred Dillingham, said he would ask the House to take up the bill today, but that was unlikely since it is the day before summer recess.

A House measure that would let doctors help the terminally ill die is stuck in a subcommittee.

"When all is said and done, we'll set parameters for (assisted suicide) and decide how and when it can be done, but we won't make it a crime," said Rep. David Hollister. "Dr. Kevorkian's methods are questionable. But the issues he raises are legitimate."

Kevorkian, 63, was charged with first-degree murder after the Oct. 23, 1991, deaths of Sherry Miller and Marjorie Wantz.

Miller, 43, of Roseville, had multiple sclerosis. She used a Kevorkian invention to inject a lethal dose of drugs. Wantz, 58, of Sodus, a victim of chronic pelvic pain, inhaled carbon monoxide.

"For those patients, whether terminal or not, who have unmanageable pain, physician-assisted suicide remains an alternative," the judge said in Tuesday's ruling.

Kevorkian also was present when Susan Williams, 52, who suffered from multiple sclerosis, killed herself May 15 by inhaling carbon monoxide. No charges have been filed, but a coroner ruled the death a homicide.

In 1990, Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Portland, Ore., woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease, died after Kevorkian hooked her up to a machine and she pressed a button that injected lethal drugs. A different judge dismissed a murder charge six months later.

Geographic learning program launched

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans must learn their place in a global environment and economy, and they must start by finding out just where the rest of the world is, Education Secretary Lamar Alexander said Wednesday.

"It's difficult to make sense of a rapidly changing world if you don't know where it is," Alexander said in announcing a \$350,000 grant to develop improved standards for teaching geography in American schools.

For the last 50 years, Americans have been a little spoiled by not having to care much about other countries, Alexander said. That is no longer the case due to intertwining environmental and economic concerns, he said.

The National Council on Geographic Education will use the money to operate a standards development program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Former 'father of the year' gets 500 hours

NEW YORK (AP) — A former "father of the year" arrested after a 14-year-old girl he adopted accused him of fondling her, was sentenced to 500 hours of community service for endangering the welfare of a child.

Kodzo Dobosu, 52, will work for the Minority Task Force on AIDS, said district attorney spokesman Wayne Brison.

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Church study says gene manipulation raises questions

NEW YORK (AP) — Genetic engineering has profound religious implications, touching on the "nature of life" itself, says a new study, the most extensive yet undertaken by a church body in conjunction with scientists and other experts.

"The food we eat, the health care we receive, our biological traits and the environment in which we live are all affected by research and developments in genetic science," according to the study.

The report was drawn up by a Genetic Science Task Force headed by the Rev. Kenneth L. Carder of Knoxville, Tenn., and approved for churchwide educational use by last May's governing conference of the United Methodist Church.

Some "very serious ethical and theological questions" are involved, Carder said in an interview. He said findings could even shake up the Judeo-Christian concept of human sin.

If it is found that "freedom of choice is affected and behavior labeled sin is genetically determined, we would have to rethink our understanding of sin," he said.

He noted indications that some failings, such as alcoholism, may have such origins, and there is similar, still inconclusive evidence about homosexuality.

"It may very well turn out to be from a genetic factor," he said.

Carder, 51, active in science-religion dialogue, said the church study was used last October in a national conference of scientists, theologians, ethicists and lawyers at the Oak Ridge Center for Scientific Research.

The study was drawn up in more than three years of work by scholars in religion, genetics, law, agriculture and economics, including hearings around the country and about 400 written suggestions.

"Genetic developments in medicine and agriculture promise to alter the very nature of society, the natural environment and even human nature," the report says.

It says the potential impact on human integrity and creation itself can either promote or thwart "aspects of the divine purpose."

Genes in cells now are being altered "in plants and animals, even humans, in order to correct disorders or to introduce more desirable characteristics," the report notes.

It says that in undertaking the Human Genome Project to map the estimated 100,000 human genes "genetic science crosses new frontiers as it explores the essence of life."

The implications "force us to examine, as never before, the meaning of life, our understanding of ourselves as humans,

and our proper role in God's creation."

The study insists on preserving genetic diversity, including the individually unique, often baffling mix of drawbacks and talents that make up persons in which difficulties may be the handmaiden of greatness.

"The complexity of human beings is more than their genetic makeup," Carder said.

"One thing we want to resist is reducing the human to a mechanistic view, a machine with interchangeable parts.

"We're very complex beings, social, spiritual and psychological, as well as genetic, all interrelated."

Also, he said, "we oppose any kind of engineering to build a superhuman.

Who is to decide what's a whole, complete human being? Who decides what characteristics are to be eliminated or enhanced?"

New compound kills HIV mutants

DETROIT (AP) — Upjohn Co. said today that its scientists have synthesized a compound that kills mutant strains of HIV.

Scientists say the compound is more effective than current drugs in blocking growth of the AIDS-causing virus.

In-vitro testing of the compound was done on human cells, and clinical tests on healthy humans will begin in September.

Tests on HIV-positive patients would follow in conjunction with an accelerated review by the U.S.

Food and Drug Administration, Upjohn spokeswoman Nancy Lassen said.

Neither Lassen nor FDA spokeswoman Faye Peterson could say how long it would take for the compound to reach AIDS patients in general.

Under the speeded-up review process, the FDA cleared the drug ddi in six months instead of the usual two to three years, Peterson said.

Upjohn's compound, called BHAP-E, was studied in collaboration with researchers at the UCLA Medical School and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

■ The BHAP-E compound is of the same family as another AIDS-treating compound that Upjohn is testing on AIDS sufferers.

Studies showed it was more effective than other compounds on the market or in trials in combating a viral enzyme known as a reverse transcriptase, said Jerry R. Mitchell, president of Upjohn Laboratories.

"Drug resistance has been a major problem with the reverse transcriptase inhibitors that are currently available," he said. "These laboratory studies on BHAP-E are important in that they show a potential use against drug-resistant strains of HIV."

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Upjohn's stock was trading at \$33.50 a share, up \$1.12 1/2, at noon on the New York Stock Exchange.

GE pleads guilty to fraud charges

CINCINNATI (AP) — General Electric Co. today pleaded guilty to criminal charges of defrauding the Pentagon and the Israeli Defense Ministry, and agreed to pay \$69 million in a settlement.

The company was accused of filing false claims totaling more than \$40 million. It pleaded guilty to defrauding \$26.5 million.

Prosecutors also alleged that GE gave Israeli Air Force General Rami Dotan \$7.9 million to influence decisions on jet fighter engine contracts.

The company was charged with one count each of conspiracy, submitting false claims, money laundering and failure to keep accurate accounting records.

As part of a plea agreement, GE will

pay most of the money to settle a U.S. Justice Department suit against the company. U.S. District Judge Carl Rubin also fined the company.

Roger Witten, a lawyer for General Electric, said the company cooperated fully with the government since the charges were filed in December 1990. "GE ... has done its utmost to do the right thing," Witten told the judge.

In June, the Pentagon briefly suspended GE's aircraft division in suburban Evendale from competing for contracts because of the fraud involving Dotan and former GE marketing employee Herbert Steindler.

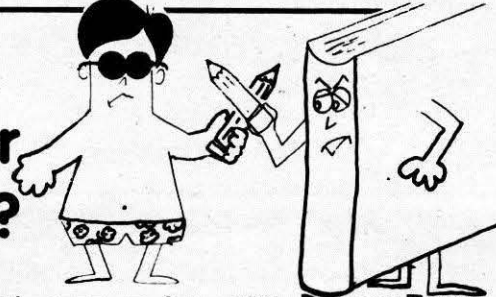
GE fired Steindler in 1991. Dotan is serving a 13-year prison term in Israel for allegedly skimming millions of dollars in U.S. military aid that financed Air Force projects.

House approves 17 minor changes in tax code

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has approved 17 minor changes in the tax code for particular investors or businesses, including a break for tuxedo renters.

The bill sent to the Senate on a voice vote Tuesday would dispense \$364 million in tax breaks over the next five years while raising \$379 million in new levies.

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Teen-age dramas push Fox to top

Young network beats out Big Three

By Deborah Hastings
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fox Broadcasting Co., boosted by its teen-age dramas "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Melrose Place," beat a Big Three network in the weekly Niensens race for the first time.

The 6-year-old network finished third with a 7.3 average last week, ahead of NBC's 7. CBS was first at 8.5 and ABC was second at 7.7, according to figures released Tuesday.

Each A.C. Nielsen Co. ratings point represents 921,000 homes.

The Big Three had dismal ratings for their coverage of the Democratic National Convention, even though that coverage was scaled back from previous years, mainly to prime-time specials.

ABC's coverage of closing-night speeches by presidential nominee Bill Clinton and his vice presidential running mate, Al Gore, was the most-watched convention program, tying for 49th place.

Fox won Wednesday and Thursday nights with "Melrose Place" and a repeat of "Beverly

Hills, 90210," respectively.

The victories marked the first time Fox had beaten the competition for an entire night's programming.

"Melrose Place" ranked ninth overall and "Beverly Hills, 90210" tied for 11th.

ABC's "Roseanne" was the No. 1 show last week.

Major League Baseball's All-Star Game, on CBS, and ABC's "Home Improvement" tied for second.

ABC won the network news battle with an 8.7 average, followed by CBS with 7.6 and NBC with 7.4.

TV TOP 10

1. "Roseanne," ABC
2. "Home Improvement," ABC
3. "All Star Game," CBS
4. "60 Minutes," CBS
5. "Full House," ABC
6. "Coach," ABC
7. "20-20," ABC
8. "Cheers," NBC
9. "Melrose Place," Fox
10. "Murder, She Wrote," CBS



The Jesus Lizard and Tar will perform at Gumby's on Aug. 7 as part of their 29-city summer tour. Hailing from Chicago, The Jesus Lizard will release its new album, "Liar," on Oct. 13. The band also is shooting a video for its single, "Puss," which will be included on a split single with Nirvana later this fall.

Tar, also from the Chicago area, will release its new single, "Teetering/The In Crowd," on Sept. 1. In 1991, Tar toured Europe as part of Ugly American Overkill which included Helmet, Surgery, God Bullies and Halo of Flies.



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Feud with Leno personal, not business, Hall claims

NEW YORK (AP) — Arsenio Hall says his feud with Jay Leno is personal, not business.

Before Leno succeeded Johnny Carson on NBC's "The Tonight Show" in May, Hall, host of a syndicated talk show, proclaimed, "I'm gonna kick Leno's ass."

"I have no problems with Jay as a host or as a competitor in the late-night arena," Hall said in an interview Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"The problem I have with Jay is personal, and that's why I haven't gone into detail in the press. Man to man, one day we'll discuss it."

He would not elaborate on the falling out. Leno could not be reached for comment.

AIDS activist to marry

CICERO, Ind. (AP) — Phil Donahue and wife Marlo Thomas are on the guest list for next week's wedding of Jeanne White, mother of teen-age AIDS crusader Ryan White.

The AIDS activist and her neighbor, Roy Ginder, will marry in a private ceremony Aug. 1. The public is invited to a reception afterward.

With tickets selling for \$65, the party will be a fund-raiser for the Ryan White Foundation, which helps people with AIDS and their families.

White, 44, met her fiance through her son, who died in 1990 at age 18 after a five-year battle with AIDS.

Ryan used to talk classic cars with Ginder, 37, a former mechanic. And when Michael Jackson gave Ryan a red Mustang, Ginder helped him customize it.

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