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February 11, 1993

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY



THURSDAY
Cloudy, chance
of rain; high near 50

PHONE REGISTRATION

Trustees give OK for funds

The University of West Virginia System Board of Trustees last week gave Marshall \$100,000 to implement telephone registration.

President J. Wade Gilley said pilot projects will be conducted in the fall to see how the system will work. A computer-based interactive voice response system is expected to be operational for fall 1994 registration.

Students will use touch-tone telephones to operate the system.

The system eventually will be extended to include records, admissions and financial aid, according to a proposal request from the Office of Purchasing and Materials Management.

For some students, telephone registration couldn't come soon enough.

"I went to register at 7 a.m., and I ended up missing my 9:30 a.m. class," said Heather Childers, Richmond, Va., freshman. "After I waited all that time, the classes I got were all in one day, so I had to go back later to change my schedule."

John Richards, Pomeroy, Ohio, sophomore, said he also had problems registering this semester.

"I had to wait in line forever, it seemed like. It was ridiculous."

Registrar Robert Eddins said the new system will solve many of those problems.

"Telephone registration is done on many campuses and would be a real asset at Marshall, but we are still negotiating."

The state of the state

Highlights of Caperton's speech:

\$2,000 pay raise for faculty and \$1,500 for classified staff

loan program for high school students with at least a B average

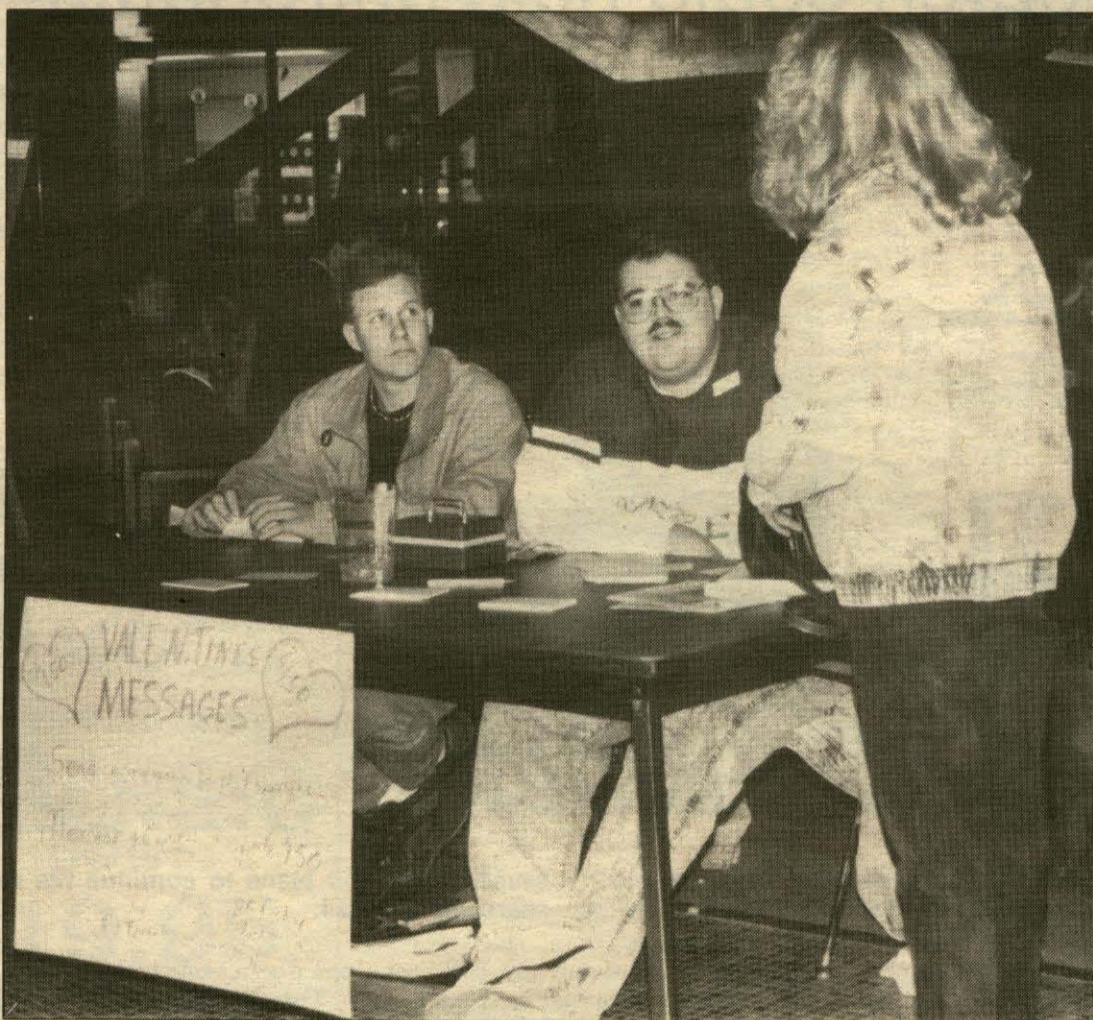
full implementation of HEAT proposal

five cents per gallon gasoline tax increase

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Can buy me love



By Melissa K. Ford

Jeff Carico (left) and Josh Stevenson of the Latter-Day Saints Student Association sell Valentines in the Memorial Student Center

lobby. The group will deliver a card and carnation anywhere on campus for \$1.50. Sales continue through today.

RECLASSIFICATION

System to begin in July

By Steve Gady
Reporter

Reclassification of staff throughout the state will begin July 1, a move Marshall's director of human resources says will help ensure pay equity.

"I feel good about this project," said Queen E. Foreman, also a member of the Mercer Project. "There has been a lot of controversy surrounding this project. We have created a methodology that allows us to evaluate positions more objectively. We can remove the subjectivity. This will help us maintain equity."



FOREMAN

The Mercer Project, initiated in 1991 by the University of West Virginia System Board of Trustees, is used to evaluate classified staff position and create pay and job classification equity in the higher education system.

To satisfy the requirement of Senate Bill 420, the 1988 legislation that mandates equity in pay among classified staff, a contract was awarded to the Kentucky-based William M. Mercer, Inc.

The company recommended a uniform and equitable system for classified staff employees.

"Mercer brought to us the expertise and experience we needed," Foreman said. "They were selected because of their experience with higher education."

Foreman said classified staff will get better, fairer treatment.

Marshall's Staff Council member Karen Smith said she reclassification system will change the existing system.

"We still have a lot of unanswered questions about how this will affect the classified employees," said Sherri L. Noble, Staff Council president. "I'm not sure who does have all the answers."

NASA RESEARCH

Program studies effects of weightlessness

By Jim McDermott
Reporter

Many wouldn't expect to find some of the most advanced scientific equipment on Earth in the basement of Gullickson Hall.

Yet, down there researchers from Marshall and NASA are working to find out the effects of weightlessness on muscles.

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Because astronauts now spend more time in space and embark on longer missions, the project is one that could have an enormous impact on how we live in space as well as on Earth.

The program is expected to

"It's a coup for Marshall. I feel confident in saying that the program is the best in the East. There's been no other research in this area, so it's very exciting."

Dr. W. Donald Williams,
vice president for research and economic development

cost \$190,000 the first year and \$660,000 during the next three years.

Congress recently allocated \$600,000 to extend the project to the end of the decade.

"It's a coup for Marshall," said Dr. W. Donald Williams, vice president for research and economic development. "I feel confident in saying that the program is the best in the East."

There's been no other research in this area, so it's very exciting.

Williams said he attributes the university's fortune in getting the program to Dr. Gary A. Dudley, a graduate who led muscle physiology studies at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Dudley will direct the new Research and Training Center

in Integrated Physiology at Marshall.

"Dr. Dudley is a leading authority on the effects of exercise, the compatibility of resistance and endurance training, strength training in pre-adolescents and other areas dealing with athletic potential," Williams said.

When NASA was deciding to close its life sciences program at Kennedy Space Center, another location was needed to carry on different projects.

Williams said Dudley mentioned the muscle project to him and the need for its relocation.

Marshall bid for the program, and won the project because of the university's sports medicine and science programs.

Gov. offers \$126 million tax hike

By A.V. Gallagher
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON — Gov. Gaston Caperton proposed \$126.8 million in tax increases in his State of the State speech Wednesday night, including a nickel-a-gallon increase in the gasoline tax.

He also said he would seek a 1 percent increase in taxes on people making more than \$100,000 and would close various business-tax loopholes.

Caperton told a joint assembly on the opening day of the Legislature that he proposes to eliminate 3,000 state jobs over the next three years.

He proposed annual pay raises of \$1,008 for state employees and \$2,000 for higher education faculty.

He included \$13.4 million in his budget for \$2,000 pay raises

"We will work as a team, improve the grievance process, recognize quality performance and take the politics out of the system."

Governor Gaston Caperton

for faculty and \$1,500 for non-faculty staff.

But he expects the higher education system to reduce administrative costs by 10 percent.

The governor said his tax increases would be used with expanded borrowing authority of \$235 million to establish 5,000 jobs to build roads, prisons and schools.

The budget also includes \$1.5 million for equipment and cars for troopers.

Caperton's speech shied

away from initiatives in health care and methods of bailing out the financially ailing Workers Compensation Fund.

Neither did the governor mention the touchy issue of collective bargaining rights for state workers, which was studied by a task force appointed by Caperton last year.

"We will work as a team, improve the grievance process, recognize quality performance, and take politics out of the system," the governor said.

Caperton asked the Legisla-

ture to increase the current 17.5 cent-a-gallon tax on gasoline by another 5 cents, which would raise \$50 million for additional highway construction.

Officials say they will use the money to receive \$200 million in federal matching funds.

He asked lawmakers to increase from 6.5 percent to 7.5 percent the tax on income over \$100,000, which will affect 9,000 people and raise \$10 million.

The remaining tax money would be raised by closing a series of business-tax loopholes, including an increase from 50 cents to \$1.25-a-ton on the severance tax on coal.

"We believe this limited revenue package is fair and essential to move West Virginia forward," Caperton said.

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Campus research could help astronauts

By Jim McDermott
Reporter

When the space shuttle lands at Edwards Air Force Base, the astronauts usually have to wait 30 minutes to two hours before opening the hatch and stepping outside.

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The force of gravity has reasserted itself upon their muscles, and the astronauts must take time to readjust before they even stand up.

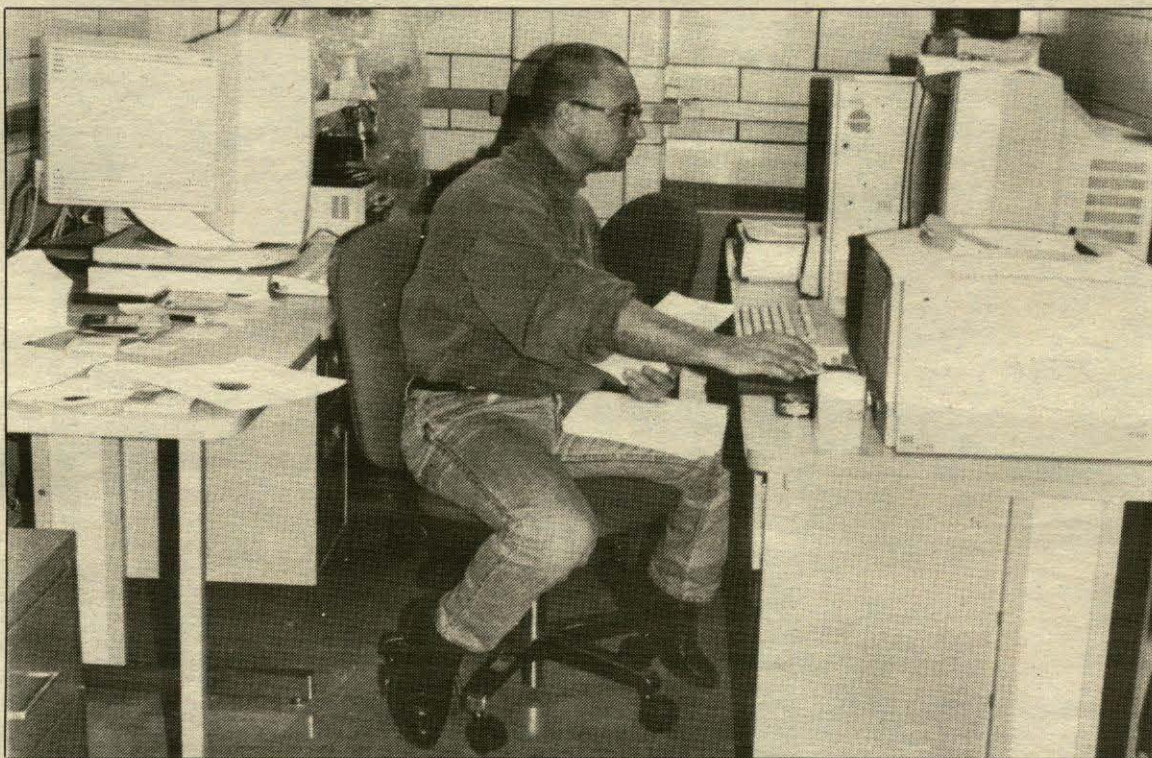
"In the neck you have what's called Barroreceptors, which sense changes in blood pressure," said Dr. Rob Harris, a post-doctoral research associate.

"They get screwed up in space because there's nothing for them to do; there's no gravity to pull the blood to the feet. So, when they return to a 1-G environment [Earth's regular gravity], they are sort of desensitized.

"When that happens, you don't get as much blood flow to the brain as you should."

Harris is working with Dr. Gary Dudley on the Marshall-NASA project to study the effects of weightlessness on muscles.

The project will look at the effect of disuse on two key func-



By Melissa K. Ford

Dr. Per Tesch from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden has worked with Dr. Gary Dudley for seven years, and plans to continue his research at Marshall.

tions: the brain's control of the voluntary muscles, and the ability of blood vessels to maintain an adequate blood supply.

Another problem astronauts encounter, Harris says, is "orthostatic intolerance." This means astronauts are subject to dizzy spells and fainting.

The project will study differ-

ent muscles and how different types of exercise in space can prevent some of the after effects of lengthy space missions.

While weightlessness cannot be simulated in the basement of Gullickson Hall, those who participate in the project wear a shoe with a four-inch sole on their "active" foot so the other

one doesn't touch the ground.

This disuse, Dudley says, "causes muscle changes similar to those found in weightlessness ... and the body tends to compensate in other ways. As a result, we can see why neuromuscular changes occur and develop potential countermeasures."

FYI

- Anthropology/Archaeology Club will meet today at 2 p.m. today in SH 530.
- MU Upsilon will meet at noon today on the third floor of Harris Hall. For more information, call 736-1540.
- Phi Beta Kappa honorary will meet at 2:30 p.m. today in CC 135.
- Marshall Lambda Society meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday in MSC2W37.
- Campus Light sponsors a Bible study at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Campus Christian Center. For more information, call 696-3057.
- Lambda Alpha Epsilon criminal justice honorary will meet at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in HH 137.
- Women's Soccer Club has practices at 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays at the Intramural Field.

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Trumka to brief AFL-CIO

Congressman calls for Peabody talks to continue

By The Associated Press

United Mine Workers President Richard Trumka will meet with the nation's top labor leaders next week to discuss the union's selective strike at Peabody Holding Co. Inc., the union said Wednesday.

Trumka will meet with union officials during the annual Executive Council meeting of the AFL-CIO in Bal Harbour, Fla.

"Our experience is that union solidarity is a powerful tool for winning strikes," Trumka said. "When the strength of the entire U.S. labor movement is mobilized, striking workers can project power far beyond their own picket lines."

About 7,500 mine workers are on strike at Peabody mines in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and West Virginia.

Trumka said he will brief AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and other union leaders about the strike, including prospects of expanding the strike to other members of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

The association represents Peabody and 11 other producers, but the UMW called the strike Feb. 1 against Peabody, the nation's No. 1 producer.

The UMW is considering a 60-day contract extension offered by the coal associa-

tion.

UMW spokesman Jim Grossfeld in Washington said Trumka tentatively is scheduled to attend the meeting beginning Monday.

Meanwhile, an Illinois congressman has called on Peabody and the UMW to resume negotiations on a contract with the coal operators' association.

Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., wrote Tuesday to Irl Engelhardt, Peabody Holding's chief executive officer. The letter warned Engelhardt of the dangers of a prolonged strike during a recession.

"Despite some positive economic signals, our national unemployment rate is far too high and extremely high in southern Illinois," Costello said. "To combat tough economic times, management and labor must work together to remain competitive."

Costello's district in southern Illinois includes several economically depressed areas.

A UMW international strike representative in Indiana said Tuesday arrangements have been made to expand the strike to Old Ben Coal Co. mines in that state if necessary.

"We signed up Old Ben employees for a selective strike" at a Sunday afternoon meeting, Russell Stilwell said.

UMW official to plead guilty to dues theft

By Bob Lewis

Associated Press Writer

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A former United Mine Workers bookkeeper in Indiana plans to plead guilty to charges she and three other union officials stole \$720,000 in union dues, her lawyer said.

Carol Sue Stoner was to appear before U.S. Magistrate William Hussman Wednesday. Her lawyer, Stephen Sherman, has said she plans to testify against two former Indiana UMW district presidents and a former treasurer.

Former district presidents Larry E. Reynolds and Mark A. Arnold and Donald Hughes, the former district treasurer, pleaded innocent Tuesday. Hussmann released them on personal signature bonds.

Sherman said last month Mrs. Stoner was prepared to testify that she and her former bosses spent UMW International dues on themselves. She alone took more than \$300,000, he said.

BRIEFS

from wire reports

Cabinet member violates tax law

DENVER (AP) — U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena says he, too, failed to pay Social Security taxes for a household employee.

The former Denver mayor said Tuesday he will pay more than \$100 in taxes owed on wages paid to a baby sitter hired to care for his two children while the family's regular baby sitter was on a three-week vacation in 1991.

Monitors in Haiti rejected by leader

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A prominent supporter of ousted leftist President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and a leading far-right politician attacked an agreement Wednesday that allows human rights monitors into Haiti. Both sides scoffed at the portrayal of the pact as a plan to restore democracy.




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our view

Program's rehab is up to Gilley

▼ The issue: President J. Wade Gilley is doing nothing to prevent the counseling and rehabilitation graduate program from losing accreditation it has had since 1986.

The world of Wade Gilley is difficult to understand. He has always had priorities, such as the engineering program, making Marshall an "interactive university" and creating several "centers of excellence."

But this week we learned that a program with 200 students just isn't important enough to make Gilley's list. After all, three of his degrees are in engineering — not counseling and rehabilitation.

There's no doubt Marshall needs to expand engineering, but other programs shouldn't die because they fail to interest Gilley.

And that's exactly what will happen to the graduate program in the Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation, as it will lose accreditation June 30, 1994, if improvements are not made.

The new standards for accreditation require at least one more professor and 49 additional semester hours.

Unfortunately, Gilley says it's not his problem.

"If that's the top priority in the College of Education, then they can do it within their resources," he said.

Yet, the possibility of having an accredited engineering program is a different matter.

Just two weeks ago Gilley said, "... we would only have to add one more course. We would only have to hire two, three or four teachers."

Four teachers?

Gilley needs to answer why counseling and rehabilitation does not receive the same consideration. Two-hundred graduate students should not be ignored.

Dr. John E. Smith, director of counseling and rehabilitation, says it was better for the program not to apply for reaccreditation than to face the likelihood of rejection.

Meanwhile, counseling and rehabilitation graduate students have been robbed. They enrolled at Marshall thinking their program had the university's support, but Gilley has proven them wrong.

But to make matters worse, Gilley is pretending nothing is wrong.

"The College of Education is already accredited. It is fully accredited and has the highest level of accreditation," he said.

You're right, Wade. But you won't be able to make that statement next year.

However, counseling and rehabilitation graduate students will be taken care of if they study engineering.

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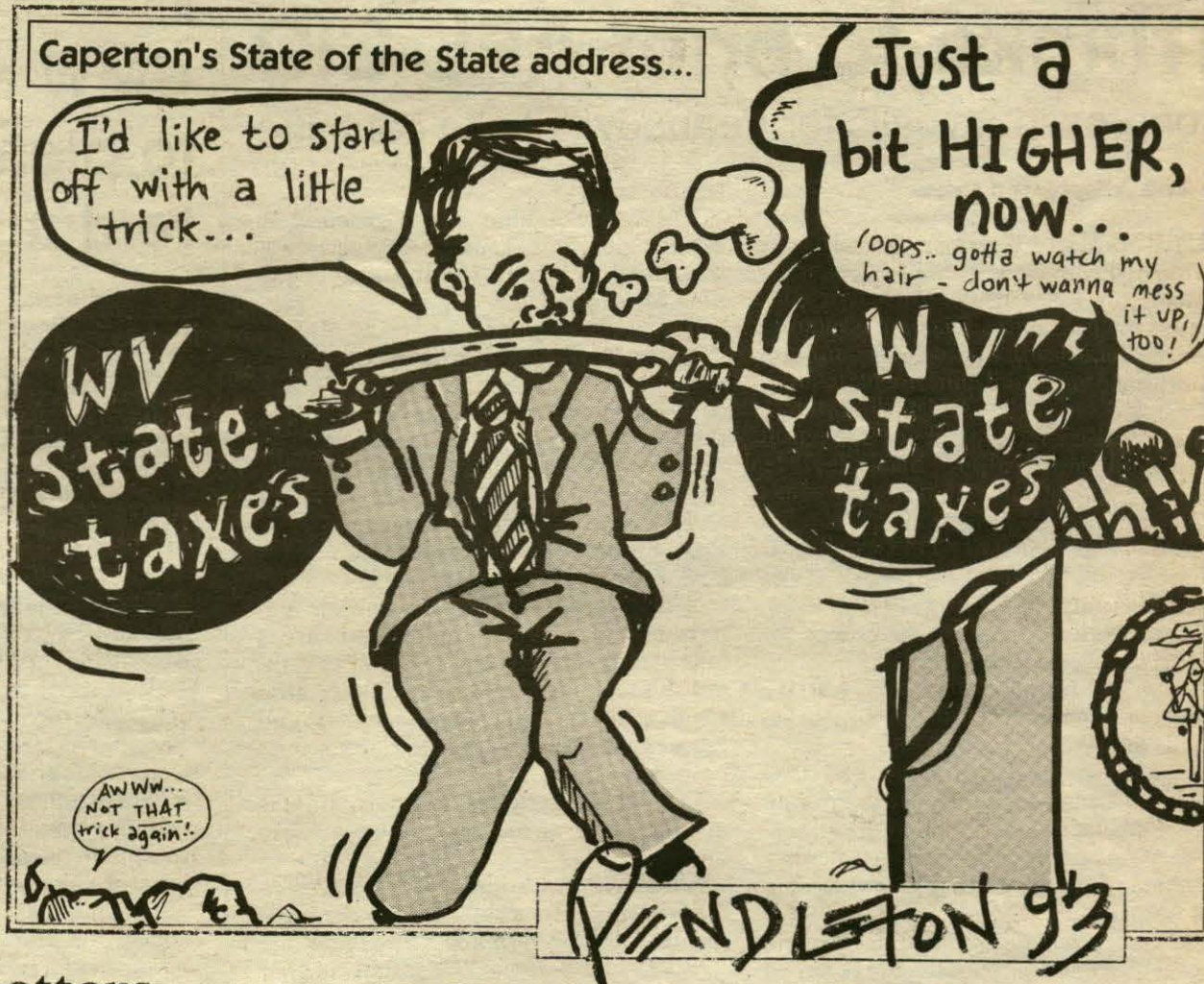
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COLUMNS

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The Parthenon welcomes guest columns on topics of interest to the Marshall community. Submissions should be no longer than 800 words.

The editor reserves the right to edit for space and potential libel, but will consult the writer before making



letters

Reader offers 'top 10' list

To the Editor:

Thankfully, a temporary amnistice exists in The Parthenon's "Name That Rape Victim" policy. Although settled for the current semester, the community fears problems could flare again.

"A women's right to change her mind" constitutional amendment and formation of support groups for victims of Oprah/Sally self-help overdose would make lively gender warfare forums, but many serious issues were fogged during the name controversy.

My own viewpoint is that the name policy should have been flexible and considered on a case-by-case basis. And, input should have been taken prior to implementation. The chosen case turned out to be a poor one for testing validity of the woman's claim. First amendment concerns became equally important, too! Now, here is my "top ten" list of topics. Examination of these and other relationship issues will hopefully contribute to increased dialogue.

1. What roles do alcohol and substance abuse have in rape/sexual assault cases?
2. Why do male and female perceptions of "rape" and "sexual assault" differ? What can be done to change them?
3. How often does a woman file a false sexual assault report?
4. Should the accused name be withheld from publication until completion of a police and prosecutorial investigation? Or withheld until grand jury indictment?
5. What should men dating "survivors" of assault be told and how could they be counseled to understand the lady's previous trauma?
6. Do dysfunctional family survivors experience a higher percent-

▼ Letters

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Bias exists toward Greeks

To the editor:

As members of the Panhellenic Council of Marshall University, we would like to point out both the errors and bias presented in "Greeks: High GPA Credited to System," an article which appeared in the Feb. 2, 1993 issue of The Parthenon.

Nearly half of the article was devoted to commending Alpha Xi Delta Sorority for having the highest grade point average among the sororities on Marshall's campus. Unfortunately, the article did not allow equal coverage for Alpha Chi Omega which also shares the highest cumulative GPA of 2.88.

The article also failed to point out that Greek academic performance is most often based on semester GPA. Presented in this manner, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority earned the highest GPA for the fall 1992 semester with a 2.90. Of the Panhellenic-member sororities, Alpha Chi Omega obtained the highest semester GPA with 2.81, while Alpha Xi Delta earned a 2.79.

We would like to commend The Parthenon for featuring an article about the high academic standards of Marshall's Greek system. However, since so much bias exists against the Greek system, it is a Panhellenic goal to eliminate bias within the Greek system. We would hope that, in the future, The Parthenon would make every effort to present the Greek system in a positive light, and give credit where credit is due.

Valicia Hill
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Low membership could hamper top business chapter

By Merri Dotson
Reporter

Marshall's chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi is enjoying its reign for the second straight year as the best business fraternity chapter in the nation.

The chapter was awarded this title during the Regional Leadership Conference Nov. 12-14 in Erie, Pa.

Lisa Metheney, alumna member and chapter historian, said the award was based on finances, general administration, professional activity (number of speakers and services the chapter offers), scholarship and membership.

Chapter President John

Burns said the award was big considering there are approximately 265 chapters in the nation. He said membership might stand in the way of the chapter winning this year.

Conference workshops focused on stress relief, professional dressing and efficient management, Metheney said.

Excluding the host chapter, she said Marshall had the most members at the conference with 11.

Metheney said the chapter is focused on increasing membership and raising funds for the 1993 Regional Leadership Conference Aug. 15-21 in Nashville, Tenn.

New medical equipment charges up technicians

By Mervin Brokke
Reporter

For \$11,500 and eight weeks of training, the Marshall University Emergency Medical Service will leap into the future with a "state-the-art" defibrillator-monitor.

The Marquette Responder 1500 will become part of the EMS' inventory later this month. The only other emergency medical unit in the area to have equipment like it is the Kenova Volunteer Fire Department, said Jim Donathan, coordinator of Marshall's EMS.

A big advantage was the Responder's Emergency Medical Technician Defibrillator program, which comes in one component, Donathan said.

The program allows EMTs to defibrillate a patient without a paramedic on site.

The sooner EMTs and paramedics can defibrillate a victim, the better the chances are for survival, Donathan said.

The EMTD program monitors a patient's heart beat and when it identifies one of two types of abnormal rhythms, the machine alerts the EMTs. After verifying the rhythms, EMTs then can defibrillate, Donathan said.

The machine is pre-set, to allow the EMTs to

EMS coordinator Jim Donathan said the only other emergency medical unit in the area to have similar equipment is the Kenova Volunteer Fire Department.

defibrillate a patient up to three times. After defibrillating, the EMTs can continue CPR or any other necessary treatment, Donathan said.

The new defibrillator-monitor weighs approximately 20 pounds, has a modem that links it to local hospitals and a large viewing screen. It allows supervisors to record, review and verify techniques used by EMS personnel.

New equipment training will begin March 4 and will run for eight weeks.

The West Virginia Emergency Medical Service will begin testing and certifying the newly trained EMTs in mid-May. However, the EMTs will be able to use the monitor portion of the Responder 1500 after several introductory classes, Donathan said.

The new machine, because it can be upgraded with computer chips and attachments, will be functioning well into the future, Donathan said.

Students volunteer to watch campus for peers

By Julie Hanlon
Reporter

If you're on campus at night, someone probably is watching.

"Campus Watch is essentially a neighborhood watch

program for Marshall. The volunteers are extra eyes and ears for the campus that help keep things safe," adviser Jim Damron said.

Campus Watch provides an escort for anyone walking alone

on campus to a destination within one block of the university. Hours are 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sundays.

"A lot of people just don't

know about Campus Watch," Damon said. "Some people don't have access to a phone or they don't want to pay a quarter to use the phone. All they have to do is dial HELP (4357) from the emergency phone and

tell them you need an escort."

"The interesting thing about the program is it is students watching out for students," Damon said. "The volunteers give up three hours a week to make the campus safer."

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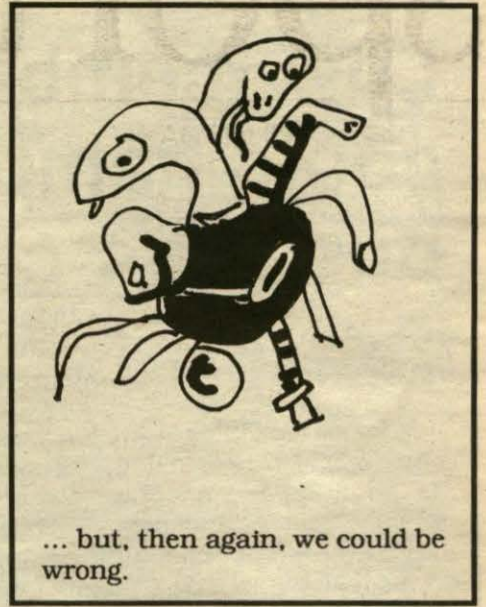
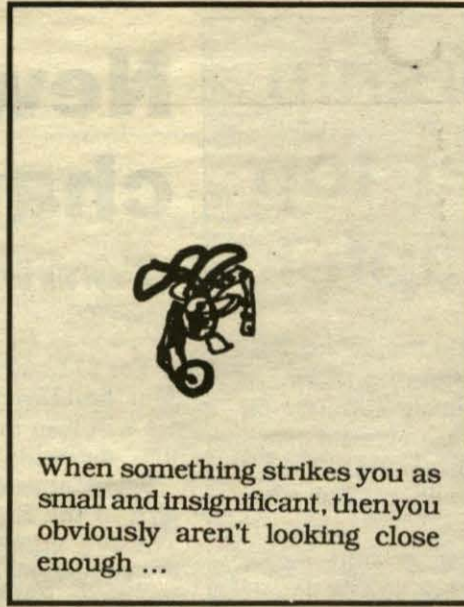
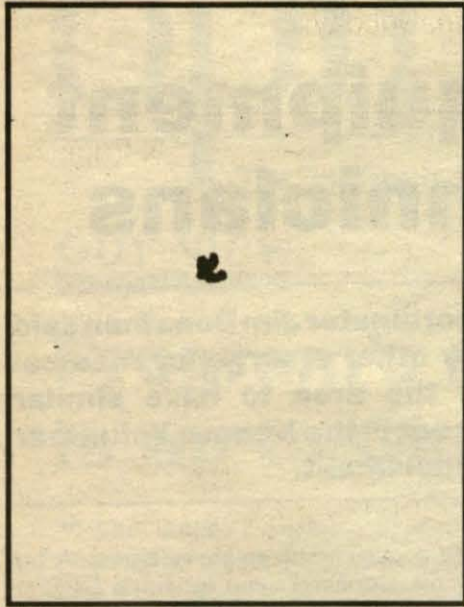


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Hobnob Inn



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Tickets still available for rivalry matchup

More than 10,000 tickets have been sold for Wednesday's basketball game between Marshall and West Virginia University at the Charleston Civic Center, officials said.

Last year, WVU's Mountaineers won the annual rivalry 90-76 in front of a sell out crowd at the Civic Center. The 12,226 seats included only about 3,000 fans who bought tickets from Marshall.

However, last year the Herd went into the game with a 7-22 record.

This year, Marshall's 14-5 record and has helped the Herd sell more than 5,000 tickets, said Tom Freidel, Marshall

ticket manager.

"The team's winning. That's the big difference."

The Mountaineers, with a record of 10-8, sold fewer than 5,000 tickets and had returned 1,000 tickets to the Civic Center Tuesday, according to Debby Travinski, WVU ticket manager.

Tickets for the game are \$12 to \$15 for the public and \$4 for Marshall and WVU students.

Only upper balcony seats are left for the public, but floor-level seats are still available for students, Freidel said.

Tickets will be sold at the ticket office in the Henderson Center until 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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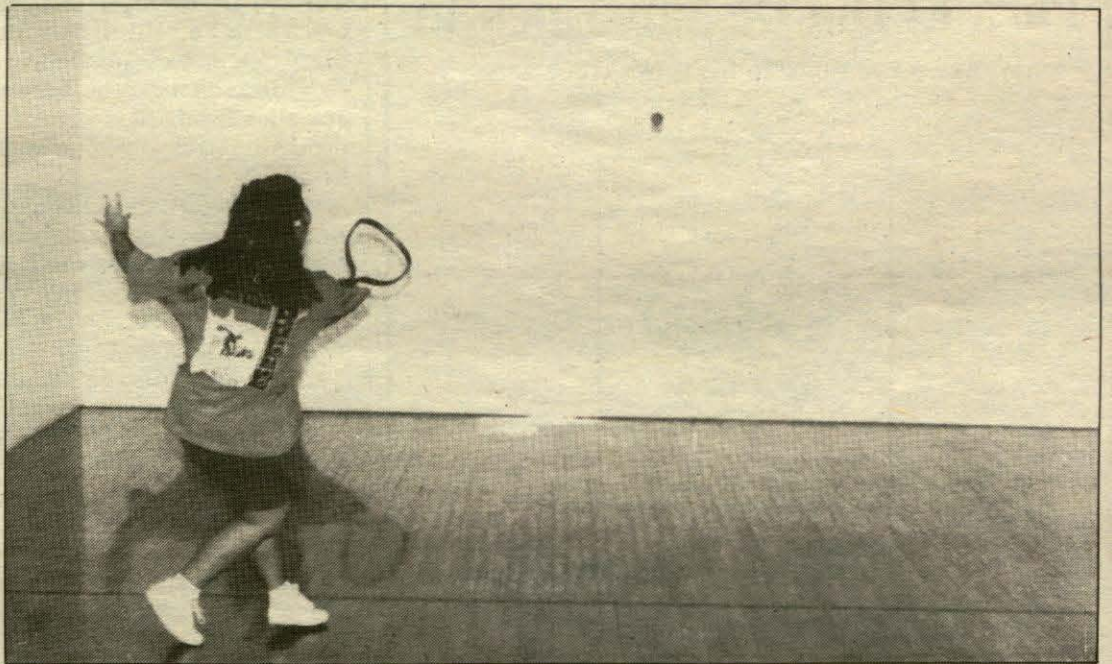


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Ericka Blankenship, Pineville freshman, takes a break to play racquetball at the Henderson Center. The courts are available

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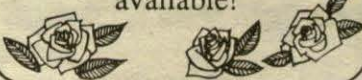
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Administration announces plan to end Bosnia fighting

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher outlined today a six-step plan for ending ethnic warfare in Bosnia-Herzegovina which he said the United States "cannot afford to ignore." "This conflict may be far from our shores but it is certainly not distant from our concerns," he said.

Christopher named Reginald Bartholomew, a career foreign service officer who is the U.S. ambassador to NATO, as special envoy to deal with the crisis.

Christopher also raised the specter of American troops becoming involved in the crisis.

He said the administration would be "prepared to do its share to help implement and enforce" a cease-fire agreement "including possible U.S. military action."

The secretary of state said

the president was seeking creation of a war crimes tribunal to punish those responsible for atrocities.

President Clinton said he believed the American public will support his plan.

"I think they want us to do more, but they want us to do it in a prudent way," he said.

The plan also tightens economic sanctions against Serbia, calls on all parties to stop the violence, seeks tighter enforcement of the United Nations no-fly zone, and insists that the only solution is in negotiations among Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia.

Christopher said lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia was considered but rejected.

"On balance we thought it was a step that would be unwise to take," he said.

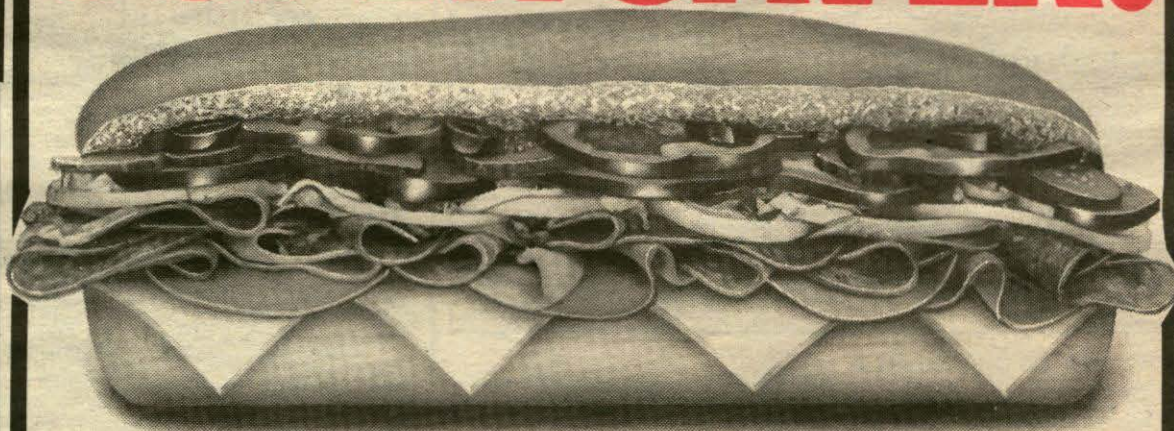
He said use of American air power against Serbian positions also was rejected.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said the United States is prepared to do its share to enforce a cease-fire agreement, including possible military action.

In initial reaction from Capitol Hill, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee, embraced the administration's plan as "a very constructive move" and said it had a chance of succeeding.

"This is really the first large-scale study and breakthrough in thinking by the new administration, and they're to be congratulated for the effort," Lugar said in a telephone interview from Indianapolis.

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