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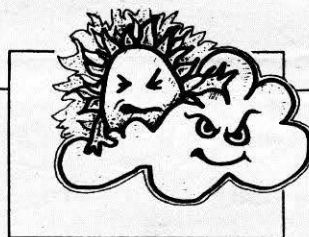
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# The Parthenon

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February 19, 1993



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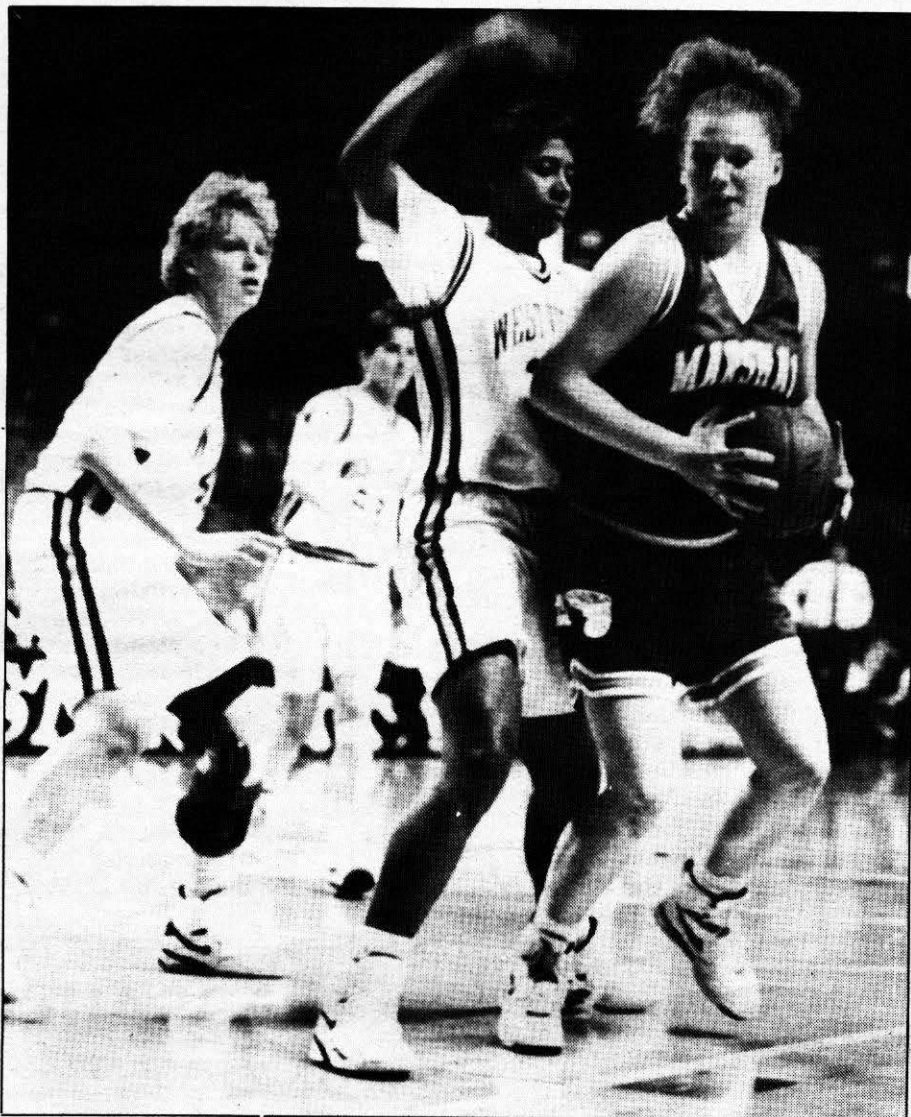


Photo by Brett Hall

Sophomore center Jodi Baker averts her opponents in Wednesday night's game against West Virginia

University at the Charleston Civic Center. The Lady Herd beat the Lady Mountaineers 92-81.

## Staff to learn title, pay changes today

By Steve Gady  
Reporter

Classified Staff will learn today if their titles and pay grades will change because of result of a reclassification study, the director of human resources said.

The study, also known as the Mercer Project, was developed to ensure the legislative requirement of pay equity among classified staff in higher education, said Queen E. Foreman, member of the Mercer Project.

"Notices were sent to the vice presidents today," Foreman said. "The notices will be distributed to all of the classified staff today. Supervisors will pass out the notices for those who work the evening or midnight shift."

By clarifying job duties and descrip-

tions, the notification is an opportunity to fine tune the process, Foreman told Staff Council on Thursday. The pay grades and position titles were derived from information received when staff members filled out Position Information Questionnaires (PIQ) she said.

"This is only a preliminary slotting," Foreman said. "There is still an opportunity to change. Any issue that can't be agreed upon will go to the job evaluation committee for adjudication."

The letters provide basic information.

"Look at your letter closely," said Avalon Ledong, assistant director of Human Resources. "Don't be alarmed if you see a discrepancy. We are far

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## Three charged with assault of Marshall football player

By Maureen Johnson  
Staff Writer

Two adults and one juvenile were arrested Thursday and charged with felonious assault of a Marshall offensive lineman, a city policeman said.

Ricky S. Baker, 18, of 136 12th St. was arraigned Thursday for the charge of felonious assault of Benton C. (Chris) Deaton, 22, of 906 Ninth Ave., Lt. Larry A. McClanahan said. Baker is in Cabell

County Jail on \$10,000 bond.

Larry A. Bias, 18, of 820 25th St. was arraigned and charged with aiding and abetting an assault and is being held on \$5,000 bond, McClanahan said.

The third man, an unidentified 17-year-old, was charged with felonious assault.

McClanahan said police have six more suspects who also are juveniles. They

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## 'Grand Hotel' offers solace to tormented

By Merritt Henderson  
Reporter

The year was 1928, and the winds of change were blowing across two continents.

In Europe, the tragedy of Hitler's horrors had not become a reality and the United States was enjoying the decadence of the "Roaring '20s."

It was the time before the stock market crashed and the Great Depression ravaged the spirit of the world. It was a time when people thought only of the present, and the future was just a haunting prelude of what was to come.

The history and the spectacle of the period comes to the Keith-Albee Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday as the Marshall Artist Series invites audiences to check into "Grand Hotel."

"It's one of the best shows I've ever seen and I think everybody should go see it," said Celeste Winters-Nunley, director of the Artist Series.

She said the story, set in pre-war Berlin, combines great dancing and singing with an intricate plot that pulls the show together.

"There are all kinds of plot twists," she said. "It's like a soap opera, a dancing soap opera."



Fleammchen, the secretary, finds safety in the arms of the Baron.

"Grand Hotel" cast member Kathy Halenda, who plays Raphaela, the ballerina's confidante, said the show is a "thinker-piece," allowing the audience to feel empathy for the characters.

"All the characters come to the 'Grand

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## Associate comptroller appointed as bursar

By Austin G. Johnson  
Reporter

Months of speculation ended last Friday when the vice president for finance announced Barry A. Beckett, associate comptroller for payroll and grants, will be the new bursar.

Herbert J. Karlet announced the appointment during a meeting with bursar staff after telling Beckett privately.

The announcement comes two months after a four-member search committee began interviewing candidates to fill the position.

Beckett was named interim bursar after the position was vacated last April.

Beckett, a Huntington native and a Marshall alumnus, said he is pleased with the appointment and plans to continue programs he already has initiated as acting bursar. He said he is relieved the suspense is over and looks forward to serving students and the university.

Karlet said Beckett has worked in several key positions since returning to Marshall six years ago.

His initial position was payroll coordinator and after a short stint, he was named assistant comptroller.

Beckett served as the associate comp-

"The reason I selected him is because of his uncanny ability to bring employees together to function as a team."

Herbert J. Karlet  
vice president for finance

troller for payroll and grants from July 1990 through May when he became interim bursar.

"Barry Beckett has performed extremely well in each of his positions since arriving, and I only expect more of the same in this critical position," Karlet said.

"I am certain that Barry Beckett is the right person for the bursar job because of his extensive administrative experience and ability," Karlet said.

"The reason I selected him is because of his uncanny ability to bring employees together to function as a team. Barry Beckett is a proven and experienced manager."

Before arriving at Marshall, Beckett was employed by CILCO, a corporate contact interoperable lens company, for 15 years.



# Faculty, staff lose on ticket discounts

By Steve Gady  
Reporter

University officials say they want to help faculty and staff members reduce their tax headaches by decreasing their discounts for football and basketball season tickets.

According to a Faculty Senate Athletic Committee recommendation, the discount on athletic tickets for faculty and staff should be reduced from the current 37 percent to 20 percent to avoid complications with the Internal Revenue Service.

A memorandum from Athletic Director Lee Moon states that the IRS considers any discount over 20 percent to be a "fringe benefit" and "consequently requires that the discount in excess of 20 percent be included in the gross income of the employee."

Moon met with Frank M. Oliveti, a member of a Pittsburgh-based public accounting firm, Dec. 14.

Oliveti is retained by university officials to provide guidance on tax matters.

According to Moon's memorandum, it is Oliveti's opinion that if Marshall continues to offer a discount of more than

20 percent on tickets, the taxable portion would have to be reported through the state's payroll system.

It would also be subject to federal withholding tax, and would be reported in the year end W-2 forms, effective Jan 1.

The rationale for the Faculty Senate proposal, according to the recommendation, is that although the ticket costs will increase, the reporting requirements mandated by the IRS to maintain the current 37 percent discount are "too great to implement."

"While it does result in an increase in ticket prices for the

faculty and staff, it is neither practical nor cost effective to try and comply with IRS reporting," Moon wrote.

"This change would also make our policy consistent with that of WVU [West Virginia University]."

Dr. Frank S. Gilliam, assistant professor of biological sciences, said, "Anything that adds to the hassle of filing your income taxes is not worth it."

"I would rather only receive a 20 percent discount then declare something else on my tax return and possibly have to pay."

## Placement center director offers advice for job-seeking students

By Kara Marcum  
Reporter

Talk of recession and "hard times" has many students concerned about their chances of finding jobs after graduation, but Placement Services Center staff members say students can improve their chances by beginning the search now.

"The way the job market is, it's going to take a lot of looking and determination to find a job," Chris Childers, Salt Rock senior, said. Childers said he is ready to enter the job market—if he can just find someone to hire him.

"The economy and job slump have made job prospects the lowest they've been in a long time," Reginald A. Spencer, Placement Services director, said. He said that although it's never too late, students need to begin preparation soon.

Spencer said he could judge job prospects by the number of recruiters coming to campus and the number of job openings brought to the center's attention.

"Companies are going through cutbacks or hiring freezes to get through tough times," Spencer said. "We've lost almost half of the recruiters that used to come to campus."

Pamela Stinette, a December graduate, said she has been sending out resumes to accounting firms and has attended job fairs, but still has not found a job.

"Most companies have said that they don't have any hiring now; they're waiting till the fall," Stinette said. "I was hoping to stay in the area, but it's not looking good."

**"Spring break is the ideal time to use for interviewing."**

**Reginald A. Spencer**  
Placement director

Spencer said the reason many students have problems finding jobs is they wait until after they graduate to get serious about looking for a job.

"Seniors just don't fool with [planning their future] because it's hard to decide, so they just wait until they graduate to get serious about what they're going to do," Spencer said. "The Placement Services Center is here to help students plan what they want to do, but we don't have many seniors use our services."

registrar's office or financial aid office, he said.

The salary schedule will show the range of salaries based on whether the Legislature funds the project at 84, 92 or 100 percent, Foreman said.

Funding at 84 percent means all of the staff would be paid 84 percent of market rates, Foreman said. Funding at 100 percent means the staff will be paid at market rates.

"If the Legislature doesn't allocate the money, Chancellor Manning said that the Board [of Trustees] will," said Sherri L. Noble, Staff Council president.

To have their titles and

Spencer said there is still time to write possible employers to set up an interview.

"Spring break is the ideal time to use for interviewing, talking in person with employers and sending out resumes," Spencer said. "I know that is traditionally fun and games week, but for seniors it's too important to use for fun and games."

Students interested in summer jobs should also begin their search now, Arnette Glasco, student jobs coordinator, said.

"I encourage all students looking for summer jobs to start early and focus," Glasco said. "Now is the time to apply for summer jobs, especially if a student wants to relocate."

Spencer also stressed the importance of beginning the summer job search immediately.

"There is a lot of obvious competition for summer jobs: teachers, people who are laid off, college and high school students and even retired people are all competing for jobs," Spencer said. "If you don't start to look until you're out of school for the summer, probably 75 to 85 percent of the jobs are already filled."

grades reviewed, staff members should notify the human resource office within five days. The request should be signed by the supervisor, she said.

In March, human resource personnel will look at staff slotting, Foreman said. In May or June, before the July 1 implementation of the Mercer recommendations, there will be another notification to staff about classification.

If staff members need assistance in filing questions, they can contact Karen D. King, administrative assistant for Classified Staff Council, 696-2222, or Tami E. Sayre, classification analyst, at 696-2596.

## ■ HOTEL

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Hotel' at a crisis point in their lives and the next 48 hours determine their fates. It's a story of humanity and love. The plots and themes are universal."

The play is a "rich fabric piece" featuring characters from all walks of life including a bankrupt baron, a dying Jewish man, an ambitious (yet pregnant) secretary, an aging ballerina and a caring confidante, she said.

Huntington native Margaret Scherr portrays the countess in "Grand Hotel."

Winters-Nunley said she thinks the characters personify the time period and the audience will become involved in their plight.

"You get to really care about the inhabitants of the 'Grand Hotel,'" Winters-Nunley said.

Halenda said the story has its share of moments of darkness but ends with a feeling of hope.

Some of the plot twists include a dying Jewish man who has come to the hotel to end his life, a bankrupt baron who resorts to a life of crime and an aging ballerina who contemplates the end of her career.

"It teaches us that there is life everywhere. Even in death, there is life," Halenda said.

Winters-Nunley said although the show is not offensive, parents should be aware of adult situations such as pregnancy and drug use.

"I don't recommend it for children unless the parents feel confident," she said.

The Keith-Albee Theatre, built in 1928, lends grandeur to the set and transports the audience to pre-war Berlin.

A spokeswoman for the Troika Organization which produces the show, said the play is hitting 97 cities from Seattle to Montreal and is getting phenomenal response.

Winters-Nunley said the Keith-Albee's lower-level is full for Wednesday's show.

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will be brought in with their families and questioned over the next couple of days, he said.

Deaton was released from Cabell Huntington Hospital on Monday after he received reconstructive surgery on his jaw and was treated for multiple cuts and bruises.

According to the police report, Deaton was in his car Saturday at about 1 a.m. in the drive-thru of Taco Bell on Fifth Avenue when six or seven men began making threatening remarks and obscene gestures.

Deaton said they asked him to get out of his car and allegedly attacked him.

He said he fought the suspects until a baseball bat was brought out, then he was hit two or three times with the bat.

The suspects fled east in a vehicle described as an early 1980's cream or white station wagon, according to the report.

Football Coach Jim Donnan said Deaton probably will not be able to practice this spring, but should be able to play in the regular season.

## ■ STAFF

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from over."

There will be three documents at the James E. Morrow Library for the staff to look at, to compare their classification with others throughout the state, Ledong said.

"There will be a list of positions by job family, salary schedule, and incumbent positions per school," Ledong said. Job family includes positions grouped together by some commonality. An example would be positions found in the

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A three-year-old boy from Midland, Ontario, who wandered a half mile from home in the cold was rescued by a dog that kept the child warm and led him to safety. Police called the six-year-old Alsation shepherd a hero.

## BRIEFS

from wire reports

### U.N. halts aid to Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Deliveries of the flour, milk and blankets that have helped besieged Sarajevans scrape by will cease until the U.N. is assured warring Serbs and Muslims will stop using the aid as a weapon.

The U.N. high commissioner for refugees announced Wednesday that she had ordered a halt to aid operations in Sarajevo, which has been under siege 10 months, and Serb-held parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"I really regret that I have to take this decision because we have been trying to help the victims, the ordinary people, and we cannot do that," Sadako Ogata told reporters in Nairobi, Kenya.

### ANC: Policemen part of massacre

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The African National Congress denounced Thursday the acquittal of five men charged in the massacre of 28 blacks and said it suspected police involvement in the crime.

"There is a strong likelihood that policemen actually participated in the massacre," the country's main black group said.

In a ruling Wednesday, a judge blamed poor police work and unreliable witnesses for his failure to convict anyone in the May 1991 massacre in the Swanieville squatter camp west of Johannesburg.

### Allied troops face Somali violence

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A sniper wounded an Australian soldier on foot patrol before dawn Thursday and three Somalis were wounded, officials said.

Canadian troops fired at stone-throwing protesters outside their base.

Australian Pvt. Christopher Day, 19, was shot in the shoulder as his patrol came under fire in a market area in Baidoa, 120 miles northwest of Mogadishu, military officials said.

Day was hospitalized in satisfactory condition.

In Belet Huen, 200 miles north of Mogadishu near the Ethiopian border, about 300 people demonstrated against the Canadian regiment's motorized platoon, some throwing rocks, said a military statement.

As the protest worsened, the Canadians fired two shots into the air. When that had no effect, they fired into the crowd and wounded three people, one critically, the statement said.

## Hijacking, drownings try Haiti

### Haitian ferry sinks, hundreds missing

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — An overloaded ferryboat sank during a rainstorm off southern Haiti, and hundreds of passengers were missing and feared dead, officials and survivors reported Thursday.

The U.S. Coast Guard said 800 tickets were sold. But the skipper said as many as 1,500 people were packed onto the ferry Neptune for a domestic overnight crossing from the southern port of Jeremie to the capital when it went down early Wednesday about 60 miles west of Port-au-Prince.

By Thursday morning, fewer than 100 survivors had been reported. The Coast Guard said bodies and survivors had washed up on the

beaches of Miragoane and Petit Goave, and two Haitian navy ships were searching for survivors offshore.

Communications are notoriously bad outside of the capital, and it took more than a day for reports of the sinking to emerge.

Relatives of those aboard traveled Thursday to the coastal site of the sinking to wait for news that their loved ones survived.

Destina Momrosier, a seamstress from Port-au-Prince, said her brother and a cousin were aboard the Neptune when it pulled out late Tuesday from Jeremie, a port city 180 miles to the west.

Momrosier, 42, said she had taken the boat several

#### What Happened

Eight hundred tickets were sold to passengers of a Haitian ferry, but the skipper reported as many as 1,500 were aboard the boat that sank near Port-au-Prince

A hostage was taken in Haiti before a hijacker boarded a plane there and forced the pilot to fly to Miami.

times, usually with 500 to 600 other passengers, but that as many as 1,500 probably could fit aboard.

"It's generally overloaded," she told The Associated Press. "It sways from side to side with people standing, sitting, even up on the roof."

### Plane hijacked with 14 aboard flies to Miami

MIAMI (AP) — A DC-3 carrying 14 people was hijacked Thursday afternoon in Haiti and was ordered to fly to Miami, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said.

The hijacker, believed to be armed, took a hostage on the ground in Cap Haitien in northern Haiti, boarded the plane and demanded to be flown to Miami, said FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen.

"I believe it's a man," she said of the hijacker. "I have no know idea of any of his demands other than he wants to go to Miami."

The aging plane, owned by a Florida missionary service, refueled in the Turks and Caicos islands before flying toward Miami, Bergen said.

## House passes seat belt bill

### Bill moves to Judiciary Committee

By John Curran  
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON — A bill to mandate the use of seat belts passed the House of Delegates on Thursday and headed to the state Senate, where similar bills have died the past two years.

Also, the state Senate set a vote for Friday on a bill to repeal a tree tax passed by the Legislature last year.

The House voted 78-18 to pass the seat belt bill, which would take effect July 1 and carry a \$25 fine for drivers if either they or their passengers weren't buckled up.

The bill could only be enforced if the driver was stopped for a moving violation.

It exempts rural mail carriers and handicapped people whose disability makes seat belt use difficult.

Also exempt would be people in vehicles manufactured before 1967.

"This is your opportunity to do something about health care. We have the poorest health of any state in the nation and one of the reasons is our lifestyles," said House Judiciary Chairman James J. Rowe.

Less than one-third of West Virginians use seat belts, he said.

States that have enacted mandatory seat belt laws have seen usage jump to 70 percent, said Rowe, D-Greenbrier.

But the most persuasive argument was not mentioned in the legislation.

West Virginia will lose \$3 million in federal highway money if it does not make seat belts mandatory, said state Senate President Keith Burdette, D-Wood.

Delegate Warren R. McGraw II, who voted against the bill, said it infringed on freedom of choice.

"I wear mine. But that's a decision a person has to make. You get into a gray area when government starts to tell people what they can do personally," said McGraw, D-Raleigh.

He accused Congress of "holding us hostage to give us back what are really our tax dollars."

Seat belt bills have died in the Senate Judiciary Committee the past two years. The committee has a new chairman this year, Sen. William Wooton, D-Raleigh.

Senate Majority Leader Oshel Craig said the bill would be taken up next week. Craig, D-Putnam, said 21 senators favor the bill.

## Strikers ask for help, coal still shipped

CHARLESTON — United Mine Workers on strike against the nation's largest coal producer received their final pre-walkout pay Thursday as the union canvassed for donations and other assistance.

UMW officials also met Thursday in Florida with a special AFL-CIO strike committee that prepares strategy for unions in labor disputes, the union's spokesman said.

The two Peabody Holding Co. subsidiaries affected by the strike, meanwhile, continued to ship coal to customers Thursday. A strike coordinator said

the UMW wouldn't balk at the action by Eastern Associated Coal Corp. and Peabody Coal Co. because the coal was mined by union workers in December and January.

"The coal that we mined, if there's 100,000 tons there, we've got no problem if they move out the whole 100,000 tons," said Grover Thacker, strike coordinator for a UMW local in Boone County.

Thacker said the union constantly watches the companies' operations.

"We've videotaped everything," he said.

## Drug combo stops AIDS

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists said Thursday that a novel, three-drug combination devised by a graduate student stopped the AIDS virus from reproducing in the test tube.

Now the question is whether it can work in the human body.

"It would be foolish to underestimate the opposition," said Dr. Douglas Richman of the University of California at San Diego. "But it's certainly an exciting and reasonable hypothesis and it merits testing."

The strategy was devised by Yung-Kang Chow, a 31-year-old at Harvard Medical School who is doing his thesis under the direction of Dr. Martin Hirsch.

They used the standard AIDS drugs AZT and dideoxyinosine, also called ddI, and a third compound called pyridinone.

The three drugs were chosen to counter the AIDS virus' ability to evolve and become resistant to individual drugs.

"We can prevent infection of new cells by this technique better than we have been able to do with any other strategy we've studied over the past six or seven years," Hirsch said.

If the technique works in people, a patient's immune system might be able to "at least keep the virus in control for long periods of time, and perhaps forever," he said in a telephone interview.

All three drugs attack a single enzyme, called reverse transcriptase, which the virus needs to reproduce. And if the enzyme can be stopped, it might also keep the virus from evolving into drug-resistant strains, he said.



# opinion

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## our view

### Dispatch or Disgrace?

▼ **The Issue:** Although the Lady Herd defeated West Virginia University 92 - 81 Wednesday night, The Herald-Dispatch gave more coverage to the men's basketball team.

Huntington's newspaper always has been known as The Herald-Disgrace, and Thursday morning it lived up to its reputation.

As Herd fans turned to the sports section, they were greeted with a large Marshall headline accompanied by a long story. Unfortunately, it was for the wrong team.

That's right. The men's basketball team didn't deserve the coverage it received.

Instead, the Lady Herd should have been at the top of the sports section.

After all, they beat cross-state rival West Virginia University 92 - 81, while the men could only manage a seven point loss.

Still, The H-D thought the women's team only deserved a four-inch story in the bottom corner with a refer to page three.

True, the 15-7 men's team has improved from last year, but so have the women, who are now 13-9.

And as always, The H-D was outclassed by the Charleston Gazette in its reporting.

Charleston may be 50 miles away, but at least that newspaper's staff realize the Lady Herd are just as deserving of page 1 coverage.

It's a shame Tracy Krueger's career high 32 points were overshadowed by Tyrone Phillips' 15 points.

Then again, she's a female athlete in a world where men are more important to sports editors.

But to be fair, no one should expect much from The Herald-Dispatch.

Any subscriber knows that from reading the newspaper's top headlines classified as "front page news."

A recent example is Wednesday's top headline, "Clinton, Cyrus, Herd a three-way dilemma."

And who can forget The H-D's recycled stories about The Parthenon identifying an alleged rape victim?

It's sad, but news judgement has gone down the drain at The H-D ever since a guy from Indiana took control.

Maybe that explains why many Marshall journalism students look for jobs outside Huntington.

In The Herald-Dispatch the losers seem to be winners and the winners seem to be losers, but in our view The H-D is the only loser.

## policies

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### COLUMNS

Opinions expressed in columns are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Parthenon editors or staff.

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 any substantial changes.



## letters

### CEU complainer should check facts

#### To the editor:

I am writing in reference to Keith Felts' letter "CEU provides little for campus." A few of his complaints are obviously unresearched. When CEU showed movies on the VCR in Marco's, attendance was very low. I know I wouldn't make the effort to go see something that can be rented at the local video store, even if it was shown on a big screen. What's the point? CEU gets current movies now. They get things that are not

#### ▼ Letters

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available to students elsewhere. Attendance is better, so others must like the new format, also.

As for Karaoke night, check your facts, Keith. We've done it. Did you

attend? Local bands - we did those last year, too. Attendance wasn't all that great. Country music night. Good idea. Have you suggested it at any of the Marco's programming meetings? My first reaction to his question "What has Campus Entertainment Unlimited done for us lately?" is "How has Keith Felts tried to change it?" CEU is a student organization. If he is so unhappy with CEU, I suggest he do more than write a letter complaining. I suggest he join it.

**Lynda P. Thompson,**  
chairwoman,  
Huntington Dance Committee  
Craigsville graduate student

## voices

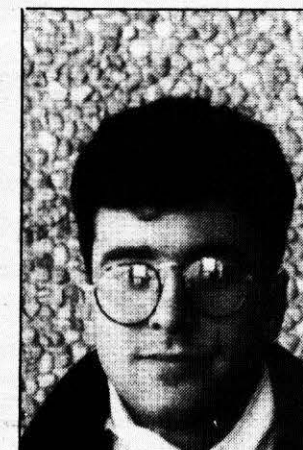
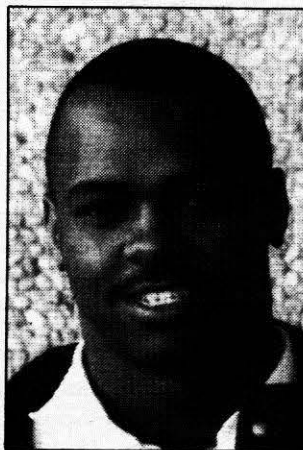
### Should there be a mandatory seat belt law?

**Brian Cannup**  
Paris, Ky., freshman

**Derrick Hughes**  
Lewisburg senior

**Daniel Callicoat**  
Huntington sophomore

**David Christy**  
Charleston senior



"I don't think we should have a seat belt law because this is a free country and I don't like having people tell me what I should wear and when I should wear it."

"Seat belts should be worn ... more so for child safety."

"I would support a seat belt law because I always wear a seat belt anyway and it wouldn't affect me."

"I think that it is a law like the headlight law that they [state] has now, and it is unenforceable."



# Too early for divorce from Clintons



**NERISSA YOUNG**  
COLUMNIST

My Muse temporarily abandoned me.

I spent a frantic two days reading, watching television and talking to people in an attempt to find suitable fodder for my weekly binge at the public trough, an eating disorder I was recently reminded that we media types have.

I even watched ABC's World News Now, which is only slightly more sophisticated than the Weekly World News. A professor suggested I write about the wonderful things Bill and Hillary Clinton are doing. I won't go that far.

I will say, however, that the honeymoon was over just minutes after the church was booked.

How much patience can we expect from media who rig pickups with explosives just in case they don't explode upon impact and a society that buys Jogging in a Jug?

I saw Jogging in a Jug ads long before I heard them on radio. I guess the print ads paid off or they couldn't have

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**Nerissa Young**  
Columnist

bought air time. Jogging in a Jug is a concoction that melts away pounds upon drinking it. And here I thought I was supposed to get in the jug and run around.

But, I digress.

I shed tears of sadness over the election, but it's Bill and Hill's turn at bat.

I figure Congress is adept at fast balls and doesn't need my

help, but it does seem odd that a country so in love with the couple from Arkansas three months ago is ready to file for divorce (Perhaps Tammy Wynette can have a role in the administration).

The U.S. isn't the only big dog in the yard now. To compete, we'll have to pay for our bones.

Few people want to pay more

taxes, but some profound soul once said, "There ain't no such thing as a free ride."

Let's give the First Couple a chance. It's far too soon to declare the Clinton Administration ineffective.

They can't be complete imbeciles or they wouldn't have made it to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Stop ragging on Hillary. At least she's trying to do something constructive.

Ms. Worby, when she isn't busy kicking and cussing state troopers, occupies herself with cameo appearances on her public television arts and letters series.

Oprah better head for the hills.

## Shorthand technique helps students take super-fast notes

**By Gara Hoke**  
Reporter

SuperWrite, a new advanced form of shorthand, may help students excel academically in college and beyond.

"SuperWrite is the most modern way to take notes," said Denecia Merritt-Damron, Community and Technical College assistant professor.

SuperWrite is a form of high-speed shorthand that helps students spell words phonetically without using symbols.

It takes less time to do because words are spelled the way they sound. Students don't hesitate when writing because they recognize the words much easier, Merritt-Damron said.

The program, which started this semester at Marshall, was chosen two weeks before the semester began.

SuperWrite was chosen because traditional shorthand is not meeting the needs of today's students, Merritt-Damron said.

Ten students are taking the SuperWrite class this semester, but the program's membership likely will increase by next fall when SuperWrite 2 is added.

"We are progressing faster than I thought we would," Merritt-Damron said. "The enthusiasm among these students is tremendous."

Suzanne Young, Elkview sophomore said, "It's easier to understand than traditional shorthand. I'm very happy with it."

This program should benefit students outside class, she said.

"It would be helpful in taking lecture notes, but also in taking minutes at meetings or even taking phone messages," Merritt-Damron said.

"However, I think being able to take accurate notes will improve grades and that is a definite benefit."

For more information about SuperWrite contact the Community and Technical College at 696-3646.

## MU grants recycling projects one more chance to succeed

**By Julie Hanlon**  
Reporter

Marshall University will kick off another plan for campus-wide recycling this spring, despite unsuccessful efforts in the past.

"In the past we've had efforts to start recycling here at Marshall, but they just didn't pan out," said Karen Kirtley, head of the recycling committee. "This time I think it will be different."

President J. Wade Gilley appointed members to the recycling committee last fall.

"Dr. Gilley wasn't concerned with making money. His concern is to divert the materials," Kirtley said.

Barbara Beegle, secretary for Academic Affairs, who is also part of the committee, said by April the recycling committee will begin recycling plain bond white paper, colored paper such as newspapers, shredded material and green and blue shooter paper in Old Main.

Kirtley added that computer paper and white ledger paper also will be recycled in Old Main.

Most of the offices in Old Main will have special attachments on trash cans to dispose recyclable paper.

"All the information we've gathered tells us we should start recycling in one place at

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the university," Kirtley said. "There's not a lot of money in this. We want to keep buying supplies and adding buildings every so often," Kirtley said.

The paper will be collected from the offices and put into bins in the basement of Old Main.

"Recycler's Market will weigh the paper and send us a report," Kirtley said. "We'll have a good track on how many

trees we've saved."

In addition to paper recycling, the committee will begin recycling aluminum cans this spring.

The recycling committee began recycling corrugated cardboard in September.

Cardboard bins are located in the west lot of the Student Center, between Holderby Hall and the tennis courts and on 20th Street.

Kirtley said it is difficult for a university to start a successful recycling program in a city where there is no curb-side recycling.

"The information we found told us that most universities that recycle exist in communities that have curb side recycling."

"We don't have a lot of manpower to devote to this project," Kirtley said. "Also, since the university is so spread out it will make it difficult."

"We'll really be counting on volunteers."

Kirtley said she thinks recycling soon will become mandatory at universities.

"Most universities recycle out of concern for the environment, but I think the government will require mandatory recycling," Kirtley said.

"Our goal is to have all the buildings on campus involved in recycling and in a recycling frame of mind."

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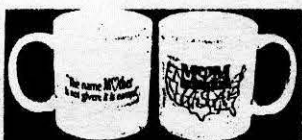
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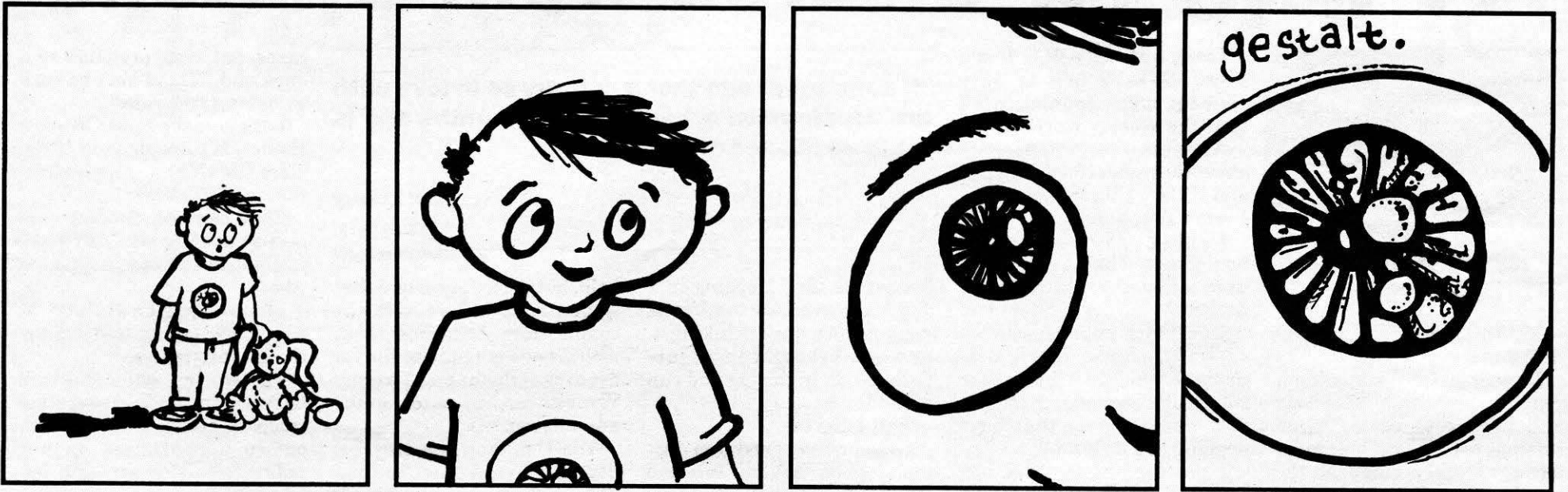
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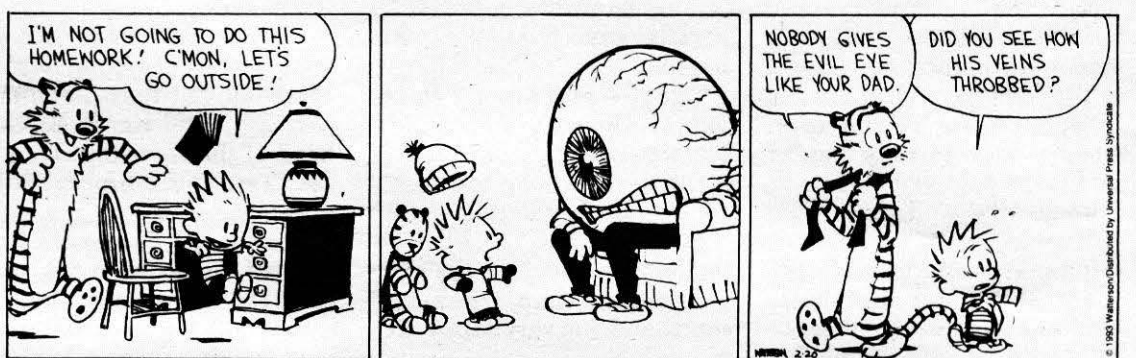
## Calvin and Hobbes

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# Promising 'Babylon 5' is bedeviled by details

By Scott Williams  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Great special effects do not make for great science fiction. Writing is what makes TV series cook.

Writing is the single biggest problem haunting "Babylon 5," an otherwise promising, two-hour science fiction movie that bows next week in syndication.

Here's the premise: In 2257, the edges of five great galactic empires converge in deep space, on the neutral ground of a space station that is part free port, part "Casablanca" and mostly weird.

These great civilizations don't like or trust one another even a little. Space stations Babylon 1 through 3 were sabo-

tagged and destroyed. Babylon 4 "vanished without trace 24 hours after it became operational," a character intones.

No wonder its inhabitants seem so edgy!

What's fun and and exhilarating about "Babylon 5" is that it's trying very hard to convey a sense of colliding cultures, of day-to-day life at a literal and figurative crisis point in galactic history.

With that back story, viewers could feel as if they were attending the Potsdam Conference of deep space. First, however, they must get past clunky dialogue and some cartoon-style characters.

The rich storytelling possibilities in "Babylon 5" don't show up in the premiere. The

movie is mostly breathless exposition about a five-mile-long microcosm that is filled with hostile, alien life forms.

There are nice touches:

—The prosthetic makeup is superior. Lizard folk look, well, "lizardy" and believable.

—The effects are full-bodied and thoughtful: Starships leave warp space and decelerate into a "vortex grid" — just the kind of thing you'd want to catch you after traveling faster than the speed of light.

—A Japanese stone garden is described as a "pool for Zen skinny-dipping."

—When a lizard-man propositions a genetic mix to a human, female telepath, he "doesn't get it" in a major way. "Would you prefer to be con-

scious or unconscious during the mating? I would prefer conscious but I don't know what your ... pleasure threshold is."

That's mainstream TV for the '90s, folks.

The problem with "Babylon 5" is the clinkers found among the diamonds.

—A sexy love interest throatily murmurs to her main squeeze that she's "picked up some Carnellian bedsheets — they're supposed to be completely frictionless." Imagine! A bed you can't get into!

—At least two of the alien races speak with Hungarian accents. Go figure.

—Babylon 5 can provide alien habitats for its visitors. But in the service of special effects, their rooms have trans-

parent walls much like a zoo. Note to writers: Even the exhibitionist Vroom of Betelgeuse need privacy sometimes.

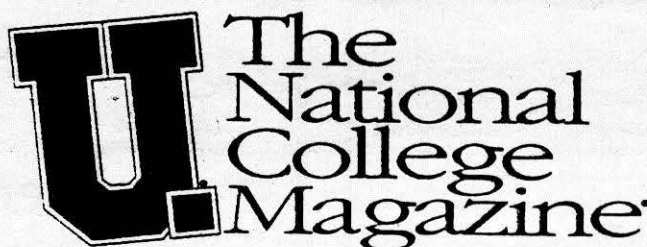
Perhaps the biggest danger facing "Babylon 5" is not its failures of imagination, but of its leading actors.

As the station's commander, Michael O'Hare brings a fine, deep whiskey-and-cigarettes voice to his role, but little else. He's clearly not comfortable with the material, even though his character holds a secret that can blow open the galaxy.

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## Golf team gets into the swing of things



Eric Shaffer, Fairmont senior, has a career stroke average of 75.6. If he keeps up the pace this season, he may break Harold Payne's career stroke average of 75.4.

By Marty Belcher  
Reporter

Before the cold air streamed into the Tri-State area this week, the golf team enjoyed an uninterrupted addition to their summer pastime of touring the links.

"An unusually warm winter has made available time for our varsity players to keep sharpening the skills they were developing in the fall tournament schedule," Coach Joe Feagenes said.

During the fall two-tournament schedule in October, Marshall finished fifth at the Northern Intercollegiate of 20 universities and eighth of 18, at the Persimmon Ridge Intercollegiate.

The five member team which represented Marshall included: Sean Duffy, Danville, Pa., sophomore; Eric Shaffer, Fairmont senior; Jonathan Clark, Mifflintown, Pa., freshman; Brad Greenstein, Huntington freshman; and Scott Shellenberger, Milton, Pa., senior.

Shellenberger was elected team captain for the spring circuit. "Scott has tremendous potential as a player and is a number one team leader," Feagenes said.

"If he can develop some form of consistence he will be a driving force as a player."

Leading the team and competing for individual honors is Shaffer, a two-time all-conference and 1991 Southern Conference Golf of the

Year.

Shaffer won individual honors as a sophomore, defeating a golfer from West Carolina in the first hole of a playoff.

Shaffer's career stroke average is currently 75.6. He may break the Marshall record from Harold Payne. Payne completed his collegiate career in 1977 with a 75.4 stroke average over a four year span.

"The key to the success of this year's team will depend on the play of Shellenberger and Rupert," Feagenes said. "Both of these players have struggled with their game and need to perform with consistency."

"As sophomores, both players showed promise of earning individual honors. However, since this is their senior year, I hope they improve and lead the younger players."

Greenstein graduated from Huntington High School and enrolled at Marshall last fall. He made the initial fall cut and finished with a 79.2 stroke average, fourth best on the team.

"Three other players should get some playing time," Feagenes said.

"Larry Ohah [Huntington junior], Matt Grobe [Colorado Springs, Colo., junior] and Aaron Adkins [Summersville freshman] will challenge for a spot on the top five."

The spring season will start March 19 in New Bern, N.C. with the East Carolina Invitational.

## Some things ought to be outlawed



ANA MENENDEZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

People have wanted to outlaw the designated hitter in baseball, but I am completely convinced that there are some sports that should be outlawed.

Especially those that the average citizen would never be allowed to do in public.

Take for example auto racing.

Why is it that it only takes drivers an average of three to four hours to complete a 500 mile course when it takes me about nine hours to drive home the same distance?

By my calculations, that's about 140 m.p.h., but I can only drive 65 m.p.h. on U.S. 64.

Maybe next time I get pulled over I'll just tell the officer, "Oh, don't mind me, I'm just practicing for the Indy 500."

Next would be boxing.

I just don't understand how two grown men can get paid to beat on each other.

Why go pay to see this when there are people outside the local bars doing it for free?

The third thing I would outlaw would have to be golf pants. Although golf is bad enough, they have to wear those tacky plaid knickers with the argyle knee highs.

After those things are abolished, maybe something can be done about all that spitting and picking baseball players do.

## Track teams head to SC tournament

The Southern Conference indoor track tournament will be this weekend at Virginia Military Institution.

The Keydet's track is 200 meters, with four turns and straight-aways. One end of the track has a tunnel where runners are not visible.

"This is where the runners can push and pull each other. So VMI is favored, because it's their home facility," Coach Dennis Brachna said.

The men will be up against nine teams. "It will be a dog fight between us, VMI, Appalachian State, Western Carolina, and East Tennessee State."

As for the women, "I think the battle will be for second, third, and fourth, between us, Furman, and Western Carolina."

Marshall has individuals favored in both men's and women's shot put and the women's 800 meters.

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## BREAKING THE CHAIN

**"...Black History Month is not a time to segregate black students from white students. All races need to obtain knowledge about the struggles of African-Americans so everyone can deal with issues rationally — not racially."**

Joseph L. Davis,  
Maybeury junior

**T**he president of Black United Students wants to challenge students of all races to "break the chain of ignorance."

Joseph L. Davis, Maybeury, W.Va., junior, will be a guest speaker for Black History Month Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.

Davis said he will emphasize the importance of all races understanding the struggles of black ancestors and wants to encourage students to get involved in building a secure future for the next generation.

"I believe the key for African-Americans to achieve high standards, morals, and goals is education. But Black History Month is not a time to segregate black students from white students.

"All races need to obtain knowledge about the struggles of African Americans so everyone can deal with issues rationally — not racially."

Davis said he questions African-American students' appreciation for their ancestors and believes campus-wide unification is the key to achieving higher goals.

"When I look at the conditions around me, I see that this generation of African-Americans' values have greatly declined. Although we were subdued at one time, we have risen to a higher level, and it's time we show appreciation for our ancestors and continue to build on their solid foundation."

Although Black History Month is a time for celebration, Davis said he doesn't think the university has enough interest in sustaining the

cause of the celebration.

"Most of the advertisements for Black History Month come from black administrators, and there is no class at Marshall offering African-American heritage enrichment," he said. "Therefore, the university isn't truly helping students learn about or appreciate

African-American history.

"We have to educate ourselves about the heritage of our race because then students can relate to experiences of other races because they are educated about their history and knowledgeable about their motives."

In addition to being president of Black

United Students, Davis is a member of the multi-cultural commission committee, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Alpha Phi Alpha and a resident adviser.

Davis was recently interviewed on WPBY's "MU Report" about how Black History Month affects African-American students.

Davis' goal as a Black History Month speaker will be to encourage black students to become involved and try to make a difference in the world for future generations.

"When I leave Marshall, I want to be able to say conditions for students are better than they were when I arrived. The next generation is counting on us, and I want my kids to be able to live as comfortably as I have lived."

Davis will challenge students to unite, stand up for what they believe in and vocalize their opinions because he believes Black History Month is more than a month-long recognition of black heritage.

"The activities of Black History Month are important, but we have to join together and celebrate the accomplishments of our ancestors throughout the year.

"I am going out on a limb and catering my speech to a campus-wide audience because I want all students to know that I am concerned about my future, and I hope they will be, too."

Story by Julia Farley

## MUPD: 'We're actually nice people'

By Kathleen Curtis  
Reporter

Parking attendants spoke out to dispel the rumors that they are ruthless people who are just out to give tickets, tickets and more tickets.

"We're not as mean as people think we are," Mary Wilson, parking manager, said. "We're actually nice people."

"I've only encountered one incident when an irate motorist got really out of hand," Arlene Ferguson, parking enforcement officer, said. "We were having his car towed for several unpaid parking tickets. When he saw his car being put on the tow truck, he tried to interfere with the towing man's job."

"I had to explain why his car was being towed while he virtually called me every thing in the book."

That's an extreme case, Wilson said.

"The only time we have a car booted or towed is when they have hundreds of dollars worth of tickets."

"What many students fail to realize is that we are very willing to work with them and not against them," Wilson said. "If students are unable to pay their parking tickets in full, all they have to do is to come in and talk to me about it. Together we can develop a payment plan."

"Students who have a legitimate excuse for receiving a parking ticket can see me about possibly dismissing a ticket," Wilson said.

A lot of people are lucky, Wilson said.

Marshall only has one parking enforcement officer, two parking attendants and two work-study students.

Since there are five people working to enforce all the parking laws on campus, many people get away with parking

By D.H. Pendleton



illegally or having time expire on meters.

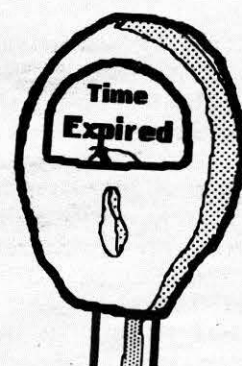
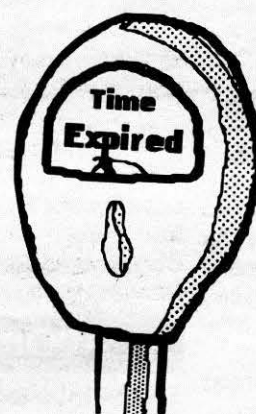
"Our job is also to install and repair the meters and signs and paint or repave the pavement when it's needed," Ferguson said. "So we're not always out there handing out tickets."

Wilson encounters many who try to have tickets dismissed

by claiming there is a parking problem on campus.

"Parking is not a problem. It is very easy to get a parking permit at the stadium," Wilson said. "They [students] just don't want to walk the distance to their class."

"If we didn't give the tickets then the people who paid to park in that area wouldn't have



a place to park," Ferguson said.

"Our biggest problem area of people parking illegally is behind Towers," Ferguson said. "There have been times that if an ambulance needed to get in, it would have been impossible. It's not like when the students have move-in day. Then we have 15 officers to keep the traffic flowing."