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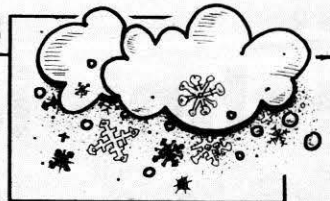
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# The Parthenon

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

## Gilley: I'll OK seating proposal

By J.L. Burns  
Reporter

President J. Wade Gilley says he definitely will make provisions for student-families at football games, but he still is working out the details.



GILLEY

Many students with and without children have complained about having to sit with rowdy and obnoxious student fans.

A student survey is being conducted to get input from students on what seating arrangement they want.

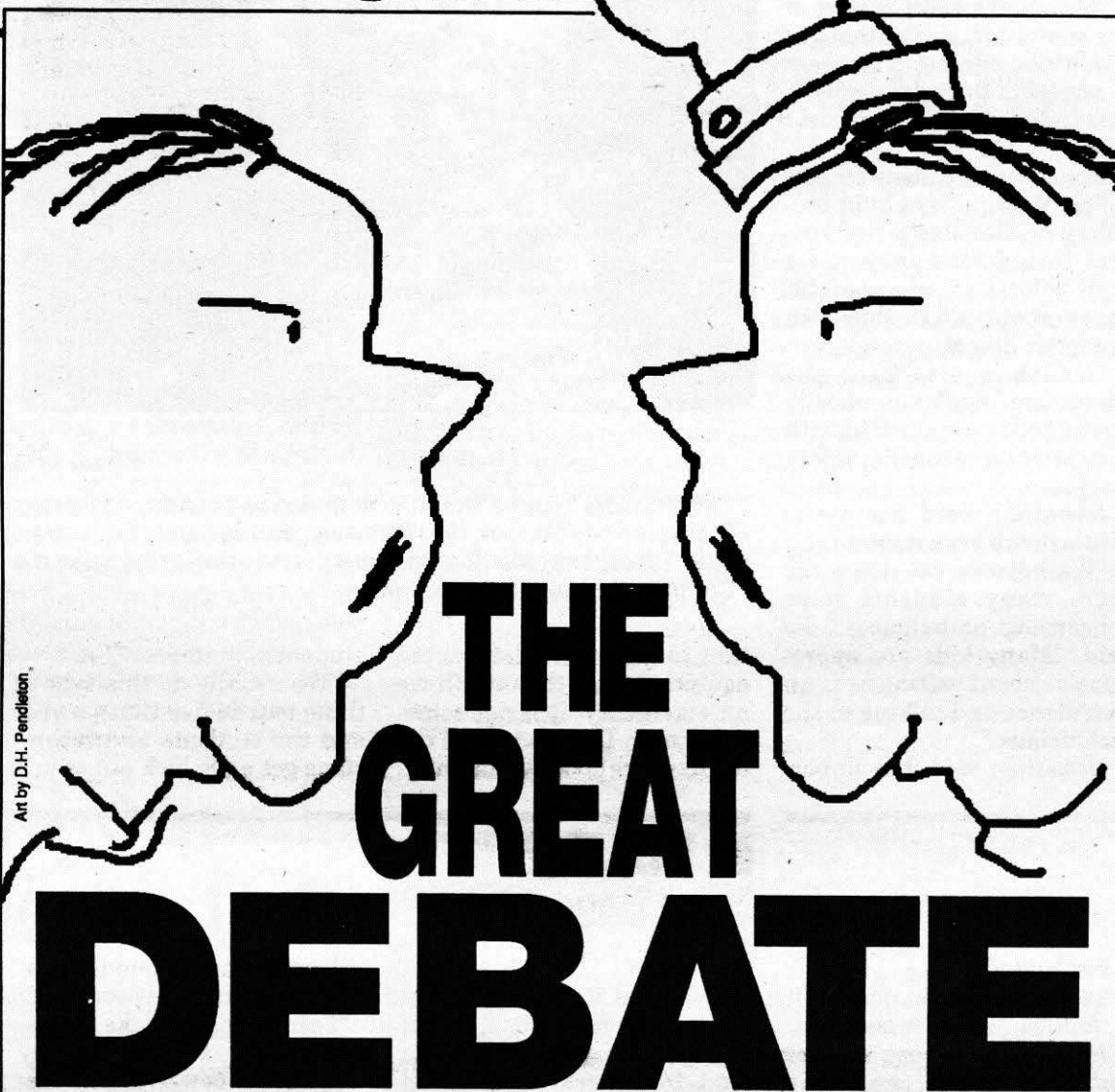
Some students have suggested students be able to reserve seats anywhere in the stadium and the student section be abolished.

"There is no question that I'll approve the proposal when it gets to me, but there are some students that want to make other alternatives, and I have agreed not to make any decision on this until they have a chance to do the survey and present it to the Student Government Association and the Athletic Department," Gilley said.

"The students doing the survey are a couple who had their children at the football game and became upset."

Athletic Director Lee Moon proposed a new seating section last week when he met with Student Government Association leaders.

He met with senators so they could have a role in the decision. Students will make their proposal within the next couple of weeks.



Art by D.H. Pendleton

## Only 6 of 11 candidates to participate

Mark H. Wiggins  
Reporter

While 11 Student Government Association candidates are campaigning for Student Senate seats, only six will participate in a debate at noon today in Memorial Student Center.

Those who aren't participating will be hurt, said Lisa Rutherford, chief election commissioner.

"We had our first senatorial debate last fall. About half showed up. It did help the ones who participated because some of the people that weren't there didn't get elected," she said.

Many candidates canceled because of conflicting classes, tests and jobs, she said.

Fourteen senate seats are open for the election Wednesday and Thursday, but only 11 students are running for seats. The 11 candidates represent four colleges out of 10 that have open seats. After the election, six seats will remain open.

The College of Science has two open seats with one candidate running. Lone candidate Charin L. Douglas, McMechen sophomore, will participate in the debate.

Jason J. Stemple, Berkeley Springs sophomore; Kristin D. Butcher, Huntington sophomore; and Amie E. Nutter,

Charleston senior, will represent the College of Liberal Arts in the debate. Tamara B. Morrison, Barboursville senior, and Terry S. Williams, Belle freshman, are COLA senatorial candidates who are not scheduled to debate. Three COLA seats are open for the election.

The College of Education has two open seats and four candidates. Avery Kendik, Wierton sophomore, and Samuel A. Mano, Mt. Clare junior, will debate. COE candidates Vicki L. Matthews, Lesage junior, and Amy M. Carpenter, Burlington, Ky., senior, are not scheduled to debate.

## COB fee upsets students

By Merrl Dotson  
Reporter

Some students are finding the College of Business' proposal of charging course fees to non-business majors hard to swallow.

"I think it's ridiculous," said Ruth A. Jones, Huntington junior and accounting student. She said if the COB starts charging additional fees for business classes, nothing will keep the other colleges from doing the same thing.

Dr. Gary J. Saunders, professor of accounting, estimates fees would be \$25 per three-hour course.

The fees probably would affect upper-level business courses.

The College of Business already charges \$100 resident and \$200 non-resident fees for full-time juniors, seniors and graduate students. Dr. Robert Hayes, COB interim dean, said business majors are leaving the

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### MORE MONEY

A College of Business professor has proposed that non-majors pay \$25 for every three-hour business course to help the college in its efforts to become accredited.



Dr. Robert B. Hayes, COB interim dean, says that although no committee is working on a fee plan, the proposal is under consideration.



Joseph Davis, president of Black United Students, talks to audience members after his speech Tuesday night. Davis, Maybeury junior, spoke as part of Black History Month.

## Speaker: Race issues seldom black and white

By Joseph J. Plek  
Reporter

In real life or in media's living color, race issues are seldom black and white, the president of the Black United Students said Tuesday night.

"Forty-three point eight percent of violent crimes are committed by white males, where black crimes exceed to 19.2 percent. These are some amazing statistics," said Joseph Davis, Maybeury junior.

"You're probably saying that's bull—I see blacks on the TV committing crimes all the time—and yes you are right, but this is the kind of times we are living in."

Davis spoke for 30 minutes

in the Memorial Student Center to more than 60 people, most of whom were students and over half of whom were white, as part of the Black History Month Celebration.

"We are not fighting for integration," Davis said. "Nor are we fighting for separation—we are all fighting for recognition as free humans in this society."

Davis said blacks need to be reminded of their ancestors' struggles to appreciate where they are today. They should not simply believe things are fine, Davis said.

He said he is sickened by negative labels blacks have

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# Technicians go back to school

## Program helps ease youngsters' emergency fears

By Thomas A. Moyer  
Reporter

Marshall University's Emergency Medical Services unit not only responds to routine and emergency calls on campus, but also to local elementary schools to help educate students and alleviate fears.

James Donathan, coordinator for the Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Program, said providing personnel and equipment to local schools is becoming routine.

The program's latest request came from Spring Hill Elementary, 1901 Hall Ave. Marshall's EMS provided a static display Tuesday as part of the school's "Community Helpers" program.

Vanessa G. Winkfield, second-grade teacher at Spring Hill Elementary, said "Community Helpers" is designed to

help second-grade students learn more about individuals and organizations which provide services to community residents.

"Marshall's EMS is part of our community and we thought it would be important for them to come and show the students how they can help," Winkfield said.

Donathan said many schools solicit Marshall's help in providing an ambulance and several technicians to support their efforts to educate students about what they can expect during an emergency.

Donathan also said the equipment display is usually conducted in conjunction with a particular school's safety week.

Donathan said the static displays are very important.

"We hope to cut down the fears many students have concerning ambulances," he said. "Many kids are apprehensive about getting near an ambulance and talking to the technicians."

Donathan said it is impor-



By Melissa K. Ford

Schoolchildren tour a Marshall ambulance Tuesday at Spring Hill Elementary School, 1901 Hall Ave., during Safety Education Week. Emergency Medical Services participated in the school's "Community Helpers" program.

tant to expose children to the equipment so if they ever have an emergency, it is not something new. Donathan said the displays are done by Marshall-

student volunteers.

"We usually do this type of thing four to five times a year and the students and technicians get a big kick out of it."

## COB

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COB to avoid fees.

Jones said she gets a Pell grant of \$1,200 that was recently increased to cover the \$100 fee she pays as a junior. She said she had to resort to student loans of \$5,000 covering two years to ensure she could come to school.

Without the grant, she said, it would be difficult to feed herself and her grandson, who is

in her custody.

As an English major, Tym W. Adkins, Wayne sophomore, is required to choose an economics course as one of his requirements. "I think for them to charge special course fees is ludicrous."

Hayes said no business committee is working on a proposal for course fees, but the idea is being considered.

## RACE

From Page 1

been given.

"We tend to generalize the whole black race is bad, and in defense of the white race, blacks tend to generalize that all whites are racists."

"We need to quit generalizing, don't be ignorant of the fact that racism exists, but if we want to see some changes we have to make the changes."

He said students must focus

on learning how to build a foundation for future generations.

"I am trying to make a positive impact at this university — I have a powerful compassion for everyone on campus. I stop and look at the conditions we are living in and it makes me wonder if there is hope. Yet, the task before us is not greater than the power within us."

## The Parthenon

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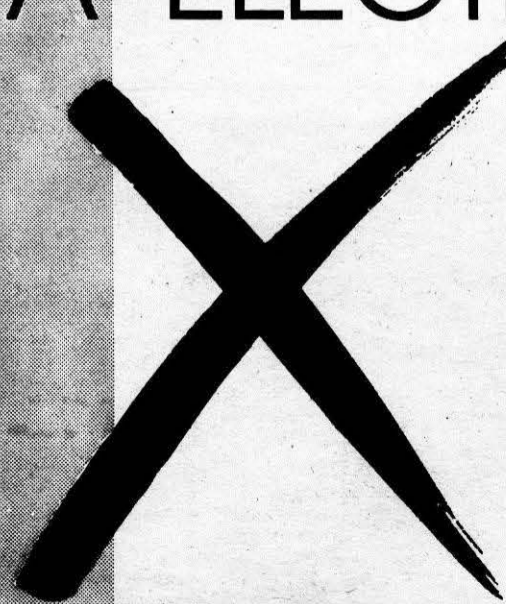
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Applications are available in the Student Activities and Organizations Office, 2W38 MSC. For more information on award categories and criteria, call 696-6770. Applications are due no later than 4:30 pm, March 12, 1993.

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# VOTE

## SGA ELECTIONS



student government association

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

March 3rd: 8 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 4th: 8 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



## Marines kill one Somali in riots

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Angry youths shouting "America out of Somalia!" rioted in the capital Wednesday as a powerful warlord sought to blame U.S.-led peacemakers for his military setback in a southern port city.

The unrest forced CARE workers to take shelter in their compounds, halting relief food deliveries in the capital.

"We haven't been in the streets since noon because when you go out into the streets you see roadblocks and burning tires," said Elizabeth Dyer, a spokeswoman for CARE, in a telephone interview. "People are attacking cars with stones and sticks. There's a general feeling of excitement and hos-

### A Marine corporal was hospitalized after being hit by shrapnel.

tility out there."

Coalition troops fired into the air and moved in assault vehicles in a vain attempt to disperse the protesters, who pelted them with rocks and built barricades of burning tires and debris on a main boulevard.

A U.S. military spokesman said Marines at a checkpoint killed one Somali and wounded two after being fired upon.

The spokesman also said a Marine corporal was hospitalized after being hit in the hip

by shrapnel from a grenade blast, apparently during the storming and looting of the Egyptian Embassy. A second Marine was shot in the leg in the same area later in the day, coalition spokesmen said.

Journalists said they saw at least three wounded protesters being taken away by other demonstrators, but those casualties could not be confirmed.

The warlord, Gen. Mohamed Farah Aidid, claimed in a radio address late Tuesday that coalition forces had disarmed the people of Kismayu, allowing a rival to take the southern port from supporters of an Aidid ally, Col. Omar Jess.

But in fact, Aidid's rival, Mohamed Said Hirsi, known

North Korea has manufactured enough material to produce at least one nuclear weapon but is hiding its production from international inspectors, the new director of the CIA said Wednesday.

as Gen. Morgan, came under sharp U.S. criticism for seizing part of Kismayu on Monday in an attack that claimed about two dozen lives.

On Tuesday, the U.S.-led military coalition told Morgan to get his fighters out of town or face military action.

Aidid made no mention of the U.S. ultimatum in his radio address or in a leaflet he distributed today. Instead, he claimed a U.S. officer directed Morgan's attack.

Aidid had resisted foreign military intervention in Somalia before the first Marines came ashore in December, apparently fearing it would upset a balance of power that favored him.

## BRIEFS

from wire reports

### D.O.H. to cut 70 middle managers

CHARLESTON (AP) — The Division of Highways will cut 70 middle managers, Transportation Secretary Charles Miller said.

The area maintenance and expressway managers have few responsibilities but earn \$3.4 million annually, Miller said. The division also pays their fringe benefits, including retirement, insurance and Social Security taxes.

The managers' duties range from investigating complaints to analyzing paving needs. They will be given a chance to train and test for other jobs in the agency, he said.

The managers are generally political appointments.

### West Virginians cash in on bingo

CHARLESTON (AP) — West Virginians spend about \$26 million playing bingo last year and cashed in on \$18.5 million in prizes, state officials said.

A report released Tuesday by the Department of Tax and Revenue also said the remaining money went to expenses and profits for the 293 bingo operations that filed annual reports in 1992.

An additional 45 nonprofit organizations with bingo licenses are delinquent in filing their reports, the department said.

Of those filing, 88 reported spending more on expenses than state bingo law allows, the report said.

## Serbs want equal supplies from U.S.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The Bosnian Serb military commander Wednesday softened opposition to a proposed U.S. airdrop, saying it would be welcomed if it fed all sides in the republic's ethnic war.

It was unclear when the U.S. aid effort would begin, but President Clinton got U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's approval after a meeting Tuesday.

Clinton now is trying to get other countries to join the planned airdrop of food and medicine to hungry Bosnians in the east.

The airdrop would be the United States' deepest involvement in the Bosnian war, which broke out after majority Muslims and Croats declared inde-

pendence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia a year ago.

Serb commanders, suspicious of Western intervention, warned Tuesday that the cargo drops, from transport planes escorted by fighters, could lead to an escalation of the fighting.

They did not say so outright, but the Serbs implied they might attack U.S. planes.

Wednesday, they softened their tone.

"I believe the White House will act responsibly and supply relief aid to all those who need it," Gen. Ratko Mladic, commander of the Serb forces in Bosnia, said.

Serbia-dominated Yugoslavia, meanwhile, told the United States not to violate its airspace, but said it would not interfere with the drops.

## Prime minister resigns amid economic slump

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, whose popularity plunged because of staggering economic problems, said Wednesday that he is resigning.

Mulroney, prime minister since 1984, made the announcement in a letter to Garry St. Germain, the president of the governing Conservative Party.

"It is time for the party to elect a new leader," he said.

"We have governed decisively in challenging times," Mulroney said.

"I am confident that in regard to our major initiatives, the verdict of history will be a supportive one."

He is expected to stay in office until Conservative Party leaders meet to elect

a new prime minister. Sources told the news agency Canadian Press that a leadership convention will probably be held in June.

Among the possible contenders to replace him: Defence Minister Kim Campbell, Trade Minister Michael Wilson, Communications Minister Perrin Beatty and Environment Minister Jean Charest.

Others include Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark and Employment Minister Bernard Valcourt.

Mulroney, 53, led the Conservative Party for 10 years and took it to two consecutive majority governments.

But high unemployment, record bankruptcies, and massive debt hurt Mulroney's standing among Canadians.

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## our view

### Professors as politicians?

▼ **The Issue:** Before lawmakers lift the ban on state employees serving in the Legislature, several questions need to be answered.

Faculty have a legitimate gripe in demanding that they and all other state employees have the right to serve in the Legislature.

Under the West Virginia Constitution, only state employees are prohibited from serving in the House of Delegates and state Senate.

The only exception are public school employees, who somehow have people fooled that they work for their counties, even though it was the Legislature and governor who had to approve teachers' \$5,000 salary increase in 1990.

But no matter what the state Constitution states, it's no the matter what the state Constitution states, every American should have a right to serve the people.

However, before the ban is lifted, several questions need to be answered, especially concerning faculty.

First, who would take their place in the classrooms?

The Legislature's regular session is 60 days a year. In addition, the governor can authorize a special session any time of the year and lawmakers must attend several interim meetings each month.

Obviously, student meetings will not be served well if professors are in and out of the classroom.

Second, would professors earn their teaching salary while working as legislators?

It's doubtful professors earning \$50,000 a year would sacrifice a significant portion of their salary for the \$8,000 they would earn in the Legislature.

Still, professors should not be paid for work in the classroom they don't perform.

Third, who would substitute for Marshall professors working in Charleston?

We're not experts, but it's also doubtful a professor with a Ph.D is as easy to replace as a second-grade public school teacher.

But even if a second grade professor is found, how much would he/she be paid?

This state can't afford to pay two professors for one job unless someone sacrifices some income.

Finally, and most important, would students' education suffer if professors are elected to the Legislature?

Some of the best and most active teachers probably would want to work in Charleston. If that's the case, higher education would suffer in some areas.

Still, higher education would benefit from having its employees serve in the Legislature.

For one, professors serving as lawmakers would have a better understanding of problems the state's colleges and universities face every day.

It's time higher education has a stronger voice in the Legislature. If questions are adequately addressed, allowing state employees to serve as lawmakers could reap many benefits for education in West Virginia.

## policies

### FYI

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### COLUMNS

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## letters

### Paper's editorial only 'sour grapes'

To the editor:

Friday's editorial accused The Herald-Dispatch of issuing "recycled stories about The Parthenon identifying an alleged rape victim." This sounds like another bunch of sour grapes.

It is common enough for one news organization to run a story covered by another. But in this instance, The H-D went much further than that to perform an essential service for readers different from the ones reached by The Parthenon's distribution.

Since The Parthenon's policy was to print the victim's name whenever a MU student was involved in a rape, the potential was real for a non-student victim to be named if the alleged rapist were a student. In my view, The H-D acted responsibly in alerting its readers to this potential.

Additionally, most of what The H-D printed in the past several months about rape was original and far surpassed coverage given by The Parthenon. It, for example, interviewed the victim identified last semester—which The Parthenon failed to do.

The H-D published several articles in which victims and counselors were offered an opportunity to speak out about the issues. The Parthenon merely printed what was found on a police report, followed by an endless series of articles and letters justifying its position.

When all is said and done, The H-D—while respecting victims' right to privacy—provided far more coverage likely to help remove the stigma of rape than The Parthenon. The H-D's staff should be commended for their treatment of the issues. It is unfortunate that their rape series was not distributed on campus, affording students the opportunity to judge for themselves who provided the best coverage, rather than learning about it second-hand via the self-serving criticisms printed by The Parthenon.

▼ Letters

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 350 words. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and potential libel. Address letters to:

**Letters**  
**The Parthenon**  
**311 Smith Hall**  
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By the way, I have a question. One of the justifications given last semester was that printing both names would be more fair to the accused. I noted what seemed to make a rape newsworthy was directly related to whether or not the victim's name appeared. When the victim was named, the story was a front-page event. When the victim was not named, it was relegated to the inside pages. When charges were dropped, the story was carried on the back page. Was that fair to the accused?

It would appear that the motivation for printing names had less to do with fairness to both parties and more to do with an interest in the identity of the victim. That is, what was considered news was not the rapes, but the victim's name and address. I would be interested to know how you would account for this.

And I have a second question. When a local TV station interviewed Greg Collard following the editorial board's original decision to print the names this semester, he said something I found odd. The editorial board this semester consists of three men and four women, one of whom has publicly stated she is a rape survivor. Yet Collard said that the board, in discussing issues related to the naming of

victims, has "discussed all sides of the argument — we even talked about what we would do if the victim were our SISTER." Why on earth did the four women present adopt a male persona to discuss this issue?

It would appear journalism students are taught that in order to be "objective" one must take the male point of view. Otherwise, I cannot see how these women, who are the majority on the board, could find it necessary to distance themselves from the realities of life in such a way. I'd be very interested to hear how you would account for this as well.

**Dr. Susan G. Jackson**  
assistant professor of art

### Columnist needs to 'quit whining'

To the editor:

In the fall semester, I would read a column by Nerissa Young and think that it was harmless, weak, fluff — and I would do nothing about it. But now she has wrongfully attacked the man I helped into the Oval Office and his plans for the best changes seen since Roosevelt. That is enough. QUIT WHINING!!!

If you had read any polls or news reports, you would see that the country has not "divorced the Clintons" but has welcomed their ideas. The only people pouting about it are the ones who will be most affected and those whose candidates did not make it. I suggest next time (God forbid there be one) that you write about something you know: Rush Limbaugh and Pat Robertson love you.


**Catherine Conway**  
Huntington freshman



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# We must do *this* together?



**CHRIS RICE**  
COLUMNIST

As I walked to the paperbox on the corner, a slurred voice from inside a dumpster called out, "I'm going to kill you! I'm going to kill you!"

"We must do this together" was the banner headline that day.

I laughed, then regressed. The day before while I was running the register at work, a woman took 10 minutes to explain to me that AIDS was no longer "a gay disease."

Her eyes sparkled as she relayed the news — heterosexuals were now contracting the illness.

I played along. Made faces like I was shocked.

After she left I went out to the parking lot and conducted a thorough search for caves she may have been living in or rocks she might have crawled out from under.

I didn't find any. Later that same evening my grandmother called to 4 my uncle had built a deck onto his home.

"And how did he pay for it?" I asked with full understanding of my uncle's financial

status.

"He put the whole thing on his Gold Mastercard," she said.

I explained to my grandmother the sheer stupidity of this purchase (complete with a lengthy explanation of that hard-to-grasp concept "interest") after which she replied, "You don't understand. This is a really nice deck."

My head still spinning, I left my apartment to visit my local convenience store.

I had to fulfill my USDA recommended carcinogen allowance.

While waiting in line, I watched a man buy bread, bologna, Doritos and Swiss Cake Rolls with food stamps.

He then produced enough cash to buy a carton of cigarettes, a chilly 12-pack and a

few lottery tickets.

In the near future this leach who drinks and smokes will have better health insurance than I do.

When I got back the neighbors were at it again. Through the walls I could hear the unmistakable sounds of glass breaking and an open hand striking flesh — the volume on my TV only goes to 10.

I called the police a couple of times a while back before I realized this sort of activity was their norm.

About twice a week he comes home drunk, beats the shit out of her, she runs out of the apartment shouting obscenities, comes back when he sobers up and then I hear the unmistakable sounds of love making — as I said earlier, the volume on my TV only goes up to 10.

Still thinking, I turned with my paper and headed back toward my apartment.

Along the way a car passed blaring the song, "Here Comes the Sun."

I stopped and looked around. I couldn't see it.

## FYI

**Society of Professional Journalists'** campus media open house will be Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. on Smith Hall's second and third floors. For more information call Nerissa Young at 696-6696.

**Musical Arts Guild** will have auditions for Frank

Loesser's "The Most Happy Fella" Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

**Criminal Justice** department's last day to sign up for the mini-LSAT is Friday.

More information may be obtained by calling 696-3084.

**Criminal Justice APS** meets today at 5 p.m. in Harris

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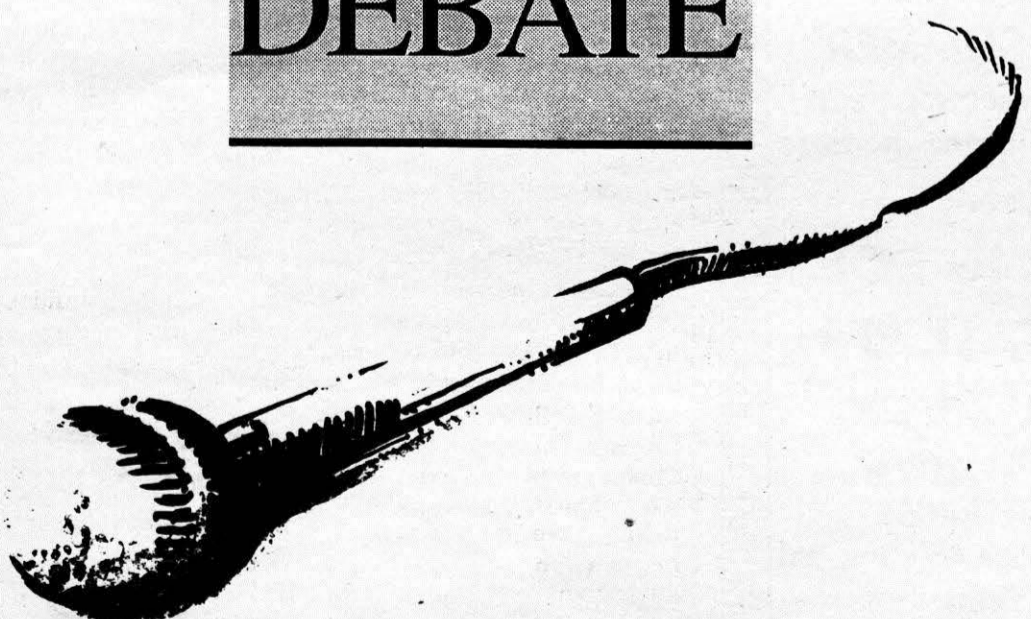
More information may be obtained by calling 696-3084.

**Campus Light** meets for bible study and fellowship at the Campus Christian Center green room each Thursday at 7 p.m. More information may be obtained by calling 696-3057.

**Lambda Society** meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in MSC 2w37.


— All students invited to attend —

# STUDENT SENATE DEBATE



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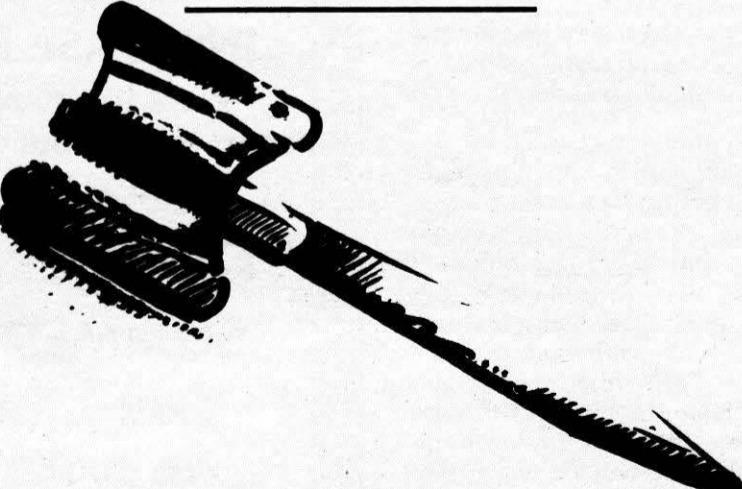
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student government association


— All students invited to attend —

# PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE



**MARCH 1ST 12:30**

At the plaza or inside the student center



student government association



# Macrocosm

by Pendleton & Melrose



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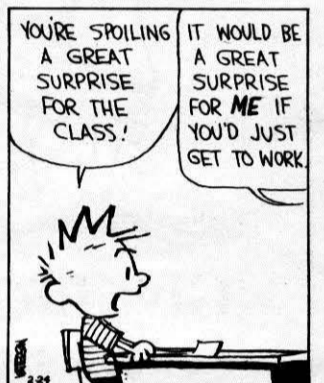
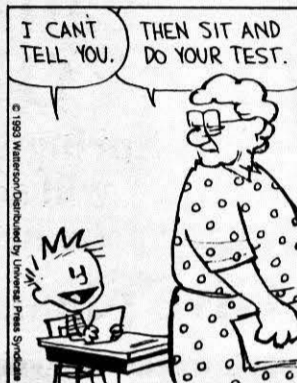
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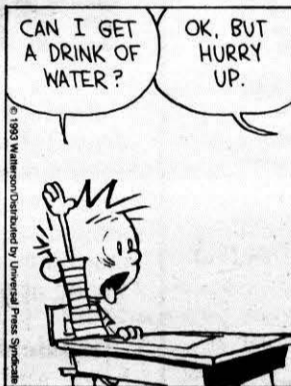


How attack-wiener dogs are trained



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## Brinkley: TV's grand old man

By Frazier Moore  
AP Television Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Visit David Brinkley in his office at ABC News' Washington headquarters, and before long the talk drifts back to the glory days at the old NBC News.

Then, Brinkley was teamed with Chet Huntley, co-anchoring NBC's weeknight newscast. They were yin and yang. Huntley was stone-faced and god-like. Brinkley was boyish, witty and spoke as if he had a mild case of the hiccups.

At 72, Brinkley is still a gentleman armed with suffer-no-fools bluntness, a man who not only ignores such mischief as tabloid TV news or political forecasting but wears his lack of interest as a badge of honor.

And with his famously tart sensibility intact, he still comes across as a confirmed cynic — though not, he insists, to himself.

"No, I think I'm s-s-s-skeptical," he says, drawing out the word in fine Brinkley fashion. "That's the product of having lived in Washington for a long time, and having seen the private facts as compared to the public facts. Some s-s-s-skepticism is required in this city. I don't believe you could survive without it."

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## What does it take to be on a Wheaties box?



**MATT TURNER**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

If you were asked to define sports in general, what would the typical answer be? Competition, scoring, a game that involves some sort of ball, or perhaps the most prevalent definition — winning.

Beating another person or team. Now that's sports!

I figure most sports do have a winner, pending tie ball games, but this definition becomes vague when considering certain so-called sports.

Figure skating definitely is not a sport. Competition? Yes. Scoring? Yes. But the scoring and judging is strictly subjective. Icecapades doesn't count as a sport. One look at their uniforms should give this away.

The same goes for gymnastics, only these guys do it on the pads. I'll admit it takes athletic talent, strength, train-

ing and coordination (none of which I possess) to pommel the horse or uneven the bars but subjective judging to determine the winner of these events just doesn't cut it for a sport.

However, can you imagine a judge not counting a touchdown because Troy Brown's legs were too far apart when he landed in the endzone? Or Orlando Hatchett receiving a dozen roses for a first down?

Some could argue that boxing is subjective. But, isn't it obvious who landed the most punches, got knocked out or bled the most?

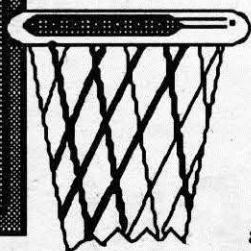
Not to degrade the talented folk who spend so much time scraping their butts on the ice or jaunting about the springboard, but considering ice dancing and swinging on the rings sports are simply absurd.

Here's a simple way to determine if it's a sport — if the athlete requires music to perform his act, it's not a sport. If Bart Connor is whispering commentary in the background, it's not a sport.

Sorry Bart. You did make it to the Wheaties box, you never really won anything.

## Free throw shooting: Not just a flick of the wrist

HUNTINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Clayton can watch a person shoot a free throw and know before it leaves that person's hands whether it is going in the basket. "Free throw shooting is a very simple, highly technical skill," Clayton said.



Clayton, a former coach at Huntington East High School and founder of Sports City U in Huntington, was recently hired as shooting consultant for the NBA's New Jersey Nets.

He cringes when thinking about the poor shooting technique exhibited by basketball players at all levels.

Mid-season statistics show that the NCAA's 300 Division I schools are averaging 66.78 percent from the free throw line, the lowest percentage since 1958.

Clayton said even the poorest shooter can improve with hard work.

"Kids today want it all, but they don't want to put anything into it," said the Huntington resident, who has authored a book on shooting and travels around the country as a clinic speaker.

He said there are three important components of shooting: technique, concentration and execution. Included in the technique portion is lifting the ball, bending the elbow and pushing the ball from the fingers.

Clayton, 37, believes basketball leagues for kids should use lower baskets, which better enables them to develop the correct technique.

Story by Dave Wellman of The Herald-Dispatch

### Three important components of free throw shooting:

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As the players grow, so should the height of the basket, eventually reaching regulation 10 feet.

"Young kids develop bad habits," Clayton said.

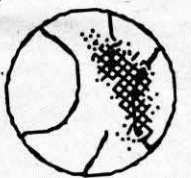
"You see them throwing the ball (from the side) when they're playing with 10-foot baskets. Then you've got to try to correct those habits. And most coaches can teach the X's and O's, but they can't teach shooting."

A lot of coaches, Clayton said, have no idea what the shooters are doing.

"It's very hard to correct things if you don't know what you're doing wrong," he said.

Bad shooting is "an epidemic" throughout basketball, Clayton said. And it's costing a lot of teams a lot of victories.

"Over 70 percent of NBA games are lost at the foul line," Clayton said.



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# Overeaters Anonymous hungers for student members

By Kelli Gates  
Reporter

A group is being planned to help students who are gaining more than knowledge.

A campus Overeaters Anonymous group is in the making if enough students reply, said Chuck McKendree, counseling graduate student, who is helping organize the group.

He said the group which is patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous, and will function in the same manner. Once a convenient meeting time is established, members will get together to share their experiences and offer support to each other.

The process is generally modeled after the AA 12-step program. The program includes

admitting the problem and seeking spiritual strength according to the individual member's religious beliefs.

McKendree said he thinks there is a need for an Overeaters Anonymous group on campus and he hopes to see his plan implemented. He said he will get the group started and let a chosen leader take over once the group gets off the

ground. He said he believes the group will take on a life of its own after getting started.

Overeaters Anonymous is an informal support group. McKendree said it will offer unconditional support and understanding without judgment, which is the cornerstone of the organization.

Overeating, like alcoholism, is an addiction, he said. "Just

take out alcohol and replace it with food."

McKendree said many people don't understand that overeating is a serious problem. Food addicts need support and help just as do drug addicts.

"Prejudice of overweight people in this country is quite serious," McKendree said. "This will be the last prejudice to be taken care of."

## 'Well/Fit' to encourage good health for workers

By Julie Hanlon  
Reporter

Marshall University's Sport Science and Wellness Institute will kick off a project this month to help state employees battle high cholesterol, heart disease, diabetes and other health problems.

Project Well/Fit Director Dr. David Swain said state employees who have PEIA insurance and their dependents in Cabell, Wayne, Mason, Lincoln, Logan and Mingo counties are eligible to participate in the program.

"Marshall University has a grant to offer Project Well/Fit to any state employee in a six-county area," Swain said.

"It will impact about 14,000 people."

The project will offer programs on smoking cessation, weight loss, exercise, nutrition and stress management.

Screenings for high blood

pressure, high cholesterol, and body fat percentage will be offered at public schools throughout the region during March.

Swain said employees who want to participate in the program should complete a questionnaire that will help determine if they are at risk for developing certain health problems.

"We will develop special programs for those who have the highest risk of developing heart disease, diabetes and other health problems," Swain said.

Swain said West Virginia always ranks near the bottom in health surveys.

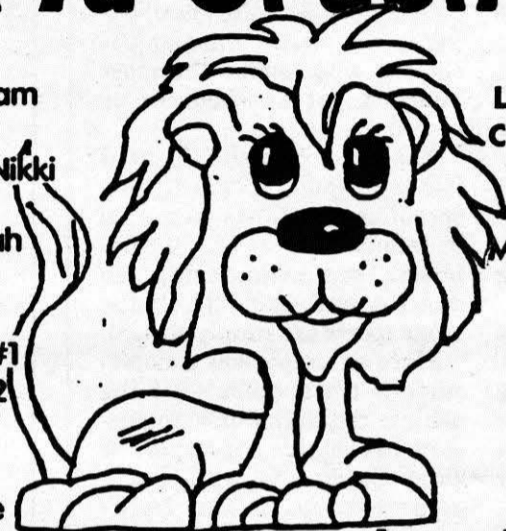
"We hope this program can help change that, but we know a fancy program by itself won't do anything," Swain said.

He also said that the only way changes take place are when people are willing to make a difference.

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