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The Parthenon

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY



TUESDAY

Rain;
high in upper 50s

No hot seat for smoking violators

J.L. Burns
Reporter

President J. Wade Gilley said there will be no penalty for students who violate the new smoking policy effective April 1, and it will be enforced like any other personnel policy for Marshall employees.

"I think students will police themselves," Gilley said.

Department supervisors enforce personnel policies by first reprimanding the employee verbally. If the employee continues to violate the policy, she or he will be written up and it will be put in their personnel file, said Jonathan T. Brown, chairman of Staff Council's personnel committee.

"Policies such as these usually take two years for employees to get used to. I think it will be a learning process over the next two years," Brown said.

The new smoking policy comes after Staff Council submitted a request to Gilley Jan. 4 because the university's smoking policy "discriminates against

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▼ IN HOLLYWOOD WITH THE GIPPER

Tourists turn to right...and wrong

By Mark H. Wiggins
Reporter

After an hour and a half of involuntary tourism, two students finally found former President Ronald Reagan's downtown office in Los Angeles for a scheduled appointment.

"Our hotel was only a fifteen minute drive from his office," said Robert W. Painter, Beckley medical student. "We asked the hotel clerk how to get straight from the hotel to Reagan's office. He gave us bogus directions and we ended up in south-central L.A. where all the riots had been."

"A word of advice," said Clinton M. Gillespie, Charleston freshman, who accompanied Painter on the trip, "do not ask a Mexican who has few English language skills for directions in L.A."

Painter and Gillespie visited Reagan in Los Angeles March 3. Painter wrote to Reagan in early January to request the visit and



Former President Ronald Reagan accepts a Marshall sweatshirt from College Republicans Robert W. Painter and Clinton M. Gillespie.

invited Gillespie to accompany him.

Painter is president of the Marshall University College Republicans, and Gillespie is vice president. Painter said Reagan probably accepted them as visitors because of their involve-

ment in the group.

Although they checked their route the day before, when the time came, they could not recall it.

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Student's rape trial postponed

The trial of a former Marshall University student charged with two rapes in separate attacks last year was postponed last week.

Huntington resident Charles Franklin Plymail, 28, had been scheduled to stand trial Wednesday before Judge Alfred E. Ferguson in Cabell County Circuit Court. It had not been announced which case would be tried first.

Plymail is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault, one count of second-degree sexual assault and one count each of first-degree sexual abuse, burglary and malicious wounding.

The defense attorney for Plymail said the trial could be postponed again because he plans to request DNA testing of evidence from one of the crimes.

Courthouse officials said it was unlikely the trial would begin Wednesday because of complaints by Plymail about his court-appointed defense attorney, George Beter. Beter will remain as Plymail's counsel, but Ferguson granted a continuance until May 17 to allow Beter more time to prepare his case.

Beter said Wednesday that

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Spring training

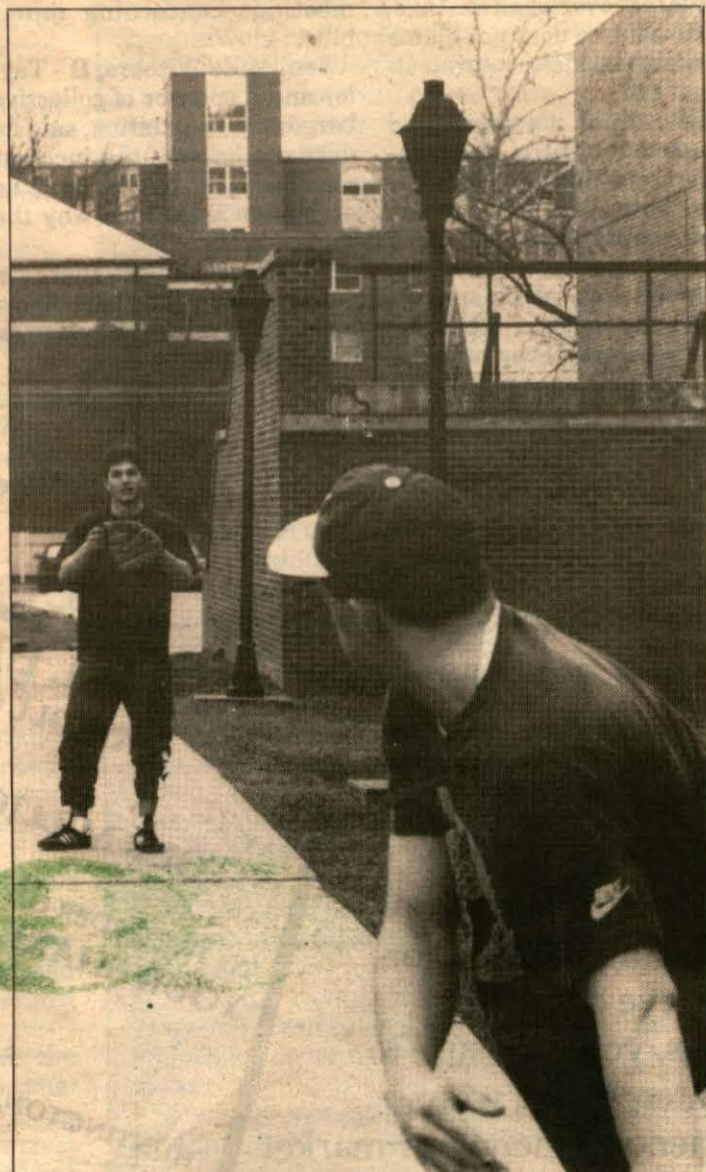


Photo by Webb Thompson

Shane Holmes, East Bank senior, and Jay Blackwell, Charleston freshman, warm up their arms on Monday, Spring's third day.

Staff member has no sorrow about siege

By Greg Collard
Editor

Marshall's representative for the West Virginia State Employees Union says she has no regrets for taking part last Thursday in a 20-minute siege of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Marsha Napier, an administrative aide in the College of Liberal Arts, was among about 40 state workers who refused to let senators leave the committee room until they voted on a bill that would give collective bargaining rights to state employees.

"I think it's awful we're forced to take these tactics, so no, I'm not sorry."

Several push-fights ensued when senators tried to walk past the protesters.

State troopers ended the confrontation after Sen. John Yoder, R - Jefferson, crawled out a second-story window and yelled for help, an action Napier called "asinine."

The incident so angered legislators that Senate President Keith Burdette, D - Wood, said the bill was dead the next day.

Still, Napier maintains they had no other choice because senators have been ignoring collective bargaining legisla-

tion. Four of the bill's five sponsors serve on the judiciary committee, but it has not been

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Marsha Napier,
administrative aide

placed on agenda by Chairman Bill Wooton, D - Raleigh.

Wooton could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, one local lawmaker criticized state employees who participated in the incident.

"I think their actions are deplorable," said Sen. Robert Plymale, D - Wayne. "Intimidation is not a part of democracy and I think that's what they were trying to do, but I think it backfired" because the incident alienated many legislators.

But Napier disagrees because lawmakers already were avoiding collective bargaining. The protesters decided to form a blockade Wednesday morning after realizing lobbying was not enough, she said.

"We were getting nowhere. It was just the same old song and dance."

Sen. David Grubb, D - Kanawha and Judiciary Committee member, agrees the issue would have been ignored.

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"A half hour before our visit we were lost as Hogan's goat," Painter said. "We had no idea where we were, so we flagged down a taxi and gave the driver \$15 to let us follow him to Reagan's office."

"When we finally got there, we had to park about a quarter-mile away," Painter said. "We had to run up the street in our suits carrying bags of [autobiographies for Reagan to sign] and the Marshall sweatshirt we were going to give him. We were running and sweating in our suits and finally got in the building at 1:30 p.m. (Our appointment was at 1:30 p.m.) After checking us in, the guard whisked us into Reagan's private elevator."

"When we got upstairs," Gillespie said, "the secret service man in the lobby took our books and checked everything out. We couldn't take anything into Reagan's office or leave any messages for him inside the books."

Painter said Reagan welcomed him and Gillespie into his office in a manner true to his old form.

"Well...come on in" were the first words Painter and Gillespie heard Reagan say.

Painter and Gillespie said they had devised some "amazing" questions to ask Reagan, but the minute they got into the office they forgot them.

"He seemed larger than life," Gillespie said.

"I hadn't thought much about meeting him," said Painter, "until we first arrived in the office, and a lady told us 'the president is waiting for you,' and then it hit me."

Painter and Gillespie described their visit as informal. They said Reagan talked to them about his ranch, his library, their education at Marshall and their involvement in College Republicans among other things.

"We were talking to him," said Gillespie, "and he noticed I was wearing my [Tau Kappa Epsilon] fraternity pin. 'Oh, you're a TKE,' [Reagan] said." Reagan was an active Tau Kappa Epsilon member during his college days at Eureka College in Indiana.

Painter and Gillespie pre-

sented Reagan with a Marshall national championship sweatshirt. A photograph of Reagan holding the shirt will be presented to the university.

Painter said he didn't realize how fortunate he was to visit a former president until he signed the guest book.

"I looked down the list in the book and saw signatures of general this, admiral that, and ambassador so and so," said Painter. "Then we signed the book. It seemed kind of funny."

Funny may be the appropriate description of the Painter-Gillespie trip. Painter and Gillespie estimated they shook Reagan's hand five or six times in 30 minutes. "I didn't think about it then," Painter said, "but we just kept shaking his hand over and over."

Before their visit, Painter and Gillespie said they went to lunch and Gillespie splattered ketchup all over his shirt. "Luckily, I had my jacket off," Gillespie said, "and I was able to wash most of the ketchup off my shirt."

After their visit with Reagan, Painter and Gillespie said they

went to Hollywood. While walking down the street, they were approached by a man asking if they wanted to be on a television show.

Not knowing what was in store, Painter said, he and Gillespie volunteered. After a short bus trip to a Hollywood studio, Painter and Gillespie soon found themselves members of the studio audience of "Vicki!"

"It was neat to experience," said Gillespie, "but the show was about high school proms. We wanted to leave, but the show gives everyone a chance to win a prize as an enticement to stay."

Leaving Los Angeles wasn't a smooth event for Painter and Gillespie either. Both missed their flights home and had to reschedule them.

"I was driving down the street looking at the map trying to find the airport," Painter said. "The street I needed to take went left, and I never saw it. I drove by that thing for an hour and a half, but being conservative, I'm always looking to the right, so I missed it."

SMOKE

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the classified staff," Brown said. State law already prohibits smoking in classrooms, laboratories, elevators and auditoriums.

Currently, smoking is allowed in personal offices as long as doors remains closed.

The new policy will prohibit smoking in any Marshall University vehicle or building, including the football stadium and faculty offices. Exceptions will be made for residence halls in student rooms designated as smoking rooms and properties leased by the university to others.

Gilley said he implemented a restrictive smoking policy when he was president of Bluefield

State College, and there was no problem with students or faculty violating the rules.

"When I first implemented the policy at Bluefield State College, everyone was worried that there was no way to enforce the policy, but we never had any problems," Gilley said.

"In an enlightened educational community we'll have no problem," Gilley said.

Gilley will be presenting a forum to explain the new smoking policy Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge in Memorial Student Center.

Anyone wanting to attend must pre-register at the Human Resources Department.

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"I think people who say they won't vote on collective bargaining because of what happened are only using the incident as an excuse for something they would not have done in the first place."

Grubb said he still thinks the hostile takeover was a mistake, but he said he does not blame the entire incident on protesters.

"I don't think it's ever a good idea to take control of a committee meeting, but I understand how these types of actions take place because people feel frustrated."

"I'm not sure who is responsible for the violence, but I know the protesters never raised a

hand until senators tried to push their way through," Grubb said.

Plymale said it was obvious to him that the event was staged about halfway through the meeting because television crews do not regularly attend meetings concerning minor bills.

Sen. Mike Withers, D - Taylor and a sponsor of collective bargaining legislation, said he does not know if the incident was planned, but he said he does have some idea why the protest occurred.

"My perception is there's a general level of frustration where they can't get it voted on up or down."

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Yeltsin's fate in hands of court

By Sergel Shargorodsky
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin's spokesman Monday accused the chief justice of prematurely siding with parliament in its effort to impeach him, and the president issued a decree placing Russian media under his protection.

The Kremlin moves came as Russia's Constitutional Court convened to discuss Yeltsin's declaration of emergency powers and the power struggle between the president and the parliament. The court failed to reach an immediate decision.

If the court rules against Yeltsin, the Congress of People's Deputies, the highest legislative body, could move to impeach him for breaching the constitution.

In his latest bid to thwart chief rival Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliament speaker, Yeltsin Monday placed the media under his protection and ordered the Interior Minister to take "necessary measures" to defend state television, radio and information agencies.

On March 13, at the end of the emergency session of the Congress of People's Deputies, Khasbulatov directed the Supreme Soviet legislature to prepare laws to put media under parliamentary control.

Presidential spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov Monday asserted — without offering evidence — that Yeltsin has growing public support as he proceeds with plans to hold a referendum April 25, undeterred by criticism from hard-line lawmakers and some of Russia's populace.

Russia plunged into its deepest crisis since the failed August 1991 coup when Yeltsin declared emergency rule Saturday night and scheduled a referendum to ask people whether he or legislators should rule Russia. Valery Zorkin, chairman of the Constitutional Court, immediately called Yeltsin's actions an attempted coup.

The 247-member Supreme Soviet standing legislature, in an emergency session Sunday night, voted 125-16 to ask the Constitutional Court to review

State of Russia

- Yeltsin places media under his protection to prevent rule of it by parliament

- Yeltsin could be impeached if the Constitutional Court rules against him

- President Clinton sends a message of support to Yeltsin (see story Page 8)

the legality of Yeltsin's actions.

The United States, France, Germany, Canada, Britain, Denmark, Japan and other nations have all endorsed Yeltsin's actions. President Clinton was among the first to pledge his continued support to the Russian leader, believing that Russia's democratic reforms are at stake.

Yeltsin's office said the president remained in Moscow

LEGUZPI, Phillipines — The Mayon volcano exploded seven times Sunday, hurling tons of chocolate-colored ash more than 13,000 feet into the sky. There were no immediate reports of casualties, but a farmer died of a heart attack during a minor emission on Saturday.

Monday. His 85-year-old mother died Sunday in Yekaterinburg, and she reportedly was to be buried in Moscow.

Kostikov lambasted Zorkin for criticizing Yeltsin before convening the court to consider the case. Kostikov praised the army for staying out of the dispute.

"The population welcomed with understanding the president's proposals toward resolving the crisis," Kostikov said.

Public reaction has been mixed. On Sunday, pro- and anti-Yeltsin demonstrations each drew about 5,000 people.

About 200 anti-Yeltsin demonstrators protested in the rain outside the Russian parliament building today, but Moscow's streets otherwise were quiet.

The Constitutional Court did not rule Monday on the constitutionality of Yeltsin's decisions.

Zorkin held out the possibility that a compromise was possible between Yeltsin and legislators.

BRIEFS from wire reports

W.Va. business leaders travel to White House

CHARLESTON (AP) — Gov. Gaston Caperton is leading a delegation of West Virginia business leaders to the White House today to discuss President Clinton's economic investment package.

The group is scheduled to meet with Clinton for an hour.

Accompanying Caperton is Ralph Bean of the West Virginia Economic Development Council; John Hendricks, head of the Discovery Channel; Russell Isaacs of the West Virginia Business Roundtable; Ron Labow, chairman of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Corp.; Michael Perry, president of Key-Centurion Bankshares; Joseph Powell, president of the West Virginia AFL-CIO; and Chuck Smith, chairman of the state Democratic Party.

Yeltsin's mother dies, increases president's grief

MOSCOW (AP) — In the midst of a bitter struggle with parliament, President Boris Yeltsin suffered a personal loss when his mother died over the weekend, government sources said Sunday.

They said Klavdia Yeltsin, 85, died in the Siberian city of Yekaterinburg, but gave no details on the cause or day of death. Yeltsin's press office did not answer telephone calls.

Rumors of her death first surfaced at an emergency session of the Supreme Soviet, the acting legislature that took the first step Sunday toward impeaching Yeltsin for his imposition of emergency rule on Saturday.

Condition serious for first lady's dad

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spent the night in her parent's home after rushing to the hospital bedside of her ailing father, who suffered a stroke.

Hugh Rodham was in serious condition, a family physician said late Sunday, but few details were released about him or the first couple's daylong stay at the hospital. Officials said the family requested privacy during the time of deep concern for Mrs. Clinton's 81-year-old father.

Dr. Susan Santa Cruz told reporters Sunday his condition was not considered critical and he had stabilized.

LAPD prepares for verdict in King trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Police Department is amassing more than \$1 million in riot gear and asking officers to put off vacations until after the Rodney King beating trial, as it prepares for possible violence after the verdict.

"I sincerely hope that this is a plan that we never have to pull off the shelf," Chief Willie Williams said as he discussed anti-riot plans at a recent meeting with homeowners in the Sherman Oaks area.

Last week Williams told a radio program that 7,000 of the department's 7,691 sworn officers would be available to respond to any trouble after the verdict is announced.

Police were criticized for being unprepared when the acquittal of four officers of most brutality charges set off riots last spring that killed 54 people and caused \$1 billion in damage.

Nine cult members leave compound

WACO, Texas (AP) — More Branch Davidian cult members left their heavily armed rural enclave over the weekend, raising hopes once again for a peaceful resolution to the 3-week-old siege.

Seven people came out Sunday, following two who left Friday night.

"The quicker it picks up, the better the situation is, and we're getting more and more out," said FBI agent Richard Swensen.

The FBI says Koresh told them the siege will end soon, but he gave no timetable.

Authorities moved in Feb. 28 to arrest Koresh and search the compound, but were met with heavy gunfire. Four federal agents were killed and 16 were wounded. There were two known deaths among cult members.

Eight picked up in Huntington prostitution sting

HUNTINGTON (AP) — Eight people were charged with prostitution and solicitation in a weekend "sting" operation near a downtown corner where a prostitute was slain, authorities said.

Two women were arrested Friday night when they propositioned undercover police officers on separate occasions, city police said.

Both women were charged with prostitution, a misdemeanor.

Five men ranging in age from 20 to 59 were arrested later Friday and early Saturday when they offered undercover female officers money for sex, police said.

The men were charged with soliciting for prostitution, also a misdemeanor, police said.

The arrests occurred in a two-block area near 14th Street and 4 1/2 alley where Lisa A. Estep, 25, of Huntington was shot and killed March 16.

No arrests have been made in the slaying, officials said.

A 25-year-old man also was arrested during the operation for acting as a lookout for a prostitute, police said.

He was charged with aiding solicitation for prostitution, also a misdemeanor.

The eight were arraigned before a Cabell County magistrate and placed in the county jail on \$1,000 bond.

Six were released on bond by Sunday, said corrections official Cpl. Roman Thompson.

Huntington police arrested 11 people two weeks ago for solicitation, officials said.

Engine shutoff halts launch

By Marcia Dunn
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia's engines shut down and the flight was aborted three seconds before this morning's launch with seven astronauts on a research mission.

The launch team immediately secured the 2,000-ton shuttle on the launch pad. The five Americans and two Germans inside the cockpit were in no danger.

Pilot Terence "Tom" Henricks reported that the three auxiliary power units were off. The engines had been shut down automatically by a computer.

Engineers confirmed that they saw no leaks around the main engines and that the vehicle was in a safe configuration, said NASA commentator Mitch Varnes.

It was only the third time that an engine shutdown occurred in 12 years of shuttle flying. The other two were in 1984 when Discovery shut down four seconds before liftoff, and in 1985 when a flight by Challenger was aborted three seconds before liftoff. Both problems were blamed on engine valves.

NASA said the astronauts would leave the shuttle soon. There was no telling when the flight might be rescheduled.

"It's far too early to know what went wrong exactly," Varnes said.

The launch was scheduled for 9:51 a.m. Researchers had been waiting five years for this Spacelab mission, the second to be sponsored by Germany in 12 years of U.S. shuttle flights. The 1986 Challenger explosion delayed the project.

The scientific portion of the mission was to be handled by a German control center near Munich. NASA's Mission Control in Houston was to handle flight operations.

The first German Spacelab mission, on Challenger in 1985, is the only other U.S. manned space flight to be controlled from outside the United States.

our view

Union's bully act only hurt cause

▼ **The Issue:** Several members of the West Virginia State Employees Union harmed efforts to get collective bargaining for public employees by trying to bully state senators.

Too often unions are wrongly stereotyped as being violent, irrational and greedy.

Unfortunately, about 40 members of the West Virginia State Employees Union enhanced that perception last week when they took control of a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting.

The protesters refused to let senators leave the room until they voted on a bill that would give collective bargaining rights to state employees.

When some senators tried to get past the protesters anyway, pushing and shoving ensued.

The confrontation only ended after state troopers arrived.

Judging from post-meeting tempers, they probably arrived just in time.

The protesters have good reason to be frustrated with the "system." After all, the pro-business committee chairman, Sen. Bill Wooton, D - Raleigh, has refused to place the collective bargaining bill on agenda, which means it will never be discussed on the senate floor.

But sieging a committee meeting is not the answer. Those 40 state employees made the WVSEU look like nothing but a mob of bullies.

Now many people who were unsure about their stance on collective bargaining think this behavior is what to expect if the bill is ever approved.

But worst of all, the protesters enraged enough lawmakers to ensure the issue is never discussed for the remainder of the legislative session.

Next year, the WVSEU should make sure its members act with a little more maturity.

Otherwise, the union will be collective bargaining's worst enemy.

World must keep its eye on Russia

Growing tensions in Russia are proof that something needs to be done to help resolve the country's crisis.

Although Boris Yeltsin still has the majority of Russia's support, hard-line Communists and anti-reformists are engaged in a deep power struggle with Yeltsin that could be disastrous to the rest of the world.

After all, an anti-Western Russia could reverse its trend of cutting nuclear arsenals, resume weapon sells—including nuclear arsenals—to world threats like Saddam Hussein, reverse troop withdrawals from eastern Germany and the Baltics, and invade former Soviet republics.

United Nations involvement in the form of being mediator would be nice, but probably impossible at this stage.

However, the West can help by providing basic needs such as food.

Attempts also can be made to stabilize skyrocketing inflation of the ruble.

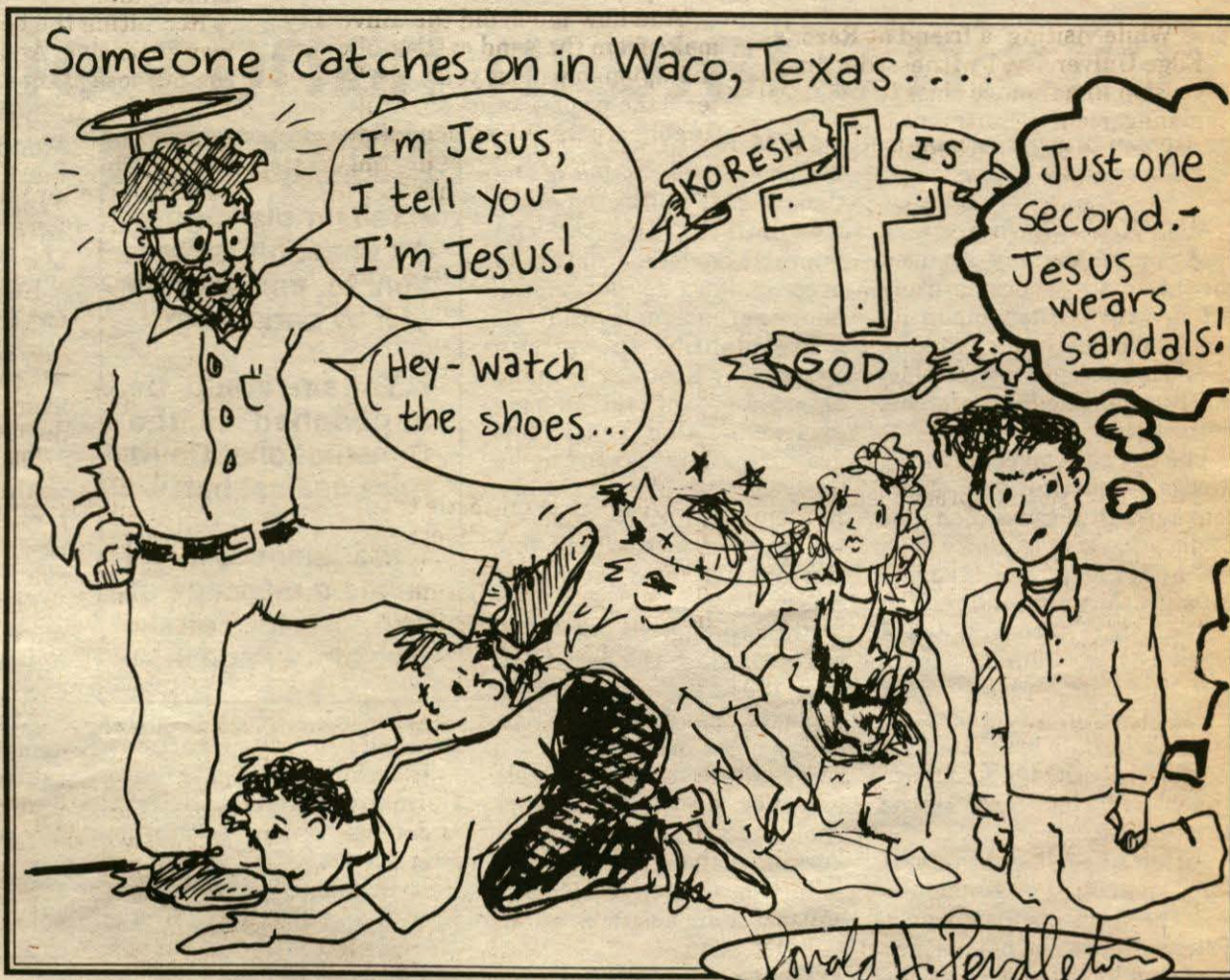
Several countries have promised \$6 billion in aid, but so far Russia has not seen a dime. President Clinton also is requesting another \$700 million for Russia.

All countries must deal with their own problems, but Russia cannot be ignored.

World peace is too important.

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letters

Blackmail taught to paper's editor

To the editor:

Journalists are not the only people charged by the public to look for truth. It is the duty of every person and every institution to look for the truth, in areas that are related to their activities. If there are wrongdoings and there is an attempt to cover up by the body empowered with verification/control duties, then it would be legitimate for the press to try and expose the cover-up.

When an individual applies for a job, the institution to which he/she is applying has legitimate reasons to check up the credentials. When an individual stands up for public office, the press can play its role by checking up.

What the dimwitted Greg Collard and those responsible for teaching him journalistic ethics do not realize is that what they are doing is practicing blackmail. A case becomes one of blackmail when the person usurps for personal advantages the investigative prerogative of someone else. The university is responsible for ensuring that in fact I do possess the degree I claim. If the university is covering up for me, then the university should be investigated. The dim witted Collard does not realize that becoming a journalist does not entitle him to usurp the "chips" of others. In this case he was assuming the authority of the university, without having first either checked with the university or charged the university with cover-up.

Moreover, what the dimwitted Collard did when talking with Durham University Business School was to masquerade as a legitimate Marshall official seeking information.

While Collard and his ilk from the School of Blackmailing harass

▼ Letters

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minority and female faculty, it is reported that drunks and bigots hide in their closets. I am told that given the limited wits of Collard the stories exposing the peccadilloes and bigotries of the School of Blackmailing could be a lifetime (and a long life too) job for him. But what a miserable life that would be!

Dr. Jamil M. Chaudri
professor of computer science

EDITOR'S NOTE: The editor maintains he has always properly identified himself when seeking information.

Homosexuality always wrong

To the editor:

I am responding to the March 4 editorial entitled "The Truth Hurts: People are gay." When I first read the article announcing that Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris were coming to Marshall to speak, I was appalled. I wondered what they would have to say. Then I just assumed that no one would go. As I turned the page to finish the article, I saw the photo of these men, which also disgusted me. Later in the day, I heard about The Herald-Dispatch article and pic-

ture of them. It seemed to cause an uproar in the Tri-State. And now, The Parthenon says in its editorial that we are just going to have to get used to it. Well, I'm not going to get used to it—I am going to get mad about it.

To begin with, "an act common among married couples" is not common between two men. I don't believe that "legalized gay marriage is bound to happen." The Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for the wickedness (including homosexuality — Genesis 19:5) there. And homosexuality is not natural; Leviticus 18:22 says it is an abomination. Furthermore, Romans 1:32, speaking of the homosexuals mentioned in Romans 1:27, says "they which commit such things are worthy of death." (See also Leviticus 20:13) I think they do have reason to be ashamed.

It doesn't matter what the courts say (or when they say it, either), homosexuality is wrong.

Teresa A. Spears
Kitts Hill, Ohio, freshman

Reader examines spring's weirdos

To the editor:

It's springtime, and all the little weirdos who were hibernating in the woodwork over winter have finally come out into the light. Let's examine some of them, shall we?

First of all there's Jonmark Mayes [all of these letters are from The Parthenon on March 11]. Jonmark doesn't like Macrocosm! Yeah for Jonmark! I agree completely! It's a stupid little cartoon with a couple of guys trying to be deep and failing miserably. And I thought the hamsters were bad last semester....sheesh!

But then Jonmark goes and as-

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A terrible case of sand castle anathema

SEAN DEWEY

GUEST COLUMNIST

While visiting a friend at Razor's Edge University, I witnessed a discussion in a finance class in the fiscal management department [one of few still on the course schedule because of other monetary priorities].

The professor began the discussion with references to the university's recent completion of a sand castle building stadium and its monetary consequences to students, faculty and the university in general.

"Consequences, hell!" Several students in the room's back row cried in unison. "Sandman Stadium [an affectionate nickname that resulted from the sleepy, slow approach the university took when trying to name the gleaming tribute to sandcastle builders across the country, or at least those still in 1-AA] brings money to this university," the back-row captain slowly said.

The professor whipped out a slide rule he could barely afford, and tersely questioned the detractor.

"And how much did the university make from the sand castle building championships last year, Mr. Tidewater?" the professor asked, while fumbling with the ancient slide rule.

Tired of counting on his fingers, the captain guessed a number in the six figure range.

And how much of this "windfall" went to the university, Mr. Tidewater?" the professor queried.

"Well, I suspect the university gets all or most of the money," the captain said despondently.

"Welllllll... you're wrong on both accounts young sage," professor Tweed said with a sharks gleam in his eye. "The sand castle team championship only generated \$20,000 and every dime went back to the sand castlers program — not the university general fund!"

The captain's mood brightened perceptibly. He realized the sand castle

building team had needs that those in academia couldn't or wouldn't understand.

Recruiting the best sand castlers was expensive. And besides, wasn't it the purpose of the university system to provide a training center for future professional sand castle builders? [Not sensing this was a rhetorical question, the captain mused over an appropriate answer to his own question]. Yes, he concluded, the sand castle team deserved every dime of that \$20,000.

"But student fees pump close to \$500,000 into the the athletic program a semester," said a woman in the middle row. "For any profit to be made, those 'investments' would have to be returned to the investors in the form of interest or other annuities..."

Barely able to contain myself, I managed to leave the room and make it to the hallway before I burst into laughter.

My host soon joined me, and concerned, asked about my sudden fit.

"I can't possibly imagine any university, even ours, that would have something so idiotic as a sand castle building team," I said through gales of laughter.

"What possible situation does sand castle building prepare you for in the future? Who in their right mind would try to glean \$1 million a year off of a supposedly intelligent student population for what has to be labeled as a recreational activity?"

My host tried to break in here, but I was on my usual soap box.

"Worse yet," I said as I rolled down the stairs, "the university actually sold bonds to finance, and paid \$30 million for a sand castle building stadium."

"Um, er.. let me remind..," my host tried again.

"No, no. Just drive me back to Huntington," I chortled.

"Any place in particular you want to be dropped off at?" he sighed.

"Just drop me off at Something-Or-Other Stadium," I said, startled.

LETTERS

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sumes that everybody on The Parthenon staff likes it. At least that's what it seems like. He goes on and on about how they've published it and how they're contributing to the fall of man, and all that. Well, Jonmark, they published your letter, which they may or may not agree with. Just because they print something, it doesn't mean that everyone in The Parthenon likes it.

Dr. Earl Damewood. I am a smoker. I believe the studies that say cigarettes are carcinogenic. I believe the studies that say second-hand smoke is carcinogenic. You'd have to be an idiot to just blindly accept what the tobacco companies tell you (oh no, they're not going to lie to you, they just want you to keep buying cigarettes). I just think they should get rid of all the rest of the carcinogens on campus too. Like cars. Or peanut butter.

And finally, Dr. Baker. Apparently you've been listening to the PCer's just a little bit too long. From what I've been told about Dr. Chaundri, (who apparently made a statement saying that they don't hire for aptitude, but rather to fill quotas) he deserves to be slammed. Yes, quotas are a decent thing to keep racism down, but the aptitude of the applicants should be an overriding priority. Besides, they were making fun of his written English. I'm sure that Dr. Chaundri could find someone to proofread his advertisements. And Dr.

Jackson... well, we've disagreed enough over the last school year. But why can't The Parthenon editors disagree with their views? Just because Dr. Chaundri is from another country and Dr. Jackson's a women? Please! If I disagree with someone, I'll do it because of their views, not because of their race or gender. And I won't pull punches for those reasons, either.

Have a nice day.

Steve Saus
Morgantown junior

Lawmakers hold faculty hostage

To the editor:

Is anyone surprised by the headline "Raise may mean more tuition" in the March 10 Parthenon? When are the faculty of Marshall University going to realize that we are being held hostage by the powers in Charleston? It's no surprise that the governor dangled a pay raise (the first one in three years) in front of our eyes, and now we read that maybe it can't be fully funded (now that's a surprise).

Our master of finance magic, Mr. Karlet, threatens raising tuition and fees to pay for any shortfall. The students of this university are already facing higher laboratory course fees. Now let's threaten higher tuition so we can get their parents really upset. Does

anyone see where this is leading? Now the people of West Virginia see faculty as money grubbing egg heads who are more interested in lining their pockets than educating the people of the state. With no support from the general public, our chances of a real pay increase are next to nothing.

Parents complain to their fearless leaders in Charleston and oops! the \$2,000 pay raise suggested by the governor is slashed to something considerably less.

We faculty, fearful of no pay raise, will then get down on our hands and knees and thank those wonderful legislators for any pittance of a raise they hand us.

I calculated how much money it would take just to bring my buying power to where it was three years ago. Using the current cost of living index of 3.3 percent, I would need a raise of about \$2,890 just to bring my income up to what it used to be. Each year that we do not get a cost of living raise is like taking a pay cut.

In terms worth to the university, I should be worth more now that I have three years more experience, not \$2,890 less. Just think about this, most faculty have a PhD. That means at least four years of post-baccalaureate education, [in my case, seven to eight years for my master's, then four more for my PhD] many of the faculty have some post-doctoral research experience [in my case, two years in one of the better laboratories in the country].

My salary is less than the average wage for a coal miner, less than the sales people for local beer distributors, about \$20,000 less than a friend of mine who is a captain in the Army. I'm not saying my job is more or less important than any of these jobs, I'm just trying to put things into a local perspective.

What should we do? Well, first of all, we should not just sit around and take it. Write to Charleston! Flood their offices with mail! The more noise we make, the more likely we will be heard. Rock the boat, because in terms of our abilities to support our families the boat is sinking anyway! Make a concerted effort to do your job at the level you're being reimbursed. Humm, does that mean we should not improve our performance? Does that mean our performance should actually regress? Listen folks, if we don't look out for ourselves, no body else will.

In fact, sitting on your hands and saying nothing, by teaching your classes with the same or less course budget that you had two or three years ago, you are actually supporting the positions of the legislature. That is, that we are being paid fairly, that our courses are being subsidized at the appropriate level and, most of all, that we are too apathetic to take stand for our own livelihoods.

Wake up, Marshall!

Dr. David S. Mallory
assistant professor of biology

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Student teaching pays in experience

By Kathleen Curtis
Reporter

It's not just a job. It's an adventure. Student teacher Lori A. Mullens, Scott Depot senior, said she always wanted to become a teacher.

"When I was little I always wanted to be the teacher when we played school," Mullens said. "Now that I'm not 'playing' teacher anymore, I still have just as much fun as when I was little."

At first, Mullens said she felt awkward going into someone's classroom and teaching certain subjects. But after a while, she said she realized the teachers were comfortable with it.

"The children really love having a student teacher," Mullens said. "We bring in new, fresh ideas and do more fun learning games that the children enjoy and learn."

Maudie Karickhoff, director of clinical experiences, said student teaching allows students to put into practice the theories they have learned in classes.

"The graduate students are required to have the student teaching experience," Karickhoff said.

Student teachers are not paid, but earn 12 credit hours.

However, the regular teacher, who is recommended by the principal to have a student teacher, is paid a very small amount.

Mullens said student teachers are supposed to observe how teachers handle classes during the first week. Then, they teach one subject a day until they are able to teach an entire day. Finally, they "build back down" until they are observing classes again.

"On my third day with the first graders we had to do a head check and found

two kids with lice eggs," Mullens said. "It was quite an experience. I had to buy the special shampoos so I wouldn't get it or spread it around the sorority house."

"I just got finished teaching first graders and I'm now going to teach fourth graders," Mullens said.

"It was so hard leaving the first grade class, because they were so sweet and affectionate," she said. "It will also be a difficult transition from going to first grade to fourth, because of their different levels."

Mullens said she found first grade hard at first, because it took her a while to get down to their level.

"The regular teacher told me in how many cartoons until, say, lunch or recess," she said.

"The children don't understand the concept of time, but they know about

how long a cartoon is."

Unsupervised television sometimes can create a problem by sending mixed signals to children, she said.

Children know more now than when she was in school, Mullens said.

"They are learning as early as the first grade about how bad drugs and alcohol are," Mullens said. "I think it is necessary to give them this information as early as possible."

"I would also like to see more parents working with the teachers to help in their child's education instead of against," she said.

Even with a few downfalls, Mullens said she would not choose any other career.

"It is so rewarding and you get so close with the kids. Teaching is definitely a take-home job that you love to bring home."

Pennsylvania townspeople turn down sex for day

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Officials in York are hoping to teach unmarried teen-agers the joys of abstinence by asking everyone in the county to go without sex Monday.

"If you can control yourself for one day, you can control yourself any day," said Joe Fay, chairman of the Teen Pregnancy Coalition of York County.

The Great Sex-Out Day was organized to call attention to the area's extremely high birth rate, he said.

Teen-agers accounted for about 21 percent of all births in

the county in 1991, the coalition said. York County, south of Harrisburg, has about 300,000 residents. The national rate for girls ages 15 to 17 in 1990 was about 3 per-

cent. "We want to take one day to highlight abstinence, to point out all the benefits of it and to set an example for everyone, especially teens," Fay said.

Big snow ices some students' plans for Break

By Samantha Carney
Reporter

The blizzard that buried Huntington delayed Spring Break plans for some Marshall students.

But for student teachers in the College of Education, the blizzard meant an extended weekend vacation from the classrooms of area high schools and middle schools.

Parkersburg senior Randy Fike had traveled home for the weekend when the blizzard hit. He said he just watched the news for school cancellations.

"They always say we'll get a lot of snow but we never do," Fike said.

The blizzard warnings were right on target this time. News reporters relayed orders from the state for everyone to remain in their homes and avoid driving in the snow.

Fike said Cabell County cancelled school for Tuesday and Wednesday on Monday evening, so he just stayed home and enjoyed the break.

"It was great that they let us know (about the cancellations) ahead of time," Fike said.

Abbie Shrewsbury, South Point, Ohio, senior, said she enjoyed the time-out from student teaching.

"I needed a break," she admitted.

"I've had a chance to recuperate and relax, but I'm ready to go back now," Shrewsbury said Tuesday.

Phil Brewster, Daytona, Fla., graduate student, pointed out that student teachers are not cheated out of a spring break.

"We get our spring break with Cabell County," he said.

Brewster took full advantage of the school cancellations by catching up on work and fun.

"I got a lot of work and lesson plans done," he said.

"And I did a little sledding too."

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Legislation might restrict tanning

By Gara Hoke
Reporter

Surveys find that more than half of the American population find tans attractive, but state legislation might force people to rethink their tanning habits.

Diana Compston of the Charleston American Cancer Society is backing legislation this session that will regulate tanning beds.

The bill would call for regulation of radiation limits and timers on beds.

"A volunteer from Jackson County spearheaded this effort because there is no regulation on tanning bed

facilities. We found that some timers might say 30 minutes but they would actually be 35."

According to the Federal Drug Administration, tanning beds are health hazards. The tanning is possible by radiation through ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays.

UVB rays are more dangerous because they are more intense at the surface and even a small amount can cause, damage to skin or eyes.

However, UVA rays can be harmful in high doses because they increase the chances of skin aging and skin cancer.

"Tanning salons are now stressing that new tanning beds are 95 percent

UVA and five percent UVB, but individuals must consider the risks," said Steve Byers, information coordinator for American Cancer Society in Charleston.

ACS literature states precautions for tanning bed use: Do not use if you burn, have frequent cold sores, or are taking prescription drugs, including tetracycline, sulfa drugs and even some brands of birth control pills.

No statistics on skin cancer due to tanning beds are available yet.

Dermatologists are more skeptical.

Lula Cavender, an employee of Dr. Nolan Parsons, Charleston dermatologist, says that tanning beds

• A member of the American Cancer Society is backing legislation that would regulate tanning beds.

• The law would require regulation of ultraviolet radiation and timers on tanning beds.

are not recommended for any reason because ultraviolet rays are more harmful than sun rays.

"It's too early to know if they have caused skin cancer in some patients. We don't recommend them," she said.

French voters side against Socialists

By Elaine Ganley
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — Fed up with scandals and unemployment, French voters handed the right a huge victory in first-round elections for parliament and left President Francois Mitterrand's ruling Socialists in tatters.

The voting Sunday marked a historic catastrophe for the left, exceeding all predictions.

Ecologists failed to attract voters who rejected the Socialists, and the governing party's total fell below 20 percent.

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Laurent Fabius, Socialist party leader

This punishment has been harsh," Socialist party leader Laurent Fabius said.

Once run-offs are completed next week, projections show, the rightist alliance of the conservative Rally for the Republic and center-right

Union for French Democracy could have 440 to 480 seats in the 577-member National Assembly.

The Socialists, who have controlled the National Assembly for 10 of the past 12 years, could end up with 70 to 100 seats, down from 273.

With all 577 assembly districts counted Monday, the Interior Ministry reported that the conservatives won 39.47 percent of the vote, with the Socialists trailing at 17.59 percent.

Of the 80 assembly seats decided outright Sunday, 78 were won by the conservative coalition, and the other two by other conservatives. Socialists were leading in only 28 of the 497 runoff races.

UMW talks begin today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators for the United Mine Workers and the coal industry start work toward a new contract today, nearly six months after both sides first said they were ready to begin.

The formal start of talks was announced last Oct. 2, but the parties quickly became embroiled in a dispute that precluded any progress toward a replacement of a contract that expired Feb. 1.

The dispute led to a month-long strike by as many as 7,500 union members employed by subsidiaries of Peabody Holding Co. of St. Louis, the nation's largest coal producer.

The union this month received approval from the subsidiaries for information on their coal reserves, their corporate structure and plans for development, including that of some non-union sister operations.

In resolving their dispute over the information request, the two sides agreed to extend their contract until May 3.

The parties have agreed not to comment on the substance of the talks while they are ongoing.

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White House considers summit move

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said Tuesday it would consider moving President Clinton's summit with Boris Yeltsin to Moscow if the embattled Russian leader requests a change.

However, White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Yeltsin has not asked for a change, and plans are moving forward to hold the meeting in the western Canadian city of Vancouver on April 3 and 4.

"If Yeltsin suggests moving it to Moscow, we'll certainly consider that," she said. "At this point, there's no reason to reconsider."

"We're making plans to go forward with it and there's nothing that we've seen so far to discourage us from that," she added. Myers said Clinton sent a message to Yeltsin on Saturday similar to his public statement of support for the Russian president.

Yeltsin is locked in a power

struggle with hardliners in the Russian parliament. He claimed emergency powers on Saturday, and the parliament on Sunday began the first steps toward impeaching him.

The idea of moving the summit to Moscow was raised Sunday by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who questioned whether it was safe for Yeltsin to leave home in view of the political crisis.

U.N. Ambassador Madeleine K. Albright said Sunday the United States stands behind the "massive revolution" the Russian president is trying to carry out in the face of impeachment moves in the Russian parliament.

Clinton, in Little Rock, Ark., to visit his hospitalized father-in-law, talked to his national security staff about Russia on Sunday, said spokesman Jeff Eller. No new statement was issued and Eller said that was the only work the president did from the hospital, where he spent most of the day.

Albright, speaking on ABC's

"We certainly support him as the president and as the only nationally elected leader, but there are other people that we ought to be talking to."

Senator Sam Nunn

"This Week With David Brinkley," said Yeltsin's decision to declare emergency rule and call an April 25 national vote of confidence was "the appropriate thing to do as you're evolving a democratic institution."

She reiterated the administration position that Yeltsin deserves U.S. support because he "is the only one in 1,000 years of Russian history that has been elected by all the Russian people."

"We are watching a massive revolution... and this is something that is the creation of a democratic country and we need to support that particular process," she said.

Dole, R-Kan., urged Clinton to move the April summit from Vancouver, Canada, to Moscow to show the Russian people that

the United States stands behind Yeltsin.

"I think President Clinton has a real opportunity here to go down in history as someone who may have saved democracy in that part of the world," Dole said on CNN's "Newsmaker Sunday."

Dole also questioned whether Yeltsin would be able to get back safely to Russia if he goes to Canada.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, interviewed in Moscow Sunday by CNN, said Yeltsin still planned to go to Vancouver. "Basically, I think we will stick to the schedule."

On Tuesday, Kozyrev will be in Washington to brief Secretary of State Warren Christopher on the Russian situation.

Most congressional leaders

appearing on the Sunday news programs backed Clinton's stance in support of Yeltsin, while reminding him that the administration must also look to other democratic reformers in Russia.

"We certainly support him as the president and as the only nationally elected leader, but there are other people that we ought to be talking to," said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the April summit should go ahead because the results of Yeltsin's "high-stakes game" will affect U.S. national interests.

But Hamilton, also speaking on CNN, added that "there are many other democrats in Russia, and we must be prepared to support them and let them know the national interest of the United States is the direction towards democracy and reform."

Daytime television shows have longevity

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Rockies may crumble, Gibraltar may tumble and prime-time television shows may have the longevity of a lightning bolt. But daytime TV? Now, there's staying power.

Fall in love with a typically short-lived nighttime show and your heart is likely to be soon broken.

But start dating a soap opera such as ABC's "General Hospital" and you could wallow joyfully in a 30-year affair.

The smoldering looks. The sexual escapades. The simmering rivalries. The illnesses. The angst. The great clothes. Is there more to life?

The venerable serial begins its fourth decade April 1 with the airing of the 7,676th episode.

There's a discreet facelift as a birthday gift: new opening

titles and updated theme music.

Clearly, a 30-year lifespan is astounding in a medium where having your series picked up for another 13 weeks can send spirits aloft and prompt giddy purchases in depressed Southern California real estate.

But such landmarks aren't rare in daytime TV, where even "General Hospital" doesn't have dibs on seniority.

"Guiding Light" on CBS is in its 41st year on television (it started in 1937 as a radio program).

Marking its 20th year this month is CBS' relative newcomer, "The Young and the Restless," consistently the No. 1-rated soap.

The network itself recently celebrated a major milestone: four years atop daytime's weekly ratings competition.

By comparison, in prime time, CBS has boasting rights when it comes in first in audi-

ence viewership for six weeks in a row.

Stack that up against its daytime record of 208 weeks-plus.

Historically, that's par for the course for CBS: Out of 35 daytime seasons, the network has finished first or tied for first 26 times.

The current ratings streak is built primarily on the seductive shoulders of its melodramas; just one game show, CBS' "The Price is Right," has managed to squeeze into the season's top 10 list.

In daytime, about 7 million people are watching CBS during any given moment, the network says.

Prime-time programming finds about 19 million viewers parked in front of the screen—but hey, are they as loyal?

Overall, daytime programs are attracting an average 35 million weekly viewers, while the prime-time audiences average 101 million per week,

according to the A.C. Nielsen Co.

The folks in charge of daytime are confident they know why their Energizer bunny-like shows keep fans hooked.

"Because we're on day in, day out, 52 weeks a year. There's a familiarity and intimacy with the product," said Lucy Johnson, vice president in charge of daytime programming for CBS.

"It's like reading a novel that never ends," she said.

"We're creating an addiction," said William J. Bell, who with his wife, Lee Phillip Bell, dreamed up "The Young and the Restless" and "The Bold and the Beautiful."

"It's a matter of getting involved," he said.

"You get to know these characters better, at times, than you know members of your own family. You become deeply involved with these people."

Killer still on the run

HINTON (AP)— Authorities say security measures at the Summers County Jail have increased after a convicted killer escaped two months ago.

William Cody Harvey, 30, fled Jan. 21 as he was being returned from a hospital for treatment of the flu.

Harvey was convicted in December of the June 1992 killing of Linda Rudisill, 31, an HIV-positive woman he met in a bar. Harvey said Rudisill said told him she had AIDS and attacked him.

Jail officials say they now require prisoners be handcuffed and shackled while outside the jail regardless of their medical condition. Harvey was unrestrained when he escaped.

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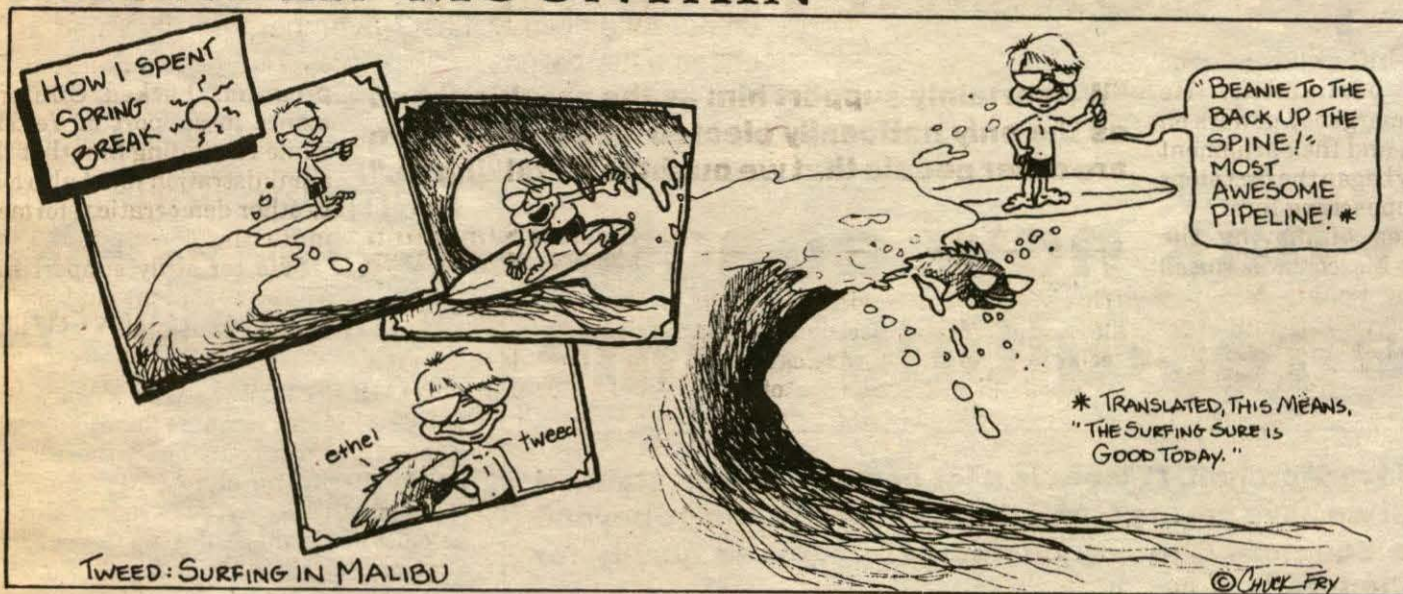
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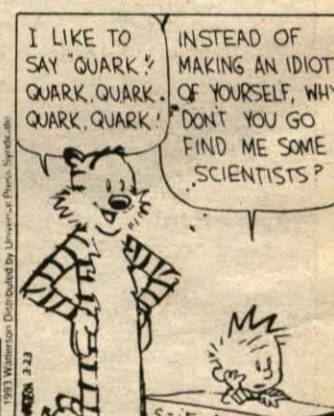
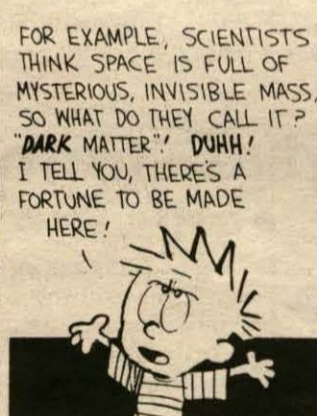


Through mostly grunts and exaggerated gestures, two fishermen/gatherers attempt to communicate.



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Bet the Branch Davidians don't read The Parthenon.

Charts and all, Ross Perot makes a prime-time return

WASHINGTON (AP)—After 17 questions and a parade of charts, Ross Perot closed with this familiar call to arms: "It's time to pick up a shovel and clean out the barn."

The folksy tycoon returned to prime-time television Sunday urging Americans to endorse his proposals for government ethics and budget reforms, from a balanced-budget amendment and line-item veto to making lobbying for foreign interests a criminal offense.

Perot's format was so reminiscent of his campaign programs it was hard to tell the election was nearly five months ago.

But instead of asking for votes, Perot asked viewers to flood his mail with endorsements of his agenda — and \$15 checks to join his United We Stand America organization.

"Send your elected servants a message about the type of government you want," Perot said in the 30-minute program, which cost him more than \$700,000 for air time and

distribution of more than 30 million ballots listing the questions asked during the show.

Given the way the questions were asked, and the events organized around the country by Perot supporters during the program, there was little doubt the results would be to Perot's liking.

In advance, the format was roundly criticized by polling experts as unscientific because viewers were not chosen at random and they decide themselves whether to respond, making Perot supporters more likely to return ballots.

Perot also committed a polling taboo: mixing fund-raising with a survey.

As he conducted his "national referendum," Perot was harshly critical of Congress, saying it was dominated by special interests and deaf to the wishes of ordinary Americans. "They treat money like it falls out of the sky," Perot said.

"But it comes from hard-working people."

He was more temperate in his assessment of President Clinton, applauding the president's proposals for government reform and the stated goals of his budget package.

Perot asked his viewers whether they were for or against:

—A balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution and a presidential line-item veto.

—Cutting congressional and White House staffs, salaries and perks.

—Eliminating the Electoral College and electing a president by popular vote.

—Passing laws to "eliminate all possibilities of special interests giving huge sums of money to candidates."

The broadcast came at a time when Perot is enjoying highly favorable ratings with the public.

For example, 59 percent of those surveyed last week in a Time magazine-CNN poll viewed Perot favorably and 56 percent thought forming United We Stand America was a good idea.

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By Shawn Sizemore
Reporter

The new assistant track coach may be new to Marshall but not to the reason she is here.

Bernadette Madigan says being the assistant track coach is second nature, although the job is the first coaching position she has had.

Madigan, a native of Windsor, England, began running competitively when she was 11 years old.

"My dad had a massive family, and they all ran. I remember being in the park with my dad, and I used to race all the kids," she said.

At the ages of 14, 16 and 19, she held the English National record in the 3000 meters for her age group. In 1980 she made it to the finals of the Olympic Trials in the 1500 meters.

Shortly after the trials, she earned a scholarship for the University of Kentucky where she was a member of the track team from 1980-85.

While at UK, Madigan was a four-



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new assistant track coach**

time All-American in the two-mile relay, 10,000 meters, two miles and in cross country.

In 1982, Madigan was named the University of Kentucky's Woman-Athlete-of-the-Year. In 1985, she ran the 10,000 meters in the World University Games held in Japan.

After college, she went back to England for three years, and in July 1992 Marshall hired Madigan as the full-time assistant track coach.

Madigan primarily works with the distance runners and also to coordinate recruiting.

"Basically, I recruit for middle distance. I go to different meets," she said.

"I love recruiting, I like meeting the people. I guess being an assistant coach it's part of my job, but I enjoy it.

I love all aspects of coaching."

Head coach Dennis Brachna says Madigan would have fooled him if he didn't know this was her first coaching position.

"I would have thought she had experience. We are a good team, we communicate a lot. We very rarely disagree on things."

Brachna says Madigan is often recognized wherever they go. "(Because of) her background, she's well known here and abroad. She has so many connections."

Madigan says she enjoys being at Marshall. "I love Marshall. [T]here is a lot of talent in this state, and we also look out-of-state. I feel we have great potential here. I feel we can go beyond the Southern Conference and get people to qualify for nationals."

The NFL awarded the 1996 Super Bowl to Phoenix, the city that lost the 1993 championship game after voters failed several years ago to approve a Martin Luther King holiday. Last November, the city voted to observe the holiday.

Remains found in Ky. could be those of missing jockey

CHARLES TOWN (AP) — A scientist said human remains found near a Kentucky highway are likely those of a jockey missing for almost 20 years.

Elizabeth Murray, a forensic anthropologist at Mount St. Joseph College in Cincinnati, said the body found Jan. 28 matches characteristics of James A. Kratz.

Kratz, a Charles Town Races jockey, was 26 when he disappeared in July 1973. Family members said Kratz, a Charles Town native, was about five-foot-two when he disappeared.

Murray said the remains are those of a man about 25 years old. She also placed the height at about five-foot-three.

The remains were found about 200 yards from Interstate 75 in London, Ky. Kentucky state police said car keys, a wallet containing Kratz's West Virginia driver's license and assorted coins were also found near the highway.

The remains were sent to Murray last month for reconstruction to determine height, size and gender.

She could not determine the exact cause of death because of decomposition, she said.

Murray said holes in the man's skull were "so worn from erosion it is nearly impossible to tell if they were actually bullet holes."

Teams survive storm and schedules

● Basketball

The Lady Herd basketball team ended its season with a 15-13 record overall and a 6-8 record in the Southern Conference.

Marshall finished the season at the SC tournament beating East Tennessee State 74-55, but then losing to Furman 58-74 in the second round. Georgia Southern won the tournament.

Senior forward Tracy Krueger and freshmen center Jodi Baker were the high scorers against ETSU, both having 12 points.

Krueger, Cincinnati senior, was the only player to earn all-conference honors, she was named to the second team all-conference.

● Baseball

All five baseball games scheduled for the spring break were canceled because of the snow storm.

Marshall has a 3-8 overall record and is 2-6 in the Southern Conference. The next conference match-up is a weekend schedule against Virginia Military Institute March 27-28.

● Golf

The golf team finished in seventh place of the 18 teams participating in the East Carolina Invitational in New Bern, N.C.

Sean Duffy, Danville, Pa., sophomore, was the team's top golfer with a total 230. Eric Shaffer, Fairmont junior, and Scott Shellenberger, Milton, Pa., junior, both shot a 232.

Virginia finished in first with a three-day total of 877. Marshall finished with 922.

● Tennis

The tennis team lost two, won two and had to postpone another match during its spring break schedule.

Marshall lost to Davidson and Louisville, but beat Western Illinois 5-4 and Tennessee Tech 9-0 in Hilton Head, S.C.

In its match against Southern Conference opponent Georgia Southern, Marshall lead 4-2 with three matches still remaining when it was postponed due to rain. The match will be finished at the SC tournament.

The team has a 2-4 record overall and is 0-3 in the SC.

● Track

The track team began its outdoor season competing against almost 40 teams in the Wake Forest Relays this weekend.

Tony Patrick was the only individual-event champion for Marshall.

Patrick, Bluefield senior, won the 3,000-meter, improving his personal-best time by seven seconds to 9:08.3.

Patrick; Bill Hicks, Fort Gay junior; Andre Womack, Danville, Va., sophomore; and Scott Koast, Huntington, junior, ran the men's 1600-meter relay which finished tenth with a time of 3:26.1.

Allyson Goddard, Sardis, Ohio, junior, competed in her first heptathlon, finishing ninth with a total of 3,111 points.

Sprinters Carrie Alluise, Huntington freshman; Kim McRae, Huntington freshman; Suzanne Sammons, West Union freshman; and Kisha Nelson, Ashland, Ky., freshman, made up the 400-meter relay team which finished tenth.

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By M. E. Brokke
Reporter

MUPD Report

A student was arrested and charged with public intoxication March 9 on the south side of Holderby Hall. The arresting officer reported that James C. McCarty, Applegrove freshman, smelled of alcohol and his speech was slurred. McCarty was transported to Cabell County Jail.

A student was arrested March 10 on a state-issued warrant for failure to appear in court. Terry K. Steele, address unavailable, in February was arrested and charged with public intoxication and obstructing an officer, according to reports. The February charge stemmed from an incident on the 8th floor of Twin Towers East.

A woman in John Marshall Medical Center reported to a MUPD officer March 17 that she had received a forged prescription, according to reports. The officer told her to activate the silent alarm. Steven Lonnie Hill of Charleston was charged with trying to obtain a controlled substance by using a forged prescription.

Hill said he was picking up the medi-

cation for a friend who was waiting for him at a nearby club. This information could not be verified by the officer. Hill was transported to the Cabell County Jail.

A woman reported March 8 that she has been receiving harassing phone calls since March 1. The calls began after she moved into her new room in Holderby Hall, the woman said. She has received approximately 12 calls a day at all hours, according to reports.

The callers are male and female and either hang up, breath heavily or leave messages on her answering machine, she said. She reported that she recognized the female's voice as that of her ex-roommate. She also reported that condoms and lotion had been placed on her door and the door locks glued.

A woman reported that she was

grabbed while walking to her vehicle parked in the S lot at 9:05 p.m. March 8. The suspect was a white male, 19 to 20 years old, dark hair in a bowl cut, about 5' 10" and 170 pounds.

He was wearing an Army jacket and jeans.

According to reports, the suspect walked up behind the victim and asked for a ride. He repeatedly said, "Give me a ride."

The victim told him that she didn't know him and would not give him a ride. The suspect then said, "Yes you will, and you know what else you're gonna do, and you want it too."

An unknown male grabbed the suspect and threw him to the ground. The suspect then fled the scene. The unknown male escorted the victim to her car.

A woman reported that she saw a suspicious-looking man by her Holderby Hall doorway March 8. An officer responded and found the suspect on the 5th floor. The suspect had not signed in. He had contacted the woman over the phone and asked her for a date.

According to reports, the woman said the suspect had asked her for a date, and she told him no. She called the MUPD dispatcher when she later saw the suspect in the hallway outside her door. The officer advised the suspect of trespassing laws and told him to leave.

A woman reported that her red 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier had been scratched March 11 at approximately 1:30 p.m. while parked in the S parking lot. There are no suspects.

A man reported that someone stole his vehicle registration and MU parking permit when it was parked in the stadium lot, sometime between March 8 and 10.

A man reported March 10 that a desk phone was stolen from his Harris Hall office.

There are no suspects.

Siskel reveals the secret of 'The Crying Game'

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Roger Ebert became incensed with fellow movie critic Gene Siskel for revealing the plot-twist in "The Crying Game" during a recent videotaping, TV Guide reports.

While recording their syndicated Oscar special, "If We Picked the Winners," Ebert denounced Siskel on camera and continued off-camera, the magazine reported in its March 27 issue.

"The program is 'Siskel AND Ebert,'" Ebert told the magazine. "A decision like that should have been discussed beforehand. It was arrogant of him."

"Arrogant? That's a strange choice of words," replied Siskel. "We never discuss our opinions in advance. I was simply making a case for one of my picks."

Siskel said Ebert "was as angry as a 50-year-old child."

Was he worried the argument would get physical?

"That is not possible," Siskel said. "There's not enough motor coordination."

Now that the plot secret of "The Crying Game" is out in the open, the mystery remaining is whether Jaye Davidson, nominated for an Oscar as best supporting actor, will show up for the Academy Awards.

"I'm not sure I'm going. There are many things to be considered," he is quoted as saying in the March 29th issue of People magazine.

Davidson, 25, who was born in California and raised in England, is a hairdresser's helper turned clothing designers' helper turned actor.

He made his screen debut in the thriller that offers the cinematic surprise of the year yet he shows no enthusiasm for the Oscars presentation in Los Angeles on March 29. "To me, an Oscar nomination is irrelevant," he said.

Towers East residents awake to 6th floor fire

By M. E. Brokke
Reporter

Alarms sounded, resident advisers pounded on doors and smoke billowed on the 6th floor of Twin Towers East as students received a rude awakening early Monday morning.

A Marshall University Police Department officer responded to the fire alarm at 4:43 a.m. and discovered a burning bulletin board, burning paper in a bathroom, burnt paper in the elevator and smoldering toilet paper in the 5th floor breezeway.

A sign publicizing a mandatory meeting for Twin Tower East residents was set on fire as well as a roll of toilet paper, said Ken Bailey, resident director of Twin Towers East.

The agenda for the meeting is safety and vandalism issues that are plaguing TTE, Bailey said.

The responding officer saw heavy smoke on the 5th and 6th floors and could find no additional damage other than that to the bulletin board. There were no injuries during the incident, Bailey said.

Many students who were still in their rooms told the officer they did not hear the alarm or resident advisers knocking on their doors.

Evacuation has become a problem at TTE during recent fire alarms, Bailey said.

Elderly go hungry while programs lose money

By Jennifer Dixon
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Thousands of elderly Americans, home alone and too frail to cook, can't get meals-on-wheels hot dinners because programs across the country are strapped for cash.

In Detroit alone, 1,500 seniors are waiting to get into a program that delivers 1,350 meals a day. The average wait is six months to a year.

Neighborhood meal sites for seniors are also shutting down by the dozens as federal spending on nutrition programs for

the elderly fails to keep pace with rising costs and heightened demand from an aging population.

Detroit closed 19 of its 80 sites last year, Baltimore lost 17.

Advocates worry that growing numbers of seniors could wind up hospitalized or in nursing homes if they have to wait long to get on a meals-on-wheels route. Others may become malnourished if they lose their main meal of the day with the closing of a neighborhood nutrition site.

"We're seeing very frail, very low-income ... women, or men

who never learned to cook for themselves," Toby Felcher, who works for elderly nutrition services in Baltimore. "This program does exactly what it was supposed to do. We provide these basic services to keep people alive. And without food people don't live."

In Fort Worth, Texas, where demand for home-delivered meals has risen 100 percent in five years, Carla Jutson says she is constantly juggling her caseload to find space in the program for the sickest seniors.

If someone gets well enough to use a cane, she's taken off

the rolls to make room for the latest patient discharged from the hospital into an empty house with empty cupboards, says Jutson, executive director of Meals on Wheels Inc. of Tarrant County.

According to Susan Finn, president of the American Dietetic Association, older Americans are at particular risk of malnutrition.

One-third of people over 65 skip at least one meal a day, and 25 percent have incomes under \$10,000 a year, which "lends support to the fact that these programs are essential," Finn said.



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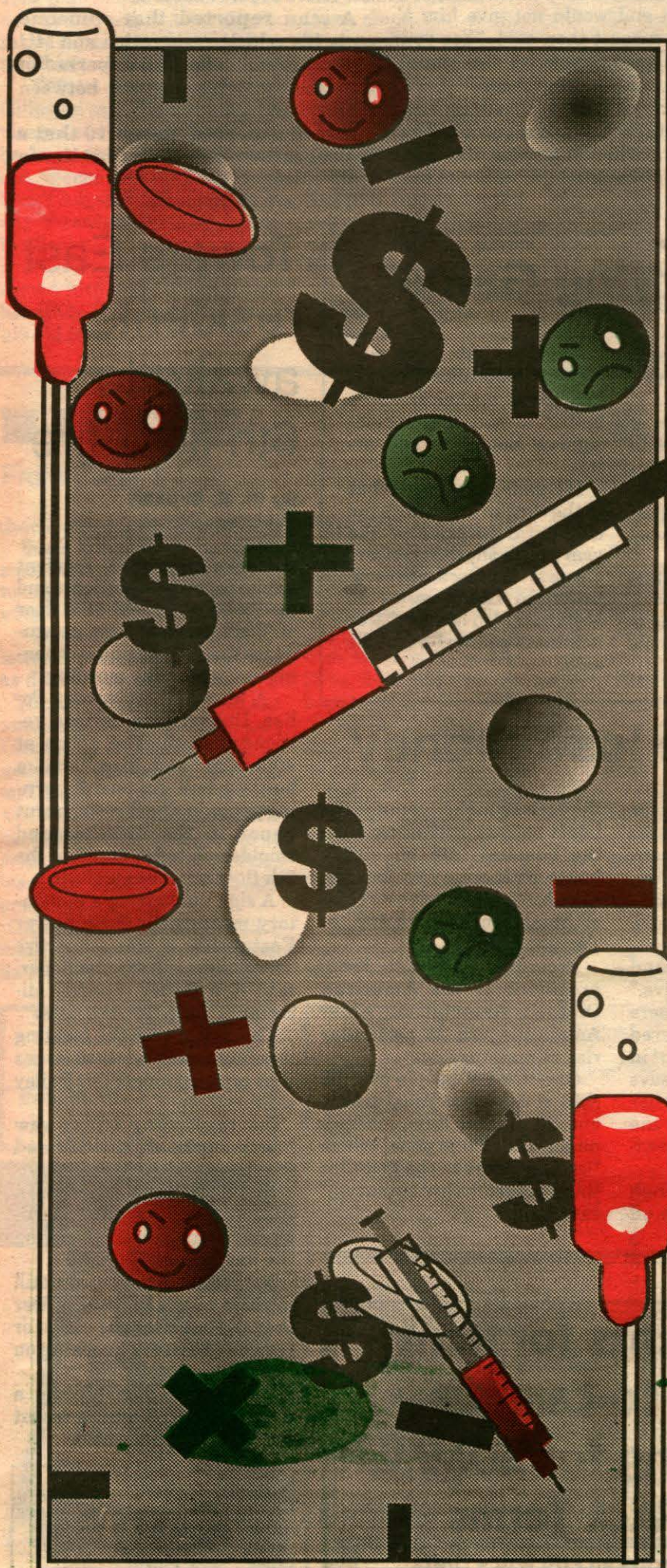
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The price for plasma donation varies, according to PBI, Inc. Currently, students may receive \$10 for first-time donations with a \$10 bonus. The second donation in the same week is \$15.

Donors should check The Parthenon and The Herald-Dispatch for advertisements and coupons.

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Most students say they do it because it's a painless way to earn cash.

Students may earn up to \$30 a week donating plasma, said Janet L. Dunkle, manager of the Premier Bioresources, Inc. at 631 Fourth Ave.

"Students can donate plasma twice in a seven day period, and most students do it for the extra money," she said.

"In fact, approximately 20 percents of our business comes from Marshall students."

Dunkle said although donating plasma involves injecting a small needle in the donor's arm, the process is relatively painless.

"There is little discomfort when the needle goes into your arm, but once that is done, you really can't feel anything else. In fact, most students are surprised at how painless the procedure is."

Chadwick D. Little, Winston-Salem, N.C., freshman, said he has donated plasma four times and will donate again whenever he needs extra cash.

"It doesn't hurt at all, and I always need the money," Little said. "The only thing you can feel is when the needle goes into your arm, but once that's done, you really don't pay any attention to it."

Greg Waites, Fairmont freshman, said he donated plasma with a friend and was amazed at how easy it was.

"I thought the most painful part of the whole thing was when they pricked my finger to check my blood."

Dunkle said although most students donate plasma for the money, many of them are truly interested in helping other people with their donation.

"There is a great demand for plasma not, especially with all of the diseases in the world," she said.

"One donation can actually help many people. We sell the plasma to fractionators who break it down to produce many beneficial prod-

ucts. Therefore, different components of plasma yield different products."

Waites donated plasma because he knew his donation would help someone in need.

"My mother's life was saved by someone who donated blood, so I donated plasma because [it] could save someone's life, too."

Although plasma may contain diseases, there is no foundation to the fear of catching or spreading diseases when donating plasma, Dunkle said.

"We are extremely careful about checking students' health before they donate plasma to prevent the

spread of diseases. In addition, we use sterile products so nothing can be transferred from one donor to another."

Dunkle said students must go through a physical examination and screening process before they can donate plasma.

"Not every-

one can donate plasma. For example, sick donors need plasma for their own health. Therefore, we check many things like their blood pressure, weight and blood to make sure that they are healthy, eligible donors."

After an initial 20 to 30 minute screening, the process of removing plasma from the body takes about one hour, Dunkle said.

"We use automated machines that remove blood from the body, separate it from plasma and then return blood into the body without plasma. Because students don't lose their red blood cells, they can donate plasma more often than they can donate blood."

Dunkle said anyone is welcome at the plasma center, but students who can donate fairly often are preferred to one-time donors.

"When students donate on a regular basis, we get into a routine with them and we can count on them. They also have the benefit of earning extra money, keeping a close eye on their health and helping others with their donation."

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