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■ Legislature

MU to have its day at Legislature

By Maureen Johnson
Staff writer

West Virginia University will have its day in the Legislature today, but next week it's Marshall's turn.

Representatives from WVU will be at the Capitol today and representatives from Marshall will be there April 7 to give legislators and anyone else an idea of what the universities are involved in, according to Board of Trustees

Chancellor Charles Manning.

"Throughout the Legislative Session on a weekly basis two institutions hold a day at the capitol and talk to anyone who will listen," Manning said.

Manning said it is not a presentation on issues, but an opportunity to highlight each institution.

"It's reminding everyone of the kinds of things the university is about," he said.

But Manning said this Legislative

session is focusing on higher education more than the past two sessions due to issues such as the Higher Education Advocacy Team legislation and the possibility of higher education faculty pay raises.

Student Government Association President Mike Miller said he is trying to get a group of students together for the trip to Charleston. He said SGA is

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■ Legislature

Civil rights bill debated

By David Classing
Reporter

The sponsor of a bill that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation said she remains optimistic the bill will pass, although there is opposition to it.

Kanawha County Delegate Bonnie Brown introduced the bill March 2. If passed, the bill will prohibit the violation of a person's civil rights based on sexual orientation.

The penalty included in the bill is a \$500 fine and/or up to 10 years in prison.

Brown said the bill is nothing new in the state, but it adds a new class of people to hate crimes legislation.

She added that an amendment was introduced in committee hearings that would protect handicapped people's civil rights.

Brown said the law now "only says it is a crime if it can be proved solely that someone hates niggers and says 'let's go out and beat them up.'"

However, for a prosecuting attorney to obtain a conviction in a civil rights violation case, he or she would have to prove the accused deliberately violated the alleged victim's rights because he or she is black, gay or handicapped.

"I'm not going to say it's easy to prove. I hope prosecutors will have high standards when applying it and not use it indiscriminately."

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Hair we go...

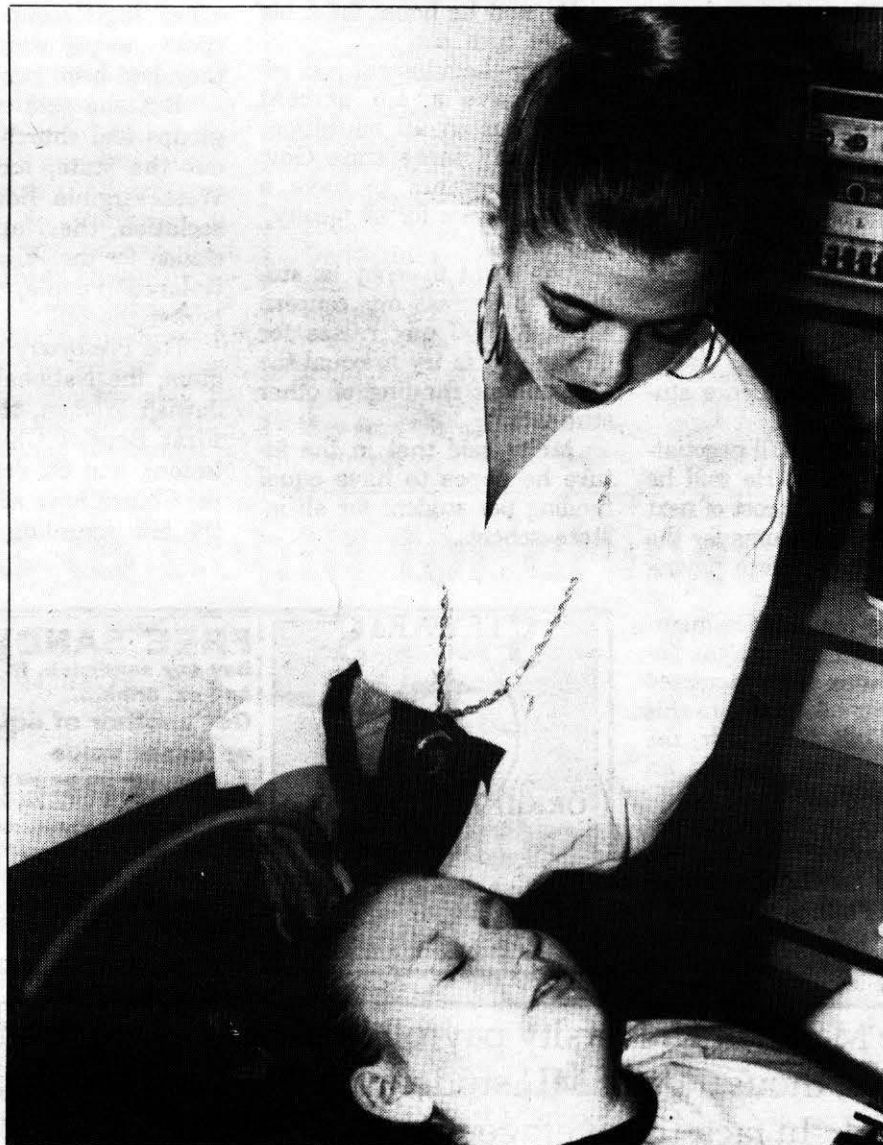


Photo by Webb Thompson

Jennifer Handcock, East Bank senior, lets her hair down for a style from Karen Gast at "Tranzitions" in Memorial Student Center.

■ Med School

State dollars could pay for premiums

By Missy Rake
Managing Editor

Legislative money might have to be used to help three state medical schools pay increased malpractice insurance premiums, said the chairwoman of the House Committee on Insurance.

Marshall and West Virginia universities' medical schools and the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg must pay \$1.3 million to the state Board of Risk and Insurance Management by April 10, said Deborah Phillips, D-Putnam.

The House Insurance Committee is trying to determine how much schools can pay to the board, Phillips said. She already has informed university officials that the committee does not have supplemental money to make premium payments for them, but money might be allocated from the Legislature.

"We're looking now for money," said Phillips. "We're looking at pulling some legislative money out, but if we don't have the money and you [schools] don't, the board will have to meet the obligations."

WVU made a partial payment of about \$900,000, but still owes another \$1 million. Marshall owes about \$220,000.

In one year, Marshall's malpractice insurance has increased from \$36,000 to \$220,000. Next year's bill is projected to be \$440,000.

WVU, Marshall and School of Osteopathic Medicine stopped paying insurance premiums after the rate was raised in July. The insurance board raised premiums because an in-depth study revealed it was not charging enough for projected losses from malpractice suits, said Carolyn F. Cox, board director. The average suit costs \$50,000, she said.

Phillips agrees, saying universities are paying premiums far less than market values. Schools are being forced to "play catch-up," she said.

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■ Culture

Women's month ends with ceremony

By Joseph J. Plek
Reporter

Women's History Month activities conclude today with the Celebration of Women awards ceremony at 1 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The program is sponsored by the Marshall University Women's Center, and the theme is "I Am Every Woman."

The event will feature Kate Long, a professional writing teacher and a West Virginia native, who is the writing coach for the Charleston Gazette.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of the Women's Center, said highlights

of the program include the presentation of various awards for students and community members, including four \$300 scholarships for Marshall students.

Cockrille said the scholarships are sponsored by a number of women's programs.

"The scholarships are supported by money donated by the community and organizations on campus including the president's office, women faculty members, institutional advancement and donations from several individual women."

A committee of faculty, staff, and students met for the final time last

week to select the scholarship recipients.

Cockrille said awards will also be presented by university student organizations to recognize women who have made positive strides or changes within their organization.

She said the Women's Center has requested area high schools to nominate young women from their school to be recognized for leadership in making changes in the community.

"By recognizing college and high school students for their leadership in making positive changes, our goal is to help redefine and give value to women's leadership."

Testimony: Farrow's emotions sway

By Samuel Maul
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mia Farrow went from raging against Woody Allen as "satanic" and "evil" after learning of his affair with her adopted daughter to musing about whether she should marry him, a psychologist testified.

Dr. Susan Coates, a psychologist for one of the warring couple's children, took the stand Monday after Farrow, who is battling her former on- and off-screen partner for custody of their three children.

Coates said she feared for Allen's safety at times last year because of the level of rage and

hate Farrow displayed.

Farrow "felt variously that Mr. Allen should be killed, she would like to kill him, or that she would like to stab his eyes out," Coates testified.

She quoted Farrow as calling Allen "a moral tumbleweed," "satanic" and "evil," and saying, "Somebody has to find a way to stop him."

Later, Farrow said, "Maybe I should marry him," the psychologist said. Coates said she asked Farrow if she was serious. "She heard my reaction and realized there was something absurd about it."

Allen, 57, and Farrow, 48, had a 12-year personal and professional relationship

which began in April 1980 and ended after she found nude photos of her adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, in Allen's apartment.

Farrow, testifying for her third and final day Monday, said Allen told her his sexual affair with Previn, now 22, was good for the young woman.

"I asked, 'What have you done?' and the first thing out of his mouth was, 'I'm in love with Soon-Yi. I want to marry her.' I said, 'Take her and go; there's nothing more,'" the actress said.

She said the filmmaker changed his tune immediately and told her the affair was "good for Soon-Yi; it gave her confi-

dence. Let's use this as a springboard to a deeper relationship."

Last August, Farrow accused Allen of sexually molesting their adopted daughter Dylan, 7. She testified that even though a team of medical experts in Connecticut, where the abuse allegedly occurred, cleared Allen of the charge two weeks ago, "I believe Dylan."

Charging Farrow as an unfit mother, Allen has sued for custody of Dylan; an adopted son, Moses, 15, and their biological son, Satchel, 5.

Farrow has sued to have the adoptions voided. She says Allen defrauded her and the court by not disclosing he was sleeping with her daughter.

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Correction:

David S. Mallory, assistant professor of biology, worked three years on his masters and four on his Ph.D., not seven years for his masters as stated in a March 23 letter to the editor.

Strategy to thwart cancer

By Daniel Q. Haney
AP Science Writer

SAN DIEGO — Scientists have developed the first medicines intended to stop malignancy by disarming a rogue cancer gene, an approach that could help control many forms of tumors.

The new treatment is intended to block a cancer-causing gene — a so-called oncogene — that appears to play a role in cancer of the breast and pancreas, among other organs.

Although the ultimate cause of cancer is often a mystery, scientists have learned in recent years that mutations in several genes are critical steps on the path to malignancy.

When these normal genes go bad, cells lose control over their growth, and cancer results.

The latest approach is intended to short-circuit this process by attacking an oncogene known in scientific shorthand as neu.

At the University of California, Los Angeles, Dr. Dennis J. Slamon has started safety testing of an antibody intended to thwart the protein made by the neu gene's protein.

While early results are considered encouraging, the works is still too preliminary to judge whether it will work.

Dr. Mark I. Greene of the University of Pennsylvania, who is developing a similar strategy, said it has shown great promise in tumor-prone lab animals.

He plans to begin testing it on people within a year.

He said his experimental animal studies provide "the first demonstration that one can prevent genetically driven tumors."

The neu oncogene makes a protein called P185. This plays a role in triggering cells' uncontrolled growth.

PREMIUMS

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If the board doesn't meet its April 10 deadline, the universities might lose malpractice insurance coverage, Cox said.

"We don't want to see any entity without insurance," Cox said, "but if we don't get the money, it could jeopardize our whole program. Everybody could be without insurance."

President J. Wade Gilley said \$100,000 can be allocated from the medical school's library fund to pay for part of for part of the malpractice insurance. Marshall's malpractice insurance covers faculty and medical, nursing and residence students.

Gilley said he is still negotiating with the board. He said he wants to discuss the cost of next year's liability premiums for the entire university before paying this year's.

Including malpractice insurance, the university's total liability premiums costs increased from last year's \$234,080 to this year's \$348,188. Next year, the university will be charged an estimated \$681,396.

Meanwhile, a House committee is studying the board's increases in liability insurance premiums, Phillips said.

LOBBY

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sending memos to faculty encouraging them to allow this trip to Charleston to be an excused absence.

He said he hopes for a big student turn out.

"They [Legislature] just recently gave a 1.5 percent budget cut on all education, but at the same time Gov. Caperton wants to have a \$2,000 increase for all faculty," Miller said.

"We want to lobby as students to express our concern about \$2,000 pay raises for faculty and to try to equal the per student funding of other students."

Miller said that in the future he hopes to have equal funding per student for all in-state schools.

DEBATE

From Page 1

Brown said she did not introduce the bill to the Legislature because of special interest groups but because she and other legislators personally spoke to gay people who say they had been beaten.

But she said many social groups and churches throughout the state, including the West Virginia Education Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have supported the bill.

The Presbytery of West Virginia, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Quakers, First Baptist Church (Charleston), and St. John's Episcopal Church have also supported the bill, according to Brown.

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Former President Bush will visit the emirate April 13-15 and receive an honorary degree from Kuwait University. Kuwait's minister of education said Tuesday that Bush was invited by the ruling emir, Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah.

Russia deals with power, US aid

Emergency session continues

By Sergel Shargorodsky
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Reformist lawmakers advised President Boris Yeltsin Tuesday against holding his own referendum on his fight with parliament and warned him of the dangers of discontent in the military.

Yeltsin met with about 100 supporters from the Congress of People's Deputies after a raucous emergency parliament session ended Monday without resolving the power struggle.

The four-day session produced no winners in the standoff that has paralyzed government for a year. Yeltsin's opponents failed to vote him out of office and the president's main political rival, parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, retained his position.

The Congress did take another bite from Yeltsin's powers. It also set an April 25 referendum that Yeltsin had sought to resolve the fight, but lawmakers added a question on whether Russians support the painful economic reforms he began 15 months ago.

Presidential aides said Monday the president might hold a

parallel vote to ask questions of his own choosing. But the reformist lawmakers urged Yeltsin to challenge the Congress' decision in the Constitutional Court rather than hold his own referendum, presidential spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov said.

Lawmaker Nikolai Arzhanikov said none of the reformers recommended that Yeltsin put his own questions to voters.

The Congress session was political pandemonium, with a lawmaker arriving Monday wearing a blood-stained bandage on his head and saying crazed pro-Yeltsin demonstrators had beaten him on Red Square the day before.

Many deputies laughed, hooted and cheered as Congress debated the incident, an example of the growing tension in the country. One deputy demanded the Congress remove Luzhkov, who replied that he had been elected by the people of Moscow and could not be dumped by parliament.

The Congress session closed with Khasbulatov accusing the president of making "a fairly simple attempt to commit a coup d'etat."

Clinton: Aid to Russia needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even before an aid package for Russia is completed, President Clinton is taking on the job of persuading Americans it will be money well spent.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher planned to make the case for the aid to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee Tuesday.

Foreign aid is usually unpopular with both the public and Congress.

This is a year of budget squeeze and impending tax increases.

Still, Clinton said Monday in Little Rock, Ark., he would try to convince Americans that "we've got a big interest" in helping Russia to President Boris Yeltsin's reforms alive.

"My job as president is to convince the citizens of this country that they have an immediate and personal interest in the outcome of events," he said.

"I think I can do it and I'm going to do my best."

Clinton will hold a two-day summit with Yeltsin in Vancouver, Canada, beginning Saturday.

Israel is the largest recipient of aid — \$3 billion annually in assistance.

The administration plans to increase aid to Russia and other former Soviet republics to more than \$700 million in fiscal 1994, up from \$417 million this year.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that Clinton was considering an additional \$1 billion for Moscow. U.S. officials neither confirmed nor denied the story.

Polls show 75 percent of Americans believe Russia is getting enough aid from the United States, Clinton said. "Well, foreign aid is unpopular in every country in the world, and it's always been unpopular here," he said.

"The American people are smart enough to know that we can't determine the course of events in Russia all by ourselves. They know that. But we can have an impact on it."

BRIEFS

from wire reports

Abortion clinic work continues

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Officials of an abortion clinic destroyed by an arson fire said they would continue their work in temporary quarters while raising money to rebuild.

"Our commitment to justice and dignity in health care in the Missoula community cannot be consumed by an arsonist's match," said Willa Craig, director of the Blue Mountain Women's Clinic — the target of repeated anti-abortion protests.

Fire officials said the fire was intentionally set in two places inside the building, using some type of incendiary fuel. Fire Chief Chuck Gibson estimated damage at \$250,000.

Authorities said they had no clues to who set the fire, and declined to speculate on whether anti-abortion groups might have been involved.

Hearings begin for Waco cultists

WACO, Texas (AP) — As talks between federal agents and cult leader David Koresh dragged on, more of his followers who have left the heavily armed compound were headed for court, seeking to get out of jail.

Detention hearings before U.S. Magistrate Dennis Green were planned for Tuesday for Brad Branch, 34; Kevin Whitecliff, 31; Sheila Martin, 46; and Livingston Fagan, 33.

On Monday, Green ordered Branch Davidian cult member Ofelia Santoyo, 62, be released from jail to a halfway house. Five other members have been released under similar circumstances.

Searchers locate, identify remains

STONEWOOD (AP) — Human remains found by searchers in a Harrison County hollow have been identified, police said.

The body of Stephanie C. Cain, 16, of Stonewood was found wedged between two boulders at the bottom of a 45-foot cliff Saturday, said city police Capt. Rick Miller. The cause of death has not been determined, but police believe Cain was killed, Miller said.

Cain had been missing since Dec. 12, when she left her grandmother's house to visit her boyfriend, police said. After Cain did not contact her family at Christmas, they reported her missing Dec. 26.

Cain was identified by dental X-rays made days before she disappeared, Miller said.

Two sentenced to death for crimes of war

By David Crary
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Two Serb soldiers were convicted of massacring civilians and murdering and raping captive women and sentenced to death Tuesday in the first war crimes trial of the year-old Bosnian war.

No date was set for the execution by firing squad of Borislav Herak, 22, or Sretko Damjanovic, 31.

Herak, his head slightly bowed as the sentence was read, has confessed to killing

30 war prisoners and civilians, including a dozen young Muslim women he first raped.

He reiterated Tuesday that he deserved to die and had no wish to appeal.

Damjanovic claims he was beaten into falsely confessing five murders and two rapes.

A court official, Davorin Jukic, said later that despite Herak's stated wish, appeals are expected to be filed in two weeks on behalf of both men.

Given a chance to speak after the sentence was passed, Herak said, "I deserve the death penalty. I would just like to see my

"... I am not guilty. I'd also like to have some cigarettes."

Sretko Damjanovic, convicted of war crime

father one more time and to have some cigarettes."

Damjanovic said bitterly, "I just want to thank the court for this."

Asked by Judge Zlatan Tefterdija to elaborate, Damjanovic said, "This is a not a fair judgment. I am not guilty. I'd also like to have some cigarettes."

Outcome of the abortion ban's fate in the hands of Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will ask Congress next week to lift a 16-year-old ban on federally funded abortions, a White House official said Tuesday.

Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Clinton's budget request to Congress next week will not propose a renewal of the prohibition on using Medicaid funds to finance abortions for poor women.

"This year it will not be included in the budget," Myers said. Clinton submits his budget for fiscal 1994, which begins next Oct. 1, next week.

When campaigning for president, Clinton promised to repeal the Hyde amendment —

named for its sponsor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill. — that prohibits using federal funds for an abortion unless there is a threat to a woman's life.

"It will not be there this year," Myers said.

Twelve states use their own funds to finance abortions for poor women and eight states pay for abortions in cases of rape or deformity.

Myers said Clinton wants to follow through on his campaign promise.

Congress will have the final say on whether to restore the ban. But this year, "the fight will be on whether to include it," rather than whether to strike it, she said.

Infant survives ride on tailgate

WAUCONDA, Ill. (AP) — A toddler who climbed onto the back of a moving van before her father pulled out of the driveway clung there for 6 1/2 miles as the van clipped along at about 60 mph.

Allyson Hoary didn't have a scratch from her ride Sunday. The 2 1/2-year-old climbed onto a ledge about 4 inches wide, hanging onto a strap attached to one of the van's rear doors.

Two motorists spotted her but couldn't get the attention of her father, Michael, with honks and waves. Finally, one of the motorists, an off-duty fire captain, cut off the van at

an intersection and Hoary pulled to the side of the road.

Hoary's wife, Pamela, said he was shaken and did not want to talk about what happened.

She said the family considers driver Peg Ramson and firefighter Richard McGill heroes.

McGill, traveling in the opposite direction, made a U-turn and joined Ramson in pursuit of the van.

He grabbed the fire department radio in his car to call for help and as he did, he heard a radio transmission about a child who had just been reported lost. Her name: Allyson Hoary.

our view

When pro-lifers decide to kill

▼ **The Issue:** Some pro-lifers have proven they don't respect life as much as they thought.

"How many more?" abortion protestors ask. They no longer have sole right to the question.

In a parking lot in Pensacola, Fla., a doctor is shot three times in the back with a .38 pistol. He dies three hours later.

At a St. Louis clinic, mail is opened only by employees trained by a bomb and arson squad.

In Springfield, Mo., a man in a ski mask walks into a clinic and sprays fire with a sawed-off shotgun, injuring two people, one of whom is now paralyzed.

And Monday in Missoula, Mont., an abortion clinic burns to the ground — causing \$250,000 damage but, luckily, injuring no one.

It would seem some "pro-lifers" don't value life.

Statistics are mounting: In 1992 there were 116 cases of clinic vandalism, 12 reported incidents of arson, nine cases of attempted arson, five burglaries and a bombing, according to "Time."

If it's alarming, it should be.

After being confronted by a man who threatened to cut off his fingers, Dr. Buck Williams, the only doctor who provides abortions in South Dakota, bought a .38 revolver.

"I figured if I had only one finger left, I could use it to pull the trigger," he said. After the shooting in Pensacola, he moved up to a .45.

Other reactions were cold.

After the Montana bombing, pro-life leader Bill Fetta said, "We clearly understand why such acts occur, considering the violence of the act of abortion itself."

"What do you expect when the government and the president do all they can to crush peaceful, nonviolent protests?" the Rev. Joseph Foreman, of Missionaries to the Preborn, asked in "Time."

What we expect is outrage, not understanding. Shooting a human being in the back in the name of life is nothing but hypocrisy.

We expect non-violent protests — that is expected and desirable in a democracy.

We expect pro-lifers to be more than selectively so.

Vandals should change their act

College should be a place where students mature, but obviously Marshall has had no effect on some men in Twin Towers East who continue to act like boys.

The all-male dormitory leads residence halls in vandalism this semester. Damage totaled \$1,540 in January, while a weekend in February cost another \$1,000.

Unfortunately, students who caused this damage probably are proud of their accomplishment.

Of course, all students will end up paying for the damage.

And if that's not enough, housing fees will only increase more than expected.

TTE has been infamous in recent years for its vandalism. Acts have even included urinating in halls and excreting solid waste in elevators.

Who knows, maybe boys responsible for these and other acts think they are impressing women.

Or maybe they believe vandalism is a sign of courage.

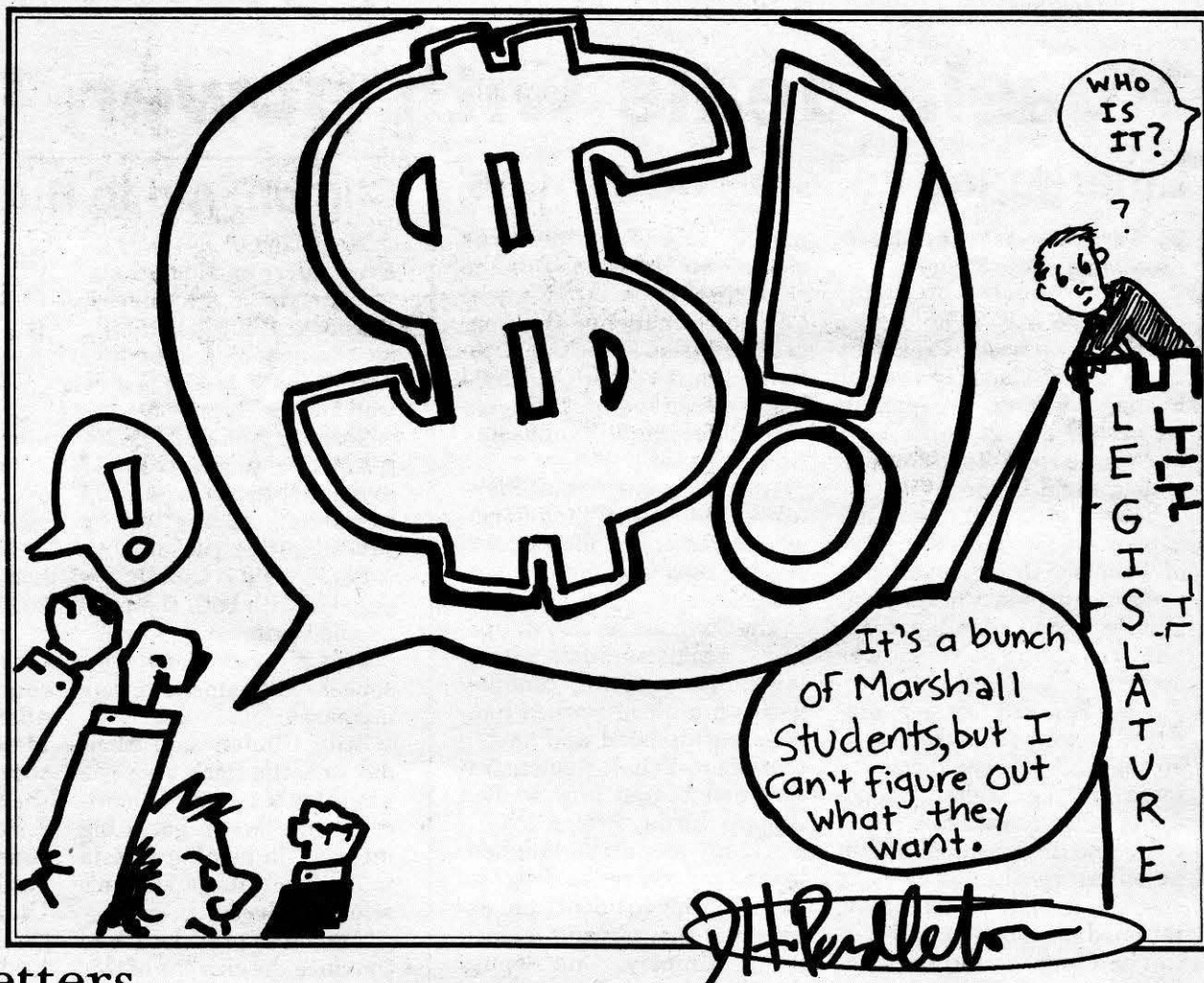
Either way, they are wrong.

Vandalism is a selfish act that not only costs money but forces others to live in fear of what might happen next. No wonder many students can't wait until they serve their two years in residence halls so they can leave and never return.

Our advice?

Grow up, boys.

Otherwise ship out, because vandalism does nothing but detract from an educational environment.



letters

Smoke different from margarine

To the editor:

I attended President Gilley's forum concerning the new campus smoking ban and observed a lot of confusion concerning the effects of second-hand smoke.

Several people in attendance equated smoking with other health risks such as obesity and saccharin and could not understand why smoking is being singled out for restriction. Dr. Earl Z. Damewood, associate professor of management, even suggested that restricting smoking at sporting events made no more sense than preventing ugly people from attending since having to look at ugly people hampers his enjoyment of the game.

Cigarette smoke can cause considerable discomfort to nonsmokers, but their "enjoyment" is not what is being protected by the smoking ban. Passive smoking causes real damage to people's health. Obesity is not being restricted because it damages only the health of the person who chooses to be obese, not that of others in the same office building. Saccharin, peanut butter, margarine and a host of other questionable products are not the issue because people who consume them are not forcing others to consume them against their will.

Dr. Damewood continued to insist the danger environmental tobacco smoke poses to office workers is exaggerated. He correctly points out that studies demonstrating an increased cancer risk in passive smokers used spouses of smokers as subjects. However, he incorrectly assumes the danger is therefore restricted to small homes. Studies have been done in office buildings that demonstrate two things:

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▼ Letters

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smokers contains carcinogens and carbon monoxide at hazardous levels.

■ Nonsmokers in these buildings contain byproducts of cigarette smoke at concentrations that indicate they are smoking the equivalent of one to three cigarettes a day. This is why the EPA has declared tobacco smoke a hazardous substance.

People who smoke as little as one cigarette a day are at a significantly elevated risk of lung cancer, emphysema and heart disease. Passive smoking poses a concrete danger and is now estimated to kill about 50,000 Americans every year [the EPA estimates "only" a few thousand is for lung cancer alone, and other studies indicate another 40,000 due to heart disease].

Drunken driving is a good analogy. Drinking and smoking are both legal activities. But drinking, and now smoking, in a way that endangers others is restricted.

Dr. David P. Swain
associate professor of HPER

Letters show narrow minds

To the editor:

In one week, the week that I actually read the letters to the editor as a diversion from study-

ing, I read two narrow-minded arguments attacking personal beliefs. I have three exams to study for, a research paper due, my "fat clothes" are too tight and I can't find anything stronger than Mountain Dew to wake me up. I think it is safe to say many students are nearly in the same predicaments, and many do not want to think about why narrow minded Bible thumpers won't let love be love and why a woman's body is not her own property — whether a heartbeat is a sign of life, or whether a coat hanger can be a symbol for senseless death. I avoid being pushed into arguing for argument's sake, so I will probably stop reading the letters to the editor. Many others won't read letters unless the writer is bashing Gilley, peanut butter or the smoking joke. I believe a better vent for those born without peripheral vision and pen in hand is squirrel preaching.

Veronica Shelley
Chicago freshman

MU overlooks fine program

To the editor:

Recently, I have read letters regarding The Parthenon and the school of journalism. I am a former sports reporter for The Parthenon, and I am fed up with all the degrading remarks. I do not believe the names of rape victims should be printed, but I am not going to be judgmental of those news organizations who do. The Parthenon is a first rate paper taken for granted.

We have overlooked an excellent program. The Parthenon is not perfect, but it is a training ground for journalists and we are here to learn from mistakes before we enter the "real world."

Racquel Ricard
Huntington junior

AKP members jump for money

Trampoline jump-a-thon to help benefit charity

By Merri Dotson
Reporter

Last Saturday's rain forced Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity, to postpone its fundraising jump-a-thon to Saturday.

The fraternity's members will take turns jumping on a trampoline from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fifth Avenue across from Corbly Hall, said Lisa Metheny, chapter historian.

The jump-a-thon was organized to help the Salvation Army and to raise money for AKP members to go to the fraternity's national convention, she said.

Judy Hill, chapter member, helped organize the event.

Little Caesar's Pizza, Domino's Pizza, McDonald's

and Burger King are donating food and drinks, and a table with information about AKP will be displayed.

Metheny said all members received pledges from individuals, and donations will be accepted until the end of the event.

Area businesses have donated \$250.

Businesses that give high donations will have their logos printed on shirts that chapter members will wear during the jump-a-thon, said John Burns, AKP president.

Businesses that donate the most money will have banners with their logos hung at the event.

All AKP members will participate, but 20 will be jumping on the trampoline, Hill said.

New teacher layoff policy makes seniority sole factor

By JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON (AP) — Gov. Gaston Caperton signed legislation Tuesday making seniority the sole factor in determining teacher layoffs.

Meanwhile, a bill to outlaw political firings appeared dead after House and Senate conferees became deadlocked.

Both chambers continued work on a mountain of legislation still in committees. Early evening floor sessions were scheduled to move the bills through.

The seniority law overturns a state Supreme Court ruling last year that outlawed teacher layoffs based on seniority alone. According to the new law, a person certified in math who has taught art for 12 years could bump a person who has taught math for 11 years.

A stalemate over the firings bill prompted some finger pointing Tuesday.

Sen. John Yoder, R-Jefferson, said the House refused to compromise over demotions. Delegate Rick Staton, D-Wyoming, said it was Senate conferees who refused to budge.

The Senate wanted to fine officials who fired people because of their political beliefs but had removed demotion penalties from the measure.

Also Tuesday:

—The House passed legislation to allow the suspension of driver's and hunting licenses of people who don't pay fines or court costs.

—Domestic violence activists stepped up support of a bill to allow arrests without warrants in spouse-beating cases. The bill would let a police officer arrest a suspect if sufficient evidence of a beating existed when authorities arrived at the scene.

—The Senate approved 24-9 a bill to abolish the Forestry Commission.

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CHRIS RICE
COLUMNIST

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On a recent visit with me, he was an icy patch of pavement.

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Ignoring every bit of advice I'd ever been given about driving on ice was a mistake — possibly a fatal mistake.

I kicked into cerebral overdrive.

My death checklist

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•Do you have your last words prepared? (Of course this one is optional, applicable only when someone is nearby to appreciate them.)

•Do you want to say a prayer?

•Do you have your eyes closed?

"I am wearing clean underwear," I thought, "Mother would be proud."

Then, horrified, I remembered they were plaid boxer shorts. "The paramedics will appreciate the novelty," I reasoned.

Looking around I realized I was alone. No witty or profound last words prepared, I mumbled, "Oh, shit."

I prayed that I wouldn't see a bright light and feel an indescribable warmth and be resuscitated then have to appear on countless talk shows.

Then I closed my eyes because nothing is worse than dead people with their eyes open.

I saw visions.

My wedding day, the birth of my first child, my boss telling me my services were no longer needed, my family living in a cardboard box.

Then I realized these things hadn't happened. This may have been my life passing before my eyes, but these were all things I have to look forward to.

This accident was to be no more than a cruel joke — a not-so-subtle reminder from Mr. Death of my mortality.

I opened my eyes just as I went off the road into a ditch.

I could feel my heart beating, then I noticed what felt like a cold pair of lips giving me a peck on the cheek.

Still dazed, I would swear I heard the song "So Long, Farewell" sung by the Von Trapp Children with Julie Andrews from "The Sound of Music."

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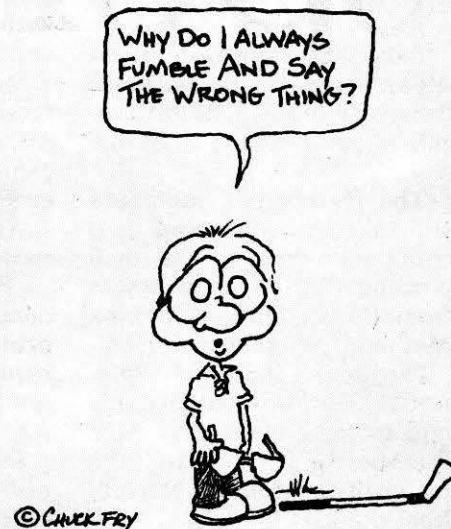
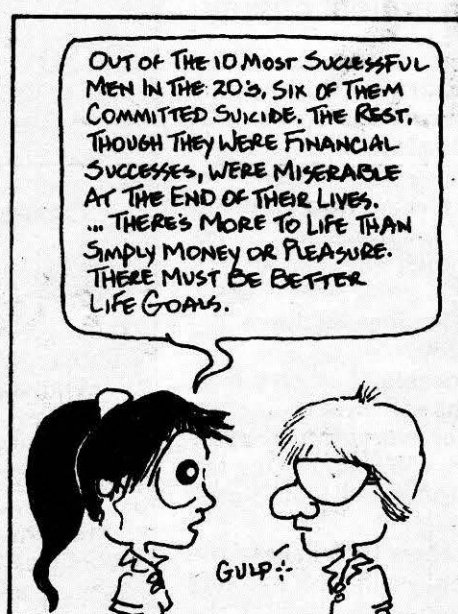
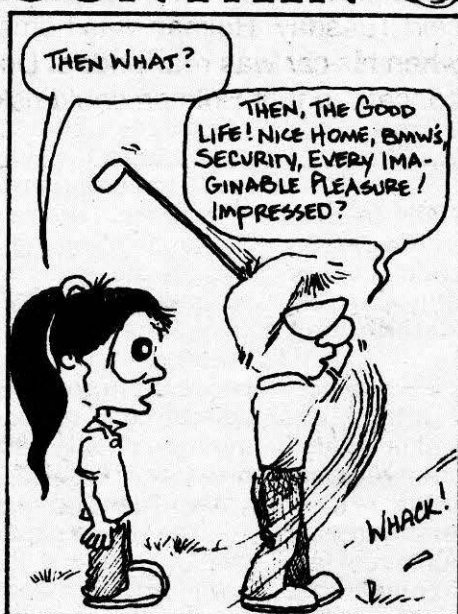
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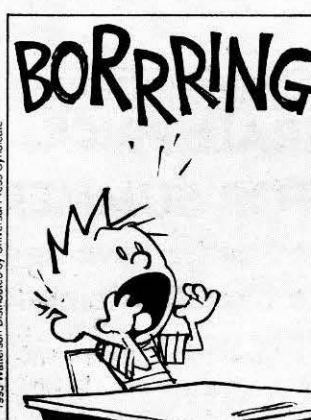
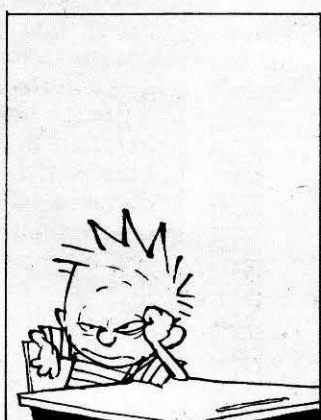
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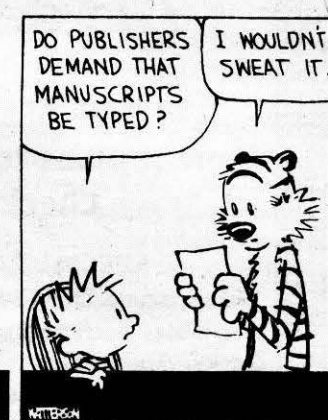
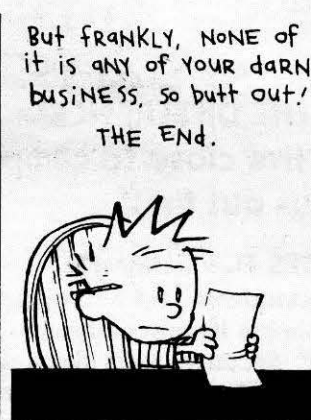
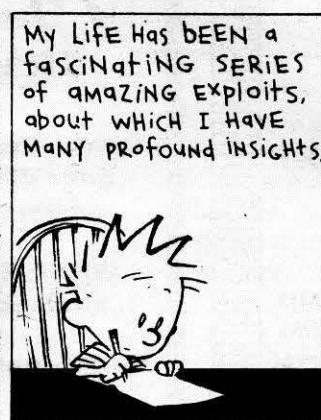


Drive-by erasings



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Sun exposure not so sunny

GENEVA (AP) — The number of cases of a potentially deadly form of skin cancer is increasing 5-10 percent per year in some countries, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

In the United States and Australia, this rise is because more people go to the doctor with early symptoms of the cancer, known as melanoma. But in Switzerland and Scandinavia it is because the sun-seeking mentality persists, the U.N. agency said.

On the eve of a meeting of melanoma experts in the Italian city of Venice, WHO reiterated its advice that people should limit exposure to the sun's ultra-violet rays.

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W.Va. newspapers drop comic strip

DUNBAR (AP) — At least three West Virginia newspapers said Tuesday they have dropped or displaced a comic strip that prompted reader complaints about a teen-age character who reveals his homosexuality.

By Tuesday, at least 36 newspapers nationwide had dropped "For Better or For Worse" during the five-week story line, replaced it with old segments or canceled it, said Elizabeth Anderson, associate editor at Universal Press and editor of the strip by Lynn Johnston of Corbeil, Ontario.

The story line has Lawrence, a 17-year-old friend of Mike Patterson, revealing that he is gay and agonizing over how to tell his family. His parents first kick him out, then ask him to return and say they will try to deal with his homosexuality.

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Herd short on starters, but not on talent

By Ana Menendez
Sports Editor

Michael Payton was one of Marshall's all-time best quarterbacks and Coach Jim Donnan says new lead quarterback Todd Donnan is no Michael Payton.

But Coach Donnan is not saying that in a negative way.

"I feel good about his development," he said as the Herd completes its first week of spring practice. "He knows our system, and he's not coming in to be a Michael Payton. He's going to be himself and utilize other players."

Replacing a star quarterback is not the only challenge facing Donnan and his coaches after the 1992 national championship season.

"It's very hard to analyze your team when you've lost your seniors and aren't able to practice with your incoming freshmen," Donnan said.

"Right now we have to work on developing a starting offensive line and developing a backup quarterback."

The Herd lost 12 starters. Besides

Payton, the offense lost tailback Orlando Hatchett, wide receiver Troy Brown, tight end Mike Bartrum, right guard Phil Ratliff, center Pete Woods and left tackle Johnny McKee.

Hatchett finished his senior year with 662 yards, 12 touchdowns and 39 receptions. But the team's leading rusher, Glenn Pedro will lead the way in the backfield in 1993.

"The running back situation is excellent. We've got some good talent there with Glenn and Chris [Parker]."

Brown finished the year with 101 receptions for 1,654 yards and 16 touchdowns. But according to Donnan, Marshall has plenty of talent at wide receiver. "That position is more than adequately filled."

Will Brown caught 24 receptions for 372 yards and three touchdowns. After his injury Brown was replaced by Ricky Carter who finished the season with 42 receptions for 672 yards.

Bartrum left another vacancy at tight end. He finished the 1992 season with 62 receptions for 680 yards and nine touchdowns.

"We'll definitely have an opportunity to say a lot about who will win the Southern Conference."

Jim Donnan,
head football coach

Curt Nethercutt and Danny White, a transfer student from Santa Monica (Calif.) Junior College, will be in line to fill the position.

"Curt has a lot of experience. We feel confident with his abilities," Donnan said. "Danny White is still learning our system, but he has a lot to say about who will fill that position."

The main concern Donnan is facing is trying to replace Ratliff, Woods and McKee on the offensive line.

Chris Deaton at right tackle and left guard Trevor Thomas will be returning to the offensive line, but Donnan said it will take some time before the players can mesh into a unit.

"Any time you lose players like we

did, it is difficult. We do have some problems, but we have the talent to fill the positions," Donnan said.

The defense will be in good shape although Bryan Litton, Jim Durning, Bob Lane and Keenan Rhodes will be gone. The four combined for 308 tackles, 18 quarterback sacks and 58 quarterback pressures last season.

The 1993 defense will be lead by William King, Shannon King and Donahue Stephenson, three of Marshall's best linebackers.

"That group as a whole is one of the strongest in the [Southern] conference," Donnan said. "That group is the most talented as far as depth and players who are returning."

The three combined for 353 tackles last season and there are a number of other players to round out the defensive line.

Donnan said although some things still need to be worked out, his team is still going to be strong.

"We'll definitely have an opportunity to say a lot about who will win the Southern Conference."

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Soccer team starts spring with win, tie

By Marty Belcher
Reporter

The soccer team began its spring exhibition season posting a win and a tie.

After finishing last in the Southern Conference (3-13-2), Coach John Gibson is optimistic. "We have good talent on our team and are looking forward to playing this spring schedule."

Marshall shut out the University of Kentucky 3-0 and tied Miami (Ohio) University Saturday in Lexington, Ky.

"I listened to the player's wishes and made several changes in positions," Gibson said. "It really worked. Five players were changed to areas they had never played."

He said it is important for coaches to have open minds and take into consideration the wishes of their players.

"Soccer is a little different than some other sports, in that the players see what is happening on the field from a different angle."

"The players made these changes, and it was a good move."

Three Herd players scored in the victory over UK: Shawn Sizemore, Westerville, Ohio, junior; Michael Glasgow, Toronto, Canada, sophomore; and Ryan Beaster, Lynchburg, Va., sophomore.

Sizemore scored the only goal against Miami.

"We normally play a mixed schedule in the spring," Gibson said.

"I like to play various size schools to give the players a wide range of experiences."

King not influenced by PCP, officer says

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A police-woman contradicted officers charged with beating Rodney King, saying the black motorist exhibited no signs of drug intoxication that would provoke the attack he sustained.

Officer Melanie Singer also testified Monday that she wanted to give medical aid to the bleeding, hogtied King, but feared a group of joking officers nearby would heckle her.

She rebuffed the defense characterization that King

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appeared to be under the influence of the hallucinogen PCP, saying he showed none of such classic signs as a trance-like stare or profuse sweating.

Mrs. Singer, a defense witness whose tearful testimony last week was seen as damaging to the defense, fought tears as she recounted seeing King lying in the dirt moments after

the beating March 3, 1991.

"There was blood dripping literally from his mouth, and there was a pool of blood beneath his chin," said Mrs. Singer, under cross-examination from Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Tieger.

Mrs. Singer said she started to reach for her gloves to give medical aid to King, but de-

cided against it after seeing other officers nearby "joking around."

"I didn't want them to start heckling me," she said.

Under questioning from defense attorneys, Mrs. Singer acknowledged she couldn't identify the officers or whether they worked for the Los Angeles Police Department or other agencies.

She also said she didn't know if any of them were the four officers on trial in federal court on charges of violating King's civil rights in the videotaped beating. Charged in the case

are Sgt. Stacey Koon, officers Laurence Powell and Theodore Briseno and former officer Timothy Wind.

The scene still bothers her, Mrs. Singer testified.

"I just couldn't understand why they were just standing around while this man is lying here," said Mrs. Singer.

Although called by defendant Powell, Mrs. Singer repeated her testimony from Friday that Powell struck King in the head as the motorist was on the ground. The defense contends King received glancing blows at most.

Letter ties Libertarian Army to NY bombing

By John Shanahan
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The city police commissioner said a letter claiming responsibility for the World Trade Center bombing is one of several letters and notes that authorities have received concerning the blast.

Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the letter signed by the "Liberation Army Fifth Battalion" would be used to prosecute the five suspects in custody.

Kelly made his comments Monday after testifying at a state Senate hearing on the bombing.

He said the letter "will be some evidence in the prosecu-

tion of the individuals who are in custody." The motive for the bombing was still unknown, he said.

The letter was received by the New York Times four days after the Feb. 26 blast that killed six and injured more than 1,000.

It indicated the bombing was carried out to protest U.S. ties to Israel.

Kelly said the letter was among a number of other "dis-jointed" letters that were received concerning the blast.

One man's attorney, Ron Kuby, said Monday that law enforcement officials had seized a typewriter and computer disks from his apartment after he was arrested.

Arrests made in bombing

- Mahmud Abohallma, 33
- Mohammed Salameh, 25
- Nidal Ayyad, 25
- Bilal Alkalsi, 27
- A fifth man, Ibrahim Elgabrowni, 42, was arrested for allegedly interfering with federal agents who searched his apartment during the investigation

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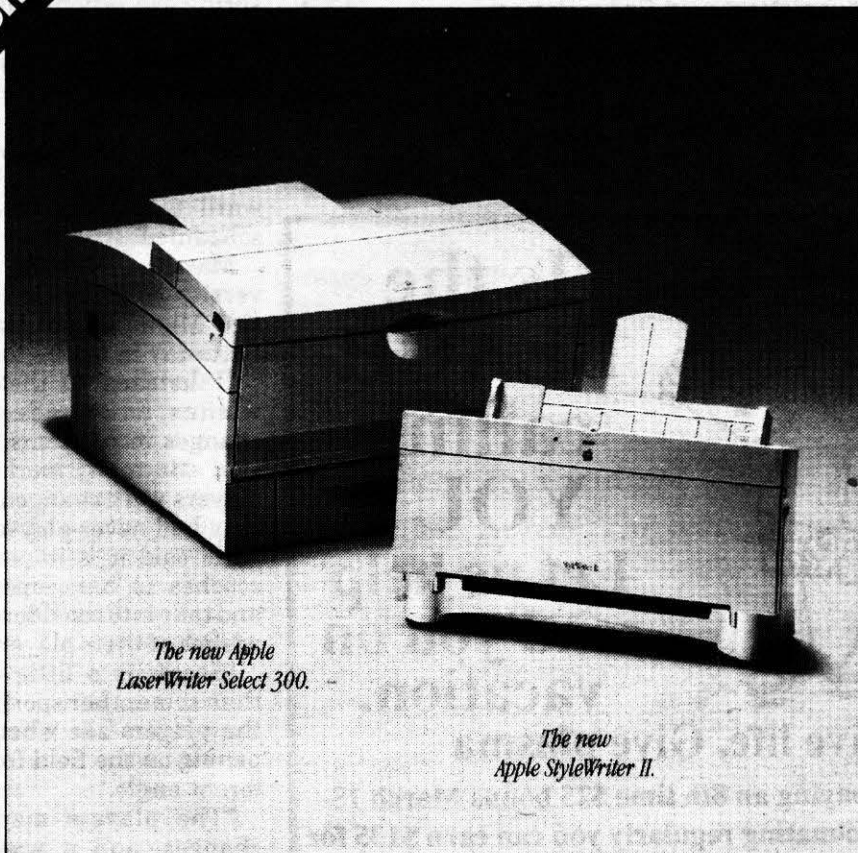
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