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THURSDAY
Chance of rain,
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But what is spring?



Photo by Melissa K. Ford

Dr. Jeremy L. Barris, associate professor of philosophy (second from left), sits in Buskirk field Monday with students from his Introduction to Ancient

Philosophy class. He had decided the weather was too nice for the class to stay in Harris Hall.

■ LEGISLATURE

Day dominated by green, greenback promises

By Bill Gardner and J.L. Burns
Legislative Writers

Green jackets filled the capitol Wednesday as the House of Delegates passed a bill giving pay raises of \$2,000 to state faculty and \$1,500 to classified staff.

The bill, which would give institutions flexibility on how to use the money, was sent to the Senate on Wednesday. The Senate version of the bill is a one-year pay raise across the board for the same amounts.

About 100 Marshall faculty, staff and administrators visited the capitol for "Marshall Day" to lobby lawmakers.

The crowd was surprised by an appearance by Gov. Gaston Caperton who

was sporting a green blazer.

"Marshall is playing an important role in the well-being of the state of West Virginia," Caperton said. "Those of you who have the time, stay up here and help us get this HEAT bill through the Legislature."

The event was emceed by President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said everyone at Marshall is pleased with the proposed pay raises because, "we seek to compete with other states for qualified faculty."

"We are pleased that higher education is a priority in the Legislature this year," Gilley said.

The rally was attended by local legislators including Sen. Ned Jones, D-Cabell, and Delegate Steve Williams, D-Cabell and Evelyn Richards, R-

Cabell, as well as Marshall alumnus Secretary of State Ken Hechler.

Dr. Robert Sawrey, Faculty Senate president, told the rally "quality education is not cheap. It is quite costly."

"Sawrey asked legislators to give Marshall and other colleges \$2,000 raises for faculty and flexibility on how each institution uses the money.

"Across-the-board raises will not work," Sawrey said.

"Sawrey says a pay schedule for university and college faculty already exists in the state statutes, but it has never been fully funded. Sawrey noted that junior faculty, those hired in the past few years, have been hired above the minimum salary in the schedule while faculty who have taught longer are making less than what the schedule

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calls for.

"The problem is that faculty who have been here have not seen their salaries move up," Sawrey said.

About 176 faculty members hired recently are above what the schedule calls for, while 240 are below what the schedule mandates.

Sawrey said if pay raises are granted,

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■ SGA

Senate OKs new budget

By Mark H. Wiggins
Reporter

Student Senate on Tuesday unanimously approved Student Body President Michael D. Miller's budget proposal.

Sen. Misty T. Saul, senate president pro-tempore, said the \$60,467 budget will go into effect immediately.

During the meeting, Saul also sponsored a resolution for SGA to support the upcoming Huntington AIDS Task Force in its AIDS awareness week.

According to Saul's resolution, the task force needs help in placing paper tombstones on lawns.

She said the tombstones, which bear the names of those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses, are an awareness technique the task force has used in the past.

Sen. Roy A. Williams, School of Medicine, objected to the resolution, citing

STUDENT SENATE ACTION

✓ In other business, Student Senate considered a bill to lower financial assistance to student organizations from \$500 to \$400 so more events could be funded each semester.

Senators say it will give them flexibility when allotting funds. Senate will vote on the bill Tuesday.

that enough information was not available.

"When I was going to Concord College, a local AIDS group used shock tactics to send the message that anyone could get AIDS," he said. "They put names of students who didn't have AIDS on the tombstones to get their message across."

"I don't want SGA to [be a party] to this sort of shock tactic. I think we need to know exactly what and how the task force plans to conduct their awareness week."

Saul agreed to provide more information about the awareness week, and the resolution was set aside until Tuesday's senate meeting.

■ PERKINS LOANS

Official: Student default rate at lowest point in three years

By Austin G. Johnson
Reporter

Marshall's Perkins Student Loan default rate has reached its lowest point in three years, and the credit for this feat belongs to the financial aid accounting staff, manager Joan Knight said.

She said the default rate has dropped more than 8 percent since 1991.

"The major reason for the dramatic drop in the Perkins loan default rate can be linked directly to the diligent efforts of the staff."

Two years ago the default rate was about 15.8 percent, and now it is 6.6 percent, she said.

"The national average is around 6 percent, so we're very close."

Universities with a default rate exceeding 15 percent face the possibility of losing federal funds. That would mean a \$100,000 loss for the university.

She said the accounting staff manages funds exceeding \$500,000.

The federal government provides about \$100,000, and the remainder comes from student loan repayment.

The office distributed approximately \$550,000 for campus-based student loans and collected about \$500,000 from repayments, she said.

Dr. Edgar Miller, director of financial aid, said the accounting staff has done an outstanding job disbursing funds and collecting loan repayments.

Knight said putting all student loan subsidiary records on computer has enhanced efficiency. She said a financial aid adviser conducts exit interviews for loan recipients leaving the university to familiarize them with their repayment obligations.

Knight said conducting these interviews, along with assigning about 550 old loans to the Department of Education, has helped reduce the default rate.

Area to be hopping for Easter

By Merritt Henderson
Reporter

Area churches are inviting students to see Easter services in a whole new light.

Pageants, ceremonial rites and ministry in song highlight this weekend of religious repose and sanctuary.

Practicing since January for their Fifth Annual Greater Huntington Area Easter Pageant, members of the Highlawn Baptist Church on 28th Street will tell the story of the last weeks of Christ beginning with his triumphant entry on Palm Sunday and ending with his resurrection. The pageant features 155 cast and choir members.

"We feel this is our gift to the community and part of our mission," said Dave Tomasek, minister of music. "It's in the Great Commission that we spread the gospel to all people."

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sented Thursday, Friday and Sunday at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The downtown Huntington churches will repeat their traditional combined services Friday from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. at Central Christian Church on Fifth Avenue, said host pastor George Gates.

"Two times a year the downtown churches come together, and most of the clergy have a part in the service," Gates said. "It's a downtown eucumenical service."

This abbreviated service provides working individuals

chances to attend Good Friday services. Turnout is always excellent, Gates said.

Some churches offer more traditional views of the crucifixion and resurrection.

Trinity Episcopal Church on 11th Street serves an agape meal after its 6 p.m. Thursday service.

"An agape meal is basically a meatless dinner served in a very austere manner," said Debra Price, parish secretary. "It really gives you a good feel of The Last Supper."

A ceremonial foot washing will take place during the agape

meal, and afterwards, participants will reenter the sanctuary for the stripping of the altar, representing the death of Christ.

Also practicing a traditional ceremony, the First United Methodist Church on Fifth Avenue 7 p.m. Friday will observe its Tenebrae Service, which is the solemn observance of the Lord's Supper.

Secretary Margaret Clatworthy said the ceremony consists of eight candles darkened during the service that represent the flight of the disciples. One candle remains lit, symbolizing the eternal light of Christ, she said.

St. Joseph Catholic Church on Sixth Avenue will observe an Easter Vigil 8 p.m. Saturday and will have Good Friday services at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Campus Christian Center presented Easter services this week for students who will travel home for Easter break.

■ GREEN

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universities can use that money to finance the existing pay schedule and have money left over. Sixty percent of the money would be left over, he said.

"Faculty who are being paid by the schedule will have to wait until other faculty have been brought up to the existing schedule before they will receive pay raises.

"It looks like every faculty member will receive a raise," he said.

Gilley said he was pleased with the crowd. "We had a low student turnout, but I understand students have classes.

Student body president Michael D. Miller said he wants to see funding equality for students around the state. The majority of the BOT are WVU graduates, and Miller said he thinks there's a conflict of interest.

Miller said he is in support of pay raises, but he doesn't think students should have to pay if the state can't pay for all of it.

Jeff Price, student BOT representative, said "I think someday Marshall students will wake up one day and say let's quit playing ugly step sister to WVU."

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Soon to come: The Donald II

NEW YORK (AP) — It's official: Marla Maples' next role is mommy opposite Donald Trump's return as daddy.

Maples, who appears in Broadway's "The Will Rogers Follies," is due to deliver her first child in October, Trump spokeswoman Norma Foerderer said Wednesday. The developer and casino owner is the proud papa, she said.

The new arrival will be The Donald's fourth child as he relearns "The Art of the Diaper." He and his ex-wife, Ivana, have two sons and a daughter: Eric, 9, Ivanka, 11, and Donny, 14.

FYI

Marshall University Society of English is accepting entries for a freshman writing contest. Submissions are due by April 16, 1993. More information may be obtained by calling Heather Reed, 696-6438 or stop by Corbly Hall 455.

Marshall University College Republicans will sponsor a lecture on politics by John Raese today at 2 p.m. in MSC 2W37. More information may be obtained by calling Kaye Coley, 523-5644.

Back to Student Union will sponsor a pancake dinner in the Campus Christian Center Fellowship Hall Friday, April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. More information may be obtained by call-

ing David Dorsey, 529-1436.

A brown bag lunch for "Art and Artichokes" lecture series will be presented by curator Louise Polan at the Huntington Museum of Art today from noon to 1 p.m.

Alternative Lifestyles Initiatives offers confidential emotional and psychological help, support and information for Marshall's gay, lesbian and bi-sexual students and faculty. The office is located in Prichard Hall Room 137.

Applications for the Gene Crawford Scholarship are available in the criminal justice department or at the Women's Center. The award is \$250.

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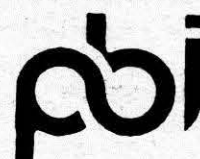
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Accident 'worst since Chernobyl'

By Leslie Shepherd
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Troops scooped up contaminated Siberian soil Wednesday after a tank holding radioactive waste exploded in what the government is calling the worst nuclear accident since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

But Russian and foreign experts said Tuesday's explosion at the Tomsk-7 nuclear weapons complex posed little danger.

Workers were not evacuated from

the plant, and only one fire fighter received a high dose of radiation, said Georgy Kaurov, head of the Nuclear Energy Ministry's information department.

"It has been the single worst accident since the Chernobyl catastrophe," Kaurov said.

"However, it cannot be compared to Chernobyl... You simply can't compare them."

The uranium waste was released when an underground tank exploded and burned at Tomsk-7, a secret

military city built in Siberia during the Soviet era. The Nuclear Energy Ministry blamed a rise in pressure in the tank caused when nitric acid was added as a cleanser.

The State Emergency Committee said radiation levels around Tomsk-7 were .03 roentgens per hour Wednesday. Northeast of the plant, levels were .04 roentgens.

The average acceptable dose for nuclear workers is 2 roentgens per year, according to the International Commission on Radiological Protection. A

reontgen is a measure of radiation.

The accident was one of a series in the former Soviet Union since a reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine exploded in 1986, spewing radiation across Europe.

Monitoring stations in Scandinavia and western Europe reported no increased levels of radiation.

"The radioactive spill (in Russia) is too limited and too small to measure," said Sven Carlsson, a spokesman for the Swedish Radiation Protection Institute.

BRIEFS

from wire reports

Possible remains taken to Hawaii

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — In a brief ceremony Wednesday, Vietnam turned over the possible remains of 16 American servicemen killed in the Vietnam War.

A U.S. Air Force C-141 transport arrived to take the remains to Hawaii for analysis. Inside each of eight wooden boxes, numbered and shiny with varnish, were the remains of two bodies.

At the foot of the plane's cargo ramp, uniformed men and women of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines conducted a ceremony to honor fallen comrades.

"The adrenalin right now is pumping heavy," said Larry Braden, 45, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. "I never, ever dreamed I'd be here."

Aspin to act soon on women in war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Wednesday he's prepared to take some action on the women-in-combat issue within the next six months, but said he opposes making changes for one service at a time.

"Consistency — that's got to happen," Aspin said in a meeting with reporters, when asked about proposals for a long-range Navy proposal to put women in combat aircraft.

The Navy also has sent a proposal to Aspin's office to expand the types of ships open to women within the next several months.

Aspin said he intends to look at the entire issue of women in combat jobs over the next several months. Proponents of the change contend action is necessary, given that Air Force and Navy budget restrictions could do away with certain jobs that allow women to train in combat aircraft by Oct. 1.

"We're already thinking of things that would happen before Oct. 1."

He did not say what actions he might take.

Closing arguments today in three LA officers' trial

By Linda Deutsch
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — Both sides rested in the Rodney King beating trial after a dramatic prosecution finale turned one policeman's year-old videotaped testimony into an explosive denunciation of his three co-defendants.

"My perspective was ... too much force was used," Officer Theodore Briseno said on the tape, a condensed version of his testimony at the four officers' state court trial last year.

Testimony ended Tuesday in the 2-month-old federal trial. U.S. District Judge John G. Davies planned to discuss jury instructions with lawyers Wednesday and set closing arguments to begin Thursday.

"The case will be yours for decision Friday afternoon," he told the jury.

The officers are accused of violating King's civil rights in the beating, which was videotaped by a bystander.

The April 29, 1992, acquittals in state court on most charges of assault and excessive force triggered rioting in Los

Angeles that killed more than 50 people and caused approximately \$1 billion in damage.

The heavily edited videotape was shown to the jury Tuesday despite tumultuous legal maneuvering by defense attorneys trying to block it.

The defense later tried to recover lost ground by recalling as its last witness Sgt. Stacey Koon, the only defendant to testify.

Koon restated key defense points: that there were no blows struck to King's head, that King's facial fractures were caused by a fall, and that officers saw King from a different perspective than the amateur cameraman who videotaped the beating.

But a prosecutor used Koon's return to elicit a fact edited out of Briseno's videotape — that Briseno considered another defendant, Officer Laurence Powell, "out of control" during the beating.

"Didn't you write in your book that defendant Briseno gave an incorrect motivation for trying to stop Powell?" asked Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Clymer.

Koon, who wrote a book on the case, said he never accused Briseno of lying.

Cuomo: No go to High Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mario Cuomo has withdrawn his name from consideration to fill an upcoming vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court, a White House official said Wednesday.

President Clinton said Wednesday he thinks the New York governor is "terrific," but refused to comment on a Newsday report that Cuomo told Clinton last week he did not want to be considered for the seat.

Cuomo was the best-known candidate mentioned as a possible replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Byron

White. During the campaign, Clinton said Cuomo would be a good Supreme Court justice, although he never promised to pick him.

"I think he's terrific," Clinton said. "I'm not going to discuss the appointment."

Cuomo did not return calls from the AP early Wednesday, and press secretary Anne Crowley refused to comment.

"The governor has said all along that he does not intend to comment on the Supreme Court," she said.

White announced in March he would retire from the high court this summer.

W.Va. detective guilty of taking sex for leniency

PARKERSBURG (AP) — A jury deliberated 16 hours before finding a city police detective guilty of accepting sexual favors from a woman in exchange for leniency.

The Wood County Circuit Court jury convicted Roger Bradley of one count of bribery Tuesday night. He was acquitted on three other charges of bribery in official or political matters.

Judge George W. Hill set sentencing for May 17.

Bradley faces up to 10 years in prison.

Bradley admitted in court and on a telephone tape to having sex from Peggy Lamp during a visit to her apartment in November 1990. He denied that it was in return for helping Lamp, who was facing charges stemming from a dispute with her husband.

Lamp later pleaded guilty to public intoxication and obstructing a police officer. She got credit for eight days spent in jail.

Bradley, 40, a nine-year member of the police department, has been on medical leave since last November.

No decision has been made on Bradley's status with the police department, Police Chief Russell Miller said Wednesday. Miller said he does not anticipate waiting until Bradley's sentencing to make a decision.

Defense attorney Elizabeth Pyles said she plans to appeal.

Alleged evidence incident upsets agents

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press Writer

WACO, Texas — Besieged religious cult members began celebrating Passover Wednesday night amid reported friction between law enforcement agencies and a fight over a videotape of the botched raid that caused the standoff.

David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidian cult, has indicated an end to the siege may coincide with the weeklong Passover observance ending

April 14. But he has failed to keep promises to surrender before.

"This is just another date in a long series," FBI agent Dick Swensen said Tuesday. "I'm just nervous if they start bringing up Christmas."

The cult's Passover observance begins two nights after the traditional Jewish celebration.

Meanwhile, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday that Texas Rangers and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms agents were unhappy with FBI negotiators over an alleged inadvertent tip that led cult members to destroy evidence of the Feb. 28 shootout.

"(FBI negotiators) stated they're not concerned about what happens from an investigative standpoint. They're concerned only with getting everybody out of there," an unidentified source told the paper.

People who have left the rural compound say blood stains were cleaned from walls and bullet shell casings were

swept up, according to the report.

A source said Rangers were irritated to learn a cult member got an answer from the FBI to the question, "Who are the Texas Rangers and what are they going to be looking for?"

Swensen declined comment. In federal court Tuesday, an attorney who represents a Koresh aide filed a motion asking a magistrate to impound a videotape made by authorities during the raid. There was no immediate ruling.

opinion

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our view

Deny veterans state bonus

▼ **The Issue:** Despite the state's economic condition, the Legislature is on the verge of granting an \$8.5 million bonus to veterans of the Persian Gulf War and other conflicts.

While legislators claim they are struggling to find money for state agencies and programs, they also are close to throwing away \$8.5 million to state residents who are veterans of the Persian Gulf War and conflicts in Lebanon, Panama and Grenada.

What a waste.

West Virginia cannot afford existing programs, but lawmakers want to give bonuses to employees of the federal government.

In post-war celebration, about 55 percent of voters approved a constitutional amendment last November that allows lawmakers to allocate the bonus.

It's now the Legislature's job to find the money, but it's not obligated to do so, especially when the money isn't there.

Unfortunately, the measure was approved last week by the House of Delegates and now awaits debate on the Senate floor.

The bill would provide \$500 to veterans who served in combat zones, \$300 to those who served in non-combat zones, and \$1,000 to families of war dead.

But senators will strike down this measure if they have any knowledge about the state's financial condition.

For example:

■ The last two years Gov. Gaston Caperton has imposed mid-fiscal year across-the-board budget cuts, which has cost Marshall nearly \$1 million.

■ In an attempt to increase state revenues, Caperton is pushing a bill through the Legislature that would raise gasoline taxes by a nickel-a-gallon. This would make gasoline taxes in West Virginia the third highest in the nation.

■ And this also is supposed to be the year for higher education, remember? But the state is \$2.7 million short of funding overdue salary increases for faculty and staff.

The list goes on.

Yet, several legislators in Charleston still insist on the bonus.

Lawmakers need to face the fact that the Gulf War ended two years ago.

Soldiers were honored across the nation when they returned home, so now it's time to return to business.

The last thing the state needs is for the Legislature to be suckered into believing veterans deserve a state-funded bonus.

West Virginia can't afford it.

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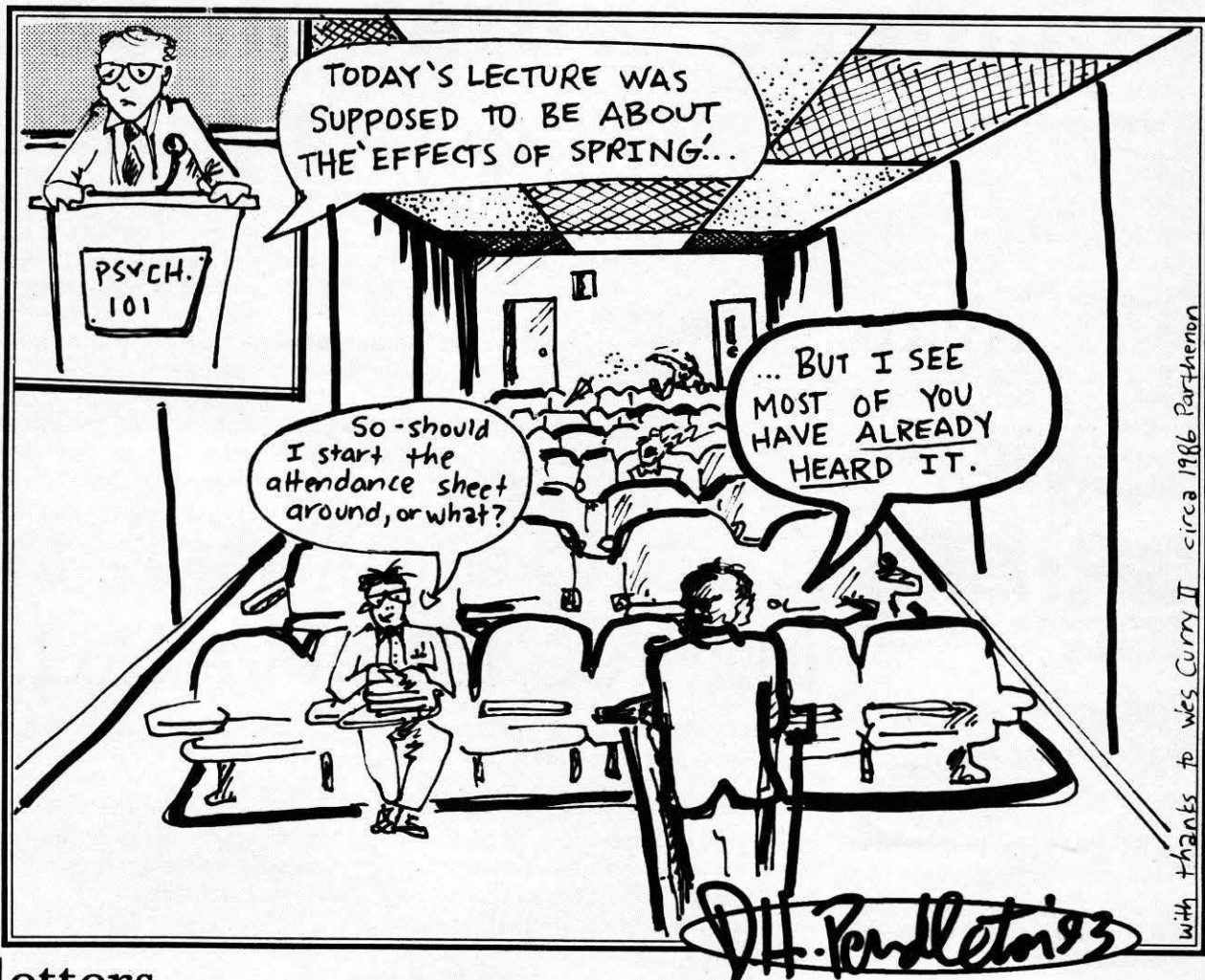
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The Parthenon welcomes guest columns on topics of interest to the Marshall community.

Submissions should be no longer than 800 words.

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letters

Pro-life letter was ridiculous

To the editor:

Wayne Wahner's letter [entitled "Gunn murdered by abortionist"] was ridiculous from start to finish. His assertion that Dr. Gunn's murderer was an abortionist because no one who was "pro-life" would do such a thing is nonsense. All that is proven by this tragedy is the hypocrisy of some members of the pro-life movement.

Another of Mr. Wahner's absurdities is his claim that the feminist movement's fight to ensure safe, legal abortions is merely a step to their final goal of "retroactive abortion" [presumably indiscriminate slaughter, such as the death of Dr. Gunn].

I did, however, find his claim that the pro-choice movement is "a matter of power and control over the male population" quite humorous. How is a woman's right to choose what happens to her body a matter of control of man?

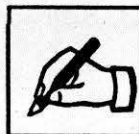
I have some news for Mr. Wahner: no woman wants to have an abortion. And yet, when unexpectedly faced with what is probably the most disruptive, life-altering situation of a woman's life — pregnancy — some choose abortion.

Others choose to give birth. In either case, it is a matter of choice, and a decision that can only be made by the woman. No one else can truly understand the circumstances that lead to her decision, whatever it may be.

I have never had an abortion and doubt that I could. Thankfully, it is a situation I have never had to confront.

Yet, I am pro-choice. I do not believe that anyone has the right to dictate what others do in such a painful, personal situation. I, like

▼ Letters



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Address letters to:

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Wayne Wahner, would like to see the end of abortion. However, I would like to see this through the prevention of unwanted pregnancy, not through forcing women to become nothing more than human incubators.

Michelle Taylor
Huntington freshman

Medical student blasts writer

To the editor:

This is in response to a recent letter by Steven Saus. To facilitate the comprehension of this letter by Mr. Saus and others at his stage of Piaget's developmental scheme, I will attempt to utilize a high frequency of monosyllabic terminology.

I do not feel mistreated in any way by The Parthenon. To the contrary, I have been somewhat surprised by the willingness of its staff to print articles, usually in a

neutral tone, concerning opposing viewpoints.

Possibly due to your own neonatal predispositions, Mr. Saus, you missed the entire theme of my letter. Contrary to your misobservation, Mr. Saus, the letter was not concerned in any way with the condemnation of homosexuality. Rather, the letter was a delineation of facts followed by an analysis of the same facts.

I did not think interpretation of my letter would require intense cerebration for most people, but for your benefit, Mr. Saus, I will again explain my thesis. The editorial page of this publication does not exhibit unbiased reporting and political nomenclature. The point was not to criticize any subculture, but was rather to bring to the forefront of the readers' minds this blatant instance of hypocrisy by our campus newspaper. If you review my previous letter, you will note that the only criticism I discussed concerned my preceding statement. My criticism was not concerned with restricting any person's free speech, but was rather concerned with the inconsistent policy of the editorial page.

Mr. Saus, I would like to sincerely suggest your enrollment in a remedial reading comprehension course next semester. Perhaps the course content would prevent further embarrassing exposures of your ignorance.

Robert W. Painter
Beckley medical student

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to the editor

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It's your democracy:**Use it or lose it!**

"Keep out. Members only,"
appears to be the operative
slogan for state and federal
government.

That might work for child-
hood clubs, but elected and
appointed officials occasionally
have to be reminded that they
are working "for the people."
Take notice, Charleston and
Washington; you've been duly
served with a warning.

It's ironic that House Speaker
Chuck Chambers, who intro-
duced open meetings legisla-
tion in the House, held a closed
meeting. He later claimed that
it wasn't a closed meeting, but,
rather, a private discussion to
determine where lawmakers
stood on an issue.

Call it manure or feces, but
it's still crap, and so is Cham-
bers' defense that a closed
meeting involving debate on
an issue before the House is a
private discussion. Lawmak-
ers are there to go on the record



NERISSA YOUNG
COLUMNIST

with their votes; that's how
voters hold them accountable.

This phenomenon, however,
is not unique to West Virginia.
The Association of American
Physicians and Surgeons has
accused First Lady Hillary
Rodham-Clinton of holding
closed meetings as part of her
Health Care Reform Task
Force.

If the task force is holding
closed meetings, as the group
of physicians claimed Monday,
it is violating a federal court
order requiring the task force
to comply with open meetings
laws.

Keeping secrets flies in the
face of President Clinton's
admonition for voters to elect
him and give the government
back to the people. He also
loses credibility with his criti-
cism of Dan Quayle's clandes-
tine tete a tete with this
Council on Competitiveness.

For those of us who hold with
the cornball notion that elected
office is a public trust, officials
running around behind our
backs smacks of betrayal.

Last month I witnessed
democracy in action when both
houses voted in a joint session.
I was moved when I realized
that an ordinary citizen could
literally look over the shoul-
ders of her elected legislators
as they shaped state law.

I also realized that citizens
need to aggressively protect
that democracy. That's what
we in the media try to do, but
we can't, or shouldn't, do it
alone.

Club aids speaking skills

By Merri Dotson
Reporter

Clear your throat, take a deep
breath, keep your composure
and give the best speech you've
ever given.

That is what members of the
Gavel Club are learning.

Dr. Gary J. Saunders, pro-
fessor of accounting and club
sponsor, said the Gavel Club
was created this semester to
help students become better
public speakers and overcome
the common fear public speak-
ing causes most people to feel.

Jennifer L. Pendry, Matheny
junior and club president, said
members give speeches at

meetings to help them feel more
comfortable talking to people.
The club uses a book with 10
types of speeches. It also in-
volves an impromptu section
to help people talk on their
feet, she said.

Saunders said members criti-
que one another on their
speeches.

Both Saunders and Pendry
said the club is comprised
mainly of business students.
Saunders said he would like to
offer the club to all students.

Pendry said she would like
the club to stay concentrated
in the College of Business so it
will be controllable. She said
she would like to see other col-

leges offer similar clubs.

She said the maximum
number of members would be
20 because any more than that
would make it too difficult to
rotate speakers at the meet-
ings. However, she also said
the club has approximately 10
members now so she wants to
work on increasing the mem-
bership.

The club meets every other
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Pendry
said. Membership costs \$10 a
semester and the money pays
for a dinner at the end of the
semester. She said some
members might give speeches
at the dinner but arrangements
are not complete.

Caperton investigates racist charges

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON — Gov.
Gaston Caperton on Wednes-
day ordered an investigation
into allegations a training in-
structor told a racist joke to
state police cadets.

Caperton learned of the alle-
gations in a letter from James

Tolbert, president of the state
chapter of the National Asso-
ciation for the Advancement of
Colored People, Caperton
spokesman Bob Brunner said.

Caperton "wants it dealt with
quickly and forcefully," Brun-
ner said. "It is totally inappro-
priate for something like that
to occur as part of the training
process."

Tolbert alleged the word
"nigger" was used by a high-
level Department of Public
Safety employee in Raleigh
County in front of more than
25 trainees.

He did not say when it hap-
pened.

But Col. Thom Kirk, the state
police superintendent, said the
instructors were from out of
state. He said the incident
occurred in Beckley.

"If it did happen, not only
would it be in poor taste, but at
the very least, it's activity un-
becoming an officer," Kirk said.

Lt. Dave Plantz of the state
police Bureau of Criminal In-
vestigation in Charleston, said
Arkansas state troopers
trained West Virginia troopers
in Beckley from Monday
through Wednesday on how to
handle traffic stops involving
drugs or money.

Plantz said he had no way of
knowing whether those in-
structors were the ones referred
to by Tolbert and Kirk.

The incident "certainly shows
that the state police environ-
ment is beset with racism and
there are employees who are
undisciplined and these people
have contact with the public
every day," Tolbert said.

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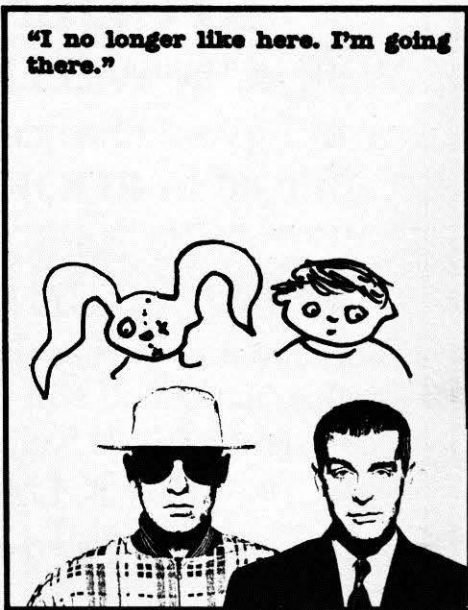
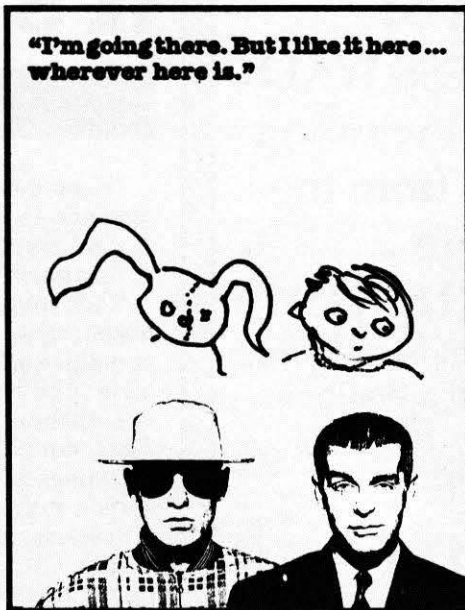
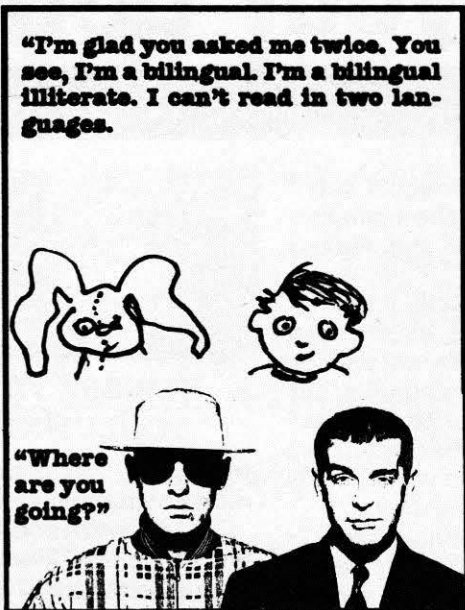
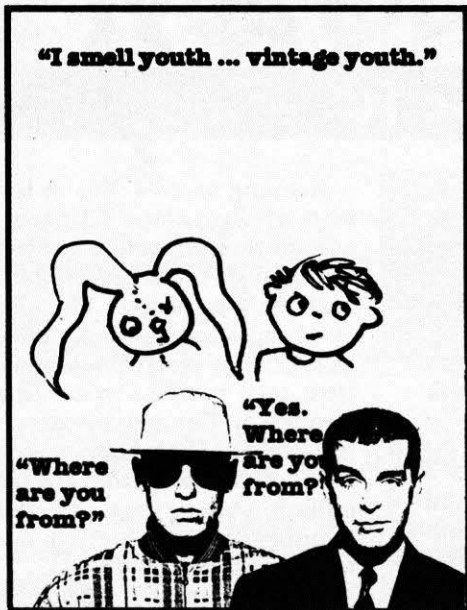
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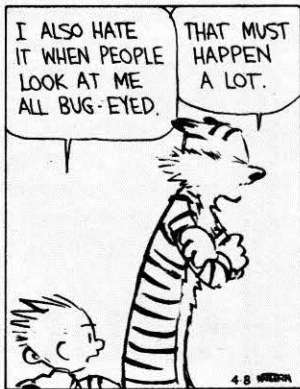
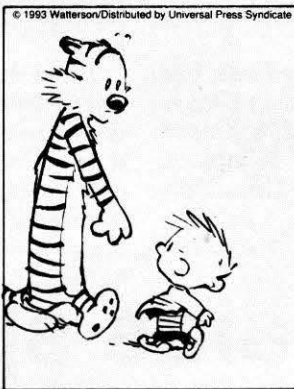
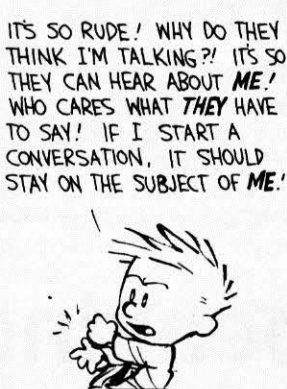
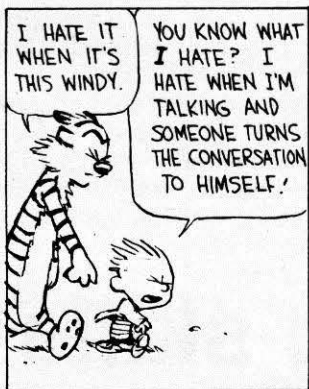
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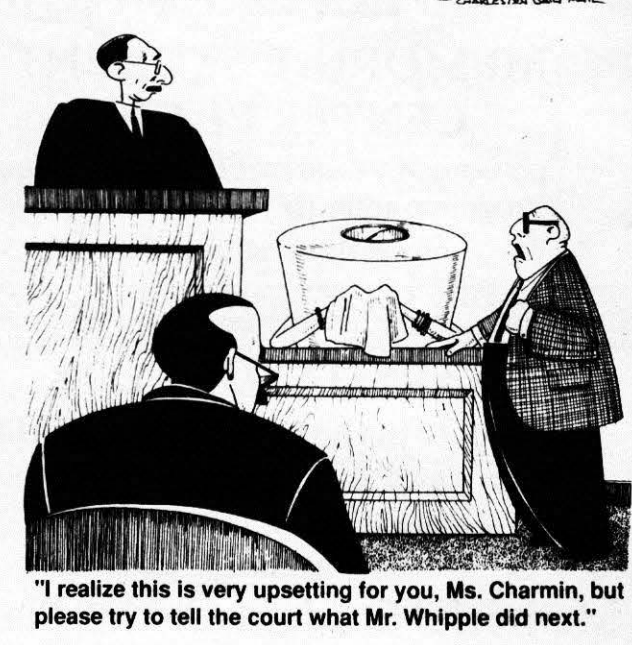
Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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Golf team will host weekend invitational

By Thomas A. Moyer
Reporter

The golf team will host the 24th Annual Marshall Invitational Collegiate Golf Tournament Friday and Saturday at the Guyan Golf and Country Club in Barboursville.

According to a spokesman from the sports information office, 18 teams, predominantly from District Four of the NCAA, will participate in the 54-hole tournament.

The spokesman said Ohio State University, the defending champion, and Kent State University are the current favorites.

Ohio State has dominated the invitational in the past with 12 victories.

Sean Duffy, Danville, Pa., sophomore, said the golf team has a good opportunity to take first place in the tournament.

"We have been hitting the ball really well during prac-

tices and I feel we can take the tournament."

The Herd is coming off a big tournament win with a first place finish at the Johnny Owens Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Lexington, Ky. in late March.

The par 71, 6,446-yard course will be a challenge to every team participating in the tournament, Duffy said.

"The course is a little rough right now and is still really wet. Hopefully some of the warm weather will dry it out before the weekend."

According to the sports information office spokesman, tournament play will begin at 7:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Teams are scheduled to play 36 holes Friday and 18 holes Saturday.

Pending any delays in the tournament, an awards presentation is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Three former MU athletes help beef up rugby club

By Samantha Carney
Reporter

The Men's Rugby Club not only beefed up its schedule, it beefed up its team by adding 820 pounds of athletic talent.

The weight is divided among three men: Luke Gross, 6'9", 250-pound Marshall basketball player and Marshall graduates and ex-football players Rory Fitzpatrick, 6'3", 290 pounds, and John Halford, 6'2", 280 pounds.

No strangers to running, passing and scoring, the three have a new challenge: learning the rules.

Having never played before, Gross, Fitzpatrick and Halford look forward to playing rugby and having fun.

"I've always wanted to play [rugby]," Gross said. "I don't

know all there is to know about how to play the game, but they [other rugby players] told me, 'If anything goes wrong, just pick up the ball and run.'"

"I just want to go out there and have fun," he said.

Having played football at Marshall together for four years, Halford and Fitzpatrick joined the club for reasons beyond those of most players.

"The main reason we decided to play was that our lives were pulling us in different directions and with a set schedule of practices and games, we can enjoy each other's company and enjoy playing ball," Halford said.

"Hopefully, we can learn the basics and be able to get out there and play ball."

Fitzpatrick said his decision to join the team was "definitely

a gradual thing.

"We [he and Halford] don't have the wind like we did in football, but we do have the strength."

The only problem Fitzpatrick anticipates is not knowing all the rules.

"There are a lot of intricacies of the game that I still have to learn," he said. "I can't just be a wrecking machine, I have to be a controlled wrecking machine."

The weight and height of the trio might seem impressive, but Dennis Johnson, Marshall graduate student, said it takes all kinds to make up the rugby club.

"We have positions for everyone," he said, emphasizing the need for players of all sizes.

"But the only thing you really need is guts," he said.

W.Va. girls' seasons remain the same, lobbyists still hopeful about a switch

By Matt Harvey
AP Sports Writer

CHARLESTON — A proposal to move girls' junior high and high school basketball seasons from fall to winter is dead for now.

But a state education official who lobbied for the move said the issue may show up soon in another venue.

"There are people who still have an interest in it," said Keith Smith, assistant state superintendent. "I'm sure some of the counties are interested to the point they may proceed to court with it."

The Secondary School Activities Commission Board of Control, which includes principals and other educators from around the state, voted 129-3 against the proposal Tuesday.

Parkersburg Catholic Ath-

"I think a lot of the principals in the state feel very confident that the vast majority of the public feel that the girls' basketball season doesn't need to be changed."

Bill Wilson,
University High School principal

letic Director Debbie Wright was a main lobbyist against the switch. She said advances made in girls' basketball, such as better officiating and more media coverage, would be endangered if girls played at the same time as boys.

Smith said it sends a message of inferiority to girls having them play in the fall when basketball is a winter sport.

Smith said he supported tabling the motion as the committee suggested.

Bill Wilson, a member of the

bylaws committee and University High School principal, said the panel did not expect the measure to pass next year either. He said the survey may make an even stronger case against changing the seasons.

"I guess the general group feels that continuing the surveys would be prolonging the inevitable," he said. "I think a lot of the principals in the state feel very confident that the vast majority of the public feel that the girls' basketball season doesn't need to be changed."

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- **Track** Attends the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., Friday and Saturday.

WV businessman to discuss politics in open meeting

By Mark H. Wiggins
Reporter

John Raese, a West Virginia Republican businessman and spokesman, will speak today in Room 2W37 of the Memorial Student Center at 2 p.m.

The meeting, hosted by the Marshall University College Republicans, is open to the public.

Raese will speak about "pork barrel politics" and other controversial issues in West Virginia politics.

In a press release from the College Republicans, Raese was quoted as saying, "The West Virginia delegation to the Senate, led by Senator Byrd, leads the nation in pork barrel politics and senseless resistance to the will and rights of the people ... The Republican Party of West Virginia is for people's rights. [Democratic Senator] Bob Byrd and [Speaker of the House] Chuck Chambers are against these rights."

Raese's political career began in 1984 when he won the West Virginia Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate. He lost the election to Sen. Jay Rockefeller.

"The West Virginia delegation to the Senate, led by Senator Byrd, leads the nation in pork barrel politics and senseless resistance to the will and rights of the people."

John Raese

In 1986, Raese became the chairman of the West Virginia Republican Party. In 1988, he lost in a close race for governor against incumbent Arch Moore.

Raese, 42, is from Morgantown and graduated from West Virginia University. He is president of Greer Steel Company, Seneca Caverns Company, and Buckeye Construction Company. He is also vice president of the West Virginia Radio Corporation.

Robert W. Painter, Beckley medical student and president of Marshall's College Republicans, said that Raese has established a reputation for speaking what he thinks.

Painter said Raese's visit will be conducted as a forum discussion.

ERIC contains information for speeches, term papers

By Steve Gady
Reporter

ERIC is one of "the best kept secrets" at Marshall, some staff members say.

The Educational Resources Information Center, in room 307 Old Main, is part of a nationwide information system that provides access to an extensive body of educational literature, Jan Weece, ERIC Librarian, said.

"We have a multitude of information," Weece said. "As of Tuesday, we have 350,380 documents on microfiche."

The library also carries selected magazines and 16mm films on career guidance, she said.

According to ERIC literature, ERIC publishes a

monthly abstract journal called Resources in Education. RIE announces all documents that are acquired by ERIC.

"The majority of the documents are in the field of education," said Weece, who also doubles as the secretary, said. "However, you can find information for technical reports, speeches, and research projects."

If you are interested in Appalachian folk art, ERIC has it, she said.

"ERIC even has a copy of the study that was done on how many paper clips were actually used as paper clips."

"Your speeches, research reports, and opinion papers can be submitted to be included in the ERIC database," said Dr. Ben H. Dickens, director of ERIC.

Anyone is welcome to ask for assistance submitting documents for consideration, he said.

Anyone can use the ERIC resources, Weece said. A patron may check out up to 10 documents [fiche] for a two-week period. "We will even mail the fiche anywhere in the state."

"We have reader/printers for use in the library and portable readers that can be checked out overnight or over the weekend," Weece said.

"If a professor wants to bring in a class after hours to show them how to use the library, they can call and set up an appointment."

Students may also access ERIC documents through the Morrow Library's CD-Rom.

Russia may aid U.S. space project

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russians may help redesign the American Space Station Freedom.

John H. Gibbons, director of the White House office of science and technology policy, said Tuesday that "full consideration" will be given to using

Russian space technology and experience.

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