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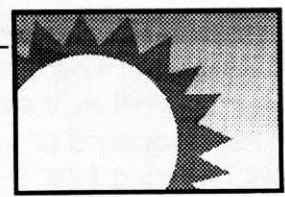
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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

■ CAMPUS BUILDINGS

Library plans approved

By Michael J. Martin
Reporter

University officials plan to build a new four-story library facility where Northcott Hall now stands to expand the James E. Morrow Library.

The architects outlined five plans for the expansion in the "Feasibility Study for the James E. Morrow Library." All five plans had their strengths and weaknesses, but Option E was the final

choice, said Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice-president for administration.

The plan consists of a complete new four story library facility on the Northcott Hall site and renovated space in the existing Morrow Library. The Northcott site will house a 200,000 volume core collection and 800 readers.

The remainder of the collection and a Special Collection Center will be located in renovated space in the existing Morrow Library.

"We approved Option E because, among other reasons," Grose said, "it allows us to keep our options open."

The feasibility study listed the strengths of this plan as including increased efficiency, finding a use for Northcott Hall, and freeing up portions of the library for other uses.

Other strengths the study indicated are a short construction period, good campus locations, and minimum phas-

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■ FORUM

Lawyers try to improve their images

By Bill Gardner
Staff Writer

Know any good lawyer jokes? If you do, it's probably best not to tell them to a lawyer.

Lawyers are tired of not getting any respect, and with the help of Professor Forest J. Bowman of the West Virginia University College of Law, they plan to do something about their image to-night.

In a recent poll, the American Bar Association found people who have been sued and people who have served on juries tend to have a low opinion of lawyers.

The National Law Journal also conducted a recent poll on the public's perception of lawyers. Teachers did the best with a 84 percent approval rating and politicians did the worst with a 21 percent approval rating. Lawyers got a 40 percent approval rating.

Lawyer-bashing turned deadly in July when a businessman walked into a law office in San Francisco and shot and killed eight lawyers before killing himself.

To help lawyers improve their image, the Cabell County Bar Association, with the help of two student groups at Marshall, will sponsor a forum on lawyer-bashing, and what the legal profession can do to improve its image at 6:30 p.m. in the eight floor observation lounge of Smith Hall.

Bowman, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honor only bestowed on one-half of one percent of American lawyers, has conducted seminars on professionalism legal ethics, lawyer malpractice, time management and stress management in 30 states and two Canadian provinces.

Up 'n over



Photo by R. Morton Boyd

Herd running back Chris Parker (#36) made a first down on a fourth down play against East Tennessee State Saturday. Parker broke his own stadium record

with 202 yards and 28 carries Saturday. The sophomore now has 1,164 yards for the season. See related column, Page 10.

■ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sights set on textbook prices

By Tammy Dawn Frazle
Reporter

Maintaining better control on students' textbook prices is a key focus for the Board of Trustees this year, according to Chancellor of the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees Charles Manning.

An array of decision-makers visited campus Friday for the BOT meeting. They were addressed by Huntington Mayor Jean Dean.

"The real heart of the city is right here on Marshall's campus," she said.

The Committee on Academic Research and Service Programs presented its

findings on the transferring of course credits from one institution to another.

A textbook policy was also adopted and the discussion pointed out the fact that students get ripped off and how a number of professors charge students for additional supplements. The textbook industry may not like it, but something is going to be done about it, Manning said.

A policy on faculty and administrative productivity and the use of adjunct part-time faculty was adopted as well. In addition to teaching, professors are also expected to conduct research and provided community service, according to BOT member Allan Roberts.

Shared workforce development programs with Wood County Schools may be another key issue that establishes a precedent for other West Virginia counties, according to board members.

"This particular project is going to deal with something that is going to become more of a concern, not only in our state, but others that is workforce preparation programs. We need to have a more effective workforce system to be better prepared," Dr. Eldon Miller of West Virginia University at Parkersburg said.

"We are presenting a concept of a one-

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Unlisted numbers given out to fake phone workers

By Michael J. Martin
Reporter

Students who wanted their phone numbers unlisted may find that their number is being given out anyway.

Various campus departments have reported that callers posing as telephone company workers have requested numbers and in some cases, have received them.

Dr. William S. Deel, director of campus technology, said that the fake calls are a problem.

"We don't know who the callers are, or how to find out who they are."

A plan has been instituted to give caller I.D. to the various campus departments. The departments already have phones that show the location of calls on-campus. In the future they will be able to identify off-campus calls.

This & that

Dukakis' loss pops in-law's bubble

BOSTON (AP) — Michael Dukakis says a major regret in losing the 1988 presidential election was a musical one.

Dukakis, celebrating the birthday of his father-in-law, retired Boston Pops conductor Harry Ellis Dickson, said, "One great regret we had was if I won, he was going to conduct the Pops at the inauguration, so I let him down."

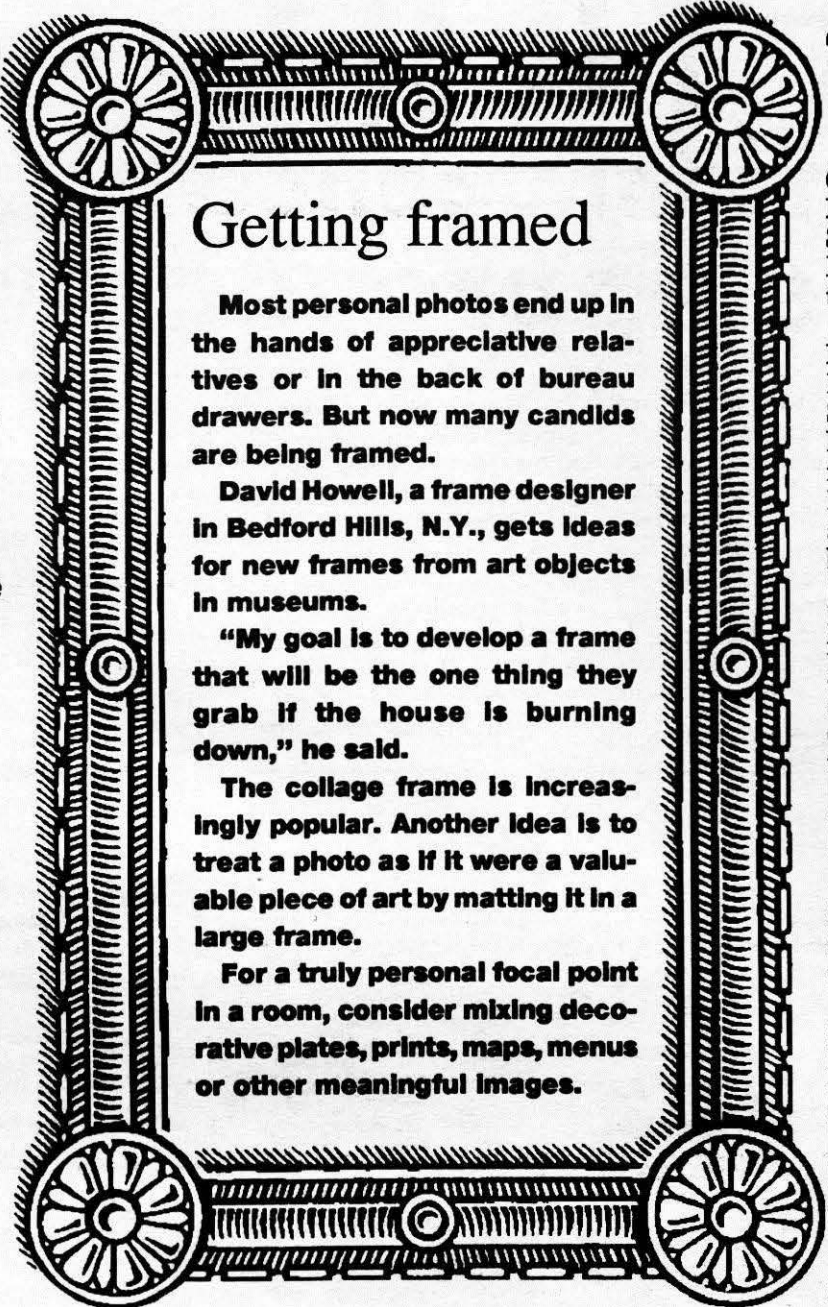
He wants a change Knowwhatmean?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jim Varney, best-known as Ernest P. Worrell of "Hey Vern!" fame, said he'd like to do something new.

"I'd like to do something completely remote from comedy — a contemporary drama or a period piece would be nice. Maybe play a cowboy or pirate or something."

Varney played Ernest in countless commercials and three feature films. "He's the brother-in-law that won't leave," Varney says of his Ernest persona.

Varney currently portrays Jed Clampett in the new movie "The Beverly Hillbillies."



Getting framed

Most personal photos end up in the hands of appreciative relatives or in the back of bureau drawers. But now many candids are being framed.

David Howell, a frame designer in Bedford Hills, N.Y., gets ideas for new frames from art objects in museums.

"My goal is to develop a frame that will be the one thing they grab if the house is burning down," he said.

The collage frame is increasingly popular. Another idea is to treat a photo as if it were a valuable piece of art by matting it in a large frame.

For a truly personal focal point in a room, consider mixing decorative plates, prints, maps, menus or other meaningful images.

'Girlie Show' flagged in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Concertgoers packed Maracana Soccer Stadium on Saturday night defying a Roman Catholic condemnation of the spectacle.

A Rio court also prohibited Madonna from using the Brazilian flag, as she had in Sao Paulo, where she draped herself in a flag. At a concert in San Juan, she used a Puerto Rican flag to wipe away sweat and passed it between her legs.

Madonna used the Flamengo soccer club flag instead Saturday, earning applause from the audience accustomed to cheering the country's most popular sports team in their home arena.

Shaq rap attack

NEW YORK (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal is aiming at a different goal — a second rap album.

"I'll just sit in my hotel room, get the beat, get the book, then I get the lyrics," the 21-year-old center for the Orlando Magic team said.

His first album, "Shaq Diesel," consists of rap songs like "Shoot Pass Slam," which also will serve as the soundtrack for his next Reebok commercial.

FYI

Tuesday

MU College Republicans will meet today at 9 p.m. in MSC 2W22. The guest speaker Maria Mollina will discuss "The role of Women in the Republican Party."

Wednesday

Mandatory interviews for Perkins loan applicants will be Nov. 10 at noon in 105 Corbly Hall. Applicants must bring a student identification, driver's license and pen.

Etc.

Starting with Spring registration, the Graduate School will require students to obtain approval from the office of the Dean of the College of Business for MBA classes.

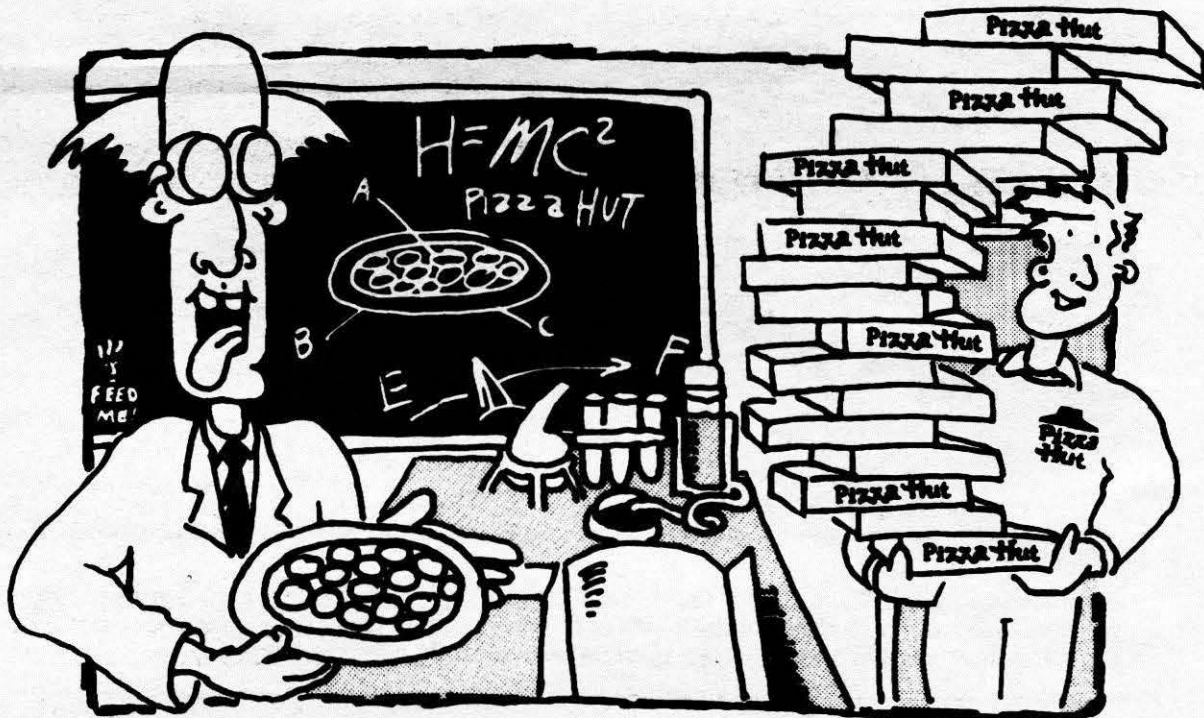
Getting it right

Matt Leary was incorrectly identified in last week's pizza-eating contest story. Leary is a member of Pi Kappa Phi.

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Caperton claims innocence

'I have done nothing wrong,' he says



CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Gov. Gaston Caperton proclaimed his innocence Monday and downplayed discrepancies in testimony between himself and a former aide in a federal corruption trial.

"I have done nothing wrong," the chief executive said.

Caperton and former chief of staff Tom Heywood testified Thursday at the trial of former West Virginia Lottery counsel Ed ReBrook, who was convicted Friday of wire fraud and insider trading.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Larry Ellis contended Caperton had a "secret plan" as early as July 1991 to expand video lottery statewide after the November 1992 election.

The delay was because a majority of voters were believed to be hostile to the expansion and that could interfere with Caperton's re-election plans, Ellis said.

Caperton Monday denied again charges of a 'secret plan' for lottery operations.

The expansion was sought by the administration, however, because it could generate at least \$50 million annually in non-direct taxes.

Caperton repeatedly denied on the witness stand there was a secret plan. He reiterated that denial Monday.

But Heywood had testified that Caperton gave the nod to expansion after a July 1992 meeting with officials of Video Lottery Consultants Inc. of Bozeman, Mont. The company had promised to locate a gambling machine-manufacturing plant in the state if they received what could be a \$35 million contract to expand the operations statewide.

"That was a nonpublic position," Heywood testified.

Caperton dismissed their differences as a simple case of semantics.

"I think it's one of the question being

asked," he said. "I think it's one of which perspective (one) might come from," Caperton said.

Ellis declined to comment on Caperton's speculation.

Interim U.S. Attorney Charles Miller said the investigation is continuing, but he hopes to wrap it up rapidly. Caperton has said he is not a target.

ReBrook faces up to 15 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000 when sentenced Jan. 3 by U.S. District Judge Charles Haden II.

ReBrook was the second person to be caught up in the scandal dealing with the Lottery.

Former Lottery Director Butch Bryan, 59, of Philippi, was convicted Sept. 24 of mail fraud, wire fraud, insider trading and lying to a federal grand jury relating to the expansion plan. Bryan faces up to 25 years in prison and \$1.25 million in fines when sentenced Dec. 6.

He appeared as a prosecution witness against ReBrook, the man he hired and whom he described as a close friend.

Health plan questioned by students



WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came to the defense of the family doctor, telling a young medical

student "it's about time we start thinking about the common good" and not just career choices that may be more lucrative.

Mrs. Clinton's remarks came during questions from the audience Sunday at a conference of medical educators. Several medical students said they saw no advantage to going into general practice where pay and prestige is lower than among specialists.

"It's about time that we start thinking about the common good, the national interest, instead of just individuals in our country," Clinton told one student.

Another student attending the convention of the Association of American Medical Colleges complained about the disadvantages of primary practice medicine over specialization.

"Why should I choose primary care when generalists do not receive the same respect, recognition or reimbursements that other medical specialists receive?" David Knutson, a third-year medical student at the University of Iowa, asked the first lady.

Mrs. Clinton said the Iowa student's characterization "is unfortunately an accurate description" of the situation in the medical profession today. She said the administration's health care reforms hope to enhancing the status of general practitioners.

The primary care physician is key to the success of the Clinton health care proposals.

Former WV serologist investigated

HUNTINGTON (AP) — Texas authorities' main concern about the work of a former West Virginia state police serologist was that he did not properly keep notes about the tests he performed, a medical examiner says.

Fred Zain was chief serologist for West Virginia state police from 1985 through 1989, then did similar work for the Bexar County, Texas, medical examiner's office until he was fired this July.

Zain's work in both states has come under question, with defense lawyers alleging he gave inconsistent testimony or doctored evidence. Zain has denied any wrongdoing.

Bexar County Chief Medical Examiner Vincent Di Maio said it is common practice in crime labs to keep notes on tests, but Zain failed to do so.

Even if Zain's work was faulty, the evidence he handled also was geneti-

Zain denies any wrongdoing in the charges of inconsistent testimony and doctored evidence.

cally tested, so it has not affected any convictions in Texas, Di Maio said.

He said that might not be the case in West Virginia.

I.C. Stone, chief of physical evidence at the Dallas County (Texas) Institute of Forensic Sciences, said he investigated 14 of Zain's cases after Di Maio's office received complaints about Zain's work.

"I've never seen anything like it before," Stone said. "It's more than just carelessness.

It's patent disregard for normal lab techniques. One's credibility has to be called into question when you don't

support your work with notes."

Stone said Zane made conclusions that could not have been supported by the tests he performed, testified about blood on a piece of evidence when lab notes showed no blood was found and made notes about tests when it was not clear if Zain's lab was capable of doing such tests.

Kanawha County Prosecutor Bill Forbes, who initiated a similar investigation of Zain's work in West Virginia, said he suspects Stone's report is a sample of what is to come in West Virginia.

If the report reveals wrongdoing, Forbes said he will seek charges.

Zain's work in West Virginia was questioned after two 1987 rape convictions against Glen Dale Woodall of Huntington were thrown out after DNA tests showed he could not have committed the rapes.

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California man suspect in sending fire threats

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man suspected of threatening to set fires to get even with the government was arrested, and authorities investigated whether he is to blame for 19 suspicious wildfires, including one that killed three people.

Federal and local authorities arrested the suspect, who was not identified, early last Sunday, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Patrick Hauser. He was arrested after several days of surveillance.

Federal charges of sending a threat through the mail could be filed against him as early as yesterday, the Times reported.

The writer of the letter said fires would be set in retaliation for the seizure of his property by federal agents. The letter was sent to about 35 Southern California law enforcement agencies.

Threats of intervention prompt TV violence cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hollywood has already started reducing violence on the fall TV lineup and is committed to cutting even more, insists the president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

"Many of the people who are criticizing television today never watch television," Jack Valenti said Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley."

Valenti was defending an industry that has come under increased criticism, and threats of government regulation, as well as increasing public debate.

Attorney General Janet Reno testified to a Senate committee last month that while government intervention was not the best option, "if significant voluntary steps are not taken soon, government action will be imperative."

Two Chinese airliners hijacked in three days

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A man claiming to have explosives commanded a Chinese airliner with 59 people on board yesterday in the second hijacking to Taiwan in three days.

The hijacker, armed only with bars of soap, surrendered after the plane landed at Taiwan's international airport.

Identified as Wang Jihwa, 36, the man told reporters he was fleeing Chinese police after injuring his boss at a pharmaceuticals factory in a fight over unpaid wages.

The flight was seized while flying in southeastern China from Hangzhou to Fuzhou.

On Friday, a man with two knives hijacked a Chinese jetliner with 140 people aboard and asked for political asylum in Taiwan.

Six Chinese airliners have been hijacked to Taiwan this year.

Woman arrested during Halloween beer bash

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Monongalia County deputies who broke up a beer bash that attracted up to 70 teen-agers have charged the women at whose house the party was held, Sheriff Joe Bartolo says.

Mary Vasquez, age unavailable, was charged Friday with contributing to the delinquency of minors following an investigation into the Oct. 29 Halloween bash at her home just outside of Morgantown, Bartolo said.

Bartolo said police were tipped off about the party, at which guests were charged \$3 each, and deputies stopped it soon after it started. He said they confiscated three beer kegs and hand-made invitations.

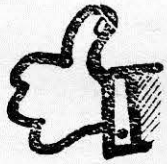
"Fortunately, we caught it early," Bartolo said. "There was only about one-fourth of one keg consumed when deputies arrived."

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our view

Faculty hangs up AUDIX problem



Some Marshall officials finally are admitting the Audio Information Exchange System (AUDIX) creates problems for students trying to communicate with administrators and professors.

Faculty Senate passed a resolution to eliminate the constant unavailability of some administrators and faculty who put their phones on cover. The senate decided that university office administrators must be available for telephone calls during half of their scheduled business hours.

"The resolution is directed mainly toward administrators because faculty members can usually be reached," said Dr. Dallas Brozik, Faculty Senate vice president. "Some administrators put their phones entirely on cover or call forward, and we want to stop this nonsense."

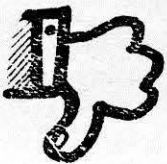
What's the use of posting office hours if administrators aren't going to answer students' and professors' phone calls?

"We want to send a message to administrators that they have a responsibility to their clients, including students, faculty and the general community," Brozik said. Students are paying customers. That is a fact often forgotten by university officials.

The resolution is a smart move by Faculty Senate. Students who have dealt with certain deans and university offices know what it's like to be cut off by administrators who abuse the phone system.

At least Faculty Senate members are acknowledging the problem and doing something about it.

Candidates wait



Student Government Association leaders say the postponed Student Senate elections won't cause problems for candidates. Apparently, they haven't considered all the consequences.

The election, which was scheduled Nov. 3, will be conducted Wednesday. It was postponed because of a misunderstanding by some SGA members about the proper waiting period between the last filing dates for candidates and the election date.

The extra week gives candidates more time to campaign, but it also gives students more time to forget who is running and when to vote. After all, by the time voting day arrives, the senate debate will be more than a week old.

Candidates scheduled most of their heavy campaigning last week. What if they don't have time to pass out fliers and hang signs this week?

Candidates shouldn't be punished for SGA's mistakes.

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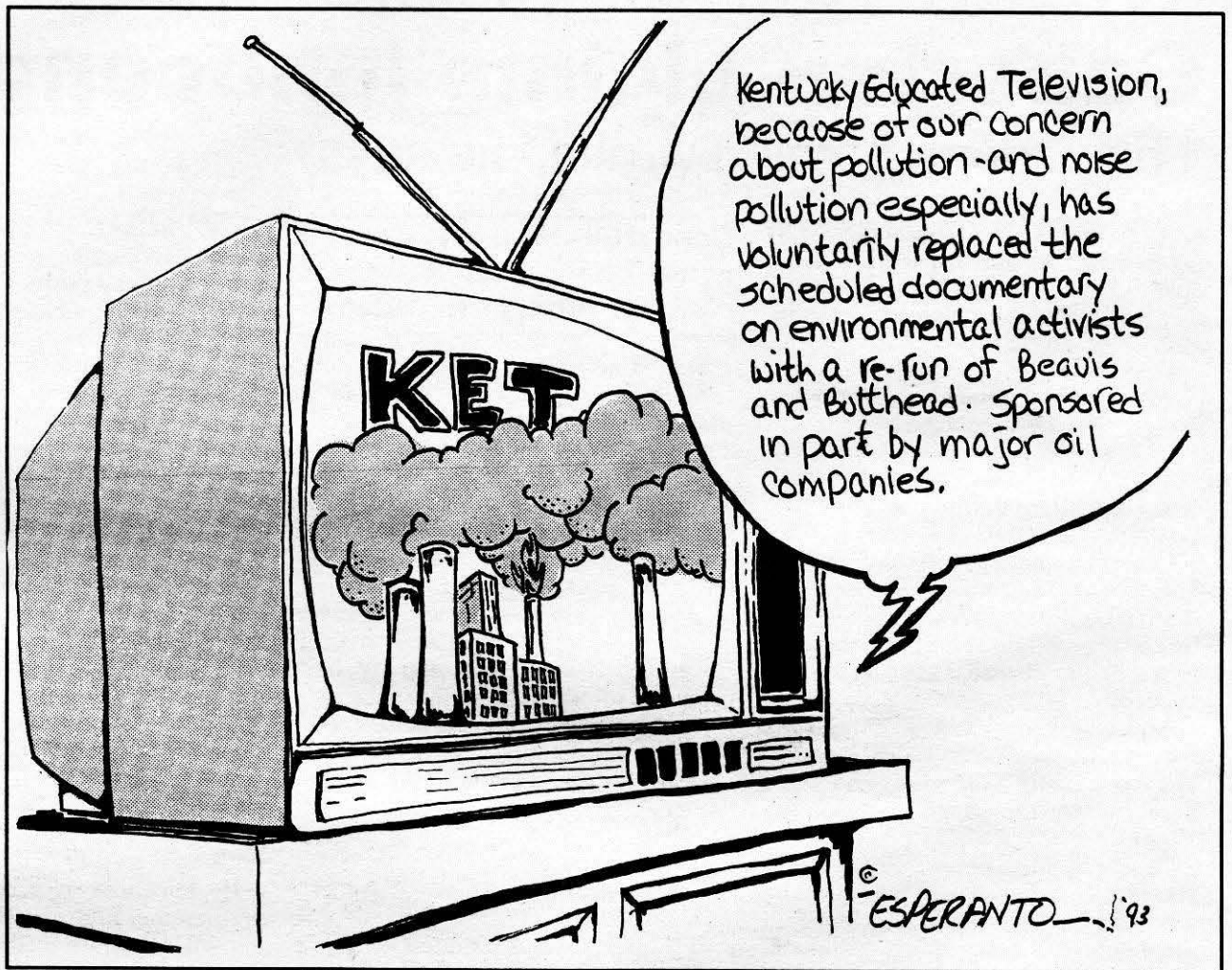
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letters

Letter begs for 'stupid' replies

To the editor:

In response to the letter that was written in The Parthenon about white males being treated unjustly. I am an African-American graduate student and what I want to know is how someone could write such an ignorant and small minded letter, and not expect to receive a so-called "stupid reply".

First of all and let me make this very clear—I, like many other African-Americans (who you probably are not in contact with), do not want or expect a handout from the white man. There is nothing he can do for me. All the goals that I have accomplished—and I have accomplished quite a few—have been without the white man's help. It has been with the Lord's blessing and my own merit. So I don't have a chip on my shoulder, and I am sure many other African-Americans feel the same way.

As for blaming him for our problems, you may not think slavery was a crime, but I do. And although we were not born yet African-Americans will always feel the after effects of slavery and prejudice, especially if we have small-minded people writing garbage in The Parthenon. As for minorities such as Italians and Irishmen—if you have not noticed—they have the same skin color as you—white, so of course they can assimilate easier. And when did they become minorities?

They also came to America in search of a new way of life, a new start. They were not taken from their homeland and stripped of their religion, language and freedom. Can you relate to that? I

▼ Letters

The Parthenon encourages letters to the editor on topics of interest to the Marshall community.

Letters should be typed and must have name, class rank, home city and phone number for verification. They should not be longer than 250 words.

Letters

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don't think so. As for the Reginald Denny trial these so-called "black youths" did stand before a jury and received a fair trial. And if the riots were so-called accepted because we are so oppressed, there wouldn't even have been a trial. So to my dear Huntington alumnus—whether that is Huntington High School or Marshall, before voicing such a small-minded opinion, research your facts and maybe you won't receive such "stupid responses" to your letter.

Tracey Young
Institute graduate student

Many can't see racism in society

To the editor:

After reading "White males treated unjustly," one word came to mind—ignorant! I cannot advocate what those young men did to Mr. Denny and, in turn, I cannot advocate what those sworn to protect and serve did to Mr. King. But where will it end? Not after the beating and eventual murder of Malice Green by two of Detroit's finest. Nor the burning of Christo-

pher Williams while vacationing in Florida or the beating and subsequent mistaken identity of Howard Sims by two South Carolina officers. Let's not even discuss the mistreatment of many of our African-American celebrities at the hands of the police prior to identification. The recent lawsuits against Denny Restaurants. Oh, how about the continued exploitation of our young male athletes. I could go on and on because I have had a few personal experiences and, without a doubt, so do other African-Americans.

Yes, America, almost forty years later does allow us to equal opportunities in education. We can get numerous degrees but, and Marshall is a perfect example, how many of us will be allowed top positions in education, industry, politics? We work just as hard as any other ethnic group but without the due accolades.

What other ethnic group would have to face such barriers still in 1993 (as you can see, that's not a question)! Certainly not the Irish, Italian or Jew for one obvious reason. And you wanted to know why we haven't fully assimilated into this society. How can we when it's still visibly hostile toward us. Affirmative action programs will probably forever exist because not all of America wants to cooperate and judge people by the "content of their character."

It's not hard to decipher that rich white men, whose ancestors most likely made their fortune on the backs of my ancestors, run this country. We know by experience that we are without a doubt still prevented from getting ahead. Mr. Groothuis, in order for you to believe that comment you would have to live as an African-American. If this were at all possible, you would without a doubt be wholeheartedly receptive to this next statement. Though we

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are no longer publicly lynched, humiliated, etc., we are still being castrated.

If the transformation I am talking about were at all possible, you would without a doubt see the disparity in the way our perspective races are treated.

And don't make the mistake in thinking that your social status would matter because all anyone would ever see is the color of your skin.

Hopefully, and this is more important, you would most certainly learn that our continued shouts of inequality are not unfounded.

Arthur Ashe said without a doubt that "being a black man" has been his toughest challenge in life.

Knowing Mr. Ashe's statement to be absolutely true, you sir will never have to fight half as hard to get what you so glib-

ly coined "your share."

So, Mr. Groothuis, let me break it down for you.

It's 1993 and African Americans can still be beaten, assaulted, murdered by the police.

They can still be subjected to ignorance in public eating places, exploited for profit, nearly killed because of the color of their skin, imprisoned at higher ratios than any other group.

But we should not complain because, at least we aren't called niger half as much to our faces, lynched, raped by "marsa" or separated by blatted Jim Crow laws and segregation.

I won't even argue your view on Somalia because I doubt seriously that it would be any different had the troops been in one of our inner cities.

Kimberly Thompson
Philadelphia graduate student

Seat belt laws save lives

To the editor:

I wish to take exception to a Parthenon editorial published Sept. 23. In the editorial "Laws shouldn't strap people in," you stated at the beginning that people should be hooked on safety, and should wear their safety belts by choice. However, you then went on to state that individuals should have the choice whether they should buckle up or not.

I will disagree with you first premise. People should be hooked on safety and should not require a safety law. However, the majority of all laws are written because individuals or groups perform acts that are detrimental to society as a whole. This is where the safety belt law comes into play.

Individuals injured in traffic crashes don't just hurt themselves. Excluding pain and suffering, they cost society plenty. They cause state and city paid police, fire, and paramedics to respond to the scene of their crash, causing an increase in everyone's insurance rates. They require employers to lose money because they have to hire someone else to perform their work, even while expending funds for sick time, causing the price of merchandise to increase. They may cause worker's compensation to expend huge amounts of money to care for them, maybe for the rest of their life, causing more money to be withheld from everyone's pay check. The list goes on and on.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that an average traffic fatality costs society about \$1,500,000. That by itself is a pretty good reason for a safety belt law. And if you look beyond the financial loss, what about the family raising children without a mother or father should one, or even both, die in a crash. And how about the parent(s) spending the rest of their life without the child they so lovingly brought into this world, all full of hope and dreams. All because of a bad choice.

Let's look at the concept of law. As was stated before, laws are generally written because individuals sometimes don't do what is right. Would you deny that there is a need for a law that the owner of a vehicle must have insurance? Or, do you want to just take your chances that they will have it just

because it is the right thing to do? Do you doubt that owners should register their vehicle to obtain a license plate for identification should they cause you an injury? Or that driver's require a license to operate their vehicles? Or how about newspapers. Would you deny that there is need for laws to protect your right to publish? This list too could go on and on!

Now, let's move on to your premise that the cost of the ticket is so low that it has no affect on behavior. How many Marshall students receiving a rather insignificant \$10 parking ticket will park in the same place the next day. Very few I bet. They learned not to park there. History has shown that a punishment need not be severe to modify behavior; it needs only to be swift and certain.

You continue by citing Hawaii as an example where police allegedly showed little support for seat belt laws because they were supposedly too weak. Yet, safety belt use in Hawaii consistently averages around 90 percent. Not bad for a state with a weak law. You stated that laws like West Virginia's might not have much effect on seat belt use. Yet in local surveys, Huntington has shown an increase of safety belt use from around 32 percent to slightly above 70 percent. Someone is apparently getting the message.

So, come on Parthenon, join the real world. Everybody doesn't always do what is right!

Larry R. Kendall
Huntington traffic safety officer

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Med student infringes rights

To the editor:

Liberal totalitarianism is rearing its ugly head. This is evident in the recent President Hillary Clinton gathering. It seems some fanatical med student went berserk and tore up a College Republican sign because protestors were wearing lab coats. He felt that the protestors were inadequately representing his med student group.

Before the liberals revere this forlorn communistical patriot, let's examine the action that this unnamed med student took. He infringed upon another's rights of free expression. He did this with such zeal that he wouldn't even meet the man when invited outside to discuss the situation. I call that yellow.

I was not afraid to wear a lab coat that day, neither were the other Republicans. I feel we were representing the industrious med students who disagreed with Hillary and were time wise hindered by their tasks and responsibilities that day. I also did it as my personal stand against the communism being inflicted upon us.

I challenge the unnamed med student to take responsibility for his actions. If you're a liberal fascist, be proud of thwarting someone else's right to differ in opinion. You exemplify such people as Sadam Hussein, Idi Amin, and Joseph Stalin.

In closing, I would like to remind the med students that socialized medicine means lower salaries. So kiss those nice houses, nice cars, swimming pools, and all other luxuries the rich enjoy goodbye. Replace all those luxuries with taxes, and there you have it. There is no true private practice.

Fight the tide of communism! Join the Republicans! Together we will overcome them!

Timothy E. Tweed
Huntington senior

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COLUMNS

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Library asks why students trash stacks

By Amy Whitehair
Reporter

Library materials being stolen and mutilated is a common occurrence in the James E. Morrow Library.

A questionnaire concerning this problem is being given to students in hopes of finding ways to stop the stealing and mutilation, said Dr. Majed J. Khader, public services librarian in user education and assistant professor.

"Every day we have students come and complain about some pages being ripped out or missing," Khader said.

The librarian has given questionnaires to 10 professors to give to students. Certain professors were selected, because their students must use the library for class assignments, Khader said.

The questionnaire also is available to individual students who want to participate in the survey, Khader added.

Approximately 500 questionnaires are being distributed among undergraduates, graduates and faculty.

According to Khader, problems may stem from laziness or from students not having money to pay for copies.

"We need to find out students opinions on what they think causes the problem and how to solve it," Khader said.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Douglas is ejected from the spoon band.

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"Virgil, I'm well aware that baldness is hereditary, but I still think we should take Priscilla to the doctor."

LIBRARY

ing problem.

The study also pointed out several weaknesses, including relatively remote parking, a tight building site and the challenge of document delivery between new facility and the Morrow Library.

The study also showed potential patron dissatisfaction, added staffing requirements, and four separate library facilities as weaknesses of the plan.

The Library Building Committee of the Faculty Senate recommended merging options E and B.

Option B, projected to cost \$22 million, would call for the destruction of Northcott and a new five-story building on that site.

President J. Wade Gilley said he decided to begin the library project with Option E and phase in Option B if more money becomes available.

Gilley said he submitted a request to the University System Board of Trustees to hire an architect to do the next phase of planning.

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stop-shop," Miller said.

"There needs to be some changes in how vocational education and higher education connect," Manning said.

The Finance Committee authorized WVU to build skyboxes at its football stadium.

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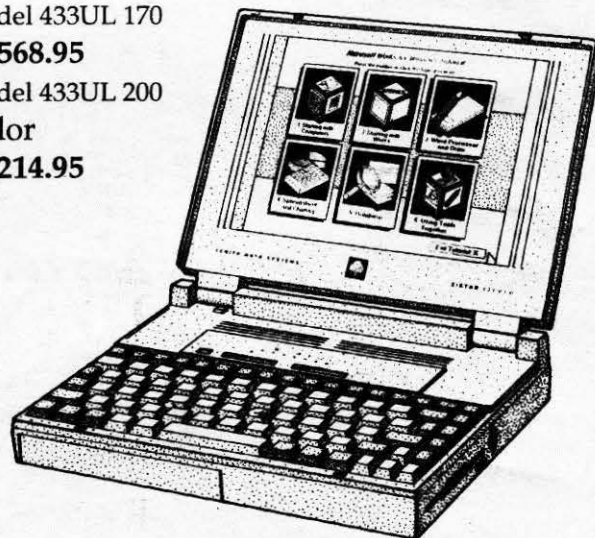
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'Theatre Fantastique' to provide animation, laser entertainment

By John Jimenez
Reporter

"Theater Fantastique: Matrix," a blacklight theatrical show combining mime, dance, puppetry, and laser lighting, will be at 7 tonight at the Keith-Albee Theater.

"This show is a high-tech fantasy. I can't wait to see all the spectacular special effects," said Celeste Winters-Nunley, Marshall Artist Series director.

As blacklight tradition dictates, the

actors don't speak, sing, or show their faces. They leap, float, and gyrate through each scene on their feet, hands, backs and heads.

The musical accompaniment to the show ranges from electronic to jazz and classical.

"Matrix," the show's title and theme, refers to the germination of life in a fantasy world.

These primitive forms come to life before the audience, with cells becoming amoeba, which then divide into multiple creatures. The fantasy contin-

ues until an intelligent being is created, complete with problems, frustrations, and ambitions.

The theater company, created in 1980 by an American, Richard Zachary, has grown both technically and creatively in the last decade.

In one sketch, two dinosaur-like creatures greedily fight over the 'movable' orange triangles that line their backs. Another sketch has two marshmallow life forms being devoured by a giant reptile in a cave after meeting and falling in love.

Students skip Hillary's address

By Stephen T. Keyser
Reporter

Although Hillary Rodham Clinton attracted about 900 interested observers, a significant number of students opted not to attend, offering reasons ranging from class attendance policies to opposing political viewpoints.

Lorie L. Haukedahl, Coal Grove senior, said class attendance hindered her from attending the first lady's speech.

"I would have attended but I had class and the instructor has an attendance policy. If it was not for the attendance policy I would have enjoyed the rally," Haukedahl said.

"I did not think it was worth my time."

Samantha D. Graham
Chesapeake sophomore

Other students did not attend because they do not agree with President Clinton's administration.

Samantha D. Graham, Chesapeake sophomore, said she would never attend a rally given by the first lady.

"No way. I did not think it was worth my time. She is such a big hypocrite. She is discussing health care issues

and how she cares about the health care in America. But, at the same time she supports killing babies," Graham said.

Scott Horsfield, St. Albans sophomore, said he did not attend the rally because, "I've already seen her once. I've seen her more than I have President Clinton. I'm finally glad we have a female president," he said.

"Also, she'll be wearing green, she'll mention the football team, and she'll be kissing Rockefeller's ass."

Another student said he did not attend the rally because he does not like President Clinton.

Kevin Ashcraft, Clarksburg sophomore, said, "I don't like Bill and I don't agree with his views."

BRIEFS

Man, 48, dies after collapse at game

A Huntington man died Saturday after passing out at Marshall's football game, said Jim Donathan, coordinator of Marshall's EMT and Paramedic Program.

Robert R. Burroughs, 48, suffered a heart attack during the fourth quarter of the game, but, according to paramedics, the cause of the heart attack is unknown.

Burroughs, who owned Physician's Weight Loss, was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at Cabell Huntington Hospital Saturday.

Department urges preparation for trip

The Department of Modern Languages is urging students interested in the annual summer trip to Spain to start preparing now.

Most students don't have any problem learning to get around on their own and feeling comfortable in Madrid, said Maria Carmen Riddel, Associate Professor of Modern Languages.

Interested students can find more information in the language department.

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SGA election incentive Savings card offered to voters

By Lisa R. Thacker Reporter

The Student Government Association will again offer the student savings card as an incentive for students to vote in the student government elections Wednesday, said a SGA representative.

The student savings card offers discounts, ranging from 10 to 25 percent. It contains 24 merchants such as fast food restaurants, auto sales and service, bookstores, supermarkets, photocopying services and lodging.

Tracy A. Morris, SGA office manager, said the Student Government Association hired University Press of Nancy, Ky. during the 1992-93 school year to solicit vendors who appear on the cards and to print the cards.

In February, University Press delivered 15,000 cards to be distributed to students.

Morris said not all the cards were distributed during the spring election, so the remainder of the cards will be used this election. The offers on the card expire March 1, 1994.

"The student savings card is a dynamite card, packed full of savings for the students", said

Leslie A. Roberts, administrative coordinator at University Press.

"Never a day goes by that someone doesn't use the card", said Larry Pennington, store manager of Papa John's Pizza.

Pennington said the 25 percent discount on the card is better than any other coupon Papa John's offers.

Margaret Fadeley, Manager of Kinko's, said the card is a great way of advertising and encourages repeat customers. It's "easier than clipping a coupon," Fadeley said.

Discounts on entertainment and medicine are also included on the card. Steve Arthur, president of Highlawn Pharmacy, said many students use the cards for prescriptions.

Clark Nieghbor-gall, marketing director at Colonial Lanes, said quite a few students use the card but he wishes more did. "We would love to have more students in here," he said.

Students talk about the advantages the card offers them.

"With all the other expenses students have to deal with, it is nice to have services given to you at a discount price", said Maura C.J. Conway, Huntington sophomore.



Faculty to be lauded by freshman society

By Amy Whitehair Reporter

The freshman honor society Phi Eta Sigma is sponsoring the second annual "Fabulous Faculty" reception Thursday in the Laidley Hall formal lounge from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event is hosted in conjunction with the residents of Laidley Hall and the Academic Community Environment of the third floor in Holderby Hall.

"We want to honor the faculty that puts forth an extra effort," said James E. Potter Jr., head of Phi Eta Sigma's executive council.

Twenty-three faculty members have been nominated for this year's Fabulous Faculty recognition.

Faculty are nominated by Phi Eta Sigma members and by members of the two groups assisting with the event.

Professors who communicate well with their students is one thing students look for when nominating someone, Potter said.

"It is the type of situation

where the student isn't afraid to approach the professor, and the professor hasn't drawn a line between professor and student."

Many students also consider professors' methods of teaching.

Students like interesting teachers who keep their attention, he said.

"There is no one set of qualities that makes a good professor," said Linda P. Rowe, Phi Eta Sigma adviser and assistant director of resident services.

Students are given a ballot to nominate two professors, but the students may nominate more professors if they want to.

'We want to honor the faculty that puts forth an extra effort.'

**James E. Potter, Jr.
Head of Phi Eta Sigma
Executive Council**

"We really try not to set a limit, because there may be two or even three professors that the students think are

exceptional," Potter said.

The nominations encourage professors to continue their extra effort, Rowe said.

"They appreciate knowing that some students think they are a good teacher."

Writing competition expands Maier Awards to include COE

By John P. Withers Reporter

For the first time, the 1993 Maier Writing Awards will include undergraduates taking courses outside of the English department.

The past two years, the program has been trying to expand from the English department, said Dr. Michele E. Schiavone, assistant professor of English and this year's awards coordinator.

The 1992 awards included papers submitted only from within the College of Liberal Arts, but this year's awards will include papers from the College of Education.

The goal is to continue to expand the coverage of the program, Schiavone said. "Every year we keep trying to include more and more of the university."

The Maier Awards are given to recognize excellence in writing. Categories are freshman composition, upperclass and graduate expository writing, fiction and poetry. Prizes for winning submissions range from \$100 to \$500.

Papers must be submitted by recommendation from a professor, and the paper must have been written for a class within the spring, summer or fall semester a year earlier. Gradu-

ate students may enter papers without a professor's recommendation.

Papers outside of the English department may only be submitted by undergraduates, however.

"In the expansion areas of the program we only are accepting undergraduate papers," said Schiavone.

Prizes will be awarded at a ceremony in April and the deadline for papers is Jan. 31, 1994.

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Students can't escape science

By Amy Whitehair
Reporter

Public schools students can no longer escape science classes that are thought to be difficult, such as chemistry and physics, because of a new science curriculum.

A new curriculum for kindergarten through 12th grade is greatly changing the way science is taught, said Dr. Roscoe Hale, chairman of teacher education.

In grades K-10, students will study coordinated, thematic science, which includes chemistry and physics, Hale said. "This way students get to see the total science picture instead of seeing fragmented parts," Hale said.

The curriculum also includes six new courses for grades 11 and 12, Hale said.

They are advanced biology, chemistry, conceptual and technical chemistry, environmental earth science, physics, and conceptual and technical physics.

By enabling students to learn a little about each science, students may not be as afraid to take advanced science classes in high school and college, Hale said.

Low test scores and negative attitudes toward science are

some factors that have forced the science curriculum to change, said Dr. Rick J. Bady, associate professor of physics and physical science.

Some changes were made to get students more involved in science, Bady said.

"The most noticeable change that people will notice in public schools is the emphasis on really doing science activities and labs instead of listening to lectures," Bady said.

Approximately 50 percent of the instructional time is required to be hands-on activities, Bady said.

"It is an inquiry approach to science and I think that it will spark more interest in our students," said Karen Lucas, science teacher at Vinson High School.

The use of laser disks is also being incorporated into the new curriculum, Lucas said.

Lucas is one of many teachers who have attended workshops and classes to learn how to teach the new science courses.

The curriculum started this year in Wayne County schools in grades K-8, Lucas said.

Next year 9th and 10th grade will be added to the curriculum along with the six new science classes for 11th and 12th grade, Lucas said.

BRIEFS

From Campus Reports

Conference: Campus unity

A videoconference dealing with campus unity entitled "We can get along: A Blueprint for Campus Unity" will be Nov. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

National Educators and higher education administrators will provide guidance on building a diverse campus climate and expanding the educational experience.

There will be a discussion after the videoconference by a panel of student leaders who will relate the discussion to Marshall.

The videoconference is sponsored by the Division of Multicultural and International Programs, and will be free.

Art subsidies topic of speech

Dr. Daniel Shapiro from West Virginia University will speak on campus concerning free speech and art subsidies today at 3:30 p.m. in Harris Hall, room 303.

Schools prepare for SCORES

SCORES Department is having a luncheon today at noon in the W. Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center for high school principals and counselors from West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Participants of the luncheon are to register and make preparations for the March 4 and 5 Academic Festival. Tests from every discipline are to be presented to representatives of the high schools.

The luncheon will be held in conjunction with a workshop by the College of Business.

Residence office looks for advisers

Residence Services is searching for residence advisers for the spring semester.

Students must have a minimum of 2.3 GPA, 24 semester hours completed and lived on campus for two years or equivalent experience, such as military experience or active in campus organizations, said residence officials.

Due to the limited number of positions available, not everyone who applies will be interviewed. Students will answer essay questions on the applications, will be screened and go through a reference check and a judicial review, said Kim Reece, area coordinator for residence services.

Candidates will be selected by a committee set-up by residence services, she said.

Students interested can pick up applications at the front desk of residence halls or the residence services office.

Deadline for applications is November 19th.

Students may take trip to Italy

Art professor Michael Cornfeld is organizing an escorted tour of Milan, Venice, Rome and Florence.

The nine day trip will begin Friday, March 25 and cost about \$1,400. Students will stay two to a room in hotels with private baths.

Students who would like more information should meet in Smith Hall, room 621 today at 7 p.m.



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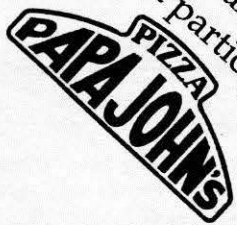
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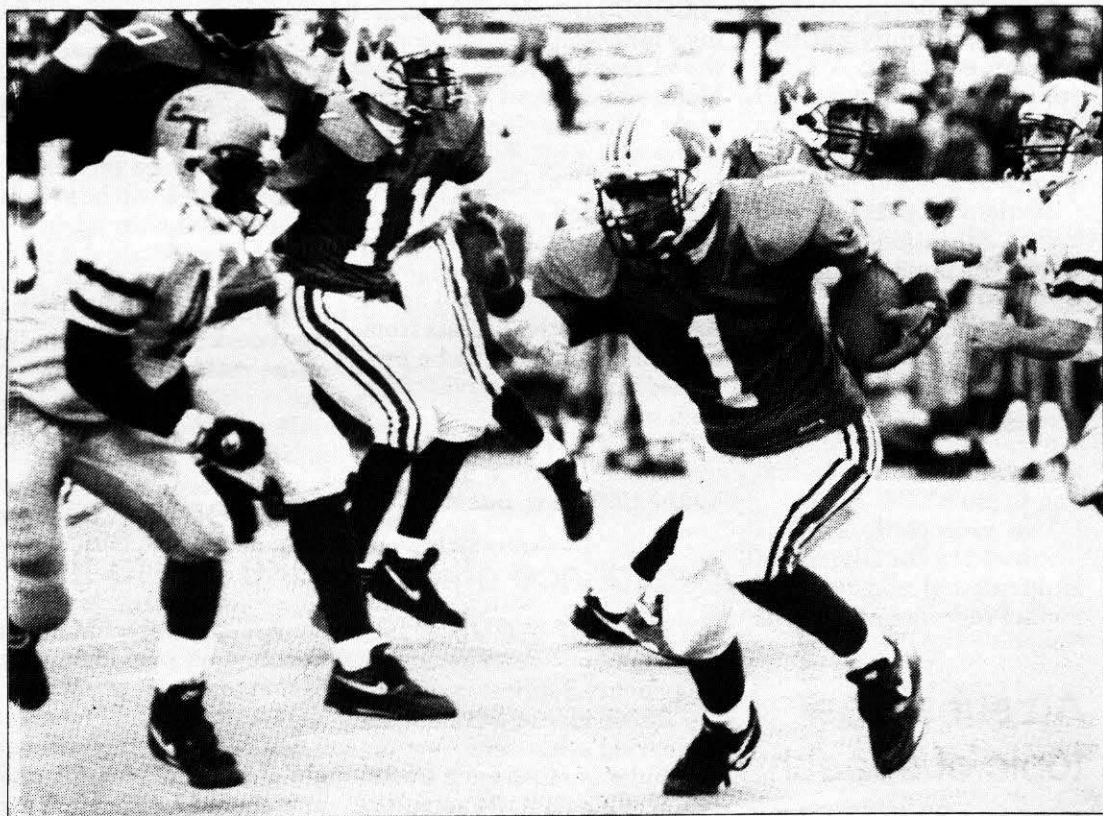
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3. W. Carolina 6-3 (5-1)	6. E. Tenn. St. 4-5 (2-4)	9. VMI 1-8 (1-5)

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Making a quick turn



Herd receiver Tim Martin returns a kick during the Marshall game against East Tennessee State beat Buccaneers 33-9 last Saturday. The Herd's next opponent is Furman.

Photo by Brett Hall

ETSU actions not classy

This past Saturday, some Herd players said they thought East Tennessee State went by the philosophy, "If you can't beat 'em, try to end their career."

Numerous times during the 33-9 loss to the Thundering Herd, the Buccaneers were chop-blocking (blocking below the waist) Herd players, taking cheap shots on MU ball carriers, and were involved with some scuffles throughout the game.

A diplomatic Herd coach Jim Donnan came to the Bucs defense.

"That's the way they have always been, right Chris Deaton?" "They have always been that way," the all-conference tackle said the Bucs' play. "I've seen some film when they had some cheap shots on [now MU coach] Phil Ratliff."

The Buccaneers were not short of words either. Before the game even started, some ETSU players were taunting and yelling obscenities at Marshall players during pre-

game warm-ups.

"We see teams like that all of the time that are jawing and mouthing—that's part of the game," Deaton said. "They were definitely cocky. They think they are Notre Dame."

Running back Chris Parker had to agree.

"A lot of times they weren't playing with a lot of class," Parker said. "It's hard to respect a team like that."

East Tennessee played hard and was certainly up for Marshall, but its tactics lost the respect of many Marshall players and fans.



BRET GIBSON

SPORTS COLUMNIST

More on Parker: Every

time Chris Parker touches the ball, some type of record is apt to be shattered.

The 5-11, 189-pound running back broke his own Marshall Stadium record with 202 yards Saturday. That gives the sophomore 1,164 yards for the season, third on Marshall's all-time single season list.

Looking ahead: Marshall's next opponent, Furman (4-4-1, 3-3), lost a pivotal game against Georgia Southern, 31-19. The Herd will travel to Greenville, S.C., a place where it has won only once. Coach Donnan is 3-0 against the Purple Paladins, but they will

WVU shows offense powers

MORGANTOWN (AP)—It's not unusual for West Virginia running backs to rack up 100 yards in a game. It is rare, however, when the ninth-ranked Mountaineers have not one but two receivers who surpass that mark.

Mike Baker caught eight passes for 172 yards and two scores and Jay Kearney caught four passes for 106 yards in a 58-22 Big East victory Saturday over Rutgers.

But the receivers are only as good as their quarterback, or in this case, quarterbacks.

Jake Kelchner is the nation's top-rated quarterback with 85 completions on 124 passing attempts for 1,373 yards and 10 touchdowns this season. And backup Darren Studstill has shone in relief.

When Kelchner was sidelined Saturday by a pulled hamstring, Studstill came in to keep the Mountaineers moving.

He was 11 of 16 for 214 yards and three touchdowns, although he did throw two interceptions.

"I don't worry about who's quarterbacking," Baker said. "Both of those guys are great quarterbacks."

It goes beyond that, however. Great quarterbacks and receivers

alone were not enough to get West Virginia (8-0, 4-0 Big East) through its last two games without having to punt.

Tailback Robert Walker, for example, had 125 yards Saturday and has 888 yards on 141 carries this season for an average of 111 yards per game. He averages 6.3 yards per carry.

"Our offense is very explosive," Kearney said. "We have great running backs, great wide

receivers, two great quarterbacks and a line that gives us time to do what we need to do."

West Virginia plays at Temple (1-8, 0-5) this Saturday, then hosts against Miami on Nov. 20 before finishing the regular season at No. 22 Boston College (6-2, 4-1) on Nov. 26.

"We need to stay focused, forget about this one and worry about Temple," Baker said.

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Goalie talks loudly and carries a big stick

By C. J. Wilson
Staff Writer

Chants of "Go Frenchie" and "Yo Frenchie" fill the crowded and noisy room. The air is cold, but the action is hot.

No, it is not at the local strip bar, it is a Huntington Blizzard hockey game. Frenchie is Blizzard goaltender Chris French

and he has become one of the favorites of Huntington hockey fans. French's aggressive style of goaltending has earned him a reputation and a following.

"I think I'm a little off the wall. I'm a little different than the other guys," the 6-foot-4-inch, 210 pound goalie said.

His differences are obvious. Who else on the team stands in front of a piece of galvanized rubber traveling at up to 100 m.p.h. and tries to catch it or stop it with their body.

The goalie said his quirky personality also sets him apart from other players.

"I also talk to myself, and answer myself. I don't think I need to say anything more," he said.

Talking to himself could be attributed to the fact that he grew up as an only child in Scarborough, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto.

He credits his mother and television with peaking his interest in hockey.

"You see hockey all the time on the T.V. when you grow up in Canada," French said.

At the tender age of two, French said, he mentioned to his mom he wanted "to play that game."

"My mom put me on the ice to get rid of some of my energy

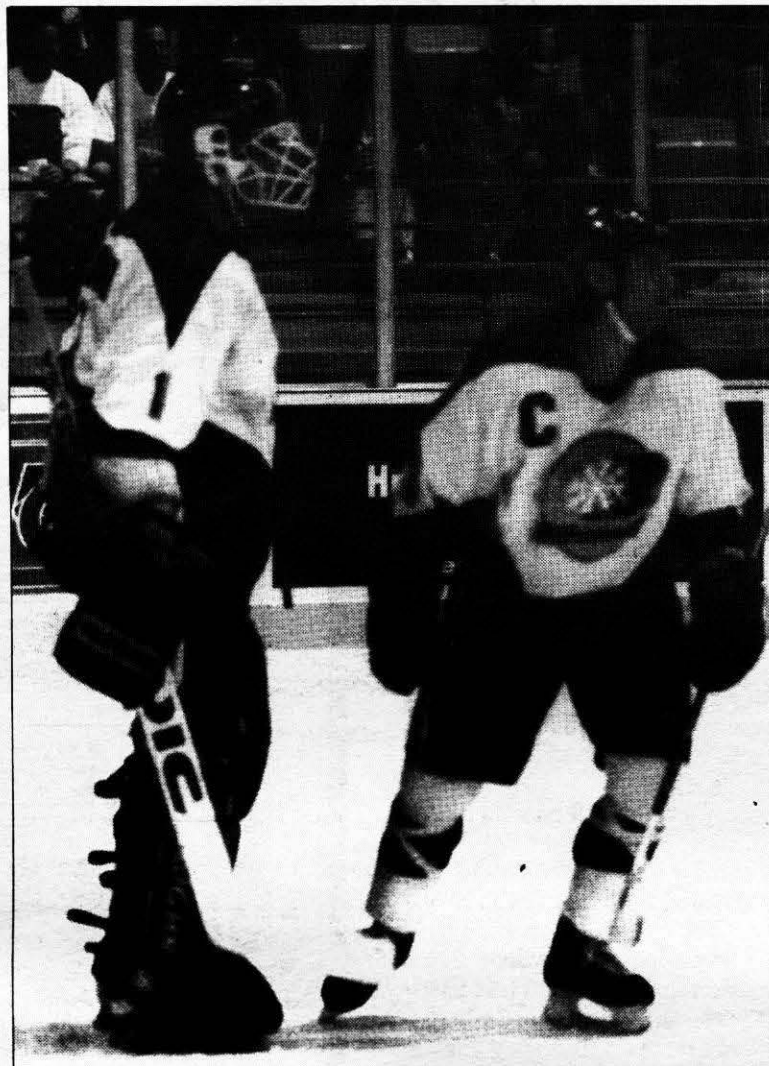


Photo by R. Morton Boyd

Blizzard goalie Chris French talks strategy with team captain Brett Harrison. French has become one of the more popular players.

because I was kind of a hyperactive kid," French said.

The first year he was a goalie, his team won their league, won the championship and he was awarded best goalie. He was five years old.

Goalies are known for being a breed apart and French attributes the reputation to several things.

"There's more pressure on us. We're the last line of defense," he said.

Other team members rely on him to handle breakdowns on the ice as well as see plays developing.

"When you see a play developing in front of you, you have to try to figure out what's happening and where the guys are going to be and what they're trying to do.

"You also have to be mature and be able to take constructive criticism when you're on the ice," French said. "You have to be able to take guys coming down and trying to score on you. You have to put everything in perspective and do your best."

French has discovered other ways of dealing with pressure.

"I like to be aggressive and to be as talkative as possible on the ice. Communication is probably my biggest thing.

"This team is a bunch of guys that want to play and enjoy playing. We're going to be like a fist," French said.

He said a lot of "good camara-

goals.

"The beginning of this year I just wanted to get a try-out somewhere. Now that I'm here I'd like to play as well as possible and hopefully make some strides as far as getting a try-out in the NHL," French said.

"When you get to this level

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Blizzard goalie Chris French

derie" has developed between team members and an added highlight has been meeting the fans.

"Personally for me, one of the best things to happen was when we had the open skate," French said. He enjoyed watching kids learn how to skate and have a good time.

"The big smiles on their faces were kind of a personal high for me."

However, the season has not been all smiles.

The Blizzard have yet to win a game and French said the fact that they've been losing has been the hardest adjustment.

French said he wants to see this team make some progress in the East Coast Hockey League and become a contender for the league championship.

"It's frustrating when nothing goes right. Sometimes the bounces go to the other teams," French said. "Some days are better than others."

However, he said one advantage for him has been his size.

"Some guys will underestimate how long your arms or legs are," French said.

That's an advantage because they hold on to the puck too long and then when they shoot, "all of the sudden there's an arm or leg there" to block the shot.

While blocking goals is his job, he is also shooting for some

it's the little things that count," French said. "It's also the little minute things like feet position and anticipating where the guys are going...that's what helps in the long run."

Goalies tend to take the heat for a lot of things, but French said it's just part of the game.

"You can't change the past. Every goal that goes in is not always the players fault or your fault," he said. "You just can't let it affect you."

One way hockey players vent frustration on the ice is by fighting, which has become a regular "team sport" for the Blizzard.

However, you won't find Frenchie in a brawl.

"I'd rather not be in any fights. If you have to get into it you do, but if I can stay out of it I will." Snickering he added, "I'm a lover not a fighter."

Spare time is not something a newly-signed hockey player has a lot of, French said. But he's making the most of the time he does have.

"I'm here to make friends and have a good time, too," he said. "I love it here. I'd rather be here than in Canada."

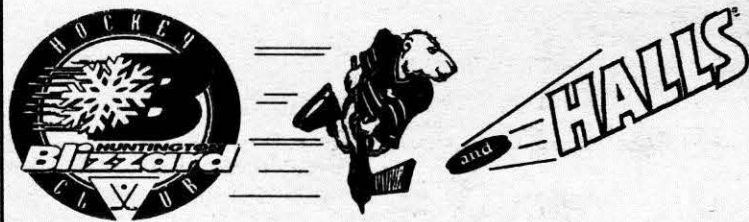
French said he likes being in United States because he thinks there's more opportunity, more money, and more of a chance of being successful.

He said one perk of being in America is low costs.

"Gatorade is really cheap."

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games and keeping up with news are some of the perks available to Bulletin Board System users.

"Some people do call boards for messages, but my BBS has a lot more," said David K. Holley, systems operator (SysOp) of the Polaris Club BBS, one of several Huntington-based clubs for bulletin board users.

Holley said he has more than 80 games for users to play while connected to the board, and more than 400 megabytes of files for users to transfer to their own computers.

A tradition of using "handles" (aliases) has sprung up worldwide among BBS-ers.

"I used to be a real big roleplayer. I love sage characters. One night I had friends over, and when I was about half plastered, I tried to say 'I'm keen.' Somehow it stuck," said BBS user Todd A. Setliff,

a.k.a. Makean the Sage.

The BBS community changes often as users and boards come and go.

"I read in a computer

"I read in a computer journal that the average board's life span is 18 months."

Saba'h A. Tarshm

journal that the average board's lifespan is less than 18 months," said Saba'h A. Tarshm, Deereborne, Mich. graduate student and SysOp of The Dragon's Breath BBS.

Building "computer friendships" and keeping up with the latest news becomes important to users.

"We really want people to write messages. Preferred posters get better access than nonposters," Tarshm said.

Most BBSs have guidelines for their users to follow concerning profanity, bad conduct and smarting off to the SysOp.

"I have had problems with a couple of users in the past. A lot of SysOps would lock them off the board, but I just reduce their access to the point where they can't do anything at all. Eventually they just stop calling," Tarshm said.

Virtually all boards have some kind of user validation and a disclaimer screen to avoid legal problems.

"The only way I can give users legal adult access is for them to download [receive over the phone] and fill out my form saying they are 18 years or older," Setliff said.

Despite the rules, most SysOps try to make their boards fun.

"They [users] are looking for a home away from home," Setliff said. "No hassles, and enjoying whatever they are doing [is their goal]. It is the SysOp's responsibility to make them feel wanted."



BBSs offer buffet of activities

Operators battle for best boards

Bulletin board systems have sprung up all over the world, including Huntington.

Andy B. Swann, a.k.a. Max, is a former Marshall student and the systems operator [SysOp] of BioHazard BBS. BioHazard is one of several local clubs for BBS users.

"I wasn't a big board user before I decided to [be a SysOp]," Swann said.

"My favorite board went down and I thought, 'Why don't I do this?'" Swann said.

Running a board isn't as easy as it looks, said David K. Holley, a.k.a. Polaris of The Blue Light.

"There are a lot of people that start BBSs around here, but there are very few SysOps," he said.

Many SysOps get competitive, and squabbles about who runs the best board occur.

"Some SysOps will throw up a board; they're not doing things right," Holley said. "They treat the users like shit, and they don't get a response and have to quit," he said.

Todd A. Setliff, a.k.a. Makean the Sage, and Holley mentioned specific

SysOps, but neither would go on record.

"I think they're all run by about two people," said Saba'h A. Tarshm, Deereborne, Michigan graduate student and SysOp. "Two people are setting up

"I like all of the different boards around here," said Aaron S. Roma, Barboursville freshman and BBS user.

Local BBS organizations offer a smorgasbord of activities.

"The Dragon's Breath has 20 on-line games and two CD-ROMs, with the CDs updated every two months," Tarshm said.

CD-ROM is a disk drive that uses CDs instead of floppy disks. Each CD holds about 500 megabytes of information.

The BioHazard BBS is not as fancy and is smaller than Tarshm's enterprise.

"We wanted to do this as cheaply as possible, so we found some free BBS software, Maximus 2.01, and borrowed a computer from a friend," Swann said.

Marshall students caller seem to be the only constant callers on the boards.

"I have a large amount of users from Marshall," Setliff said, "but I don't think Marshall is influencing us to run boards."

Tarshm said approximately 25 percent of his users are from Marshall.

"There are a lot of teachers and nurses calling. We have the latest programs available for them to download [receive over the phone] for free to help them with school and work," he added.

BBS Listings

BioHazard BBS	697-3817
The Dragon's Breath BBS	886-9087
Mortenshire BBS	736-4727
Polaris Club BBS	525-6838

most of the boards around here [for other people]."

Most of the inside conflict can be attributed to the individualism of computer enthusiasts. SysOps pride themselves on being different.

The Polaris Club BBS specializes in games, The Dragon's Breath BBS and BioHazard BBS are devoted to messages and the Mortenshire BBS, run by Makean the Sage (Setliff), specializes in X-rated materials.