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The Parthenon

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY



Tuesday
Chance of Rain
High in the 40's

■ WINTER WEATHER

Snow will not extend semester

By Brad McElhinny
Staff Writer

Last week's winter storm might have seemed like it would never end, but the semester certainly will—on time.

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University officials have decided not to extend the school year despite last week's two-day class cancellation, Dr. Alan B. Gould, vice president for academic affairs said.

"If it [the cancellation] had been later, it could have caused some problems," Gould said, "but since it was this early, I think faculty can still cover the

material."

After the snow and freezing temperatures iced school Tuesday and Wednesday, students began filtering back to campus Thursday. Many classrooms were still less than half full, and some professors remained stuck at home.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration, said he could not remember the weather ever closing down campus. He worked both days in his 50 degree office, bundling up in long underwear, boots and a sweater.

Safety was the reason for the cancellation, Grose said. "There was simply no choice," he said.

"It was simply too bad to have students out."

Administrators and other workers, however, had to brave the cold. Eight plant operations employees worked through the night Tuesday, slept for a couple of hours Wednesday, and went back to work, Larry Williams, plant operations director said.

"They could get home if they choose, but they're just a dedicated core group who are here," Williams said.

One of the biggest problems workers faced was a ruptured water line in Corbly Hall that flooded every floor.

Williams said housecleaning

employees had to replace nearly every ceiling tile in the building.

Another pipe in Marshall Stadium burst and poured water into a concrete stairwell.

"It could have been worse if it had been somewhere else," Grose said.

Three leaking pipes in Old Main, a coil in the science hall and four water lines in Northcott Hall also added to workers' problems, Williams said. He said it was a constant struggle to heat the university's buildings, especially the Henderson Center.

"Our people have done a heck of a job," Grose said. "It's a real tribute to our employees."

■ STAFF COUNCIL

Classified Staff appeal legislation

By Jedd T. Flowers
Reporter

Some members of the classified staff are appealing their reclassifications because they consider the new system unfair and inequitable.

Their appeals are being supported by Sherri Noble, president of Staff Council.

The complaints of the classified staff, which includes all employees of the university except faculty and some major administrators, concern the passage of Series 62, the legislation that provided implementation of the new compensation and classification system for classified staff. The new legislation took effect Jan. 1.

Staff Council, the body which represents the classified staff, supports the appeals process according to Noble.

"I don't believe the classification system as proposed by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors is a fair and equitable system," Noble said.

Previously, there were 18 pay grades; now there are 25. According to Noble, Staff Council prefers a system of equal pay for equal work based on years of service.

Noble said it is now possible to have a difference of \$4,500 to \$33,875 for the same job in the new system.

Noble said many workers are upset because the new system does not allow for an increase in salary based on the number of years of service.

She said another problem exists because two workers can be doing the same job and be receiving different pay.

The system was developed by William M. Mercer Inc., a firm based in Louisville.

All appeals forms, first made available Jan. 10, must be submitted by Jan. 31. The appeals forms are available in the Human Resources office and Noble speculates that 400 of the forms will be submitted.

■ STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Miller achieves main accomplishments

By Amy Baker
Reporter

With only two months left in his term, Student Body President Michael D. Miller is still standing on his platform.

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Since he was elected in March 1993, the Bluefield senior said he accomplished his main goal to "make student government a more efficient and effective organization and to make it represent what students want and need."

Miller said he wanted "to express that opinion in the right manner so it doesn't offend or make it seem trivial to people in the community."

He said some other goals he accomplished during his term include:

- Redirection of student activities fees to include campus crime and the writing and tutoring center.

- Creation of a designated pre-game student tailgating area.

- Development of a parking

bulletin available to all students listing parking spaces close to campus.

- Organization of a breakfast held every five years during Homecoming for past student body presidents.

Miller is still trying to complete several other projects before his term ends including:

- Publishing the results of SGA sponsored faculty evaluations by students last semester.

- Organizing a Greek magazine for all sororities and fraternities to make them more visible on campus.

- Starting a Designated Driver Program to drive students from local bars and Greek houses to their homes Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

Miller said the greatest disappointment of his term is the student tailgating area. He said although there were some restrictions placed on the area, he is not sure why it received such a low student turnout.

Miller said with the rest of his term he wants to concentrate on being a student.

House fire

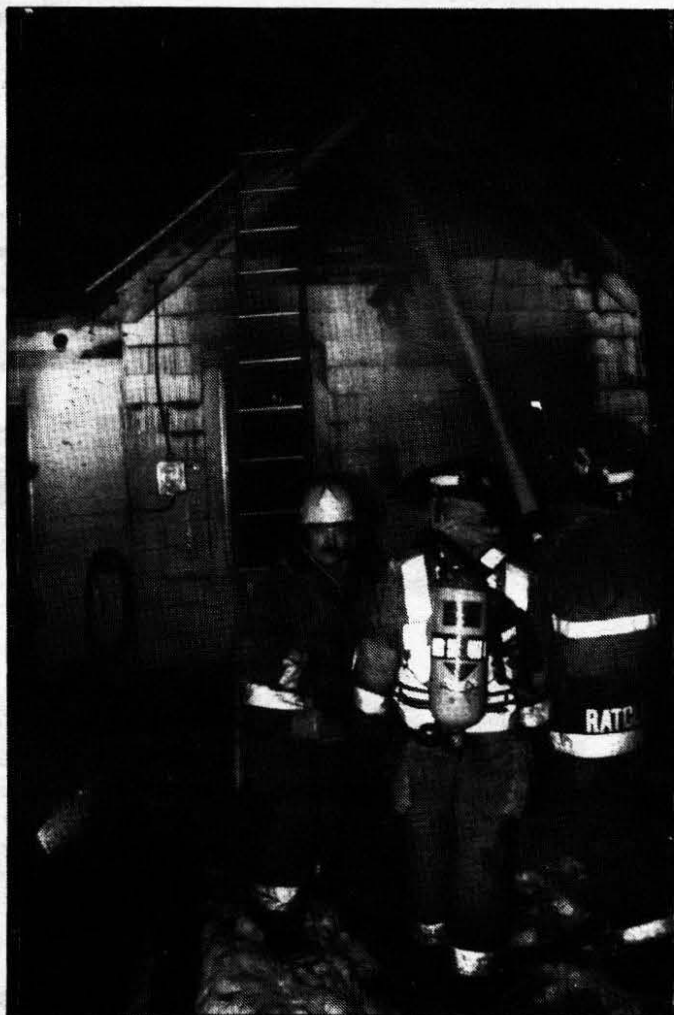


Photo by Takaaki Iwabu

Huntington Fire Department said a fire at 1928 6th Ave. Sunday evening caused and estimated \$30,000 in damages.

■ ARTISTS SERIES

Former Police drummer to perform tonight

By Chris Koenig
Reporter

Stewart Copeland, founding member of The Police, will launch the Marshall Artists Series' spring semester with a multicultural drum, dance, and vocal concert at 8 p.m. today at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Despite last week's snow,

Celeste Winter, the series director, said ticket sales have been brisk.

"We're getting lots of calls from Charleston," Winter said.

Copeland and the Rhythmatists are promoted as a "super-cussion extravaganza" based on Copeland's interpretation of ethnic music. He will present three acts: Les Percussion de



Copeland

award-winner, played drums for The Police, who produced five consecutive multi-plati-

num albums. Copeland's most recent band, Animal Logic, has recorded two albums and will tour this fall.

Les Percussion de Guinea, a seven-member National Ensemble of the Republic of Guinea, was introduced to American audiences as the stars of "Africa Oye!" in 1989.

The Uakti is an ensemble of

four musicians from Brazil. The band uses flutes and marimbas with instruments designed and created to produce a nouveau-jazz sound. The Uakti has been featured on Paul Simon's album, "The Rhythm of the Saints."

Vinx recently finished touring with Sting, the former lead singer for The Police.

This & that

Former groupie 'not ashamed' of past exploits

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pamela Des Barres considered herself a "geisha girl" in the 1960s, a companion to some of the biggest names in rock 'n' roll. But to the rest of the world, she was merely a groupie.

Her book of memoirs, "I'm With the Band: Confessions of a Groupie," brought another label — best-selling author. Now comes the paperback edition of the 45-year-old Des Barres' second book, "Take Another Little Piece of My Heart."

While the 1987 memoirs chronicled Des Barres' free-wheeling life in the '60s, her latest is a more sobering look at her life in the '80s and '90s.

Des Barres is doing better these days. She's dating singer Jimmy Thrill, 25, but she admits that her past sometimes comes back to haunt him.

"People will come up to him and say things like, 'Oh, Pamela Des Barres is your girlfriend? Didn't she sleep with all of Led Zeppelin at once?' That kind of thing to deal with is hard, but still, I want the world to know that I am not ashamed."

Not your typical wedding favors

Marshall's bookstore manager is accustomed to unusual requests for items, but he recently received perhaps one of the strangest.

"I received this call from a man from The Bronx, N.Y.," said bookstore head Joe Vance. "Is this the Thundering Herd place," he asked. I told him it was and he said he wanted 40 Thundering Herd T-shirts. I

believe the ones he wanted said something along the lines of 'If you hear the Thundering Herd you'd better step aside.' "

Vance said the long-distance customer described himself as rather large. He was getting married and his bride-to-be also was rather large.

"The man said that some of his friends called the duo 'The Thundering Herd' and he wanted some Thundering Herd shirts to give out at the wedding."

The man wanted 40 shirts, but Vance only had seven in stock. The seven extra, extra large shirts were soon sent to The Bronx.



Art by Don Pendleton

FYI

Today

The **Society of Professional Journalists** will meet today in the School of Journalism Library, SH 330 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Ana at 696-6696.

Wednesday

Lambda Alpha Epsilon: An American Criminal Justice Association will meet Wednesday in SH 416 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 696-5743.

The **Lambda Society** will have its weekly meeting Wednesday in MSC 2W22 at 9:15 p.m. For more information, call 696-6623.

Ahead

The MU Catholic Community will host "Learning how to energize the Mission of Campus Ministry as a Catholic Community" on Saturday and Sunday. For details, call 525-4618.



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Repeat felons may face life in jail

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton plans to expand his anti-crime package with the State of the Union address, supporting a "three-time loser" proposal to put the most violent felons in jail for life, administration officials said Sunday.

With polls showing crime as voters' No. 1 concern, White House speech writers are making sure Clinton's tough-on-thugs plans don't get lost in Tuesday's sweeping speech to Congress.

"Crime started out as a small component and got larger. It's going to be a significant portion of the speech," said a White House aide helping to draft the speech.

In general, the State of the Union

address is expected to review Clinton's first year in office, set goals for 1994 and repeat his key messages on such issues as health care, welfare, crime, economic reform, education and foreign policy. He will not unveil many new details of proposed programs in the speech, which aides said had not been completed Sunday.

"The president wants to talk to the American people about what he has accomplished, to tell them how he is doing the objectives he laid out — not only in the campaign but in the start of his presidency," Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

Clinton, who campaigned as a "new Democrat," has slowly chipped away at the Republicans' traditional reputation

as tougher on crime. He has supported a crime bill that includes 100,000 new police on city streets, boot camps for young, non-violent offenders and a ban on some semi-automatic weapons.

Clinton recently asked the Justice Department to study whether gun owners should undergo the same type of licensing requirements as drivers.

Attorney General Janet Reno said Sunday her department has not completed that study yet. Aides said the president is not likely to firm up his support for the idea in Tuesday's speech.

But he is expected to endorse a proposal that would require lifetime jail sentences for people convicted of three violent felonies, said two administration officials, including the White House

aide. Both spoke on condition of anonymity.

Appearing Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," Reno declined to say whether Clinton supported the "three-time loser" concept. She did say the administration wants to crack down on repeat offenders.

"We've got to identify the truly bad and put them away," she said.

The high-profile anti-crime pitch will come on the heels of a New York Times-CBS News poll showing that concern over crime and violence has become the nation's No. 1 worry. Nineteen percent of respondents said crime or violence was the single biggest problem facing the nation.

Legislators oppose 'super' credit program

Additional W.Va. tax breaks debated

CHARLESTON (AP) — Gov. Gaston Caperton and legislators disagree on whether more tax credits would help companies create more jobs in West Virginia.

"We've been burned before," said House Speaker Chuck Chambers, D-Cabell.

The state's "super" tax credit program, initiated in 1985, was to give tax breaks to companies that created 50 or more new jobs. Tax Secretary James Paige III said the pro-

gram will cost the state up to \$1.5 billion when it ends in 2010.

He said it has not produced the promised jobs.

"I think the problem is there has been a bad taste left in folks' mouths from the super tax credit," said Senate President Keith Burdette, D-Wood.

Eighty-five percent of the tax credits have been taken by the coal industry, Paige said, but employment in the industry in West Virginia has dropped

about 40 percent.

Paige said the program has allowed some companies to re-tool and remain competitive, however.

Caperton wants to give tax credits to businesses that create 20 jobs over two years. Caperton's new tax credits would start the second year and continue for 10 years.

Tax credits could offset up to 80 percent of a company's business franchise and income taxes under Caperton's plan.

Harding wanted to 'bump off' husband, newspaper reports

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Tonya Harding approached two men about "bumping off" her former husband during their separation last summer after she suspected him of stealing her truck, according to a report published Sunday.

"She was furious," the Oregonian newspaper reported. "She told two men — some people she worked out with at an eastside gym, some people she barely knew —

that she wanted (Jeff) Gillooly taken care of. They weren't sure what she meant. She had approached one of them before about being a bodyguard to protect her from her husband, but now she wanted them to knock Gillooly out of the picture altogether. They were astounded. She said that most people wanted \$100,000 for this kind of job because of who she was. They laughed it off, but they had no doubt she was serious."

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opinion

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our view

Students get real snow job

▼ **Issue:** University officials should have taken the hint from other area schools and colleges and canceled classes Thursday and Friday.

With temperatures barely reaching the teens, many students braved the bitter cold to attend classes Thursday and Friday.

To some it was a relief to get out after spending five days bundled up in residence halls and at home. But to many commuters it was a treacherous drive.

An arctic blast came in behind the snowstorm that dumped as much as 9 inches of snow across the Tri-State area.

The blast kept temperatures at or below zero degrees for several days. The roads became solid ice and school was canceled throughout the region.

Many area residents were left without water from broken pipes and even Corbly Hall received its share of water problems. Students in Holderby Hall lived without heat and Appalachian Power requested a conservation of power in fear of a breakdown of the main power grid.

But through it all, one thing remained true, nothing would stand in the way of classes at Marshall, not the ice-packed roads, not the snow that continued to fall, not the slick conditions on campus sidewalks. Nothing would stand in the way of bringing students back to campus.

The return to classes caused many students to come through the cold and ice to many classes which were canceled anyway and the ones that were not were usually not full.

This leads many to wonder why the university was open.

The decision to continue put many students and faculty members in danger. Most students are commuters and some travel many miles to come to school.

Even traveling from off-campus apartments was dangerous as most roads and sidewalks were still covered with ice. Not to mention how dangerous night classes were from students traveling on the slick roads after dark.

Slipping and sliding became a common occurrence on campus walkways. Many students fell several times just trying to make it to one class.

It is reasonable to think the university must make every possible effort to keep up and running, but it is also unreasonable to force students and faculty brave unsafe conditions to attend half-full classes.

When the next ice storm comes to town, maybe the administration should take a better look at the circumstances before they decide to reopen too soon.

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letters

Employee urges staff members

To the editor:

I want to take this opportunity to agree with the letters from staff members Marcia Bourgeois and Eva Hall in the December 10, 1993, Parthenon. Both employees are telling the truth and standing tall for their rights. They are now beginning to speak out on the injustice regarding classified staff at Marshall. I'm proud to know these two individuals but at the same time disgusted. I'm disgusted to know that the majority of the staff are sitting there keeping their mouths shut. They allow supervisors and administrators of this university to break their own rules. Marshall University breaks the rules established by the Board of Trustees because staff members are afraid they will lose their job if they file a grievance or speak out in public to defend their rights by law! As a steward for the Associa-

▼ Letters

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

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tion of Involved Marshall Employees, local chapter of the West Virginia State Employees Union, I can only say, the time is now or never. Speak up tell administration what is wrong with the system, whether it is the Mercer Study or how the grievance procedure on campus is ridiculous. Stop being stepped on before it's too late!

If employees want to sit in silence, then accept your job description, keep quiet about the safety

violations you see daily, don't complain about the new PEIA plan that will increase payments and decrease benefits and the many other atrocities that occur daily on the job. It may not be the Eva Hall's of Marcia Bourgeois's they are after next, it could be YOU! AND IT COULD BE SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

Don't feel you can't help make a change. If you are one of those who believe in fairness in the workplace, wants equal opportunity for all, no more manipulations from supervisors of administration then join the team that helps fight the battle. Don't be frightened anymore. Join the other members of A.I.M.E and fight for rights that are given to you by law. You have nothing to lose! You can only gain knowledge, courage, wisdom, support and everything else administration tries to keep away from you. You can make a difference—SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER KEEP SILENT! But remember, in A.I.M.E. your voice is the voice of many and the strength of a union!

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Columns

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

Submissions should be no longer than 800 words. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and potential libel.

Printing names in cases of alleged sexual assault

The Parthenon editorial board declines from printing the names of alleged sexual assault victims.

The Parthenon encourages alleged victims to come forward with their stories so they may benefit the entire university.

Questions regarding this policy may be addressed to the editor at 696-2522.

Accounting student receives \$445 memorial scholarship

By John M. Coriell
Reporter

A Nutter Fort senior is \$445 better off this semester after winning a business scholarship he didn't know he was being considered for.

Max L. Corley III, an accounting major, received the Walter C. Treanor Memorial Scholarship for the spring semester.

The scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Treanor of St. Albans in memory of their son. It is given to a junior or senior male student who maintains at least a C plus average and has some financial need.

According to the scholarship guidelines the recipient needs to have characteristics similar to William Treanor's.

The guidelines said most scholar-

ships attempt to recognize and encourage outstanding academic achievement.

The Treanors said their son was a B minus student, serious and clean-living and that a memorial that bears his name should encourage and help someone as nearly like him as possible.

"It shows that the university is willing to help students who have worked hard and made good academic progress afford an education," Corley said.

Corley said he wants to become a corporate lawyer. He has applied to several law schools including the Ohio State University and the University of Kentucky.

"I will probably go to West Virginia University if accepted, because of the close proximity to my home," he said.

Walter C. Treanor was a 1971 graduate of the College of Business. He died in 1975.

What Huntington needs for a better community

BYRON QUALLS
COLUMNIST

Over the years the sprawling metropolis of Huntington has had its victories and its shortcomings.

In my lifetime, I've closely studied the town's progress and truly believe that now is the time to start making plans to better the community.

I've sent numerous letters and made countless phone calls to the city hierarchy with absolutely no response. I feel that I have the key to open Huntington's doors to world domination, but I've received no attention.

Is there any forum in this God-forsaken place where just a simple common man, like myself, can offer ideas and suggestions, and have them seriously considered by the people that we've elected to give a damn? Huntington needs the courage to change!

First of all, Huntington needs to quit messing around and finally purchase an electric heat pump. Judging by the recent cold snap, we desperately need to get this climate thing under control.

I would also like to propose city lawmakers create some sort of legislation banning the airing of hideous local commercials.

Some provision also needs to be added that administers strict and swift discipline to that damned Tim Hogan carpet woman and her annoying little beasts.

Huntington needs to be making preparations for the eminent invasion being planned right now by those conniving, land-hungry Canadians.

Huntington needs to construct a system of plumbing for hot and cold running beer.

Huntington needs a pocket full of kryptonite.

Huntington needs a popular night

club establishment that caters to average straight single guys like me wanting to meet at-

tractive bisexual women.

Huntington needs to declare its independence and sovereignty from the Tri-State area.

Huntington needs "no underwear Wednesdays."

Huntington needs a university bookstore that at least provides foreplay before reaming students.

Huntington needs to stop the insanity!

Huntington needs to be secretly replaced with Folger's Crystals.

Huntington needs to create more dangerous construction sites on I-64. The drive to and from school seems sort of boring now that I no longer fear for my life.

Huntington needs a theme song. I would like to submit the "Half-Price Shoes Song" for that nomination.

Huntington needs to give Tony Cavalier his own network.

Huntington needs to finally clear its name and set the record straight on its alleged involvement in the Kennedy assassination. Huntington was a pat-

sy.

Huntington needs to find out about Rogaine.

Huntington needs to send its parking police to some law enforcement academy with intensive training just so that these people at least have some justification for their arrogance and authoritarian tendencies.

Huntington needs to write out a city ordinance that requires all public restroom stalls have doors.

Huntington needs a newspaper that is foolish enough to print anything I write.

Three youths arrested in roller rink shootings

BOSTON (AP) — Several teen-agers fired gun shots into a crowded roller skating rink across from a police station, wounding seven skaters Sunday.

Police arrested three youths and said more arrests were likely.

Skaters said the gunmen jumped up on benches and fired into the crowd. None of their wounds were life-threatening, a hospital official said.

"Everybody's having fun, everybody's skating," Kathy Ann Clark said. "You hear at least six, seven shots. People are down. People are scurrying for the back of the rink."

Witnesses said the shootings followed a fight between two groups of youths at the rink. But police said it was too soon to link that to the gunfire.

"We're very fortunate that we don't

have a lot of young people dead," said acting Police Commissioner Paul Evans.

Robert D. Burton, 17, and two juveniles were charged with unlawfully carrying a firearm.

Evans said police were trying to determine who fired the .38-caliber pistol and .25-caliber gun recovered at the scene.

The attack at the Chez Vous rink, in the Dorchester section, shocked some neighbors who had considered it a haven from violence.

Rink managers told police that customers were being patted down for guns before the shooting. Greer Tony, a spokeswoman for the rink, said metal detectors would be installed and patrons thoroughly checked beginning today.

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Paternity claim leads Bobbitt to drug test

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — John Bobbitt took a blood test Monday in an attempt to disprove a woman's claim that he fathered her son, and said he was shocked that his wife was acquitted after slicing off his penis.

Meanwhile, Lorena Bobbitt began her first full week at a maximum-security mental hospital in Virginia following her acquittal Friday of malicious wounding by reason of insanity.

"I was shocked, and I turned to my mother and said, 'What, she got away with it?'" Bobbitt said of the verdict.

"I believe there's not one shred of truth that came out of her or her witnesses," Bobbitt said in the interview with the syndicated television show "American Journal" to be broadcast Tuesday.

Testimony from Mrs. Bobbitt's friends, neighbors and co-workers described abuse they said Bobbitt inflicted during the couple's four-year marriage. Mrs. Bobbitt's lawyers argued the abuse drove her to mental illness.

Bobbitt, 26, denied ever striking or raping his wife. He was acquitted of marital sexual assault at a separate trial last November.

Beatrice Williams, 21, who lives on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation north of Niagara Falls, filed a paternity lawsuit against Bobbitt seeking child support for her 1-year-old son, Andrew. Bobbitt has filed for bankruptcy, according to his lawyer.

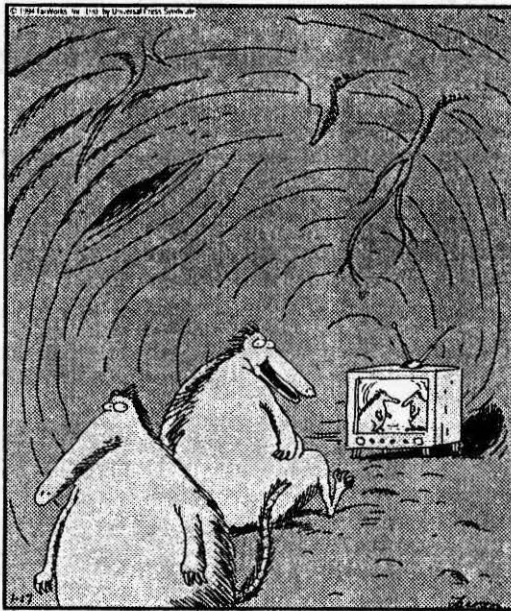
Williams and her baby also underwent blood tests at the office of her attorney, William Berard III. Neither Williams nor Bobbitt would comment after taking the blood tests.

The results of the blood test, which will compare DNA samples from Bobbitt, Williams and the baby, were expected in three to four weeks.

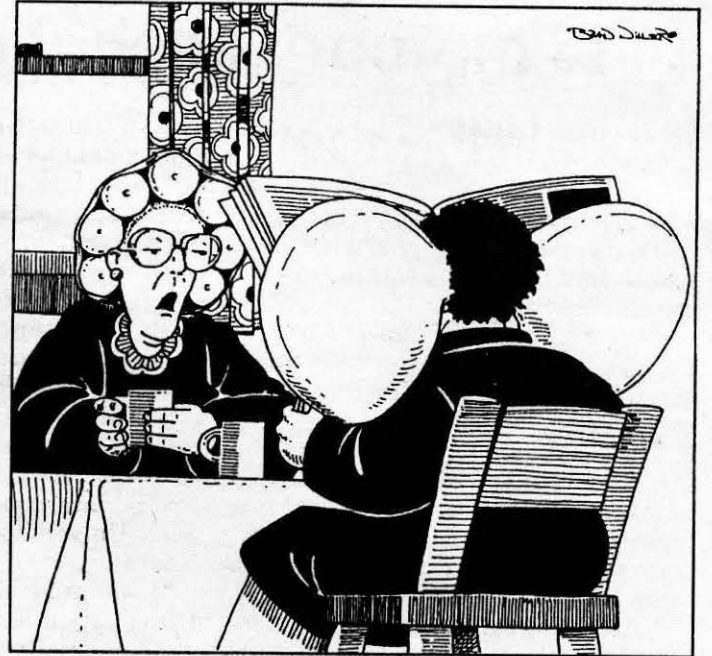
Mrs. Bobbitt, 24, will be evaluated by staff at the Central State Hospital in Petersburg, Va., who will help determine whether she should stay hospitalized or be released.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON One Brick Shy



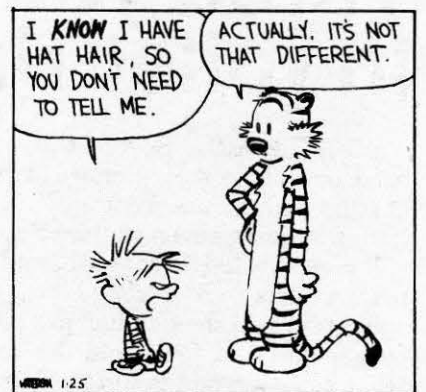
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Straight Company:**Contemporary group mixes styles, vocalizing their Christian theme**

African-American Awareness Month will kick off with a performance by Straight Company, a Louisville, Ky., based Christian band, on Thurs., Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in MSC.

Straight Company performs acapella, that is, without musical accompaniment. However, the group utilizes different vocal sounds and styles.

According to Straight Company's founder and musical director, Essej, the group's name was derived from *The Bible*. "The idea of the straight and narrow way is right out of the Scripture," Essej said.

"I came up with a phrase for the group that said, 'You're in the company of people on the straight and narrow way. You're in Straight Company.'"

The group's debut release, "So Excited," contains a variety of musical influences ranging from hip-hop to traditional gospel to reggae.

"We have so many different sounds and styles that we bring together," he said. "It all just comes out sounding like Straight Company."

Essej said the group's remake of Jackie DeShannon's '60s pop classic, "Put a Little Love in Your Heart," contains their fundamental point.

Straight Company, an acapella Christian band, will open African-American Awareness Month with a campus performance on Thurs., Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

"It says a lot about the heart of Straight Company," he said. "It speaks about mankind, but ultimately it's the love of God we're talking about. If we can just communicate that, and get people's eyes off themselves and each other and turned toward heaven, then we have accomplished our ministry."

In fact, members of Straight Company believe so strongly in their cause that in January of 1991 they left their jobs — to devote themselves to the music ministry full-time.

In addition to their campus appearance, Straight Company also will appear at a drug awareness show Fri., Feb. 4 at Barbourville High School.

Straight Company will also perform at the Norway Avenue Church of Christ in Huntington Feb. 4 at 8 p.m.

The group will accept donations at the church performance.

According to campus minister Donald V. Williams, the campus event is sponsored by The Campus Christian Cen-



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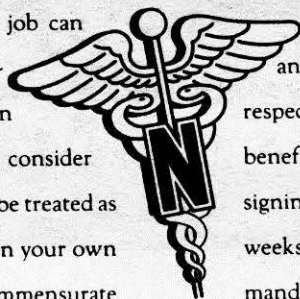
Straight Company

ter, Norway Avenue Church of Christ and African-American Students Organization.

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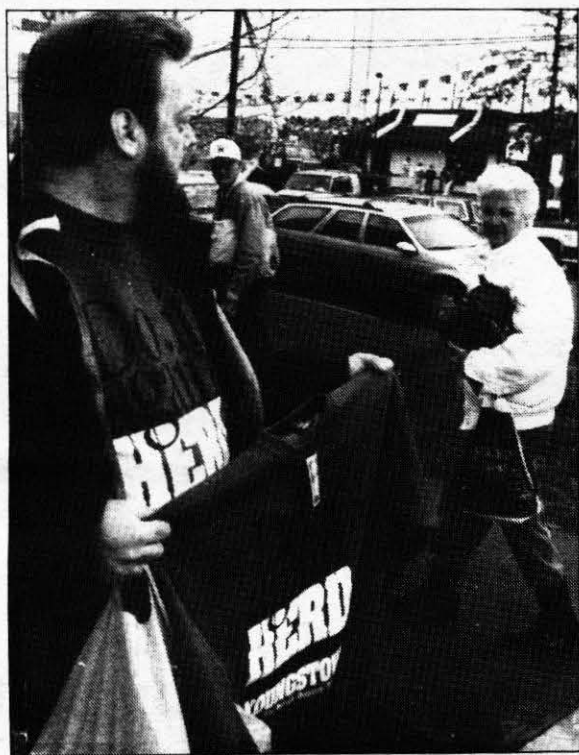
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Agony of Defeat



Past glory can tarr

The ghosts of Marshall's past haunted the Thundering Herd players and became the cry for fans all season.

Troy Brown's ghost seemed to appear whenever any Herd receiver dropped a pass or didn't return a punt for a touchdown. Don't let Danny White or Casey Hill make a miscue because that awakened the ghost of Mike Bartrum. And Todd Donnan, any falter and The Ghost of Sir Michael Payton rose, looming down on Donnan as a reminder of all the awards, records and the elusive national championship he helped Marshall win a year earlier.

I'm not blaming the former All-Americans, who helped Marshall gain its first national championship in football, for their greatness. It is common for players who follow superstars to receive comparisons from fans. But when fans reminisce about the past and try to relive it, they only bring added pressure to the players of the present and future.

The experience of winning is something relatively new to Herd football. In the past decade, Marshall has made tremendous strides in becoming one of the premier schools in Division I-AA football. Success brings criticism and fans have been spoiled by excellent football for the past three years. This year was no different.

But even in victory, the wins were not convincing enough for fans. Marshall had to dominate opponents, by not letting them score and then light up the scoreboard with highlight film touchdown passes and sensational touchdown runs.

Let me remind fans that opposing teams on the schedule were trying to knock off the defending national champions week after week. Let me repeat that, the defending national champions. Beating Marshall made East Tennessee State's season and staying close to the Herd was an honor for other Southern Conference

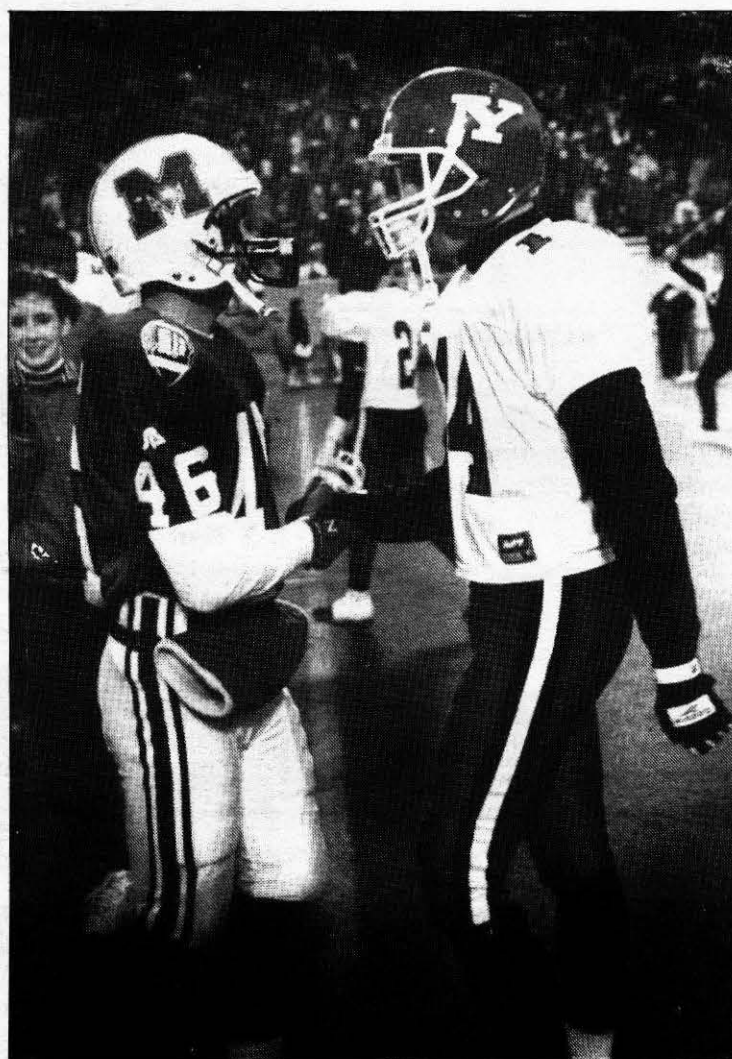
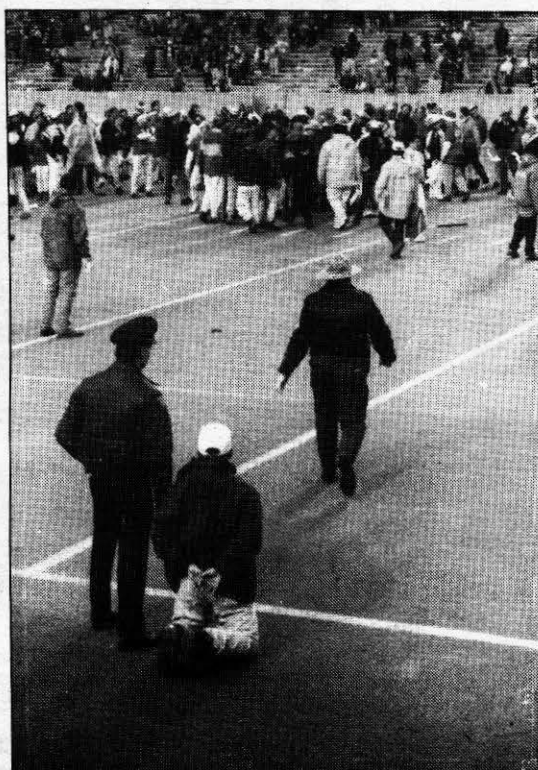
Analysis by Sports Editor

opponents. For a minute, I wondered if Marshall's fan support was not always encouraging.

When a team plays the championship game, an advantage is expected. Marshall fans made a sizeable crowd, but at times the Youngstown State championship game players shouldn't have been automatic. The game was not as exciting as the last season. The fans' enthusiasm didn't match the moment at hand.

As Chris Parker made his last effort to convert, the fans didn't breathe a word. More football to be played and fans were left in sports, but I guess some fans don't buy into the Youngstown State faithful's storming through. I heard, "Well, it was a good season," and supporters.

Fans should truly appreciate the '93 season. It was the third year in a row, with green and white. They beat teams in the past and quickness, but nothing can measure the ship game, under the lights and the pressure needed. But neither did the fans. Being



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earnish great season



by Sports Editor Duane Rankin

te, I wondered if Marshall had won the national title because not always encouraging. The championship game in its own stadium, home field Marshall fans made up at least 75 percent of the total crowd. The Youngstown State fans were louder. In the national championship game, the fans shouldn't have to urge fans to stand up and cheer, it was the game was not played just to break the "tie," but to be another season. So much was on the line, but the fans catch the moment at hand. In his last effort to cross the goal line, the air was let out of the fans didn't breathe any life into them either. There was still a beat teams in the playoffs who, on paper, had more speed than some fans don't buy that. As the clock ticked down to zero and the faithful stormed the turf that the Thundering Herd roam, "a good season," and "Wait until next year," from Herd appreciate the '93 season. Marshall made it to the championship year in a row, without those friendly ghosts wearing the beat teams in the playoffs who, on paper, had more speed than anything can measure championship heart. In the championship lights and the pressure, the Herd didn't answer the bell when did the fans. Being down 14-0 after seven plays, doesn't

actually help a player emotionally and Marshall was starving for fan support, but the fans weren't loud enough nor supportive enough to help The Herd overcome the early deficit.

If your going to reminisce about the past, remember the horrible losses Marshall took at Fairfield Stadium. Remember when the word, "playoffs" was a foreign word to Marshall. Remember when Georgia Southern and The Citadel had Marshall's number and no matter how hard Marshall played, the Herd couldn't beat them. Remember when Michael Payton hadn't fully developed into the great All-American quarterback and threw bad pass after bad pass. Remember when fans couldn't wait until football season was over so they could go watch the basketball team.

Not pleasant thoughts are they. After all that, realize how far the football program has come. Three straight times in the championship game. Having players go to the pros. Signing athletes who considered major schools like Miami and Notre Dame. Competing with Division I-A football teams and becoming one of the elite teams in college football.

A team of this caliber shouldn't play game in semi-full stadiums, where some fans are happy with the a loss so they can tell their buddies how poorly the Herd played. Every home game should have been a sellout, sellout, sellout. I hope next season, the ghosts of Shannon King, William King, Donahue Stephenson, Trevor Thomas, Chris Deaton and other senior players are not awakened by the Herd fans. Let's remember their greatness, but let's not use them as a measuring stick for next year's team. Let them rest in peace, so our football team can think about the future and not worry about playing up to past performances. I thought the objective of football was to advance the ball forwards, not backwards.

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THE PARTHENON 10 TUESDAY, JAN. 25, 1994

The Buffalo Bills and Dallas Cowboys will meet for the second year in a row for Super Bowl XXVIII. The teams will play Sunday in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Herd wins "ugly"

By Bret Gibson
Staff Writer

Marshall's 64-60 win over Furman Saturday night was not suitable for framing.

"It was ugly, but hey, it counts," said junior forward Troy Gray.

Both teams combined for 44 turnovers and what seemed as the same number of bodies falling to the floor in the scrappy contest.

"Towards the end it was pretty wild," said Shawn Moore, who led all scorers with 21.

"There were a lot of turnovers back and forth. We were trying to make a big play." The win squared the Herd's conference record to 4-4, while the loss dropped the Purple Paladins to 2-4.

"We gave them the opportunity to close the gap," Herd coach Dwight Freeman said. "We played down the stretch, did what we had to do and won the game. And it's a good feeling."

The Herd cagers get what Freeman calls a much needed rest.

"We need this very badly," Freeman said about the four day break. "We need to heal some injuries."

Junior guard Malik Hightower went out of the game with 5:30 left with an injured knee. Hightower collided with

Furman center Brian Edwards diving for a loose ball.

"It's killing me," said Hightower, who pumped in 19 points.

"My knee went this way, my body went the other way, and I heard a pop," he said.

Gray suffered a groin pull and point guard Tink Brown suffered a twisted right ankle in the first half.

Starting center Wes Hardin did not play because of a bruised sternum that stemmed from the West Virginia game.

Freeman said those players need to be healthy for Thursday's conference matchup against Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

"VMI is one of those tough games," Freeman said.

"You always think that boy, we're going to walk in and win, but as soon as you get that attitude, here they come."

Davidson pounded VMI by 18 points Saturday, but last Thursday, the Keydets took the then second place Buccaneers of East Tennessee State to overtime, eventually losing on a last second shot, 93-92.

The Herd's game against the Keydets will be the first of a three-game road trip. East Tennessee St. and Appalachian St. are the following road games.

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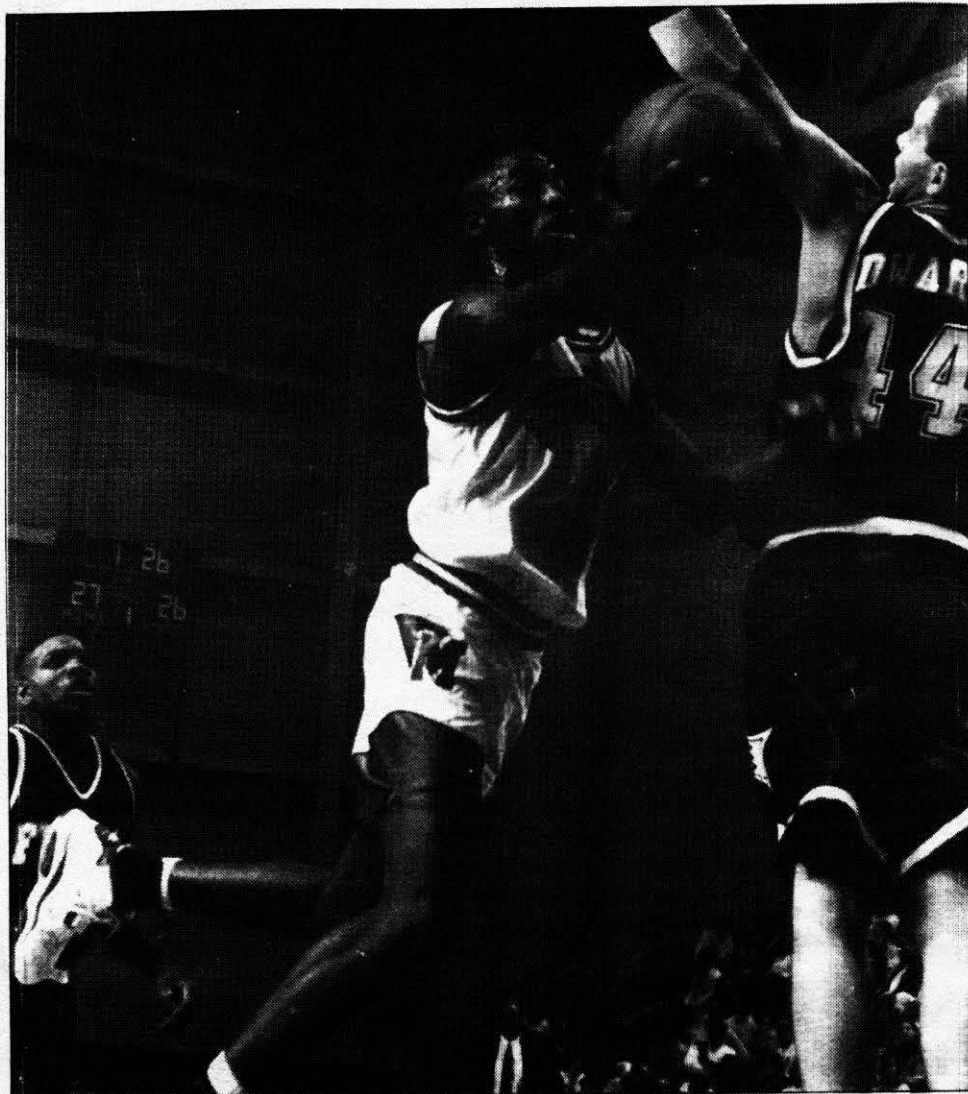


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Shawn Moore attempts an underhand scoop shot on a Furman player

Schick basketball tourney showcase intramural talent

By C.R. Vincent
Reporter

This week, students will have the opportunity to participate in the first round of the 10th annual Schick Super Hoop three-on-three intramural basketball tournament.

The tournament will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and go through Friday.

Sponsored by Schick, along with the NBA, Reebok and Starter, the national tournament is open to both men and women. The first round will be played at the Henderson Center and winners from both the men's and women's team will advance to regionals at Ohio State University, said Chris Lipscomb, Huntington graduate assistant for recreational sports. Teams consist of four members.

Regional winners will advance to the divisional championship and play in a NBA arena, Lipscomb said. The competition is divided into 22 regions. Marshall is part of the Buckeye Region.

The registration deadline for the tournament has been extended to noon Thursday. Registration for the competition is free and rules can be

received at the time of sign-up, said Lipscomb.

The competition is open to all graduate and undergraduate students who do not play or practice with a varsity team. "Prop 48 players are ineligible ...because of NCAA stipulations that they are not allowed to play in off campus events," Beau Rugg, tournament director from Ohio State University said.

"Also former members of college varsity basketball teams and any student regularly practicing with an intercollegiate basketball team are ineligible."

Lipscomb said there are only a few intramural events at a collegiate level where you can compete with other schools. It was reported in a National Media Group publication that more than 800 schools participated in the 1993 national tournament.

All participants will receive Schick razors and the first round winners will receive T-shirts.

Those interested may go to the recreational sports office, room 2018 in the Henderson Center, or call Sharon Stanton, at 696-2943 or Chris Lipscomb at 696-2934.

Tough schedule not factor for SC play

By Rick Elmore
Reporter

Herd Coach Dwight Freeman can see positive results in playing nationally recognized teams even though all three on this season's schedule defeated Marshall by big margins.

Freeman and his players did not see it as a setback losing to North Carolina, Wake Forest and Kansas State.

"It's hard to say if it hurt or helped, but the mindset is that

it helps you in the long run," Freeman said.

The losses had no effect on the team's more recent games, Freeman said. He said he thinks the team was "emotionally drained" in losses against conference teams Western Carolina and UT-Chattanooga.

Junior point guard Tink Brown thinks the tougher schedule helped the team. "We can tell what level we're at."

Junior guard Malik Hightower said it did not bother him that North Carolina was

ranked among the top five teams in the country. "Them being ranked didn't bother me. I didn't even know WVU was ranked until game night."

One positive outcome of playing schools with prominent basketball programs can be the financial considerations.

Keener Fry, associate athletic director, said visiting teams like Marshall typically receives between \$50,000 and \$150,000 for playing a school such as North Carolina or Wake Forest.

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Crimes on Campus

MUPD responds to random crimes

By Brian Bailey
Reporter

The long holiday weekend and an unexpected snowstorm led to an interesting weekend for the Department of Public Safety. Incidents ranged from simple vandalism to arson and assault.

According to police reports:

- Officers responded to a disturbance Jan. 21 on the second floor of Holderby Hall. When officers arrived they found Thomas Harley, 20, of Northport, N.Y., apparently intoxicated. During a field interview, Harley became verbally abusive and belligerent towards the officers and resisted arrest during his placement into custody. Harley was charged with public intoxication and obstruction.

- Students in Twin Towers East started a fire in an elevator Jan. 14 when newspaper was placed inside a wooden partition on the inside of the elevator and ignited it. The fire was discovered at 3:25 a.m. when resident advisers attempted to put out the blaze.

The RA's were only able to partially put out the fire and the Huntington Fire Department was called to extinguish it. The

fire has been ruled as arson and is currently under investigation.

- On Jan. 16 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:44 p.m. two cars were broken into in lot G. A Motorola cellular phone, an Omni book by Hewlett-Packard, and some luggage including a purse were reported stolen. The second car reported the theft of a Sega Game Gear unit and one bag.

- On Jan. 16 at 2:35 a.m. a student was assaulted by a unknown white male. The unknown male approached the student on the northeast side of TTE and asked him if he had thrown a snowball at his car. When the student denied the incident, he was attacked.

- A window at Hodges Residence hall was reported broken Jan. 17. The window was broken when an unknown student threw a snowball at it.

- On Jan. 17 at 1:36 a.m., an unknown group of male and female students broke four trees along the sidewalk outside of Buskirk Hall.

- A female student in Laidley Hall reported on Jan. 17 at 5:24 p.m. that she had been receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown off campus location since the beginning of school.

Coal town's last family leaves

KAYFORD, W.Va. (AP) — When Martha Workman's house burned, the lights flickered out for good in Kayford.

"I'd like for people to remember what it was like when it was good, when so many people lived here," Workman said.

Workman, 63, a son and daughter-in-law and a family friend were the last residents of a once-bustling Kanawha County coal town of about 1,000.

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Fate of Fugitive Remains Mystery

HINTON, W.Va. (AP) — Both police and William Cody Harvey's family say they have no idea where the convicted killer disappeared to when he escaped from the Summers County Jail more than a year ago.

Harvey's mother, Lestine Harvey of Jumping Branch, believes her son is dead because he has not contacted his family.

"I've ... given up all hope of ever seeing him alive again," Mrs. Harvey said.

Summers County Jail guard Jack Ward believes Harvey left the country. But he believes Harvey will return because his friends and family are in West Virginia.

"He'll be back," Ward said. Harvey, 31, of White Oak

was sentenced to life in prison with mercy for killing a woman he said scratched him on the neck, then told him she had AIDS.

He would have been eligible for parole after 10 years in prison.

But Mrs. Harvey said her son believed even that was too harsh a sentence.

"Harvey sincerely believed that he was justified in killing Linda Rudisill," said his lawyer, G. Ernest Skaggs.

However, Mrs. Harvey said her son never gave any indication he planned to escape.

Prosecutors said Harvey shot Rudisill, 30, of Hinton three times in the head after they met in a bar June 26, 1992.

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Museum pipe break causes postponement of artist's presentation

Today's installment of the Museum in the Community's Brown Bag Lunch Art Series, featuring award-winning artist and jeweler Julie Anne Michalisin, has been postponed.

Although the museum is located in Winfield's Putnam Village, seminars are presented at Hurricane Community Center located at Valley Wave Park. Seminars usually begin at noon.

According to Bobbie Hill, museum director, Michalisin's lecture will be rescheduled in April. Michalisin's lecture is entitled "Aesthetic Order and the Real World."

The Brown Bag Lunch Art Series includes lectures and performance presentations concerning contemporary art issues, according to Trish Fisher, administrative assistant. All presentations are free, as the museum receives financial assistance from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment

of the Arts, Fisher said.

Events planned for future weeks include a lecture on Feb. 8, when Rebecca Frischkorn will give a lecture titled "Fine Arts of Garden Design." Frischkorn is a landscape designer in Charleston.

On Feb. 22, Ellie Shaul will give a lecture titled "Artists in the Community." She is curator at The Art Store in Charleston.

On March 13, there will be a Family Theater Series performance by Nancy Duncan called "Why the Chicken Crossed the Road." The production will include audience participation and will be held at 2 p.m. in the Davis Fine Arts Building at West Virginia State College.

On March 15, Tom Conlin will give a lecture titled "The Crisis and Renaissance in the Arts." Conlin is musical director and maestro of the West Virginia Symphony and Orchestra.

Job prospects look poor for W.Va. teaching grads

By Mike Nitardy
Reporter

May graduates armed with teaching diplomas, good grades and high hopes may find disappointment in West Virginia. Their chances of landing jobs are being eroded by a combination of declining school-age population, enrollment demographics, and a weak economy, say sources at Marshall.

Dr. Carole A. Vickers, dean of the College of Education, said reasons for the decline in the number of full-time teaching vacancies could be summarized by three factors: the 1989-90 early retirement incentive for teachers, the consolidation of schools, and the decline in members of the school-age population.

The 1989-90 early retirement incentive enticed more than a thousand teachers to retire in 1990. The vacancies were filled with younger teachers who obviously will not be retiring soon.

Vickers said she thinks the

"It doesn't mean teaching is a bad choice, but like all jobs it's competitive."

Reginald Spencer Placement Services

economy may have a long-range effect on the absence of teaching jobs. In the 1991-92 year, only 62 teaching jobs were vacated in the state because of retirement. Vickers said the College of Education graduates 300 to 350 teachers every year.

The absence of jobs may be a symptom of the state's economy, but not a direct result of it, according to Dr. Roger Adkins, chairman of the Department of Economics.

Adkins said the absence of the teaching jobs is due primarily to West Virginia's population and enrollment demographics.

As West Virginia's school-age population dwindles, enrollment drops and teaching

positions are lost.

"It doesn't mean teaching is a bad choice, but like all jobs it's competitive," said Reginald Spencer, director of placement services.

Spencer said teachers hoping to find jobs should do three things to increase their chances: apply for known openings, apply for jobs even when there are no openings, and attend teaching work fairs.

"Someplace out there, they need more teachers," Adkins said. The National Center for Education Statistics projects student enrollment throughout the nation will grow 15 percent from 1992 to 2003.

Spencer said the good reputation enjoyed by Marshall's education graduates give them "good mobility" in their search for employment out of state.

Vickers also said leaving the state may be a viable option. "Up and down the eastern sea coast, West Virginia teachers are grabbed by school systems," Vickers said.

Charges of daycare abuse dropped on technical grounds

Indictments have been dropped against two women accused of sexually abusing children at a Wheeling daycare center, authorities said.

The indictments against Linda Auber and Judy Lanning were dismissed on "technical grounds," said Special Prosecutor Thomas Hagg. Charges remain against two other former employees at the King's Daughters Child Care Center's Elm facility.

"We do not consider the matter closed," Hagg said. "We intend to look at the matter further."

Lanning, 34, of Wheeling was indicted in May on three counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

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Old Man WINTER

Area agencies give cold weather tips

By Robert Taylor
Reporter

As Huntington and Marshall recover from the recent blast of arctic air and snow, many people are catching the flu bug.

The American Lung Association and American Red Cross have tips for those who are catching a cold or for those who are asthma patients.

The American Lung Association asks that asthma sufferers take several precautions to prevent an attack.

"For many patients with a lung disease such as asthma, winter is the worst time due to cold weather and the cold and influenza season," said Ginny Painter, American Lung Association of West Virginia spokeswoman.

Some tips for asthma sufferers when going out in cold weather include covering your nose and mouth with a scarf to

warm and moisten the air you inhale, and avoid exercising outdoors in cold weather.

Also, asthma sufferers should use humidifiers indoors to keep air moist, and avoid cough suppressants because they can cover up coughing as a warning sign of asthma.

The American Red Cross has recommendations to treat and avoid cold weather emergencies.

The Red Cross says to avoid frostbite, stay indoors during the coldest part of the day, take frequent breaks, and drink large amounts of fluids, as well as dressing appropriately.

If frostbite occurs, handle area gently and don't rub, warm area by soaking in water with a temperature below 105 degrees.

Then, loosely bandage the area with a dry, sterile dressing and use cotton gauze between fingers and toes.



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Digging Out: Janitor Ferry Kates removes frozen tundra from campus walkways.

Dorm students hot over cold Hall

Official's reaction lukewarm

By Brad McElhinny
Staff Writer

Holderby Hall residents ducked the rules to duel the elements during last week's winter storm.

Residents complained that the first through fourth floors weren't heated adequately, forcing some students to sneak in portable space heaters — violating residence hall rules.

"If we didn't have those, we'd be freezing," said Lee Huffman, South Charleston sophomore, who had brought his own space heater from home.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration, said he had heard the complaints, but believed a boiler that was fixed two weeks ago should have solved the problem.

"It's comfortable in there," said Grose, who said he toured the building personally. "It's not 70 degrees, but it's comfortable."

"He has to say that," argued Huffman, who lives on the fourth floor. "He doesn't know what it's like."

He doesn't stay here at night.

Bonita Patterson, Meadow Bridge junior, said she thinks the building might be getting

slightly warmer. "I don't know if I'm just getting used to it or if it is [warmer]," she said.

During the thick of the cold — when outside temperatures dipped to about 15 below zero — residents huddled in rooms with heaters, under blankets and in layers of clothing.

Huffman, who estimated the temperature inside was about 40 degrees, said some people slept with hair driers running under their blankets.

Residents complained to residence services officials, but they received only a letter saying the boiler had been fixed, Huffman said.

A local television station that did a story on the residents seemed to be the only one listening, he said.

Grose said residents were told they could move temporarily to vacant rooms in other dorms. But beyond that and fixing the boiler, there wasn't much that could be done, he said.

"What they have to understand is that when it's fourteen below [zero] and the boiler is running at full capacity, there's nothing else we can do," he said. "They just need to dress warmly."

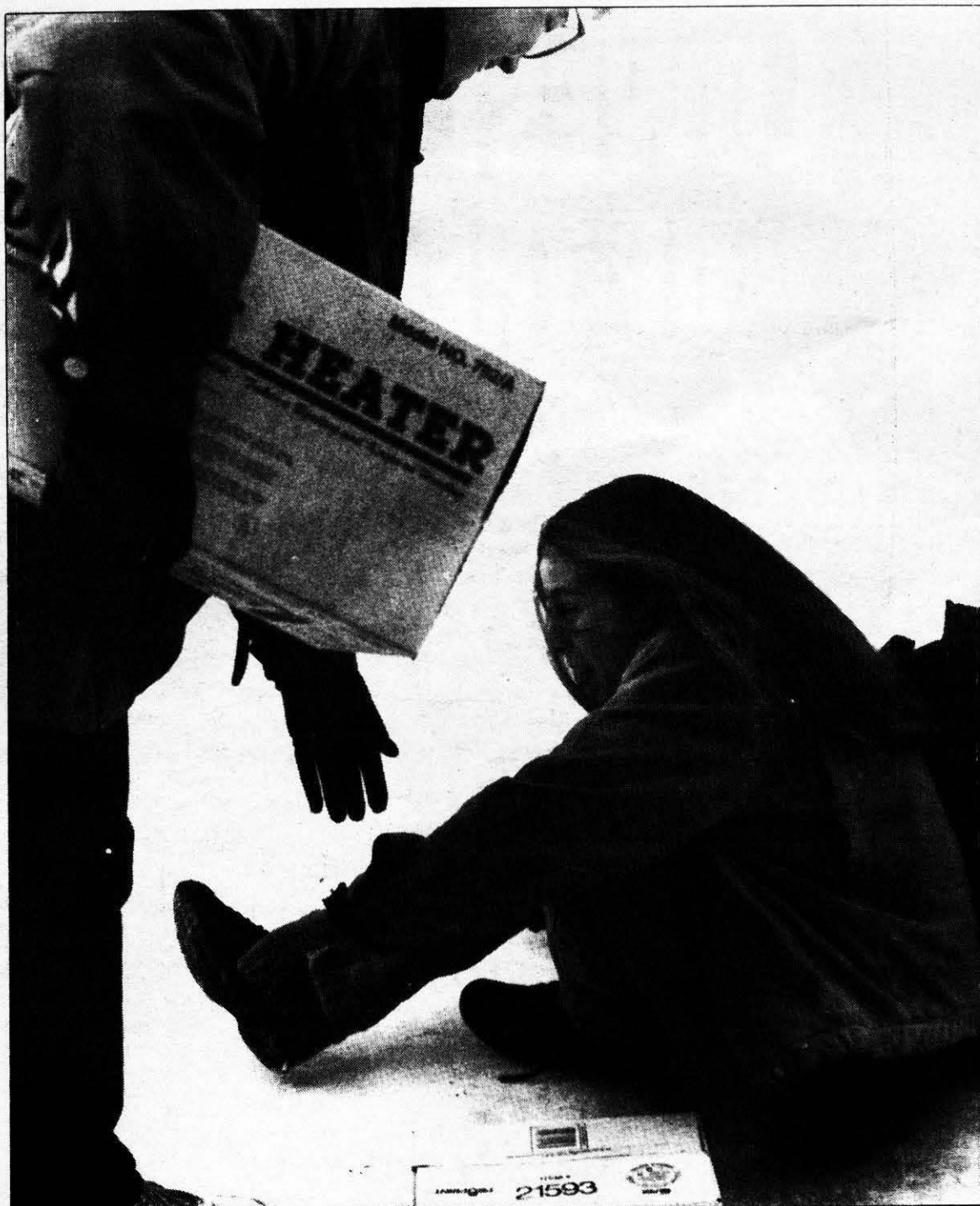


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Falling Down: Christy Griffith of Charleston takes a spill near Holderby Hall.

Drop policy reinstated

By Neil Stratton
Reporter

Marshall's two-year experiment with first week class drops is dead from a combination of confusion, inefficiency and general dislike.

What Registrar Robert Eddins termed "a first class nightmare" caused problems, although Eddins emphasizes that it was "no-body's fault".

Under the old policy, professors were to notify the registrar when a student did not attend the class during the first week of the semester. No further action was necessary for students.

However, the new policy calls for a student to obtain and complete a drop slip with the signature of the student's class instructor and academic advisor.

"We want all the students to know about the policy change and how it effects them," Eddins said. "We don't want anyone to make an honest mistake."

This semester, Eddins is informing students of the new policy so that the problems of the past are not repeated.

Resignations to create SGA openings

By Amy Baker
Reporter

Three student senators will resign and a new position will be created, beginning a new semester of Student Senate.

Senators Shelli K. McDaniel, College of Science, and G. Avery Kondik, College of Education, announced their resignations during a Jan. 11 senate meeting. A letter of resignation from Sen. Elizabeth D. Keatley, College of Education, was also read.

"Resignations of senators are extremely common, especially

at the beginning and end of each semester," Student Body President Michael D. Miller said. "During my term I have seen probably 25 to 30 senators come and go".

The Bluefield senior said that overall he thought the resigning senators wanted to make a difference, but they have had scheduling conflicts or some other problem.

Also during the meeting, the student senators approved Thomas J. Rittinger, South Charleston junior, as Special Service and Projects Coordinator. Miller said this new posi-

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Michael D. Miller SGA President

tion was needed to help with senate projects such as faculty evaluation and community service. The position is not a paid position.

Other items of business for the senate meeting included:

- Joshua F. Bedick, Scott Depot senior, was approved as the ninth and final Student Court justice.

- J'Shawn E. Bailey, Huntington sophomore, was approved as a senate associate for Sen. Serena L. Cahill, College of Liberal Arts.

- Traci A. Morris, New Martinsville graduate student, was approved as Chief of Staff.

- The time of the weekly senate meetings was changed to 3:30 p.m.

- Noel C. Clay, Public Relations Director for Student Senate, proposed a possible logo change for the senate.

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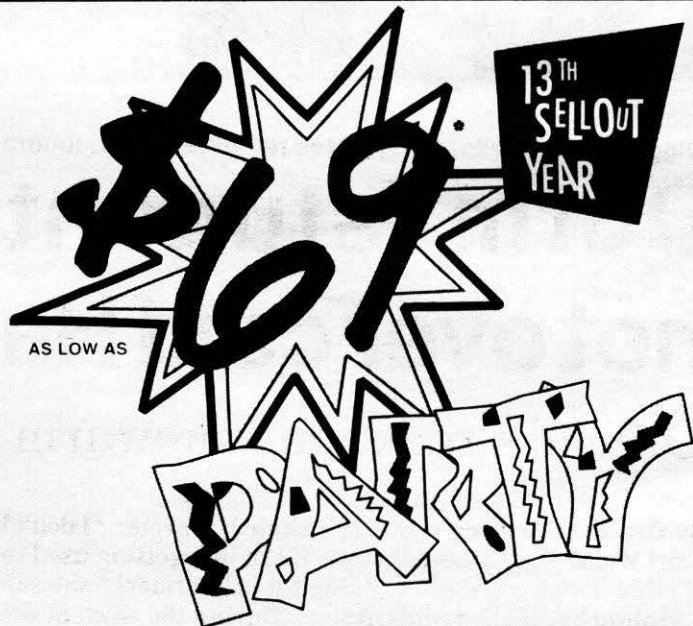
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New year brings in alternative media

By Angela Henderson
Reporter

Students who managed to get to campus both Mondays that classes have been in session found a new campus publication awaiting them.

The Statesman, published by students presenting a conservative point of view, made its debut on campus Jan. 11 and was out again Monday. It joins Free Forum and is the second alternative campus newspaper.

"The Statesman was created so that conservative groups can get their point of view out, and to provide information for other conservatives, because the liberal view is already covered in the dominant media and the classroom," according to Robert W. Painter, Beckley medical student and a Statesman staff writer.

The Statesman is not a College Republican paper, Painter said.

"Some College Republicans write for The Statesman, but there is no direct or indirect link," Painter said.

Painter said The Statesman is a collection of different columns. There are no story assignments, so the staff writers write about what they want, he said.

There will also be a section on what's happening on campus, as well as an investigative reporter to cover the university, he said.

Painter said there are more than 25 people on the staff, and it has been growing since the first issue.

The Statesman is financed by advertising, Painter said. It is published by The Statesman Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan, educational corporation, which is also a provisionally recognized

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student**

campus student organization, Painter said. It is distributed in boxes around campus biweekly.

Free Forum, which has been in operation for several years, was also created to give a voice to a group that felt it had none, according to Michael B. Tomblyn, graduate student and editor of Free Forum.

"There was also a consensus that The Parthenon was fairly to the right or status quo, so Free Forum is coming alive again because The Parthenon does not reflect the diversity of the campus," Tomblyn said.

Free Forum plans to publish its first issue of 1994 in early February, but Tomblyn welcomes the new publication.

"It's not a competition," said Tomblyn. "Both papers are trying to fill a void left by The Parthenon."

The paper is open submission with no assigned staff, and students do not have to be journalism majors to write for it, Tomblyn said.

Free Forum will cover the alternative music scene and local clubs, safety and health issues "ignored by The Parthenon and the administration," and

will feature in-depth stories on more sensitive issues, Tomblyn said.

Groups that feel under-reported are invited to submit articles, he said.

Poetry and short fiction will also be part of the paper, and there will be opinion pieces if something needs to be addressed, Tomblyn said.

Tomblyn said Free Forum does not try to be objective.

"We give things an honest spin instead of an objective one. Objectivity is impossible. Your point of view will always come through," Tomblyn said.

Free Forum is published by the campus organization, Students for the Production of Alternative Media. It plans to publish once every three or four weeks, and Free Forum bulletins will be published when needed, Tomblyn said. The paper will be distributed to students in a way "that will grab attention," he said.

Advertising finances the paper, although some members of the community have donated money, Tomblyn said. The paper is photocopied instead of printed on newsprint. A local labor union allows Free Forum to use its copy machine, and SPAM buys the paper, Tomblyn said.

What expenses advertising does not cover, the writers will put in the money themselves, Tomblyn said. Fund raisers may also be scheduled, such as a benefit concert, Tomblyn said.

Both organizations, SPAM and The Statesman Inc., have expansion plans. SPAM is going to move into all media, Tomblyn said. This semester, SPAM, along with Marshall Action for Peaceful Solutions is sponsoring an alternative film series, Tomblyn said. Tomblyn said SPAM would also like to set up a

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**Michael B. Tomblyn
graduate student**

pirate radio station in the future.

The Statesman Inc. has filed for 501C3 status with the Internal Revenue Service. This would allow it to obtain a bulk rate permit from the U.S. Postal Service for mail delivery of the paper, and it would allow the organization to accept tax-deductible contributions, Painter said. The process could take up to six months, Painter said.

How do these two papers feel about each other?

Painter said he had only seen one copy of Free Forum.

"Free Forum is on the extreme end of the political spectrum from us," Painter said.

"I think it's more of a garage paper, and I'm not saying that to be derogatory," he said.

"Absolutely," Tomblyn agreed. "It's the common person's newspaper. The photocopied appearance is perfect with our image."

"I may disagree with everything in The Statesman, but the more voices that are heard, the more people are represented," Tomblyn said. "That's what this country is all about."

"Perhaps the two papers will inspire others, whether they're left, right or outer space," Tomblyn said.

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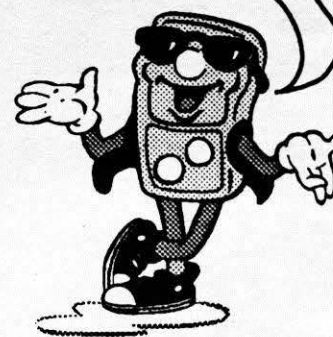
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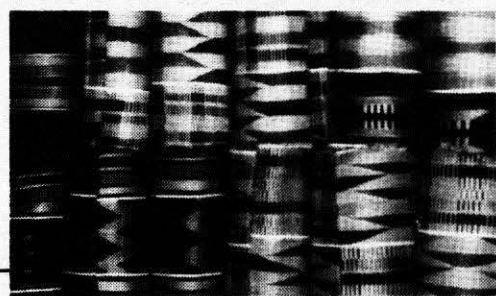
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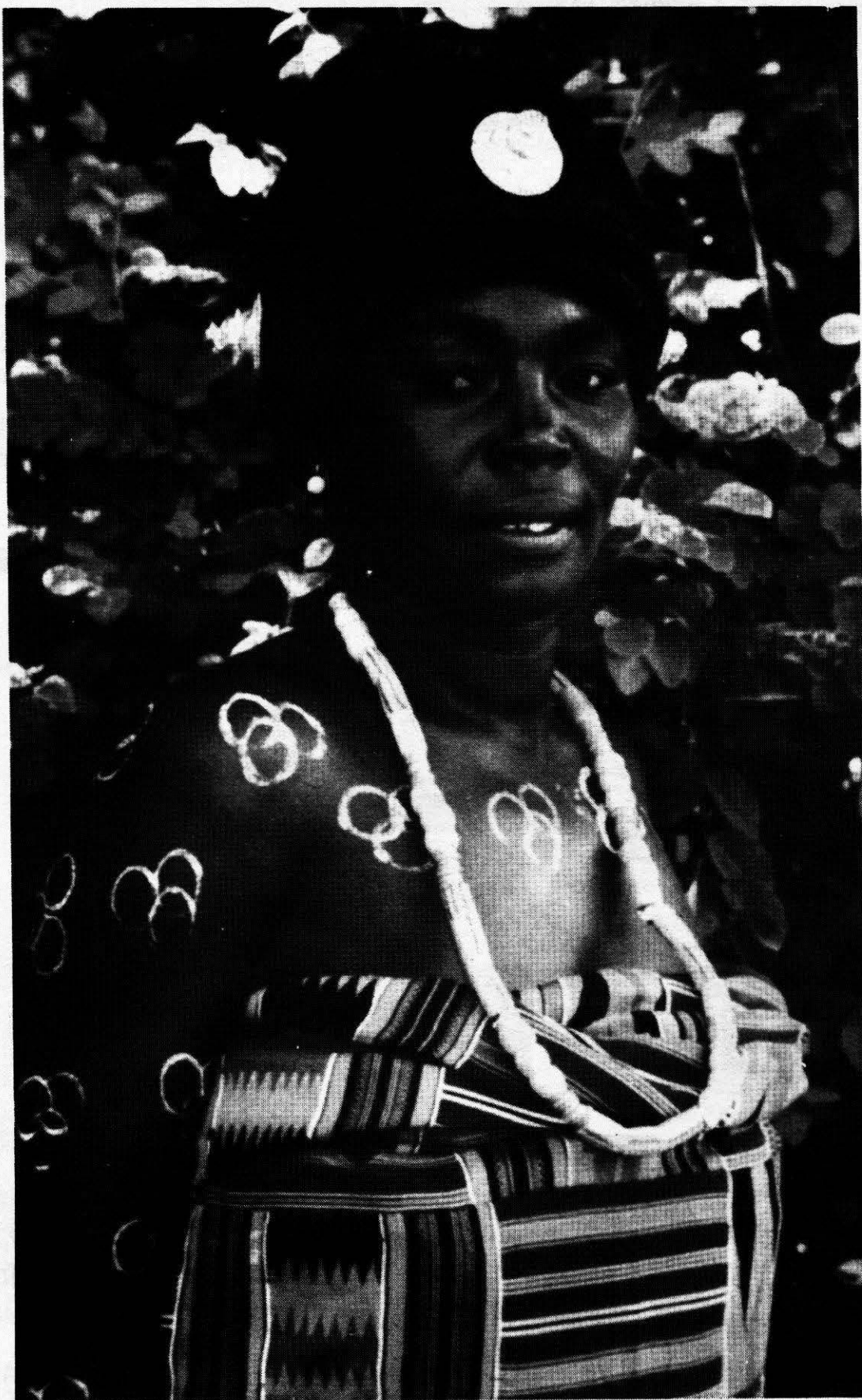


Photo courtesy of Dr. G. F. Kojo Arthur

A Ghanaian woman wears the kente clothing used in traditional African ceremonies.

Story by R. Ward

For hundreds of years, the people of Ghana have worn the brightly colored kente cloth in traditional ceremonies. In America, those same patterns now appear on everything from sneakers to baseball caps and have become symbols of black pride.

However, a professor of education says students trying to make a fashion statement might be sending other messages.

Dr. G. F. Kojo Arthur, associate professor in the College of Education, said students who wear the colorful Ghanaian cloth "kente" usually don't know the symbols woven in the cloth have meaning.

"It wouldn't surprise me that the students don't know the symbols. The cloth you buy at the store usually doesn't have the correct symbols, or symbols that make sense together," Arthur said.

Arthur said he tried to increase awareness of symbolic meanings by putting up a display in the James E. Morrow Library last September.

"The people who identified what the names and meanings of the symbols were before simply made lists of them; it is their significance to the society that I am exploring," Arthur said.

Arthur said African-Americans, in their search for identity, have chosen the kente cloth to help them find their roots.

"Finding out what the symbols mean would increase their knowledge of their African heritage," he said.

Arthur said he believes the symbols are used as a form of picture writing, a point other researchers have not pursued.

"The symbols are a language. The people add new symbols for new things, such as 'the king rides in the car' symbol," he said.

Arthur said kente in its original form is hand woven from locally grown cotton. But these days most kente is made by machines, not hand woven. Silk thread has been replaced by rayon. Today much of what looks like kente isn't woven at all.

"Now people can get it factory-made, but it isn't the real thing," he said.

Arthur explained there are symbols for everything from hope to affluence, hospitality to government positions.

"There is a symbol that is derived from the hairstyle of the queen's attendants; there are symbols derived from all of those types of roles," he said.

Arthur said another type of cloth stamped with symbols made from gourd stamps is called "adinkra."

Both types of cloth and certain patterns are worn according to occasions, Arthur said.

"The adinkra was originally worn mostly at funerals because of the dark color. The better quality kente was worn exclusively by those with status, such as the royalty," he said.

Arthur said he was returning to Ghana in the summer of 1994 to continue his work.

"There is a symbol of hornblowers that I want to look at. I want to keep trying to find out what the historical significance of these symbols are," he said.

To help increase awareness of kente and adinkra on campus, Arthur has begun a project to make postcards with the symbols on them, along with their names and meanings, he said.

"I think the bookstore may carry them, and then we will at least have the postcards with the information," he said.

The story of kente — traditional and modern — can also be found in "Dress Codes: Urban Folk Fashions," an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. Its aim is to make people think about the cultural history of the clothes they choose to wear.

"Dress Codes" was created at the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles. However, it will first open at the Smithsonian's Experimental Gallery, a space set up as a laboratory for exhibit creators.

"To decode cultural signs and symbols in contemporary American life we each need to look at our own tastes and traditions, in order to compare them with others across both time and social context," said exhibit director Marcie Page of the Craft and Folk Art Museum.

The show remains in the Experimental Gallery through Jan. 30.