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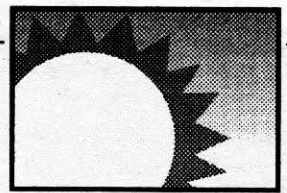
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The Parthenon

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

February 15, 1994



Tuesday
Mostly sunny
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Making music



Photo by Shannon Guthrie

Gary Welmer, Coudersport, Pa. sophomore, chose the entry way of the Birke Art Gallery for violin practice.

PHONE REGISTRATION

With MILO and a modem, get everything but love

By Nell Stratton
Reporter

Students frustrated by long lines at the bursar's office, registration, or housing will soon be assisted by a new friend: MILO.

Marshall Interactive Liaison On-line, otherwise known as MILO, will change the way students do business at Marshall, according to Dr. William Deel, director of campus technology and coordinator of the MILO project.

"MILO will do a lot more than just register students for classes," Deel said.

"It will also allow students to get their grades, pay tuition and fees, apply for financial aid, and register for housing. Adding and dropping classes will just be a very small percentage of what the program does."

"We think it might serve students best to leave the line open 24 hours a day."

Dr. William Deel
MILO Project Coordinator

"To my knowledge, Marshall will be the first school in West Virginia to have this program," he said.

MILO might also be up all night.

"We think it might serve students best to leave the line open 24 hours a day, if that proves feasible," Deel said.

Deel said students who hit a snag will be able to get help.

"If at any point in the process a student wants to talk to a real person, they will be able to do that with just the touch of a button," Deel said. "We will have operators available during working hours."

The exact method for testing has not been decided, Deel said.

"We don't yet know which is the best method for debugging the system," he said. "We're thinking about setting up the system in the basement of Old Main during registration this semester and selecting students randomly to test the process. Another method would be to use the students from one of the colleges, or allowing all the students in one class to register by phone. That's still to be decided."

Although Deel considers MILO a promising program, Registrar Robert Eddins offers reassurance for "phone-a-phobic" students.

"Of course, we will always have offices available for those students that like to do business the old-fashioned way," Eddins said. "That will never change."

LEGISLATURE

Senators dispute information bill

Lucht says campuses need disclosure

By Penny K. Copen
Reporter

Original sponsors of state legislation last year, designed to open reporting of campus crime information, said the Legislature may need to make changes to provide more public information.

Last March, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 409 which requires campus police to make crime reports, but not the names of victims, public.

Marshall University's Faculty Senate approved a document that keeps campus police from releasing the names of sexual assault victims to the public or the press.

The Freedom of Information Act guarantees access to all government documents and

information, unless the information falls into one of eight exempted categories.

A combination of the Freedom of Information Act and Senate Bill 409 makes it legal for campus police to withhold the names, according to a representative from the Attorney General's Office.

Senator Sondra Lucht, D-Berkeley, one of the original sponsors of Senate Bill 409, said the purpose of the bill was misinterpreted.

"It was designed to open up campus crime information to the same status of every other crime committed," Lucht said. "College campuses tend to think of themselves as independent of the world around them, and I think that college students need to be more in

touch with what happens in America."

Lucht said legislators may need to make an amendment to provide for public access to information when it is requested.

Senator Bob Holliday, D-Fayette, another sponsor of Senate Bill 409, said he has mixed feelings.

"I believe that you shouldn't do anything that is going to hurt the victim any further, and for that reason I believe sources should be protected," Holliday said.

"I believe, however, that responsibility should belong to the press and not the administration."

He disagrees with Marshall's policy and believes it infringes on the public's rights.

THEATRE

Forties radio comes to Marshall theater

The Marshall University Department of Theatre/Dance will present "The 1940s Radio Hour" at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

"The 1940s Radio Hour" is a musical with an ensemble cast set during World War II.

It recreates a live radio broadcast from the Algonquin Room of the Hotel Astor in New York.

The audience learns about the characters involved in the radio show as they watch what goes on at

the radio station, the rehearsal, and the broadcast itself.

A 15-piece band, including several members of the MU jazz ensemble, will provide accompaniment.

Most of the 25 songs, including "Making Whoopie" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," are from the 1940s.

The show is directed by Dr. Maureen B. Millicie, chairman of the Department of Theatre/Dance, and is choreographed by Eugene Anthony, assistant professor of theater. The musical director is Robin Bunch Woods.

WEATHER

Hot flash: Weather's been cold

By Leesa R. Mullins
Reporter

The mild winters of recent years have often been attributed to global warming, but with the recent cold weather, the theory of global warming may be questioned.

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Tony Cavalier, WSAZ News Channel 3 meteorologist, said this winter's weather is typical. Because the past five winters have been mild, the snow

and cold temperatures are "even more impacting."

Cavalier said there is no scientific research to validate global warming as the cause of mild winters.

"Some people misunderstand the theory of global warming," Cavalier said. "It is a warming of the earth's atmosphere that increases the earth's temperature one degree every 20 years. The process happens over centuries, not decades."

Last month set records, with a low for January of -21 de-

grees Jan. 19. Records were also set with -9 and -11 degrees Jan. 16 and Jan. 18.

Along with record low temperatures, January also received 21.6 inches of snow.

Janet A. Salazar, meteorologist for the National Weather Service at Tri-State Airport, supports Cavalier's statement that this winter of severe cold and snow is not unusual.

The history of January's average temperatures and snow-

Please see Weather, page 2

FYI

Today

West Virginia State Parks will interview for summer positions today, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in GH 100. For more information, call 3186.

Phi Beta Kappa will meet today, 12:30 p.m. in the Community College conference room.

Society of Professional Journalists will meet today, 3:30 p.m. in SH 330.

MU Gavel Club will meet today, 4:30 p.m. in the MSC 2W37. For more information, call Raymond Crabtree at 429-6801.

Tomorrow

World Regions Seminar will have a film and lunch discussion Wednesday, noon in HH 403.

A Stress Relay Course will be Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in PH 143.

What, when, where

To get your group's announcement or activity in FYI, stop by The Parthenon newsroom, 311 Smith Hall, Monday-Friday to pick up a form.

Cold critters create their own comfort

By Leesa R. Mullins
Reporter

Do you wonder—perhaps even worry—about the squirrels, deer and other forest critters when the snow is deep and the mercury drops to zero?

Forest animals deal with winter better than humans, according to one wildlife biologist.

The forest critters are probably quite snug in their beds, said Thomas L. Dotson, wildlife biologist for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Wild animals, such as deer and squirrels, are adapted to survive the harsh weather, Dotson said.

"Only when snow and cold temperatures extend into March does it begin to affect the animals," Dotson said.

"The layer of fat that they have stored for the winter begins depleting in March."

According to Dotson, the fawns born late usually don't survive the winter. They have no fat stored to protect them from the harsh conditions.

When snow falls, deer usually move only to get out of the wind.

"Although moving will deplete their fat supply, the wind will deplete it also," Dotson said. "Deer will bed down in brush or timber and only move when it is necessary."

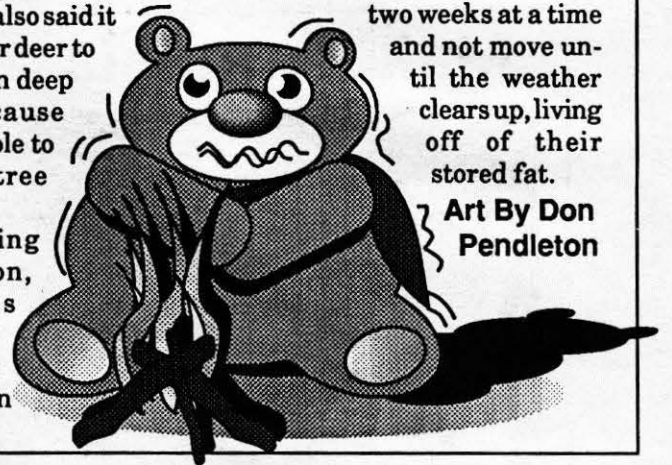
Dotson also said it is easier for deer to find food in deep snow because they are able to reach tree branches.

According to Dotson, squirrels and rabbits store food in

their cubbies, or holes, during the fall and stay in those cubbies while the weather is bad.

Wild turkeys, Dotson said, will sit on a tree branch for two weeks at a time and not move until the weather clears up, living off of their stored fat.

Art By Don Pendleton



WEATHER

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fall shows:

- 1980: 9.2 inches, 40.7 degrees high, 28.5 degrees low
- 1985: 19.5 inches, 32.5 degrees high, 19.2 degrees low
- 1994: 21.6 inches, 34.7 degrees high, 19.5 degrees low
- 30-year average: 40.7 degrees high, 23.2 degrees low
- A mild trend began in 1989:
- 1989: .3 inch, 50.5 degrees high, 30.8 degrees low
- 1990: .8 inch, 51.1 degrees

- high, 33 degrees low
- 1991: 2.8 inches, 44 degrees high, 27.7 degrees low
- 1992: 2.3 inches, 44.6 degrees high, 26.5 degrees low
- 1993: .5 inch, 47.8 degrees high, 30.8 degrees low

Salazar said, "This cold winter weather is balancing out the hot summer weather that we had."

Salazar and Cavalier said forecasting weather in West Virginia is not easy because of the hills, rivers, and terrain in general.

Cavalier said there is al-

ways the possibility that every winter could be as harsh as this one.

The flow of the air currents and the jet stream determine

the snow and frigid temperatures.

Cavalier said he expects more snow and cold temperatures for the rest of February.

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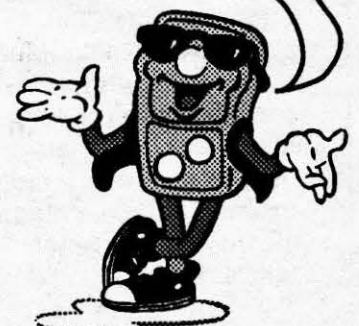
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Defense Secretary: Air strikes will promote peace Officials say missiles might clear the air

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air strikes against Serbian military positions will reduce the violence and promote the peace process in Bosnia, administration officials say.

Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said Sunday there was "no way" NATO will retract its threat to use air power against entrenched Serbian gun positions if they are not removed in a week.

"All the forces are coming together to make sure that that particular ultimatum stays in place," she said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Last week, NATO, with U.N. backing, gave the Serbs 10 days to abide by a cease-fire and

pull their heavy weapons outside a 20-kilometer zone around the Bosnian capital.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry, speaking on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," said Sunday he had "every hope that the air strikes will reduce the violence" that has left 10,000 dead in Sarajevo and killed 200,000 in Bosnia in two years of fighting. "I also think it will give some acceleration to the peace process," Perry said.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., a critic of the administration's cautious approach toward using U.S. air power in Bosnia, said he hoped "this may be the last threat of the threats."

"I also think it will give some acceleration to the peace process."

William J. Perry
Defense Secretary

"It seems to me we've reached that point where if we have any credibility left, which isn't a great deal, it would all be gone if we didn't follow through," Dole said.

Albright, speaking earlier about Dole's criticisms, said President Clinton has been in the forefront of Western efforts to end the bloodshed in Bosnia and discounted the Republican leader's comments by say-

ing, "political campaigns begin earlier and earlier."

Perry concurred, saying air strikes will "illustrate firmness and resolve and solidarity in NATO."

Perry also said the Pentagon is studying the possibility of increasing the intensity of the air strikes or extending them to areas outside Sarajevo if the Serbs refuse to comply with the cease-fire.

He said the options do not include use of American ground forces, although Albright said the administration stands by its commitment to supply up to 25,000 Americans to a peacekeeping force if the warring factions agree to end the fighting.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., spoke against U.S. air strikes on Serb targets saying they would lead to commitment of U.S. ground forces if the limited bombing failed to have the desired effect.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said the United States and its allies must be "psychologically prepared" to widen the bombing if the Serbs "retaliate against the peacekeepers, the U.N. forces or the humanitarian workers" for limited air strikes on their big guns.

"If you aren't prepared to go further ... and you're not willing to go after more lucrative targets wherever you find them ... then you're really not prepared to take the first step," Nunn said.

Two U.S. medal hopefuls slide on the ice

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — The best-ever U.S. hope for a medal in the luge took a bad tumble today when Duncan Kennedy, making a strong bid for a bronze, flipped his sled after going too high on a turn.

It was a jolt to the Americans on day three of the Olympics, and somewhat ironic, when speed skating star Dan Jansen skidded on the ice in the home turn, then failed to win a medal in the event he has dominated for a decade.

Kennedy, who was beaten up by neo-Nazis last fall while defending a black teammate in a German bar, lost control of his sled near the bottom of the course in his third run while

traveling nearly 80 mph and careened off both walls.

He managed to hang onto his sled and limped off the track, his shiny blue suit and his medal hopes in tatters.

Kennedy, from Lake Placid, N.Y., appeared to have an excellent chance to capture a bronze when Italy's Armin Zoggeler, in third place, faltered at the start and brushed the wall on his third run.

So far, the Winter Games have been a terrific time for Tommy Moe, Johann Olav Koss, Norwegian pride, Chelsea Clinton, even Tonya Harding. Somewhat less so for the unmiraculous U.S. hockey team, tied by lowly France.

Moe, an Alaskan, was still in

the Lillehammer clouds after dusting the European favorites in the downhill Sunday. Koss thrilled a raucous home crowd with a world record in their premier event, the 5,000-meter speed skating. Norway won three early medals and raves for its beauty and Olympic venues.

And Harding, after settling her legal battles, was granted the chance to compete in what one Norwegian newspaper dubbed the Battle of Wounded Knee II.

Jansen, the star-crossed speed skater from Wisconsin, is the fastest ice sprinter ever. But he was carrying extra baggage to the starting line of the 500 meters: memories of two

Olympic falls in 1988, following his sister's death, and two more letdowns in 1992.

Moe, whose great-grandfather was Norwegian, skied the downhill race of his life to overtake local favorite Kjetil Andre Aamodt and silence 40,000 cowbell-clanging spectators who lined the course in the bright sub-Arctic sun.

Attacking the hard-packed Kvitfjell course with the abandon of a darkhorse, he gave the United States its first skiing gold medal in 10 years, just barely. The margin of victory of four hundredths of a second made it the closest Alpine race in Olympic history.

"I can't believe I skied that well," Moe, 23, said afterward,

before getting a handshake from Hillary Rodham Clinton and a congratulatory call from her husband in Arkansas.

Despite support from flag-waving Chelsea Clinton and her mom, who are concluding a whirlwind tour of Olympic competition, pin-trading and shopping, the U.S. hockey team couldn't handle 10th-seeded France.

The Americans outshot the French 32-14 but came up empty in all seven power-play chances. Only two late goals on long shots salvaged a tie.

The first medal of the Games went to Manuela Di Centa of Italy, another Albertville medalist, who led virtually from the start in the women's 15-kilometer freestyle race.

student government association

• Spring elections will be March 2 - 3. **Candidates for the following positions must file today, Tuesday, Feb. 15.**

- college of science - 2 seats
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- college of nursing - 1 seat
- college of fine arts - 1 seat
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opinion

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our view

Senate bill needs clarity

▼ **Issue:** The Legislature should take action and clarify misconceptions surrounding Senate Bill 409.

Two state senators have the right idea when it comes to Freedom of Information.

The Marshall University Office of Public Safety has used Senate Bill 409 as a reason to suppress names of crime victims. Officials began to use this bill as a reason to withhold names after The Parthenon's editorial board in Fall 1992 decided to print the name of an alleged victim of sexual assault. Since then, Marshall University Police Department officials refuse to release the name of any crime victims.

One of the original sponsors for the bill, Sen. Sondra Lucht, D-Berkeley, said the law is not being used as it was originally intended.

"It was designed to open up campus crime information to the same status of every other crime committed," Lucht said. "College campuses tend to think of themselves as independent of the world around them, and I think that college students need to be more in touch with what happens in America."

Lucht said she thinks the Legislature should re-examine the bill and amend it to provide for public access to information when it is requested.

Sen. Bob Holliday, D-Fayette, another sponsor of the bill, said he does not support the printing of names of victims, but he said he thinks the decision should be left up to the press and not to Marshall's administration.

"I believe that you shouldn't do anything that is going to hurt the victim any further, and for that reason I believe sources should be protected," Holliday said. "I believe, however, that responsibility should belong to the press and not the administration."

He said MUPD's interpretation of this bill infringes upon the rights of the press and the public.

The Faculty Senate supported MUPD's interpretation of this bill when it passed a recommendation endorsing the interpretation from the campus police. The MUPD has now made another suggestion to the Faculty Senate to prohibit the release of the names of the accused. The proposal was tabled by suggestion from the Student Conduct and Welfare Committee.

The suppression of information at MUPD seems to be like a roller coaster without brakes. They keep finding new ways to keep the public from getting information.

Lucht and Holliday have the right idea and should encourage other legislators to pass a law that clearly states what information the public is entitled to know.



letters

COB computer exam is unfair

To the editor:

Some would say, "Don't rock the boat." Sorry! College of Business, you have rocked my boat. Subject? Computer Literacy Exam.

To give you a little history, I will explain my problem. I am five hours from graduating and currently taking a class where it's required that I pass the exam or receive an incomplete for the course, which means no graduation. So I go with the flow even though I've had CIS 101, WP and various other computer classes. I passed the WP and Lotus portions of the exam easily. But, when I go to take the DOS portion of the Computer Literacy Exam, I assumed this portion of the test would be just like the others. Wrong! I was handed a written test which I am sure I failed, even though I know I possess the necessary skills to be considered computer literate. Disgusted, and angry, I go to different individuals to ask why this is even necessary. I was told that the exam had to be made available this semester because approximately 80 percent enrollment would be lost because of those students enrolled who had not taken the exam. It is too late for me to shout, because, as we all know, changes at Marshall don't happen quickly. And, I will prepare to take the DOS portion again, even though I fall under the 1989 catalog, which at first did not require me to take it in the first place. But to write a letter to the Faculty Senate Committee as advised, would be a waste of time.

Lastly, I would like to make one small comment about textbooks. I don't have to pay for my own, however, if I did I would surely

▼ Letters



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

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have asked some questions long ago. Recently, I stood in line and observed a student sell back a book for which he received \$22. After he had left, another student bought the same book for \$49.95. Why?

Ell Estep
Proctorville, Ohio senior

Students should support raises

To the editor:

As president of Marshall University's Staff Council, I have spent considerable time talking with Legislators regarding raises for staff and faculty. Along with others from council's executive committee, I have repeatedly stressed that fund-

ing for these raises should not be placed on the back of the student. Staff Council leadership from WVU and other state institutions share that concern. Together, we have continually asked that the Legislature properly finance higher education. Mandated raises should not be financed by increased student fees or by loss of jobs on the individual campus. As students at this university you should be aware of the political clout you carry simply by numbers alone. I ask that you join with faculty and staff from across the state in asking your Legislators to properly finance higher education in this state, not at the expense of the student nor the loss of much needed jobs, but by properly allocating state funds for that purpose. As President J. Wade Gilley has often stated, higher education is the engine that will drive economic progress in this state. Students must join with faculty and staff to convince the Legislature of our needs or we will once again be lost in the financial shuffle. You must speak up. You simply can't afford not to.

Sherri Noble
Staff Council president

Holding classes lacked sense

To the editor:

Holding classes Thursday and Friday was stupid. The administrator who was responsible for that decision should realize that he put people's lives at risk. The board of trustees should replace him with an administrator with common sense.

Terry Messinger
Huntington senior

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MUPD CRIME BRIEFS

By Brian Bailey
Reporter

Three broken windows have officials at the Department of the Public Safety looking for suspects.

Windows facing Third Avenue in Harris Hall, the facilities buildings, and the Henderson Center were broken between Feb. 5 and 10.

The holes in the windows are similar. The weapon used to break them is unknown, according to the police report.

Other incidents reported were:

- A telephone was report-

ed stolen Feb. 4 from a maintenance room in Holderby Hall.

- A Twin Towers West resident reported Feb. 4 at 2:49 p.m. that \$70 dollars had been taken from her room.

Police said the student had left her room unattended several times during the previous evening.

- A resident of Twin Towers East reported Feb. 5 that he had been receiving harassing phone calls.

Reports show the student had been called 2-3 times daily by unknown persons.

- A student was struck Feb. 6 at 6:50 p.m. by another stu-

dent in front of Hodges Hall. Reports show that officers responded to the incident and questioned a suspect, but made no arrests.

- A student was involved in a collision with another car Feb. 6 in the side parking lot at Corbly Hall. Damage was listed as minor.

- A student reported the theft of a checkbook, calculator, computer disc, and other items from his bag Feb. 7.

The victim left his belongings unattended in the Memorial Student Center commuter lounge, according to the report

- Unknown persons at-

tempted to break into a concession stand Feb. 8 in the Henderson Center. Reports show that the suspects did not gain entry.

- Officers responded to a dispute Feb. 13 at Holderby Hall. Police reports show that officers were called to escort an unidentified male from the residence hall after he reportedly struck a female student. Officers said the victim refused to sign a warrant for his arrest.

Editor's note: The Marshall Police Department refuses to release the name of any crime victim.

Elected official plans upgrades

A newly-elected Graduate Student Council official plans to complete improvements to Morrow Library, and update campus information technology.

Jesse Hingson, a graduate student in the history department, was chosen Monday as the council's vice president.

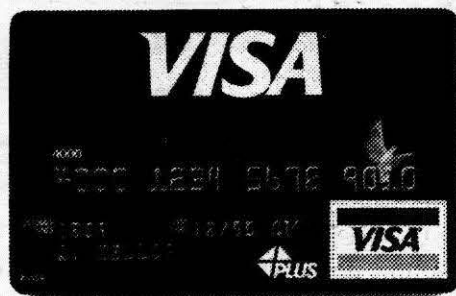
Hingson's goals include possibly expanding E-mail services, and purchasing new computers.

Hingson and Council President Troy Body say they also hope to help increase library hours and materials.

"We feel that's a big priority of ours," Hingson said.

He said that graduate students have to use the library often to do research.

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Kids sacrifice cartoons for college programs

By Mike Nitardy
 Reporter

Nearly 300 children are foregoing extra sleep and Saturday morning cartoons to come to campus for the Children's and Teen's College Program.

The six-week program offers courses ranging from mathematics to theater. The program began Saturday and is sponsored by the Community and Technical College.

Parents said the program is worth the sacrifices. Sherry Wolfe, Huntington, said although it is an effort to get her son and daughter out of bed Saturday morning, her children are enrolled because they want to be.

"They have to want to do it," Wolfe said. She learned about the program through her children's gifted program.

Wolfe explained her son was excited about taking the Lego Engineering course because of his interest in engineering. Leslie Carroll, Huntington, said her six-year-old son, Parker, did not mind sacrificing cartoons for the Saturday morning classes.

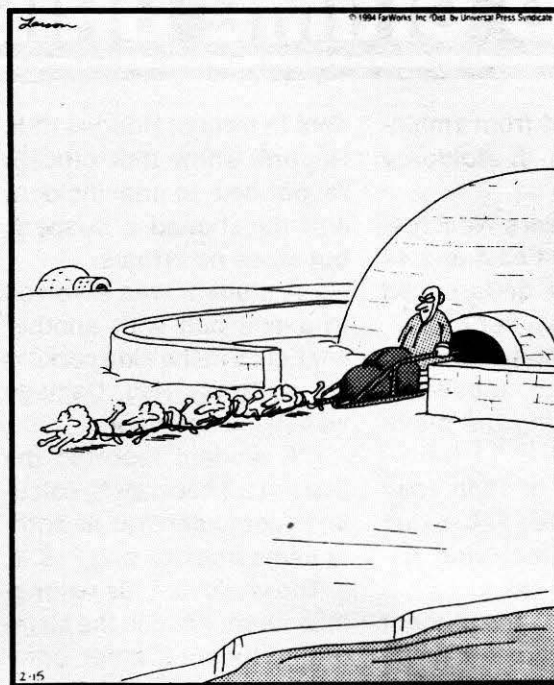
Parker is enrolled in the program for supplemental instruction.

"If he enjoys this, and he benefits from it, he'll come back," she said.

Carroll said the community college had the classes clearly marked and made registration easy.

"They're obviously here to help you," Carroll said.

The program is a break from traditional classroom procedures because there is a focus on having fun, said Clara Tucker-Clemons. She teaches first grade reading and math.

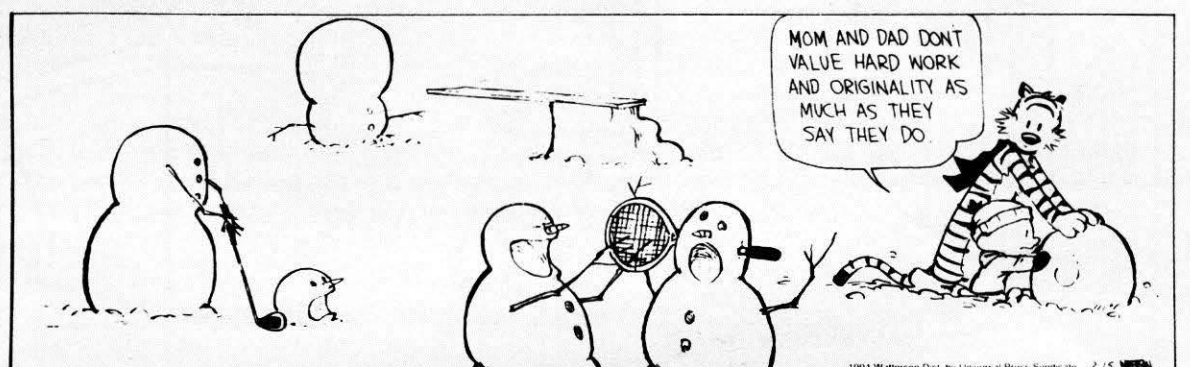


Beverly Hills of the North Pole



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Bubbles, bats, cartoons part of stress help course

A seminar designed to help students deal with stress is scheduled 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Women's

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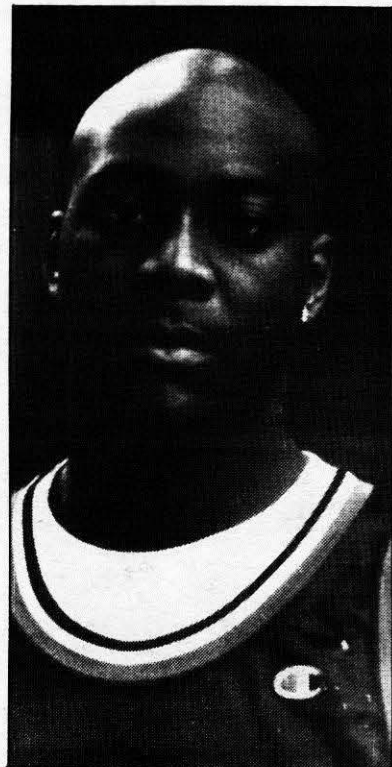
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Eagerly awaiting his opportunity



Thad Bonapart

By William R. McKenna
Reporter

A year ago he was on top of his game, today, freshman Thad Bonapart is experiencing it from a different angle—as a spectator.

But the stands are an uncomfortable place for Bonapart.

"I've never had to sit out before," he said, "I have a desire to get out there to play. I love the game so much but I can't touch the ball. It's hard."

Proposition 48 is a NCAA ruling that requires student athletes to meet certain academic standards. One of the criteria is for athletes to score better than 700 on the SAT. Bonapart failed to do so.

Not meeting this requirement has forced him to sit out the entire year. But, according to Bonapart, he has met the requirements of having an accumulative GPA of 2.0 or bet-

ter in order to regain his eligibility for next season.

He said he doesn't blame anybody but himself because he realizes the importance of an education.

In a Time article about academics of student athletics states "most discover that there is no career for them in basketball, that they must rely on their education to build a new career. After playing for years, many leave school without a degree."

Commenting on the ruling, Bonapart said he feels everyone has a different opinion on the situation. For him, it has made him work harder on his grades, and helped him stay focused on his responsibilities.

For some, sitting out this season is a positive thing to have happened to Thad.

"I took it the hardest," he said, "Everyone at home looked at it as a positive thing because

now I have a chance to sit back and experience college without the pressures from basketball."

Probably the hardest part of watching the games is seeing his friends out there, he said. One of his best friends from home, Moncrief Michael, plays for the Citadel.

"We're competitive so we talk junk back and forth," Thad said. "It's going to be hard not playing against my friends from home because of bragging rights. We played high school together, when I go home he has the bragging rights and I can't say anything."

A native of Charlotte, N.C., he attended West Charlotte High School where he averaged 23 points, 15 rebounds and four assists per game. The six-foot-six freshman was an all-state player and two time Mecklenburg County most valuable player of.

Dwight Freeman, head bas-

ketball coach said, "Thad was one of the top players in the country. A lot of schools were looking at him."

When he was first introduced to a recruiter from Marshall, he said he didn't take it very seriously. At the time he had been looked at by many larger schools, and had an agreement with Wake Forest. But when his test scores came back, many of the larger schools starting pulling back.

He said Marshall "seemed really interested in me. My father and I talked it over and decide it was a no lose situation that is the reason why I came here, to have that chance. The other schools decided not to take me."

Freeman was pleased in bringing Bonapart to Marshall.

"He is a quality basketball player," Freeman added. "A lot of kids go to a school because of the coaches. We hit it off well."

Next year, Freeman will be gone and the Herd will have a new coach. That doesn't worry Bonapart.

"I just hope that whoever it is, he gives everybody a fair chance to play," he said. "That's all I ask."

Freeman said Bonapart will be an asset to the team. "His best quality is himself. He is a fine young man and we try to bring good people to the program."

Marshall could use his help as they have struggled throughout the season. Bonapart was not exactly sure how he could be of some help to the team.

He said, "Just being out there for one. I think they only have nine players now, maybe that tenth player could have helped in some way."

No matter how much is speculated on what could have been, nothing can be done about it now.

Bonapart's year of ineligibility is almost over and soon he will be able to let his actions take the place of his words.

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Tickets are still available for the Aerosmith concert tonight at the Charleston Civic Center. Brother Cane will be the opening act.

Aerosmith 'gets a grip' on Charleston

Those bad boys from Boston are back to rock the Charleston Civic Center. Aerosmith, America's premier rock 'n' roll band, will take the stage tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The band is touring to support its 11th album, "Get A Grip". Following the release three years ago of their quintuple platinum album, "Pump", these twenty year veterans of the rock 'n' roll scene prove that they are never too old to party.

With songs such as 'Eat the Rich', 'Fever' and 'Flesh', Aerosmith's most recent album is filled with the band's trademark songs about rebellion and raunchy sex.

With irreverence and wit, the band takes aim at the comfortable and the cynical.

Lead singer, Steven Tyler, says that "Get A Grip" makes a simple statement: "This is how we feel about what's going on and this is what it sounds like".

Even after selling 35 million albums, these veteran rockers have not turned jaded or weary of the rock scene.

In fact, guitarist Joe Perry says, last year was the most intensely creative period in the band's career. Aerosmith toured the world for 18 months following the release of "Pump."

The legend of Aerosmith began in Boston in the early Seventies, where the band put its twisted spin on the blues, mixing heavy rock with R&B. Songs like 'Sweet Emotion,' 'Dream On,' 'Walk This Way,' 'Mama Kin,' and 'Draw The Line' helped rack up platinum albums and elevate the band to superstardom.

Despite the band's phenomenal success, life wasn't always so good in the Aerosmith camp.

The excesses of that lifestyle finally took its toll. The band broke up for a time due to rampant drug and alcohol abuse and musical differences.

What happened next was one of the most dramatic comebacks in rock history. Ironically, guitarist Joe Perry says he thinks the band's disintegration may be the reason for Aerosmith's unparalleled success today.

"We hadn't reached our creative pinnacle yet when we were put on hold for a few years. So when we started over



Photo by Norman Sealf

Aerosmith will be performing at the Charleston Civic Center today at 7:30 p.m. From left are bassist Tom Hamilton,

drummer Joey Kramer, guitarist Joe Perry, singer Steven Tyler, and guitarist Brad Whitford.

there was a lot of mountain left to climb."

After the reunion, Aerosmith's first Geffen album, "Done With Mirrors," went gold. When rappers Run-D.M.C. recorded 'Walk This Way' and the video featured Tyler and Perry, the song went Top 10 and marked a ground-breaking crosscultural moment in pop music history.

The boys from Boston recorded "Permanent Vacation" next and the album garnered the band the Top 20 singles 'Dude' and 'Rag Doll' and the #3-charting 'Angel.'

The album "Pump" even outdid that performance with the gold #5 hit 'Love In An Elevator,' 'Janie's Got A Gun' (#4), 'What It Takes' (#9), and 'The

Other Side' (#19).

Tyler credits the band's longevity with their original desire to rock and roll. Guitarist Brad Whitford agrees.

"When we started we were so desperate to do what we're doing now. We've stayed true to those ideals. We came in with Hendrix and Cream records under our arms and today we're still hungry to create the feeling we got from that music".

In total, six of Aerosmith's nine previous albums are at least platinum. The other three have gone gold. One live album and one greatest hits compilation are also platinum.

For "Pump," the band took home three MTV Awards (two for 'Janie's Got A

Gun' and one for 'The Other Side'), American Music Awards as Favorite Band and Favorite Heavy Metal Band and Favorite Heavy Metal Artist, and the Rolling Stone Readers Poll as Best American Band.

The Grammy Award for Best Rock Performance for 'Janie's Got A Gun' — a song about child abuse — was an especially significant achievement. The thunderous reaction to the song signaled a new level of acceptance and critical acclaim.

Near the conclusion of "Get A Grip," Tyler is heard saying: "The light at the end of the tunnel may be you." For the past, present, and future of rock 'n' roll, the light at the end of the tunnel was, is, and will be Aerosmith.

Story by Terri Fowler
Lifestyles Editor



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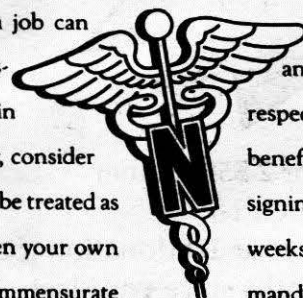
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