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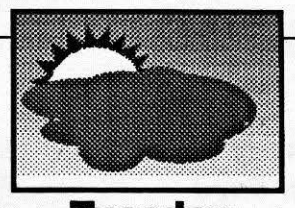

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■ **Living Costs**

On or off campus: The question remains

By Jamie McCallister
Reporter

Because of cost and lifestyle, many students ponder the question to live on or off campus.

The price of double occupancy residence halls rates, excluding a meal plan, range from $880 to $975 per semester. Rates for a two bedroom apartment range from $240 to $620 per month. This would be $480 to $1,240 per person for four months.

"Marshall has a little under 13,000 students and about 1,700 live in the dorms," said Linda Rowe, associate director of residence life.

According to the Marshall University Residence Hall fees chart, costs per semester for double occupancy rent are $925 for Buskirk, Twin Towers $975, Hodges, Laidley, and Holderby is $880.

"The Board of Trustees can raise fees prior to next fall," she said. "Students must pay a $50 damage deposit fee in addition to rent, they may recoup that if they move off campus."

Students who choose to live off campus must also pay a damage deposit. At Downtown apartments, security deposits range from $200 to $250, Peggy L. Lafon, office manager, said.

At Greentree and Spicetree Apartments, security deposits are the same as one month's rent with the exception of students renting for summer school, manager Becky S. Huss, said.

Security deposits are the last month's rent, Jerry R. Dyke, vice-president of Fionn Group, said.

The rent students pay to live on campus is the only source of income to pay for residence halls fees. The residence halls were built on bond and a mortgage must be paid.

"Housing is an auxiliary service, we get no other money than what we collect," Rowe said.

The money paid for residence hall fees goes toward a variety of items including room furnishings and a local telephone service, Rowe said.

"Part of rent money goes to paying off mortgage and the rest goes to staff and personnel," she said.

Money then goes to upkeep and supplies, and "money leftover goes to improvement and a certain amount goes to resident adviser's for activities," she said.

Apartment rates depend on the number of people who live in the apartments and the number of bedrooms students choose to have.

Many students who choose to live in apartments split the rent cost and often the utilities.

At Downtown apartments, rent for a two bedroom apartment costs $340 a month plus a $250 security deposit and a one-year lease.

"The tenant pays for water and electric," Lafon said. "We pay for basic cable and garbage

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A cultural experiment

Photo by Takaaki Iwabu

Bridget R. Nelson, St. Marys senior, counts duckweeds for Ecology 320 in the environment chamber in the science hall.

■ **English Department**

Faculty, students disputes names's policy

By Neil Stratton
Reporter

The Department of English's policy of not disclosing instructors teaching English 101 and 102 is the subject of recent resolutions passed by student and faculty committees.

Betsy Nordeen, acting chairwoman of the Department of English, said the policy was developed to allow for "more equitable distribution among the many sections of English 101 and 102" and to eliminate "bias in favor of those who get to register early." The policy has been in effect since last semester.

Student Senate Resolution No. 5, which passed Feb. 22, says the current policy "discriminates against students with special needs" and if the policy is changed "students with varied scheduling needs [will be] more likely to get the time and/or the professor they desire."

Michael Warren, former senator from the College of Business, sponsored the resolution. He said it was proposed because "the whole concept is bogus.

"The administration is doing its best to ignore the students," Warren said. "If the Department of English does this, other departments will want to do it, too."

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee, composed of students and faculty, also recently passed a recommendation addressing the policy of not disclosing the names of instructors in the registration directory. The recommendation was forwarded to the Faculty Senate for review.

Drema Stringer, an instructor in the Community and Technical College, is the chairwoman of the committee. She said the recommendation was passed because the committee members wanted to show their support for the Student Senate's position.

"We believe all departments

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■ **COLA**

Candidate meetings continue

By Angela Henderson
Reporter

Meetings with the College of Liberal Arts dean candidates continue today with an administrator from Indiana.

Dr. David A McCants, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, will meet with COLA faculty and students at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

McCants has been a professor of communication at Indiana-Purdue since 1981. He was an associate professor from 1968-1981. He has also taught communication at the University of Kentucky and Amherst College.

In 1993, the Office of Multicultural Services at Indiana-Purdue named him a Great Men Then and Now Honoree for his contributions to campus diversity.

McCants received his bachelor's degree in english, speech, and drama from the University of Richmond. He received his master's and doctoral degrees in public address and group communication from Northwestern University.

McCants wrote a book for the "Great American Orators" series entitled "Patrick Henry." He also wrote a selection on Patrick Henry for the "American Orators Before 1900" anthology. McCants has many published journal articles and has presented several papers.

He is a member of several professional societies and is active in the Fort Wayne community.

This & that

Bob Kerrey recalls Vietnam days

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Twenty-five years ago yesterday, a young Navy lieutenant named Bob Kerrey led a group of Navy SEAL commandos up a 350-foot cliff and into the heart of a camp of North Vietnamese operatives.

Then one of his men bumped into a sleeping enemy soldier. In the ensuing firefight a grenade mangled one of Kerrey's legs, but he hung on to issue instructions for the next hour.

Kerrey won the Medal of Honor for his work that night, but has mixed emotions about the award.

"I don't like to attach it to myself and let people assume somehow that I feel that I'm particularly special as a consequence of having received it," he said recently.

He once thought about refusing the medal, but eventually came to terms with his role in the war and decided to accept it.

"You should never be ashamed that you're willing to fight and put your life on the line for somebody else's freedom."

Kathy Ireland buys Santa Barbara home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Douglas and Kenny Loggins are getting a new neighbor, and they're probably not complaining. It's Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Kathy Ireland.

Ireland and her husband, Dr. Greg Olson, bought a century-old, five-bedroom farmhouse in the exclusive Santa Barbara suburb of Montecito.

The two-acre property, which includes a pond, was purchased for close to $1.25 million, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday, citing unidentified sources.

Ireland graces the cover of this year's Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue, along with two other bikini-clad models, Rachel Hunter and Elle Macpherson.

Ireland has also appeared in such films as "National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon."

Barry Manilow knows what he wants to eat

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Barry Manilow knows exactly what he wants, down to the teaspoon.

Precisely an hour before he sings in Fargo next month, he will dine on half a broiled chicken, steamed green beans, one large potato with two teaspoons of margarine, a small tossed salad, two cups of cooked spaghetti with a half-cup of tomato sauce, a half-cup of frozen yogurt and a cup of tea with one teaspoon of honey. Or else.

Officials at the Fargodome recently received the two-page menu, said Tad Carper, the arena's sales and marketing manager.

"Please pay close attention and follow these instructions to the letter," his contract with the arena states.

Requests for dressing room food are common, but Manilow's menu is unusually detailed, Carper said. The food he eats even depends on the day of the week. His Fargo show is on a Monday.

'Jaws' author wraps up first acting job

PRINCETON BOROUGH, N.J. (AP) — Author Peter Benchley, who recently wrapped up his first acting job, doesn't think he'll be trading his pen for a film career any time soon.

"The phone hasn't been ringing off the hook with acting offers," Benchley said. "I don't expect it will be."

Benchley, who wrote "Jaws," plays an editor who fires writer Dorothy Parker in the upcoming movie "Mrs. Parker."

He got the role after calling the filmmakers to offer his expertise. Grandfather Robert Benchley and Parker both belonged to the famed "round table," a group of literati who gathered to exchange bon mots at New York's Algonquin Hotel.

Director Alan Rudolph invited Benchley to visit the set in Montreal, then asked him to play Vanity Fair editor Frank Crowninshield.

The movie, scheduled for fall release, stars Jennifer Jason Leigh as Parker and features Matthew Broderick, Martha Plimpton, and Campbell Scott as Robert Benchley.

Salt-N-Pepa make exercise video

NEW YORK (AP) — Rappers Salt-N-Pepa will be spicing up the exercise video market soon.

Salt (Sandy Denton), has lost 40 pounds since the birth of her son by running, cycling and doing 400 stomach crunches a day.

Pepa (Cheryl James), also a new mom, lost more than 10 pounds by cutting out fast food and jogging on a treadmill.

"Motherhood can really change your attitude," Pepa told Us magazine in its April issue.

Together with DJ Spinderella (Dee Dee Roper), they're marketing their newfound love for exercise with a video, due out in the fall, that features their hits "Shoop" and "Push It."

FYI

Today

The **Marshall University Gavel Club** will meet in MSC 2W37 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Raymond Crabtree at 429-6801.

The **School of Journalism and Mass Communications** will sponsor guest speaker John H. Brown, Jr., a spokesperson and lobbyist for the West Virgina Riverboat Gaming Association at 5 p.m. in SH 336. For more information, call Randy Bobbitt at 696-2728.

Ahead

Lamda Alpha Epsilon: An American Criminal Justice Association will have a U.S. Marshall as a guest speaker Wednesday in SH 416. For more information, call 696-5743.

World Religions Seminar will begin the first of it's two-part film series, "The Last Temptation of Christ" Wednesday at noon in HH 403.

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Businessman says Clinton broke no laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Arkansas businessman at the center of the Whitewater affair says President and Mrs. Clinton didn't break any laws, but they did break their word.

And he can't figure out why.

"It is very stupid," James McDougal said.

McDougal, who co-owned Whitewater Development Corp. with the Clintons, said the first family agreed by contract to turn over corporate documents by June 1, 1993. The papers, which he said were given to Hillary Rodham Clinton, are needed for his 1993 income tax filing.

"I wish they'd send them on down to me," he said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley." McDougal bought out the Clintons' interest in the Whitewater land venture after his election.

"I don't see any crime that's apparent that Mrs. Clinton may have committed."

James McDougal

White House special counsel Lloyd Cutler declined comment, saying the matter was in the hands of the Clinton's personal attorney David Kendall.

Kendall could not be reached at his office and did not return a message left at his home.

Special counsel Robert Fiske has the originals; McDougal said he wants the Clintons' copies, and has sought them through his attorney for months.

McDougal, who once worked for Clinton's gubernatorial office, owned Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, the failure of which is the subject of a federal inquiry. Investigators studying the thrift's ties to Whitewater want to know if any S&L deposits ended up in Clinton's gubernatorial campaign coffers.

When asked about the accusation, McDougal snapped, "That's a Republican lie."

He strongly defended the Clintons, saying the president is "guilty of committing no crime." McDougal added, "I don't see any crime that's apparent that Mrs. Clinton may have committed."

McDougal's appearance came on a day when the morning talk shows were dominated by Whitewater.

White House special counsel Lloyd Cutler appeared on three shows, carrying the administration's new strategy: Concede to mistakes that gave the appearance of a coverup, argue that the Clintons were forthright and guilty of no wrongdoing, and resist congressional hearings.

The White House is scrambling to maintain public confidence after revelations of private White House briefings with Treasury Department officials.

"The two things I believe will become clear in the end is that no effort was made by anyone in the White House to influence the Treasury decision and that, in fact, the Treasury and RTC decisions did not change the decisions to refer the case to prosecutors," Cutler said.

Differences with China are narrowing

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) — After two days of gloomy reports, Secretary of State Warren Christopher gave an upbeat assessment at the conclusion of his visit to China.

"I find the differences between China and the United States are narrowing somewhat," he said.

But President Clinton, attending an international jobs conference in Detroit, said, "I was disappointed at the results of the meeting with the secretary of state."

"Our policy is the same. We'll just have to wait and see what happens beween now and June, when the United States must decide whether to renew China's most-favored-nation trade status.

"I'll make a judgment at the appropriate time," Clinton added.

Christopher said the Chinese turned over information about political prisoners, agreed to procedures to inspect suspect sites of prison labor, and agreed to try to resolve remaining emigration matters.

From China Christopher flew to Russia where he met for two hours with Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev for what they described as a detailed discussion of Bosnia and other issues.

After the meeting in the Siberian port city of Vladivostok,

The U.S. has insisted the Chinese make progress toward improving human rights.

Kozyrev said they agreed to work together to bring peace to Bosnia, but he stopped short of saying that Russia would pressure the Serbs to join the agreement reached by Croats and Bosnian Muslims.

"We think there are opportunities now," Christopher said. "There is a moment of momentum and we want to try to capitalize on it."

He said that Russia and the United States would work together on ways to extend the cease-fire now in place around Sarajevo.

Kozyrev also briefed Christopher on his recent trip to the Middle East where he met with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Kozyrev predicted the two parties would soon resume negotiations.

Christopher's final meeting in China was with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen who he said told him that the Chinese side now understands the views of the United States on human rights.

Despite the secretary of state's cautiously upbeat assessment, there were no public statements from the Chinese indicating they were ready to yield to U.S. demands for human rights reform.

Rather, Qian told a separate news conference that China and the United States would continue to have different human rights concepts "for a long time to come."

Qian also warned that if the United States withdraws China's low-tariff trade status, as Washington has threatened to do over human rights, U.S. businessmen "will not be able to enter the Chinese market."

The United States has insisted the Chinese make significant progress toward improving human rights as the price for getting renewal of trading preferences for goods entering the U.S. market.

The so-called most-favored-nation trading status expires in June.

The Washington Post reported that Christopher had offered the Chinese a compromise plan aimed at ending the annual struggle over human rights and trade privileges.

The Post said in yesterday's editions that rather than mandate specific steps, the United States would require Beijing only to show general progress in human rights.

It said this would be a significant retreat from President Clinton's campaign rhetoric, which included criticism of former President Bush for "coddling dictators."

Police say more mortars hidden at British airport

LONDON (AP) — Police say more mortars with delayed-action timers may be hidden around Heathrow airport, which the Irish Republican Army has attacked three times in the past week.

Four shells were fired at the airport Sunday morning from a launcher buried outside the airport's security fence. As in two earlier attacks, the shells failed to explode and caused no damage or injuries.

Sunday evening, Heathrow and London's second airport, Gatwick, were closed and incoming flights diverted for two hours after a television station received two bomb warnings from the IRA. No bombs were found and the airports were reopened.

Hundreds of officers patrolled Heathrow and set up road blocks. Twenty specially equipped soldiers were called in to help search for hidden mortars.

Commander David Tucker, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said the shells were fired by battery-powered timers. The launchers used in all three attacks were planted at the same time, probably last Tuesday or Wednesday, and other mortars may also have been hidden, he said.

Each shell was loaded with a pound of plastic explosives. They apparently failed to explode because of "a consistent mechanical defect" Tucker said.

He would not elaborate.

CIA tells overseas agents to lie low, reviews cases and suspends plans

NEW YORK (AP) — The arrest of an alleged spy inside the CIA has prompted the agency to suspend some operations abroad and review some of its most important cases over the past decade, The New York Times reported.

The CIA also has told many clandestine operatives to lie low until it completes its investigation, the newspaper said.

The Feb. 20 arrest of Aldrich H. Ames, a former Soviet counterintelligence branch chief accused of spying for Moscow, has forced the CIA to reopen the files on hundreds of cases involving drug operations, a defector, and even the death of one of its own officers, The Times said.

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opinion

our view

Pay raises not fair to faculty

▼ Issue: Pay raises for lawmakers come a lot easier than raises for higher education.

Higher education is getting another raw deal from the Legislature, only this time it doesn't involve budget spending or cuts.

Lawmakers decided this weekend to pass a bill that, among other things, would increase their salaries to $15,000. The raise would bring an additional $8,500 to their salaries along with increases for W.Va. Supreme Court justices, the attorney general and the governor.

Lawmakers have been saying for weeks that state universities need to tighten the reins to compensate a $1,000 pay raise for faculty. They say the schools should be able to finance the raises with the little bit the state is willing to give them. They have basically said the state cannot afford to give higher education more money for raises.

But like manna from heaven, members of the Legislature could receive an $8,500 raise. The raise could mean for a standard eight-hour workday Legislators would get $250 per day — $31.25 per hour — for their 60 day session.

When the pay raise passed the house, one of Huntington's own democratic representatives pushed for the raise. In fact, Speaker of the House Chuck Chambers proposed the $15,000 raise. Another delegate suggested a raise to $12,000, but Chambers said the $15,000 would attract people to the Legislature who would do the job.

Everyone knows legislators are extremely underpaid for the long hours that they put in, but the timing is off here. West Virginia needs to find ways to bring in more money before it can afford to finance a pay raise of this magnitude.

If universities must limit spending and cut jobs, legislators need to tighten up as well.

After Gov. Gaston Caperton's State of the State Address, it seemed as if state government was going to cut spending. Caperton said the state needed to limit state government, this doesn't look like a step in that direction.

But for us the message is clear — higher education takes a back seat in this state.

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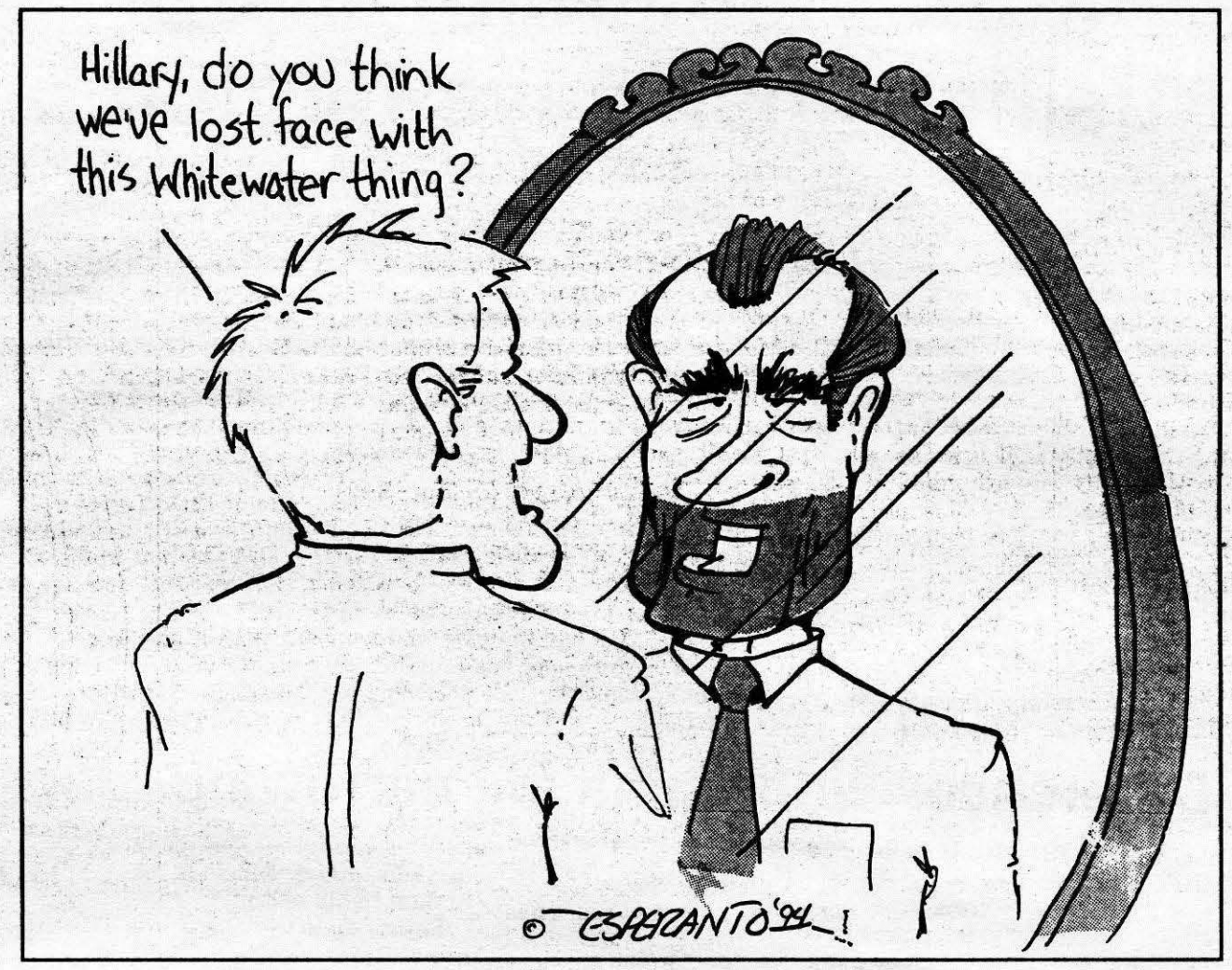

letters

Citizen's group will be heard

To the editor:

This year Concerned Citizens of West Virginia backed an Initiative/Referendum Bill and a Referendum Only Resolution in the Senate and House plus a third Resolution—Initiative, Referendum and Recall in the House.

All three bills got thumbs down in both houses again!

Yet to our amazement we hear the Legislators support that the Citizens should have the privilege of referendum on at least five issues; School Building Funds, Riverboat Gambling, Video Lottery, Death Penalty and the Homestead Act.

Why? This being an election year, they don't possess the courage to vote for or against the issue.

We will have records of all roll call votes.

Send S.A.S.E. for a copy to Concerned Citizens of West Virginia, 101 Laurel Ridge, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

Lou and Viloris Allen
S.A.S.E.

Writer should have read letter

To the editor:

Ms. Conway, did you read my March 1 letter?

▼ Letters

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

Letters should be typed and include the author's name, hometown, class rank or title, and a telephone number for verification.

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I was just wondering. After all of the ridiculous accusations you made toward myself and other conservatives, in your March 10 letter, which were supposedly based on my letter, I don't know how you could have possibly read it.

Nowhere in my letter did I mention that conservatives felt 'politically staved,' nor did I mention anything that would lead to that conclusion.

I did say, however, that "I am not deploring these [liberal] ideas, because those who express them should have the opportunity to do so, following their rights given them by the 'Freedom of Speech' amendment." Further into the letter, I did mention that "...the conservative voice is often left the shadows. This is the fault of no one but us, the conservatives."

Not once did I mention that conservatives feel beaten, or as you put it "staved."

Also, Ms. Conway, as I quote from your letter, "Show me a place where 'liberalism' is shoved down our throat..." is another comment that had no justification.

I will say again, liberals as well as conservatives should have the right to express their views.

I would like to comment on one cheap shot that you did make, "While you're looking, get a dictionary." What is that supposed to mean?

Ms. Conway, please use a different plea to us in your next letter to the editor, rather than your emotional one that was used in the letter that I have spoken about.

Before I end this, I would like to address one more comment that Ms. Conway made: "What is all of this us/them crap?

I thought the battles of the sweeping consensuses were stopped on the playground."

Obviously, Ms. Conway, whether I feel this way or not, you must feel that it is still us/them, or you would not have written your March 10 article.

Cecil Leep
Huntington junior

Write a letter to the editor.

Counselors help students find college aid

By William R. McKenna
Reporter

State university and college student financial aid officers have been active the past several months informing students and their parents about ways to meet college costs.

"We go into the high schools and set up financial aid workshops," Jack Toney, interim dean of financial aid, said. "The counselors will set up a workshop for students. Then we go to the high school and provide the students' parents with information and help them fill out forms. This is not a recruiting tool for Marshall, just a way to provide information."

Aside from helping with the forms, the workshop organizers assist in helping find the types of aid that are available, he said.

For undergraduate students, four types of grants are available. A grant is federal or state money given to students that does not require repayment.

A Pell Grant is available to full or part-time students, and everyone who is eligible for a Pell Grant receives one.

"Everyone who is eligible for a Pell Grant receives one. It is federally funded through an entitlement basis."

Jack Toney
Interim Dean of Financial Aid

"It is federally funded through an entitlement basis," Toney said.

The maximum amount of money awarded to students is $2,300.

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is given to students based on need, he said. Those awarded grants are chosen based on financial need and how much money is available.

Two institutional grants, the MU Grant, and the West Virginia Higher Education Grant (WVHEG), are only available to West Virginia residents.

Money received from the MU Grant varies, but the WVHEG generally gives close to 70 percent of the student's tuition and fees.

A Marshall student would have received $695 this semester, he said.

Students can also get help through loans.

The difference between a grant and loan is students have to pay back the loan, Toney said.

"The debt doesn't grow while in school, because interest doesn't begin accruing until nine months after leaving school," he said.

There are four types of loans for which students can apply.

A Federal Perkins Student Loan (FPSL) has an interest rate of five percent and is available to full or part-time students.

"The Stafford Loan, the PLUS Loan, and the Supplemental Loan are federal family educational loan programs," he said. "Those are done external of the institutions through banks, savings and loans, or third party lenders."

There are two types of Stafford Loans, subsidized and an unsubsidized versions.

Toney said, the only difference is the federal government pays the interest for students who are awarded the subsidized loan. The unsubsidized loan requires students to pay the interest.

Interest on unsubsidized loans is currently 6.2 percent.

A PLUS Loan is a loan parents take out on behalf of the students. Interest rates are higher and interest accrues while the student is in school.

"The parents do have to make payments on the principle and the interest while the students are in school," he said.

Other programs students may look into are the Work Study Program and the Federal Student Jobs Program.

The work study program is based on campus, giving students five to 20 hours of work at minimum wage. The Federal Student Jobs Program is run through the placement center, and it tries to help students find jobs off campus.

Students want new look for student center

By Erin B. Robertson
Reporter

Fast food, a greek store, updated electronics games and videos are items some students want added to the Memorial Student Center, because they say it doesn't offer enough of what they want.

A frequent request among students is for a fast food restaurant. The center offers a cafeteria, which sells Pizza HutPan Pizza's, Sweet Sensations pastry shop, and a snack bar featuring candy, popcorn, gum and similar items.

"I commute, but I don't spend a lot of time in the Student Center, because there is nothing to do and I would rather go somewhere else to eat," Joseph A. Blake, Barboursville freshman said.

Denise Cyrus, St. Albans senior, said she lives on campus but doesn't spend a lot of time in the Student Center. If there were fast food restaurants, she is sure many people on or near campus would eat there.

Mona K. Arnold, Director of Auxiliary Services, said there are no firm plans in place for fast food in the center, but the second floor patio is going to be renovated this summer. It will be available for outside dining and rented for meetings.

The center has study areas, a game room, a bowling alley, a commuter lounge, and Marco's, which provides a variety of evening entertainment. Some students, however, say they think the center needs to be updated.

Suggestions include a room with a Sega Systems and games to play, replacing the bowling alley with a video rental store, and opening a store that offers items for members of fraternities and sororities.

"There is no more we can do to upgrade the bowling lanes, and we realize that is not something students want right now, but we would like to keep the lanes around for preservation," Arnold said.

LSD makes comeback

By Robert Taylor
Reporter

If someone you know has had a little too much sunshine in their lives, then maybe you need to get that person in the dark.

The hallucinogen LSD is a drug that has showed up again across the country and around Marshall's campus.

This topic was discussed at a lunchbag seminar given by Dan Martin, assistant professor of health, physical education, and recreation.

"Some people think LSD is a new drug, but it has been around since the 1940's," he said.

He said LSD was first synthesized in 1938 from a fungus called ergot. The psychoactive properties were first discovered in 1943, he said.

"Most people didn't know about LSD in the '40s and '50s, but in the '60s the drug was discovered by youths and the use skyrocketed," he said.

He said that Dennis Leary, a famous activist of the '60s, was one of the first ones who said that LSD was a great way express creativity. The cost of LSD was also a factor in such high use, he said.

"LSD is very cheap and very easy to hide which makes it popular," Martin said.

When someone is on a LSD trip, the user never knows what might happen, he said.

"LSD alters the whole central nervous system and brain. Some may use LSD once and have a bad experience, and then someone else may use it 50 times and never have a bad experience," he said.

Some other names of LSD include sunshine, acid, barrels, and illusion, Martin said.

Martin said if you run across a friend who is on a LSD trip, the main thing to do is to remain calm and quiet.

"The more noise and outside stimulations there are, the more likely the person will become scared and possibly violent," he said.

"What you should do is do get the person in a quiet room and get the person to relax and stay with the person until you can get help from someone who can handle the situation," he said.

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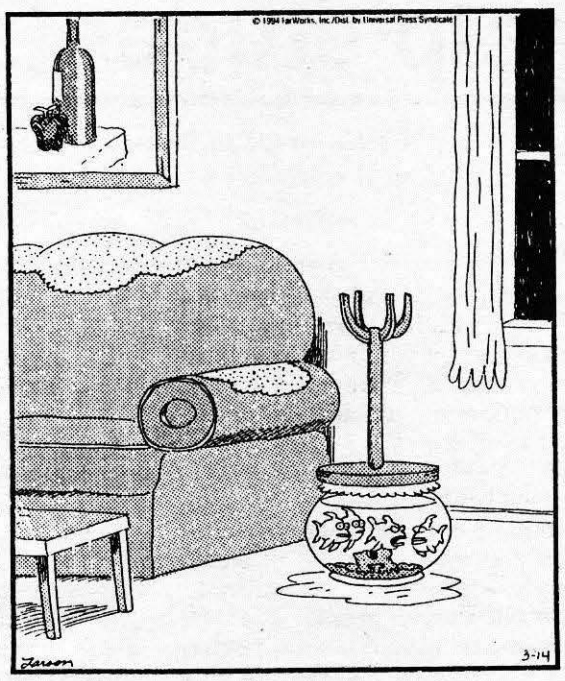


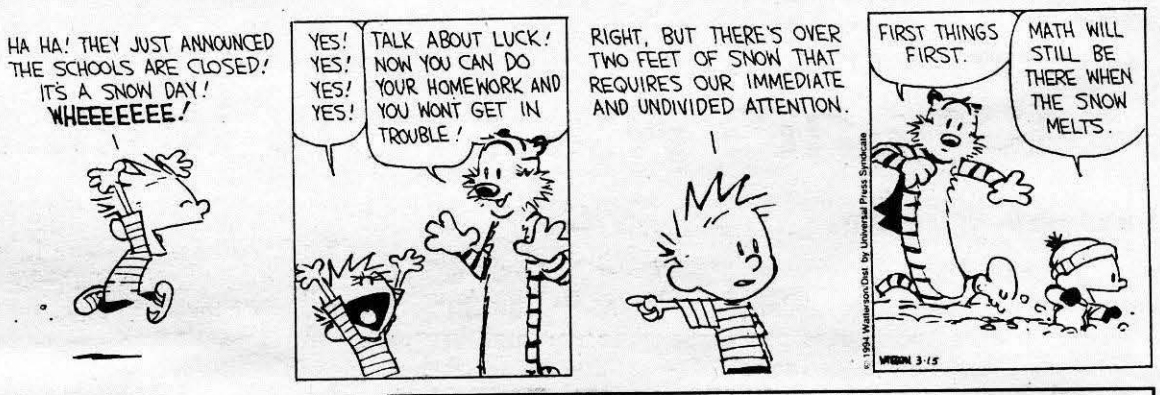
"It's a cute trick, Warren, but the Schuberts are here for dinner, so just 'abracadabra' this thing back to where it was."

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON

Making sure not to disturb their quarry, nature lovers would approach the glass slowly, hoping to get a good look at the normally shy dessert animals.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



■ COSTS

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collection."

"We only allow two singles in a two bedroom apartment," Lafon said.

A two bedroom, one bathroom, unfurnished apartment, at the Cavalier costs $395, Huss said.

Apartments in the Fionn Group range from one to four bedrooms with a price range of $240 to $425 a month. All utilities are paid except telephone and cable, said Jerry R. Dyke, vice-president of Fionn Group.

"A one year lease is $590 for four people or a 9 month lease from Aug. to May is $620 or $155 per person," Huss said.

Aside from paying rent, students who live on campus must have a meal plan Rowe said. According to the residence hall fee rate chart, a student can get a 19-meal plan at $965, a 15-meal plan at $930, or a 10-meal plan at $860.

■ NAMES

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should list the names of instructors if they know who is teaching the class," Stringer said. "We hope the Faculty Senate will agree with us."

Dr. Joan Tyler Mead, acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts and former chairwoman of the Department of English, said she thinks the resolutions are the result of a misunderstanding about the policy.

"Students and advisers can obtain the names of the instructors by simply calling the Department of English," Mead said. "I don't think these measures will help students.

"The intent of the policy was never to hide information from students," she said. "We were just trying to create better distribution among sections. I think it is good to mainstream students instead of specializing classes."

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MUPD Blotter

By Brian Bailey
Reporter

A Twin Towers East resident has been arrested for destruction of property after reportedly damaging University Exxon by shooting lead anchoring nails with a slingshot from his dormitory window.

John Benton Dolin, 18, of Peytona, W.Va.,was arrested Wednesday by the Marshall University Police Department. He is required to appear in Magistrate Court on a misdemeanor charge, according to Captain James Terry.

The arrest stems from an incident March 8, in which a attendant at University Exxon, 1855 Fifth Ave., reported hearing unknown objects hitting the roof of the building. He also reported that one of the objects broke the rear window out of a 1987 Audi parked on the lot.

In an unrelated incident, a Charleston man was arrested on campus Friday on the charge of public intoxication. Charles Douglas Felder Jr., 25, was stopped by MUPD officials at the 1800 block of College Avenue. Felder is not enrolled at Marshall.

Other incidents that took place were:

• A student reported March 4 that her wallet had been stolen. Reportedly, the wallet had been left unattended in the Smith Music Hall. Police reports show the wallet contained $60.

• A student reported March 4 the rear window wing from his 1984 Ford Mustang had been removed. The victim placed the value of the wing at $120.

• A student reported March 4 that a signal light and mounting bracket had been removed from his 1987 Nissan truck while it was parked at the Memorial Student Center.

Editors note: The Marshall University Police Department refuses to release the names of any crime victims.

Club provides tax help for students

By John M. Corlell
Reporter

A wise man once said that death and taxes are the only things that are certain in life, but he said nothing about the cost of preparing the return.

The MU Acounting Club is offering Volunteer Income Tax Assistance through April 15.

The Accounting Club at Marshall has attempted to alleviate this problem. This group of students has successfully completed training to offer the IRS sponsored program VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).

Margot Morris, Vice-President of the Accounting Club, is the site coordinator of the program.

The program, in effect for over 20 years, is set up to help people on their tax returns, but are unable to seek traditional types of help. The assistance is free.

There are 110 VITA sites in West Virginia currently in operation. These sites are spaces set aside in libraries, colleges, shopping malls etc. They are manned by volunteers who must complete training that consists of a certification test consisting of three parts. The student must pass each part of the test with a minimum score of 80%. Training for the test is provided in a classroom setting or in the form of self study.

Volunteers are from all backgrounds. They are normally schooled in accounting, but also are retired people, professionals, and law students.

Evelyn Gossert said, "It amazes me the number of people that participate each year and the number that returns. It's difficult work and the people receive no money and they are dedicated. It's not just the old people but the young ones as well.

Racism talk set for today

By Michelle Randolph
Reporter

Turning friends against friends on the basis of eye color takes only a few minutes of brainwashing in presentations conducted by Jane Elliott, teacher and consultant.

Elliott will discuss her "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" discrimination exercise in The Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room at 7 p.m. today. A reception in the Shawkey Room will follow.

Elliott first used the exercise in her third-grade classroom in Riceville, Iowa, after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Since then, she has repeated the exercise throughout the country. In the exercise, Elliott labels participants superior or inferior based on eye color.

Elliott said people learn during the exercise to be judged on a random physical characteristic, and the people labeled inferior inevitably become angered about the mistreatment. She said people shouldn't be judged by the color of their skin any more than by the color of their eyes.

Her credentials are, she lists 25 years of teaching and 10 years of full-time work with corporations.

Television documentaries have covered her work. They include ABC's "The Eye of the Storm," PBS's "A Class Divided," and Florida Public Television's "The Eye of the Beholder."

Elliott will also speak at 2 p.m. today at City Hall in the Jean C. Stephenson Auditorium. Both presentations will be open to the public

'The Last Temptation of Christ' subject of religions film seminar

The World Religions Seminar film series continues this week with a controversial film on the life of Jesus Christ.

Part one of "The Last Temptation of Christ" will be shown Wednesday at noon in Harris Hall 403. Part two will be shown March 23. The film is being split so that discussion about it can take place, according to Dr. Clayton L. McNearney, professor of religious studies and faculty adviser for World Religions Seminar.

The film is a fictional account of Jesus' life.

The film caused protests when it was released in 1988, partly because of a love scene featuring Jesus and Mary Magdalene during a fantasy sequence in which Satan tempts Jesus wiht a vision of his life as an ordinary man.

McNearney said the group's purpose was to have "a real dialogue between those people interested in the whole phenomenon of religion."

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Billboard promotes kindness

Advertiser says says sign will appear around city

By Chris Koenig
Reporter

It's a far cry from "Place Your Ad Here."

"It's a gesture of good will," said Jesse Crowe, vice president and general manager of McWhorter Outdoor Advertising and sponsor of the billboard that reads, "Commit a Random Act of Kindness."

"There are two purposes behind it," Crowe said. "[To promote] the philosophy behind the message and to make people realize that they do read billboards."

Crowe's company has 250 billboards in the Cabell/Wayne area. The "Commit a Random Act of Kindness" message will be placed on some empty billboards over the next few months.

"We wanted something a little bit different," Crowe said.

Students and staff members had some ideas about ways random acts of kindness could be "committed" for them.

"Send me flowers," said Tiffany Cottrell, Huntington freshman. "It doesn't have to be roses—just daisies with a nice note attached saying that someone cares."

Julie Pratt, Bridgeport junior, said, "Cancel my test on Thursday. Pay my bills for me for a month."

Carl Grubb, Huntington sophomore, wants someone to do his homework.

Convenience was on the minds of some students. Ted Altizer, Huntington senior, wants a locker on campus.

"Reserve me a parking place around here," said Jason Adkins, West Hamlin senior.

One student wanted a designated driver.

Photo by Shannon Guthrie

McWhorter Outdoor Advertising Company located on 4th Avenue and Hal Greer displays an inspiring message on its billboard Boulevard.

A billboard located on 4th Avenue asks citizens to commit random acts of kindness.

"I'd be happy if someone would drive me and my boyfriend around for a night," said Barbara McDonald, Huntington sophomore. "Just taxi us around to anywhere we'd like to go."

Cheryl Eversole, Van sophomore, requested a home-cooked dinner. "It would be nice to have it waiting for me when I get home."

Several students want child care assistance.

"Raise my adolescent child," said Debby Malone, Huntington junior.

"Give me a break," said Anne Moncer, box office manager for the Marshall Artists Series and mother of a two-year-old boy. "Take my child for a couple of hours."

For some students kindness means cleanliness. "Wash my car," said Christi Vallance, Ashland sophomore.

"Clean my bathroom," said Colleen Baker, Moundsville junior.

Some students were willing to commit random acts of kindness for others. Cottrell offered to provide transportation for someone who might not have the opportunity to go out.

McDonald was willing to pay someone's parking ticket.

Grubb, whose hobby is martial arts, offered to teach someone self-defense.

Moncer would spend time with someone who might be lonely.

"There are all kinds of kind things you can do for people," she said.

Malone would help feed the homeless. Adkins said she would "help the elderly more, like my grandma."

Eversole said her act of kindness was to answer this reporter's questions.

Study reveals best condoms for protection

By Robert Taylor
Reporter

A study by the Mariposa End Research Foundation reveals not all condoms offer the same degree of protection.

The Mariposa Foundation, a California non-profit organization, tested several brands of condoms for viral leakage.

Edward Goodstein of the Mariposa Foundation said, "Given today's STD and AIDS crisis, it is essential that government agencies and research organizations study the effectiveness of condoms in preventing the spread of infection."

The Mariposa study was conducted as a follow-up and control to an earlier National Institute of Health study by the USC and UCLA medical centers.

The study tested 31 brands of condoms for the greatest protection against STD and a form of HIV. The study ranked Mentor condoms the first in protection against STD and the HIV.

Two brands of Ramses condoms ranked second and two brands of Gold circle condoms were third. "Subsequent to this study, Mentor was bought out by Carter Wallace and the top ranked Mentor condom is no longer sold," Goodstein said.

Marshall's student health center offers Lifestyle brand condoms for students who attend a seminar about safe sex and condom use.

Judy Sites, receptionist for student health center, said, "After a student completes the seminar, the student will receive a card that enables them to receive condoms."

Sites said the Lifestyle brand had a problem before, but were recalled. A new Lifestyle condom is distributed.

Sites said, "We were given the Lifestyles from the state, and they said the condom was safe and the state supports their use."

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Huntington goes green for St. Patrick's Day

By Heather A. Peal
Reporter

The Thundering Herd has another reason to wear green.

"Food, fun, music, and green beer will all be available this Thursday as Third Avenue closes from 13th Street to 10th Street to celebrate St. Patrick's Day," Johnette Nelson, activities coordinator for Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District, said.

The Seventh Annual "A Wearin' O' the Green", will start at 5 p.m. with three different stages of entertainment. The parade itself will begin at 7 p.m.

Live entertainment will be found at various locations along Third Avenue.

Nelson said the entertainment will include Dale O'Jones & the Irish Setters, Poteen, Challey Erb and Beth White, the Tri-State Area International Folklanders, Ten Penny Bit, The Gregarious Earl of Elkview, juggling sensation Tim Dorcas, and the musical deftness of Sally Hawley.

Genuine Irish food, including corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew, and Irish green popcorn, will be available, Nelson said.

"We'll also have beer in the University's favorite color green," Nelson said.

The official host and parade marshall of the "A Wearin' O' the Green" will be Circuit County Judge Dan O'Hanlon, Nelson said.

The 1994 St. Patrick's Day Celebration is sponsored by the Greater Park and Recreation District, Huntington Main Street Stone and Thomas Department Store, Mack and Dave's, Twentieth Street Bank, Oliver's, One Valley Bank, Heritage Station Restaurant, and the Radisson Hotel.

Clerk calls civil service rewarding experience

By John M. Coriell
Reporter

"They simply call me 'mom'."

"I tell everybody I'm a den mother to 200 cadets," said Joyce B. Wills, military personnel clerk for the Army ROTC. "I do have a tendency to mother."

Wills recently observed her 20th anniversary as a civilian employee with the United States Army. Her assignment is from Fort Knox, Ky.

For her service to the Army and the university Army ROTC, Dr. Calvin A. Kentpresented her with a Marshall University wristwatch. The Cadre presented Wills with a cake, and took her to lunch at Oliver's.

Wills said she had worked in other fields before taking the Federal Civil Service Exam, but said she has stayed in this field "because it's such a rewarding experience."

Her duties include working with cadet records, serving as system administrator on the computer system, working with all outgoing correspondence, and answering the phone.

Wills said she is evaluated on job performance annually. She said she has had an outstanding rating on every evaluation.

"Joyce Wills is the most dependable secretary I've ever worked with," said United States Army Captain Thomas C. Gibbings. "She does a remarkable job."

Wills said one of the hardest parts about her work is working with a different group of people regularly. The majority of officers and noncommissioned officers that work in the office are in an educational phase of their military careers.

Many are working on their master's degrees, while others are seeking doctoral degrees or bachelor's degrees. After their commitment at the university is fulfilled they move on to other military ventures.

"It's sort of like graduating from high school or college," Wills said. "A lot of the people I work with go their separate ways, and I never see them again so I guess it's sad from a certain standpoint."

Since working at Marshall she has had eight different commanders and eight different immediate supervisors. The officers and NCO's come from all branches of the service.

"I tell everybody I'm a den mother to 200 cadets."

Joyce B. Mills
Army ROTC personnel clerk

She has seen over 300 cadets commissioned as second lieutenant in the Army. Two of these officers returned to Marshall to teach as professors of the Department of Military Science for the university.

During her tenure at the university two former cadets have been killed in the line of duty.

"It's like losing a friend, and that is one of the things people don't understand," Wills said.

"A lot of the cadets that come in here for the first time are young and shy. I work with these cadets on a personal level as far as paperwork is concerned, and I put together their application for employment that gets them commissioned as active or reserve duty."

Wills has received an official commendation for doing well on command inspection. She also has received a performance certificate signed by the Brigadier General of the United States Army 2nd Region.

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Thundering Herd has 'big' future

Walker and Robinson could be a huge force for MU

By Bret Gibson
Staff Writer

Holding back over 630 pounds is almost impossible for any human to do, but for the NCAA, it's as easy as Proposition 48.

And for the Marshall football team, that 630 pounds comes in the form of 6-1 275-pound Johnny Robinson and 6-4, 355-pound Kane Walker.

The two had to sit out of the 1993 season and are now exempt from spring drills.

"We have had them in an off-season program with lifting and running, which any student can do," said Head Coach Jim Donnan. "But as far as actual drills, none of those guys can actually go out there."

Under NCAA rules, Robinson and Walker are not allowed to practice with the Herd at any time until they complete their grades for the 1994 term.

"It was hard not practicing with the team, but seeing them practice would hurt," said Walker, an Ellenwood, Ga., native. "Game days were the hardest part. I just wanted to be out there."

"Both can be outstanding football players potentially."

Herd offensive coordinator Chris Scelfo

Kane (pronounced kah-NAY) will battle for an offensive line job this fall, and Robinson, an Apopka High (Fla.) graduate, will compete for defensive line duty.

"I just want to go in there and compete," Robinson said. "Last year, I could have helped on the line because it was getting thin late in the year."

Both players were highly sought after coming out of high school. Robinson was recruited by Florida State and Georgia Southern and Walker received interest from Miami and Florida State.

Robinson originally signed with Georgia Southern, but he said the Eagles would not accept Prop 48s, so he opted for the Thundering Herd.

"Kane is doing well in school," said offensive coordinator Chris Scelfo. "He's working hard and that's what we're looking for. Johnny has high expectations and has met all of his goals he has set for himself. Both can be outstanding football players potentially."

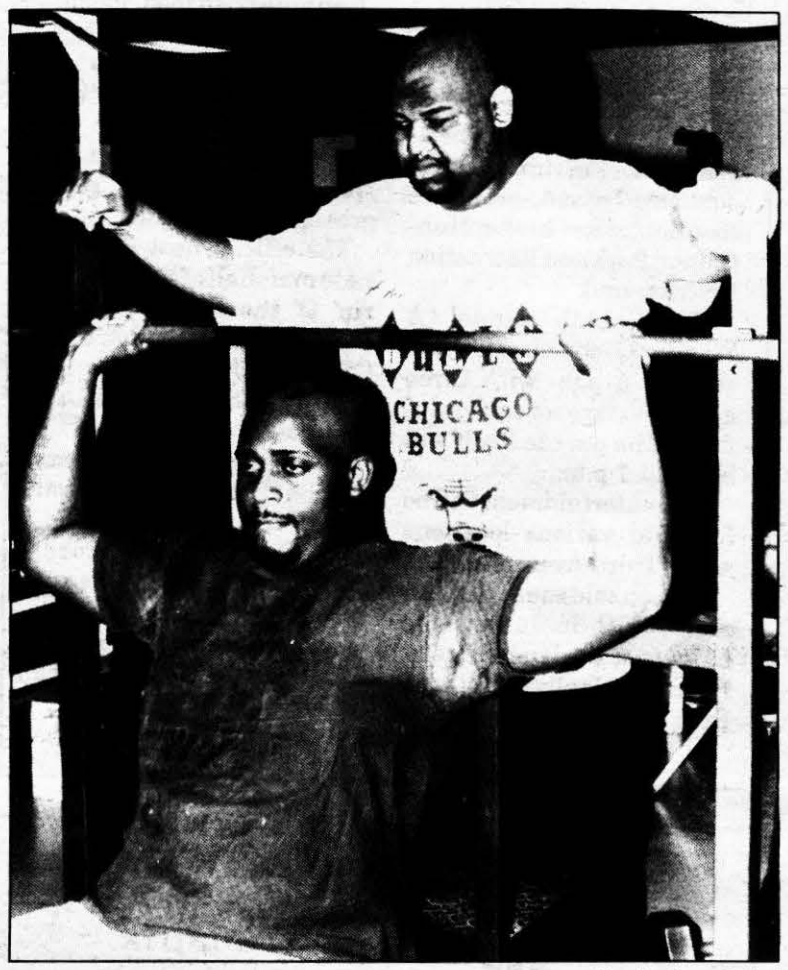
Coming from the south, both players admit it is hard adjusting to a much colder climate in West Virginia, but the two are content with Marshall.

Robinson and Walker were dealt personal setbacks, though, when Missouri omitted the Herd from its schedule for the 1994 season.

"I was waiting for that day," Walker said. "I was disappointed when they dropped us."

Now they can only wait until Sept. 3 when MU opens its season with Morehead State.

"We feel like both Kane Walker and Johnny Robinson have hit tremendous strides in their academics and they'll be able to help us next year," Donnan said.



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Kane Walker (standing) and Johnny Robinson (sitting) could be future Herd standouts on the offensive and defensive lines.

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Errors: Lady Herd's dilemma

Mistakes, nerves continue to haunt Marshall's young softball team

Photo by Shannon Guthrie

Freshman Ellen Greenslait got her first collegiate hit against West Virginia Wesleyan in the Saturday's doubleheader.

By C.R. Vincent
Reporter

The Lady Herd softball team will try to rebound against Rio Grande in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. today at Rotary Park after losing a pair Saturday against West Virginia Wesleyan.

Marshall beat Rio Grande in the fall, but Head Coach Louie Berndt said both teams have had time to adjust since then.

"We have some new talent. We have moved people around. I'm sure they have had time to practice and get stronger," he said.

Berndt said there was not much positive for the Herd in either game Saturday.

"There was not a whole lot of good. [In the first game] we had three hits and two errors. They had eight hits," Berndt said.

She said that the second game was not much better as The Lady Herd had seven errors.

"We can not afford to make that many errors in a game," Berndt said.

"It doesn't matter who you are playing. We were not mentally focused throughout the whole game."

"They out hit us. They had eight hits and we had two," she said. All eight of West Virginia Wesleyan's runs were unearned.

An estimated 250 people attended the Lady Herd's first home game. "The crowd may have contributed to how the team played," Berndt said. "I think the kids were pretty nervous to play in front of [such a large] home crowd. They were shell-shocked. They could not perform to their capability."

"We need to get support from our administrators to help us out in field maintenance and we didn't get that."

Coach Louie Berndt

Because Marshall's softball field has not been completed yet, The Lady Herd coaching staff is at a disadvantage, Berndt said.

"We only have 15 minutes prior to the next game to go over the first game, get a new line-up ready, get the pitcher ready and make the necessary adjustments."

The team also has to worry about personal needs and warm-up in that time and the coaches must take care of the field at Rotary Park, she said.

"We need to get support from our administrators to help us out in field maintenance and we didn't get that," Berndt said.

"Hopefully, for [today's] game, from a coaching stand point, we won't have to worry about the little things that need to be done," she said.

Berndt said she is hoping that someone in administration will provide them with some help for today's game.

Home not kind to MU

By Rick Elmore
Reporter

The women's tennis team dropped its first home match of the year, 5-4 to Toledo Saturday.

MU had a 4-3 lead after Mary Carol Liberatore and Jenifer Treloar defeated the Rockets' doubles team of Emily Humphrey and Angela Catalogna, 6-2,6-3. Then the Rockets managed to win the last two doubles sets and seal the Herd's defeat.

"We had a lead and just let it slop away," Head Coach Laurie Johnson said. "We're improving though. I feel good about the direction our team is headed."

In number one singles, Liberatore posted an easy 6-1, 6-1 win over Bernice Lugo. Other winners for the Herd include Rhonda Felser in number five singles and Kathy Sawvel in the number six singles.

Felser defeated Liz Rusch 6-2, 6-1 and Sawvel defeated Angela Catalogna 6-3, 6-0.

The loss to the Toledo Rockets dropped the Herd's record to 1-2.

Donovan: high expectations

New coach looking for hard-working Marshall hoopsters

By Penny K. Copen
Reporter

He has visited Huntington, Marshall and his team: Billy Donovan is now looking forward to his tenure with the Thundering Herd.

"I was impressed with the enthusiasm displayed by the fans and the excitement about Marshall basketball," Donovan said.

Donovan said he realizes that he has a tough chore ahead. During the past four years the Herd has only won 46 of their 111 games.

"It's going to be difficult but I think that if the players are willing to work and want to go out as champions then we can do it," Donovan said.

The Herd will return eight seniors along with freshman red-shirt Shea Fleenor and Prop 48 freshman Thad Bonapart. Three scholarships are available for new players. Donovan said he has been considering candidates for those positions.

"I'm looking for people who want to play and are excited to play for Marshall," Donovan said. "I'm looking for guys who want to help us accomplish our goals."

The Rick Pitino protege said he realizes the point guard position does not have much depth on the team and that is one position he will need to fill.

"We are starting a new year with a clean slate."

Billy Donovan

Donovan said that the team will be starting from a clean slate. He is not concerned with what has happened during the past four years.

"The guys that work the hardest and pick up the system the quickest are the ones who will be playing."

The fact that Shawn Moore has been a leading scorer for the team and Malik Hightower was the former Southern Conference Freshman of the Year are not going to matter when basketball season begins this November.

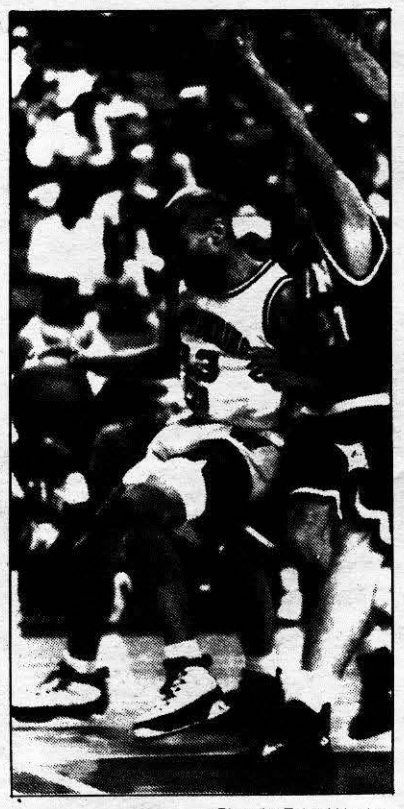
"I don't care who the leading scorer was, who had the most minutes, assists or rebounds," Donovan said. "We are starting a new year with a clean slate."

Donovan said he and his wife, Christine, are looking forward to coming to Huntington and working with Marshall.

"I want to re-establish the winning tradition at Marshall and bring the fans back to the Henderson Center."

Christine said her husband was thrilled with the opportunity to coach the Herd.

"He's hoping to bring back Marshall's exciting style of play to the Henderson Center."



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Malik Hightower's status as a three-year starter will not earn the senior guard special treatment from Donovan.

Marshall sweeps Georgia Southern

Herd takes two from SC champs

By Rick Elmore
Reporter

Matt Spade struck out eight and Rick Paugh gave up three hits and struck out 10 in the doubleheader sweep of Georgia Southern at Winfield High Field.

Spade earned his second victory in three decisions by pitching all nine innings in the Herd's 5-1 victory in the opener. The only run against Spade was a Kevin Hallman home run in the sixth inning.

Spade's teammates added some defense in turning three double plays against the Eagles.

MU took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Brent Burke drove in Aaron Ferguson with a single.

Burke later had a RBI double in the fourth, RBI single in the sixth, and a solo home run in the eighth. Kurt Henzler added a solo home run in the seventh inning.

Paugh went the distance in the second game which was only seven-innings.

MU scored the games only run when Allen Osborne led off the third inning with a single. Osborne then stole second and went to third on a Burke ground out. Todd Ross then singled, driving in Osborne.

Osborne's run snapped a streak of 18 consecutive scoreless innings for GSU pitcher Tim Roth.

The victory was Paugh's first of the year in three decisions, and improved the Herd's record to 4-5 overall and 4-3 in the Southern Conference.

"To beat the defending (Southern Conference) champion twice is a big boost to our program," Head Coach Howard McCann said.

The victories snapped a six-game losing streak for the Herd against Georgia Southern.

"We received outstanding pitching from Spade and Paugh," McCann said.

"We got great defense all around, some very timely hitting and big home runs from Henzler and Ferguson."

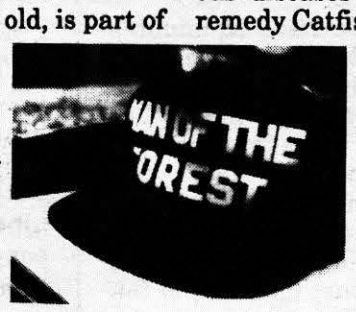
The Herd's next game is today at 1 p.m. against Pittsburgh and will be played at Winfield due to the wet grounds at St. Cloud Commons.

CATFISH
Man of the Woods

Catfish philosophy is simple: "God first, people next, Catfish last."

That is how Clarence Frederick Gray, better known as "Catfish Man of the Woods," feels about strangers who appear on the doorstep of his humble, two-room shack.

Catfish, now 77 years old, is part of a long tradition of Appalachian herbal medicine men. His "bitters," an herb remedy he prescribes for everything from ulcers to cancer, have attracted visitors from around the world.



"New people are coming all the time and I just got to be new with them. So, I'd say if I'm almost dead, I'll be pretty alive if I got some people around me," he says.

"My mother took the herbs, and she died laughing at 99-years-old. At 70-years-old, she married her third husband. She married another man when she was 98-years-old and wore him out in half a year."

Catfish is not hard to find. His 8 1/2-by-4 1/2 shack is just 20 miles from Huntington, near the tiny hamlet of Glenwood. Down the gravel road that leads to his home, weather-beaten signs with "Catfish" painted in black point the way.

A rusty piece of machinery, with large circular gears, occupies a prominent position in front of his home—as if it is on public display.

His shack, made of rough lumber, appears as though it has been pieced together throughout the years.

About a dozen homemade weather vanes, along with 30 gallon oil barrels and boxes of assorted shapes and sizes, give a first-time visitor a lot to survey.

Inside, the fast-talking folk healer pulls off his brown toboggan and explains how he earned his nickname.

"I caught 21 washtubs full of catfish in a waterhole where 500 other people were trying to get 'em and couldn't — in 1942.

"The workers at the DuPont named me Catfish because I sold all them fishes at the DuPont Company. They named me that on the day I got married, so that was the only time I knowed of a man getting his name changed on the day he got married."

Catfish claims that knowledge about the herbs and their healing power runs through the roots of his family tree.

"The knowledge was handed down to me from my great-great-granddaddy, to my great-great-granddad, to my granddad, to mother and then to me.

"My mother took the herbs, and she died laughing at 99-years-old. At 70-years-old, she married her third husband. She married another man when she was 98-years-old and wore him out in half a year."

Catfish speaks very rapidly, rattling off names of herbs and remedies with an almost hypnotic rhythm. His amazing memory becomes evident when he recites, word for word, hundreds of the 18,000 letters that decorate his walls.

Each letter is from a satisfied customer claiming to be cured from various diseases by ingesting an herbal remedy Catfish calls "bitters." The bitters, made out of bloodroot, wild cherry bark, and 18 other herbs, sell for a dollar a bag.

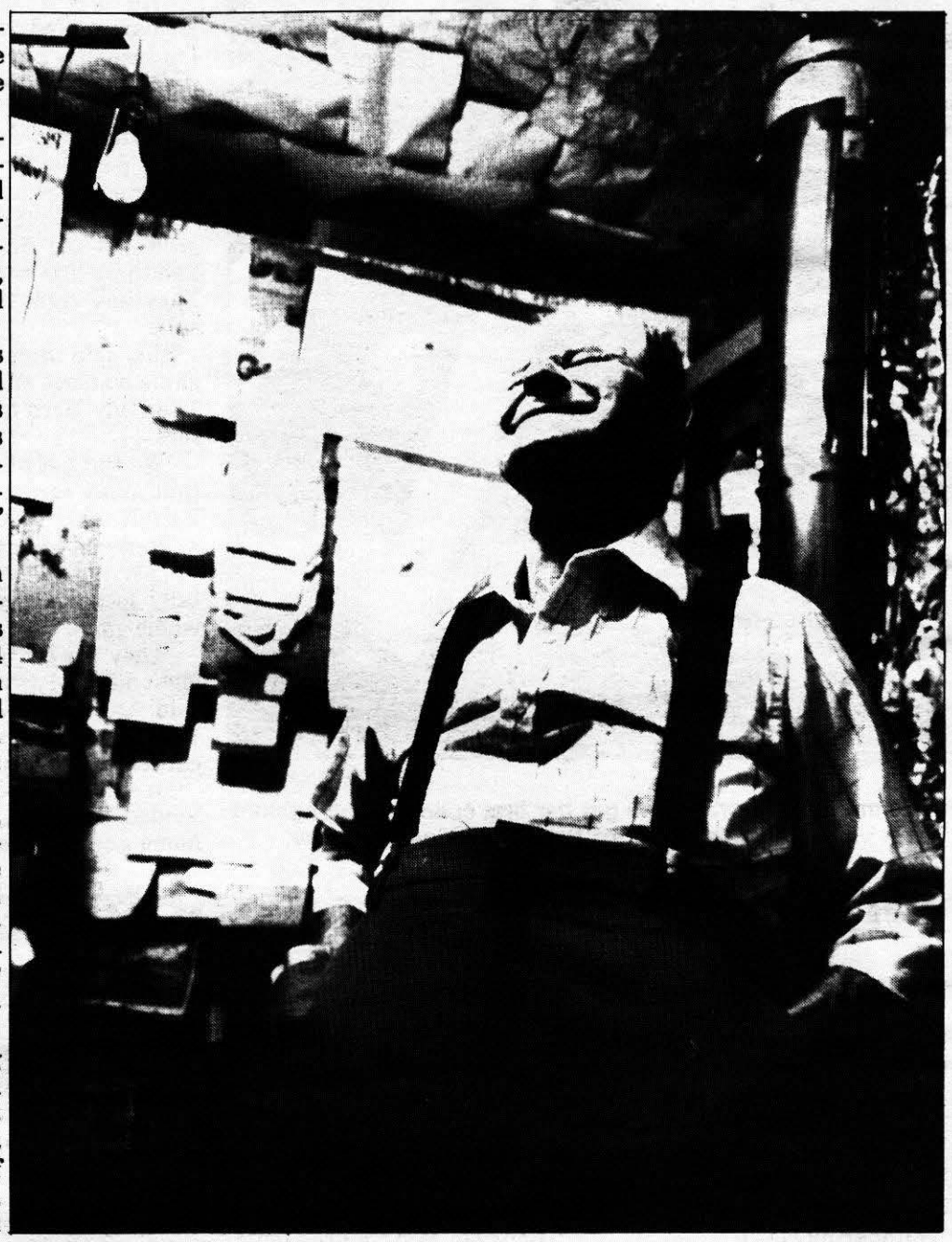
"Five of those herbs cure cancer, but medical profession ignores this because a lot of doctors are getting rich searching for cancer cures," he says.

Catfish recommends taking 1/4 teaspoon of Arm and Hammer Baking Soda mixed in an eight-ounce glass of water after each meal, "for the remainder of your life."

"When people had sody in the beans, sody in the biscuits, sody in the groundhog, sody in the chicken, all the people were well. People worked like bulls all day, raised big families, and barn-danced till 4 o'clock in the morning — all because they used sody in the food."

Catfish sums up his herbal philosophy with his usual simplicity.

With animated gestures resembling an energetic auctioneer, he says, "You are what your are. And what you eat is what you are. If you eat the foods that kill you, you're gonna be dead. And if you eat the foods that get you alive, you're gonna be alive. That's just all there is to it."



Catfish throws his head back in laughter at his home in Glenwood. He is an herbal medicine man.

Catfish opens a sack full of his $1 bag of bitters. He says bitters cure many diseases.

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