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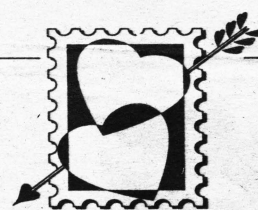
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The Parthenon

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Feb. 14, 1995



TUESDAY

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♥ FUTURE PARKING

Students may have choice of spaces

Permit would allow parking on any of several designated lots

By Kevin B. Compton
Reporter

Students may have their choice of 1,273 parking spots in the fall.

The Physical Facilities and Planning Committee approved a new parking plan Feb. 7, said Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations.

"We've been working for some time trying to analyze our parking opportunities," Grose said.

Grose said several lots will be identified as student-only. "Once a student buys a student permit, then they are

entitled to park in any of those exclusive student parking lots," he said.

Grose explained selling permits for separate lots by letter allowed a limited number to be sold. "By going to a number of exclusive lots for students, we've identified 1,273 spots," Grose said.

Many of these spots will be on the west end of campus. Grose described many of the spots as "premium" parking spots. The first-come, first-served basis will be more convenient for students, and it will make management of the lots easier, he said.

Students will be able to purchase a

basic student permit, and management will no longer have to worry about issuing exclusive lot permits, Grose said.

Grose said he thinks the new system will better utilize parking facilities. "Those valuable parking spots will now stay full 100 percent of the time."

Of the 1,273 spots available to students, 203 will be new spots created by taking out the 3rd Avenue tennis courts, Grose said.

Six new tennis courts will be built by fall between Gullickson Hall and Twin Towers West, Grose said.

Mary B. Wilson, manager of parking

and transportation, said that all parking permits will be \$40. This price is an increase for those students who now park in the Stadium Lot. Stadium Lot permits are currently \$30, she said. Wilson also served on the committee that approved the plan.

More permits can now be sold. "We could probably oversell the 1,273 spots available to students under this system by about 20 percent with no problem," Grose said. "In fact, we've already sold 1,852 permits."

The plan is now awaiting the approval of the Faculty Senate.

Remembering valentines past



Stephen A. Lawrence, Huntington senior, finds a photo of himself on microfilm in the Morrow Library. The picture was part of an article which appeared in "The

Huntington Advertiser" (today's Herald-Dispatch) 18 years ago on Valentine's Day. The picture shows him making valentines in his first grade class.

J.R. McMillan/The Parthenon

♥ PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

Faculty questions ability to change library plans

By Kara Litteral
Staff writer

About 20 faculty members showed up Friday afternoon at the Memorial Student Center to watch a video on the "Electronic Library."

The video didn't make it, but faculty took the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns about Marshall's proposed library.

The main concern of faculty members present seemed to be whether they

could change plans for the library.

Audience members wanted to know if they could change the focus of the proposed building from electronics to more books. Instead of a library with a capacity for 200,000 volumes, faculty said they want one with 500,000 volumes.

Dr. David Woodward, professor of history, said he met with Dr. Lyle Wilcox, provost, to see if a group of concerned faculty members could meet with President J. Wade Gilley about

the library.

"We outlined certain areas of concern we would like to be assured about," he said.

Woodward said the group will meet with Gilley Friday afternoon so it can express its concerns without jeopardizing funding.

"I'd say if we're going to do something about it, we're going to have to do it quick," said Dr. James E. Douglass, Senate Library Committee chairman and professor of chemistry.

♥ BOOKSTORE CONTRACT

WVU may be management model for MU

By Michelle R. Ross
Reporter

West Virginia University's bookstore has 18 cash registers, allows students to browse through the book collection before making purchases and buys books back year round.

It is also managed by Barnes and Noble, the same private company that might be purchasing Marshall's bookstore.

Betty Matlick said bookstore employees were really scared before the takeover, but they're not worried anymore.

She said bookstore employees had a choice and approximately half of the people eventually did go with the private company.

"Seven years before the takeover, the bookstore took on a computer hardware business with a large and expensive inventory. That's when the real problems started," she said.

Marshall officials were also looking for a change in management when a committee looked into bookstore operations in December 1993.

Dr. William N. Denman, chairman of the Department of Communication Studies, said the goal of the group is to have a better-managed bookstore.

"The objective is to have a bookstore that meets the needs of the entire university community that is well-managed," he said.

As part of the committee's study of the bookstore, a group from the National Association of College Stores was brought in and recommended making several changes in the Marshall University Bookstore's management.

The committee's report did not, however, specifically recommend privatization. And that has upset some employees.

Shannon Harshbarger, bookstore supervisor, said, "As an employee, I would go with what the report says. The reports say we need to make changes with management and streamline."

This & That

*How do I
love thee?*

*Let me count
the ways.*

BOSTON (AP) — He was a budding poet when he first wrote to her in 1845. Her verse had made her famous, but it couldn't free her from the pain that confined her to a darkened room in London. Their secret courtship, nurtured by hundreds of letters, is the stuff of legend. "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways," she wrote in "Sonnets from the Portuguese," a volume about their growing love. Now a biography published just before Valentine's Day takes a fresh look at the love and marriage of Victorian poet Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning.

And it offers a new theory: that Barrett's father prohibited his children from marrying because they were descended, in part, from black slaves.

Barrett and Browning's defiance of the marriage ban — her choice of love over death, as the author puts it — is what made their romance so compelling.

The 382-page book, "Dared and Done: The Marriage of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning," was published Friday. It was written by Julia Markus, head of the creative writing program at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

It begins the same way as the couple's courtship.

"I love your verses with all my heart, dear Miss Barrett," began Browning's first ardent missive, dated Jan. 10, 1845. He was 32. She was 38.

Five months later he made his first furtive visit to her sick room. A teen-age spinal injury and the trauma of her brother's death had left Barrett an invalid.

Fifteen months later, the couple secretly married and fled to Italy, where they had a son and lived for 15 years until Barrett died.

"There was something very romantic and daring about what they did," said Vincent Petronella, president of the Browning Society of Boston and a professor of English at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Markus argues that African ancestry could help explain why Barrett's father, whose family owned plantations in Jamaica,

forbade his 11 children from marrying: he wanted to end his own bloodline.



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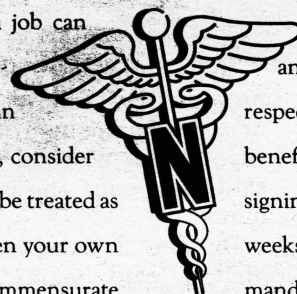
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Candidates say issues shouldn't disqualify

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three politicians who have been considered possible candidates for the Republican presidential nomination say no one issue, such as support of abortion rights, should disqualify a person from a place on the GOP ticket.

"I don't think litmus tests are appropriate," said Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a moderate who is considering a run for the 1996 nomination.

"If we start being guided by specific groups all over the spectrum, heaven help us," he said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Lugar's sentiments were echoed, to varying degrees, by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, an announced candidate, and former Vice President Dan Quayle, who last week said he would not run.

The issue was raised last week by Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition, who warned that evangelical

"If we start being guided by specific groups all over the spectrum, heaven help us,"

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind.

Christians and pro-life Catholics would not support a GOP ticket where either the presidential or vice presidential nominee supported a woman's right to an abortion.

Already on record as opposing Reed's remark is Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., an abortion rights supporter and another likely 1996 presidential contender.

"The Republican Party will not be blackmailed by

any special interest group," Specter said.

Reed's remarks were aimed clearly at 1996 front runner Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who has mentioned several pro-choice governors, including Weld, Pete Wilson of California and Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, as possible running mates.

Gramm, the most conservative of those seeking the nomination, told ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" that his running mate would have to share his conservative views, but he was not going to define any one issue that would exclude a person from being considered.

He said that while pro-life positions would remain in the Republican platform, "we're going to have to define our vision broadly so people on both sides of the issue can consider themselves Republicans."

Clinton proclaims rising prosperity

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton sent his annual economic report to Congress Monday, proclaiming that his policies have given the country rising prosperity and asking lawmakers to work with him to provide universal health coverage for every American and to reform welfare.

"America's economic prospects have improved considerably in the last two years. And the economy will continue to move forward in 1996," Clinton said in a message accompanying the 407-page report.

The president noted that last year the economy grew at the fastest pace in a decade while

inflation remained modest. He said more than 5 million jobs had been created since he took office and employment in manufacturing grew every month of 1994, something that had not occurred in 16 years.

"Today there is no country in the world with an economy as strong as ours," the president said.

Being just one of the guys

NATICK, Mass. (AP) — If a new Army project goes according to plan, Patricia Foster should be one of the guys by September.

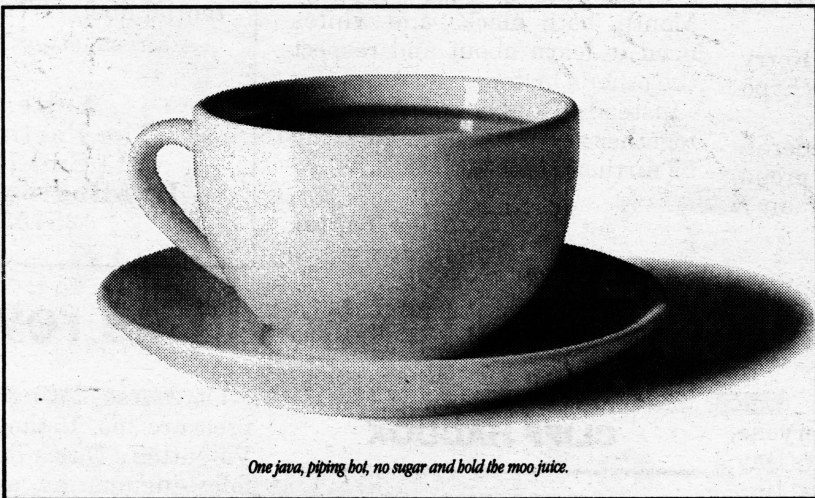
She and about 40 other women will begin a weight training program next month designed to give them the strength to perform heavy military tasks

typically assigned to men.

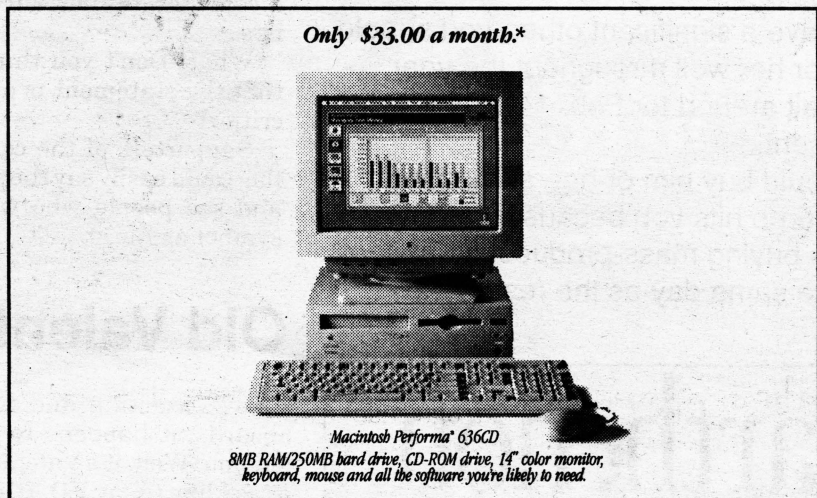
For those running the six-month project, it's not a question of whether women can become as strong as some men, but how long it takes before they are.

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our view

St. Valentine's Day should be outlawed

▲ The issue: Valentine's Day has become too commercialized and many people feel obligated to honor the "holiday."

Candy, balloons and flowers—what is the point of any of it?

Valentine's Day is a concept probably created by greeting cards companies to up their sales during the month of February and seems rather silly if the whole idea of it is considered.

The price of roses almost doubles, stores become inundated with hearts and teddy bears for the love-hungry.

Everyone spends tons of money buying warm, fuzzy gifts for their significant other simply because Feb. 14 has been declared the national holiday for lovers.

But what if you don't have a lover?

You are left out of this "holiday."

If you do have a significant other, the Valentine's Day law states you have to honor this day by purchasing something expensive.

If a gift is not purchased for your sweetie, your life will never be the same.

No matter how many random acts of kindness you have committed throughout the year, they will be erased from your permanent record if this day is ignored. However, Valentine's Day counts as extra credit, so if you've been bad, this is your day to redeem yourself.

Why should one day be reserved for couples? It is truly a slap in the face for single people.

If you have a significant other, you should treat him or her well throughout the year, not just wait around for Feb. 14 to buy a tacky present.

You should buy him or her something when the urge hits you because it will mean more than buying mass-produced cards and gifts on the same day as the rest of the country.



X's: Symbols of pride

To the editor:

I want to respond to the comments made by Kerry A. Nessel in the Feb. 8 edition of The Parthenon.

As I read his opinion of the confederate flag and the Malcolm X symbol, I said yes, here is someone who understands the real reason for wearing one or the other symbol.

However, when I got to the end, I erupted in laughter at his claim that supporters of X shirts are proud people, but one who wears a confederate flag shirt are racists.

What! Don't you think Kerry, that the statement is a bit hypocritical?

Supporters of the confederate flag could easily say they're proud, and see people who wear an X symbol as racist.

The statement made by Nessel only makes the problem worse.

I don't agree with either viewpoints. The reason I don't is because many people of both sides don't really know what each symbol stands for.

Another reason is both the X and the confederate flag were symbols of unity. One was a symbol for black unity, one was a symbol of white southern unity.

Both groups who wear the respective symbols could say they wear it out of pride.

Since this is Black History Month, both blacks and whites need to learn about and respect the other's history.

Instead of studying and working together as one, Nessel is dividing us further apart.

Mike Taylor
Huntington senior

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Old Valentine's traditions should be revived

Love...exciting and new...come aboard....it happens to everyone, but you. Well, it's Valentine's Day, or as I like to say VD. It's that time of year when people who have found that special someone celebrate the feelings they have for their significant other. And those who are single like myself plot the deaths of such people.

That's right, Cupid is in the air with his little arrows, which I personally would like to put right through the head of whoever came up with St. Valentine's Day. Of course it is to honor St. Valentine. Actually history is not entirely sure, but there could have been two St. Valentines.

Of course St. Valentine was a martyr, but there is no real connection between the martyred saint and the holiday. Sorry to burst your bubble, it reminds me of the day I found out green M&M's didn't really affect sex drive. Actually Valentine's day started

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as a Roman festival called Lupercalia in which the exchanging of what would later become "valentines" took place. The Church decided to adopt this holiday and name the saint with it.

Later came the legend of a saint who married couples when he shouldn't have and was beheaded for it. Once again, sorry to ruin your memories, but while I'm at it, forget that tooth fairy thing (and there's no real miracle to Miracle Whip).

So why do we try so much harder on this date than any other day of the year? The answer is simple—pressure. Everywhere you see, "Buy your sweetheart this!", "Buy your loved one that!"

Hey if I had one I would but I don't so, BACK OFF!

Of course dating people have pressure too. If they don't make Valentine's Day a happy one, the following months can be about as pleasant as acupuncture with a nail gun. So shop smart gentleman, and ladies you can shop smart too this is of course the 90s.

So what do those of us who are single do on this day. Well we try to figure out, "What are we doing wrong?" But then you have to tell yourself you aren't doing anything wrong, they are. Sure maybe I'm shuckin' and jivin' myself but hey, it gives me the self esteem boost I need to get me to the next possible dating fiasco.

So now I propose to you how to spend Valentine's day this year if you are single like myself. Rather than getting down on ourselves I suggest we take traditions from the past and bring them back. Let's remember the martyrs of old by beheading happy couples everywhere.

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Rockefeller supports right to know provision

Thomas S. Fisher
Reporter

The senate minority leader has introduced a "right to know" provision to the balanced budget amendment which is supported by Sen. John D. Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

The provision requires Congress to tell the American people which items will be cut from the federal budget before they vote to change the Constitution.

"The real question is not whether I support a balanced budget amendment, because I do," said Senator Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "The question is, what type of amendment do I support?"

The provision was introduced to force congressional leaders to make the balanced budget legislation more specific.

"My version of a balanced budget amendment expresses the questions many are asking: How will you balance the budget? What will be cut? What will be protected?" Daschle said.

Rockefeller is concerned about the impact of a balanced budget amend-

ment on the West Virginia economy.

He said current balanced budget legislation does not have enough details and would harm the West Virginian economy.

"I'm very much for the 'right to know' amendment," Rockefeller said.

"In other words, just don't tell me you're going to balance the budget by the year 2002 before I vote for something which could fundamentally change the relationship between the executive branch of government and the legislative branch, but give me a sense of what you're going to do."

According to a study done by Wharton Econometrics Forecasting Associates, there would be an eight percent drop in personal income of West Virginians by the year 2003 if the balanced budget amendment is passed.

West Virginia would also lose 22,100 jobs, raising the unemployment rate 2.6 percent.

Both senators from West Virginia feel that balancing the federal budget is one of the responsibilities of being elected to congress.

Museum sponsors writing and art contest for students

By Vanesa Gijon
Report

A national writing and art contest on the Holocaust is being sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial museum.

The brochure explains the main goal of the competition.

"In 1945, Generals Eisenhower, Bradley and Patton; journalist Morrow; and photographer Bourke-White all believe it was important to force themselves and others to confront the atrocities in the Holocaust. Why do you think it is important for us to continue to confront this event of over fifty years ago?"

According to the brochure, the work will be judged on its creativity and artistic style.

The awards for the art section will be the following: first place award will be the chance to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial museum

and a set of books about the Holocaust.

The second place will be a framed reproduction of art work from the Holocaust Memorial museum; third place will receive a set of books about the Holocaust.

The participants in the writing section may choose to write a poem, newspaper article, story, play, essay or research paper to answer the contest question. Each question must be accompanied by the same title page as the art entries.

According to the brochure, the writing work must not exceed 200 words and should be typed or printed double-spaced on one side of the paper.

Entries must be sent to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW. Washington, D.C. 20024-2150.

FYI

The International Studies Office will have an informational meeting today from 11-1 p.m. and Wednesday from 12-2 p.m. in Science 259. For more information about this organization, call Clair Matz, 696-2763 or Ralph Oberly, 696-2757.

The Student Nurses Association will have a meeting today with guest speaker Jane Whaley, RN. The meeting will be in PH 401 at noon.

The Wilderness Adventure Club and Rivers and Woods will have kayak pool sessions in the Henderson Center Pool today. For more information call Steve, 525-3035.

Bad weather increases maintenance cost

By Michelle R. Ross
Reporter

When the snow is everywhere, so are the maintenance crews. And the cost of cleaning up the white

stuff isn't very cheap.

Larry A. Williams, director of plant operations, said the university spends approximately \$1,200 just for salt, sand and sodium chloride.

Williams said maintenance crews are out very early on

snowy mornings cleaning the stairs and walkways to make students' journeys to class easier.

He said the cost of overtime for maintenance crews could be as much as \$4,000 in one winter season.

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Program to provide safe symbols for students

By Kevin J. McClelland
Reporter

A voluntary program affecting lesbians, gays and bisexuals on campus will soon be presented to the Faculty Senate.

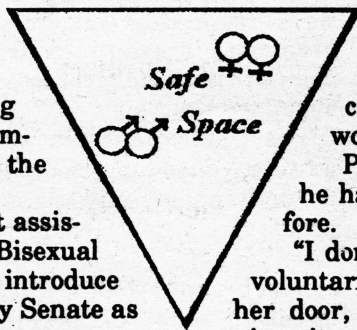
Jennifer L. Patterson, student assistant in the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Outreach office, said she plans to introduce Project Safe Space to the Faculty Senate as soon as possible.

Patterson said the project is designed to provide quick recognition for homosexuals looking for a safe environment.

She said the project will send all faculty members and staff a pink triangle that they may voluntarily place on their doors.

"The triangle is a symbol that homosexuals can easily recognize," Patterson said. "They will know that this is somewhere they can go where they won't be degraded or made fun of for who they are."

She said people displaying the symbol would send a message that they are available to listen or help in times of crises or just to provide



assistance. She said the program was originally scheduled to start two years ago but without campuswide support it would not work.

President J. Wade Gilley said that he had not heard of the program before.

"I don't have any objection to anyone voluntarily putting an emblem on his or her door, but I don't think it should be university policy," he said.

Jeremy P. Burnette, Pikeville, Ky., graduate student, said there is definitely an anti-gay contingent on campus and a program like Project Safe Space would be beneficial to students.

"There is a need for people in that position," Burnette said.

"It is helpful to know that there are educated people to talk to who won't be judgmental," he said.

The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Outreach, formerly the Alternative Lifestyles Initiative, is a service of Student Development and The Counseling Center.

Board of trustees to review tuition, fees

By Lori A. Miller
Reporter

Tuition and fees are being reviewed by The University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has approved an Administrative Bulletin providing guidelines for undergraduate levels of tuition and fees for comment.

The BOT will use at least two comparisons to establish tuition, registration and other fees for resident undergradu-

ates: peer institution average, and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) median of state averages. BOT members said other comparisons may also be used.

The peer institution average is the average of resident undergraduate tuition for the current year and required fees at peer institutions in West Virginia.

According to the University System office in Charleston, the purpose of Administrative Bulletin 34 is to compare the

tuition and fees of the 11 states in the SREB.

The bulletin will be reviewed by the faculty senates and student organizations at the institutions involved, before final consideration by the BOT.

Copies of Administrative Bulletin 34 are available in the Faculty Senate office 209-A Northcott Hall. Comments should be directed to the Chancellor of the BOT, Charles W. Manning, Suite 700, 1018 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, W.Va., 25301

Disaster services need volunteers

Red Cross also provides help with disaster recovery, support

By Vanesa Giljon
Reporter

The Western West Virginia chapter of the Red Cross is in need of volunteers for the disaster services.

Rachel Pikarsky, director of volunteer services for the chapter said that this time the call for people able to help is really urgent.

"Volunteers are always wanted for all the services offered because the Red Cross is based on them, but now the disaster section it is in need of volunteers more than ever," she said.

Pikarsky explained that, although the tasks the people volunteering for disaster services are not extremely difficult, they need a training that the Red Cross will provide free of charges.

"Each year, Red Cross paid and volunteer staff respond to more than 50,000 disasters, so they have to be prepared."

"That is why the chapter offers free training for disaster services volunteers," she said.

According to the American Red Cross brochure "People Helping People"

"Each year, Red Cross helps collect more than six million units of blood from more than four million volunteer blood donors."

Rachel Pikarsky,
volunteer director

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by Bill Watterson



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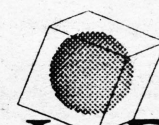
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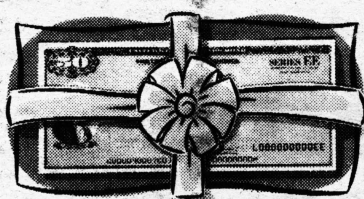


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Football standout come homes

Carl Lee, played for the Herd in 1979 to 1982 returns to Marshall in conjunction of black history month

By Kevin J. McClelland
Reporter

A former Marshall University football star and National Football League All-Pro defensive back will speak Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge of Memorial Student Center.

Carl Lee III, who played football for Marshall from 1979 to 1982, returns to the university in conjunction with black history month.

He said he wants to come back and relate how someone from this area can be successful.

"I was just a scrawny little boy from West Virginia who made it," Lee said. "If I can make it, they can, too."

Lee played football for South Charleston high school before being recruited by Marshall. He became the team's leading tackler and was All Southern Conference during his junior and senior years.

In 1983, Lee became Marshall's first draft pick since 1964, drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the seventh round.

During his 11 seasons for the Vikings, he set the record for most passes defended, most games started, most games played in and ranked in the top six all-time for interceptions in a career.

He tied for second in interceptions for a season. He has played one season for the New Orleans Saints.

Lee said that when he was drafted in the NFL, he was not

sure if he would even make the team.

"College recruits you in to play," Lee said.

"At Marshall, I started all four years. The hardest thing was realizing that the NFL would play with or without me."

Lee said that just as black history month is important, it is important for Marshall students and blacks to know someone from the university has been successful.

He said he agreed to speak because he wants to be his own historian.

"Nothing says that I was there," Lee said. "I've done an excellent job of representing Marshall, but there are no markings that Carl Lee was there."

Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs, said Lee has been very active in working with youths.

"Carl Lee has taken time from his busy schedule the past few years to participate in many youth activities including alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs, Special Olympics, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other special programs," Blue said.

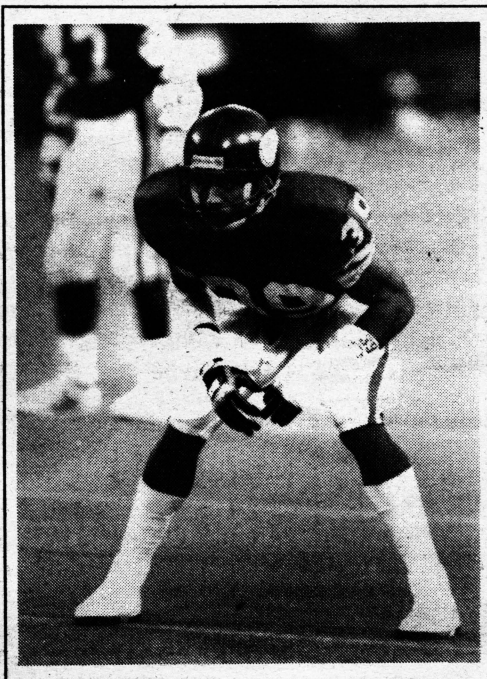
Lee said that whether you

want to be a role model or not it comes down to how you live your life. He said he tries to be a role model for those who know him directly like his son, nieces and nephews.

"Whatever someone picks from your life is their choice," Lee said. "It is too dangerous to try to be a role model. The media have too much control. What the media choose to write is up to them."

Lee said when he speaks Wednesday he hopes to be a good example for those attending.

"I was the type who might be sitting in the audience," he said. "I want to be the inspiration and motivation for someone that night."



Lee

Carnival, show sponsored to raise money for AIDS

By Kerri M. Barnhart
Reporter

The Stonewall in New York is a nightclub famous for its place in homosexual-rights history and, though maybe not quite as famous, the Stonewall in Huntington will play a part in AIDS research tonight.

An AIDS benefit sponsored by the Lambda Society, will take place at the club, located at 820 7th Ave. "Hearts Out for HIV" begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 3 a.m.

The benefit coordinator, who asked that her name not be used, said it will feature a show of approximately a dozen performers, including "drag queens" and vocalists, beginning at 11:30 p.m. A carnival will run the entire night. Events include a kissing booth, a petting zoo with volunteers dressed in animal costumes, Wheel of Fortune and darts and balloons, she said. An AIDS information booth will also be set up.

The goal for the evening is to raise \$500, she said. That money will be raised by a \$3 cover charge and a \$1-per-game cost. The tips the performers receive are included in the total, which will go to Americans for AIDS Research (AMFAR), a national organization, the benefit coordinator said.

Ken E. Sunderland, Milton senior, and co-president of the Lambda Society, said the group sponsors one to two AIDS benefits each year to raise money for HIV research. The organization has also become active in providing hospice care for AIDS patients, he said. Other events that the club is involved with are National Coming Out Day in October and April's Gay Pride Week.

Gay Pride Week will be April 3-7. Sunderland said the events, which are still being planned, will concern spirituality, health and education and political aspects of homosexuality.

Sunderland, co-president, said the events are beneficial to everyone. "HIV applies not just to gays and lesbians, but to all students," he said.

The Lambda Society has been an organization at Marshall since 1978. Sunderland said, "Its purposes are to provide social support and referrals for gays, lesbians and bisexuals, as well as perform political and education work in terms of educating the student body."

Meetings are in Memorial Student Center 2W37 Wednesdays at 9:15 p.m. The Lambda Society may be contacted via e-mail on the Hobbit system at mulss@marshall.edu.

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Automatic vending a vice for vandals

By Kevin B. Compton
Reporter

The first week of February was a bad time to be a candy machine on campus.

Two separate incidents of vending machine vandalism were reported to the Office of Public Safety, according to MUPD crime reports.

Feb. 1 someone reportedly broke the glass of a vending machine in Twin Towers East. The purchaser was reportedly upset when the purchase wouldn't come out of the machine. Judicial Affairs is investigating the incident. There are no suspects.

Feb. 2 TTE again was the site of

vending machine vandalism. Someone reportedly pushed in the glass window of a vending machine. The broken glass was removed. No suspects have been named.

Other reported campus incidents:

- Feb. 1, a male reported the smell of marijuana in Holderby Hall. No marijuana was found.

- A parking meter head was reported stolen Feb. 1. The meter head was taken from the west end of the John Marshall parking lot. There are no suspects.

- A threatening phone call was reported to the MUPD Feb. 3. A female received a phone call from her ex-boyfriend when an argument reportedly ensued. The male allegedly threatened

the female and warned her he would have someone "beat her up."

The female hasn't pressed charges. The incident is being investigated by Judicial Affairs.

- Feb. 3 at 2:23 p.m. a fight was reported at the Henderson Center. The two males involved were juveniles. The incident was taken care of by their chaperone.

- Officers reportedly witnessed a vehicle back into a barricade Feb. 4 on 18th Street and College Avenue. The male suspect was reportedly driving a red Jeep belonging to his girlfriend's father.

- Douglas C. Roush of 215 19th Street, Apt. 5 was transported to the Hunting-

ton Police Department for an Intoxilyzer test. Roush was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

- Feb. 6 it was reported that water was poured down the stairwell at Twin Towers East. The water froze due to the cold temperature. There are no suspects.

- Between midnight and 2:28 p.m. Feb. 7, someone allegedly broke into a car parked in the stadium lot. A window was broken and a CD player and radar detector were removed. There are no suspects.

- A purse was reported missing Feb. 7. The purse was left unattended in room 464 of the Science Building. No suspects have been named.

Video conference, discussion to address workplace diversity

By Kevin J. McClelland
Reporter

A video conference and local panel discussion Wednesday will address diversity in the workplace.

The American Management Association's "Multicultural Forum: Voices from the diverse workforce" will be presented from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge of Memorial Student Center.

Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president of multicultural affairs, said the program is free and open to the public.

Blue said the conference is designed to meet the needs of minority and non-minority business managers, executives and professionals who work in a multicultural environment, human resources personnel, prospective minority managers, graduate and undergraduate students planning a career in business and others who work in multicultural atmospheres.

Blue said the local panelists include Michael L. Thomas, president of the Huntington branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dr. Edward L. Piou, director of Equal Opportunities and Affirmative Action; Glenna S. Racer, human resources employment representative; Gil V. Montanez, Huntington postmaster; and Dr. Chong W. Kim, chairman of the Department of Management.

Racer said those who attend the diversity workshop will get a better understanding of what the workplace is really like.

"I hope that anyone who attends will get a better understanding of what diversity is and appreciate everyone's differences," she said. "They will understand what it's like in the real world, where everyone does not have the same goals and objectives."

Montanez said he comes from the southwest where there is much more diversity. He said

when he came to West Virginia from Tempe, Ariz., there were very few Hispanics here.

"There is a difference in dealing with across-the-border Hispanics than American-born Hispanics," Montanez said. He said that these issues were important for employers to understand.

Blue said the national teleconference speakers will include Renee Blank and Sandra Slipp, authors of "Voices of Diversity: Breaking Through the Communication Barriers in a Workplace Where Everyone is Not Alike;" Hattie Hill-Storks, CEO of the International Productivity Institute; and Eric Rolfe Greenberg, director of management studies for American Management Association.

The conference is sponsored by the African-American Students Programs, Multicultural and International Programs, Department of Management and Marketing and the Department of Continuing Education.

Speaker: advertisements link fun with sex and alcohol persuasion

By Kelley Schoonover
Reporter

"It's hard to do what you know is right because it's easier to do what you see," Richard P. Keeling, M.D., said of sex, alcohol, and self-esteem, the topic of Thursday's seminar in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Keeling said powerful forces in us and in the environment make unintended things happen. These unintended things include consuming too much alcohol, unprotected sex, and date rape. He also said other powerful forces in us and in the environment can prevent these unintended things from happening.

Keeling used slides of various magazine advertisements to show how he thinks the media present mixed messages. He said even though the media often promote safe sex and drinking responsibly, their advertisements link sex and alco-

hol to everything fun.

One example he gave was a Nike shoe advertisement that compared sex to a hike in the woods, concluding that with both you feel better afterwards. The ad used the "Just do it!" slogan.

Keeling said many alcohol advertisements attempt to influence consumers by implying that with the right drink, consumers can persuade their dates into doing what they want even if they are at first opposed. "This is persuasion versus date rape," Keeling said. "How do you tell the difference?"

"The power of what we see comes from its ability to show us a world much more attractive than the real world."

Keeling said he watched the audience's reactions to the advertisements and saw emotions ranging from amusement to shock and repulsion. "If you don't like the way they advertise, buy another product," Keeling said self-esteem and

insecurity affect our decisions. He said people give too much importance to what others think. He said that how we think, how we handle decisions, and how we feel about ourselves are barriers to making the right decisions.

The solution to breaking down these barriers, he said, is to build self-esteem, to learn to think critically, and to work on skills management. To care about ourselves and others, he said, is the best way to break down barriers.

Keeling said when students come to college, they don't always have firm senses of who they are and this is why they must be careful about making decisions. He said many young people probably feel the same way River Phoenix did in the movie "Little Nikita."

In an interview shortly before his death, Phoenix said "...whenever people tell me to be myself I don't know what to do. I don't know who myself is." Phoenix died last year.

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Ohioan to debut at Marco's

By Christina R. Dexter
Reporter

Mark Eddie, guitarist and songwriter, will make his debut appearance at Marco's Wednesday at 9:15 p.m.

Eddie, a native of Steubenville, Ohio, promises to entertain everyone with his high energized performance and his offbeat comedy.

"Nothing is more important than having a good time...all the time," he said.

Eddie plays rock and roll, acoustic, folk and alternative types of music, said Heidi A. McCormick, coordinator of student activities and organizations.

"An example of my music would be if Jimmy Buffet met Johnnie Rotten of the Sex Pistols," Eddie said. "I don't know man, it's just rock and roll and I love to play it."

McCormick said the performance will be free to students with a valid ID and \$1 for others.

"A couple of students and I saw Mark Eddie at a conference and the crowd seemed to really enjoy his performance," McCormick said. "I think students here will really like him."

Although Eddie's show will mostly consist of songs



Parthenon file photo

Mark Eddie, a Steubenville, Ohio native, will be performing at Marco's tomorrow night.

written by other performers, Eddie said he plans to perform several of his own songs including, "Woke up on the Wrong Side of the World."

"The song explains life in Third World countries and how lucky we are to be Americans," Eddie said.

Eddie said he also plans to sing his well-known parody, "Marijuanaville," which is his own version of Jimmy Buffet's, "Margaritaville." His show will also dabble in politics with his single, "The Call," which includes excerpts from President Clinton's Inaugural speech.

"The Call" is a pop/rock tune about surviving the bumps in

life," Eddie said.

When Eddie is not touring college campuses, he is appearing in concert with artists such as Mellisa Ethridge, Damn Yankees and Toad the Wet Sprocket.

"I really enjoy performing on college campuses," he said. "Students are so laid-back, relaxed and open minded. It's great."

Eddie said he has several albums "climbing the college radio ladder." Among them is, "I Wanna Be Normal," which is No. 1 on WONB at Ohio Northern University and in the top 20 on WVBC at Bethany College.

Faculty members in line for cash

\$1000 awarded for innovation and excellence

By Michelle R. Ross
Reporter

Three Marshall University faculty will receive \$1,000 cash awards from a new endowment established by a retired West Virginia educator and her nephew.

The Pickens-Queen Awards, based on innovation and excellence in teaching, will be presented each year during the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation, said Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, assistant vice president for institutional advancement.

Ethel K. Pickens of Gallipolis, Ohio, and her nephew, retired Tradewell Supermarkets chairman Glenn J. Queen and his wife, the former Carol Booth, have established a \$50,000 endowment to honor faculty members in their early years of teaching on the collegiate level.

Pickens is a 1926 graduate of Marshall's former Standard Normal program.

She said she understands the challenges of teaching, having taught in public schools in Lincoln, Mingo, Putnam and Kanawha counties prior to retiring.

Pickens is the newest member of The Marshall Univer-

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sity Foundation Inc.'s John Marshall Society, comprising major donors to the university's academic and athletic programs.

The Queens are long-time supporters of Marshall academic and athletic programs and are charter members of the John Marshall Society.

They were the first individuals to contribute to the Society of Yeager Scholars in 1986, providing \$100,000 to help launch the program.

In 1988, they established an endowment to assist faculty members in their professional activities, funding travel to professional meetings, to present papers and to conduct research.

Hunter said only full-time faculty members are eligible for the awards.

She said recipients will be selected based upon nominations and review by their peers.

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Marshall came back from a 14-point deficit to beat Appalachian State 70-69 at Varsity Gym in Boone, N.C., Monday night. With the win, the Herd secured 2nd place in the SC North. Troy Gray led the Herd with 20 points.

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Talent erases dilemma

Women's tennis coach Laurie Mercer faces youth and inexperience with only two returning starters

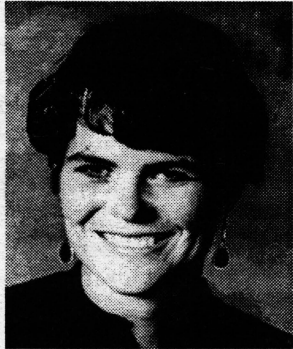
By Jenelle B. Roberts
Reporter

The 1994-95 women's tennis squad may be young and inexperienced, but it has a lot of heart.

"What they lack in experience, they make up for with talent, hard work and desire," second year head coach Laurie Mercer said. "It's a great working team. They have a very hard work ethic and that's where the difference will come in."

The squad is made up of freshmen, sophomores and one junior transfer. Sophomores Molly Harris and Sarah Foster are the only returning players from the 1994 team. Harris posted a 7-8 record last year. However, due to knee surgery, she was redshirted for this season. Foster was 0-1.

Other Lady Herd team members are: sophomore walk-on, Julie Brown from Huntington; sophomore Lisa Hodgetts, a transfer from the University of South Florida and a native of Birmingham, England; freshman Bobbi Lee from Orient, Ohio; freshman Jennifer Mele from Fairfield, N.J.; freshman Sara Mullenix from St. Louis; sophomore Jen Coleman, a transfer from George Mason University; and junior walk-on, Jennifer Curry.



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Laurie Mercer,
tennis head coach

Coach Mercer has eight years experience as both a player and coach at the Division I level.

She played in the number one spot in both singles and doubles her senior year at Furman as an undergraduate. In 1990, she was selected to the All-Southern Conference team.

After graduation, Mercer worked for two years as the graduate assistant tennis coach at Furman and then moved on to an assistant coach position at Houston. She began her head coaching career at Marshall in 1993.

Mercer is assisted by Mike Ridener. Ridener is in his third year with the Herd as a graduate assistant.

Ridener played collegiately at Eastern Michigan where he was the top single and doubles position his senior year.

The women's tennis squad opened the 1995 season with

losses to Akron, Ball State and Eastern Kentucky in a tournament held this past weekend in Richmond, Ky.

Akron defeated Marshall, 5-4, in the first match of the day. Mele, Mullenix and Hodgetts won singles matches for the Herd. Mele and Coleman combined for Marshall's only doubles victory.

Later in the afternoon, Marshall was defeated by Ball State, 8-1.

Coleman registered the only Herd victory, defeating Sarah Pierson, 6-0, 6-3.

In the last match of the day, Eastern Kentucky defeated Marshall, 5-4. Mullinex, Coleman, Hodgetts and Mele won their singles matches. However, the doubles teams were unable to post a single victory. Marshall returns to action Feb. 17 at the University of Toledo.

Player-of-the-year signs letter of intent

Steven Toth, the Gatorade West Virginia Player-of-the-Year in high school soccer last fall, has signed a letter of intent with Marshall, the school announced Monday.

The Morgantown High

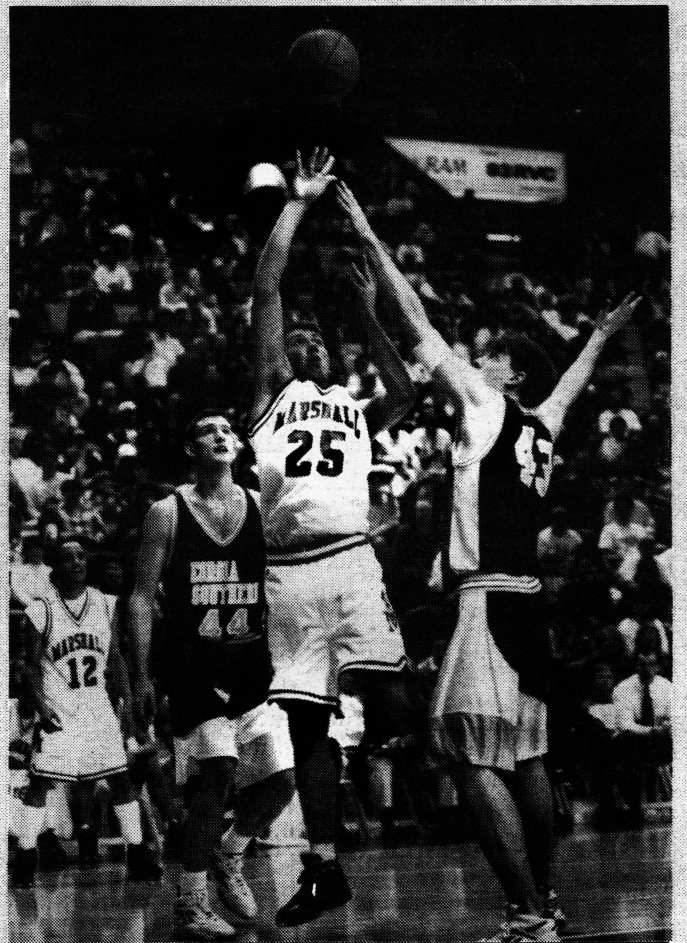
graduate said he chose the Thundering Herd over West Virginia University so he could play for head coach Bob Gray.

"I know coach Gray from his soccer camps, and I trust him," Toth said. "It's a better oppor-

tunity for me, and the school itself has a lot to offer."

Toth was a first-team all-state selection last year for Morgantown, and can play both the forward or midfielder positions.

Pitching in



Brett Hall/Parthenon

Walk-on freshman Jason Hammond, Ashland forward, pumped in a career high 11 points in the Herd's 103-53 thrashing of Southern Conference foe Georgia Southern. This was the largest margin of victory versus a conference opponent.

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MU	113-57	Virginia Tech	56	52-53
MU	96-45	Arkansas A&M	51	50-51
MU	84-34	Fairmont State	50	50-51
MU	103-53	Georgia Southern	50	94-95

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Regrowth of program ready to spring up

By Jennifer Hale
Reporter

This spring, Marshall's budding softball program may just be ready to flower.

The seed was planted last year for a program that had been dormant for the previous 14 years. The softball program was cut short in 1980 due to a weak athletic budget. It was brought back spring 1994 to complete the number of women's sports needed to achieve a Division I-A position for the school.

To begin the regrowth of the team, Marshall recruited Coach Louie Berndt. This is her first head coaching position, having served as assistant coach for eight years at Ohio State, Florida State and Nicholls State.

Berndt described the re-enstated program as challenging rather than difficult since there is a lot of opportunities as a new head coach at a new program.

"You got to challenge yourself, challenge the kids coming into the program, challenge the university as far as support and actually what they are go-

The additions of a new field, locker room and indoor batting cage help strengthen softball team's future

ing to do for the program," Berndt said.

The university has provided the women with a new field, locker room, and indoor batting cage. Located behind Twin Towers and near the Henderson center, athletes and students pass by it on a regular basis.

"It's a different level than what they're used to seeing in the state and that's what we're hoping to draw their attention to is come out, have a good time, and see some good ball," Berndt said. She added that the addition of lights by the end of February will allow night games.

This new field is convenient not only for students but mostly for the players who had to drive to Rotary Park last season for practice and games.

Jeanne Noble, senior co-captain, said having their own field is easier because the players do not have to get in their own individual cars, load up their gear and travel to practice.



"You got to challenge yourself, challenge the kids coming into the program, challenge the university as far as support and actually what they are going to do for the program."

Louie Berndt,
softball head coach

"I think one, it shows the girls that the department is really behind them, providing them with a top notch field in the region, especially one in the conference," Coach Berndt said. "It gives them a sense of pride knowing they were the ones that were a part of the success, hopefully success."

Last year the fledgling team posted a 17-21 record. This year Berndt said its goal is at least 80 percent wins.

"We're still young. We're still building," Berndt said. "It will take us a couple of years to get to the level I want to be at. But in the meantime, we have some

good ball players returning mixed in with some new people."

Last year's leading pitcher, Brandi Northrup, did not return this season. She started 26 games, posted a 11-15 record and was selected to try out for the women's Olympic softball team this summer.

Coach Berndt said, "She just did not return back to school, she's not even going to school. She's out in Vegas working, I believe."

Replacing her on the mound will be two California freshmen, Cristy Waring and Lisa Wilson, and Circleville, Ohio,

sophomore Melissa Frost. Berndt said the team should get the most work out of Frost and Waring with Wilson providing some added depth.

Six of the 13 players hail from California and Berndt said this is no coincidence since the west coast is the "hot bed for softball players."

"I want to go and try to strive to be as good as soon as I can," Berndt said. "In order to do that you have to go and get some kids that can step right in and play the type of caliber ball that you want and mix that in with some good athletes and that hopefully will give you a good stable team."

Although many players set high standards for themselves individually, as a team they hope to win the conference, fair well against ranked teams, and do well in the region, Berndt said. She added that if the team meets these goals, the win loss record should take care of itself.

The season will hit off Feb. 25 at the University of North Carolina for the team's first tournament. The first home game will be Mar. 14 against Wright State.

Fans to encounter deja vu

By Peyton Tierney
Reporter

When Marshall takes the field this season, fans should not be surprised if they encounter deja vu.

The only difference from last year's starting line up, besides a slew of new pitchers, will be at shortstop.

Head coach Howard McCann believes that several players will be fighting for that starting position.

"At shortstop we really have a battle. We signed a boy from Florida, freshman Keith Mastro," McCann said.

"The incumbent is sophomore Andy Lester and he has a had a great preseason. We also



McCann

have signed two freshman, Ryan Roush from Point Pleasant and Joel Torcolini, a transfer from Penn State."

The infield for Marshall consists of senior Tim Fanning at third base, junior Jim Reynolds at second, and another junior Mike Hagey will be at first.

Starting in the outfield will be Kurt Henzler in left, sophomore Tim Martin in center, and junior Craig Brumfield in right.

McCann has decided to use sophomore Marshall Henry as the designated hitter.

"So you can see that other than the shortstop position we

are pretty much set for the season opener at Virginia," McCann said. "We really need for one of those guys fighting for shortstop to step up. When that happens we'll be in great shape position wise."

The team leaders, according to McCann, will be Allen Osborne the starting catcher and Kurt Henzler. Both players are entering their fourth season with the Herd.

"Osbornes' certainly our leader. From a catching standpoint he handles the pitchers and he is a very vocal player. If he sees somebody not giving 100 percent he'll go over and say something to them," McCann said.

"Another leader for us is Henzler, our left fielder. These two guys have been with me for four years and know what to expect. This is their season and they want to go out on a winning note."

The Herd begins its season at the University of Virginia Feb. 18.

Marshall plays its first home game on Feb. 25 when Furman comes to town for a double-header.

Orientation sign ups in student center

Orientation sign ups for the Marshall University Wellness Center will be Feb. 15 in the student center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A fitness analysis form and consent form have to be completed before scheduling a time. Everyone wishing to use the new facilities must go through orientation.

The center, located in Gullickson Hall, is scheduled to open March 13. It will consist of new free weights, selectorized and cardiovascular equipment. Those interested may also sign up in the Recreational Sports Office in the Henderson Center room 2018. For more information call 696-2943.

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1. Connecticut (50)	19-1	1,626	3
2. North Carolina (6)	19-2	1,527	1
3. Kansas (3)	18-3	1,464	2
4. Kentucky (6)	17-3	1,441	5
5. Massachusetts	18-2	1,431	4

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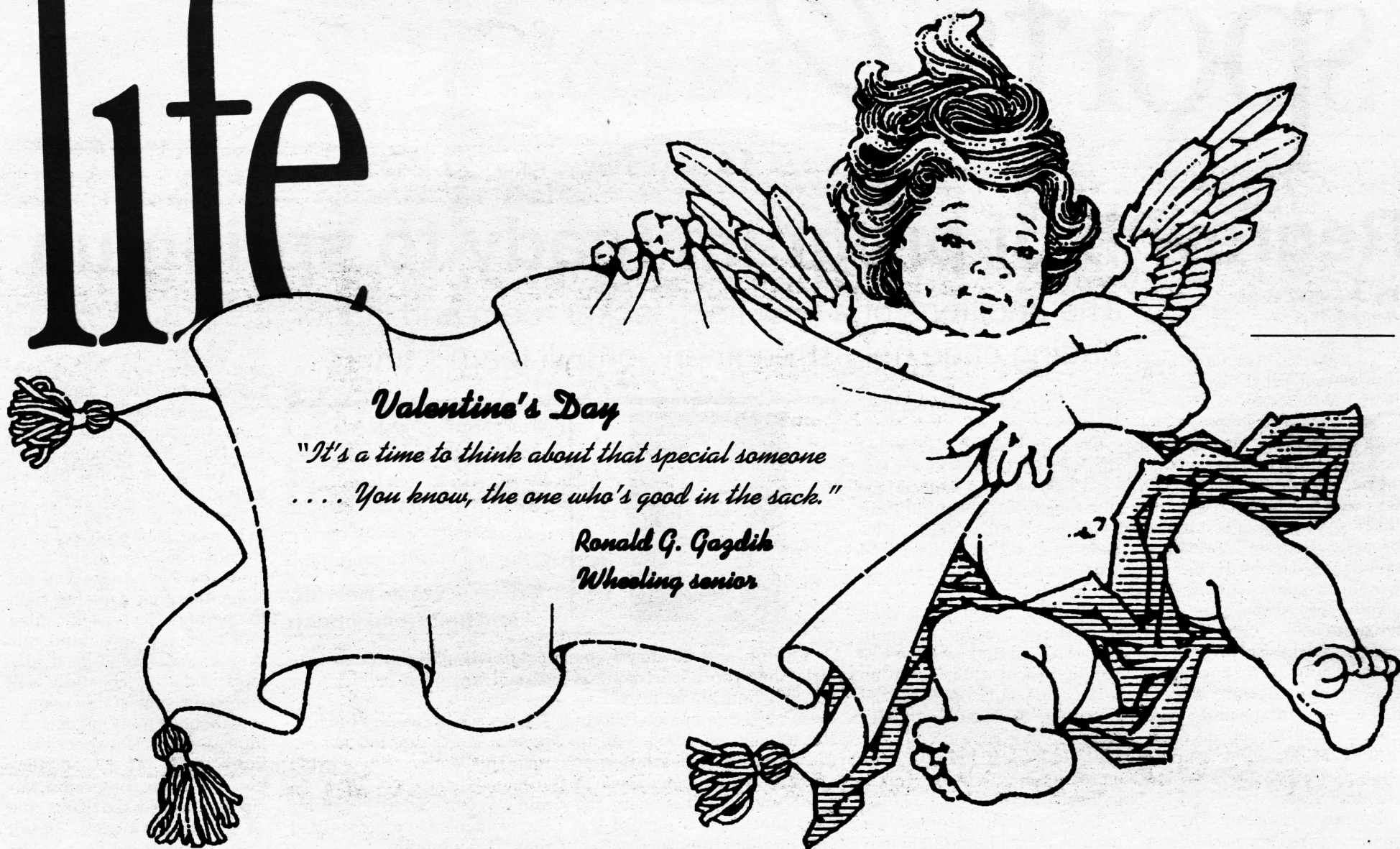
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Valentine's Day

"It's a time to think about that special someone
... You know, the one who's good in the sack."

Ronald G. Gazdik
Wheeling senior

Valentine's Day - then and now, it's still for lovers



Feb. 14 is the one day of the year set aside to celebrate love. Why?

Valentine's Day is traced to the early days of Christianity and the martyr Saint Valentine, who, according to Encyclopedia Americana, was regarded as the patron saint of lovers.

Americana also states that the religious significance of Feb. 14, to commemorate St. Valentine's death, has been overshadowed by the nonreligious customs associated with it today.

It is possible, however, the customs of today do fit in with the original religious significance.

An excerpt from a recent "Casey Kasem's Hot 20" broadcast indicated that in those early days during Roman war times, the Roman emperor outlawed marriage to keep his fighters' concentration on the war.

The emperor's troops could fight wars, but they couldn't fight love.

The warriors still chose to illegally become married and St. Valentine, who also was a bishop, performed the marriages. St. Valentine was caught by the emperor and banished to prison before his death sentence was carried out.

While in prison, St. Valentine became friends with the daughter of a prison guard. She secretly passed him notes to let him know what was going on in the country.

This correspondence led St. Valentine to fall in love with the girl and, on Feb. 14, the day of his death, his last note confessed his love and was signed 'with all my love, your Valentine.'

Other legends of Valentine's Day are even

older with completely different origins.

According to a book outlining the history of greeting cards, valentines are the second oldest branch of the greeting card family. Christmas cards are the oldest.

The book indicates Valentine's Day began in the pagan days of ancient Rome when young people, in honor of the god Pan and goddess Juno, would draw names from an urn to learn who would be their beloveds-of-the-year.

This lottery always came in February. Some historians think it survived through the centuries and is the true origin of Valentine's Day.

Regardless of the origin, one theme remains in all stories about Valentine's Day — it's for lovers.

There's your romantic history. So how do some students plan to spend the holiday?

Wheeling senior Ron G. Gazdik said he isn't doing anything special. "Getting up, going to school, to work and to bed. Exciting, huh?"

Gazdik's girlfriend, Huntington senior Wendi D. Ramsey agreed. "We both work at opposite times so we're going to have to celebrate it another night. It would be nice if we could just be alone together not have to worry about classes or work."

Another couple on campus is keeping secrets from each other.

"I'm going to surprise my girlfriend," Matthew W. Price, Proctorville, Ohio, junior, said.

Students also remembered their best Valentine's Day ever.

"My weekend with Joe at a bed-and-breakfast in Wytheville, Va.," Libby J. Baisden, Logan

senior, said. "Of course, my ideal one would include jetting off to Nassau and laying in the sun and the rest can't be printed."

Robert P. Ball, Milton sophomore, said he just wants to spend time with his new wife. "Because I'm working so much I don't get that much time just to be with her. Because this will be my first married Valentine's Day, I think this one will be the best."

What does Valentine's Day mean to the college student of the nineties?

"It's a day you get to spend in celebration of the one you love," Price said.

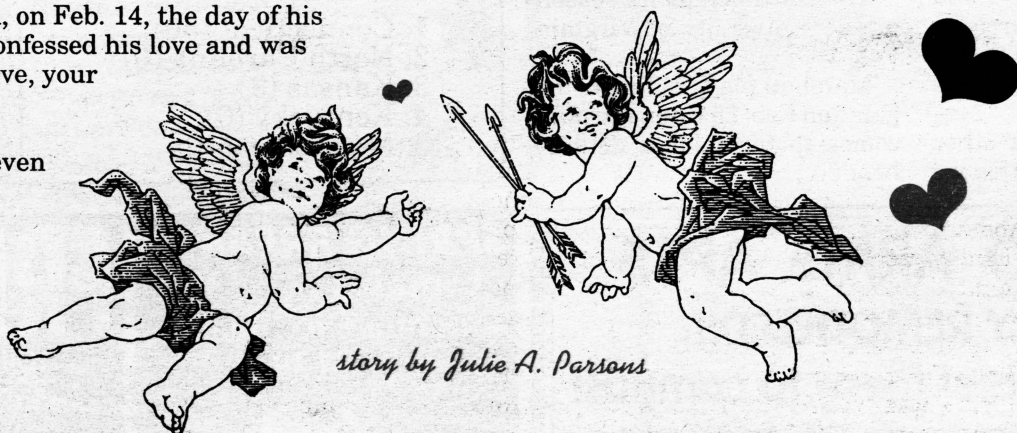
"I think it's a time to pay extra special attention to the one you love, just to remind them that they are special," Ramsey said.

"To me, Valentine's Day means it's the one time of the year that you remind mostly the men to be with their women," Ball said. "For all the retailers, well it means it's time to screw the guys and jack up the prices."

"I used to think it was a money making holiday, but actually it's the only day you get to celebrate couples," Spencer said.

"It's a time to think about that special someone," Gazdik said. "You know, the one who's good in the sack."

"It's a better excuse to be romantic," Baisden said.



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