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softball team reflects on its toughest season yet, page 7

SGA cites senators for service

by ALYSON WALLS
reporter

As session number 48 of the Student Senate draws to a close, it's out with the old and in with the new.

In Tuesday's meeting, Beverly M. Milam, Beckley junior, and Matthew A. Bromund, Huntington senior, were voted co-senators of the year by members of the Student Senate.

Student Body President-elect Nawar Shora, said the winners were chosen because of their dedication and service.

"Milam served as senate president for two years, and Bromund served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee," Shora said.

Bromund is serving an internship at the West Virginia State Capitol and preparing for law school.

"He was a very vocal and active senator," Shora said. "He investigated problems in the residence halls and shed some light on students' concerns."

Shora said Milam is pursuing a degree in nursing. "When she was here, no one dared even run against her for president," he said. "She really helped me out and was my mentor."

Milam and Bromund were selected from a field of nominees including Senators David Wickham, Tina Tooley, and Season Chiari.

With the final meeting of the 48th Senate scheduled for next week, Shora announced there would be no new business or bills for this session.

Senate members passed an "Equal Rights not Special Rights" bill, which called on the West Virginia Board of Trustees to add a sexual orientation clause to its anti-discrimination policy.

A bill petitioning for a home game between Marshall and West Virginia University in 1997, also passed on first reading. Matt Garrett said Marshall students deserve equal consideration with WVU students.

'Ambassadors' requested International Festival seeks food, culture

by AUDRA JEYARAJ
and DEBRA LUCAS
reporters

Participants are needed for the annual International Festival scheduled for April 21 in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center, said the organizer of the event.

Eric K. Spears, coordinator for international student services at the Center for International Programs, said entrants need to enroll by the end of March.

He said participants may contribute to the festival in a variety of ways such as displaying an exhibit featuring traditional clothing from their country. They may also prepare a dish from their homeland. "You can be an ambassador for your country through food," Spears said.

Additionally, he said, participants may represent their country by providing entertainment. "If you are a dancer or mu-

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— Eric K. Spears
coordinator for international students

sician and want to present something of artistic value, we welcome that as well," Spears said.

Spears said international students, scholars, faculty and other interested

people in the community are invited to attend.

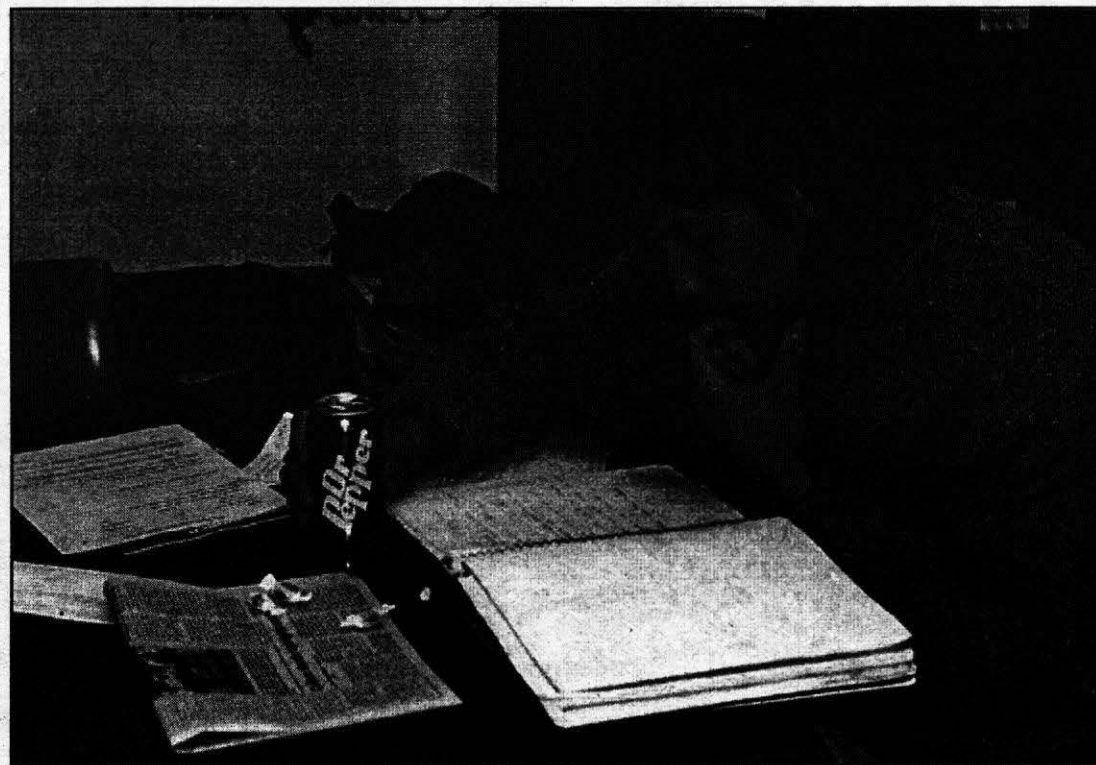
"If you open your eyes a little, Huntington is quite an international area for such a small place," he said. "The festival will provide the opportunity for students and faculty members to learn about the many different cultures that live within our community," Spears said.

"Also people from the community and the whole state area can come to learn about and appreciate the diversity in which they actually live."

Spears said every culture has something unique to offer. "If I were an international student, I would want to represent my country and know my host community," he said.

Information about participating in the festival is available from the Center for International Programs, Old Main 212, 696-6265, or from Spears at 696-6371.

Free time? What free time?



Jim Sands

The break is over, and it's back to the books for most. Michael Kim, Parkersburg junior, takes a "free minute" to study for a test in chemistry.

SGA elections finally official

by ALYSON WALLS
reporter

With the Student Government Association's spring elections nearly two weeks old, election results are now official.

SGA Adviser Steve Hensley said final numbers for student body president and vice president are: Nawar Shora and Jamie Ross 640 votes, Shannon Miller and Chris Houvouras 88, Jeremy Maynard and Matt Garrett 353, and Mike Burr and Brooke Browning 121.

Students who voted in the election numbered 1,659, a significant increase from last year, according to Hensley. Some 1,151 students also voted yes to a parking garage referendum, which was included with the other ballots.

Votes were counted March 7, and unofficial results were released just after midnight. Those results became official 48 hours later — that time was to give candidates a chance to ask for a recount and for contested ballots to be counted.

During Tuesday's senate meeting Matt Garrett, acting parliamentarian, congratulated the winners and said he felt the elections were an overall success. "I think we finally got it right," he said.

Inauguration for new officers will take place April 4, at 5 p.m. with a dinner in the Don Morris Room at Memorial Student Center.

INside



TODAY, continued cloudy,
snow showers.

HIGH: 35 LOW: 28

FRIDAY, snow flurries

OUTside

this & that

Celebrities in news

Billy Joel fights flu

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—About of the flu forced Billy Joel to call in sick for an appearance at the University of Akron's E.J. Thomas Hall.

Not to worry, the rock 'n' roll star expects to be there tonight instead.

Joel is on a tour of college campuses. He limits the size of the crowd, takes questions randomly and performs a few of his songs.

Alec Baldwin defends wife

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alec Baldwin said he was defending wife Kim Basinger and their newborn daughter when he scuffled with a photographer trying to videotape them coming home from the hospital.

Baldwin told a jury Tuesday

that he saw a person in a pickup-camper parked outside his Woodland Hills home last October.

Rob Pilatus is released

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rob Pilatus of Milli Vanilli infamy pleaded innocent to charges he attacked and threatened two people in separate incidents.

Pilatus, 31, was released on his own recognizance after a hearing Tuesday. Trial was scheduled for April 23.

No gender in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA astronaut Shannon Lucid faces more than science duties in her historic visit to the Mir space station: The Russians expect she'll help keep the place nice and clean because she's a woman.

Gen. Yuri Glazkov, deputy commander of the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center, said Lucid will brighten Mir during her five-month stay.

"The side effect we anticipate is that the fans will be taken care of in a more

timely manner, because we know that women love to clean," Glazkov said Tuesday at a NASA news conference.

He did acknowledge that women can be better workers than men and that gender doesn't matter in space.

"We don't have to expect that there are going to be curtains



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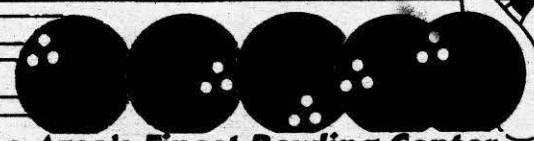
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The Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a bid by local governments to force an adjustment of the 1990 census. Changing the census would have stripped Wisconsin of one member of the House.

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AP Associated Press

briefs

Disco fire prompts safety standard talks

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Shaken by a disco fire that killed at least 150 people, Filipinos are asking whether they have tolerated lax safety standards for too long.

Critics say safety codes are

frequently ignored or skirted — as they were in suburban Manila when nearly 400 people were packed into the Ozone Disco Pub that had no usable fire exit and was licensed for only 35 customers.

"We cannot just bury the dead and wait for the next stupid tragedy to strike," Sen. Francisco Tatad said.

House proposes new Social Security card

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal awaiting House approval would require the government to develop a Social Security card more resistant to counterfeiting in a drive to crack down on illegal aliens who use phony IDs to find jobs.

U.S. warns Moscow NATO will expand

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher served clear notice Wednesday that NATO will expand into the former Soviet bloc.

NATO expansion has become a key issue in Russia's June presidential election.

WVU fraternity expelled from campus for 4 years

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — A fraternity cited for hazing violations was expelled Tuesday for four years from the West Virginia University campus.

David Taylor, director of student activities and educational programming, expelled Omega Psi Phi fraternity on a recommendation by the Committee on Student Organizations.

The fraternity was found guilty of inflicting bodily harm and hazing following a Feb. 16 off-campus incident involving

fraternity members and a pledge.

A total of 17 misdemeanor warrants were issued in the incident involving Lavar Grant, a freshman from Morgantown, who was beaten, whipped and deprived of sleep for two days.

Following the fraternity's four-year expulsion, the Office of Student Activities and the fraternity's national officer will explore the organization's return to campus.

The incidence was the first at WVU since 1988.

California feels aftershocks

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — Twin aftershocks of the 1994 Northridge earthquake jolted a large area of Southern California. There were no immediate reports of injuries

or damage, authorities said.

A magnitude-4.1 earthquake struck at 11:37 p.m. Tuesday, five miles west of the Newhall area and 30 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, said seismologist Egill Hauksson of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Just three minutes later, a magnitude-3.0 tremor struck the same area.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Mike Reddy reported a couple of booms and then some shaking.

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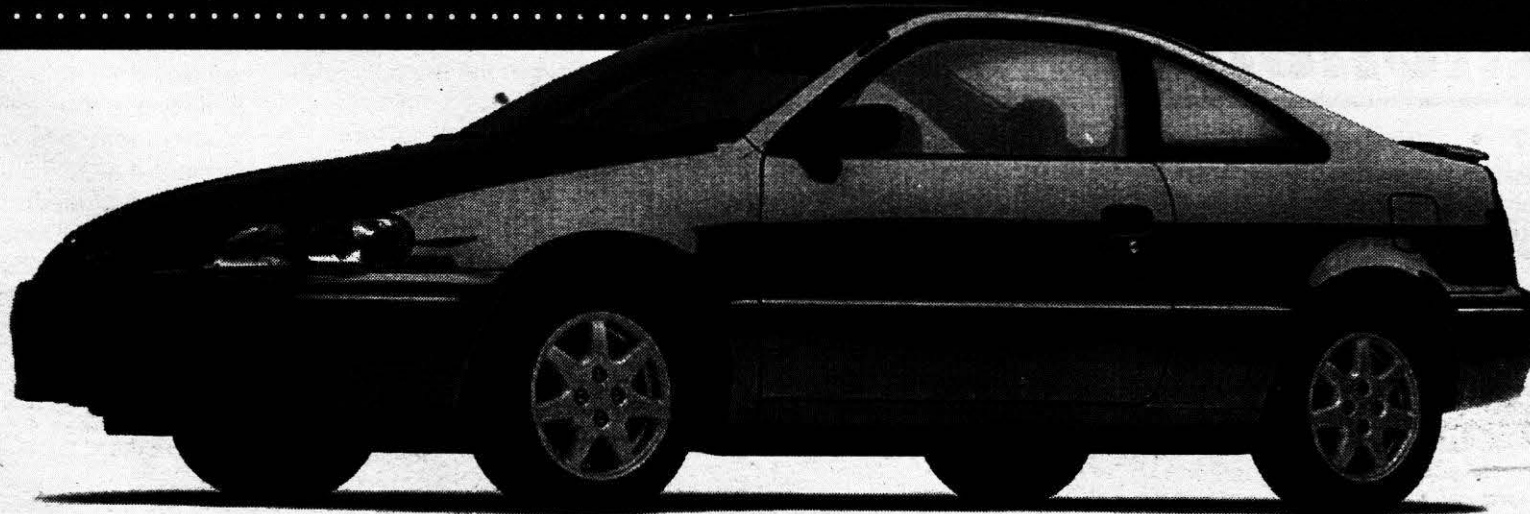
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our VIEW

We finally did it. We asked for something and got it.

Ask, and you shall receive.

Well, yesterday we asked for the administrations of our beloved university and that school in Morgantown to forget about profits, get down to business and finalize the details of the long-awaited Marshall/WVU game.

Well, the magic genie that lives in Old Main finally decided to grant one of our wishes. We've got two left....

This is the first time we can remember ever asking for anything from the administration and getting it the same day. Okay, maybe we had nothing to do with it, but someone has to take the credit.

The preliminary details of THE GAME were finally nailed down yesterday — it looks like the Herd's first game of the 1997 season will be at Mountaineer Field.

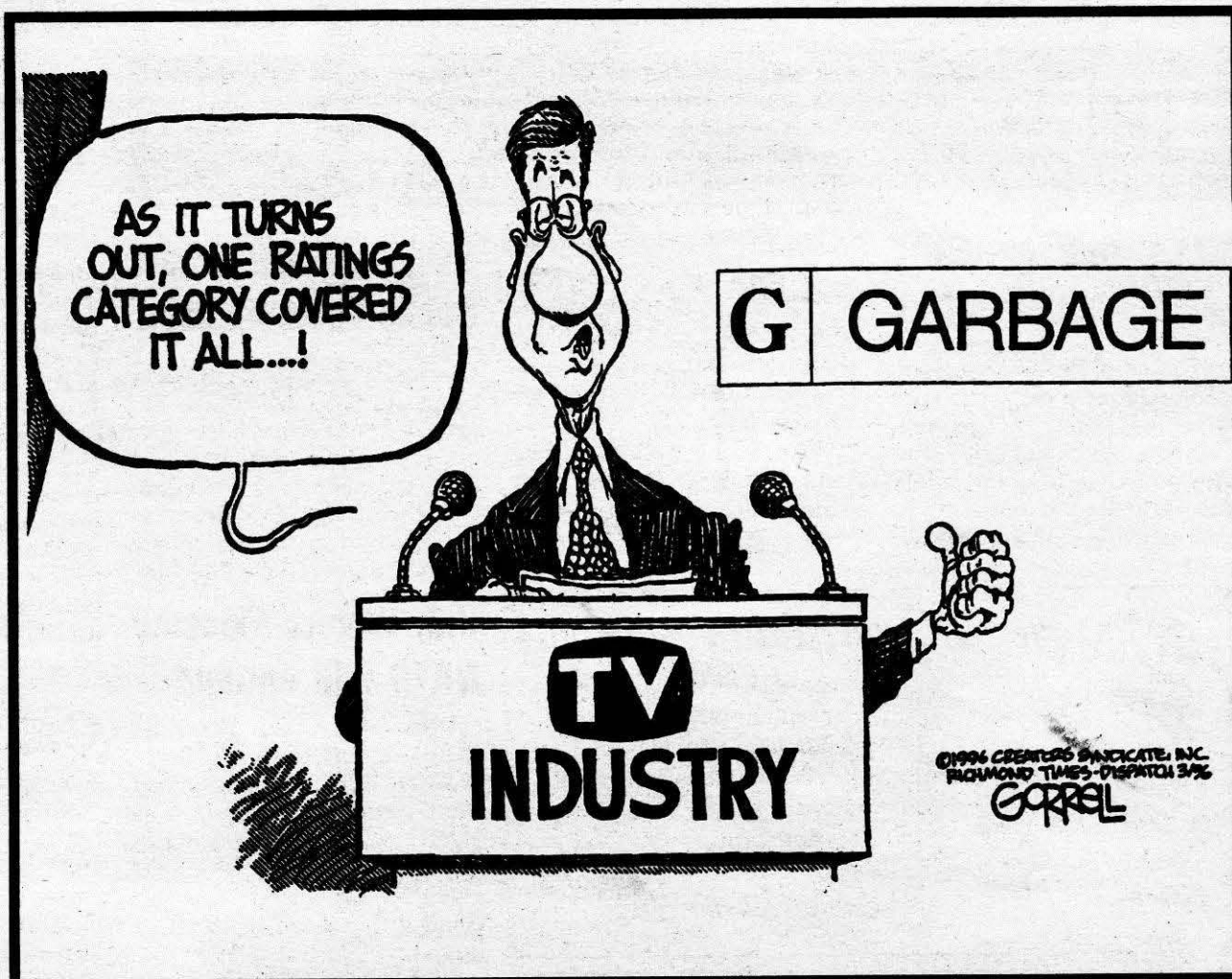
We are already marking our calendars. Marshall is getting 7,300 tickets, but you'll have a better chance of going to the Super Bowl than getting one of those.

Right now the game is a one-shot deal. The two schools can't come to an agreement about how often the game should be in Huntington, how to split the profits, blah blah blah.

WVU is also giving Marshall \$150,000 to make up for our having to drive to Mo'town, and the teams will share any money that comes in from sponsorships, promotions and licensing agreements made for the game.

We couldn't really care less about all of that. Sure money is nice, and this university needs it, but this is a dream come true. The first game in Marshall's I-A comeback is against WVU. It was only natural that the first meeting take place up there. The stadium holds twice as many people as ours. That's twice as many fans that get to pile in, tailgate and cheer for their favorite team. It's fair. We are happy.

Now we are just trying to decide what to spend our other two wishes on....



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your VIEW

Students not getting their money's worth

To the Editor:

This letter is concerning the World Wide Web usage at Marshall, and the slowdown of service because of an enormous number of off-campus queries to the site.

A few users on campus have put links to x-rated sites, and some x-rated material on Marshall's Web server, slowing it down because this material is popular.

I am in no way suggesting that people don't have the right to have this material. What I would like to suggest is that the students at Marshall who pay for computer service through their fees are not required to provide the soapbox for the free speech rights of everyone.

And, if the university policy that viewing of pornographic material in the computer labs is not allowed, then having the materials and links on Marshall's web site does not serve the Marshall campus users, but rather serves everyone off campus and in

the rest of the world. Aren't the computer services on campus for the students, and not for the rest of the world?

I guess what I'm saying is that the portion of our tuition that goes toward computer services is going to service the hormones of the world. I don't think that's what I had in mind when I signed my check and left a lot of my money at the Bursar's office.

David M. McWhorter
Proctorville, Ohio, senior

A letter from the new SGA executives

To the editor:

We are writing this letter for a number of reasons. First and foremost, we would like to express our gratitude to the students who make up the entity of Marshall University, all the clubs, organizations and Greek societies that supported us and endorsed us, and to the dedicated and hard-working campaign staff that provided the time and energy when many would not have persevered. This year approximately 500 more students voted than last year. We are still short of our goal, but if each year we continue to increase the voter turn out, then in

due time we will have 100 percent of the students participating. We would also like to thank the other candidates for running a good and clean campaign, we encourage them to meet and discuss their ideas with us.

As we promised during our campaign, we DO plan on working to have the Faculty Evaluations published to the students. Furthermore, we would like to pursue the idea of providing a day care program for students with children, this is a priority since it affects a significant number of the students at Marshall. In addition, we DO plan to work on improving the facilities at Marshall, and work and fight for what the STUDENTS desire. Our door will always be open, for ideas, criticism, praise and comments. Again, Thank You!

Nawar Shora
Student Body President-Elect

Jamie Ross
Student Body Vice President-Elect

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Help available to students in need

by JEFF HUNT
reporter

Students who suffer from problems with depression, stress or drug abuse can get help through the university's Student Development programs.

"Generally we are here to help students who have problems with stress, depression, or even problems at home," Linda M. Stockwell, counselor, student development, said. "The majority of the time we spend

working is on a one-to-one basis.

"We generally schedule an hour a piece for each student," she said. "And then, based on how serious a problem the student has, we'll schedule the student back in about a week."

Stockwell said this service is free of charge to students. "We are here and available to the students all the time," she said. "The university wants to see the students successful, so we are here anytime a student may have a problem that is affect-

ing their school work."

There are also other general information programs offered by the Student Development offices, Stockwell said.

Carla S. Lapelle, coordinator, student health education programs (SHEP), student development, said, "We have a counseling center, SHEP and tutoring programs."

Lapelle said the programs the Student Development offices offer are described in the student handbook, and are also advertised on campus.

Many of the programs sponsored are meetings set up to talk to dorm students about problems they may have, Lapelle said. Programs dealing with drug abuse, eating disorders, test anxiety and depression are the most common topics, she said.

Lapelle said "We are in the dorm at least once a week sponsoring programs."

Help and more information is available from the Student Development offices, at 696-4800.

Historian to discuss Irish unrest

by ASHLEY J. BLAND
reporter

A professor from the University College, Galway in Ireland will discuss writing Irish history under difficult circumstances in a meeting at 7 p.m. today in Harris Hall 134.

Dr. Steven Ellis' topic "is significant because the peace process in Ireland has broken down," Dr. William Palmer, professor of history, said. "Writers in Ireland are forced to work with bombs exploding around them and guns going off."

Palmer said it is difficult for Irish writers to reach a dispassionate tone when they are writing under these types of circumstances.

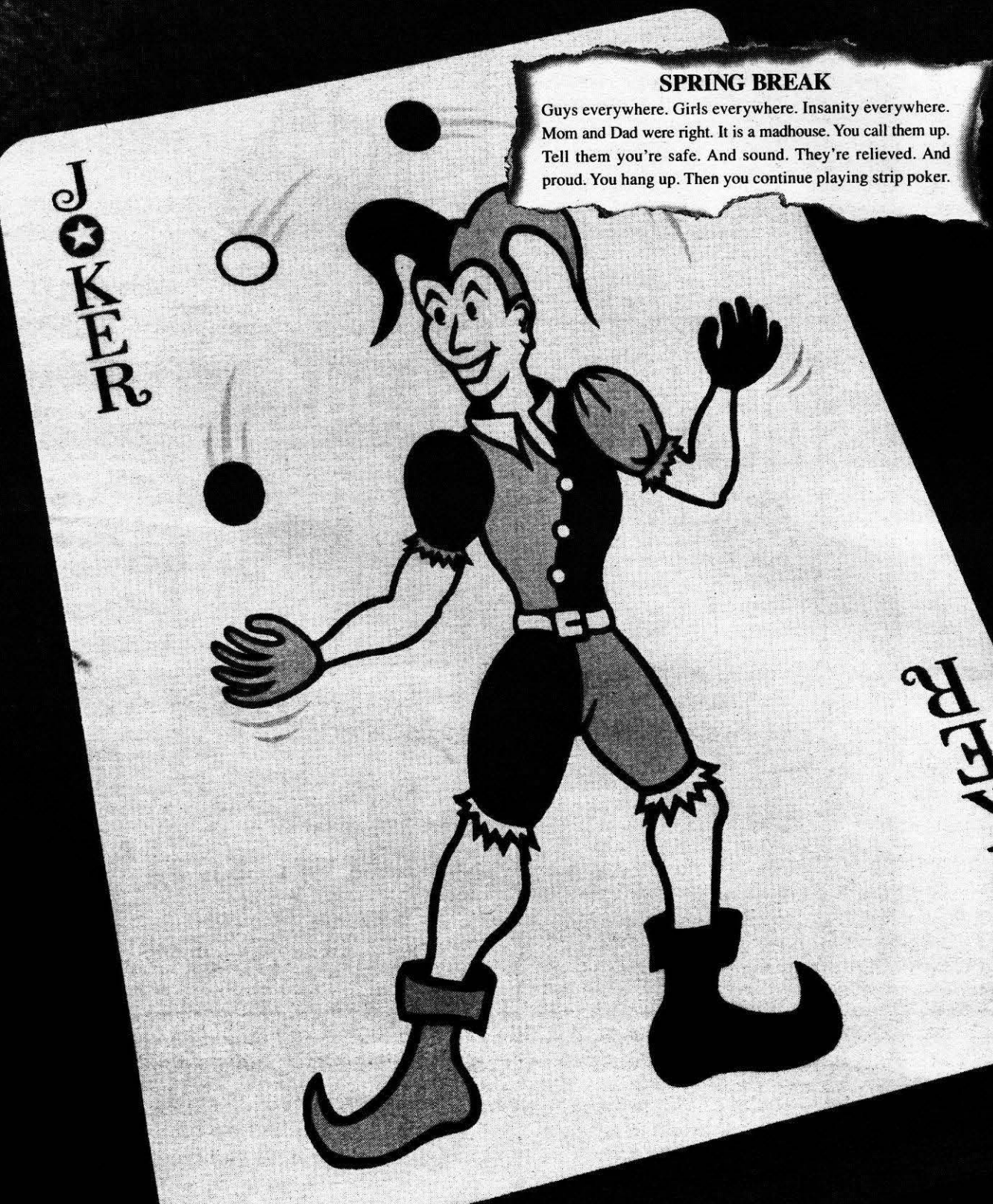
Ellis is the author of four books and has written nearly 30 articles. His stop at Marshall marks the middle of his nationwide tour. He has made appearances in Chicago and at Illinois State University.

The author will meet with members of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honorary, at 1 p.m. Friday at Mycroft's. "Anyone is welcome to attend," Palmer said.

The lecture, which is free and open to anyone who is interested, will be followed with a question and answer session.

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'H.M.S. Pinafore' to dock at Keith-Albee

by BRIAR HARMON
reporter

One of the nation's best-known light opera shows will drop anchor at the Keith-Albee Theatre Monday at 8 p.m.

Written by the team of Gilbert and Sullivan in 19th century England, the operetta was first performed at the Opera Comique, London, May 25, 1878. Gilbert and Sullivan were wildly popular in their time, said Mark Dirksen of the Marshall Artist Series. "They wrote some 18 operettas in the 19th century and were more popular than Andrew Lloyd Weber," he said.

Its satirical jabs at the British Navy and the rigid Victorian class distinction remain as topical today as they were 100 years ago. "It's about satire of the class system and I think it's something we can relate to today with the scandals in the British royalty today. With the tabloid stories about Princess Dianna and Fergie, it relates to events of today," said Celeste Winters, Artists Series director.

The production of the "H.M.S. Pinafore" features an

elaborate setting of a ship's deck based on drawings by Sir Gilbert himself, and beautiful Belle Epoch costumes, according to a press release. The production has been projected as offering energetic action, lively choreography and broad comedy. This is capped by the Bell Trio of Act II singing "Never Mind the Why and the Wherefore."

The operetta features 25 musical numbers. Among the famous introductions and numbers in the operetta are "I'm Called Little Buttercup," "I Am the Captain of the Pinafore," "I Am Monarch of the Sea," "We Sail the Ocean Blue," "And We are His Sisters, and His Cousins, and His Aunts," and "He Is an Englishman."

"It's a light opera, more like musical theater," Winters said. "We get a mix of people who like theater and people who like music."

Now in its 21st year of operation, New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players is America's preeminent Gilbert and Sullivan repertory ensemble, according to a press release from the Marshall Artists Series. Since its founding in 1974,

the company has presented over 1,000 performances of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas throughout the eastern United States. This is the company's third engagement with the Marshall Artists Series.

The company has in its repertory 11 complete Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, special versions of the most popular operettas designed for children's audiences, and a variety of concert programs created especially for their ensemble of "Wandering Minstrels."

New York magazine recently praised the Gilbert and Sullivan Players for making their material "fresh, vital and hilarious as if written yesterday." In the coming years, the company hopes to present other seldom seen American classics with original orchestrations, as well as unusual operas and operettas with a direct connection to the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition, according to the Marshall Artists Series.

The "H.M.S. Pinafore" is sponsored by the Marshall Artists Series, Cabell-Huntington Hospital, and University Physicians in Internal Medicine.

Reserved seats are \$22, \$26 and \$30. Half-price tickets are available to youth 17 and under, MU faculty, staff and part-

time students. Full-time Marshall students are admitted free. For more information, call the box office at 696-6656.

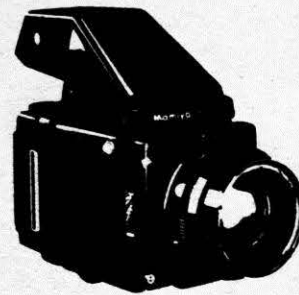
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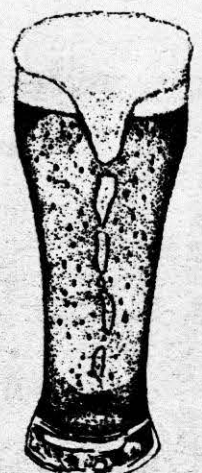
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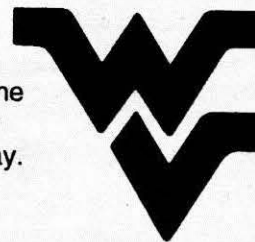
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Softball team, 19-9, faces 'toughest season yet'

BY DAN LONDEREE
reporter

The Marshall softball team is headed to Rock Hill, S.C., for the Winthrop Tournament this weekend before returning to Huntington for its first home game in what the coach says is

a season with the toughest schedule it has ever faced.

The team traveled to Florida over spring break to play some of the best teams in the nation, and the Herd finished the trip 7-7. The team's overall record is 19-9.

Tampa, Fla., was the site of

the South Florida Tournament, and Marshall started its trip with losses to Hofstra, UCLA, Michigan State and South Florida. Coach Louie Berndt said the team didn't play up to its potential.

The Herd beat Indiana State for its first win of the trip be-

fore it dropped a game to the Virginia Cavaliers.

March 13 the Herd faced Illinois-Chicago, a team ranked 20th in the nation by the softball coaches' poll. Marshall lost the first game 4-1 but rebounded to take the second contest 2-0.

After a day off, the Herd traveled to Tallahassee, Fla., for the Florida State Tournament. Marshall opened this tournament with five wins, including one against the No. 17th ranked Indiana University Hoosiers..

Berndt said Marshall's pitching was consistent throughout the road trip, including the final game against Miami-Ohio.

"Our pitching was excellent in the loss to Miami-Ohio," she said. "We just didn't hit."

"We've never faced this many top teams this early in the season," she said. "We have already played six top-20 teams. We played UCLA and they won nationals last year."

After playing in the Winthrop Tournament this weekend, Marshall returns home to prepare for its first home game against Morehead State, March 26.

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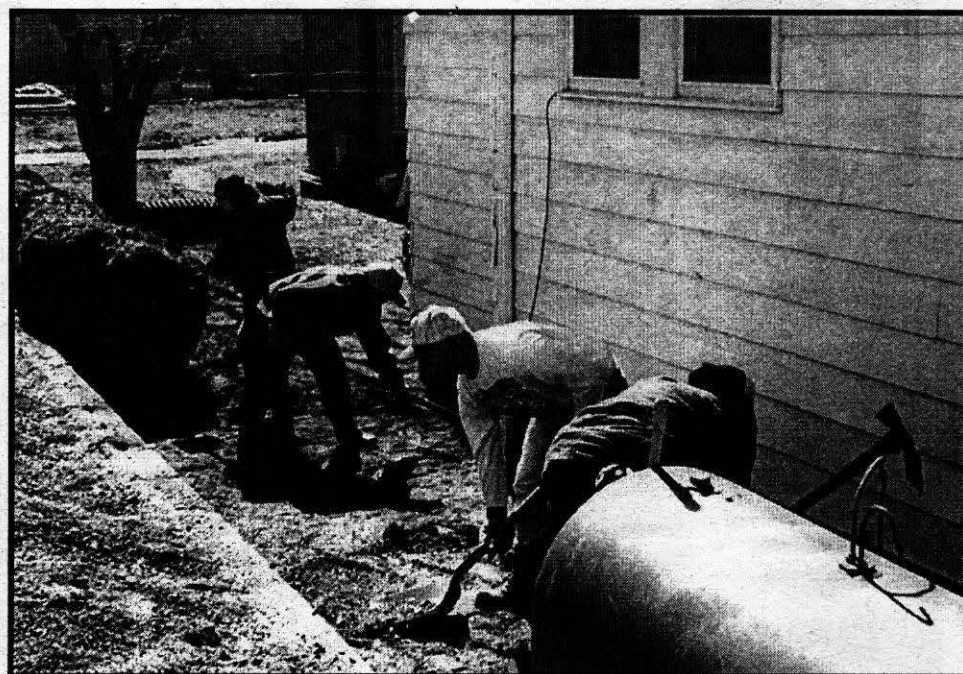
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HELPING HANDS

A group of students spent their Spring Break relieving flood victims in Pocahontas County.



Students help scrape away the mud left behind by the January floods that ravaged Marlinton. From left are: Jennifer Gill, Huntington junior; Johnna Gillespie, Belle freshman; Larry D. Buckland, Kimbel junior and Kristin Humphreys, Cross Lanes freshman.

Left: Shawn Kees, Sissonville senior, and Tonya Falls, Greenbrier County, hammer down the flooring of a damaged house in Marlinton.

Spring vacation for some students meant a week of frolicking on beaches getting sun tanned or catching up on studies.

But for 17 students from the Campus Christian Center, the week was spent clearing thousands of pounds of flood debris in the Pocahontas County community of Marlinton.

Marlinton was ravaged by flood waters in January and left many homes inhabitable and its residents emotionally, physically and spiritually devastated, according to Rev. Jim McCune, United Methodist campus pastor.

Students worked in groups to clean mud, trash, gravel and concrete that had become meshed as a result of the flood, he said.

A lot of the work involved moving debris from people's yards to larger fields where it could be pushed by a bulldozer or burned, McCune explained. "We also cleaned and sanitized the local parsonage and did a little plumbing," he said.

The students had a "really good time" and came out of this experience feeling that they had done something worth-

while with their time, McCune said.

Jennifer L. Gill, Huntington junior said, "It wasn't only how much it helped the people of Marlinton, but also how much it helped us. We really felt that we were doing something good for spring break that really helped people."

"We worked from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and then we would go back to our cabins to relax and watch movies. I really had a good time."

The students were encouraged to see the amount of food and cleaning supplies that had been sent from other states.

Kristin C. Humphreys, Cross Lanes freshman, said, "I was amazed to see the supplies and food that was in the church pantry when I was told that it was only one fourth of what had been sent. It was good to know that people from other states cared enough to come when there are a lot of people from this state who don't really care."

McCune said he was impressed by the hard work of the students. "It was backbreaking to lift and hoist all that debris. We had to use steel plybars to get it loose because it was frozen. We'd

dig farther and find more frozen mud and ice.

"The students also did a good job of building goodwill with the folks of Marlinton. Students were very sensitive to the decision making of the residents in asking them what to throw out and what to save. I think that was important because it helped the residents maintain control of their own property and it wasn't threatening to them."

Gill said, "The interesting thing was to see how hospitable and helpful the residents were. Here we were going up to help them and they would start asking us, 'Can we get you anything or can we fix you lunch?' One woman fixed soup and lunch for the group that was working on her yard."

Johnna M. Gillespie, Belle freshman, said it was her first time going on a trip like this. "They were so discouraged and it was a good feeling to go in there and help them and really encourage them. They really needed that. I was sad to leave and could do this type of work all summer."

Gill said, "We talked to some of the older people, and they could not believe we were here during our spring break. A lot of them just felt like they had been whipped and could not go on, and some felt that they had to rebuild and get through this. We faced both of these and felt a sense of hope because we

could help them to go on in some way."

Phil Secrist, Indianapolis senior, said, "The fact that we were there gave them courage more than the work we did. Their appreciation was really, really deep because we had come to share in their trials."

McCune said, "Every pile of debris we removed was a symbol of the flood. As those symbols would disappear from the neighborhood, it added a new sense of positive thinking."

Amid all the symbols of tragedy that surrounded them, the students created a fun working atmosphere by giving nicknames to each other representing the blunders they made while working, Gill said.

Larry D. Buckland, Kimball junior, summed up the experience by saying, "I've never had so much fun working."

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