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springfest begins next week, see page 8 for more information!

## What's grad school really like?

by DEBRA LUCAS  
reporter

Students thinking about going to graduate school will have the opportunity Wednesday to hear advice from people who have been there.

A discussion entitled, "Grad School: What's It Like?" is being sponsored by the honors program and the Honors Student Association. Dr. Richard J. Badenhause, chairman of

the Honors Council, said.

He said that people thinking about going to graduate school will get some unique insight about what it means to be a graduate student. "Everyone is invited. This is not just for honors students," he said.

The panel will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Room 2W22 with brief individual presentations by the three featured speakers, followed by a question-and-answer

session with the audience, Badenhause said.

The speakers, all of whom have been hired at Marshall during the past five years, are Dr. Amy E. Hudock, assistant professor of English; Dr. Frank S. Gilliam, associate professor of biological sciences and Dr. Christopher W. LeGrow, assistant professor of psychology.

They will discuss applying to graduate school, how to suc-

ceed while there, managing financial aid, and conquering the job market.

"In choosing speakers for the panel, we looked for people who not only had the perspective of their individual discipline, but also for people who were dynamic speakers and might offer a unique perspective," he said.

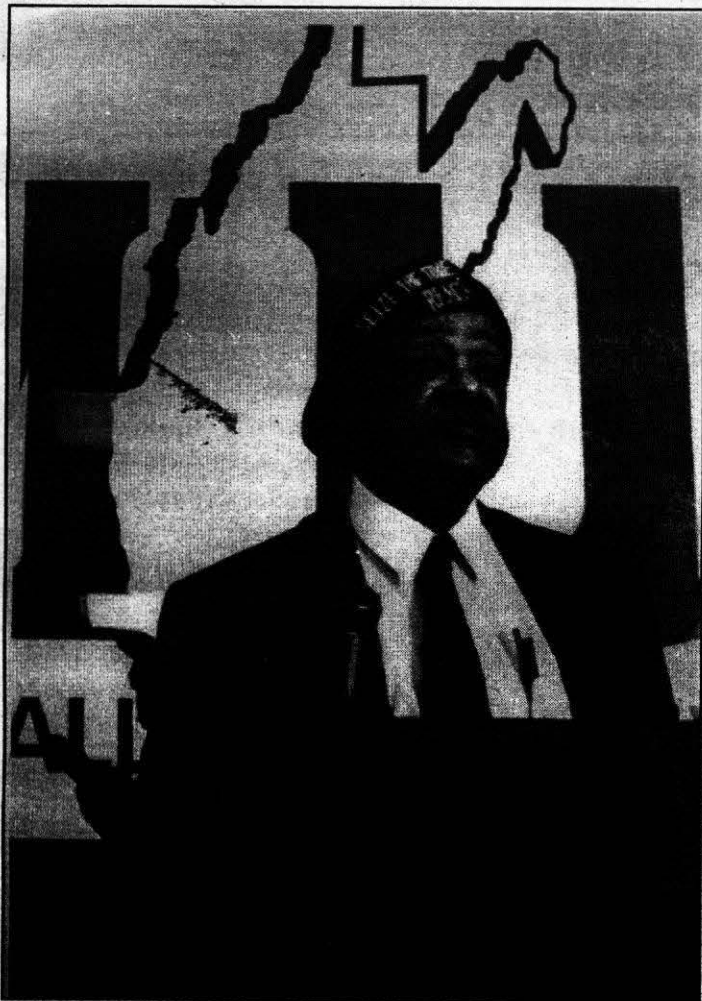
Badenhause said each speaker has experience at several universities. "Each has

had teaching or research experience at at least four universities," he said.

Badenhause said he plans to continue the series of discussions next year. "We envision this as continuing each year. Two each semester," he said. "Already in the planning stages for next year are panels about law, medicine and business."

More information may be obtained by calling 696-6405.

## Revolutionary speaks



Jim Sands

Bobby Seale, famed Black Panther leader of the 1960's, speaking on campus this week decried categorizations of the group as thugs. He said the Black Panthers benefitted many people.

## President holds key in parking site dispute

by CAREY HARDIN  
reporter

Another battle has been won in the "war" to keep a special place on campus for future fine arts expansion, but some have questioned the wisdom of it all.

The Faculty Senate last week narrowly passed a recommendation reserving a lot beside the Fine and Performing Arts Building for an additional structure to house studios for visual arts as outlined in the university's 20-year growth plan.

The final decision rests with MU President J. Wade Gilley as Faculty Senate actions are only recommendations to the president.

Interest in a parking garage prompted university officials to contract Ramp Associates of New York to find a suitable site for the building. Company officials determined that the site between Fifth and Sixth

avenues on Elm Street would be the best location, but it conflicted with expansion plans for the fine arts.

In response, the senate's Physical Facilities and Planning Committee recommended that the Elm Street site be permanently reserved for future phases of the Fine and Performing Arts Center and therefore be eliminated as a possible site for a garage or any other structure.

The senate passed the recommendation 18-16.

While supporters for holding the site for the arts say this is a promise that should be kept, others contend it is bad policy to reserve space for something that may never be built.

Stanley C. Sporny, associate art professor and chairman of the committee, said he was appalled by the narrow vote, but that it was reflective of the university's attitude toward visual arts.

"Art seems to always come last," he said. "People don't

understand our desperate situation."

In past years, art, located in 15 non-contiguous places across campus, has lost space to several other departments, Sporny said.

Social work moved into one of the studios located on the third floor of Old Main, he said and now, because the space is not large enough to accommodate one of his art classes, part of the class must meet in Old Main and the remainder uses a studio in Smith Hall. He said he spends a lot of time running back and forth.

The Department of Art also relinquished space on the first floor of Smith Hall to speech pathology so that it could be accredited.

Sporny said he is happy to help speech pathology, and as chairman of the Physical Facilities and Planning Committee, he will help any department "that is as

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## Tax crunch help offered

by STEPHANIE DEITZ  
reporter

It's time for the tax crunch, and a program right here in Marshall's own backyard can help relieve your tax time worries.

Before the tax time panic sets in, students, faculty, and the general public can attend the last session of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program April 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The project is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service,

Scott Clark, Elkins senior and project head, said.

Students involved are from the Accounting Club and were trained by an IRS representative or completed a self-study program, Clark said. Volunteers were provided with instruction booklets and publications with tax laws, Clark said.

The sessions have had low turnouts because of spring break and other activities, Clark said. "I hope we get people out. I expect the last one to be busier."

"Most people have had 1040EZ forms and just aren't sure where to put all the numbers," Clark said. "If we do it, we cut down the errors."

Chris T. McAdams, Ironton senior and Accounting Club president, said they just work with the basics. People with complicated tax problems will need to seek help elsewhere, he said.

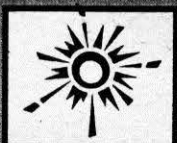
McAdams said the program has been good. He said the turnout has consisted mainly

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"The Black Psychiatrist" a  
one act play  
by Lewis Nkosi



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## Hair-raising Rodman is poster boy

CHICAGO (AP) — Dennis Rodman's head is growing by leaps and bounds.

The basketball star is the latest poster boy stopping traffic just outside downtown Chicago.

The giant likeness of the tattooed Chicago Bulls' forward in an ad for Bigsby & Kruthers, a chain of clothing stores, has been doubling the commuting time for motorists on the busy Kennedy Expressway.

The almost-completed painting of Rodman stands next to one of Michael Jordan on a large white building. On Tuesday, a crane lifted the 10-foot-by-5-foot hairpiece — red, for Rodman's latest fashion whim — atop his head.

"The color will change every time he changes his," said Joe Silverberg, an executive with Bigsby & Kruthers.

Store officials promised to paint over Rodman in a week if the traffic jams don't ease.

## Plaque unveiled by Jedi Knight

LONDON (AP) — Sir Alec Guinness on Tuesday unveiled a plaque outside the headquarters of the actors' trade union, Equity, celebrating his more than 60 years in film. It was also his 82nd birthday.

Guinness won the best actor Oscar in 1957 for "The Bridge on the River Kwai," and is famous for his roles in classics such as "Great Expectations" (1946).

However, younger audiences know him better as the wise spiritual warrior Obiwan Kenobi in the "Star Wars" trilogy.

## Millions of British cows to be killed

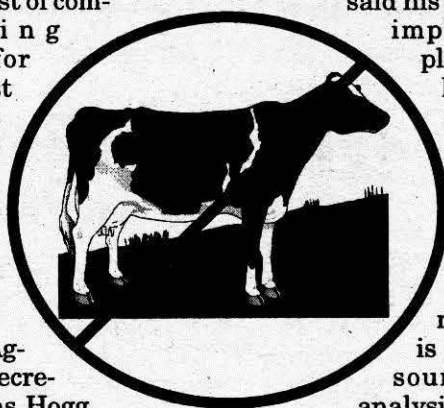
LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The European Union approved a plan early Wednesday to destroy millions of British cows in an effort to stamp out mad cow disease and restore public trust in beef.

"The entire document has now been agreed," said Ivan Yates, Ireland's farm minister, after 40 hours of marathon talks here.

EU farm ministers agreed Britain and the EU will split

30-70 the cost of compensating farmers for livestock lost in the mass slaughter. The deal is expected to cost the EU about \$400 million a year.

British Agricultural Secretary Douglas Hogg



said his country would implement the plan, but withheld full support for it to protest the EU did not lift its ban on exports of British beef.

"The ban is not justified. It is not based on sound scientific analysis. It should be

removed," Hogg said at a news conference after the meeting ended. "It remains my intention to work in cooperation with other member states and the commission to find a satisfactory and rapid solution to the problems that confront us all."

Not only did Britain fail to get the ban lifted, it could not even get the other 14 EU nations to set a future date for lifting the ban.

## WVU fraternity appealing expulsion

MORGANTOWN (AP) — A fraternity plans to appeal its expulsion from West Virginia University for a hazing incident in which a pledge was allegedly beaten, whipped and deprived of sleep.

Omega Psi Phi has alerted the office of student affairs of its intention to appeal the deci-

sion to expel the fraternity for four years, said Gordon Thorn, associate provost for student affairs.

Jimmy Laniyan, fraternity president, submitted a letter of appeal, but it was returned for additional information, Thorn said.

The fraternity can appeal on

three grounds: procedural violations, new evidence or the harshness of the penalty, said Linda Hausman, manager of student organization services.

Hausman said she was surprised that the fraternity appealed because she thought its members would be more concerned about upcoming disci-

plinary hearings and criminal charges.

Ten fraternity members face criminal charges in the case involving Lavar Grant, a freshman from Morgantown.

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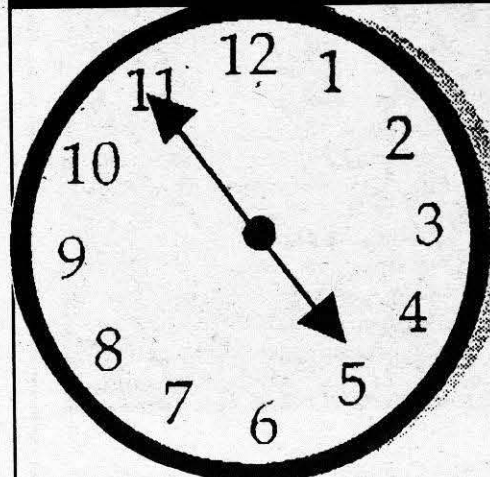
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## voter registration deadline

April 15 is the deadline for registering to vote or changing party affiliation before the May 14 primary elections, said Secretary of State Ken Hechler.

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## Plane carrying commerce secretary crashes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A military plane carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 32 others crashed on a hillside a few miles outside the port city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, in stormy weather Wednesday, leaving at least one survivor.

Brown, 54, was leading a delegation of American business executives from a dozen companies but there was no complete list of who was on the plane or word of their fate.

Croatian officials said the tail section of Brown's Air Force plane was discovered on the mountainous Croatian coastline and four bodies had been found. There was no indication that hostile fire was involved in the crash.

At the Pentagon, Air Force Lt. Gen. Howell

**"We can only hope that reports of survivors are true and that more are found."**

— Air Force Lt. Gen. Howell Estes

Estes said the plane carried 27 passengers and a crew of six, and that contact with the aircraft was lost as it approached Dubrovnik's airport.

"We can only hope that reports of survivors are true

and that more are found," Estes said.

President Clinton told sober Commerce Department workers, "We don't know for sure what happened." He said he had visited with Brown's wife, Alma, and called Brown "one of the best advisers and ablest people I ever knew."

Two senior defense officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there was no indication of any hostile fire at the aircraft. "None whatsoever," one of the officials said. "I can tell you the weather was terrible."

The second official said the United States and NATO have the entire Bosnia region covered with aerial surveillance and detected no hostile action against the plane.

**AP** Associated Press

## briefs

### Banker testified that Clinton benefited from an illegal loan

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A banker at the center of the Whitewater case testified that then-Gov. Bill Clinton benefited from a \$300,000 loan that Clinton arranged with the condition: "My name can't show up on this."

David Hale's testimony Tuesday was the first time it has been alleged under oath that the president benefited from an illegal loan.

"The president will have an opportunity in his testimony to refute false allegations," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Wednesday in Washington.

Clinton's personal lawyer, David Kendall, said earlier that the president stood by his "unequivocal denial" of wrongdoing.

### Child molester may be castrated

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas parole officials are considering a convicted child molester's longstanding request to be castrated after his threats to strike again delayed his scheduled release from prison.

Larry Don McQuay, 32, was about two hours away from being released to a halfway house Tuesday when protests from victims rights advocates prompted parole officials to delay the release.

During his six years behind bars for molesting a 6-year-old boy in San Antonio, McQuay had campaigned unsuccessfully to be castrated, saying it was his only chance of controlling his urge to molest again.

### Youth's death ruled homicide

HUNTINGTON (AP) — An Ohio teen-ager was killed by a blow to the head, authorities said a day after the body was discovered.

Billy D. Williams, 14, of Columbus, Ohio, was found dead Monday in a house here, police said. The state medical examiner's office said he was struck with a blunt, heavy object on the left side of his head.

Police had little comment Tuesday except to say they had no suspects.

### Caperton signs and vetoes bills

CHARLESTON, (AP) — On the last day he could, Gov. Gaston Caperton vetoed six bills, signed several and allowed one to be approved without his signature.

Caperton's deadline for taking action on bills passed during the 1996 legislative session was midnight Tuesday.

He vetoed one bill extending the closure deadline for the Colin Anderson Center in Pleasants County and another setting guidelines for the recusal of state Supreme Court justices.

Caperton allowed a bill legalizing slot-machine type games at the state's three racetracks to take effect without his signature. He traditionally has opposed gambling bills, although \$6 million in the state budget is expected to come from the slot-machine revenues.

The Colin Anderson bill would have delayed from Dec. 31 to March 15, 1997, the closure date for the center, a home in St. Marys, Pleasants County, for severely mentally disabled adults.

The closure date can be changed by the administration without legislative action, said Caperton spokeswoman Jill Wilson.

Another vetoed bill, sponsored in part by Senate Majority Leader Truman Chafin, D-Mingo, would have authorized Supreme Court justices to decide whether to remove a justice from a case if the justice was asked to step down and refused.

Because the court operates under guidelines independent of the Legislature, Caperton believed the bill was not an issue to be decided by legislators, Wilson said.

Chafin asked Justice Margaret Workman to disqualify herself because her secretary, Stephanie Callaghan, is a close friend of Lewis. Calls to Chafin's law office in Williamson seeking comment were not answered, and he did not return a message left at his office at the Capitol.

### Peaceful end for Freeman diminishing

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The standoff between the Freemen and federal agents is becoming more volatile every day and a peaceful ending is less likely the longer it drags on, experts said.

"They are not sitting idly by watching daytime TV," said Ron McCarthy, a police consultant in Dana Point, Calif., who teaches departments how to handle sieges. "If you wait too long, the people inside are creating an ending... that could kill everybody."

Robert Crawford, who has studied the anti-government group, said some Freemen may see a confrontation with the FBI as necessary to create a white supremacist world they see as their destiny.

"Part of their philosophy is that there will be ... an Armageddon to establish this white Christian republic," said Crawford, a researcher for the Coalition for Human Dignity in Portland, Ore.

At least 12 members of the Freemen have been holed up at the group's 960-acre, barricaded ranch — called Justus Township — since March 25, when federal agents arrested two of its leaders who had left the ranch house.

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## our VIEW

### Spring has sprung in the hearts of all on the MU campus

It would appear that spring has finally sprung. "This morning, I shot six holes in my freezer. I think I've got cabin fever...I've got to go where it's warm..." Yesterday's weather shook off the blues we were all feeling over here, and put us in quite a festive mood. With Springfest starting Monday, Mother Nature couldn't have timed it better.

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The people in charge of the weeklong brouhaha have once again put together a fine list of events to help knock off the chill of winter.

Everything from hypnotism displays to laser tag games will be set up next week for students to participate in, so that we can all alleviate a little stress.

We are especially looking forward to the laser tag game. There are a few professors around here that we want to climb in the laser storm with us.

As for the music side of it, there are a few groups coming next week to kick out the jams.

Chuck, Ben Arnold, The Drivers, Orbit and Steve Free are all scheduled to perform next week. They aren't Hootie, but they'll do.

Overall, we are looking forward to spring and Springfest. We deserve a break from the same ol' daily grind, and we figure you do too.

Some of the events and shows may sound a little silly, but they are all in good fun, so why not take advantage of them and go relax. It isn't a weeklong Lollapalooza, but if you give it half a chance, you'll enjoy it.

Spring only comes once a year, so take advantage of it.



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## Marshall needs to aim for a true 'dream team'

**mike TAYLOR**  
columnist

In a four-month span, Marshall has lost a popular and successful football coach and a young, promising and successful basketball coach.

In the course of finding replacements for the dearly departed, Marshall's brain trust, i.e. Lee Moon and Dr. J. Wade Gilley, have chosen to take the road less traveled and keep their lips zipped.

When asked Tuesday who potential candidates are to replace Billy the Kid, Gilley said to "look in the papers" to find out who the candidates are. Darn, I didn't know it was that easy.

I thought Gilley and Moon were the ones who were going to choose the new coach. But judging by Gilley's comments, it appears that we journalists are responsible for the choosing of the new coach.

We, the journalists, guess and throw names out into the air and then

Gilley and Moon interview the candidates. I may be naive, but this is just too easy for me to pass up.

So, President Gilley and, Mr. Moon, please allow me to add my two cents' worth and throw out some names of people you might be interested in talking with. I have chosen an entire staff to further ease the burden of choosing a new coach and his staff.

Ladies and gentlemen, my MU dream team: Head coach, Dick Vitale. That's right baby; he fits the bill. He's a PTPer.

He meets every qualification the brain trust has set up. Vitale has head coaching experience and he would be a great recruiter. What high school hoopster in America hasn't heard of Vitale.

Assistant coach, Digger Phelps. If we have the chrome dome of college basketball, we have to have his presidential hopeful sidekick to balance out the equation. Oh, he too has head coaching experience.

Assistant coach, Dennis Rodman. His knowledge of rebounding and

his rapport with the media are definite plusses.

Marshall will be in the headlines every day. And just imagine Jason Williams streaking down the court in green hair.

Assistant coach, Bill Rafetry. CBS color commentator. He, along with Rodman, would be the team's defensive specialists. I can hear it now: "Marshall. Man-to-man."

Strength coach, Hulk Hogan. Yes, there have been accusations of steroid use in the past, but just look at the guy. He's huge man.

Team physician, Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian. With him at the helm, Marshall would be the most fit team in the nation. The downside is that injuries to a player could be deadly.

I know this collection of greatness would be difficult to assemble, but with some savvy maneuvering I'm sure Gilley and Moon can pull this off. If we want greatness and the National Championship, this is the only way to go. The attendance would skyrocket and the run-'n-gun game that Billy leaves would be retained.

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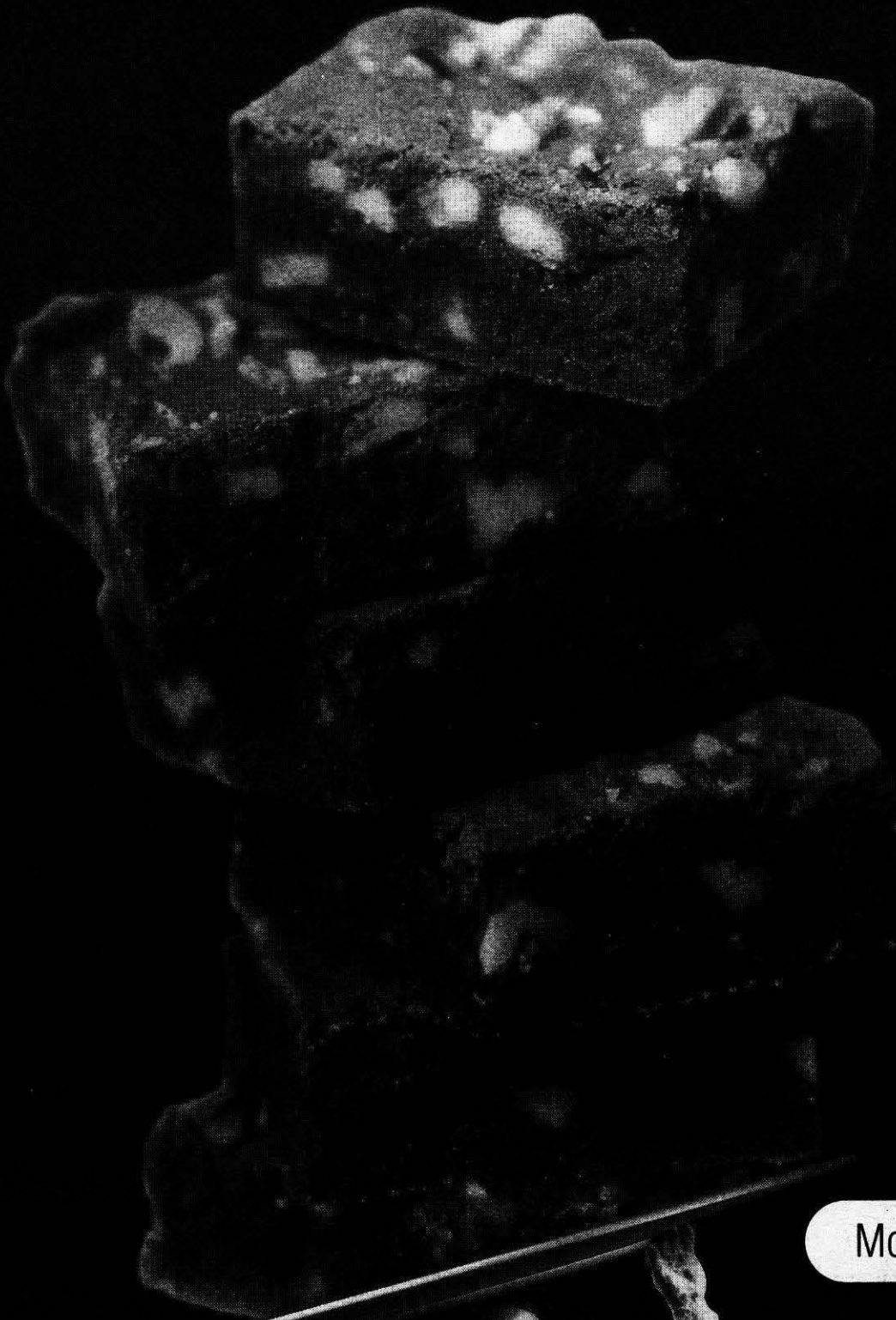
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## TAX

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of students with questions or those in need of some tax help.

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Clark said all tax forms are to be postmarked by midnight April 15, so this is the last chance to take advantage of free help.

## KEY

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desperate for space as art."

However, Dr. David R. Woodward, professor of history, raised a concern about how appropriate it would be to reserve blocks of land for something that may never be built.

Dr. Bertram W. Gross, professor of communication studies, also expressed doubt. "I am not opposed to the master plan," Gross said. He said he knows of no active plans to build a visual arts building. "I don't think any of us are going to live long enough to see it built," he said.

Sporny said Marshall's priorities for art are not unique. "Students are learning a lesson about how art is viewed in the real world," he said.

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100 Marshall students were surveyed about their perceptions of alcohol use. They stated that 54.6% of Marshall students went out to drink last Thursday night. They also stated that 40.5% of Marshall students got drunk Thursday night. When asked about themselves, 88% stated that they didn't go out to drink Thursday night, 96% stated that they didn't get drunk Thursday night.

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# One-act shows professor's 'artistic' side

by BRIAR HARMON  
reporter

"The Black Psychiatrist," a one-act play by visiting Drinkoscholar Lewis Nkosi, will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight in the Francis Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The play is sponsored by the John Deaver Drinko Center and Multicultural Affairs and International Programs in conjunction with the Marshall University Theatre.

The play will be produced by Dr. Alan Gould, executive director of the Drinko Center; Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs; and Dr. Maureen Milicia, chairwoman of the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Nkosi's play, "The Black Psychiatrist," possesses traditional African and black themes.

"Nkosi is a bright, warm

individual," Milicia said.

"The literature (of the play) is the best I've read in a long time. The script itself has a lot of meat in it."

The play is to be performed using reader's theater style. This is a medium in which two or more oral interpreters allow an audience to see into the characters' minds through vivid vocal and physical cues, Milicia said.

The cast has two members, Philip Washington and Bethany Cline.

Washington has a bachelor's degree with concentration in music from West Virginia State College. He has done numerous community theater produc-

tions in the region.

In addition to acting, Washington is an accomplished musician. He has performed with jazz players Wynton Marsalis and Bob Thompson.



He is also the pastor of Walls African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Cline has performed with numerous dinner theater productions, Charleston Stage Company, the Kanawha Play-ers and Theatre of West Virginia.

She has also performed numerous productions with the Marshall University Theatre.

Her most recent activity is completing a not-yet-released

television movie with a cast including George C. Scott and Alley Sheedy.

"Hard-working" is the phrase Milicia uses to describe Washington and Cline. "They work together well. In reader's theater you don't act it (play) as in stage acting. The actor's take words in the script and paint pictures in people's minds. It's theater of the mind."

Milicia also said working closely with the playwright will benefit the production. It's important to interpret the playwright correctly," Milicia said. "It isn't often that a director in educational theater gets to work with the playwright himself."

Coffee and discussion with Nkosi is to follow the performance. The play is free and open to the public. Individuals get tickets at the Marshall University Theatre Box Office 1 to 5 p.m., at the door, or may call 696-ARTS to reserve tickets.

## The Black Psychiatrist

# WMUL-FM brings home national awards

by ALYSON WALLS  
reporter

Marshall's public radio station won more grand prize awards than any other student station at the 33rd Annual National Broadcasting Society/Alpha Epsilon Rho Scriptwriting and Production awards ceremony.

In the past four years, WMUL-FM has won 10 such awards.

Dr. Corley F. Dennison, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, attended the conference in Los Angeles May 23.

He said about 500 people, including several prominent Hollywood producers and directors, attended the awards

banquet.

"There were 15 categories in the competition, and WMUL won first place in seven of them," Dennison said. "We also won honorable mention awards in five categories. I think the results show that we have an outstanding program and that we can compete with anyone."

Dr. Chuck Bailey, associate professor of journalism and mass communications and WMUL faculty manager, supervises production at the station.

Grand prize award winners are Charles Bissell, Ashland senior, for Audio Documentary Scriptwriting and Production; Eric Himes, Princeton junior, and John Stephens, Downey, Calif., graduate, for Audio In-

structional/Industrial/Promotional Program Scriptwriting and Production; Bob Ball, Milton junior, for Newscast Package Production; Pete Collman, Washington, D.C., senior, for Sports Feature Production; Steve Burnett, Shady Spring senior, and Cliff Haddox, Barboursville graduate stu-

dent, for Drama Program Production.

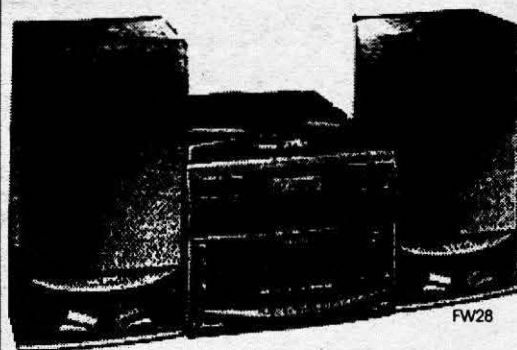
Honorable Mention awards went to Mark DiIorio, Huntington graduate student, for Scriptwriting; and Collman for Sports Package Production, Interview Program Production and Audio Public Service Announcement Production.

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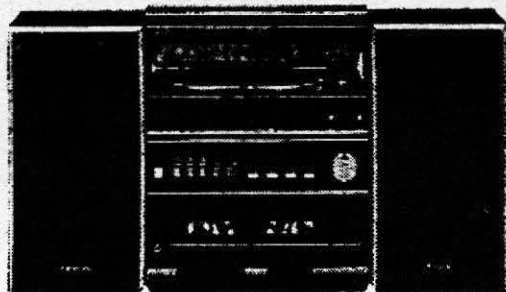


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## Charged linebacker surrenders

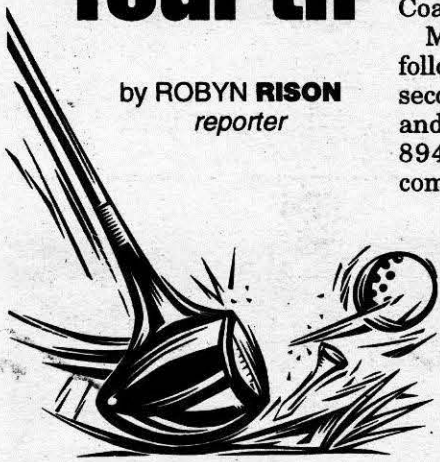
Indianapolis Colts linebacker Quentin Coryatt, who is accused of pointing a handgun at a motorist on an area freeway, surrendered to authorities this morning. Coryatt was charged Friday for allegedly threatening a motorist after the motorist prevented him from passing traffic in a construction zone.



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## MU Golf finishes fourth

by ROBYN RISON  
reporter



Not fore, but four. That seems to be the magic number.

For the second week in a row the Marshall golf team finished fourth place in a tournament. This time it was at the University of Kentucky/Johnny Owens Invitational.

"We were really disappointed. Finishing fourth at Kentucky was bad. We putted very poorly and that cost us," Coach Joe Feagans said.

Marshall's team score of 897 followed first place Duke at 885, second place Perdue also at 885 and third place Louisville at 894. A total of 16 teams competed in the three-round tournament.

Chris Boyd led the way for the Herd with scores of 74, 74 and 73 for a total of 221 and a fifth place finish. Steve Shrawder tied for 11th with 73, 78, and 74 for a total of 225. Jonathon Clark tied for 11th scoring

77, 77, and 71 also finishing with 225.

Brad Greenstein shot 77, 75 and 77 totaling 229 for a 29th place tie. In a tie for 40th place was John Duty whose three rounds of 78, 75 and 78 totaled 231. Jimmy McKenzie also played, but competed on an individual basis. He placed 50th with scores of 75, 79 and 79 for a total of 233.

"We played pretty good the last round, but we were too many strokes out to come back," Feagans said.

Marshall is scheduled to play in its only home tournament Friday and Saturday at the Guyan Golf and Country Club. The action opens with two rounds Friday at 8:30 a.m. and is slated to last all day. The final round starts Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Last year's champions, Ohio State, will return to try to defend their title, Feagans said.

## Tennis team takes record on the road

by DAN LONDEREE  
reporter

The Marshall tennis team will take its 11-5 record on the road in a conference match against Davidson Thursday.

Assistant Tennis Coach John Mercer said Davidson is one of the tougher teams in the Southern Conference. "Davidson has one of the best all-around teams in the Southern Conference, outside of Georgia Southern," Mercer said. "After Georgia Southern, it's really a toss-up. There are five teams that are really very close."

After last weekend's loss to Furman, the Herd dropped to 1-2 in the conference. Davidson was 1-0 in conference play before the weekend and was ranked second behind Georgia Southern.

The conference tournament starts April 19 and is scheduled to be played at Davidson College. Coach Mercer said the Southern Conference plays a flight tournament. "Individual players play dual matches and then are seeded based on the results," he said. "Then they play within their flight."

Based on overall records, Marshall has one player at the top of a flight. Lisa Hodgetts is first in the number six slot with a 13-2

record. Her conference ranking is lower because of her 1-2 conference record.

As of last week, Georgia Southern owned seven of the nine top spots in conference singles and doubles flights.

Mercer said more conferences are switching to team tournaments, and the

Southern Conference will be switching soon. "The year that we go to the Mid-American Conference is the year that the Southern Conference is switching to a team tournament," Mercer said. "We have been pushing that move for

three years, and they're doing it the year after we leave."

Mercer said the move to the MAC may present more competition for other sports at Marshall, but tennis is just the opposite.

"The Southern Conference is actually stronger in tennis than the MAC," he said. "We've played a couple of teams in the MAC this season, and we're 2-1 against them. We'll be competitive when we move."

Marshall defeated Akron and Toledo, but lost to Eastern Michigan in its second match of the season.

The Herd hits the road again next week, traveling to Western Carolina for another Southern Conference match. The team plans to return home to play in-state rival West Virginia University April 12 at 4 p.m.



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## No deal made for Irvin case

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Calling himself guilty only of poor judgment, Alfredo Roberts says he did not make a deal to avoid charges after a drug bust that led to the indictment of Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin.

"I myself did not receive, nor did not know of receiving, anything different from anyone else," Roberts said Tuesday.

Irvin and two topless dancers were indicted Monday on charges of cocaine and marijuana possession. The 30-year-old All-Pro receiver is free

on \$5,500 bond and will await trial along with Angela Renee Beck, 22, and Jasmine J. Nabwangu, 21. No trial date has been set.

Roberts, a former Cowboys tight end and associate in Irvin's "Masterpeace Ragz" line of apparel, was in the room with the trio, but was not charged.

Roberts refused to comment on specifics of the case because of a judge's gag order. But he apologized to his family, friends and the public for his involvement in the incident.



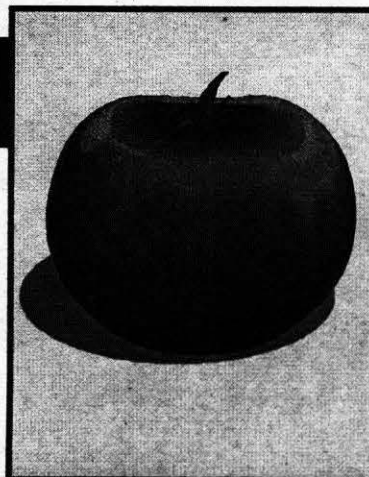


## Feel hungry?

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Students have been asking for healthier meals to be served in campus cafeterias. Twin Towers cafeteria is the latest to add vegetarian dishes to its menu. Find out what their health programs offer.

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# Spring is in the air

*Festival brings activities, music to campus*

Springfest will present a new twist this year with different events and performers when it begins next Monday.

Among the new additions are a laser tag event, a hypnotist and a performance by an environmentalist/songwriter.

Steve Free will perform his "folky-rocky-country-environmental-Native American-love songs" at noon Monday on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

Free is a Fraternity Records recording artist whose song, "Siege At Lucasville," has taken him to the Cashbox Top 100 Country Charts.

When writing original songs, Free said he thinks with emotion. "My heart lies in music with a message, but you can't sing every song about the environment," Free said.

"I like music that makes you think," he said. "If a song doesn't have a message or a story behind it, it is kind of stupid. I guess I write stories — I don't write music."

Students may participate in an inflatable laser tag game Tuesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Bus-kirk field. Inflatable laser tag is a self-contained, interactive laser tag arena. When inflated, it becomes a 1,400 square foot arena, with barriers, alleyways, walls, fog, music and lasers.

Up to 10 people are able to play at a time. After participants put on an electronic vest and energize their laser guns, they are ready to go. The object of the game is to be the last one standing, without being shot by a laser.

## the sounds of springfest



Ben Arnold—*Almost Speechless*

If there were a "Singles" sequel, Ben Arnold would be the band to call.

Lead singer and band namesake Ben Arnold seems to have just missed his calling as the next Paul Westerberg—but it works.

I could imagine myself at a coffeehouse with a group of friends, sitting around a table, reminiscing about old times.

The first song, "You," would inspire one long talk about ex-loves.

The sound is relaxing, not sleep-inducing, but it does begin to slow down near the end of the CD.

"Almost Speechless" would be perfect for a cook-out or a bar, when you're just hanging out with your buds.



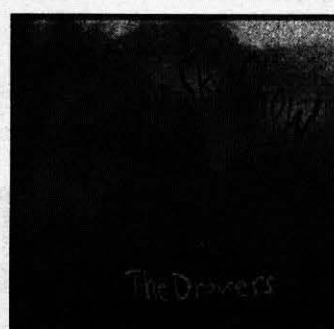
Chuck—*Not Quite A Crime*

Boston-based Chuck describes its sound as "poly-funk." Indeed.

Imagine if the "Higher Ground" Red Hot Chili Peppers met Prince and decided to form a band. The result would have been Chuck. In 1993, the band was voted Best Rap/Hip-Hop act by Boston Phoenix readers.

When you go to the show, prepare to dance. "Not Quite A Crime" has four songs, each with a beat that incites the need to move.

According to a Boston Phoenix review, "The Importance of Being Chuck," the band's previous album, "doesn't capture the wild abandon" of their shows. Sounds like good news for those attending their concert.



The Drovers—*Little High Sky Show*

The most notable characteristic of the Drovers is that vocals take a back seat to the music.

This Chicago-based band has a Celtic, folky sound that relies on violins as much as guitars.

The Drovers' latest record, "Little High Sky Show," is a moody album that features the band doing what it does best, jamming for long periods of time. And it is near impossible to figure out what direction that jams are going in.

The Drovers may be worth checking out if you like hypnotic, unpredictable music.

The Celtic band can also be heard on the "Blink" soundtrack as well as be seen in the 1994 Madeleine Stowe movie.



Orbit—*La Mano*

The Boston band Orbit is a punk band. And there is about a million bands that Orbit sounds like.

But if you can picture Maynard from Tool singing for The Pixies, you have Orbit.

Orbit's latest album, *La Mano*, is a five-song release on the label that the band founded, Lunch Records. *La Mano* is an energetic album that is definitely punk, but the lyrics are a lot more complex than most other bands in this genre.

Their sound is sort of like the Sex Pistols for the intellectual.

They have toured with Weezer and Elastica.

Bands like Orbit are usually entertaining live, just don't expect anything groundbreaking.

Hypnotist Frederick Winters will perform Tuesday at 9:15 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the student center.

Winters was trained by a master hypnotherapist at Northwestern University. He studied such aspects as self-hypnosis, sensory loss, regression, and methods of therapeutic application.

Winters has entertained thousands of people at universities,

corporate parties and Caribbean cruises. Some of

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— Steve Free

his specialties include turning the entire audience into a petting zoo and turning the most macho guy into a ballerina. He is described as a master at tapping into the subconscious mind.

Other Springfest activities include a "Managing Stress and Getting Things Done" seminar in Prichard Hall Room 140 Monday at 4 p.m. and several concerts. The Drovers will be performing at Marco's

Thursday at noon. There will be a 3 p.m. concert at Harris Riverfront Park Saturday. Among those performing are Ben Arnold, Chuck and Orbit.

**Story by  
Ashley J. Bland**