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credit problems? then check out page 6-7 for tips and information

## Study seminars will start soon

aim is to help students prepare for finals week

by JEFF HUNT  
reporter

The semester is coming to an end, and the study skills seminars are beginning.

"There are three study skills seminars coming up in a couple of weeks," Sandra M. Clements, coordinator, educational support programs, said. "The Educational Supports Programs department and Residence Service has teamed up to sponsor study skills seminars because of semester exams just around the corner."

Clements said Residence Service has been advertising the upcoming events in the cafeterias on campus.

"We want to let the students know of the options they have to help themselves on the exams," she said. "The table advertisement is the easiest way we could let them know since there are always students in the cafeterias."

Clements said one of the main reasons for the seminars is for students to manage their time wisely.

"We find that many freshmen and sophomores do not have good study habits because they do not know how to manage their time wisely," she said.

Clements said the Residence Service has already offered a seminar on time management and stress.

She said students who had problems in this area attended the seminar yesterday in Prichard Hall, on early registration and academic planning.

Clements said the seminar on early registration and academic planning lets students know how important it is to see their academic advisers.

"We also will talk to students

**"We want to let the students know of the options they have to help themselves on the exams."**

— Sandra M. Clements,  
coordinator, educational support programs

on knowing when to drop classes and when to keep them," she said.

A "prize afternoon" will be April 24, Clements said. The purpose is to give prizes to students who have come to all the seminars, she said.

"The students who attended were given passport-type identification and that will be their proof of attending all seminars," Clements said.

Clements said the Educational Support Programs department has four staff members that give the seminars.

"We have two graduate assistants and two regular staff members," she said.

Clements said the staff will be working hard the next couple of weeks seminars to help students get ready for finals.

"We will be having a 'Last Minute Tips for the Semester' seminar Wednesday, May 1, Room 140 Prichard Hall," she said.

To obtain more information about these seminars, contact Clements at 696-2271.

## The good ole days?



Basketball at the courts in front of Twin Towers East last Sunday before the rain put a damper on the warm spring weather.

## Finance department works on changing procedures

by JEFFREY A. DEAN  
reporter

Marshall University's finance department is caught in a bureaucratic catch 22.

It takes the same amount of paperwork to process a \$100,000 purchase as it does a \$10 purchase. "That's how the current system is designed," said Herb J. Karlet, vice president for finance.

But, according to Karlet, the implementation of Senate Bill 547 and some progressive lead-

ership from the West Virginia state auditor's office will relieve some of the bureaucratic burden placed on small purchases.

Under a new system proposed by Glenn Gainer, West Virginia state auditor, credit cards will be issued for purchases under \$500. These items will not be subject to the same paperwork requirements as larger ones.

Gainer will conduct pilot project. **see FINANCE, page 10**

## Credit cards: how do they affect you

by CHRISTY KNICELEY  
reporter

Credit card offers bombard students everywhere they go.

Bulletin boards on campus are covered with "take one" pamphlet holders, direct mail offers come to their mailboxes, inserts come in their bookstore bags and fall out of the Parthenon.

**see pages 6-7**

What kind of effect does credit use have on students? While many people never have problems with credit card debt, one Marshall student, who asked not to be identified, said for her, having a card created a cycle of debt and dependency.

"When I first got one, it came preapproved to my dorm in Tennessee. I used it responsibly and had a set budget," she said. "I only had about \$20 or \$30 balance then."

The student said the tide of dependency pulled her in when she received more credit cards and began to use them frequently.

After moving to West Virginia, she found that she paid bills with her credit cards, got paid from work, and paid off her credit cards in time to use them to pay bills again.

A New Year's resolution was the turning point for the student.

She worked out payment plans on her own with the credit card companies. "I decided not to go for credit counseling."

However, she also said her advice to people with credit trouble is to not be ashamed to seek help.

Mike Campbell, manager of the campus bookstore, said the textbook inserts and store bags featuring credit card advertisements are part of corporation partnerships between Follet, operators of the bookstore, and the credit card companies.

Doug Jones, advertising manager for the Parthenon, said credit card advertisements make up a "significant amount of advertising revenue."

The ads are placed in the paper through three national companies, All Campus Media, Cass Communications, and American Passage.

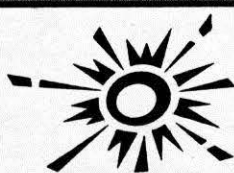
"We tell them our rates and then they approach the national people and say 'We represent X number of college newspapers and X amount of readers,'" Jones said.

## INside

**NURSING, page 8**  
Marshall's nursing program celebrates 35th

## CALENDAR, page 12

Do you know where you're going this week? Make plans...



**HIGH: 65**  
**LOW: 45**

## OUTside

**TODAY, mostly sunny, high in the 60s.**  
**TONIGHT, partly cloudy**



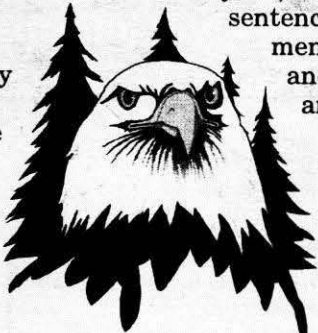
# this & that

## Man kills bald eagle, takes pictures

HOUSTON (AP) — Like most proud hunters, James Edward Tyson wanted to capture his trophy on film. So, quarry in hand, he quickly found friend Donald Edwin Gladden Jr. and asked him to take pictures.

One look at the negatives spurred a quick-thinking film processor to contact authorities: The 10 color photographs showed the body of a dead American bald eagle.

Tyson and Gladden pleaded guilty Monday to violating the Golden and Bald Eagle Act.



Tyson, 27, a state corrections officer, was sentenced to four months home confinement, 200 hours community service and \$19,000 in fines for shooting and killing the eagle Jan. 2.

Gladden, 23, who dismembered the bird, received 200 hours community service and \$5,240 in fines for possessing and transporting it.

U.S. Magistrate Frances H. Stacy said \$2,000 of the fines would go to the unidentified worker in a Huntsville film processing shop who alerted authorities.

## Madonna is pregnant by fitness instructor

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Call her The Maternal Girl: Madonna is four months pregnant with her first child.

The 37-year-old singer, now in Budapest filming a movie version of the hit stage musical "Evita," is "deliriously happy," publicist Liz Rosenberg told Britain's GMTV.

"This is the greatest and happiest surprise in her life," said a statement by her press office.

The baby's father, Carlos Leon, a 29-year-old fitness instructor, was also said to be pleased by the news.

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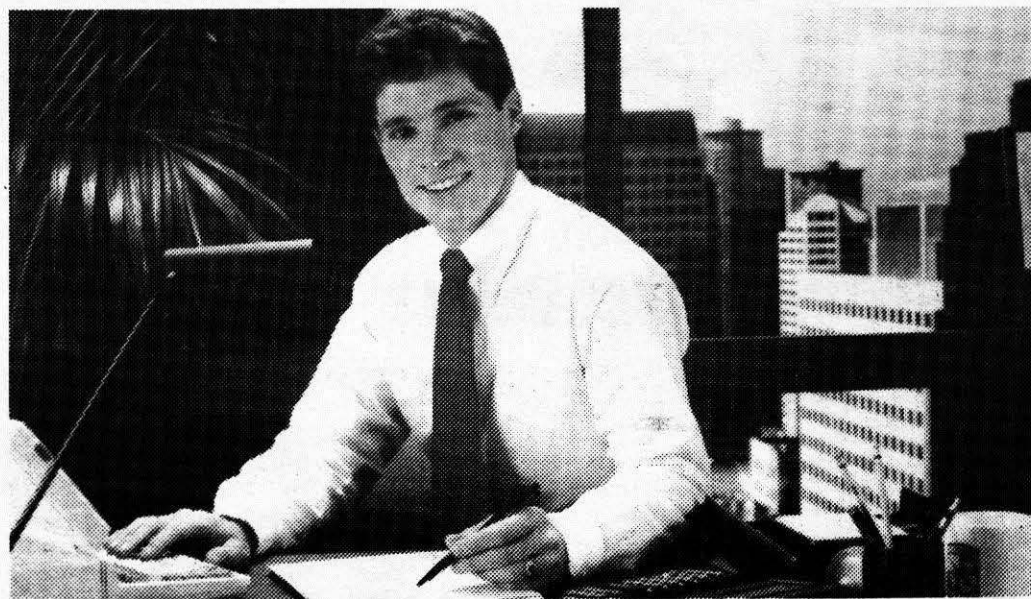
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## Another royal couple to divorce

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The divorce of the Duke and Duchess of York was listed for hearing Wednesday in High Court Family Division in London.

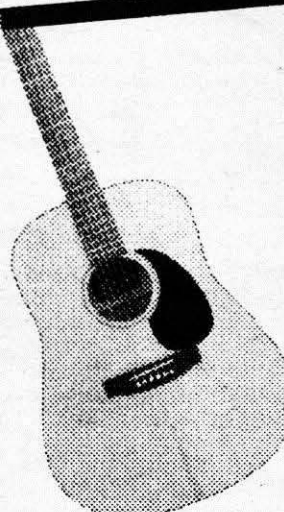
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interesting interest

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## briefs

### Liberian militia launches refugee attacks

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Forces loyal to militia leader Charles Taylor launched a new attack Tuesday on a barracks holding 10,000 people, sending dozens of refugees fleeing their unsafe haven. More refugees died from cholera or grew weaker from hunger as aid shipments were blocked.

### Hare Krishna witness granted immunity

MARTINSBURG (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday granted immunity to a key government witness and ordered him to testify in the trial of a former Hare Krishna leader accused of using murders, threats and beatings to protect illegal business activity.

## Jail guards lose jobs after mock hanging

HUNTINGTON (AP) — Two white guards were fired from the county jail Monday after staging the mock hanging of a black inmate.

Sgt. Gary Lambert and Officer Steve Rickman had already been suspended with pay and charged with misdemeanor battery after the March 24 incident.

The guards placed a hangman's noose around inmate Kenneth Ziegler's neck, tied it to a pole and handcuffed Ziegler's hands behind his back, police said.

The guards told police they were joking and that their action was not racially motivated. The FBI is investigating.

"They crossed the line, a very serious line," said Mike Thomas, president of the Huntington chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "It's a situation where they hung themselves."

A board of inquiry of the guards' peers recommended the firings, said Sheriff Ottie Adkins.

Ziegler, who is serving time on a misdemeanor drug charge, did not want to talk to the media, Adkins said. Lambert's attorney, Harry Hager, said his client would appeal. Rickman's attorney, Jim Spurlock, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

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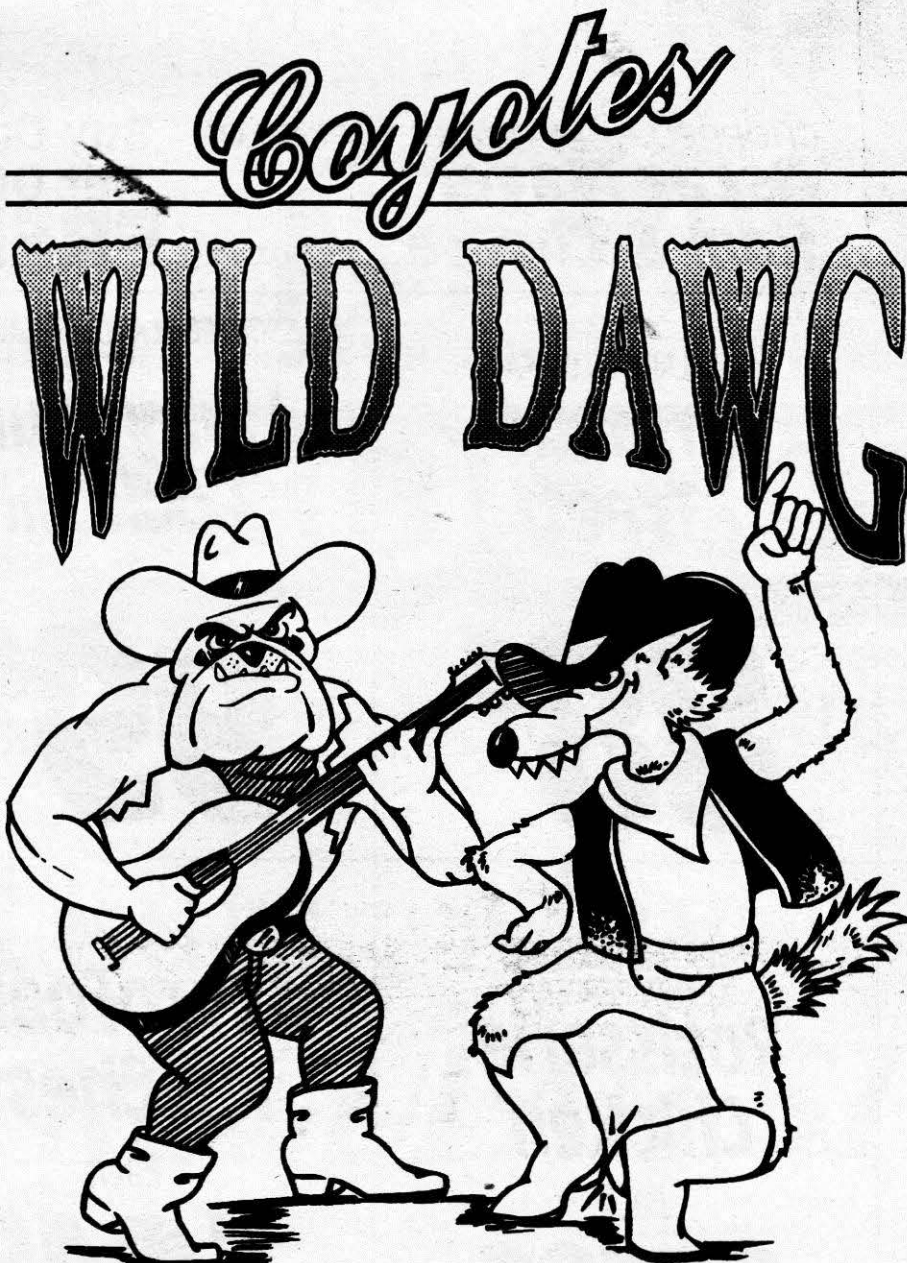
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# PROS & CONS

## Establishing credit has its perks ... and pitfalls

by PAUL DARST  
reporter

Many people may not realize it, but credit card purchases can affect your life for many years to come.

This is because every credit card purchase becomes part of your personal credit history.

"Your credit history can determine whether or not you get a loan or mortgage," said Jim Faehnly, general manager of the Charleston office of the West Virginia Credit Bureau.

Other areas of your life can be affected by your credit history, Faehnly said.

"Many landlords also do credit checks to see if potential tenants are credit risks," he said. "If so, they may be turned down. Public utilities can also run checks," Faehnly said. "They can't turn you down for service, but if you are a credit risk, they can require a deposit."

The West Virginia Credit Bureau can help people find out about their credit history and how to manage it, Faehnly said.

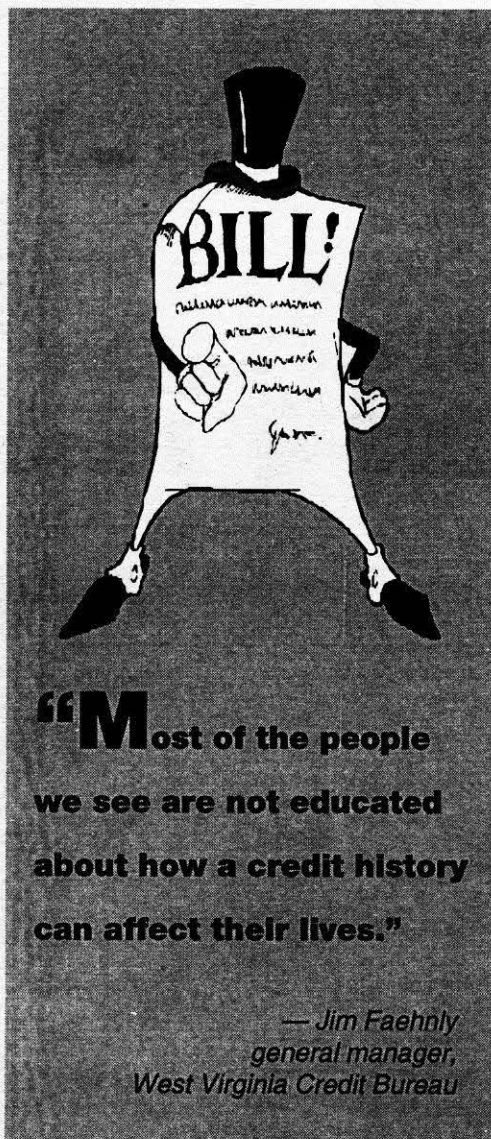
"Most of the people we see are not educated about how a credit history can affect their lives," he said. "I think high schools and colleges should teach students how to better control their credit so they can avoid many future problems."

The West Virginia Credit Bureau and other credit reporting agencies are not responsible for what is contained in a person's credit report, Faehnly said.

"All we do is store information," he said. "The information in the report comes from the individuals and is a record of their credit activities. Everything is in the reports—good as well as bad."

Activities which can negatively affect a credit rating include being late with credit card payments, Faehnly said.

"When a payment is 30 days past due,



the lenders report it," he said. "It is a gradual process — it adds up over time."

"There is no overall rating," Faehnly said. "Each lender looks at the credit report to determine if there is a pattern of late payments. If there is, the lender may turn down the loan request," Faehnly said.

Bad credit activity is reflected on an individual's credit report for many years.

"All information is on file for seven years," Faehnly said. "Chapter seven bankruptcy is on file for 10 years, which is four years less than the law allows," he said.

Lenders may look at the information in the credit report in many different ways, Faehnly said.

"For every 10 lenders, there may be 10 different decisions about whether or not to give someone a loan," he said. "Lenders each have different standards — some conservative, some liberal."

Although many people get into trouble with credit cards, Faehnly said there are good aspects about having them.

"If you make payments on time, it is possible to establish a good credit history," he said. "A good credit history can give you access to a world of credit."

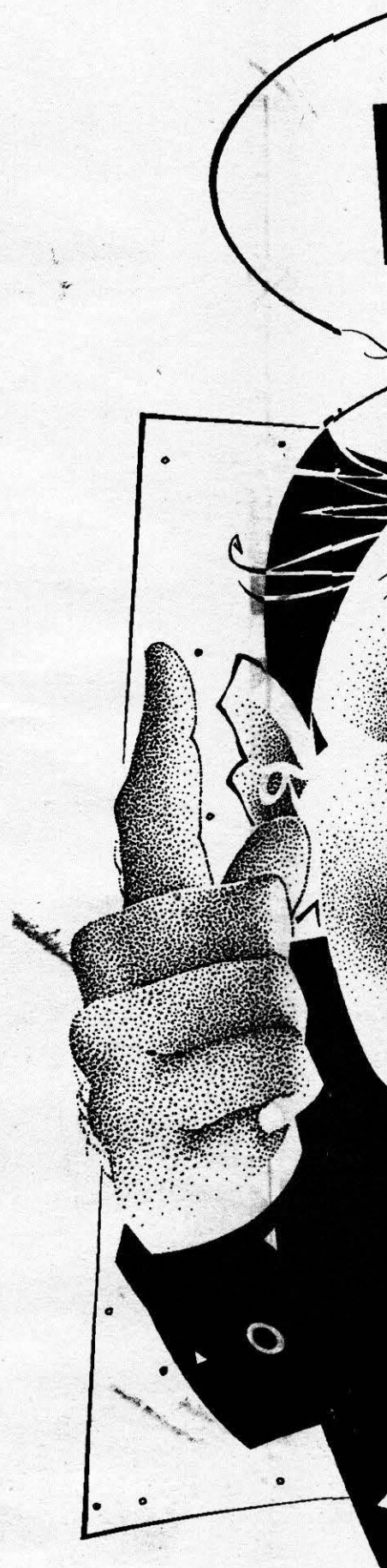
Currently, the credit card market favors consumers who are looking for cards, Faehnly said.

"It's a consumer's market," he said. "People can shop around for the lowest interest rates and can find cards which offer no annual fees."

"There are also many publications that can help consumers find the best deals," Faehnly said. "There are many lists of the top 10 bank cards out there which can be very valuable."

Most people who do get into trouble with their credit histories find out only after being rejected for credit, Faehnly said.

"The majority of people who come to us already know they have credit trouble," he said. "We can help them find out what's on their credit report. Sometimes it is only a reporting error that is the source of the trouble, and it can be corrected," Faehnly said.



Leslie Kirkland, program director of Consumer Credit Counseling Service, offers the following advice for SMART credit use:

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Start with a secured credit card.

Make a budget and stick to it.

Avoid using more than one credit card.

Refrain from impulse buying.

Try to limit card usage to emergencies only.

# CHIA

## Survey says...

survey conducted by CHRISTY KNICELEY

- Do you have (a) credit card(s)?
- If so, how many?
- Do you know your interest rate(s)?
- How often do you use your card(s)?

Students were asked these questions in an unscientific survey to find out not only how many students use credit cards, but how often as well.

Despite the majority of students who use credit cards, less than half said they knew their interest rate(s). Many students made comments similar

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to those of Angela Garrett, Ona junior, who said she doesn't worry about her interest rate because she pays off her credit card each month. Another student said her family paid all their bills by credit card so that they only had to write one check a month.

Frequency of use varied from four times a week to never. Twenty-six said they use their card rarely (one to three times a year) or never. Two reported using cards four to six times a year. Eleven said they use their credit cards once a month, fifteen twice a month, twelve once a week. Six reported using cards more than twice a week.

Some students said they had store credit cards that they did not use as often as other cards. Others said they use gas or phone cards more often than their other credit cards.

**Students polled: 100**  
**Students with credit cards: 71**  
**Total number of cards: 197**

**Average numbers of cards:**  
 Freshman: 1.9  
 Sophomore: 3.5  
 Junior: 3  
 Senior: 2.6  
 Graduate: 2.9

**40 percent said they did not know their interest rate(s).**

## No 'quick fix'

### Credit counseling aims to educate, relieve debt

by PAUL DARST  
 reporter

Having one's credit cards cut to shreds is something few would enjoy seeing.

But this is part of what the counselors at Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Family Services, Inc. do for people who come to them seeking help for credit problems.

"The most common problem we see is overextension," Leslie Kirkland, program director of Consumer Credit Counseling, said.

"People will often get too many credit cards and lose track of their debt," she said.

Counselors offer different services for people in trouble, Kirkland said.

"The budget counseling service is generally for those who are not in real bad shape," Kirkland said. "We show them how to manage their personal finances so they don't get into serious financial trouble."

The debt management service is for those who are in real trouble, Kirkland said. This service involves working out payment plans with the client's creditors. This is the most widely used service, she said.

"We work with the creditors to try to get the payments reduced," Kirkland said. "When creditors see that someone has come to us and is really trying to get help, they usually stop calling them," she said.

The counselors work out a four-year plan to get their clients out of the financial trouble they are in, Kirkland said.

"We're not here for a quick fix," she said. "We're here to educate."

Many lenders will also attempt to help those who get into credit trouble.

Robert C. Jackson, vice president and marketing director of the Twentieth

Street Bank, said, "When people get in over their heads, we try to work with them to reduce the amount of debt before we take other measures, such as lawsuits."

Help is also available from many credit reporting agencies.

Jim Faehnly, general manager of the West Virginia Credit Bureau said, "We can help people find out their credit history so they can see if they are in trouble. We can also show people how a credit history is built, so they can avoid any problems," he said.

**"People will often get too many credit cards and lose track of their debt."**

— Leslie Kirkland  
 program director,  
 Consumer Credit  
 Counseling Service

Kirkland said there are several pieces of advice she offers to those wishing to avoid credit problems.

First, start with a secured credit card, she said. A secured card is a relatively new concept which requires col-

lateral in the form of a savings account. The credit limit is based on the size of that account.

Next, Kirkland said, stick with one credit card. "That's all most people need," she said.

"Unless you are very well disciplined with money, you don't need all those store credit cards. You can get discounts with them, but if you get into trouble, it will cost more in the long run," Kirkland said.

Kirkland also suggests making a budget. "People need to start doing a budget," she said. "It can help you get your finances organized, but you must stick with it for it to do any good."

Limiting card usage for emergencies only and refraining from impulse buying are other tips Kirkland offers.

"I won't say credit cards are bad. You get 30 days of free money, they are convenient, useful in emergencies and can help build a credit history."

"It all boils down to discipline," she said.



# School of Nursing open house celebrates 35th anniversary

by GEORGE KAMPHAUS  
reporter

Do you still think of a nurse as someone who can only administer medication, take temperatures and change beds?

You might change your mind if you attend the School of Nursing's Open House April 19th and 20th from 10 a.m. until noon in Room 301 Prichard Hall.

Dr. Lynne B. Welch, dean of the School of Nursing, said the event will include food and beverages.

The open house will feature exhibits by the Student Nurses Association, as well as by individual students and faculty, Welch said.

Visitors will see the program's emphasis on community-based care, a profession which Welch said requires skills that are more complex and broader in scope, such as patient assessment and resource acquisition.

The Open House is a celebration of the School of Nursing's 35th anniversary and is part of Alumni Weekend activities.

Welch said she hopes the open house will be a chance for students and alumni to "network"

and build ties with faculty, both on and off campus.

Nursing alumni from the last 35 years may notice changes in their alma mater.

When the program began, the only degree granted was a two-year associate degree.

Later the four-year baccalaureate degree was added and soon after the associate degree was dropped.

In 1990, the school began offering the master's of nursing degree.

Recent curriculum changes were implemented, Welch said, to keep pace with the trend toward more "home-based" care and away from "hospital-based" and strictly "technical" care.

Welch said this is especially true in rural areas where many nursing students now train.

Students are responding to the new approach. Welch said student demand for training in rural areas exceeds the ability of those sites to accommodate them.

"Students just love being there," she said. That enthusiasm and a student enrollment of 450 and growing has the School of Nursing planning for future anniversaries.

## Mine officials tighten security

CHARLESTON (AP) — Federal mine safety officials are tightening security at their operations after the truck of an inspector in Vacaville, Calif., was bombed.

FBI agents are trying to piece together the bomb that blew up Gene Ainslie's truck Friday hours after a death threat referring to the Oklahoma City bombing was called in to his office.

Director J. Davitt McAteer said his agency "is taking steps to tighten workplace security for its employees." He would not elaborate.

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# Stereotypes to be discussed at seminar

by KRISTI MONTGOMERY  
reporter

The hills and mountains of West Virginia can be seen as tourist attractions.

Those who have heard the stereotypes of the state may see the hills as full of ignorance and poverty.

The West Virginia professional chapter and the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists are having a seminar on the stereotypes of Appalachia.

The seminar, open to everyone, will be Saturday, April 20, in Smith Hall 336 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Three panelists will present brief presentations on the subject, then have a question and answer session with the audience.

## Panelists to deal with myths of Appalachian ignorance

The panelists will be Carl P. Burrowes, Carter G. Woodson distinguished professor of journalism; Dave Peyton, columnist for The Herald Dispatch; and Nerissa Young, a graduate of Marshall's journalism program and reporter for the Beckley Register Herald.

Dr. George T. Arnold, professor of journalism and mass communications, grew up in Appalachia and thinks the seminar will provide a chance to discuss the stereotypes of the area.

"Those of us who grew up and lived in

the Appalachian mountains all our lives are very much aware of the incorrect and misused images that we often have in the national media, and the seminar will give the opportunity to talk about them," Arnold said.

Some students think the stereotypes are unfair, but perhaps justifiable, even for the objective media.

"Until they clean up the poverty and welfare, I see why the stereotypes are still in place," Melissa L. Bonzo, a Wheelersburg, Ohio, senior said.

Two students who are residents of

West Virginia have heard many of the jokes and stereotypes, and they still like living here.

"I think the jokes about West Virginia left over from the old days of hillbillies and women chewing tobacco are still thought of as true," Daniel H. Martin, a freshman from Fayette County, said.

Another resident, Tasha M. Miller, a Greenbrier County freshman, said she thinks people are to blame for the stereotypes.

"Other people, from the state and others, usually stereotype West Virginia. I think it's just other people's ignorance," Miller said.

Arnold said the seminar will be a learning experience.

"We can learn from this, not only as mass communicators, but also as human beings," Arnold said.

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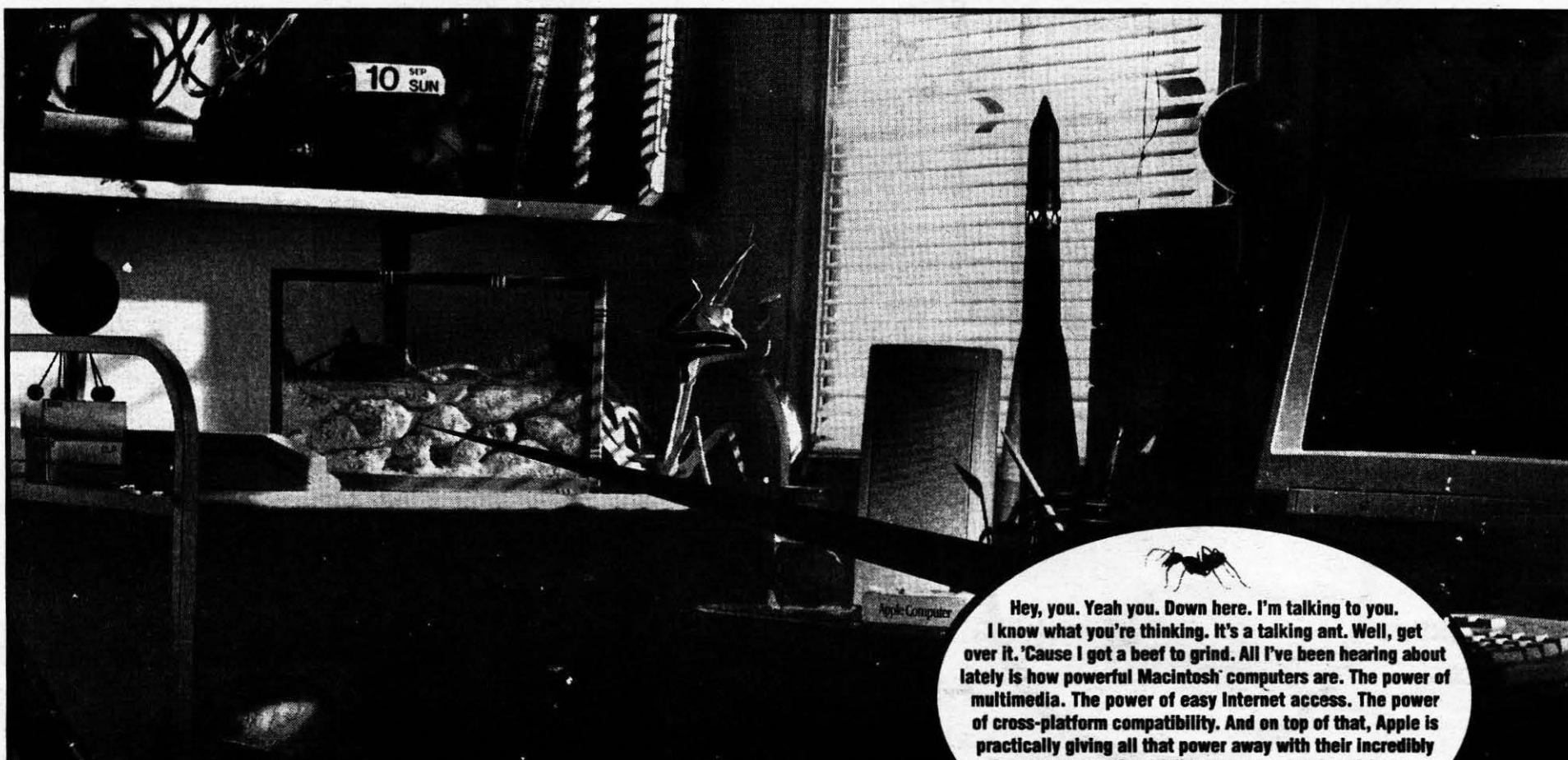
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# Women's health focus of upcoming lecture

by CINDY BRUMFIELD  
reporter

"Hormone Replacement Therapy after Breast Cancer" is the topic of the 1996 Anagene Bartrum Heiner Lectureship April 20 at 10 a.m. in the Fine Arts Building, said Dr. Robert C. Nerhood, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Marshall.

Julia T. Donovan, M.D., is the scheduled speaker at the event, Nerhood said.

She is a gynecologic

oncologist at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Nerhood said Donovan has been an instructor in the Gynecology Department at Harvard Medical School and has done extensive research of cancer in women. He said the lecture always deals with new developments in medicine related to women.

"The lecturer discusses topics important to the community," he said. The lecture, which began in 1984, is given

every two years, said David N. Bailey, director of continuing education.

It is funded by the School of Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics in honor of Heiner, a Huntington community leader and alumna of Marshall.

Heiner's daughters established the lectureship to honor their mother, a 12-year member and former president of the State Board of Education, and a teacher in Wayne County schools for 20 years.

Bailey said the lecturer is

chosen based on his or her prominence in a field. He said Donovan is foremost in the area of women's health. "This procedure is relatively new and needs to be introduced to the community," he said.

"Women are constantly complaining about how difficult it is to obtain free medical advice and here is an excellent opportunity for them," Bailey said.

The lecture is open to the public. To obtain more information, contacting the medical school at 696-7019.

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## FINANCE

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grams with the credit cards this summer at West Virginia University and Fairmont State University.

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This will reduce the amount of checks written by the university and the number of bills

Karlet's office must pay.

"But, this doesn't mean we're just going to open the flood gates, only certain people will get credit cards and there will be controls over what they can purchase," Karlet stressed.

Issuing credit cards for small purchases is just one way administration costs are being reduced.

According to Karlet, the state uses a complex tuition system that requires Marshall and other state schools to divide fees into six or seven different categories. Senate Bill 547 will limit that number to just two.

"This will not cut student costs any, but it will make accounting for it much simpler," Karlet said.

Karlet said he is not sure how much money the new systems will save.

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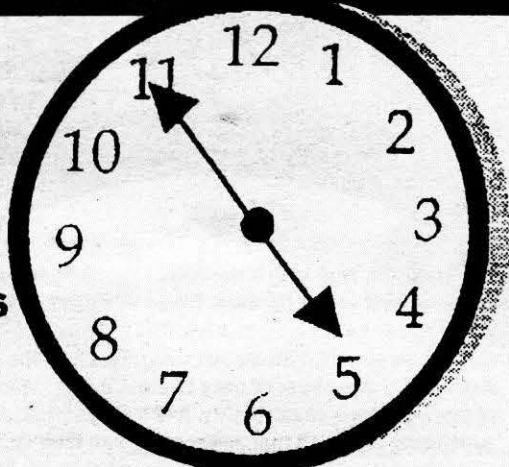
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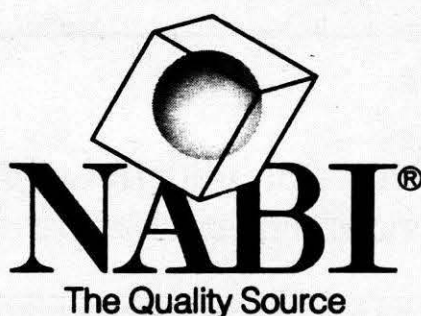
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# Sports

## Lloyd wants a salary increase

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Greg Lloyd is giving the Pittsburgh Steelers until July 1 to make him the NFL's highest-paid line-backer, or he will become a free agent after the season ends. Dick Bell, Lloyd's agent, said July 1 is the final date for the Steelers to sign the five-time Pro Bowl player. Both sides have agreed there will be no negotiations once the season begins.

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## Herd baseball season to finish away from home

by ROBYN RISON  
reporter

If they can't play they may as well practice.

That is what they did, sort of. They practiced sliding, for fun, only it was on a tarp-covered field in the pouring rain.

The baseball game against Pikeville College Monday was cancelled in the middle of the fourth inning due to a down-

pour. The fans knew the game was over when the players took off their uniforms and began sliding across the tarp in their T-shirts and shorts.

But, the team did get to play last weekend.

Saturday and Sunday the Herd had a three-game series with the East Tennessee State Buccaneers.

The team won the first game 6-3 and dropped the second and

third 4-2 and 9-8.

"We had really good pitching from J.R. Watts in the first game and Brian Mallory pitched a gem in the second. Bob Herrington also did an excellent job in relief," Coach Craig Antush said.

"We lost it early in the game Sunday and we just don't have the kind of team that can rebound from that," Antush said.

The team will battle with Ohio State today, Furman in a three-game series Saturday and Sunday, and will finish with the Auburn Tigers Tuesday, April 23. That leaves the Herd with the Southern Conference Tournament April 25.

"We have definitely been challenged mentally. It has been a real struggle. We haven't gotten many breaks, we've had a lot of close plays called against us," Antush said.

He said the team is better than the record shows and he's looking to the future. "With all of our youth we are going to have something really nice in the future."

## Friends in high places



photo: courtesy of Bob Gray

Thundering Herd soccer coach Bob Gray and soccer legend Pele were both instrumental in getting the Major Soccer League organized. Play in the league started last week. This phot was taken during the draft for the MSL.

## Puckett needs laser surgery for right eye

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Twins outfielder Kirby Puckett is expected to have laser surgery to try to lower the pressure in his right eye.

Puckett was placed on the disabled list before the season when he experienced blurred central vision in his right eye due to a partial blockage of the blood vessels feeding the retina.

Dr. Bert Glaser of the Retina Institute of Maryland said the blurred vision was due to an early form of glaucoma, an elevated pressure in the eye.

The surgery will be done today in Baltimore. Puckett is expected to remain hospitalized at least overnight after the surgery.

Team doctor L.J. Michienzi cautioned that the procedure isn't expected to produce immediate results.

"Right now, first things first," Michienzi said. "There is healing taking place now. The retinal tissue has to heal first. You can only wait and see what happens."

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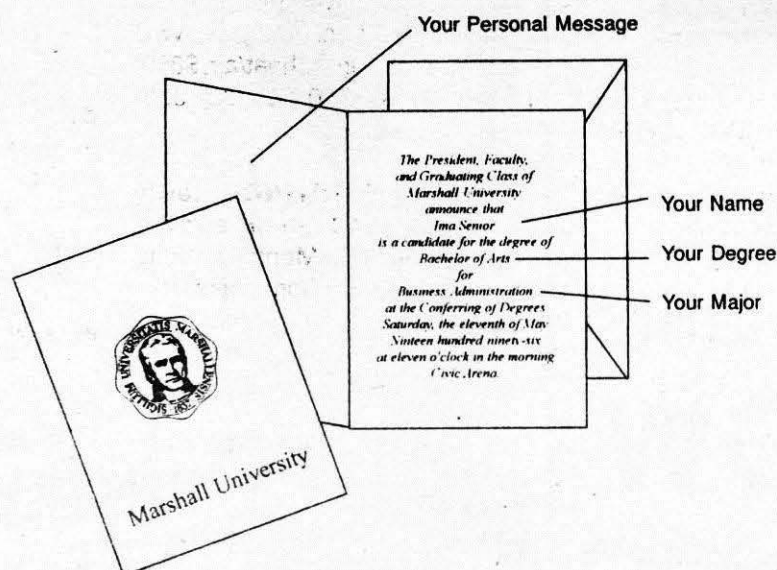
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**Women's Center:** 6th annual River City's Rubber Ducky Derby ducks for sale, MSC lobby, 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.  
**Birke Art Gallery:** Senior show, exhibit by undergraduates, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.  
**Women's Center Lunchbag Seminar:** "Secrets for Successful Interviewing and Job Hunting," noon, Women's Center  
**Baseball at Ohio State,** 2 p.m.  
**Softball at Morehead State,** 3 p.m., doubleheader  
**Department of Chemistry:** Alchemy: Middle East, China, and Europe, 7 p.m., MSC Shawkey Room

**18**  
Thursday

**Birke Art Gallery:** Exhibit by undergraduates, 10 a.m.—noon  
**Department of Theater:** "The Good Doctor," 8 p.m., Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

**19**  
Friday

**Department of Theater:** "The Good Doctor," 8 p.m., Joan C. Edwards Playhouse  
**Softball:** Frost Cutlery Tourney, Chattanooga, Tenn.

**20**  
Saturday

**Birke Art Gallery:** Exhibit by graduates, 1—4 p.m.; reception, 7—9 p.m.  
**Baseball at Furman,** noon, doubleheader  
**Softball:** Frost Cutlery Tourney, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
**Department of Theater:** "The Good Doctor," 8 p.m., Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

**21**  
Sunday

**Center for International Programs:** '96 International Festival, 4—7 p.m., MSC Don Morris Room  
**Softball:** Frost Cutlery Tourney, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
**Baseball:** Furman, 1 p.m., doubleheader

**22**  
Monday

**Birke Art Gallery:** Exhibit by graduates, 10 a.m.—4 p.m., 7—9 p.m.

**23**  
Tuesday

**Birke Art Gallery:** Exhibit by graduates, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.  
**Baseball at Auburn,** 3 p.m. (CST)

**24**  
Wednesday

**Birke Art Gallery:** Exhibit by graduates, 10 a.m.—noon  
**Gamma Beta Phi meeting,** noon, Marco's  
**Department of Music:** Graduate Recital, pianist Audrey Kaiser, 8 p.m., Smith Recital Hall

**25**  
Thursday

**Take Our Daughters to Work Day**  
**Gamma Beta Phi meeting,** 5 p.m., Marco's  
**Department of Theater:** "The Good Doctor," 8 p.m., Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

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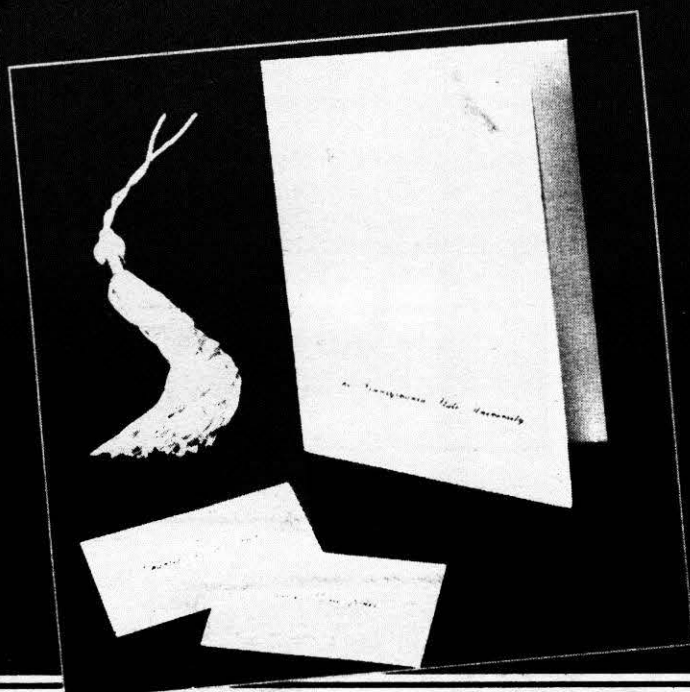
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**Softball:** Southern Conference Tournament, Statesboro, Ga.

**27**  
Saturday

**Birke Art Gallery:** Exhibit by graduates, 1—4 p.m.  
**Department of Theater:** "The Good Doctor," 8 p.m., Joan C. Edwards Playhouse  
**Softball:** Southern Conference Tournament, Statesboro, Ga.  
**Baseball:** Southern Conference Tournament, Charleston, S.C.

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