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Class of 1996

Almost 2000 students to graduate in 159th commencement ceremony

by KRISTI MONTGOMERY
reporter

Marshall University's 159th commencement ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11 at the Huntington Civic Arena.

The number of students receiving degrees this year is higher than last year's by 99. The "grand total" of degrees awarded is 1,906.

Roberta Ferguson, associate registrar, said she hopes the students will make the most of the ceremony.

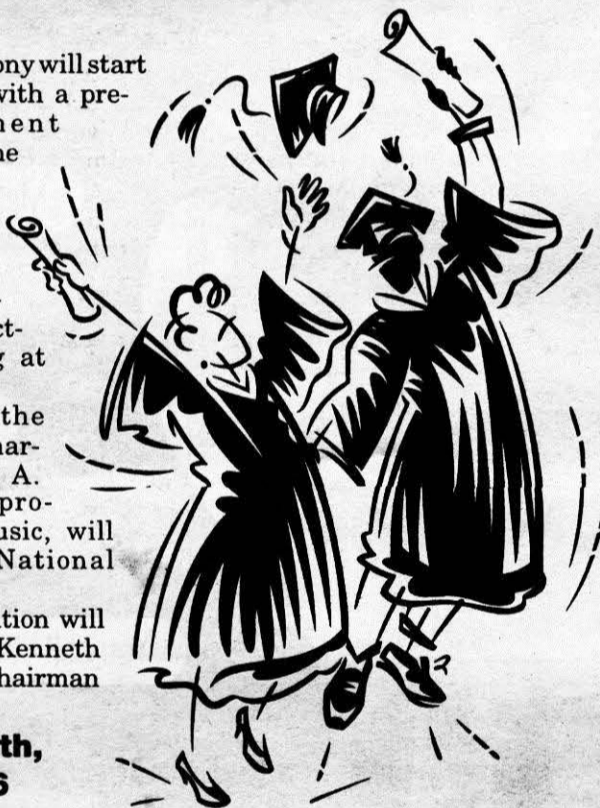
"Here at the registrar's office, it is our job to present a ceremony that students can be proud of," Ferguson said. "It is not a requirement to attend commencement ceremonies, but we try to make a ceremony that everyone will want to attend."

The ceremony will start at 11 a.m., with a pre-commencement concert by the MU Wind Ensemble, with Professor W. Edwin Bingham conducting, starting at 10:30 a.m.

After the ceremonial marches, Paul A. Balshaw, professor of music, will sing the National Anthem.

The invocation will be given by Kenneth P. Ambrose, chairman

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Four to receive honorary doctoral degrees May 11

by KRISTI MONTGOMERY
reporter

Four honorary doctoral degrees will be awarded at the commencement ceremony Saturday, May 11.

"These four people, who are very different from each other, have found common ground in their desire to assist Marshall University and its students," President J. Wade Gilley said.

The four degrees will be awarded to Mrs. Joan C. Edwards, president of Namaco Industries of Huntington. Edwards and her late husband, James F. Edwards, contributed to Marshall's fine arts department and the medical center. Edwards, Hogan, and Myers will receive Doctor of Humane Letters, and



Edwards

Worby will get a Doctor of Humanities.

Maestra Rachael Worby, First Lady of West Virginia. Worby helped plan the first Arts Gala in 1992, marking the opening of the new Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Ernest L. Hogan, former president, chairman, and CEO of Peoples Life Insurance Co., established trusts and endowments for student scholarships and to assist higher education institutions.

A retired federal employee, Wilbur E. Myers, provided the bulk of the money to provide a new building for the H.E.L.P.

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Worby

Undergraduate Baccalaureate degrees:

College of Education 291
College of Liberal Arts 315
College of Business 186
College of Science 120
School of Nursing 61
College of Fine Arts 20
Social Work 27
Regents B.A. 124

Undergraduate Associate degrees:

College of Science 18
Community/Technical College 208

Graduate School degrees:

Master 485
Ed.S. 1
Ph.D. 3
M.D. 47

Student leaders to be recognized for 'excellence'

by ASHLEY J. BLAND
reporter

Student leaders will be recognized at an awards banquet tonight at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

There will be 25 awards presented to students who have displayed excellence in the area of leadership and academics, Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said.

The students were nominated for the awards by professors, advisers, or by themselves, he said.

The banquet is by invitation only.

"There were many

invitations extended for the event," Hermansdorfer said.

Professor Calvin Kent, of the College of Business, will be the keynote speaker.

Among the various awards that will be presented include the Multicultural Programming Award, which is given to the organization that sponsors the most outstanding diversity program, Hermansdorfer said.

There will also be a community service award.

Representatives from various organizations in the community, including the Boy Scouts of America, will be at the reception to present this award, Hermansdorfer said.

Businessman contributes funds for a scholarship

by JEFFREY A. DEAN
reporter

Huntington businessman Marshall T. Reynolds and his wife, Shirley, have contributed \$10,000 towards a scholarship honoring Dr. Soo Bok Choi, professor of political science.

Dr. Choi, who announced his retirement earlier this year, began teaching political science at Marshall in 1963, and since that time has taught over 15,000 students and racked up a long list of awards and accolades.

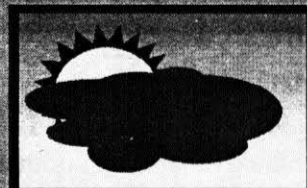
The endowed scholarship, designated the Dr. Soo Bok Choi Scholarship, is primarily for students from East Asia majoring in political science. Students will be selected on a competitive basis by a committee of representatives from the Center of International Programs.

To be considered applicants must be full-time Marshall undergraduate or graduate international students in good

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Swiss banks to give back Holocaust victims' cash

NEW YORK (AP) — Jewish leaders and Swiss banking officials have reached a groundbreaking agreement to search for millions — and possibly billions — of dollars deposited in Switzerland by Holocaust victims.

Representatives of the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and the Swiss Bankers Association, came to New York Thursday morning to sign a two-page memorandum of agreement on determining Jewish assets held in Swiss banks.

The aim would be to resolve a dispute over the whereabouts of money deposited by Jews who were among the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II.

The Swiss Bankers Association said in September that its banks had found about \$32 million in unclaimed accounts, presumably belonging to Holocaust victims. But Jewish groups have accused the banks of holding up to \$7 billion in assets.

A committee of seven — including a chairman, three people appointed by Jewish organizations and three by Swiss bankers — will oversee the work of the auditors, The New York Times said. Any funds not claimed by the heirs would be donated to charities.

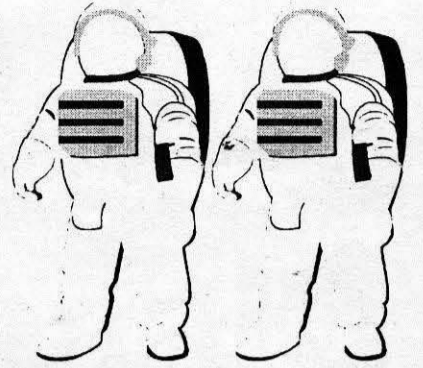
NASA to launch first twin astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — They look alike, often speak alike and sometimes even wear the same clothes. They're Mark and Scott Kelly, making space history as the first twins selected as NASA astronauts.

The identical twins, both Navy lieutenants and fighter pilots at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., were named Wednesday as members of NASA's Astronaut Class of 1996.

They will begin a year of astronaut training this summer at the Johnson Space Center in Houston and then be assigned to fly space shuttles. NASA had never before chosen siblings as astronauts, let alone twins.

"I'm very excited about this and I feel really fortunate to be accepted," Mark Kelly said. "The added bonus is to get to go down there with my brother."



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No surrender for Freeman

JORDAN, Mont. — The Freeman believe God makes them invincible in their standoff with the FBI and have taken an oath never to give in, says a former Green Beret colonel who has tried to negotiate a surrender.

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Federal agents complete breakup of Mexican-Columbian drug ring

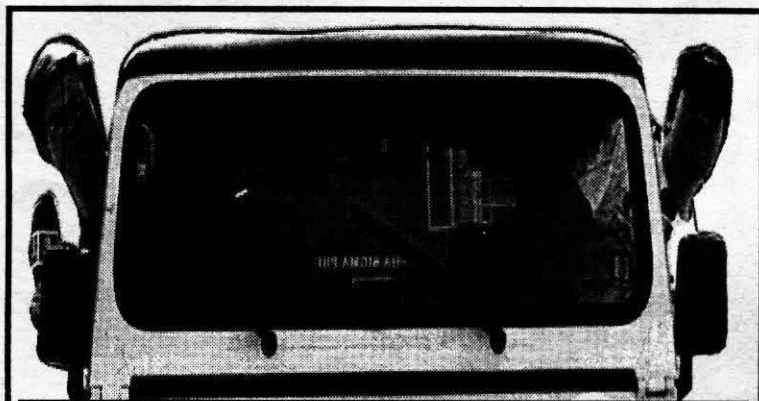
WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents arrested dozens of people around the country Thursday to complete what they said is the breakup of a coast-to-coast Mexican-Colombian cocaine ring. Code-named "Zorro II," the operation

is the first to arrest Mexican drug couriers and dealers, and Colombian traffickers from the country manager down to street-level crack cocaine distributors, Drug Enforcement Administration officials said.

Twenty-nine people were charged in conspiracy indictments unsealed in Chicago and Midland, Texas, Thursday.

Another 136 people were arrested earlier, including 44 alleged members of the Colombian organization.

Before Thursday, 5,598 kilograms of cocaine had been seized, 1,018 pounds of marijuana and half a pound of crack cocaine. Federal agents had already seized \$17,060,629 in cash and property, including vehicles, before Thursday.



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Kenova to get EPA monitors

KENOVA (AP) — Seven air-quality monitors near this Wayne County community are scheduled to begin collecting air-pollution data within a month, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

During a public meeting Wednesday in Ashland, Ky., state and regional environmental officials discussed the Tri-State Geographic Initiative, a program seeking to combat environmental threats in six counties from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Regulators have defined Kenova as the most at-risk location for air pollution.

The monitors will collect data for a minimum of a year, Douglas Neeley, an EPA air programmer, said.

They will test the air for such problems as volatile compounds, acids, aerosols, metals and other particles.

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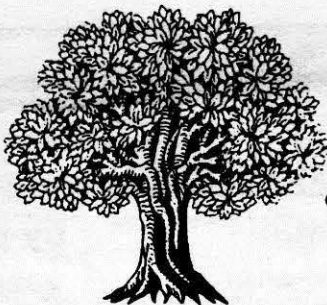
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OUR VIEW

How to make Marshall better

Well, the semester is finally coming to an end, and with it comes the end of the all-new Parthenon. As a graduation gift to the university, here is a list of ideas we came up with to help the administration improve the university.

- Hire the Unabomber to blow up Northcott. He's the perfect candidate, given his experience with universities.
- Give several bigwigs honorary doctoral degrees so they'll give us a lot of money. Wait, you already did that...
- Put a parking lot on top the Welcome Center so people will actually go there.
- Hire Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman to be one of Greg White's assistants. He's the only guy out there with more tatoos than Herd star Jason Williams.
- Let Ed Grose give tours of the One-Room Schoolhouse because he's the only person here who can tell kids what it was really like.
- Get "Unsolved Mysteries" to do a show about "The Disappearing Parking Spaces."
- Hire the Libertarian Party to trick people into giving money to the new library.
- Get the MTV "Choose or Lose" bus down here to register people for SGA elections.
- Bring Vanilla Ice back to play Springfest. Anyone would be better than this year's bands.
- Get Little Penny to run for student body president. Power to the people. Fight the Man. Can you do that for a brother?
- Since the FBI can't talk the Freemen out, get them to come here and try to get people off the Internet.
- Hire Howard Stern to do the "Anarchy in the Morning" show on WMUL. That way, people won't only be offended, they'll be entertained.



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More insight into today's movies

Dear Editor

Christopher Reeve's poignant narration extolling socially relevant motion pictures at the Oscar presentations touched many hearts.

He hopes executives green light more financially risky productions, such as "Dead Man Walking" and "Leaving Las Vegas."

Despite rigid economics, mainstream films increasingly slip issues into the discourse. Comedies, generally, have broader opportunities for social commentary than action drama.

"Family Thing" succinctly tackles reverse racism from a fish-out-of-water perspective.

"The Birdcage" confronts hypocritical stereotypes by depicting the ironic ease with which a visually in denial conservative succumbs to parroted "what he wants to hear" philosophies.

—And "the Truth About Cats and Dogs?" It's easier to thrust our heart's

desire upon loyal, loving and stable pets who do not reject, disappoint or hide feelings. Will the human characters (and viewers!) discern the nonexistence of perfect people packages? Will humans actually "bond"? Will a man's sensitiveness trigger women to run for space rather than confront her own imperfections and vulnerabilities?

Topical snippets creeping into action genres settle for subtleties.

"Executive Decision" cleverly espoused multi-cultural, multi-gender team work. A terrorist challenges his colleagues destruction in the name of Allah belief.

However, perverted criminal justice system themes ("Primal Fear") and fatal teen attractions ("Fear") have been better handled by other productions.

In Real World 101 racism, stereotypes, discrimination, gender inequity, and economic disparities do not resolve themselves "cool-ly", efficiently, and nicely in a glossy, feel good ending without any consequences.

However, stimulating serious thoughts plant mustard seeds of awareness. From them, perhaps, greater tolerance and understandings will eventually bloom.

Tony E. Rutherford
Graduate Student

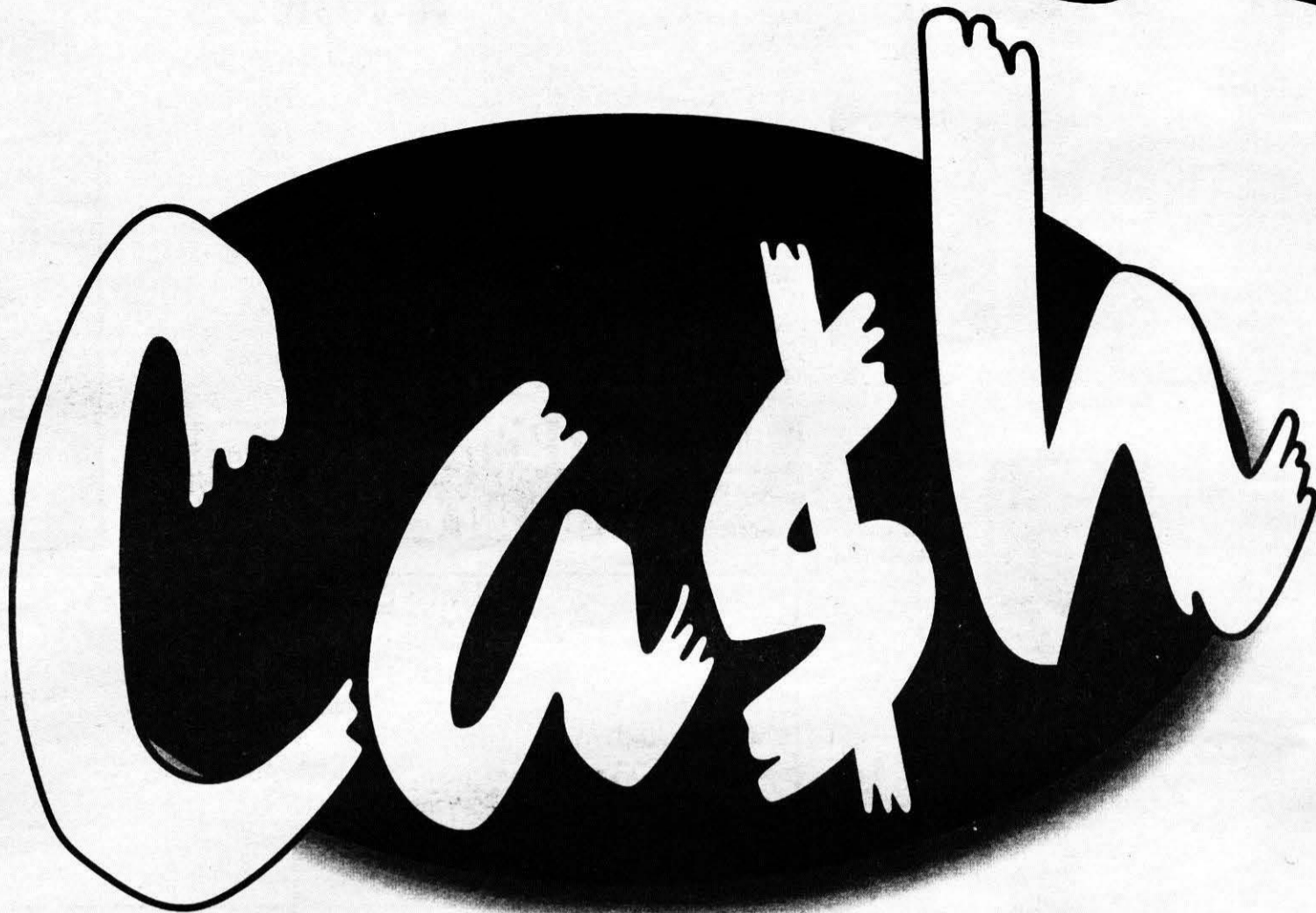
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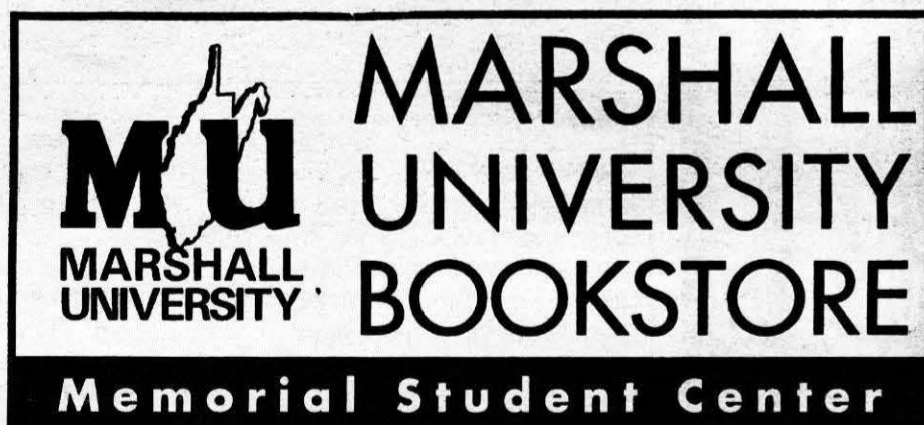
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of the sociology department. President J. Wade Gilley will introduce the guests and the commencement speaker, Robert "Chuck" Chambers, Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates.

After the commencement ceremony, a reception is given in honor of the graduates. Friends and families are invited, and professors are urged to go, Ferguson said.

For the first time, professional photographs will be made available to the graduates by Chapel Studios. This service was provided to the students by the Student Government Association.

"Graduates are encouraged to participate in commencement, I hope they will," Ferguson said.

HONOR

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Program for students with learning disabilities.

The honorary doctoral degrees will be presented to the recipients by Sarah N. Denman, Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Ernest L. Hogan has established trusts and endowments for scholarships and assisting higher edu-



Hogan



Myers

cation. Hogan will receive and honorary degree.

Wilbur E. Myers is receiving an honorary degree for his contribution which led to the new H.E.L.P. Program building.

Maestra Rachael Worby, West Virginia's First Lady will be receiving an honorary degree for her help in raising money for the College of Fine Arts.

Joan C. Edwards will receive an honorary degree due to her many contributions to the university.

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academic standing. Students interested in applying for the scholarship can pick up information in the financial aid office.

The scholarship will be presented during Marshall's Honors Convocation.

Contributions to the scholarship can send it to the Marshall University Foundation.

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ROTC cadets to attend leadership camp

by LORIE JACKSON
reporter

While many students work or bask in the sun during the summer, 18 ROTC cadets will attend advance camp for six weeks in North Carolina.

"Camp All America" is a leadership-oriented camp for junior ROTC cadets and is required for them to be commissioned after graduation, said Captain Ed Burke, training officer and assistant professor of military science.

"Cadets have three important ideals while being at Marshall," Burke said. "First is academics, second is performance at school with ROTC leadership and third is advance camp."

"Camp puts cadets in different leadership positions under stressful situations."

— Captain Ed Burke
ROTC training officer

The camp at Fort Bragg, N.C., is very important for the cadets, Burke said. "The camp puts cadets in different leadership positions under stressful situations," he said.

Burke said during camp cadets are evaluated on their leadership by army officers and non-commissioned officers. This helps with commissioning decisions, he said.

Academic records also come into consideration during commissioning decisions.

While at camp, cadets live in barracks half the time and in the field during 90-degree weather the other half, Burke said.

"They get no more than four to six hours of sleep a night — six if they're lucky — and practice land navigation, rifle marksmanship and water survival," he said.

Burke said all activities the cadets will participate in at camp have been experienced before on campus to help

prepare them.

"Seniors that went to camp last summer help with the scheduling for the semester so junior cadets can train for the activities before going to camp," he said.

"Camp helps prepare cadets to be officers," Burke said. "This will be six of the most demanding weeks they will experience in their life and the most challenging."

Major Mike Forrest, assistant professor of military science, said, "Camp will help cadets get a good look at themselves."

Burke said after cadets complete advance camp, they will be considered MS-4s, which is the designation for the Thundering Herd battalion leadership seniors.

Summer trips being offered

by AUDRA JEYARAJ
reporter

Students looking for something to do during the summer may find it at the Campus Christian Center.

Organizers at the center have planned a number of summer activities including a camping trip, a backpack trip, skydiving and whitewater rafting.

"The locations for the skydiving and backpacking trip haven't been decided as yet, but we will be going to Cranberry Glades for the camping trip," Aaron S. Roma, Barbourville junior, said.

Roma also said a whitewater rafting trip at the New River has been planned. It will cost \$50 and last all-day.

Skydiving, which will cost \$100, includes training and the first jump.

The backpacking trip will take three days, and students will pay only for their food.

He said those attending should bring their own backpacks, but that some extra backpacks are available if attendees don't own one.

"It's a great way to make new friends," Roma said. "It's also an opportunity to do things you won't normally get to do."

Apart from these activities, the center's organizers have planned a trip to Pocahontas County in July to engage in flood recovery work.

"There's still a lot of repairs that need to be done. It's a great way to spend the summer in the mountains, helping people," Rev. Jim McCune, United Methodist Campus minister, said.

He said a home-repair project in Upshur County has also been planned for August and volunteers are needed.

More information about the activities may be obtained by calling McCune at 696-3054.

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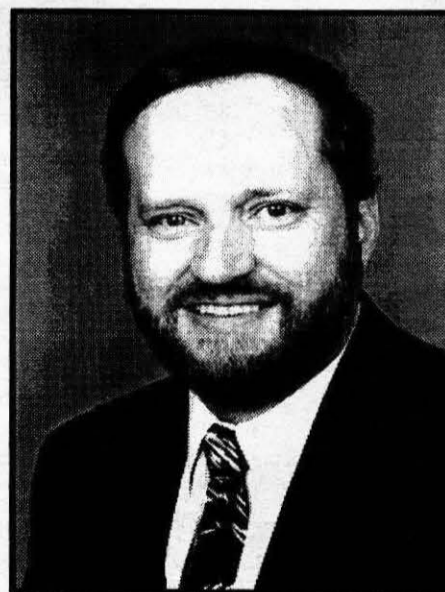
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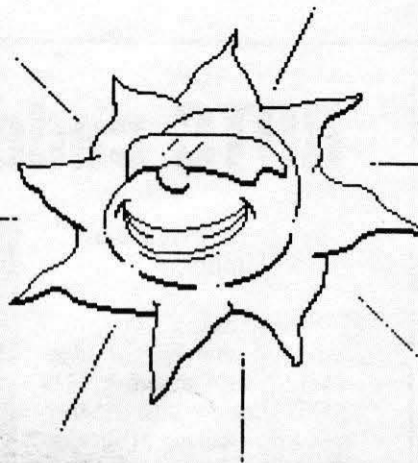
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Is it just pulp fiction?

Concerned about jobs, the environment and the future of West Virginia's natural resources, some students prove that all Marshall students are not apathetic.

Regina L. Hart, Huntington senior, and Joseph R. Risch, Huntington graduate student, are among the hundreds who have taken part in recent rallies and forums opposing a proposed pulp mill for Apple Grove, W. Va.

"I feel passionate about a lot of things, but not everything is so tangible. This is something that I can be a part of," Hart said.

The Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition has sponsored several rallies and vigils at the governor's mansion.

"This is the largest pulp mill in North America we're talking about," said Laura Foreman, organizer for OVEC. The Huntington-based organization's primary focus is to prevent the mill from being built.

According to an OVEC newsletter, Parsons and Whittemore, the company that would build, own and operate the mill, is the largest builder of such mills in the world. Foreman said the company uses outdated technology, while technology for a safer, non-chlorine bleaching process has been available for 20 years.

She said the mill will emit large amounts of dioxin into the air and the Ohio River. Dioxin causes cancer, fetal developmental problems, and reproductive problems in females and males, she said.

Foreman said Parsons and Whittemore refuse to talk to the public or news media and have not indicated that any jobs created will go to West Virginians. "They won't even say they'll hire one West Virginia worker," she said.

The mill also threatens to deplete the area of trees, she said. Foreman estimates the mill will take 10,000 trees a day from the area. "We don't believe it's sustainable here," she said.

Both Hart and Risch said they agree with OVEC's position and strongly argue the same points as Foreman.

Hart said she worries about the effects of dioxins on her family, of which the EPA has determined there are no safe levels. She said that if the mill is built, she and her fiance will locate elsewhere.

But she said she does not believe the EPA to be highly credible. "The EPA is really a joke, but at least we have that," she said. "They say no level of dioxin is safe. My God, if they say it's bad, then it must be."

While Risch said he is also concerned about the environmental and health costs of the mill, he said he is most turned off by "the manipulation of the power structure to grease the wheels for getting the mill built," he said.

Risch said the Department of Commerce has been reluctant to release information about deals the state has made with Parsons and Whittemore, but was required to be forthcoming under the Freedom of

Information Act.

The department revealed \$500 million in tax breaks for Parsons and Whittemore, Risch said.

"Theoretically, you have to have equal protection. You can't say this person doesn't have to pay taxes and this person does," he said.

Also, clean air and water laws, and levels of dioxin previously determined as safe, have been changed to allow for the mill, he said.

Hart and Risch have alternative suggestions for economic development in Mason County which they believe would not compromise the environment.

"If they're so hip on a paper company, why don't they build a recycling plant?" Hart said.

Risch said his idea does not involve paper, except the forms on which a person could apply for a loan.

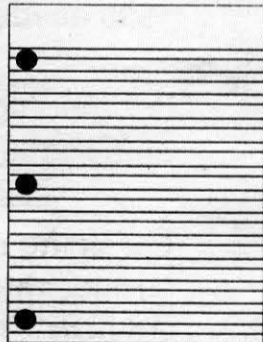
"Imagine the economic impact \$500 million in small business loans would have," he said.

For now, Hart said he will continue to write letters and attend rallies when time allows, and hope that the mill never materializes, she said.

Risch said he feels that with elections coming up this year, West Virginians have an opportunity to get rid of officials that support the mill.

"My role is to vote the pigs out of office," he said. "They aren't representing West Virginia's interests."

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