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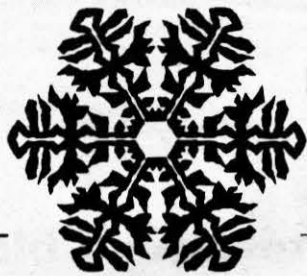
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in life...

Matt Bromund speaks out about his service to Marshall, the SGA and the student body.

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The MARSHALL UNIVERSITY Parthenon

Discrepancies in residence reports

Baker says SGA survey does not match institutional results

By Jason Pheister
Reporter

Resident Services Director Winston A. Baker said he is confused after the Student Government Association released a report over concerns in residence halls.

The report was written by Matt Bromund, liberal arts senator, as a member of the Judiciary Committee. Bromund said the report included results of an SGA survey.

But Baker is concerned because SGA's survey did not match the results of another survey of all residence hall students. Both surveys were conducted during the past two school years.

SGA's report states "the residence halls reveal a community in crisis, and a student population that has been disconnected from their community."

But, according to the

residence services' survey prepared by the Research and Economic Development Center, students overall are satisfied with residence hall life. The major dissatisfaction in the institutional survey was food service. But Baker pointed out "food service was also a major gripe in 1950, too."

The SGA report also noted several other student concerns. Students, according to the report, said while improvements were made to Laidley and Twin Towers East during the past two years, "conditions in Holderby Hall and Hodges Hall continue to suffer from the determined neglect of the department."

"To one extent, the [SGA] survey is right," Baker said. "We do need to improve Holderby and Hodges and plans are in the works."

But it's important to note that more vandalism has occurred in Holderby than in

"I interact with students every day. I'm talking with them and making sure everything is OK. I can't figure out where this major concern comes from because I haven't heard anything from any student."

Winston A. Baker
residence services director

any other building. We spend more money making repairs than we do making improvements."

However, Baker said Holderby Hall has not been removed from the spotlight. The hall was painted top to bottom last year. During the past few years, new carpeting was placed in the hall, the handicap ramp was improved, an additional entrance was added to the cafeteria, new study lounge furniture was purchased, and older furniture was recovered.

The SGA report also said

residence services treats dormitory residents "as a community of young children" rather than adults. Additional findings indicated that residence services "does not take a developmental approach to student living."

Once again the institutional report contradicts the SGA report. Nearly 60 percent of the residents surveyed in the institutional report said they have an opportunity to provide input to modify hall policies.

Finally, SGA said students

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Baker confused with SGA results

By Jason Pheister
Reporter

The SGA review of residence hall life has Winston A. Baker, resident services director, questioning some background information.

The SGA Judiciary Committee issued the report. Matt Bromund, Huntington senior, is chairman of the committee.

The investigation of the dorms began two years ago, when Bromund enacted the Student League.

Baker said he doesn't understand why SGA's information and sources are different than the survey conducted by the university.

The institutional survey was conducted with 1,178 students in 1994 and 1,011 in 1995.

The SGA report indicates that 18 people, of which 10 were students, were interviewed about residence life. The committee also held forums to gauge reaction.

Baker also has concerns over who was putting together the report.

"How many SGA members live in the dorms," Baker questioned. "I see it as this group investigating a problem they know nothing about."

Bromund did live in Holderby Hall and Laidley Hall before moving off campus. But Baker said many things have changed since Bromund left the dorms.

Campus crime mirrors society

By Megan Fields
Reporter

Linda P. Rowe, program adviser for judicial affairs, said crime statistics on campus are fair compared to statistics for the general population.

A summary report issued by the Office of Judicial Affairs for the 1994-95 term listed 375 cases adjudicated by judicial affairs. Of these, most were Type III E. violations of the Student Code of Conduct, or violations of residence services policies and/or procedures as stated in university publications.

The office has not yet compiled a summary report for the fall 1995 semester.

One hundred and eleven cases involved residence hall policy, probably because the residence hall staff has so many rules and regulations, Rowe said. Also, there are more people to report violations.

"You can drink underage in an apartment building and no

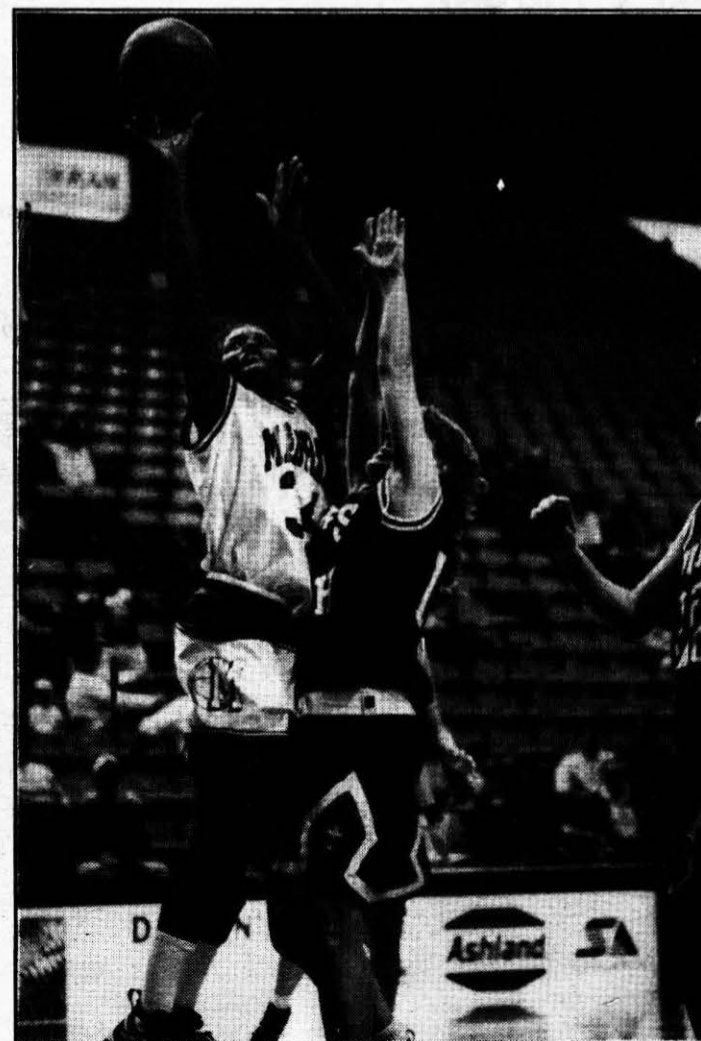
one will know," Rowe said. "But if you do it in a residence hall, it's easy to get caught."

Rowe said visitation violations are the most common offense because violators are easily seen and caught.

The report listed 46 cases involving the possession of alcohol or marijuana. Rowe said, surprisingly, her office does not adjudicate many cases for possession of beer. She said alcohol is associated with many other violations such as vandalism and sexual assault, but to charge someone with possession the complainant must see the alleged violator actually consuming the alcohol.

According to the report, fewer Type II and Type I offenses were adjudicated last year. These violations, which include manufacture or distribution of narcotics and misuse of the University Computer System, are listed as most serious in the Student Code of Conduct and can be punishable by suspension or expulsion.

Reach for the sky



Winnetta Evans scores in the Herd's win Monday night.

This & That

New crayons make 'scents'

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Your children's coloring books are in for big changes. No, not new colors — new smells.

Ones that the crayon company hopes won't tempt kids to pop the things in their mouths.

Scents such as coconut, licorice, chocolate, cherry and blueberry are being dropped from Crayola's scented crayon line.

They're being replaced with such aromas as baby powder, leather jacket, new car and dirt.

"We're changing because consumers really believed food scents weren't a good idea even though our research showed they were as safe as any other Crayola product," said Sandy Horner, a spokes-

woman for Binney & Smith Co., Crayola's owner.

Since the Magic Scents were released in July 1994,

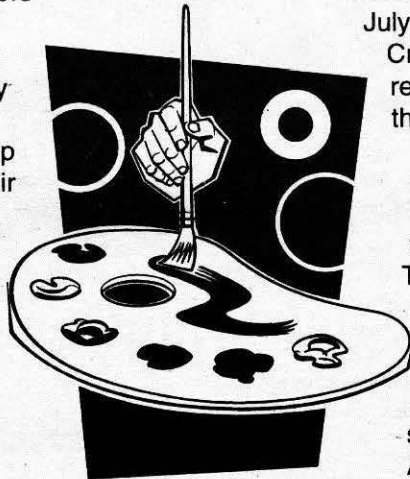
Crayola has received fewer than 10 reports of children ingesting the non-toxic crayons.

That's out of some 3 million boxes of scented crayons sold since then.

Among the scents considered

but rejected for the new collection: alfalfa and rubber tire.

Instead, white crayons, formerly coconut, will smell like baby powder; black, formerly licorice, will be leather jacket; sepia, formerly chocolate, will smell like dirt; and blue, formerly blueberries, will have a new car scent.



Petty races for politics

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—He's been running flat-out on stock car tracks for years.

Now racing legend Richard Petty is revving up to run for state office.

Petty, a Republican, has sent out a fund-raising letter asking supporters to help finance a run for the secretary of state's office, Jim Trotter, Petty's campaign manager, said Monday.

A spokesman for Edmisten wouldn't comment.

Stars turn out to donate blood

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — As a Hall of Fame batting champ who now coaches California Angels hitters, Rod Carew understands sacrifice. About 600 people showed up Sunday at the Planet Holly-

wood restaurant to let themselves be poked with needles so their blood can be tested for a bone marrow match with Carew's 17-year-old daughter Michelle, diagnosed with nonlymphocytic leukemia.

The MU Dept. of Residence Services will be accepting applications for Resident Advisor positions through Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995.

Compensation includes room, board and stipend. Requirements include 2.3 GPA and sophomore status. Applications may be picked up at the Dept. of Residence Services in Laidley Hall or the front desk of any residence hall. Call 6208 with any questions.

Rumors put to rest by Letterman

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman didn't give the Top 10 reasons, just one, to quell rumors he planned to move his "Late Show" out of New York.

"OK, sure there's gridlock, sure there's pollution, sure there's noise," Letterman said in a statement, "but where else

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Letterman, whose CBS show has been trailing NBC's Los Angeles-based "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in the ratings, triggered the rumors last week when he hinted he would consider moving his show to the West Coast.

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Space station construction begins

Addition to make Russian 'Mir' link safer and easier

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — In NASA's first major space-station construction job, a rookie astronaut attached a docking tunnel to Atlantis Tuesday to allow safer linkups with the orbiting Russian outpost Mir.

Chris Hadfield, a Canadian, maneuvered a 50-foot shuttle crane from inside Atlantis, completing the critical task as planned and apparently without a hitch.

"It was letter-perfect," Hadfield said in a TV interview later in the morning. Flight director Bill Reeves was relieved everything went so well. "It was really comforting," he said.

Installation of the 9,000-pound tunnel was an essential part of the shuttle's second docking flight to Mir and keeps Atlantis on track for a 245-mile-high rendezvous early today.

With painstaking precision, Hadfield hoisted the Russian-

built tunnel from its platform in the rear portion of the cargo bay. He positioned the cylinder vertically just inches above an extended docking ring.

Minutes later, commander Kenneth Cameron fired shuttle jets to raise Atlantis, jamming the tunnel and docking ring together.

"We have capture," Cameron said as Atlantis soared high over Eastern Europe and more than 1,500 miles behind Mir. Video footage of the procedure was beamed to the Russian control center outside Moscow.

The docking ring was then retracted into its housing, and a network of hooks and latches secured a union between the two structures. Two astronauts stood by for an emergency spacewalk in case the structures did not lock.

Cameron complimented engineers in Russia who built the tunnel and others at NASA who designed the assembly procedure.

"They had it figured dead-on," he said. "It worked perfectly."

Mir and Atlantis, meeting for the second time in four months, will hook up today with

the docking tunnel.

When the shuttle departs three days later, the tunnel will remain attached to Mir, giving future shuttle commanders an additional 15 feet of clearance while parking at the station. Five more dockings are planned over the next two years.

During the first docking flight, in late June and July, commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson had to steer Atlantis perilously close to the station while negotiating Mir's mish-mash of solar panels.

The U.S. government shutdown that began Tuesday was not expected to affect Atlantis' eight-day flight. Officials said Mission Control would remain fully staffed.

Before Tuesday, NASA had never attempted to assemble space station components in orbit. The agency's only experience operating a station was more than 20 years ago. Skylab, however, was launched largely intact on an unmanned rocket.

The Russians don't need any station-construction practice. Mir has been flying for nearly 10 years.

United nixes bid for USAir; postpones consolidation

CHICAGO (AP)—United Airlines' decision not to make a bid for USAir Group Inc. only postpones a consolidation of the domestic aviation industry, analysts say.

Large U.S. carriers will have to build their businesses through mergers as newer, lower-cost carriers siphon passengers, said Michael Culver, an analyst with investment bank First Equity Development Inc.

"One of the ways to get growth for shareholders is to acquire something," Culver said. "There are still a lot of reasons to consolidate in this industry."

United's parent, UAL Corp., said Monday it would not make a bid for USAir. The decision was expected by many industry analysts who said the deal would have cost more and required greater worker concessions than UAL's employee-owners could tolerate.

UAL Chairman Gerald Greenwald said from the

company's Elk Grove Village, Ill., headquarters that the two airlines were unable to "satisfy all the criteria we set for a potential transaction."

Any deal would have needed the support of UAL's workers, and would have had to keep their UAL ownership stake at 55 percent, Greenwald said.

UAL's criteria also demanded that a deal substantially boost the value of UAL stock and not impede the company's goal of attaining an investment-grade rating for its securities.

"I think they decided there were just too many worms in the apple," said analyst Raymond E. Neidl of Furman Selz Inc.

He added: "I wouldn't be surprised if you saw other situations develop, and I wouldn't be surprised if rumors of other combinations continued for quite a while."

USAir said it would seek other solutions to its financial problems.

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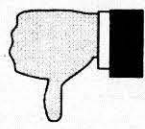
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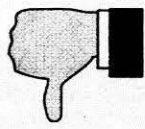
Thumbs up to the Lady Herd volleyball team for having the best record this year and so far in this team's history.



Thumbs down to the lack of student response to surveys about residence halls. The SGA is trying to help students improve the services that they receive.



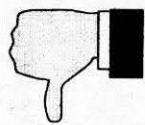
Thumbs up to the cooperative effort of the MUPD and the Cabell Co. Sheriff's Department in arresting drug suspects.



Thumbs down to the sudden influx of cold weather. It's not even truly winter yet, and we're already getting snow.



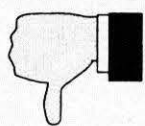
Thumbs up to the university for what looks like will be re-accreditation after last week's visit.



Thumbs down to students not completing sanctions assigned to them by the judicial board and forcing it to place holds on their spring registration.



Thumbs up to having three days off for Thanksgiving. It's time we all had a break.



Thumbs down to Democrats and Republicans not being able to reach a concise, safe ground to keep the federal government afloat.



voices

Residence Services finally getting dues

To the editor:

I have noticed over the past couple of weeks that the Office of Residence Services is finally receiving some well deserved flak from the students it has ignored for so long. With the SGA's investigation, I would like to offer some suggestions on what I feel most on-campus residents want from the office that supposedly serves our needs.

First and foremost, I would like to see students consulted before any change is made to the environment in which they pay to live, before it is enacted. The days of concocting shady policies behind the backs of students while they are away for the summer need to end.

Secondly, residence services should be held just as accountable for their mistakes or misrepresentations as any landlord would be. I am tired of constantly complaining about various aspects of policies that govern my living area (I refuse to call it a home) only to receive a response telling me that my input is appreciated, but I might as well shut up because nothing will ever change.

I want some assurance that the next student who comes to live here and does not receive all he/she is promised will be able to get a full refund. I am sorry if you disagree, but coming back from break to find that all

of the windows in your building have been permanently shut without the consultation of any residents is completely unacceptable.

This is yet another example of the shady, underhanded way residence services has become accustomed to operating. It is time to clean house over there in Laidley Hall. If you folks can't get the job done, perhaps it is time to step down and let someone else have a shot.

In my room in Towers East, I have lived for two years on carpet permanently stained by the urine of a student that lived here before me. Is that acceptable folks? Yet every time I complain, the most I am ever told is that I can have my carpet cleaned if I would like.

I don't expect to live in a four star hotel, but I do expect residence services to live up to a set of very simplistic, basic standards. So far they have failed miserably. It's a shame that students have to practically threaten to storm the office to get anything done.

Things would run so much more smoothly if Mr. Baker and his staff would work with us instead of implementing underhanded policies and ignoring our needs, only to pathetically try to explain it away in The Parthenon when they are finally taken to task for it. I applaud the SGA for taking a stand on this issue. I would challenge them to be sure to thoroughly examine all

of the dealings residence services has had with students. I am sure some of the stories will come as a shock.

John M. Cummings Jr.
East Bank sophomore

Candidates coming to speak on campus

To the editor:

Thursday is the day! Marshall University Staff Council Legislative Committee offers a wonderful opportunity to all MU employees.

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Jill Chapman
Mark Ross,
Marshall University
Legislative Committee

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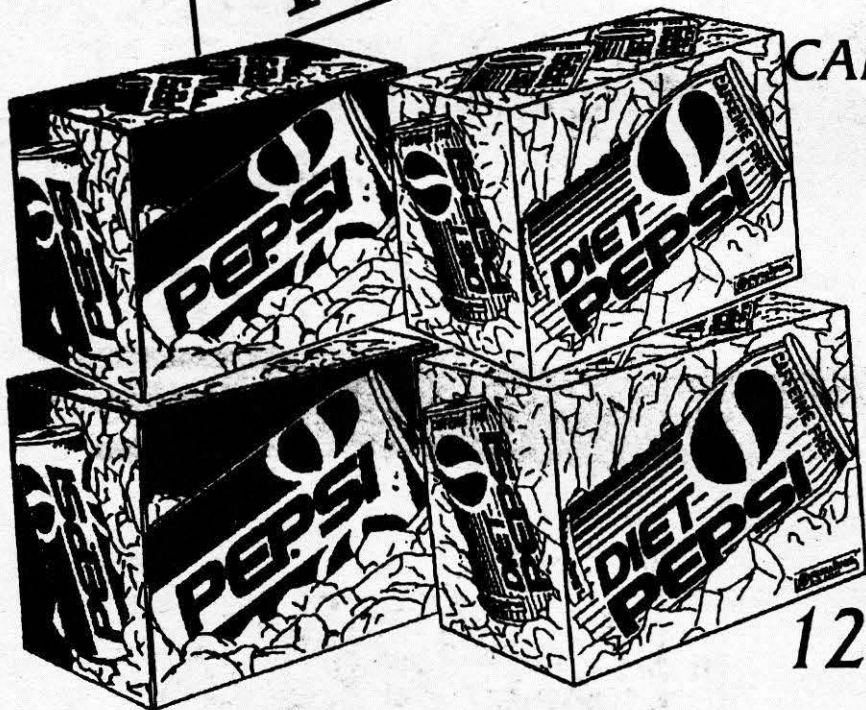


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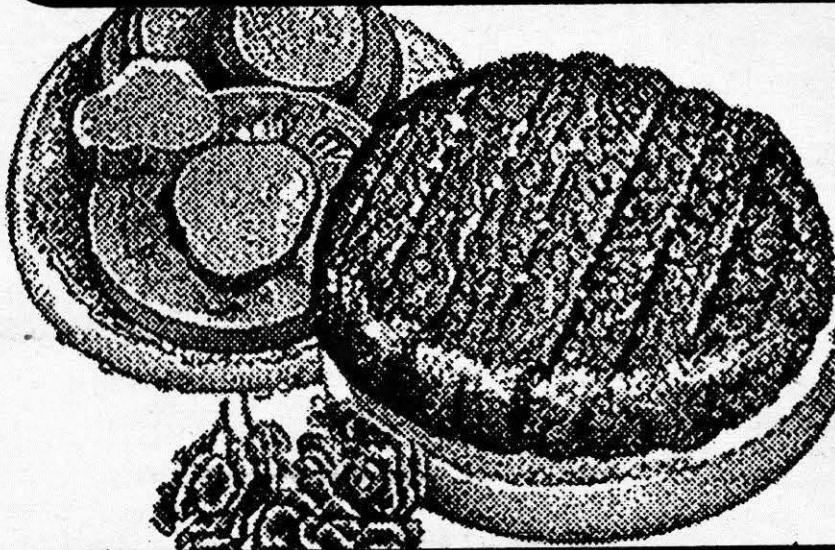
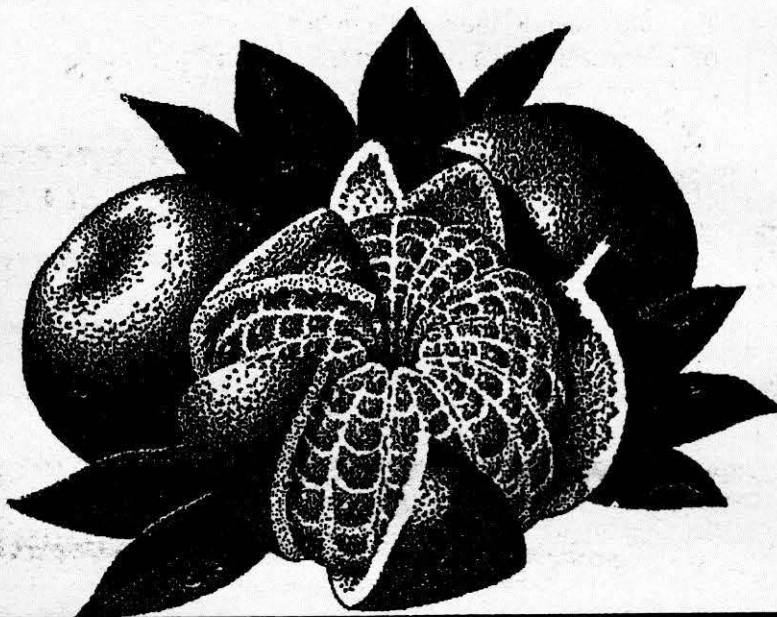
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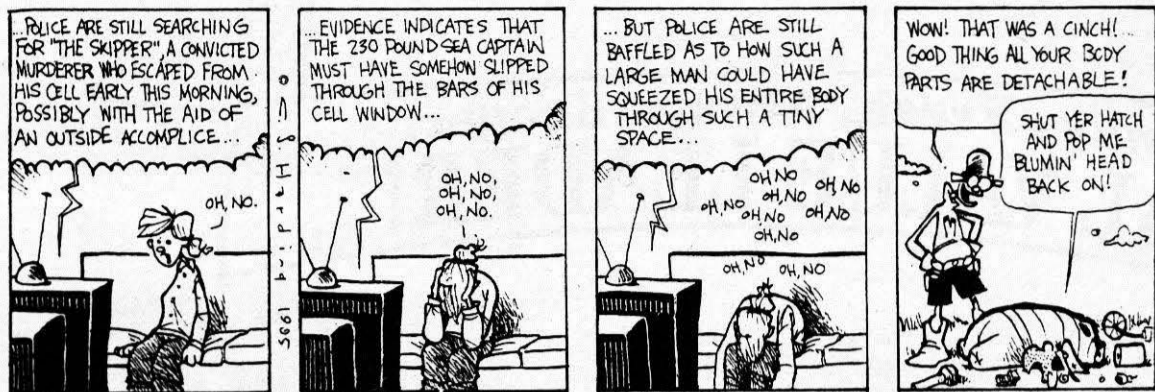
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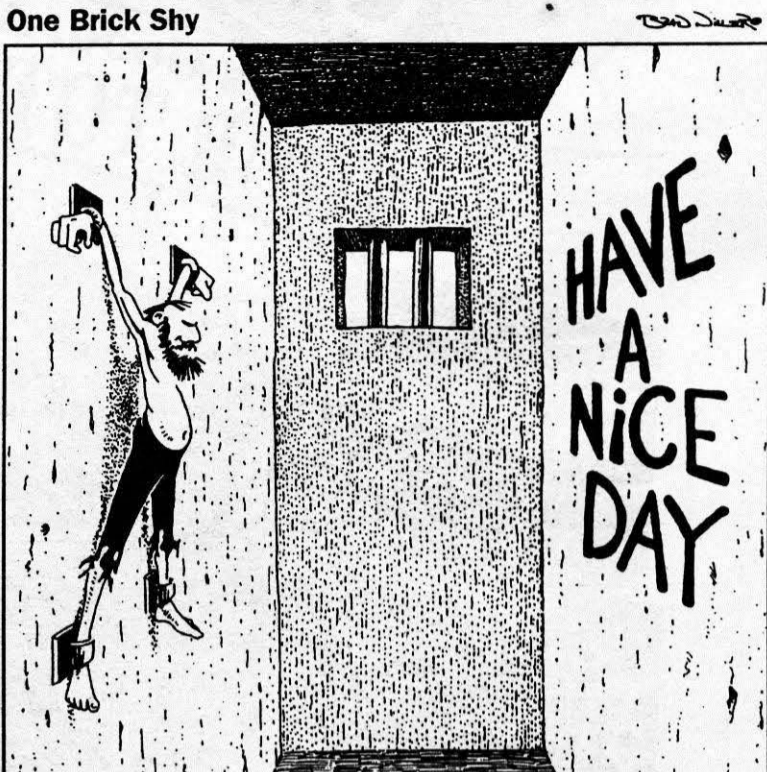


Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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involved with residence hall associations should have more input in decisions.

The resident services report said most students disagree. About 60 percent of students indicate the RHA adequately represents residents.

The difference in opinion concerns Baker. "I interact with students every day," Baker said. "I'm talking with them and making sure everything is OK. I can't figure out where this major concern comes from because I haven't heard anything from any student."

Baker encouraged students who have complaints to make them known so the department can take action to "make life better for the residents."

Baker said he has "no hard feelings" about SGA's report. He said findings about the physical concerns of the halls encourage improvements.

"It's good to know we're on the right track," Baker said. "There is a plan (to renovate) out there. I've got plans on top of plans, but we just want to be sure about things before we do it."

SGA suggests a renovation plan be announced soon. Among the report's other recommendations: RHA should have more power and be permitted to modify policies; residences should be given more authority in decisions that affect them; a card reader system be installed in all dorms as a key system to improve security; and university administration should renew its commitment to resident life.

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In the wake of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin's assassination, many concerned observers of the Middle East are speculating about the viability of the Mid-East peace process and its future. The residual dispute over the Golan Heights has many commentators wondering when and how this ongoing dimension of the Arab-Israeli conflict will be resolved. This thorny issue is central to any durable Middle East peace.

In a free lecture, open to the Marshall and Huntington communities, a Syrian native of the Golan will comment on this timely issue. Mr. Bashar Tarabieh, who lived in the Israeli-occupied Golan, has a distinguished career in human rights activism, among other endeavors. He has overseen diverse projects in the Golan, as a research director and administrator of the Arab Association for Development, at Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights. Mr Tarabieh attended Hebrew University in Israel, and has worked as a consultant for Human Rights Watch/Middle East.

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Tarkanian nominated for Hall

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Jerry Tarkanian, who has the best won-loss record in college coaching history and a record of disputes almost as long with the NCAA, was nominated for the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Tarkanian, who came out of retirement to coach Fresno State, is one of five coaches, 14 players and one contributor whose names were submitted by a nominating committee for consideration by the Hall of Fame's Honors Committee.

Election requires 18 votes from the 24-member committee.

"It's never been a goal of mine, but obviously it's the biggest honor you can get in this profession," Tarkanian said.

Hall of Fame president Joe O'Brien said some would have qualms about the nomination of Tarkanian. But "he is certainly qualified."

Also on the list announced yesterday were Texas-El Paso coach Don Haskins, Houston coach Guy Lewis, longtime college and professional coach Tex Winter, and Antonio Diaz-Miguel, who coached Spain's National Team for 27 years.

Nominated as players were George Gervin, one of the game's most prolific scorers; Jo Jo White, who helped boost the Celtics to two NBA titles after starring at Kansas; defensive ace Dennis Johnson and David

Thompson, who led North Carolina State to the NCAA title in 1974 and then starred for Denver.

Also nominated were Dick Barnett, who won two NBA championships with the New York Knicks; Roger Brown, who boosted Indiana to three ABA titles, and two men — Gail Goodrich and Jamaal Wilkes, who starred for UCLA a decade apart and then the Lakers.

Also approved by the nominating committee were Larry Costello, who played for 12 years with Philadelphia and Syracuse before turning to coaching, and two big centers — Artis Gilmore a standout at Jacksonville before an 18-year pro career and the late Kresimir Cosic, an international star who played at Brigham Young.

Nominated by the veterans committee were Arnie Risen, a rugged rebounder who helped boost Rochester to the 1951 NBA title and George Yardley, who in 1958 became the first player in NBA history to score 2,000 points in one season.

Nancy Lieberman-Cline, an Olympic silver medal winner at age 17, led Old Dominion to two national collegiate championships and then became the first woman to play in a men's professional league with the Springfield Fame of the United States Basketball League, was

tabbed by the women's nominating committee. Also nominated was Carol Eckman, who started the first national women's collegiate championship tournament in 1969.

Tarkanian leads college coaches with an 83.7 winning percentage over 24 seasons at Long Beach State where his teams were 116-17 and at the UNLV where he had a 509-105 record and the 1990 NCAA title.

Keith Booth investigated

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Maryland is investigating allegations that basketball player Keith Booth improperly accepted a free ticket and airfare to an NBA playoff game last spring, according to a published report.

Allegations made to the NCAA maintain that a trip Booth took with another person last spring to see a Chicago Bulls playoff game were paid for by David Falk, the agent for Bullets forward Juwan Howard, The Washington Post reported today.

"I don't have a comment on that," Booth explained after an exhibition game Monday. "I just want to do what I need to do to get ready to play this season."

Welcome to The Parthenon's "Beat the sports guru" contest..

The rules are pretty simple:

1. Check the box next to the team you think will win this weekend's game. Write in the score of the game listed as the tie-breaker (used only in event of a tie).
2. Cut out the contest, then attach a sheet with your name and a phone number where you can be reached. Stuff your entry into the box marked "contest entries" located in Smith Hall 311. One entry per person (if we catch you cheating, you lose).
3. If you pick the most games right and at the same time pick more right than Chris Johnson (sports editor and resident guru), you win a free large pizza.
4. Faculty and staff of The Parthenon or the School of Journalism and Mass Communications are not allowed to play.

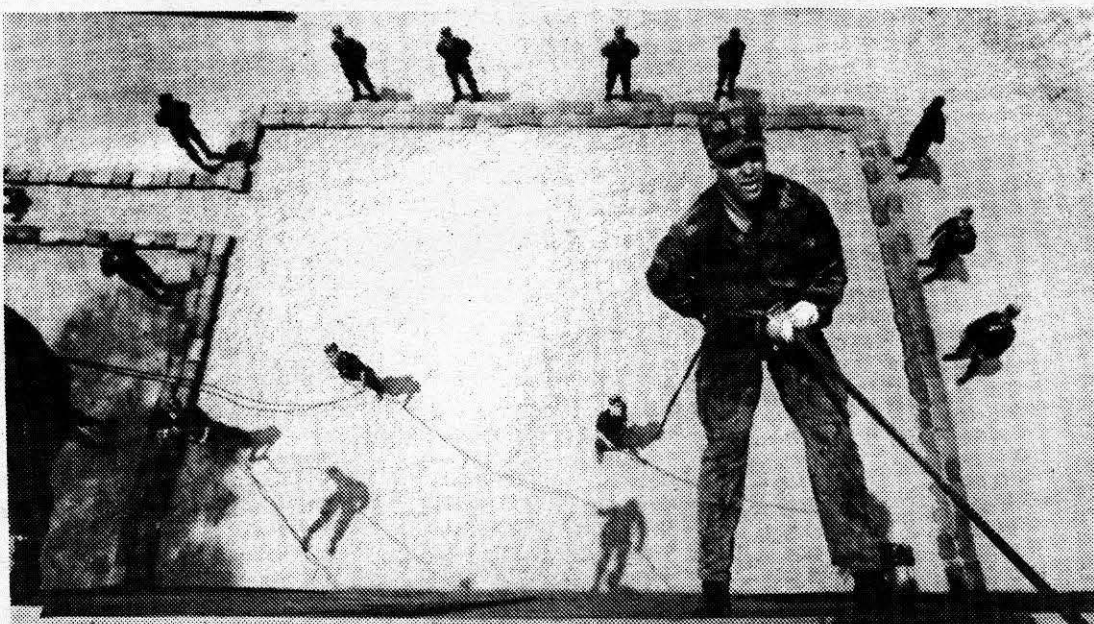
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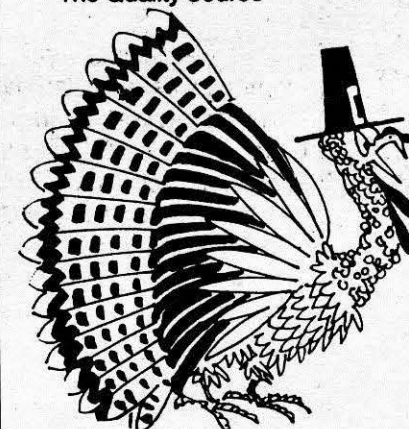
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Speaking Out

SGA senator aims for a university where students know their voices are being heard by administrators

He sits quietly at the end of the table until he feels the need to speak out. But when he does, boy, does he ever. Matt Bromund is not ashamed to admit it either.

"I don't make waves for the sake of making waves," he says. "I make the university recognize the students' concerns."

The 21-year-old SGA college of liberal arts senator has quickly become one of the most known students on campus. But most students only know him for what he does and what they read about him in the paper.

Beyond the headlines though, Bromund is just an ordinary college student with an out-of-the-ordinary attitude about his college.

"I want things to be all right for students," Bromund said. "[With the way things are now] I am concerned about returning here in 20 years. The students are no longer the focal point of this university. Marshall Academy and Marshall College students seemed to be the main concern of the time. What has allowed Marshall to grow has been alumni contributions. I'm afraid the days of bleeding green are fading fast. Students are not treated as a part of this community."

Don't get him wrong though, Bromund is very appreciative of Marshall students.

"This campus is so different than many," Bromund said. "Our students are different, too. These people are here because they want to succeed. It's not just a bunch of 18-year-olds that are on mom and dad scholarships. These students are paying so they can have more."

Bromund is one of them. He plans to pursue his dream of becoming a prosecuting attorney after graduation.

Bromund, a senior, said while he is extremely active with student government now, becoming involved with campus leadership never crossed his mind at first.

"I was never in student leadership in high school or anything like that," Bromund said. "I don't do what I do for my resume or to impress anybody. I do things because I know they are right. I'm not a career politician. I am a career student that knows what he wants."

Bromund said he thinks his role in SGA is important to the students and to himself.

"I never really saw myself as the student government type. I just feel like I am fulfilling my obligation to my peers," the student senator said. "It's helped me too. I've learned more from my role in student leadership than from any of my classes."

He describes himself as the typical "nerd" in elementary and middle school and he said he was a terrible "stutterer."

In high school, he said he started becoming more involved. He credits that for changing him.

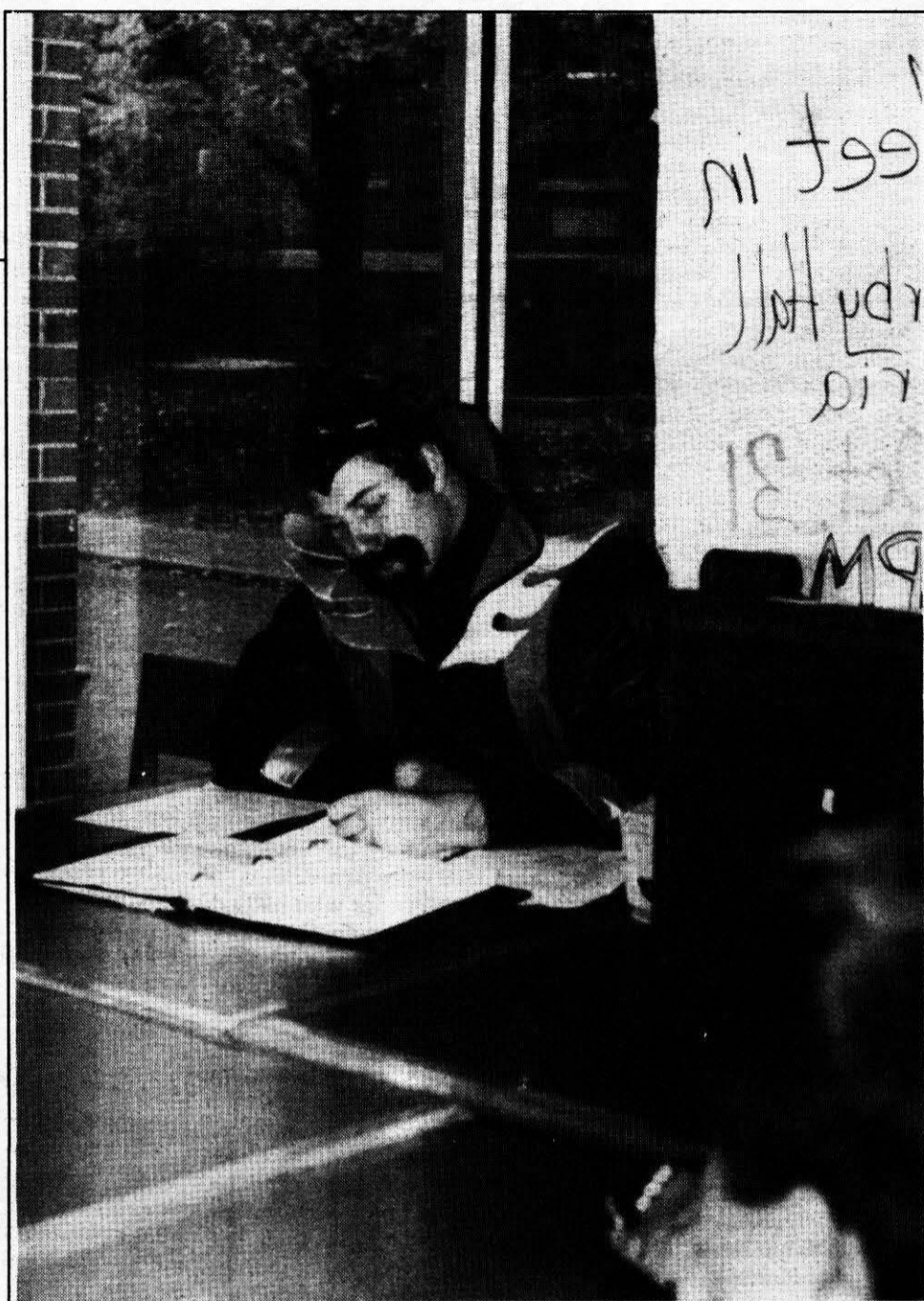
"I played football and was in theater at the same time," Bromund said. "As long as I try everything once, I'll be OK."

Bromund pointed out that he believes who he is today is because of his attitude and where he came from, not from one state but nearly a dozen.

"My dad enlisted in the Coast Guard and we moved around a lot," Bromund said. "I owe everything that I am to that that lifestyle."

So, just where does he call home? "Well, Huntington. I've lived here longer than anywhere else."

His childhood began in Indianapolis, Ind., and developed through several states and Guam until ending



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Bromund takes time out of Halloween to participate in a SGA meeting

in Fairfax, Va., when Matt decided to come to Marshall.

"Seeing all these parts of our country really influenced my thinking," Bromund said. "You learn everybody has the same dream [regardless of] race, sex or color. But so many times, prejudice comes through, showing just how ignorant people can be."

Bromund said he has seen so much that it pushes him to be better.

"I try to get a piece of everything Marshall has," Bromund said. "I try to get involved in as much as I can. I was in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity for three years. I've been involved with P.R.O.W.L. [People Reaching Out With Love]. I have also done a lot of meeting people and talking. That's what I like to do best, just listen and talk to people."

Talking to people turned quickly into taking action for people. Bromund makes it a point to talk to other students and try to understand their points of view. He said he finally realized that students can be heard, if they would only try.

"When I was a sophomore, I organized the Student League to speak out about problems in the dorms," Bromund said. "I couldn't sleep the night before because I was so worried about what would happen in the meeting. The next night I walked into Laidley and there were 80 people there. It made all the

difference in the world to me that other students wanted change."

Two years ago, the Student League attempted to ask dormitory residents what they saw as problems and necessary changes in the residence halls. Now, Bromund's vision is even more developed, as SGA releases a report calling for improvements in residence halls. But that is just one of many times Bromund has acted as a catalyst during his time here.

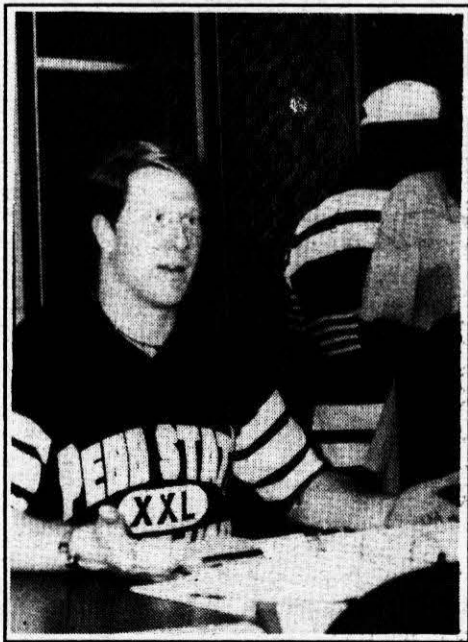
Bromund considers his greatest accomplishment keeping Thanksgiving break three days. He joined a committee that wanted to shorten the break to only Thursday and Friday. But he argued that students can't make it home for the holiday if the first day off is the holiday.

Also he added that because of his efforts on the committee, the winter break is now a week longer.

Bromund's goal, when he graduates in the spring, is to leave a university where students know their voices are heard.

"In 10 years, I really want to come back to Marshall at homecoming so I can walk across campus and know students are still being considered. I just hope they [administrators] don't lose sight that students are people, not just income."

**By Jason Pheister
reporter**



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Matt Bromund speaks out during an SGA meeting.