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Students deal with the pressures and stress of another semester. LIFE!, page 8

Senate passes two bills

by SARAH WARRICK
reporter

Parking and transportation were the main issues at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting as the senate passed two bills, one to change the way parking permits are sold, the other to give students the option to take advantage of the bus system in Huntington.

Vicky Shaffer, general manager of the Tri-State Transit Authority, spoke at Tuesday's meeting to finalize plans between TTA and Marshall to give students "unlimited and universally access" to the bus system by adding a \$10 fee to student activities fees.

Parking permits may soon be sold according to the days of the week and the times that students attend class. Graduate School Senator Joe Limle sponsored this bill in response to the parking office selling more than 2000 permits for 970 spaces. Other suggestions in the bill are to move graduate assistants out of the commuter parking pool and fill the vacancies in the faculty parking lots.

Students would need to take a copy of their schedule to receive the parking permit and the permits would be prorated. Another suggestion in the bill is for the university to stop ticketing after 6 p.m.

Also in attendance was Steve Wilcox, general manager of Marriott at Marshall, to take suggestions from senate members regarding Chick-fil-A's current payment policy which prohibits meal plan students from using their meal cards.

Brandi M. Jacobs, College of Liberal Arts senator suggested that special hours be

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created for students to use their meal cards to eat at Chick-fil-A, aside from the regular meal plan hours that already exist. Jacobs suggested that this would eliminate Marriott's fear the student center would become overcrowded if meal plan students could use their cards to eat at Chick-fil-A.

Other proposals from senators were to allow students to use their meal cards for a lunch meal or dinner meal only and to use the meal cards in conjunction with a points system that would allow a certain amount of Chick-fil-A credit a week.

A bill that will allow absentee voting during Student Government Association elections also passed. The intent of the bill is to increase the student voters by extending the hours the polls are open.

Robert Chase, College of Education senator resigned due to time restraints. The senate also welcomed four new Senate Associates: John R. E. Janusz, Columbus, Ohio, freshman, Lora M. Kiser, Nitro junior, Joey E. Tackett, Logan freshman, and Kellie N. Woodward, Sutton sophomore.

Birthday dinner



Photo by Jon Rogers

Quietly celebrating her 21st birthday, Kimberly D. Scruggs, Fayetteville, W.Va. junior contemplates a french fry at Shoney's Monday. The elementary education major dined with friend Jennifer A. Cabo, senior elementary education major from Bridgeport, W.Va.

In spite of recent bad weather, library construction continues

by KENT P. CASSELLA
reporter

Planners say construction of the new university library is moving along despite recent rainy weather.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations, said no major problems have been encountered during the initial stages of construction of the John Deaver Drinko Library, a \$29 million high technology library and information center.

Mike Meadows, director of

facilities planning and management, has overall responsibility for construction of the library. Meadows said last week workers began pouring the footer system of the building. Concrete footings support the weight of the vertical structures and hold them in place.

Workers began by pouring concrete on the east end of the pit last week, Meadows said. They will continue to pour concrete along each planned line of columns working back toward the west end of the

pit, he added.

Recent weather has had some negative effects on construction. The mild winter with warm temperatures and lack of snow has been nice, Meadows said. "But rain is the worst enemy of construction work, both for the workers and the site condition," he said.

Last week's rain caused a slowdown at the work site. Once the soil is soaked, any attempt to continue work can

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Credit to be used for smaller purchases

by MICHELLE L. MARTIN
reporter

Charge it.

Marshall University is one of 15 state agencies that will soon be using credit cards for purchases of less than \$500, under a new state program.

Dick Estill, state purchasing card administrator, said credit card programs are prevalent in corporations and the federal government started making purchases with plastic 10 years ago.

"Credit card purchasing is relatively new in state and local governments," Estill said. "West Virginia is one of the first states to implement a statewide credit card."

Initial steps toward such a program began last March when state representatives passed legislation allowing the state auditor to manage purchases by credit card, Estill said. A pilot program involving seven state agencies began in October.

"We are now ready to implement the program in 15 more agencies, and we applaud Marshall for being so quick to sign on," Estill said.

William J. Shondel, Marshall's director of purchasing and materials management, sees definite advantages to credit card purchasing.

"This program will eliminate a great deal of paperwork for both purchasing and accounts payable," Shondel said. "Instead of a purchase order for each transaction, there will be one monthly statement to reconcile."

State research supports the belief that this program will reduce paperwork. Estill said 750,000 invoices for less than \$500 were processed statewide last year, accounting for about 80 percent of all transactions processed by the state auditor's office.

"Credit cards will save about \$45 in paper and work each time they are used," Estill said.

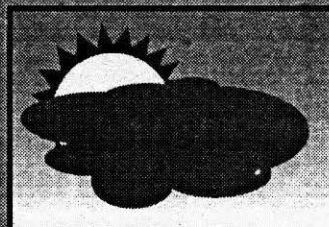
Just like with individual credit cards, Herb

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AOL gives refunds to angry subscribers

NEW YORK (AP) — America Online is offering more than apologies to customers who get busy signals instead of the Internet.

The nation's largest online service said Monday it is selectively giving refunds to customers who can't log on because the service is swamped.

The move comes as America Online Inc. faces a rash of criticism from customers and state consumer-protection officials who say the company oversold its service.

The problem may be because of overwhelming response to a new pricing plan that charges subscribers \$19.95 a month for unlimited online time.

The previous cost was \$9.95 for the first five hours and \$2.95 for each hour thereafter.

Wendy Goldberg, a spokeswoman at the Dulles, Va.-based company, said refunds are on a case-by-case basis. Some refunds may be in the form of free online service.

"We had no idea of the incredible surge in demand we would see," Goldberg said. "It did exceed our wildest expectations."

Goldberg said giving refunds to dissatisfied cus-

tomers has "always been our policy," despite statements last week by America Online Chairman Steve Case that the company was not considering refunds.

Several states threatened to sue unless America Online offered the refunds. Some customers have already sued.

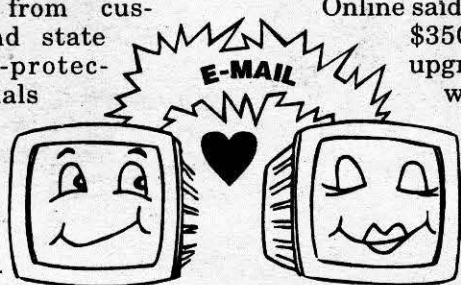
In an attempt to cut down on the problems, America Online said it is spending \$350 million to upgrade its network.

For some, the constant busy signals are more than an annoyance. They disrupt business.

"When e-mail goes down, it's like severing an artery," said John Goodman, a public relations executive in Scarsdale, N.Y., whose e-mail was down for two hours last week.

The situation illuminates the business world's growing dependence on online and Internet services.

Last year the number of users who logged on outside home surpassed those who logged on at home, with 15.6 million people logging on from work or school compared to 10.3 million from home in September, according to Inteco Corp., a market research firm based in Norwalk, Conn.



Annual American Music Awards honor "The Year of the Woman"

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was "The Year of the Woman" at the American Music Awards, Monday, and Toni Braxton reaped the rewards.

Braxton won favorite female soul R&B artist and her "Secrets" was the top soul-R&B album. She also shared in a portion of an award that went to the "Waiting to Exhale" soundtrack, to which she was a contributor.

Alanis Morissette also was a multiple winner, though she didn't show up. Morissette was named favorite pop-rock female artist and her "Jagged Little Pill" won the pop-rock album trophy.

Two out the three favorite new artist awards went to women as well: Jewel for pop-rock and LeAnn Rimes for country.

In receiving her award, Jewel thanked her fans for helping her achieve her dream.

"I know how little we can live with. I went from living in my car to this because you guys bought my album. It's because you guys bought my album that I'm not stealing food," she told the cheering audience.

She explained her comments later backstage.

Jewel, who started her music career modeling as a 6-year-old in Homer, Alaska, said she and her mother were living in San Diego when she got laid off from a job at age 18. The two of them moved into their cars, and Jewel began

singing at coffeehouses.

In all, 20 trophies were awarded in the 24th annual ceremony, broadcast by ABC from the Shrine Auditorium. Comedian Sinbad was the host.

Tupac Shakur, gunned down in Las Vegas four months ago, was posthumously named favorite rap-hop artist. Presenter Brandy accepted Shakur's trophy.

Garth Brooks was once again favorite male country artist, his 11th AMA honor since 1991. Shania Twain was country's favorite female artist.

Brooks & Dunn roped the trophy for band, duo or group, and George Strait's "Blue Clear Sky" received the category's album award.

Pop-rock winners included Eric Clapton as favorite male artist, and Hootie & The Blowfish as favorite band, duo or group.

Soul-R&B honors also went to Keith Sweat for male artist, and New Edition for band duo or group. D'Angelo was the top new artist in soul-R&B.

Favorite artist winners in other categories included Metallica in hard rock-heavy metal, Smashing Pumpkins in alternative music, and Whitney Houston in adult contemporary.

Winners of the American Music Awards were selected by a national sampling of about 20,000 listeners.

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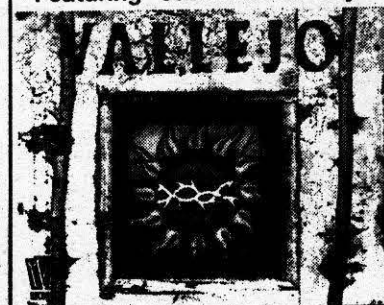
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San Francisco (AP)—An Oregon jail illegally taped a conversation between a priest and a murder suspect. The court ruled that the priest had the right to rely on "the nation's history of respect for religion in general and respect for the sanctity of the secrets of confession in particular."

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AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Michael Johnson says he was only joking when he asked a bank teller for all her money. Police were not amused.

Johnson was arrested on a robbery charge and arraigned Monday. He faces up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

The 33-year-old freshman at the University of Akron said the trouble began at the campus branch of the FirstMerit First National Bank on Friday.

"When the teller asked if she could help me, I said, 'Yeah, give me all of your money,' and I laughed," he said. "Then I handed her my MAC card and said, 'I need to take \$10 out of my account.' I got my money. She gave me a receipt. And I went on my way."

But university spokesman Paul Herold said the police report says Johnson demanded all the teller's money in small bills before asking for his \$10. "She told police that she was sure it was a stickup," Herold said.

HANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Politicians can wallow in the mud — so why not children?

Besides, lawmakers often don't have to do the laundry. A local law in this San Joaquin Valley community says children can jump into all the mud puddles they can find.

Those trying to keep kids clean could end up with an unclean police record. But police say they've never had to enforce the law, which has been cited in the syndicated "Believe it or Not" cartoon.

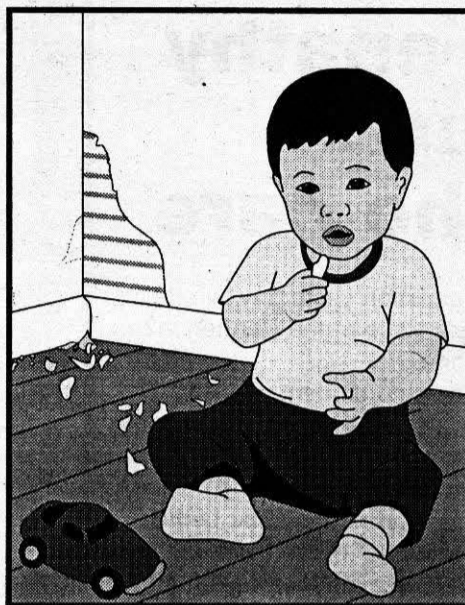
Hasbro uses customer input to invent germ-killing toys

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP) — Nothing will ever stop toddlers from putting toys in their mouths. But Hasbro Inc. is trying to make the mouth-watering playthings a little safer.

The company's Playskool division introduced a new line of 15 "germ-fighting" toys following what it said was an overwhelmingly positive response to a high chair with an antibacterial tray.

"Toys are hugged, they're loved, they're chewed on and drooled on," said Anna Dooley, vice president of marketing for Playskool. "But they also roll all over the floor, the dog may take interest in them, they get passed from one child to another."

Like the antibacterial 1-2-3 High Chair introduced last May, the bacteria-busting toys unveiled Monday are treated with a process called Microban, which permanently bonds tiny germ-killing pellets to plastic or fiber.



Microban stops mold, mildew, fungi and bacteria including E. coli, staph, salmonella and strep, Hasbro officials said.

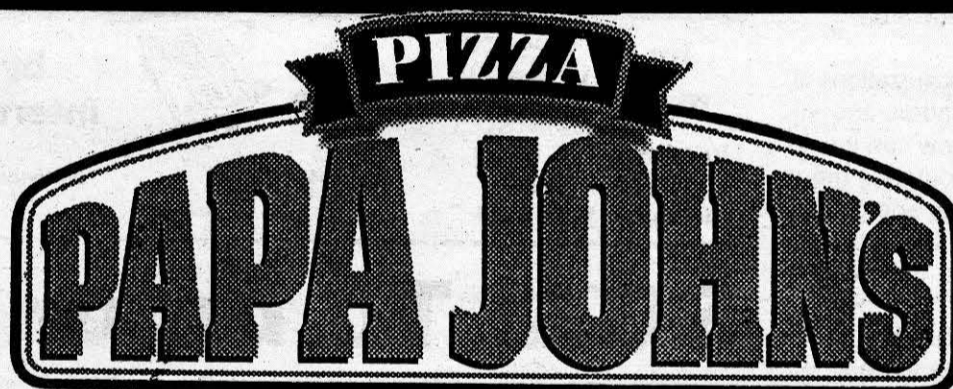
Treated toys include the Roll 'n Rattle Ball, Busy Band Walker and an activity toy shaped like a cellular telephone.

"We've never heard this kind of overwhelmingly positive feedback we have" with products featuring Microban, Dooley said. In response to customer demand, Playskool began selling the antibacterial trays separately to parents

with older high chairs, Dooley said.

Hospitals for more than a decade have used Microban products, including surgical drapes and mattresses and pillow covers. The product also is being added to consumer goods like cutting boards, athletic shoes and carpeting to fight menacing microbes.

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Student apathy really hurts those who care

Many students asked the question yesterday, where was the calendar in Tuesday's issue of the Parthenon? The answer is there wasn't one.

Sadly, the fact of the matter is no student, faculty member or anyone else bothered to send in a calendar item.

In the past, students have complained that the calendar is too brief, too ambiguous and needs to be better organized. This semester, the format of the calendar was changed to accommodate detailed information and to better serve students. The bottom of the calendar was devoted to listing the various means by which the Parthenon could receive calendar items — mail, e-mail, phone and fax.

However, student apathy once again raised its ugly head.

So many students on campus really care about the university and would like the chance to participate in campus events. Without outlets like the calendar, many non-traditional students and commuters would be unaware of weekly happenings.

A primary responsibility of all student organizations is to recruit new members. If organization leaders and members do little to promote the group, how can it ever expand? If leaders and members care about their group, about their campus, they should muster the energy to submit information to the campus media.

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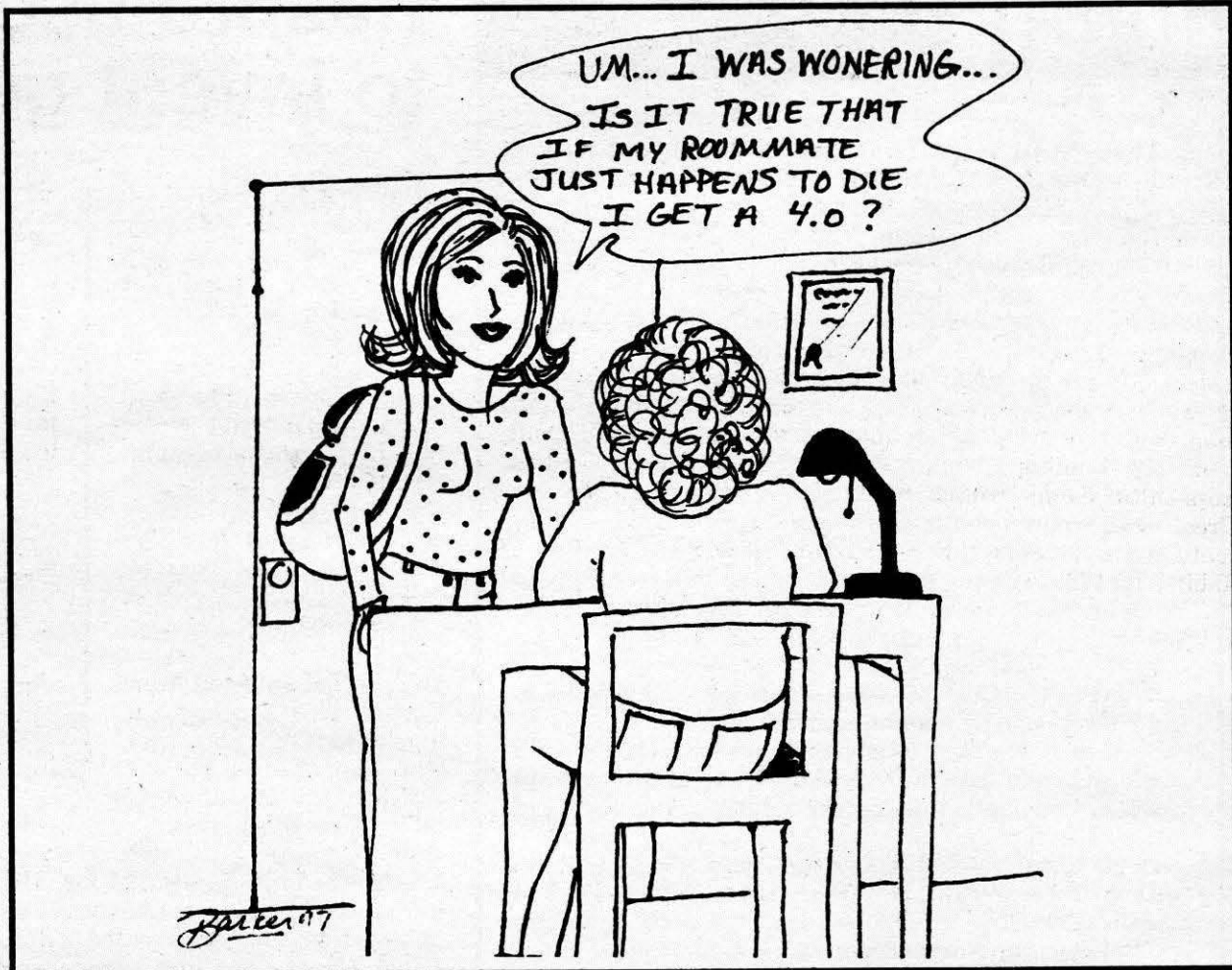
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SGA: To be or not to be

JOE LIMLE
columnist

Yesterday, Bob stopped me and asked, "Hey Joe, aren't you in the Student Government Association?" After I nodded, he continued, "You know, I read about that organization every Wednesday in the Parthenon . . . what does it do?"

"Well, Bob," I said, "we're the students' voice, similar to the way representatives in Washington, D.C., voice concerns, desires, opinions . . . that's what we do."

"Oh, really," Bob said, his voice seeming to drip with sarcasm. "Wow. How exciting. What else do you all do?"

"Well, Bob," I smiled. "Recently we were persuasive in the removal of the WP/WF period and extending the W period."

"Joe, from what I read, it seems you really didn't have to persuade anyone. I mean, all the deans, the associate deans, the registrar, even the dean of enrollment management . . . they were all for the idea. Who did you have to persuade?"

"Well, yeah, Bob, they were. But SGA was there to represent the students, expressing their desire to have the WP/WF period dropped."

"Ahhh, I see," Bob said, still not sounding convinced. "What else

does SGA do? I mean, besides argue a lot."

"Well, Bob, we attempt to resolve issues," I said.

"Well, that all sounds really good, Joe," Bob said. "But just to point out something, didn't you tell me that in the last election, less than 5 percent of the student body participated? I mean, I hate to say this, but doesn't that sound like a clear message that students simply just aren't interested?"

"Technically, you're right, Bob. But there are reasons for the low student turnout, some of which we are trying to alleviate in the Student Senate right now, such as absentee balloting which would allow students to vote in their colleges four days prior to the election and trying to work out more ways that makes voting more convenient to students."

"Well, if SGA really did have any impact on this campus, don't you think that students would go out of their way to vote in the elections?"

"Bob, one impact that we do have is the approval of funding packages for student organizations. Any recognized student organization can get up to \$400 a semester."

"But it's not really up to SGA to approve that, Joe."

"Yes, Bob, it is," I said indignantly.

Bob hmmd. "But I seem to remember you 'using colorful lan-

guage' over the fact that purchase orders for three student organizations that were passed by the senate, signed by the SGA president, were refused by the Dean of Student Affairs, Dee Cockrille. She re-fused the purchase orders for her own reasons, stating that one in particular wasn't necessary, and refused to sign the paperwork. Isn't that like 'de facto absolute power' over who gets what?"

I cleared my throat and said, "Bob, you really didn't have to bring that up. SGA is filled with very dedicated and concerned individuals who devote their spare time to making this campus a better place."

"Ahh, I see. So, to summarize this all up," Bob said, "you persuade the administration to agree with their own proposals in order to get things accomplished and you beg for a signature. Wouldn't the student body be better served by the elimination of this impotent organization?"

I sighed. "Bob, I don't think so. After all, SGA only accounts for \$2 out of each student's activity fee."

"Joe, that's not much for one person," Bob said, "but you multiply \$2 times every student . . . 13,000 times 2 is about \$26,000. I suppose that's a small price to pay for what we get."

Joe Limle can be reached for comment at 696-6696.

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Habitat for Humanity to help Miami poor this spring break

by JACOB MESSER
reporter

Twenty students will travel to Miami, Fla., this spring break, but they won't be drinking beer and enjoying the festivities synonymous with the one-week vacation.

The students will join 100 students from across the country to build houses in the Miami area as part of a project for Habitat for Humanity.

"We'll be there for one week, but it will go on for a period of six weeks," Reverend James A. McCune, campus pastor, said. "These houses are built Amish-style. They frame them and put up the walls. They do the dry wall, put the roof on, pour concrete, do landscaping and prepare the house with the future owners."

McCune said the trip will be a good experience, but won't be the first trip to Miami for the Marshall chapter.

"It's mostly Hispanics down there, so it is a good cross-cultural opportunity," McCune said. "It will be a real neat experience for us. We get to meet students from all over the country and work with Habitat for Humanity."

"Last year, we went to Pocahontas County and worked because of the flood," McCune said. "The year before that we went to Miami, so this will be our second time building houses down there. We had a great experience down there and decided to go back."

This is the group's second trip to Miami, but several members will travel to Florida with the group

for the first time.

"This is my first trip," Margaret L. Graley, South Charleston senior, said. "I'm really excited. I can't wait to meet new people. That will be neat. It will be hard work, but it will be worth it. I will spend most of my time cooking for the group. That's my main job, but I will be working out in the field, too."

Jason L. Riggs, Genoa sophomore, has never been to Florida, but said he is eager to meet new people and help the less fortunate.

"I have never been to Florida and I would like to see what the state is like," Riggs said. "I would like to give poor people the opportunity to own a house. I would like to meet the people we'll be working with and discover the different subcultures in the United States."

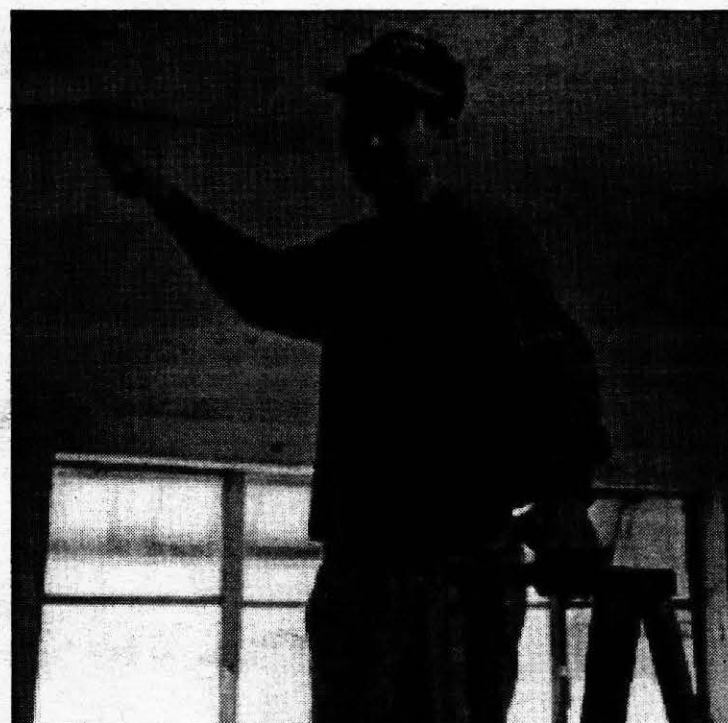
Riggs said he does not mind giving up his vacation.

"I am happy to help other people achieve what they could not achieve without my aid," Riggs said. "In this case, houses for poor families. Plus, I get to go to Florida, so it doesn't bother me."

Jessica R. Campbell, Campbell's Creek freshman, agreed.

"It's not going to be all work," Campbell said. "We'll be in Florida and it will be warm there. It's more worthwhile to help people. It makes you feel better to help people."

McCune said anyone interested in joining the



Dana Kees, president of the Marshall chapter of Habitat for Humanity, will be one of 20 students traveling to Miami to help build houses for the poor.

group may come to the Campus Christian Center and sign up.

The student's name will then be placed on a mailing and phone list.

Riggs and Campbell said they urge others to get involved.

"It is an invaluable experience," Riggs said.

"People should join," Campbell said. "They should join for the same reason I did, to help people, learn new skills and get involved in the community."

Scholastic honors group tries to involve more students

by REGINA FISHER
reporter

Students in the top 20 percent of their class should keep an eye on the mail this month or they might miss out on an invitation.

Gamma Beta Phi, a non-profit scholastic honor, educational and service organization, will be inviting students who meet requirements to join this semester.

Qualified students will be notified of their eligibility by

mail, according to Patty A. Carmen, chapter adviser to Gamma Beta Phi.

"This is a one-time-only invitation," Carmen said. "Students who decline will not be invited again."

The group provides assistance to area organizations such as the Huntington Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Huntington City Mission.

"We're just trying to help out as many of the local organizations as we can each

semester," Carmen said.

Amanda E. Schumm, Huntington senior and City Mission Committee chairwoman for Gamma Beta Phi, said there is a need for new members to increase the attendance at volunteer activities, such as the City Mission.

"We are trying to get the word out and get more people involved at the mission," Schumm said.

Although some activities can be time consuming, the group does take academic and

employment schedules into consideration, Carmen said.

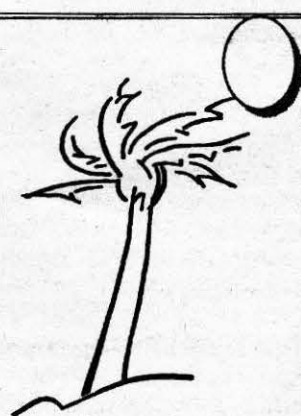
Marshall is one of four schools in the state that have chapters of Gamma Beta Phi. The three other schools with active chapters are Salem-Teikyo University, Concord College and Bluefield State College.

There are state and national conventions that members can attend if they choose, according to Carmen, who is also a state adviser for the organization.



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J. Karlet, vice president for finance, recognizes a potential danger of credit card misuse.

"We are committed to ensuring we have the proper controls in place before we implement this program," Karlet said. "We will develop the overall guidance, but each department will be responsible for identifying and monitoring the individuals authorized to make credit card purchases for them."

Estill anticipates issuing Marshall's VISA card from One Valley Bank in Charleston by mid-March. He would like to have credit cards in every state agency by the end of the calendar year.

"This is a win-win situation for everyone," Estill said. "It is a free way to reduce costs statewide, and vendors get their money in about three days."

LIBRARY

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actually do more damage to the site than good, Meadows said.

Since the project was begun last September approximately one month has been lost because of wet conditions.

Meadows said now that the subgrade, or gravel material, has been compacted in the bottom of the pit, wet weather will have less effect on the project.

"In winter weather our work is always a gamble," Meadows said. Concrete work can continue as long as temperatures remain in the 20s and 30s.

If the temperature falls below the 20-degree mark, or two feet of snow falls, construction will be delayed, Meadows said.

The project has required no major changes from the original plan, Meadows said. Most of the changes requested by the contractor have been small changes for materials or items.

The changes are considered normal for any large-scale construction project as long as the new item meets the specifications and cost of the original item. Most of these changes have resulted in cost savings to the university, Meadows said.

"We did a lot of review on the specifications before we started," Meadows said. This has helped to keep required changes to a minimum."

Construction is scheduled for completion in early summer 1998, Meadows said.

Islamic holiday is observed

by NAWAR W. SHORA
reporter

Some students, faculty and staff are not eating or drinking during the day. This isn't because they cannot afford it, it's because they are Muslims observing the Islam holiday Ramadan.

Islam is one of the five major religions of the world. Ramadan, the Muslim holy month is being observed now.

Dr. Majed Khader, assistant professor at the Morrow Library, is a Muslim faculty member at Marshall. He often writes columns about Islam for The Herald-Dispatch.

Khader said Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. The other four require all Muslims to believe in the Shahada; that there is no god but God, and Muhammad is his prophet; to pray five times a day; to go on a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their

life; and to give Zakat, donations given to the poor at the end of Ramadan.

Khader said during Ramadan all able and mature Muslims are required to fast from sunrise until sunset for the entire month, which goes by the lunar calendar.

He said Ramadan is extremely important to Muslims because it is an order from God and it also has spiritual and social significance.

Ramadan is not only supposed to make those who fast empathize with the less fortunate. Khader said it teaches self-discipline and the strength to resist temptations in life.

Ramadan began Jan. 11 and for the coming weeks, Muslims, not only on campus but all over the world, will continue fasting as they aim to fulfill their religious requirement.

Student hunger being appeased with chicken

by WHITNEY A. GIBEAUT
reporter

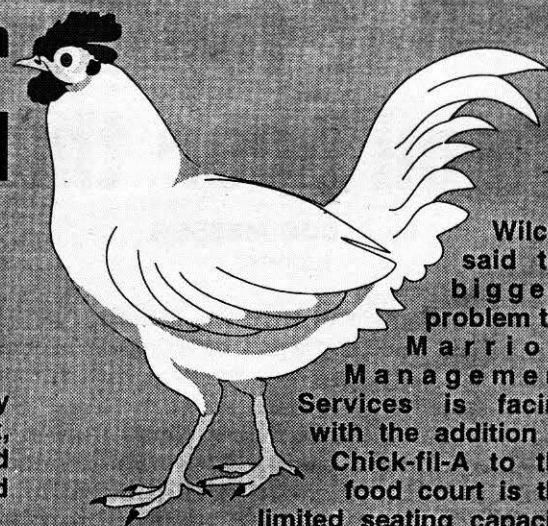
While other members of the university were relaxing over the winter break, Marriott Management Services prepared employees of Chick-fil-A for the fast-paced hunger needs of Marshall students.

The employees trained over the break at Chick-fil-A in the Huntington Mall.

"Bringing national brands to campus draws a lot of attention," said Steve Wilcox, general manager of Marriott Management Services.

Chick-fil-A is a self-serve area that maintains an increasing speed of service. The new food service offers seven different menu items to choose from.

Brian Chenoweth, co-manager, said, "Our busiest hours are between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Our staff works well in the fast-paced environment."



Wilcox said the biggest problem the Marriott Management Services is facing with the addition of Chick-fil-A to the food court is the limited seating capacity in the dining area.

He said the dining area faces a block between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. of five hours during which students have inadequate space. The overcrowding creates problems with janitors and staff as trays and trash become piled up.

Larry Pittman, owner/operator of Chick-fil-A, swings in the student center once a week to inspect and make sure all procedures are being followed to ensure quality service for the university.

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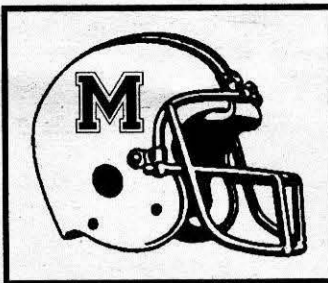
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Tennis team looks to build on success from last year

by SHAWN A. HOLMES
reporter

The Marshall tennis team is preparing for the spring season which begins Jan. 31 with a home match against Akron University.

Marshall, under head coach Laurie Mercer and assistant coach John Mercer, is looking to improve from last season's 13-9 record, which included wins over instate rival West Virginia University and future Mid-American conference opponents Akron and Toledo.

The team also had close losses to Penn State, Virginia Tech, and George Washington.

All the top players from last year return and will be joined by two high-quality freshmen.

Marshall will probably look to its two seniors, Jen Gilley and Lisa Hodgetts, for leadership.

Gilley played number one singles last year, but with the added depth should play in the middle of the lineup this season.

Hodgetts played at the number six position last year and finished with a record of 16-5.

The two juniors on the team are Jen Mele and Molly Harris.

Mele led the team last year with a 21-3 record at the number five singles position and

Last year's team posted a 13-9 record, which included wins over West Virginia University and future MAC opponents Akron and Toledo.

Harris played mostly doubles last year.

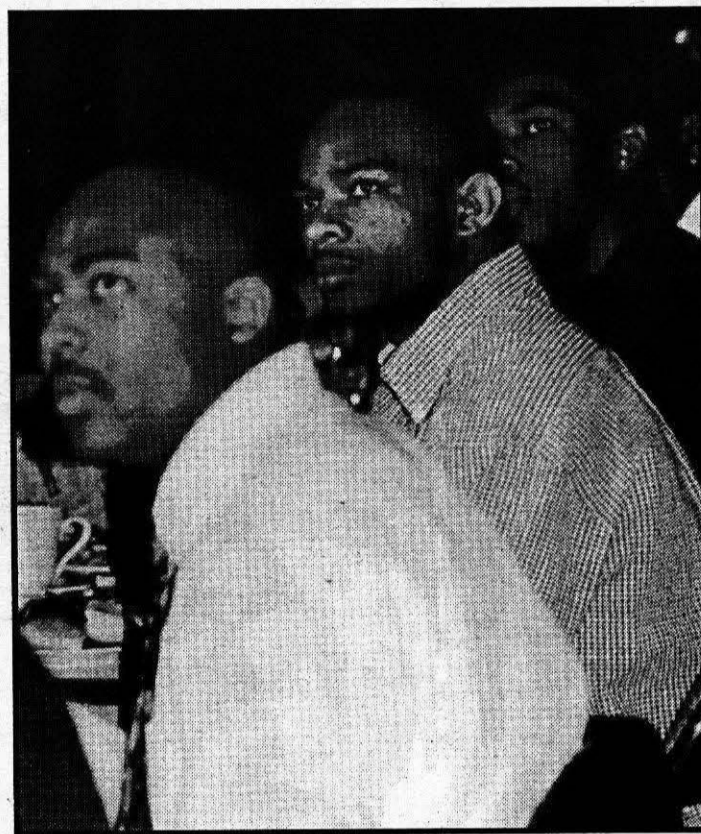
Sophomores Alyssa Bengel and Erin Russell return as the team's strongest doubles pair.

The pair finished last year with an 11-4 record at the number two doubles spot and suffered a tough three-set loss in the finals of last year's Southern Conference tournament to Georgia Southern.

Bengel also finished with a 13-9 singles record, while Russell was limited to playing doubles because of a shoulder injury.

Freshmen Courtney Hague and Kelly Peller are both recruits who may compete to play in the top of the lineup this year.

Closing a chapter



Melissa Young

Senior Marshall football players (left to right) Jerome Embry, Tim Martin and Erik Thomas look on as presentations are made at last Sunday's football banquet.

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Coach says MU baseball is back

by NAWAR W. SHORA
reporter

Marshall baseball is making its way up.

Craig Antush, head coach of the Thundering Herd baseball team, said the outlook for this season is better than last. "We are improved from last year," Antush said.

Antush was hired in May 1995 after serving as assistant coach from 1991 to 1995.

His college playing experi-

ence gives him a lot to offer the team.

Antush pitched for Alabama State University in 1982 and 1983.

"I was fortunate to play for Alabama," he said.

Alabama was second in the country in 1983. It also was the runner-up in the college world series that year.

Antush brings with him skill and the experience from having played with a champion team.

Coach Antush seems to be optimistic and has a realistic attitude toward the team. He said Marshall is likely to be ranked in the lower third of the Division I schools.

He said he prefers it to be that way. He said he would rather start from the bottom and build up, rather than the opposite.

"We've got a very demanding schedule," he said.

Antush said he did this on purpose to attract willing and dedicated players who want a challenge.

"This is a team of talented players," Antush said.

To sum up his second year on the job, Antush said not only is the team an improved one athletically, but academically as well.

Although Antush said he expects improvement, he said there is still a long way to go.



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How to *face* **STRESS** *without tearing your hair out*

And they're off! A new semester causes students to shoot out of the starting gate like horses at the Kentucky Derby.

For most students, each semester is packed with deadlines, high expectations and stress – lots and lots of stress.

You've had a good couple of weeks to assess the difficulty of your classes. By now, your schedule is resting like a hefty weight on your back. You probably feel more like the worn down workhorse that wavers in the wind than the lean graceful racehorse that "runs for the roses."

The combination of school and personal responsibilities can create stress. Learning how to cope is important.

According to Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary, stress is defined as "a physical, chemical, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension and may be a factor in disease causation."

For Dave L. Wickham, Huntington graduate student, taking 12 hours of classes and working 20 hours a week causes him the most stress.

"I don't have enough time for anything," he said as he looked down at his watch. "I'm at the library on a Saturday. What does that show you?"

Wickham said when he gets "stressed out," he feels like he loses control. He deals with stress by taking some time out for himself.

Kelly C. Davis, Huntington sophomore, shares similarities with Wickham. Davis works 25 hours a week and takes classes.

The combination of a new boss at work, getting adjusted and trying to fit in studying and going to school is stressful, she said.

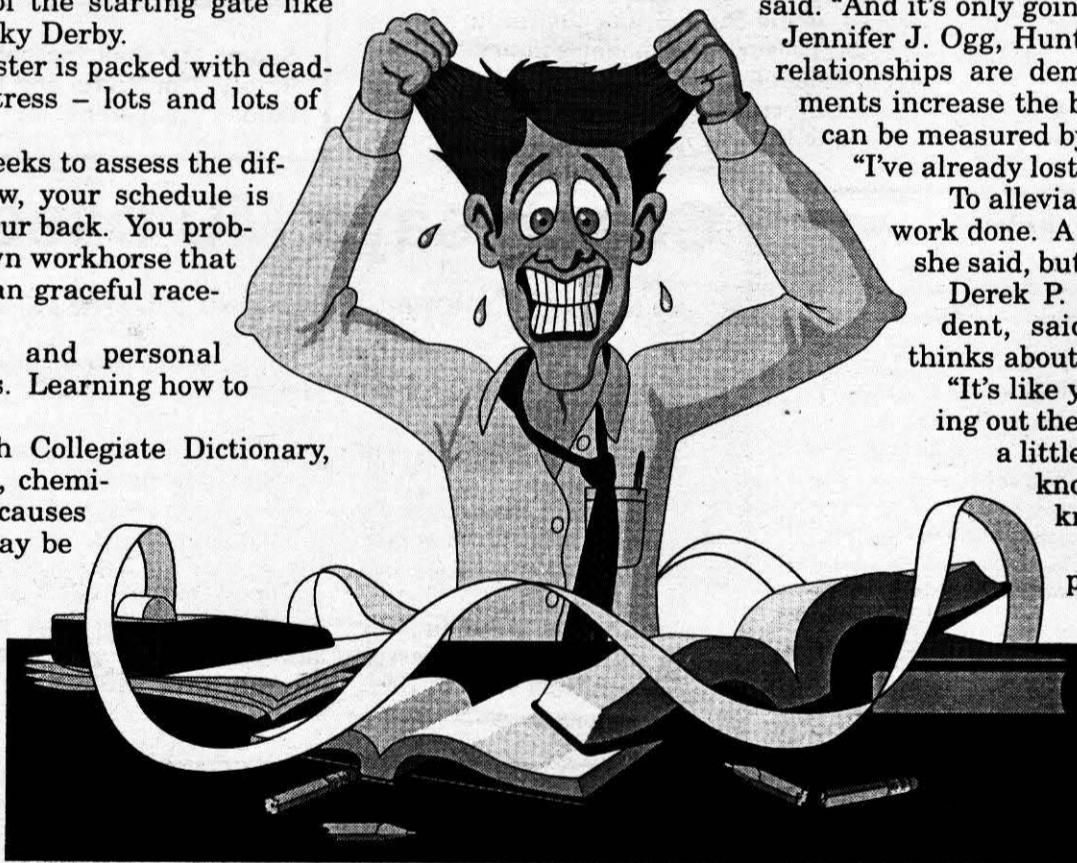
"It feels like I'm not in control of everything and I don't know what's going to happen," Davis said.

School causes Caryn E. Compton's stress thermometer to rise. Compton is a senior from Poca.

"I'm a double major," she said. "I have to keep my GPA up to get into graduate school. I have 17 hours this semester."

As a result, Compton said she often feels very tense.

"I wake up in the morning and the first thing I think is



'what do I have to do so I don't fall horribly behind?,' she said. "And it's only going on the third week of school."

Jennifer J. Ogg, Huntington junior, said long distance relationships are demanding, and her class requirements increase the burden. Ogg said her stress level can be measured by her weight.

"I've already lost five pounds this week," she said.

To alleviate her stress, Ogg tries to get her work done. A feeling of accomplishment helps, she said, but falling behind adds more stress.

Derek P. Rizzo, Follansbee graduate student, said he grows anxious when he thinks about the job outlook.

"It's like you go to school and there's nothing out there for you," he said. "It used to be a little of 'what you know' and 'who you know,' and now it's all 'who you know,' in my opinion."

Rizzo said he tries to keep a positive attitude.

"I keep looking at the bright side," he said.

The University of Ottawa produced "The ABC's of Student Life" handbook which provides detailed tips for coping with everyday problems contributing to stress. Students can access the handbook on the Internet (www.campus-life/utoronto.ca/handbook/health/stress.html).

Some of the recommendations in the handbook include: 1) taking charge, 2) recognizing your own resources 3) being flexible, 4) setting realistic goals, 5) controlling situations that you can, and 6) talking to someone about your concerns.

Linda M. Stockwell, a counselor for the Student Development Center, said stress and anxiety are frequent concerns.

"Exercise and a balance in our lives" are tips Stockwell recommends for handling stress.

She said she encourages students to make an appointment with a counselor if they need to discuss any problems.

Free counseling services are provided to Marshall students. Students who would like to talk to someone about their stress-causing problems may contact counselors in Prichard Hall by calling 696-3111.

**story by
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