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Freshmen dropout rate rising

by RANDY BURNSIDE

reporter

According to university statistics nearly one out of every three freshmen fail to progress to their sophomore year.

The retention rate has prompted administrators and faculty to take several steps in an effort to retain students.

Dr. Sarah N. Denman, vice president of academic affairs, said the freshman to sophomore retention rate at Marshall is between 68 and 70 percent.

University statistics show retention to the second year for first time, four-year degree seeking freshmen was 70 percent from fall 1994 to fall 1995. The rate was 73 percent from 1993 to 1994.

In comparison, the freshman to sophomore retention rate at West Virginia University from fall 1993 to fall 1994 was 88 percent, according to the WVU Office of Institutional Analysis and Planning.

The retention rates at Ohio University and West Virginia State College are 83 percent and 59 percent, respectively, according to those institution's web sites.

Dr. Ralph Taylor, associate dean of the College of Science, said there is a definite retention problem at Marshall.

Taylor said biological science classes lose 40 to 50 percent of freshmen and first-time students after the first year and that only 15 to 20 percent of students in the College of Science graduate after four or five years. "There is a definite problem," Taylor said.

Taylor said introductory classes for freshmen, advising, scheduling assistance, encouraging new teaching methods and making faculty more available to students are helping the retention effort.

"We have to understand that many of our students are first-generation college students and many of them do not know what to expect in college," Taylor said.

Through new teaching techniques and by making themselves more available to students, faculty members are doing what they can.

Taylor pointed out that faculty can only do so much and that students need to take some responsibility by attending classes.

"There is a direct relationship between attending classes and succeeding," Taylor said.

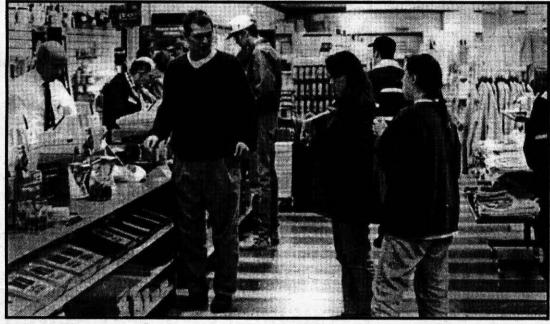
Nawar W. Shora, student body president, also said he is concerned with the retention rate.

"I'd like to think that all students take responsibility, but professors need to be patient with them," Shora said.

Shora said that faculty should do all that they can to help students.

He added that the Faculty Senate decision to extend the W period and to give freshmen with Ds and Fs midterm reports is a step forward. "It will help," Shora said.

Bookstore to expand



Jon Rogers

The bookstore will move from its current site to an extension planned for the first level.

Holiday brings special plans

by MELISSA M. SCOTT

reporter

Valentine's Day comes but once a year, and Marriott Food Service and Laidley Hall offer special dinners for students the week before the romantic holiday.

The cafeterias of Holderby Hall and Twin Towers will have the annual Valentine's Day special Thursday, Carol A. Copley, food service director, said. Prizes will be given away by drawing ticket numbers throughout the dinner hours.

The menu will include surf and turf, grilled chicken breast, riblets, chicken and dumplings, and fettucine for the vegetarian diners, Copley said. Laidley Hall residents will have the opportunity to have dinner at the John Marshall Room Wednesday. The students are then invited to return to the residence hall to watch a movie in their TV lounge, according to a flyer sent to residents.

Students also have made plans for themselves this special weekend. Frank Devono, Clarksburg junior, said "I'm going to take my girlfriend to Heritage Station for dinner, and then take her home and surprise her with a dozen roses. After that, we will probably cuddle a little in front of the TV while sipping some wine."

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Director of judicial programs spends time healing conflicts

by COURTNEY VEST

reporter

Incidents involving rude or uncivil behavior are complaints that Linda P. Rowe, director of judicial programs, feels she has been receiving a lot of and is trying to change.

She said it is very distressing to see student vs. student or student vs. staff confrontations. Rowe tries to mediate the problem and works on creating solutions.

"It doesn't help to retaliate," Rowe said, "Two wrongs just make two wrongs."

She said people can be civil and polite without being gregarious or a doormat.

Citing that there is a difference between rude behavior and not getting what you want, Rowe said it is best to take the stance of giving people the benefit of the doubt. "A lot of people have the idea that a sign of politeness is a sign of weakness," Rowe said.

This is very disappointing and discouraging, Rowe said.

She said we have to live with the assumption that people want to improve, however, she does think a lot of people still observe more decorum in the classroom.

Rowe said that if students go to a hearing they usually come out feeling better because they had the opportunity for their say.

She said students have the knowledge that everything was handled rationally even if the decision goes against them.

To see that in action restores faith in the system she said.

"You have to be patient and talk about it," she said, noting "A well expressed apology goes a long way."



MUPD Police Blotter

by JULIE M. STRIDER reporter

Campus police made two arrests during the first week of February.

- Michael M. Davis Jr., 22, was arrested at 2:05 a.m. Feb. 1 for driving with a suspended license. Davis was reportedly pulled over for a general traffic violation and given a local background check. The check revealed Davis had a suspended license. He was also issued citations for failure to yield and not having insurance.

- Brandon C. Wiland, 19, was arrested at 3:16 a.m. Wednesday for drinking under the age of 21... Marshall police reported that they spotted Wiland as a suspicious person on foot and stopped him. MUPD noted that Wiland had red, glassy eyes, slurred speech and gave him a citation.

- Destruction of property was reported at 12:55 p.m.

Feb. 1 in the 1800 block of Maple Avenue. The victim reported both rear windows of his 1992 white Volkswagon were smashed.

Nothing was reported stolen, and the estimated damage to the windows is

- Theft from a vehicle was reported at 5:50 p.m. Feb. 1 in the southeast resident parking lot. The victim reported the battery of his 1986 BMW was stolen during the period of Jan. 23 to Feb. 1. There was reportedly no sign of forced entry and the estimated value of the battery is \$40.

- Theft from a vehicle was reported at 2:45 p.m. Feb. 2 in parking lot W.

The victim claims that a milk crate containing 12 gospel cassettes was stolen from her car.

She does not remember if she locked the doors, but there was reportedly no sign of forced entry. The estimated value of the

stolen items is \$80.

- Reckless driving was reported at 3:50 a.m. Feb. 2 in the 1700 block of College Avenue MUPD reportedly saw a white Jeep Wrangler turn from 5th Avenue to 17th Street, proceed up on the sidewalk and drive across the Phillip Cline Plaza (The plaza is the location of the old school-

The suspect was stopped after the police said he ran over shrubbery and exited onto College Avenue.
MUPD officers reported that they smelled alcohol and the subject passed a series of sobriety tests.

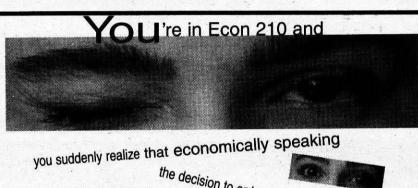
He was issued a citation for reckless driving.

 A charge of assault was filed at 3:07 p.m. Feb. 4 in Holderby Hall. MUPD responded to a call about a reported fight between two females.

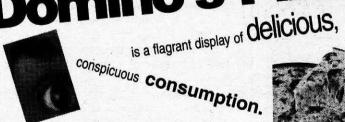
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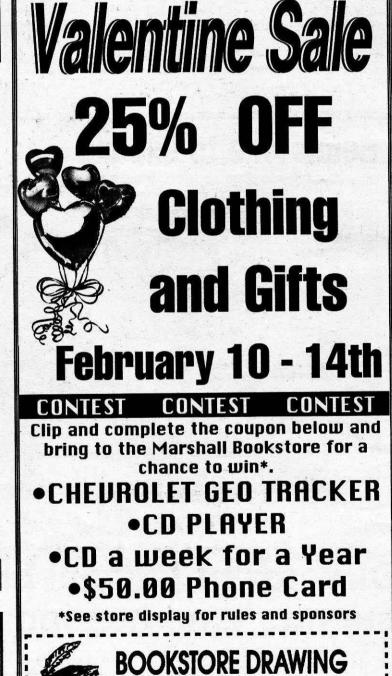
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a wealth of good news in Mayor Jean Dean's State of

Dean, a Republican who is seeking re-election, said 1996 was quite a year for the state's second-largest

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997

Patch research hopeful

CHICAGO (AP) — A person wearing a nicotine patch who smokes on his predetermined "quit day" is 10 times more likely to lose the battle to quit, North Carolina researchers say.

Smokers using the patch who take even a single puff of a cigarette on their first day of trying to quit will probably be smoking in six months, the researchers say.

People who can't give up cigarettes for one day have an extreme craving for nicotine that won't be satisfied with a nicotine patch alone, according to the study, which appears in Monday's edition of the Chicago-based Archives of Internal Medicine.

Researchers at Duke University Medical Center and the Durham Veterans Affairs

Medical Center studied 200 smokers who wanted to quit and tried nicotine patches, which resemble a bandage containing varying strengths of nicotine.

Twenty-five percent of the smokers had quit after six months, the study said. Of those, only 3 had smoked on the first day. However, 106 of 173 people who had returned to smoking had smoked their first day on the patch, the study said.

"Few studies have been done to determine which smokers are more likely to benefit from nicotine patches," said Dr. Eric Westman, the study's lead author. "This is important because a failed quit attempt can be demoralizing and discourage many people from trying again."

Knowing what will work early will let smokers avoid unnecessary expense and frustration by quitting the program, or supplementing it with stronger medication and counseling, Westman said.

Unfortunately, tobacco addiction by its nature mandates that for virtually all people trying to quit, you need to treat it the way an alcoholic treats booze, and that is not even a single puff," said Dr. Michael Fiore, director of the Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention at the University of Wisconsin Medical School at in Madison.

Nicotine patches double the chances of long-term success, but only about one in four smokers who use the patch is smoke-free after six months, previous studies have said.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Haagen-Dazs is going on a diet on Fat Tuesday.

The world's leading maker of superpremium ice cream will introduce Haagen-Dazs Low Fat this Tuesday at a celebration in Tampa, Fla., one of the country's top 10 ice cream markets.

Fat Tuesday is the culmination of Mardi Gras in New Orleans. It is the final day of partying before the beginning of Lent — the 40-day Christian observance of fasting and penitence.

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Everyone wants a piece of Billy Boy, the orphaned pot-bellied pig - but it won't be in pork chop form.

At least 43 offers of adoption have come in for the 3-yearold porcine, whose owner died last month.

Ethel Dolores Howe, 78, had bought Billy Boy after seeing the movie "Babe," and had told friends and neighbors to make sure he didn't become chops after she died.

"She was always happiest when she was with her pig," said her son, Eric Minton. "She loved that pig."

Billy Boy was moved Friday from the animal shelter to a temporary pig sanctuary.

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) - Police say Thomas Malcarne drove drunk and bumped or sideswiped nine cars along area highways.

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 Julia A. Hudson, Ashland senior discussing her Valentine's Day plans

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Democracy needs citizen feedback, input

This week marks the reconvening of the West Virginia legislature. It provides state residents the opportunity to see lawmakers in progress.

But just because campaigning and voting are over doesn't mean that the private citizen's job in democracy is over, this phase of democracy relies just as heavily on the people.

The elected representatives from the 55 West Virginia counties will converge on the Capital Complex in Charleston with the intentions of serving the will of the people. However, the will of the people cannot be known unless you, the voter, communicate with your representative.

The next 60 days will prove to be the most important ones in 1997 for the state. In order for them to be beneficial to the state, representatives must know how the people feel.

To start the lines of communication, voters must first find out the name of their representative. After that, citizens need to find out the address, phone number, fax number or e-mail address for that representative. Call your county clerk for more information.

Next, voters need to follow the legislative proceedings. Stay abreast of what is taking place in Charleston, it does concern you.

Finally, let your representative know how you feel. Tell him or her that you do or do not support what the legislature is about to vote on. Your voice does matter to your representatives. They are there to serve you.

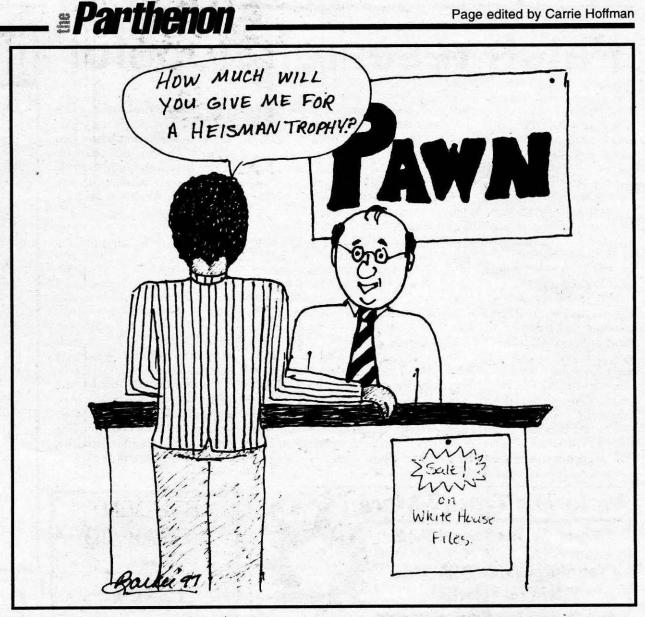
"Democracy is not a spectator sport," may seem a little bit cliche, but it is true. After all the ballots have been counted and the elections are over, the people still need to be involved in the lawmaking process. And the representatives do care about what their constituents have to say. After all, the people voted them in and the people can vote them out.

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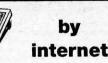


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TTA proposal just isn't worth it

adam **DEAN** columnist

Two things are on my mind this time. We shall take them in

no particular order. The student senate bill that would recommend to President Gilley the acceptance of the Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) proposal for "free" universal bus service for full-time Marshall students is still in committee. But, it might make it out of the committee in time for the full SGA meeting on this Tuesday at 4 p.m. And, of course, "free" in this case, means a \$10 increase in student fees per semester. Is it really free then? I read the TTA General Manager Vickie Shaffer's letter to the editor in which she advocated that the majority of students on this campus should go ahead and foot the boot of her little venture for the minority of people who might use the bus service if implemented.

I say "might" because in the survey conducted concerning the TTA 33 percent of off-campus students and 41 percent of oncampus students said they're likely to use a specialized bus

"Likely" isn't "Yes, I service. And if one definitely would." looks at the survey appendix one would see that the numbers change. With the statistics rounded to the highest, 14 percent of off-campus and 15 percent of on-campus students are "very likely" to use the service. Still not "Yes, I definitely would." Then, one would see the 19 percent of off-campus and 26 percent of on-campus students who said they're "somewhat likely." What in the hell is "somewhat likely." Maybe? I don't know about you, but I don't want to pay to give someone the privilege of saying "maybe" to riding the bus. If they want to say "maybe" let them pay to do it themselves! The rough rule of thumb is the majority should aid a minority if doing so contributes to the society as a whole. With the TTA proposal, just for the trial period, the only thing I see is \$80,000 going down a rat hole. I've heard the TTA argument and have read the evidence, but nothing so far makes me want to vote to recommend the plan.

The other thing that has been turning around in my mind is that I think Gilley should come to SGA meetings every once in a while. He is a very nice and smart man, and he and I have had many productive meetings one-on-one in the past. I think it would be good for him to get know students better and that would give greater insight in how to run the university.

Some say that if the SGA invited Gilley to one of its meetings once in while, it would only improve his image without really encouraging him to get closer to the students. But, I firmly believe inviting him to come when he could and if he did come would give him the opportunity to get closer to the students. And, yes, if Gilley not coming after he was invited without good cause and if that was publicized would harm his public image. University presidents are political appointees, and I believe Gilley is too good of a politician to ever let his public image be unduly damaged. So, I think he should come. I think he would come, when he could. And, I think it would be a benefit.

Adam Dean is a columnist and a member of SGA.

Twins will turn heads

by WHITNEY A. GIBEAUT reporter

Students may do a double take Thursday as they wander by the Alumni Lounge in Memorial Student Center. Their reactions will be nothing new to Maye Smith and Faye Hudson. The identical twins have been getting those looks for 73 years.

The life-long Point Pleasant residents who became millionaires in the male-dominated world of banking will be signing a book they have written detailing their ragsto-riches story.

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Their book, "Maye and Faye's Building & Loan: The Story of a Remarkable Sisterhood, How Twin Sisters Ran the Cleanest, Kindest Bank in America and Did Right by a Whole Town," is available at the Marshall University Bookstore for \$21.

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Twin sisters, Maye Smith and Faye Hudson.

their many setbacks.

Smith and Hudson will be offering financial advice, in addition to autographs and small readings of the book.

Mike Campbell, general manager of the Marshall University Bookstore, said that light refreshments willbe served at the event.

Campbell encourages faculty, local authors and students to attend.

Trick shot artist to perform

by REGINA FISHER reporter

An "earthquake" can be witnessed at the Memorial Student Center today, but it will not be measurable on the Richter Scale.

The "earthquake" is one of the trick shots that Chef Anton, two-time winner of the National Trick-Shot Championships, will bring to the pool tables in the basement of the MSC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The show will consist of trick-shot demonstrations, a magic show and a chance for students to play against Anton.

The trick shots are the same ones Anton used to win the National Trick-Shot Championships the past two years, he said.

"Each of the trick shots incorporates magic and tells a story," Anton said. "The earthquake, for example, got its name because I live in California."

During the second seg-

ment of his demonstration, Anton will perform a close-up magic act with cards and coins that does not include trick shots.

After the program, Anton will challenge members of the audience to a game of eight ball. Members will have a chance to win copy of his instructional video.

"I'm really looking forward to hanging out, playing pool and meeting and talking with whoever wants to talk," Anton said.

The program is part of a project sponsored by Campus Entertainment Unlimited to further student involvement.

President of CEU Christy Sinnett said, "We've had difficulty getting students involved in the past, so we're trying something different this semester."

"Playing pool is one thing people on this campus do seem to do," she said.



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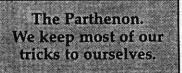
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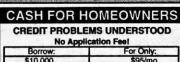
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National summit offers foundation for success

by BRIAN FORTENBAUGH reporter

A Collegiate Leadership Summit is scheduled in Indiana for college students concerned about their futures.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council will conduct a Collegiate Leadership Summit for Greeks and non-Greeks at the Hyatt Regency-Indianapolis Hotel Feb 20-23.

The summit's theme, "Success Through Unity: Strengthening Our Foundations for the New Millennium," was selected to emphasize the importance unity must play in daily campus life and as a requisite to meeting the challenges of the work place and society in the year 2000

In addition to the workshops, the summit will feature a Job Fair.

Several major corporations, including federal, state and local government agencies, have been invited to conduct job interviews at the fair.

Participants are urged to bring resumes to the confer-

A key feature of the summit will be a National Step Show Competition scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, in the Indianapolis Convention Center. Each of the nine constituent organizations of the NPHC has been invited to participate in the Step Show competition.

Advance sales for tickets are \$10. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event for \$12.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council will sponsor a special workshop for university and college advisers Friday, Feb. 21, at 9 a.m.

Information on the special workshop is available from the NPHC national office (812) 855-8820.

The summit registration fee for collegians is \$90. On site registration is \$115. Registration forms can be obtained by calling Maritza Quinones at (812) 855-8820.

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Others have less glamorous plans. Julia A. Hudson, Ashland senior, said "I'm going out to drink with my friends, because my boyfriend's not in town."

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Blanket drive provides warmth

by BRIAN FORTENBAUGH

reporter

A Marshall sorority is lending a helping hand this winter.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is sponsoring a blanket drive for needy families in Kentucky.

The blanket drive began two weeks ago and the response has been positive, LaShara Hoskins, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, said.

Hoskins said, "The blankets that are collected will be given to less fortunate families in Kentucky living without heat this winter."

"This is the first year Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has sponsored the drive," Hoskins said. Anyone who is interested in donating blankets for the needy families may do so at the collection box located in the Campus Christian Center, Hoskins said.

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Low turnout for 3-on-3

The Schick 3-on-3 tournament took place last weekend, with only four teams participating. The team known as "Nike," comprised of Mark Clay, Marcus Logan and Tamir Harbin, took top honors. The team earned a spot in the regional tournament Feb. 22 on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

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Marshall falls to Appy

by DAN LONDEREE

sports editor

Marshall's struggles on the road continued last night as the Herd lost 77-69 to Appy State in Boone, N.C.

The loss drops the Herd to 16-7, 8-3 in the conference.

The Mountaineers started the game with a 7-2 run, but Marshall gained the lead midway through the first half on a Keith Veney layup.

The two teams battled back and forth until the end of the first half, when Appy scored the final three points of the half to take a 36-34 lead into the locker room.

A 17-0 Moutaineer run surprised the Herd at the beginning of the second half. The entire run was 24-1, and helped Appy to a 57-35 lead at the 10:30 mark.

Marshall battled back late, but the Mountaineers held on with key free throws down the stretch.

Herd coach Greg White said the ball was simply not falling for his team.

"It seemed like there was a lid on the basket tonight," he said. "We missed five or six easy shots early."

White said Appalachian did a good job capitalizing on the Herd's shooting woes.

"They were able to build a lead," White said. "We couldn't knock a layup down, it was incredible."

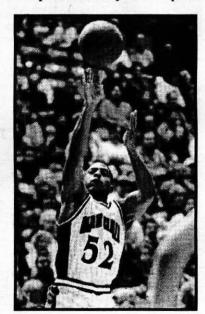
Marshall's Sidney Coles led all scorers with 18, and Veney and Carlton King both scored

Junior Braswell led Appy St. with 17.

The Herd is back in action this Saturday with a home game against VMI.

"Now we just have to go home and go back to work," White said.

Tipoff Saturday is 7:30 p.m.



Women end road trip with win

by SHAWN A. HOLMES

reporter

The women's basketball team will return to the friendly confines of the Cam Henderson Center Saturday against Western Carolina after returning from a twogame road trip.

The Herd lost to Tennessee-Chattanooga 63-60 Saturday and beat Georgia Southern 94-81 Monday evening.

The Herd's loss to UT-Chattanooga dropped its record to 12-10 overall and 6-4 in the Southern Conference.

Marshall went into the locker room leading 39-30 at halftime, after shooting 51 percent in the first half while holding the Lady Mocs to 37 percent shooting.

In the second half, the Herd shot only 36 percent from the field and made only 1 out of 7 of its three-point attempts. The Lady Mocs outscored the Herd 33-21 in the second half to secure the victory.

Marshall's victory over GSU Monday brings the Herd to 13-10, 7-4 on the season.

Saturday's game tips off at

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February 11-14

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Alpha Kappa Alpha- There will be a blanket drive in the Campus Christian Center. More information can be obtained by calling LaSharra Hoskins, 696-5762.

Speaker-Jim Haught, editor of the Charleston Gazette will speak about "The Honest Mind" at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. Haught's visit is being sponsored by the Rationalists United for Secular Humanism.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Alpha Kappa Alpha- There will be a blanket drive in the Campus Christian Center. More information can be obtained by calling LaSharra Hoskins, 696-5762.

Jobs Fair- The eighth annual Government/Summer Jobs Fair will go from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Seminar- "Paper Dolls," a historical look at how women's bodies are portrayed in the media and how it can perpetuate eating disorders in society. The seminar presenter will be Carla Lapelle, licensed clinical psychologist.

Outdoor Adventure Club- The group will meet at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center 2W10. More information can be obtained by calling Donnie Plumley, 529-

Psy Chi- The psychology honorary will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Harris Hall 402.

Kappa Delta Pi- Initiation will be at 5 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m.. More information is available by calling Dr. Boots Dilley, 696-2885

Theta Chi- An organizational meeting for men wanting to learn more about the fraternity will begin at 6 p.m. in Marco's.

Literary Discussion Circle- The group will meet at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center 2W9.

College Republicans- The group will meet at 9 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Alpha Phi Alpha- The scholarship for Black History Month will be presented at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Lobby. More information can be obtained by calling 696-5234 or 523-7344

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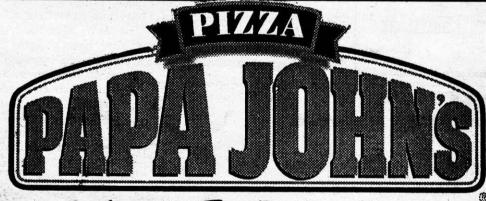
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