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The best plan for getting your body in shape for spring break, Page 8.

Nubian pageant displays talent

The contest wraps up Black History Month.

by JACOB MESSER
reporter

February is coming to a close and so is Black History Month, but not before several African-American students display their intelligence, beauty and talents.

The 1997 Nubian Prince and Princess Pageant is today at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Don Morris Room.

The pageant is sponsored by the Black United Students and the African-American Students' Programs Office.

Brandi D. Jacobs, coordinator and master of ceremonies of the pageant, said Black United Students has taken more time this year to make the pageant better than it has been in past years.

Jacobs said the pageant will be divided into three clothing changes: campus wear, business wear and evening wear.

"Students will also need to prepare a brief statement of

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SGA candidates debate

by SARAH D. WARRICK
reporter

With elections less than a week away, presidential team and senatorial candidates expressed their views and platforms during Thursday's debate.

The first debate was between senate candidates, Board of Trustees Student Advisory Council candidates and Institutional Board of Advisers student representative candidates.

Dorm regulations, parking, and student apathy were all addressed by the seven candidates in attendance.

John Seth "J.S." Bragg, College of Education senato-

rial candidate and Elkview freshman, said, "The first bill I write will be to eliminate the 24-hour housing policy. I don't know if it will be changed, but the most we can do as senators is to write the bill, and work to see it through [the Student Senate]."

John Janusz, College of Liberal Arts senatorial candidate and Whitehall, Ohio, freshman, said he would like to see some type of a stage built in front of Buskirk Hall for live entertainment.

Other candidates in attendance were for the Board of Trustees Student Advisory Council: Joseph E. Limle, Huntington graduate stu-

dent, David L. Wickham, Huntington graduate student; College of Business: Matthew E. Ladd, Huntington freshman; College of Education: Kristy G. Kapinos, Ona sophomore; College of Liberal Arts: David A. Felinton, Baltimore sophomore; Institutional Board of Advisers student representative: Brandi D. Jacobs, Columbus, Ohio, junior, and Limle.

All of the presidential teams attended the second debate.

Candidates reviewed their platforms and debated on issues such as apathy and parking.

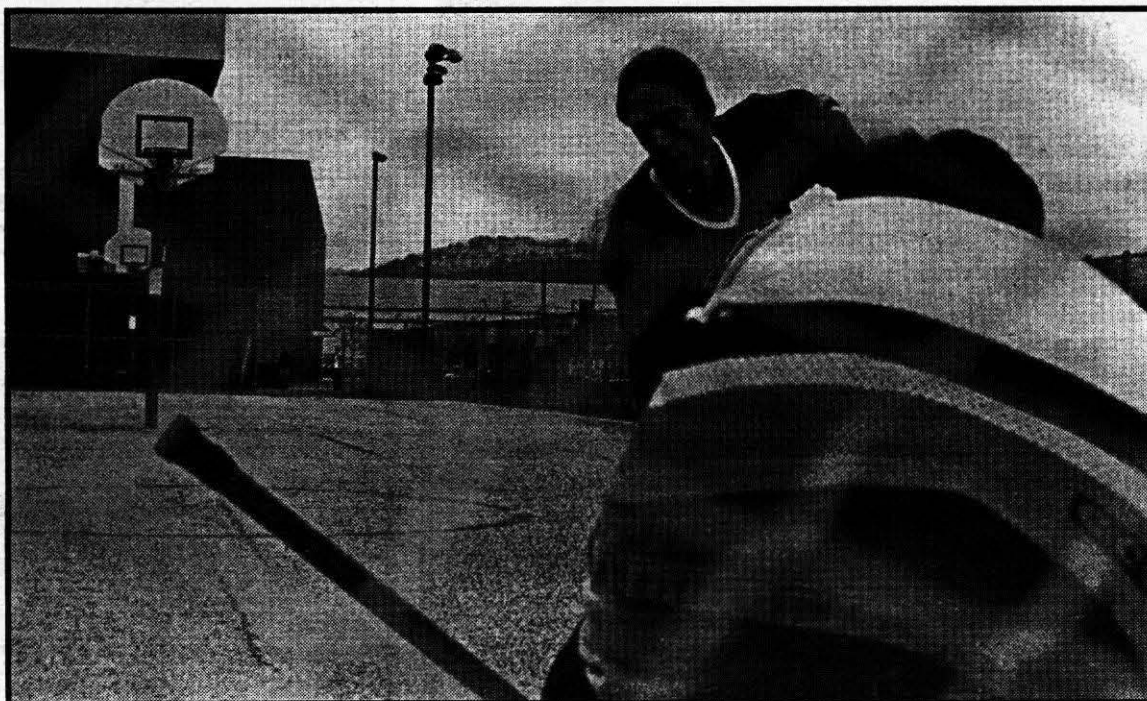
Presidential candidate M. Chris Nusbaum, Bunker

Hill junior, and his running mate, Joe W. Javins, Nitro sophomore said the best way to combat apathy is for the student government to have events on the weekends to keep students on campus.

"It's up to the students to get involved in Marshall University," Nusbaum said. "Student government can have concerts and they can have comedians but if students don't want to get involved, then they won't."

Write-in candidates James Mooney, Franklin junior, and Jonathan King, Rochester, N.Y., junior, said they are "sick and tired" of being called apathetic.

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Goal for it

Chris Timmons, Wheeling freshman, attempts to score on Eric Hoffman, St. Albans freshman, as they take advantage of an empty basketball court to play a game of Roller hockey. With warm temperatures coming and going, students are making use of sunny days by going outside for a jog, a game of Frisbee or whatever strikes their fancy.

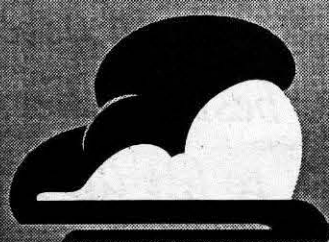
Photo by James Ratcliff

Inside Outside

Not going to Greensboro? You can catch most games live.



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Page edited by Kerri M. Barnhart

Seniors leave mark on team

by DEREK S. CHAPMAN
reporter

In an age in which leadership on the basketball court comes from underclassmen who do not think of themselves as being ready for the professional draft, Marshall is an exception. It has a senior-driven team.

"They're like the backbone of the team," said Chris Gray, Bethesda, Md., junior, in reference to the team's seniors, John Brannen, Sidney Cole, and Keith Veney.

Derrick Wright, Norcross, Ga., freshman, agreed and said, "I'm sure they can't do it by themselves, but they're a big part of it."

The seniors helped lead the

team to an 18-8 record and the Southern Conference North Division regular season co-championship with the Davidson Wildcats.

Brannen and Veney were the top scorers in the conference during the regular season. Brannen was first with 20.4 points per game, and Veney was second with 19.8 ppg. Veney also set a league season record for three-pointers with 115, and is only seven three-pointers away from tying the NCAA Division I career mark of 401.

Both players made the All-Southern Conference First Team. Brannen was the second leading vote receiver for Southern Conference Player of the Year with 33 votes fol-

lowed by Veney with 31.

Coles was not the scorer that Brannen and Veney were during the regular season, but he did average 11 ppg and led the conference in steals with 2.6 a game. He was also second in the conference in assists with 6.2 per game. Coles made the All-Southern Conference Second Team.

Personal honors are not why these three came to Marshall, though.

"I would trade all of that for a guaranteed berth into the NCAA Tournament," Brannen, from Alexandria, Ky, said.

Veney, from Seabrook, Md., said, "You want to do good personally, and I'm excited

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At the Grammys

NEW YORK (AP) - From the Beatles to Beck, 10 different artists took home multiple Grammys at the 39th annual show Wednesday in a ceremony that celebrated music's diversity.

Multiple award winners included the Beatles, the Fugees, Beck, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton, Kenneth "Baby-face" Edmonds, LeAnn Rimes, Toni Braxton and Celine Dion.

"Change the World" was responsible for four Grammys for singer Clapton, its songwriters and producer Babyface. It also was named record of the year.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, saying she was "amazed" to win for her recording of her book on child rearing, "It Takes a Village," picked up the prize during the pre-telecast presentation ceremony at Madison Square Garden before heading back to Washington for a state dinner.

Canadian chanteuse Dion won the album of the year award for the hit-packed "Falling Into You." The same album won for best pop album.

The Beatles won for best pop performance by a duo or group for "Free As a Bird." They also won two video awards for "Free As a Bird" and their anthology project.

A tearful country singer, 14-year-old LeAnn Rimes, with a dress to match her hit song, "Blue," won the award for best new artist. The teen singing sensation won for best female country vocal performance. "Blue" was also honored as best country song, an award that went to writer Bill Mack.

Babyface, who earned a record-tying 12 Grammy nominations, won the songwriter's award for best rhythm and blues composition, "Exhale (Shoop Shoop)," sung by Whitney Houston. He also was honored as producer of the year.

Beck augured a changing of the guard for rock music, beating out veterans Bruce Springsteen, Bryan Adams, Clapton and John Hiatt for an award for his surrealistic "Where It's At." He also won for best alternative music performance.

Braxton won best female pop performance and best female rhythm and blues performance for both "Un-break My Heart" and "You're Makin' Me High."

Crow won for best rock album and best female rock performance for "If It Makes You Happy." The Fugees, who performed with late reggae star Bob Marley's back-up band, took home two awards. Gill won for best country collaboration and best male country vocal performance.

Tracy Chapman received a Grammy for best rock song

for "Give Me One Reason." L.L. Cool J won an award for best rap solo performance.

Folk artist Pete Seeger received a standing ovation when he won for best traditional folk album. Gospel-singer Cissy Houston, Whitney's mother, went home a first-time Grammy winner.

"I would like a wedding-to-go, please."

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) - What fast-food restaurants did for dining, Karen Ann Emery wants to do for wedded bliss.

"Everybody wants a wedding that makes theirs stand apart," Emery said. She has converted a former fast-food joint off busy Interstate 95 into Vows, a drive through wedding chapel due to open Saturday. Emery, a notary public, says she'll lean out of the drive through window, pronounce people man and wife, then give them a certificate. Elapsed time: five minutes. Cost: \$75.

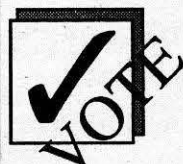
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Legislators address salaries at meeting

by **MICHELLE L. MARTIN**
reporter

"We've been doing a terrible job the past six or seven years in providing additional money to higher education," said House of Delegates Speaker Bob Kiss, D-Raleigh, at a members-only meeting of the West Virginia Higher Education Coalition Wednesday.

"We have now stopped neglecting higher education but we have a long way to go," Kiss said at the meeting in the Memorial Student Center.

Kiss and two colleagues, House of Delegates Education Chairman Jerry Mezzatesta, D-Hampshire; and Senate Education Chairman Lloyd Jackson, D-Lincoln, addressed issues concerning faculty and staff pay raises, teacher retirement plans and student financial aid.

The program was the sixth in a series of visits the three legislators are making to colleges and universities in the state.

Kiss highlighted two recent pieces of legislation as signs of a trend in addressing the

issues related to higher education.

The Higher Education Advocacy Team (HEAT) Bill and Senate Bill 547 were designed to correct problems noted in faculty and classified staff salaries and require additional accountability on the part of state education institutions through strategic planning, Kiss said.

The HEAT Bill provided \$40 million in state funding over a period of three years for pay raises.

SB 547 required higher education to conduct strategic planning over five years.

It mandates that at the end of the five-year period Marshall's faculty salaries will be 95 percent of Southern Regional Education Board averages and the classified salary pay scale will be fully funded.

The legislature will provide about \$10 million each year to help institutions achieve their goals.

Jackson said the new money being used to supplement education comes from economic growth in West Virginia.

"We've realized that if we invest in education and infrastructure, it creates an upward spiral of growth," Jackson said.

"If we continue to fund education and infrastructure, we'll continue to see economic growth and that will provide even more new money to invest."

All three legislators said that Gov. Cecil Underwood's current budget lacks funding for vacant positions.

Kiss said he believes taking money from vacancies to pay for salary increases undermines the intent of SB 547. He said the legislature is examining the issue to find ways of possibly funding the vacancies.

Pres. J. Wade Gilley said he has seen the legislative support of education increase over his six years at Marshall.

"I just returned from a national higher education conference, and the impressions of West Virginia have improved dramatically," Gilley said. "I commend the legislature for their keen interest in education."

Trustees OK purchase of land for parking

by **NICOLE M. WRIGHT**
reporter

The problem of finding a parking space may become a little easier by next fall.

Friday, the purchase of four pieces of land to be used for parking was approved by University of West Virginia System Board of Trustees.

Pres. J. Wade Gilley said the pieces of land located at 1611, 1619, 1637 and 1641 5th Ave. will be essential for the John Deaver Drisko Library parking. The area is across from Corbly Hall and Elm Street.

"I am not sure who will be permitted to use the spaces or how the parking will be arranged," Gilley said.

The Finance Committee section of the BOT agenda refers to the purchases as providing needed parking on the west end of campus. It also says the money to buy the property will come from the library construction account.

The board members agreed to pay the price of \$475,000. The original asking price was \$595,000 from John Boylin and the appraisal was \$443,000, according to the agenda.

Joseph R. Taylor, Finance Committee board of trustee and chairman of advisory council of classified employees, said the parking on the west end of campus is an expansion for Marshall.

"Any expansion at Marshall is very productive and will allow the university to grow even more," Taylor said.

"Adding to Marshall will revitalize downtown Huntington, which will benefit the community and economy."

Gilley said the spaces should be available by next fall.

The BOT Programs Committee reviewed the preparation of students for college and a revised report on increasing student retention.

The BOT is trying to develop a rule that would indicate the minimum expected knowledge, skill and competency a student must have to be prepared for college, according to the BOT agenda.

SGA

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"I don't think that going to school, holding a job, and carrying a social life is being apathetic," Mooney said. "The only way we are going to make people more involved in student activities is to create more activities that students want to be involved in."

A major issue in the Andre T. O'Neal, Decatur, Ga., sophomore, and Larry S. Harris, Huntington graduate student, campaign is multiculturalism. O'Neal said he would like to see more multicultural emphasis in events such as plays and concerts.

"One of the themes of our campaign is 'everyone pulling together for change,'" O'Neal said.

R. Matt Glover, Charleston junior, and James Jonathan Spicheck, Roanoke junior, want to promote Marshall.

"Students have a lot to be proud of," Glover said. "We

really need to promote what Marshall has to offer."

Derek H. Anderson, Charleston junior, and Angela D. Copen, Elizabeth senior, said they would like to bring unity to student organizations and student government. Anderson said they want to create a "roundtable" where all presidents of organizations and the Student Government Association president meet and plan activities.

"We would also like to continue the great tradition of Nawar Shora's administration," Anderson said.

Nawar W. Shora, student body president, also spoke at the debate.

"I know some candidates keep tying themselves with my administration," he said. "But I want you to know officially, we [the SGA] are not endorsing anybody, and officially, we are not tying ourselves with any team."

Students will have the opportunity to vote for candidates March 3-6.

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two to three sentences about the importance of Black History Month in this day and age. The students will recite their statements during the business-wear portion of the pageant."

Jacobs said the required statement about the importance of Black History Month makes this pageant different from those in the past. "We want to emphasize intelligence, not looks and outward appearance," she said.

Impromptu questions are given to each contestant after the evening-wear competition, Jacobs said.

Patricia A. White, Monique R. Fyall, Dannaudra L. Jackson and Nicole M. Yancey are the female contestants.

White, Charleston junior, said the pageant is a learning experience for African-Americans and other races. "It gives people of different ethnic backgrounds the

opportunity to explore the importance of African-American culture as well as the importance of Black History Month."

Jackson, Charleston sophomore, said she is competing in the pageant because "it is an excellent showcase of African-American men and women showing their talents and beauty."

Yancey, Charleston sophomore, agreed, but said that is not the main reason she is participating in the pageant. "I'm in the pageant because I wanted to wear my prom dress again," she said, laughing.

"My mom and dad spent a lot of money on my dress and I'm trying to wear it as many times as possible before I can't fit into it anymore. I love the dress and would wear it to class if it was socially acceptable."

Cassius A. Harris, Larry S. Smith III, Mark J. Clay, David B. Foye and Thomas A. L. Lacy are the male contestants.

Harris, Fairfax, Va., junior, said he entered the contest to promote black culture. "I hope it goes well and people can see that blacks can do something positive and work together," he said.

Lacy, Welch freshman, said the pageant is a chance to interact with other African-American students on campus. "I hope the pageant is a big success," he said. "I think it will be a great experience for me at Marshall University as a freshman. I hope other ethnic groups will follow in our path and hold their own pageants."

The other contestants were not available for comment at press time.

Jacobs said contestants are judged on a variety of characteristics, including their charisma, intelligence, articulation and appearance.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door, Jacobs said. More information may be obtained by calling the African-American Students' Programs Office at 696-6705.

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Sororities still seeking new members

by BRIAN FORTENBAUGH
reporter

If you want to join a sorority, it's not too late.

The open bidding process for Marshall's sororities does not end until April 4.

Crystal M. Pauley, Phi Mu member, said her sorority has had three open bid parties this semester.

"The turnout for our parties has been fairly good, and we have accepted three new members," Pauley said.

She said Phi Mu is planning open bid parties every week until April 4.

Wendy Smoulder, rush chairwoman for Sigma Sigma Sigma, said her sorority had two open bid parties in February.

"The first party had a Mardi Gras theme and the second had a Valentine's Day theme," Smoulder said.

She said Sigma Sigma Sigma had a rush event in conjunction with a community service project Sunday.

"We took balloons to the children in the pediatric ward at Cabell Huntington Hospital," Smoulder said.

She said turnout for their parties has been OK, but it could be better. Sigma Sigma Sigma will have a bowling party Tuesday, Smoulder said.

Joanie Massey, Delta Zeta member, said her sorority has had open rush events every week. Events included a Mexican fiesta party, a pizza party and a "Friends" television show party.

"Open bidding is going really slow," she said. "We've only pledged one girl so far."

Kerri Pringle is rush chairwoman for Alpha Chi Omega.

"I think for all the sororities' open bidding has been going kind of slow," she said. "We get most of our members during fall rush."

During fall rush, rushees get to visit and tour each house instead of just a few, she said.

Alpha Xi Delta is also participating in the continuous open bidding process but could not be reached for comment.

Voters' registration

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will sponsor voters' registration in conjunction with Delegate Arley Ray Johnson's mayoral campaign Monday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.

WMUL-FM journeys to the tourney



Lance Schrader

Kenney Barnette, Brian Guthrie and Rob Tuell wrap up their broadcast of the Feb. 10 game against Appalachian State.

by MICHELLE L. MARTIN and
VICENTE ALCANIZ
reporters

Marshall's public radio station, WMUL-FM (88.1), began its final broadcast of the Southern Conference men's and women's basketball tournaments from Greensboro, N.C., Thursday.

It will be the last broadcast because Marshall moves to the Mid-American Conference next year.

The station will broadcast live all 10 games of the men's tournament and the three games of the women's tournament through March 2.

Dr. Chuck G. Bailey is an associate professor for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and WMUL-FM's faculty manager.

"Students gain valuable broadcasting experience though these trips," he said. "Our staff members make several trips throughout the

year, but the pressure on the student broadcasters to perform is greater at the tournament."

Brian Guthrie, Belmont broadcasting junior, is WMUL-FM's sports director. He said the tournament challenges the on-air skills of award-winning broadcasting students.

Guthrie said WMUL-FM sportscasters have won awards for coverage from the West Virginia Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Association of College Broadcasters.

Advertising cannot be used to cover the cost of operations for broadcasting the tournament because WMUL-FM is a non-commercial station.

Kristi R. Erwin, the station's promotions director, said WMUL-FM student volunteers sought donations from area businesses to underwrite broadcast expenses. Erwin, Hurricane broadcasting

junior, said businesses who donate will receive on-air underwriting mentions during the tournament.

"The underwriting campaign is a good way for the community to support Marshall University and WMUL-FM, which broadcasts alternative programming listeners can't find on commercial stations," Erwin said.

Dennis Black, St. Petersburg, Fla., radio and TV broadcasting senior, is a member of the tournament's sports crew. He said WMUL-FM is the only station in this market which will cover all the games.

Bailey said experience is the purpose of traveling to the tournament.

"Our primary goal is to give Marshall University student broadcasters valuable experience and provide loyal listeners and fans quality broadcasts of sporting events and other activities," Bailey said.

Poet to speak and perform at Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

by ERIN E. GILKERSON
reporter

Poet, musician, screenwriter, consultant and saxophonist Joy Harjo will be the next person featured by the Birke Visiting Writers Series.

Harjo will make two presentations at the university Tuesday, March 4.

She will speak informally about writing and performing at 2 p.m. in Smith Hall 154. She will also read selections of her work at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

"We are really encouraging all students to attend Ms. Harjo's reading," said John

VanKirk, associate professor of English. "She is a very powerful and important person in Native American literature."

VanKirk said Harjo's performance is free to all students and is sponsored by the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, the Multicultural/Social Justice Department, the College of Liberal Arts and the West Virginia Humanities Council. Harjo was born in Tulsa, Okla., in 1951 and is a Native American of the Muscogee or



Harjo

Creek Tribe.

Harjo earned her Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing at the Iowa Writer's Workshop at the University of Iowa in 1978. She also attended the Anthropology Film Center in Santa Fe, N.M.

She is on leave as a professor in the creative writing program at the University of New Mexico.

Harjo has published five books of poetry which include "She Had Some Horses," "In Mad Love and War" and her most recent, "The Woman Who Fell from the Sky."

Harjo has not limited herself to poetry, however. She is also a screenwriter, author of

children's books and editor of a new anthology of Native women's writings, "Reinventing the Enemy's Language."

"Harjo is interested in reinvigorating Native American spiritual traditions by exploring new ways that all people, through stories and poetry, can reconnect with the earth," said A.E. Stringer, associate professor of English.

Harjo is the saxophonist for a Native American jazz-blues reggae group, Poetic Justice. Harjo's band is increasingly booked to campuses for their highly successful poetry/music program, according to Briarwood Writer's Alliance.

Twin Towers East to get new furnishings

by **MICHELLE L. MARTIN**
reporter

The start of summer usually signals moving season on campus as students flock from campus housing and journey home. This summer, there should be even more moving going on as housing officials plan to replace furniture in Twin Towers East during July and August.

Bidding for the furniture contract closed Feb. 17 with four vendors submitting estimates, said Stephanie Smith, Marshall purchasing assistant.

"Now that the bidding window has closed, we begin the process of comparing the bids and deciding which company

will be awarded the contract," Smith said.

Vendors bid on the cost of supplying new oak furniture, including 488 captains' beds, 490 student desks, 504 chairs, four three-drawer chests and one bunk bed, Smith said.

For Lola M. Stratton, business manager for Residence Services, the end of the bidding process means that her work is just beginning.

"I have to compare all of the vendors' bids on a spreadsheet with what we requested," Stratton said. "Sometimes vendors can submit a low bid by using similar items as substitutions rather than the exact items we request."

Three of the vendors who placed bids brought sample

pieces of furniture to Twin Towers and left them there so students could look at them and provide comments, Stratton said. This extra effort on their part will be favorably considered during the decision process, she said.

"The most important thing is to get the students what they asked for," Stratton said. "Our main goal is to satisfy them, after all they're paying for their accommodations."

Jason R. Dodson, a counseling graduate student from Toledo and resident director for Twin Towers East, said the furniture is definitely overdue for replacement.

"The current furniture is pretty old," Dodson said. "Some of it dates back to

**"Some of it
dates back to when
the building was
built in 1969."**

**— Jason R. Dodson
resident director**

when the building was built in 1969."

Stratton anticipates a decision being made for award of the furniture contract within the next month.

Graduate art on display tonight

by **MELISSA D. CUPPETT**
reporter

What do handmade rugs and prints of the seashore have in common?

Tonight, these and other works will be on display in Smith Music Hall's Birke Art Gallery as part of an exhibit of graduate student art that continues through March 7. The opening reception will take place at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public, according to a news release.

Participation in a graduate student show is a requirement that serves as "essentially the last hurdle in the graduate program other than comprehensive exams," Dr. Beverly T. Marchant, art professor and director of the Birke Art Gallery, said.

While professors advise graduates on what to include, the students make the final decisions because, Marchant said, the students are "expected to be reasonably independent."

According to the news release, the exhibit will highlight the chosen works of four art majors.

Patricia Reynolds Reed's work comprises "intensely personal portraits and figure paintings" which represent and deal with both psychological elements and "the formal qualities of composition."

Pottery is the preference of Larry T. Riffle, Elkhart graduate student. His work shows his "love of process and respect for material."

Oil paintings, ink and pastel drawings, as well as "prints which deal with the natural world of forest and seashore," are Marian Owens' art of choice.

Works contributed by Valerie J. Asbury, who earned her undergraduate degree at Marshall, are "large pastel drawings of stone structures", hangings and handmade rugs that utilize hand-dyed yarns.

The combined works of all four students cover a wide range of art that, Marchant says, may liven up the show.

The graduate exhibit "should be ... very interesting," Marchant said, "partly because of the diversity."

The Birke Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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about getting a chance to set a record, but getting a championship makes it better. I want to set the record, but that is not my main focus."

Winning the Southern Conference is not just Veney's main focus. It is shared by his senior teammates.

"Coming into this season, I had great expectations, especially when we could win the conference championship," said Brannen. "If we don't achieve that, it will be a disappointment because I know we have the talent to do so."

Coles, from Lewisburg, set his sights for more than a Southern Conference championship.

"I set my goals high," Coles said. "I wanted to go undefeated at home, win the Southern Conference Championship and win 20 games."

While the seniors are united in their quest to win the Southern Conference Tournament, their reasons for coming to Marshall and experiences on the court this season have varied.

Veney decided to transfer from Lamar University after a coaching change.

"My sophomore year, we got a new coach," Veney said. "He wanted to play more of a slow-down style of game, and that didn't suit me, so I came here where I knew Coach [Billy] Donovan was going to have an up tempo style of play."

On the court this season, it has been business as usual for Veney. After leading the team in scoring last season, he did not feel any pressure to repeat last year's performance.

"I didn't feel any pressure at all," Veney said. "I went home and worked hard over the summer, so I knew I would do well."

Brannen came from Morehead State College because he thought Marshall would be a better situation for him.

"There were a lot of places that I could have gone, but I realized that this is the place where I could be the most successful," Brannen said.

This season, he played less of his usual forward position and has played center.

"I'm not a true center," Brannen said. "Playing there

hasn't hurt me, though. It has been difficult guarding some of the bigger post players, but it has helped me improve my overall game. I don't just concentrate on the three this year."

Coles transferred from Memphis State University. Since then, he has made the transition from small forward to point guard to take over for Jason Williams who transferred to the University of Florida to play under Billy Donovan.

"I have to run the club now, call the defenses and make sure everyone is where they're supposed to be," Coles said. "It was hard for me to switch from small forward, because all I did last year was run the floor, and I didn't have to handle the ball as much. I also have to play against these little guards that get up under me. If I just stay low and in control, I'm okay. I just want to do what's best for the team."

Coach Greg White has been impressed with the play of his seniors this year.

"Coles has had a fantastic year. He has the ability to move positions and step up and play the No. 1 position," White said. "He is a 'do-it-all' kind of guy."

"Veney is one of the great shooters in basketball as evidenced by his ability to chase the NCAA record for threes," White said. "Brannen is a great shooter and a great emotional leader."

White said that all three of the seniors have had great success here.

The seniors have recognized that every game from here on out may be their last in a Marshall uniform.

All three of the seniors aspire to play professionally, at least for a few years.

The seniors have high hopes for the future of Marshall basketball, and no doubts that the team will continue to succeed after they are gone.

"I see a real talented team for next year. You've got a core of about six or seven guys that can really get some things done. If they can just put it together and gel, they should be in good shape," Brannen said.

But the seniors will be surely missed by all. Gray said, "It is going to be hard to replace these guys next year."

Tennis team gets a glimpse of the MAC

by SHAWN A. HOLMES
reporter

The tennis team will have the opportunity to get a good look of what the Mid-Atlantic Conference is going to be like. Close up and personal.

The team will hit the road this weekend, travelling to Toledo, for a match against its future MAC opponent.

The match against Toledo will be the third match Marshall has played in the MAC this year.

"We are 2-0 against MAC teams this year," assistant coach John Mercer said.

"This will be a good win because we can set the tone for next year and establish ourselves as one of the better teams in the MAC," Mercer said.

Mercer said that Toledo has an injury to one of its key players that could be an advantage for Marshall.

Mercer said that Marshall defeated Toledo last year for the first time since he and head coach Laurie Mercer have been at Marshall.

After the match at Toledo, the Herd will hit the road again, this time destined for Cincinnati.

Marshall is scheduled to meet up with the University of Cincinnati Sunday for a match that Mercer said should be really challenging.

"They have really improved a lot over the last three or four years," Mercer said.

"They have a new coach who has done a good job in recruiting players from the west region."

The Herd defeated Cincinnati last year but Mercer said that it was a very tough match.

"If we can beat them, it will be a very good win," Mercer said.

"We have a lot of recruiting out of that area, so a win could sway some recruits our way and away from them."

Marshall has added a player for this weekend.

Vanessa Manicom, a player from South Africa, has just been cleared by the NCAA and will play this weekend. Manicom was ranked 10th in South Africa last year.

"This will give the team a lot more depth and versatility," Mercer said.

"That is important because next week begins a really tough stretch."

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Season honors Jackie Robinson

NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty years after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color line, the sport is dedicating the 1997 season to him and giving \$1 million to the foundation established by his family and friends.

"It was baseball's proudest moment then. It's still baseball's proudest moment, and I believe it will always be baseball's proudest moment," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Wednesday.

"Should it have come earlier? Certainly. There never should have been a barrier."

At a news conference attended by Robinson's widow, Rachel, Selig said:

— all major and minor league players and all major league umpires will wear "Breaking Barriers" arm patches this season;

— all teams will use balls with the commemorative logo in their home openers;

— 100,000 gold and 200,000 silver commemorative coins will be sold by the U.S. Mint;

— teams will show Robinson video spots created by

filmmaker Spike Lee on their stadium scoreboards and television broadcasts;

— the All-Star game in Cleveland will be dedicated

to Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, and he will be honorary captain of the AL team.

When Robinson made his big league debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15,

1947, he became the first black in the major leagues since Moses Fleetwood Walker of Toledo in the American Association in 1884.

President Clinton said Tuesday he will attend ceremonies at Shea Stadium on April 15 to mark the anniversary and will speak from the field during the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets. ESPN said it will broadcast the game nationally Wednesday.

"The Robinson challenge was not just to the pitcher, but to society as a whole," said NL president Len Coleman, the chairman of the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

"He was my hero and my champion. He carried my every hope and aspiration on his shoulders," said Coleman, who was inspired by Robinson when he was young and has become baseball's point man in organizing the tributes.

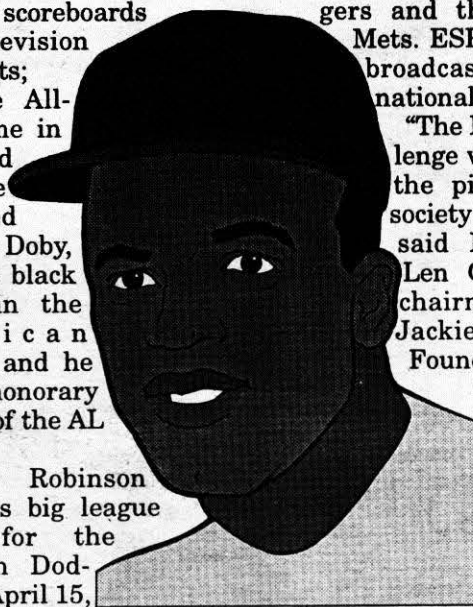
Selig said baseball will make a renewed effort to increase minority hiring, asking each team to establish goals and promising to monitor their progress.

Al Campanis, then the general manager of the Dodgers, created a furor on national television 10 years ago when he said of blacks: "I truly believe they may not have some of the necessities to be, let's say, a field manager or perhaps a general manager."

"We've made I think considerable progress in the last five or 10 years," Selig said. "We have much yet to be done. This year will be seen as an opportunity."

The Robinson Foundation was established by his family following his death in 1972. It has a \$12 million endowment and hopes to net \$1 million at a dinner in New York on March 10.

Rachel Robinson said the foundation has given scholarships to 142 students and 66 universities.



MU baseball debuts in SC

Marshall's Thundering Herd baseball team will be playing in its first Southern Conference games of the season this weekend against the VMI Keydets. The Herd will play the first half of a doubleheader at noon Saturday and finish up the competition at 1 p.m. Sunday. The Herd will be going into the match with a 1-7 record.

Softball team hits the road

by SHAWN A. HOLMES
reporter

The softball team will take its 2-2 record to Knoxville, Tenn. this weekend to play in the Tennessee Classic.

The tournament is a four team round robin consisting of Marshall, Tennessee, Middle Tennessee State, and Ohio University.

Marshall will play Ohio at 10:00 a.m. Saturday followed by games with Tennessee at 2 p.m. and Middle Tennessee State at 4 p.m.

Coach Louie Berndt said that the first game against Ohio Saturday is an important one.

"We haven't seen them this year, but we beat them twice last year," Berndt said. "We need to win this game for momentum."

Berndt believes that Ohio and Tennessee will be the toughest competition in the tournament.

"Tennessee has a lot of sophomores and seniors and is one of the stronger teams in the SEC. The pitching will be faster than what we saw last week," Berndt said.

"Middle Tennessee State only has one pitcher, and it will be her second straight game when we face her," Berndt said.

"Hopefully, she will be tired, and we will hit the ball well."

After the round robin format Saturday, the No. 2 and 3 seeds will play Sunday at 10 a.m.,

"Hopefully, she will be tired and we will hit the ball well."

— Coach Louie Berndt, commenting on Middle Tennessee State's pitcher

the No. 1 and 4 seeds will play at noon, with the championship game at 2 p.m.

Berndt said that the Herd is looking to improve offensively after last week.

"We just didn't hit the ball," Berndt said.

The Herd lost 1-0 to Kentucky and 1-0 to Georgia Tech and defeated North Carolina 1-0 and Drexel 5-0 in what Berndt said was the only game that the Herd was actually able to put some hits together.

"The main problem was pitch selection," Berndt said.

"It is early in the year and the team was just anxious at the plate."

After this weekend, the Herd will be in Florida.

For spring break, the team will be in the South Florida Tourney and the Florida State University Tourney.

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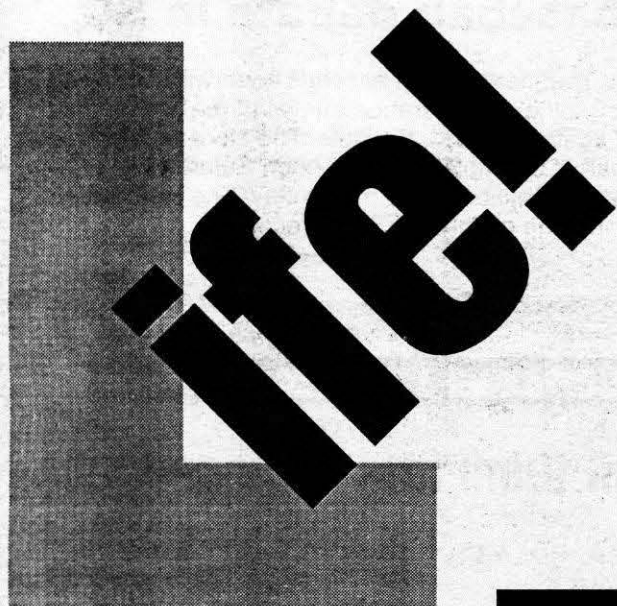
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'Miracle Melt'

the hope of some students who are heading to the gym before traveling for the sun and sand of spring break

With spring break less than two weeks away, students are flocking to the Health and Fitness Center in Gullickson Hall hoping for the "Miracle Melt."

Rick Robinson, exercise specialist, said, "This time of year students are looking for overnight miracles to lose weight and look good in their bathing suits."

He said this type of attitude, looking good for certain times of the year, is not likely to produce results.

Robinson explained that students are coming into the fitness center with minimal or no knowledge of the equipment.

He said students need to ask the staff how to use the equipment and get some type of program set up. He said the staff is there to help students learn about the equipment and to assist in improving a student's overall fitness.

"Most students need to assess information about fitness to channel what direction to go in," Robinson said.

"Everyone's body makeup is different, therefore each individual will require different types of exercise."

Robinson said there are a variety of exer-

cise activities students may participate in. Students may choose from aerobic dance classes, swimming, racquetball, intramural activities, the fitness center and the outside track.

He said this time of year the fitness center is packed with students using the weights and equipment.

"Other popular activities that students participate in this time of year are walking or running at Ritter Park and playing tennis on the courts," Robinson said.

"College students need to follow a more regular, rounded area. Students need to become involved in a year-round program to improve their fitness."

He said a regular fitness program will enable students to stay physically fit and not have to worry about certain times of the year in which to get fit.

Robinson explained that becoming involved in a regular exercise activity may benefit a person's overall health. He said students should use their time wisely and take advantage of the ways to improve their body and develop life long habits.

Jennifer Lawson, director of aerobics, said aerobics are very popular this time of year.

She said the aerobics program at Marshall picks up after New Year's with resolutions and stays busy through spring break. She said when the weather becomes warm, many students begin walking outside and at Ritter Park.

Lawson said the biggest problem with losing weight through aerobics is that people think if they participate in aerobics for two weeks they will lose weight. Lawson said it doesn't happen like that.

"Aerobics gives you more energy to do the things you usually are too tired to do. It relieves stress and tension and makes you feel better about yourself," she

said.

"In order to lose weight and see results in your body the recommendations for students are to participate in aerobic classes at least three times a week," Lawson said.

"Students need to make a routine of engaging in some type of consistency with aerobics in order to see the results."

"Attending aerobics faithfully will speed up metabolism levels which increase the burning of fat. A proper diet with aerobics will improve your overall health," Lawson said.

Lawson said a cardiovascular workout will increase chances of losing weight. She said the aerobics program at Marshall offers six types of aerobic dance classes for students to choose from.

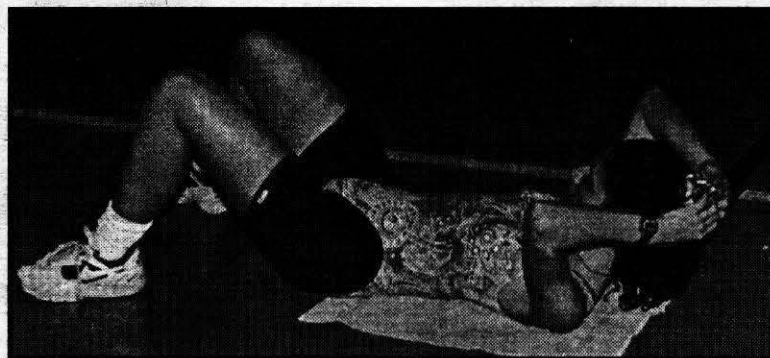
"Each class is designed to give a cardiovascular workout, but are taught to give more variety. Some people get better workouts from different classes," Lawson said.

She said aerobics benefits your overall health in many ways that students are not aware of. She said not only does it reduce anxiety and stress, it also decreases your chance of heart disease and cancer.

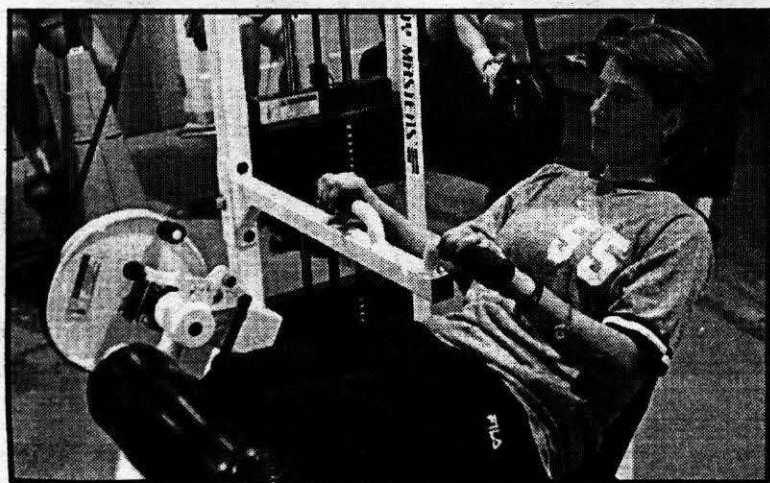
"The ideal way to lose weight and become fit is a combination of aerobic exercise and conditioning with weights," Lawson said.

Students may obtain further information on losing weight and becoming physically fit at the fitness center.

Brian Robertson, graduate assistant, said students can make an appointment to get fitness testing done. The fitness testing includes body fat, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and upper and lower body testing.



Jennifer Lawson, Burch junior, is director of aerobics programs at Marshall. She recommends a combination of conditioning with free weights and aerobic exercises as a way to become fit and to lose weight.



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