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## Governor to address graduates

Underwood selected as speaker at MU commencement

by ERIN E. GILKERSON  
reporter

Gov. Cecil H. Underwood will deliver the 1997 Marshall University Commencement address, President J. Wade Gilley announced Tuesday.

The university's 160th annual commencement is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, May 10. The event will be in the Huntington Civic Arena.



Underwood

"We're very pleased that Governor Underwood, one of our most forward-looking public figures, has accepted our invitation to deliver the commencement address," Gilley said. "We share and fully support his vision of the importance of technology in West Virginia's future progress and we look forward to working with him in helping our state achieve greater technological advancement."

Underwood, who served as an adjunct faculty member at Marshall, is the state's youngest and oldest governor. He took the oath of office in 1957 at age 34 and again in 1997 at age 74.

## Senate considers student numbers

by SARAH D. WARRICK  
reporter

Some incoming freshmen may end up memorizing a number other than their social security numbers.

A bill requiring the Office of New Student Orientation to inform incoming freshman they do not have to use their social security numbers for their student numbers was proposed by College of Liberal Arts Sen. Adam M. Dean at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

"A person's social security

**"A person's social security number should be private."**

— Adam Dean,  
COLA senator

number should be private," Dean said.

The orientation office does not always tell students they can use a different number, he said.

Linda Templeton, director of orientation and academic advising, said, "All student records are set under the [social security] number from the day they enroll,"

Templeton said all student information is tied to the social security number.

Linda P. Rowe, director of judicial programs, said, "Under federal law, you can't require students to use their social security number. Nobody can make you use your social security number or give it to them."

Rowe said a number of universities have switched to a university assigned identification number policy. The bill passed its first

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## That first step is a 'doozy'

A missing gate on the loading area outside of Smith Music Hall could be a safety hazard.

The loading area on the corner of Third Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard is located beside a wheelchair ramp.

The director of the Physical Plant could not be reached for comment.

Photo by Jon Rogers

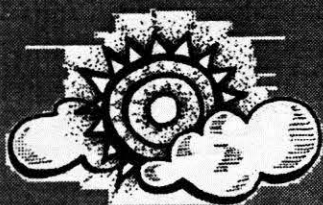


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## 'Career in Coal' program seeks to educate students and find interns

by ERIN E. GILKERSON  
reporter

A "Career in Coal" program will be on campus today as a result of the partnership formed between the university and Massey Coal Services, Inc.

Lorraine P. Anderson, associate dean of the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business, explained that the purpose of the program is to educate students on job opportunities in the coal industry and to form internships that could possibly lead to full-time positions after graduation.

"All students are encour-

aged to participate, not just students majoring in business," she said.



Anderson said any student wanting to participate in the program may come to the meeting today.

The program consists of

three different stages, she said.

The first stage is an orientation program in the Alumni Lounge at 4 p.m. Thursday. Guest speakers and a video presentation will give students a thorough overview of the program.

The second stage consists of a four-hour course taught May 12 through June 6 during summer school. It will cover the nature, geology, geography, history, energy, production, distribution and use of coal.

Anderson said partial tuition waivers will be avail-

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## Shark-hunting may be banned

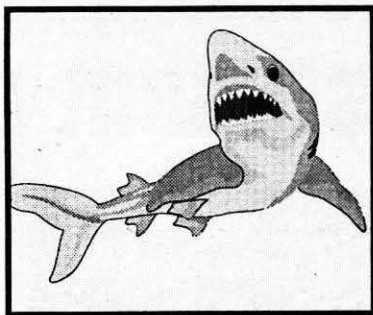
MARATHON, Fla. (AP) — Once hunted mostly for their teeth-filled jaws, sharks today are being hauled in by the millions for sale in restaurants, cosmetics, leather goods and soup.

But as the shark business booms, their numbers have dwindled to dangerously low levels, according to conservancy groups. Now the federal government is threatening to ban the hunt, a move some fishermen complain is premature and others say is overdue.

"I don't expect to be killing shark ever again," fisherman Bill Hegland said as he prepared his charter boat for some reef fishing off Duck Key, about 90 miles south of

Miami. "The world of shark has been devastated."

Since the 1980s, sharks have become a lucrative catch. Their carcasses are



used for meat, their skins for leather or abrasives, their livers for lubricants, cosmetics and vitamins and their cartilage for herbal remedies.

Fins alone can sell for \$256

a pound in Hong Kong, where they wind up in soup costing as much as \$90 a bowl, according to Traffic Network, a wildlife trade monitoring program.

Between 30 million and 70 million sharks were reported killed worldwide in 1994, according to the World Wildlife Fund. That number could be tens of millions higher in unreported catches.

Some Atlantic species have declined as much as 80 percent, partly because of overfishing, according to the Ocean Wildlife Campaign.

The fisheries service has proposed banning the fishing of certain species as well as lowering commercial and recreational limits.

## Cave-dwelling teen finds home

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — A 17-year-old who was forced to live in a cave after his father lost his job and his mother kicked him out has found a home and a family willing to take care of him until he's able to live on his own.

Cliff Welty had been surviving on handouts and whatever food he could find until his story attracted national attention.

The couple who took Welty in over the weekend wants to

remain anonymous, but say they offered their help because it was the right thing to do.

Welty will be staying in a one-bedroom apartment connected to the main house — an arrangement he said he's quite happy with.

Welty was whisked away to New York last week to tape an appearance on the Montel Williams show. He's also been offered movie deals and book contracts.

Welty lived with his father for most of his life, but they both ended up living out of a car after the man lost his job just before Thanksgiving. The father sent him to live with his mother, but the teen said he was kicked out after two weeks.

Welty returned to Ocala in January, but his father had left town and the only place he could think of going was a cave he played in years earlier.

## 'Disney' will return to TV

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Wonderful World of Disney" returns to Sunday night television on ABC this fall.

The network, owned by the Walt Disney Co., said Tuesday it will show 35 of the studio's films starting Sept. 21 on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. EDT.

The network is bringing back to life one of the most venerable series on television, one that ran for 34 years on three different networks and under several different names.

Disney head Michael Eisner will take over the late Walt Disney's role in introducing each week's movie.

Included on the schedule will be the broadcast television premieres of "Pocahontas," "The Santa Clause" and "Babe."

Several made-for-television movies also will be featured, including "Oliver Twist," starring Richard Dreyfuss, and "From Garbage to the Gridiron," featuring Tony Danza as a garbageman who becomes a kicker for a pro football team.

The Disney series started on ABC in 1954, and was a big hit with its Davy Crockett features.



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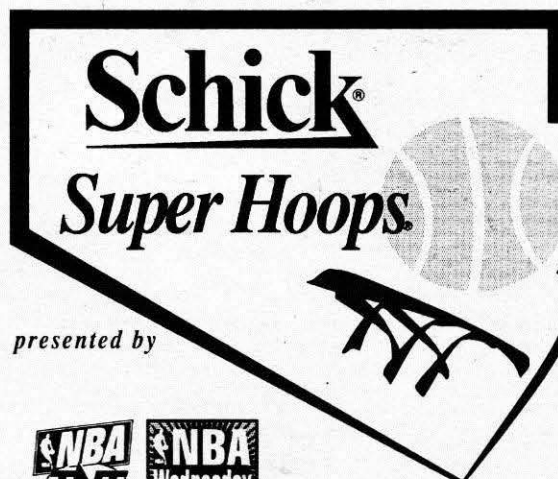
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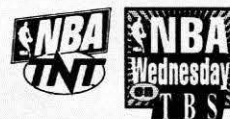
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## Inhaled steroids may treat asthma

CHICAGO (AP) — Steroids that are inhaled work much better than other drugs in keeping asthma patients out of the hospital, a study found.

Over the past six years, the government has recommended steroid inhalants for the treatment of asthma.

Doctors, however, have been slow to prescribe the inhalants, perhaps because of the side effects associated with the pill form of the medication.

"There's a lot of clinical trial evidence to show that inhaled steroids work and they're a

benefit to people who have asthma," said the lead author of the study, James Donahue, an epidemiologist with Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Donahue's findings were published in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Asthma afflicts 14 million to 15 million Americans and kills more than 5,000 a year.

People with moderate to severe asthma who take inhaled steroids are only half as likely to be hospitalized as

those who use other drugs — such as muscle-relaxants called beta agonists — or no medication at all, the three-year study found.

Some of the lowest hospitalization rates occurred among patients who used large amounts of beta agonists in combination with inhaled steroids.

The study involved 16,941 people who were enrolled in Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, from 1991 to 1994.

Beta agonists are intended for immediate relief during an asthma attack.

## Citadel should have waited, panel says

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The Citadel should have waited longer after a court battle before admitting four women cadets, two of whom later charged they were harassed and hazed, a school-appointed committee said Tuesday.

The state military college announced last week that one male cadet had been dismissed, three resigned, and

10 others were given lesser punishments for hazing and harassing two female cadets. One male cadet was cleared.

The Citadel changed its all-male admissions policy last summer.

It changed its policy two days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled a similar all-male policy at Virginia Military Institute was unconstitutional.

Just six weeks later, four women were on campus.

"We believe the college should have waited a year before bringing them in," former Citadel President James Grimsley said Tuesday. That would have allowed time to recruit more women and to better judge how the plan would work, he said.

The Citadel still has two female cadets.

## Maternity bill approved

CHARLESTON (AP) — A bill that would force insurers to cover mothers and babies for certain periods after childbirth was approved Wednesday by the House of Delegates. The bill, passed on voice vote without dissent, was sent to the Senate. It would bring the state into compliance with a recent federal law.

## briefs

**EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP)** — Willem de Kooning, considered one of the greatest artists of his time and a dominant figure in the abstract expressionist art movement, died Wednesday. He was 92.

The Dutch-born painter influenced countless artists of the New York School that came to prominence after World War II, but his own work was not limited to one style. He swung between periods of pure abstraction and using rudimentary subject matter.

His canvases ranged from the black and white "Night Square" (1950-51) to the colorful "Woman" series to early 1980s abstracts that were overwhelmingly done in primary colors. Forty huge paintings he created from 1981 to 1987 are part of a special touring exhibit currently at the Museum of Modern Art.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Thousands cheered wildly along the gritty streets of a Brooklyn neighborhood to salute the funeral cortege of a favorite son, The Notorious B.I.G., who rose from crack dealer to mega-selling rapper.

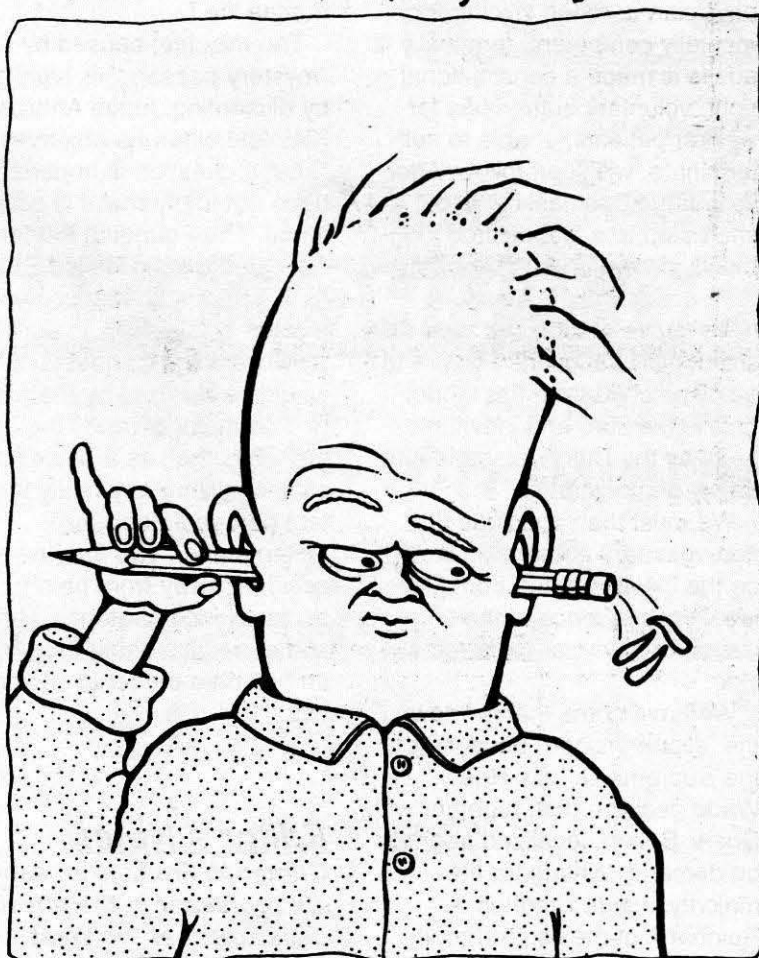
Moments after his casket was driven through the impoverished streets of Bedford-Stuyvesant where he grew up, some onlookers jumped onto parked cars and began dancing, and others flooded the streets. They clashed with police, who used pepper spray to disperse the crowd and arrested 10 people on disorderly conduct charges.

The 24-year-old rapper who was born Christopher Wallace was killed in a still-unsolved drive-by shooting March 9 in Los Angeles. Seven officers suffered minor injuries and seven vehicles were damaged in the skirmishes, police said.

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## Crowded sports facilities should lead to expansion

The combined complex of the Henderson Center and Gullickson Hall has finally outlived its usefulness. The building houses the Fitness Center, Gullickson Gym, an auxiliary gym, a pool, classrooms, a small weight room, training rooms and raquetball courts. Two years ago, these facilities were adequate to serve the athletic community of Marshall University.

But we've grown.

Enrollment is up, and more and more Marshall students are becoming interested in sports. This leads to more sports-related clubs, more tournaments and more people wanting to play organized and informal games involving all sports.

The end result? Overcrowding.

It used to be you could walk into the Gullickson gym at any time during any day and play the sport of your choice, be it basketball, volleyball, soccer, or any other sport playable in a gym. With the growing interest in athletics, that just isn't the case anymore. Now

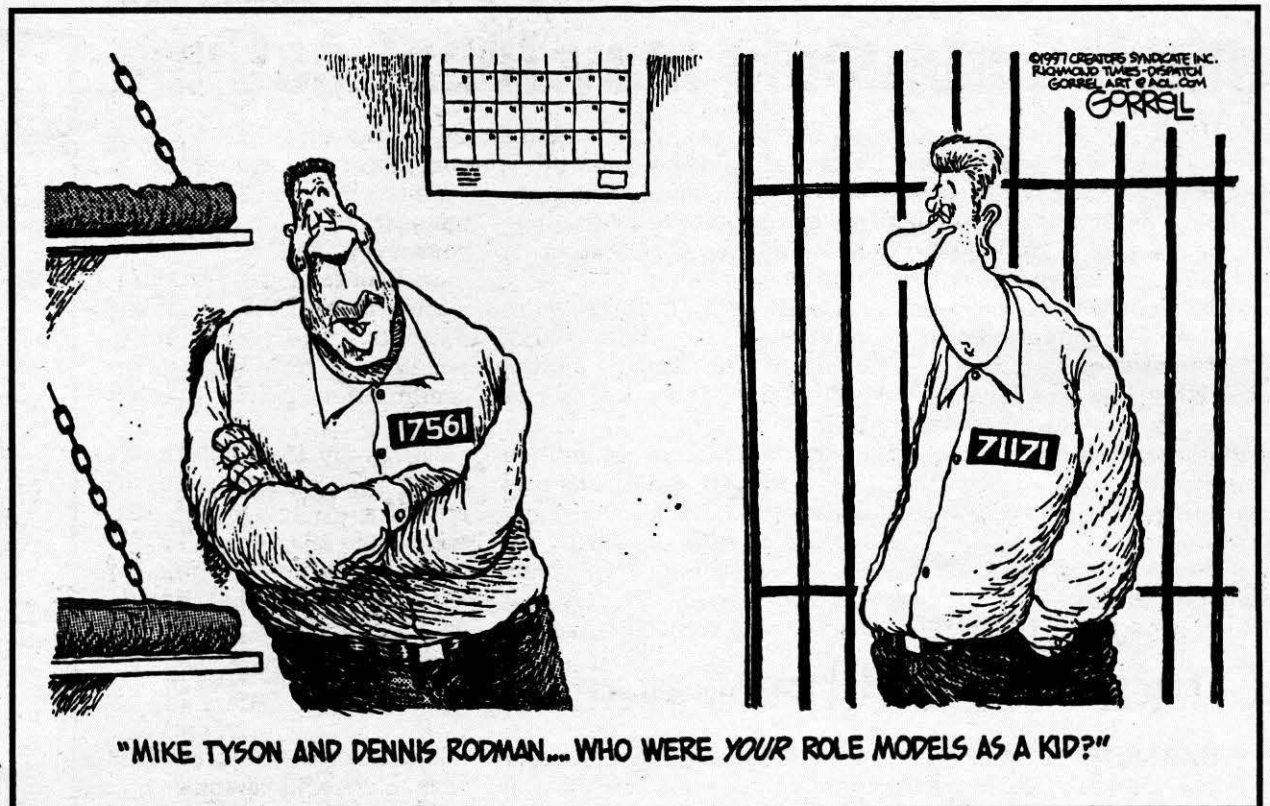
you are likely to find a sign on the gym doors that reads, "The gym is reserved to today for the \_\_\_\_\_ club," or "The gym is closed today for intramural \_\_\_\_\_."

Every sports organization on campus has the right to use the facilities in the complex, but lately overcrowding has kept many students from playing their favorite sport. Before you know it, you'll have to join a sports club that reserves the gym just to have the opportunity to play.

A look into the expansion of old facilities or the building of new facilities is in order. Unfortunately, the university is running out of room to expand. However, if a house can be bought to put in a parking lot, surely the same thing can be done to add a gym or two.

### our VIEW

The Henderson Center /Gullickson Hall complex is becoming overcrowded, and the university should consider plans to expand its athletic facilities for students.



## Physiology professor speaks out against physician-assisted suicide

gunter FRANZ  
guest columnist

In the January 5 Washington Post, a column by Evan J. Kemp, Jr. reports on the fate of a 76-year-old woman from Florida who was hospitalized after a stroke. Kemp writes, "Before her hospital admission, she signed an advance directive that no 'heroic measures' should be employed to save her life. On the basis of that directive...the hospital denied [her] requests for food and water...A hurriedly convened hospital ethics committee ruled that she was 'not medically competent to ask for such treatment.' Until her death more than 10 days later, [she] was restrained in her bed to prevent her from raiding other patients' food trays."

Such incidents could become more frequent if the U.S. Supreme Court's upcoming decision were to follow the lead of the Second and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal and establish a constitutional right to physician-assisted suicide.

Judicial precedent and the law in most states allows surrogates to make medical treatment decisions on behalf of incompetent persons, according to the legal principle of "substituted judgment." Therefore, if the Supreme Court establishes a constitutional right to assisted suicide for competent persons, an incompetent person — by force of state law — could be subjected to non-voluntary euthanasia if that person's guardian or surrogate decides to exercise this right on behalf of the patient.

In the Ninth Circuit Court's decision (Compassion in Dying v.

State of Washington), which struck down Washington's prohibition of assisted suicide, the majority writes, "Our conclusion is... not limited to the plight of mentally competent, terminally ill adults.... [W]e should make it clear that a decision of a dually-appointed surrogate decision maker is for all legal purposes the decision of the patient himself."

Dissenting Judge Robert Beezer translates this for you: "If physician-assisted suicide for mentally competent, terminally ill adults is made a constitutional right, voluntary euthanasia for weaker patients, unable to self-terminate, will soon follow. After voluntary euthanasia, it is but a short step to a 'substituted judgment' or 'best interest' analysis for terminally ill patients who have not yet expressed their constitutionally sanctioned desire to be dispatched from this world. This is the sure and inevitable path, as the Dutch example has amply demonstrated."

We must then conclude that non-voluntary euthanasia would be the inevitable and immediate legal consequence of the legalization of physician-assisted suicide.

We have come that far down the "slippery slope" because of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision that, together with *Doe v. Bolton*, legalized abortion on demand. Writing for the majority, Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the Ninth Circuit Court declares, "In deciding right-to-die cases, we are guided by the Court's approach to the abortion cases." And Judge Reinhardt finds the "fundamental message" for this case in the infamous

"mystery passage" in the *Casey* decision (dealing with Pennsylvania's abortion regulations): "These matters, involving the most intimate personal choices a person may make in a lifetime, choices central to personal dignity and autonomy, are central to the liberty protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."

The mischief caused by the "mystery passage" is highlighted by dissenting Judge Andrew Kleinfeld when he observes, "That a question is important does not imply that it is constitutional. The Founding Fathers did not establish the United States as a democratic republic so that elected officials would decide trivia, while all great questions would be decided by the judiciary. The majority treats the ['mystery passage'] as a basis for constitutionalizing any really important personal decision."

Remember, you are just a car accident away from being declared incompetent — and someone else could then make an "intimate personal choice" for you.

### Editor's Note:

Gunter N. Franz is an associate professor in the physiology department at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. This column reflects his personal views and is not an official statement by the School of Medicine.

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# Number of reports to judicial affairs 'routine'

by **COURTNEY VEST**  
reporter

Although the number of reports received by the office of judicial affairs reached almost 300 this fall, the director of these programs said this number is fairly routine.

Linda P. Rowe, director of judicial affairs, said she did not see any trends in student behavior, but rather in reporting and response.

"One thing to remember is that sometimes a student may have more than one violation or a case may involve several violations," she said.

She said these numbers fall into the usual range with few variations. These reports only involve the cases that have been reported to her office, she said.

The total number of cases logged in by her office were 295, she said. Last year between the months of July and December, 283 reports were received.

"The numbers usually stay in the range of 275-300 reports," Rowe said.

This year 154 police reports were made, compared to 158 last year.

The number of individuals and organizations about whom decisions were made was 185, she said. The number of cases in which charges were dropped, not pursued or the accused was found not guilty was 57.

"Considering the number of students at Marshall and the people involved with multiple violations, this is not bad," Rowe said.

There were 116 residence hall staff

incident reports received. Nineteen general complaints from students were reported and one complaint reported against an organization.

The reports Rowe receives involve violations to the code of conduct. She said unauthorized possession or use of alcoholic beverages or beer was reported with 49 cases. Repeated violations, violation of probation and mediation agreement incidents reported were down to 30 from 57 the previous year, she said.

"This violation covers so many things that we have been really aggressive on the students," she said. "It includes not following up on community service when given probation."

Other violations included negligent bodily harm, harassment and the misuse of any university identification material with three reports made, she said. There were 25 reports received involving disorderly conduct. Unauthorized possession or use of drugs or narcotics was up by four, with 17 cases reported compared to 13 last year.

"It's clear to me that these are not all the incidents reported," she said. "It's extremely rare for a sexual assault case to be reported, but we know it happens."

She said she also knows alcohol is much greater than what is reported. She said there has been no difference in the number of people reporting incidents. Rowe said students don't like to tell on other students.

"This report tells you what is reported, that's all, not what is actually happening," she said.

## Police blotter

by **JULIE M. STRIDER**  
reporter

Six students were arrested during the first week of March on charges ranging from underage possession to unlawful drinking under the age of 21.

• Raymond M. Glover, 21, Aaron J. Hill, 19, and Timothy O. Breeden, 19, were arrested at 11:23 p.m. March 4 on Maple Avenue.

Marshall police said they observed the three men acting suspiciously and upon investigation found they were carrying beer and had more in their vehicle. The men reportedly claimed they were headed for Twin Towers East.

MUPD gave Hill and Breeden an arrest citation for underage possession. Glover was given an arrest citation for furnishing beer to persons under the age of 21.

• Michael D. Giannini, 20, and Jacquelyn N. Cordle, 18, were arrested at 3:05 a.m. March 7 for drinking under the age of 21. MUPD reportedly observed both persons on the first floor of a residence hall with red eyes and slow motor control. Both were given arrest citations for underage drinking.

• Edmond J. Yahn, 18, was arrested at 3:35 a.m. March 7 for

drinking under the age of 21.

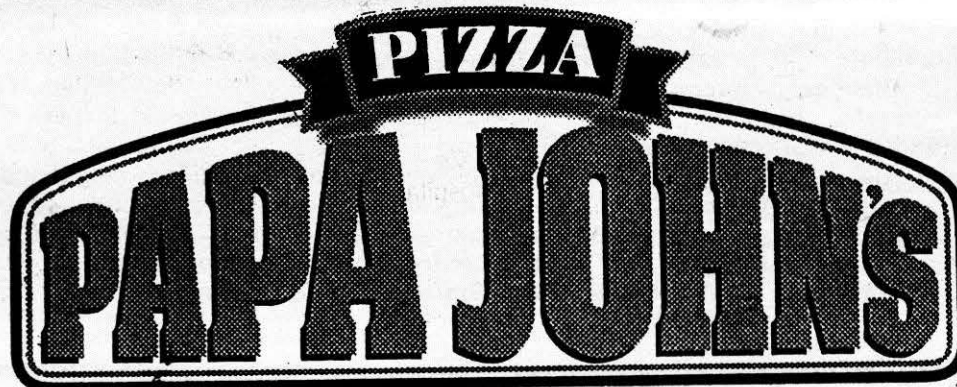
Yahn reportedly picked up a night watchman's radio at the front desk of a residence hall and made a comment over the airwaves. MUPD heard Yahn and went to the residence hall to investigate. Yahn reportedly had red, glassy eyes, slurred speech, and an odor of alcohol. Police gave him an arrest citation for underage drinking.

• A larceny was reported at 3:24 p.m. March 1 in Twin Towers East. A smoke detector that was last seen Feb. 27 was reported stolen from the 18th floor. The estimated value of the detector is \$25.

• A theft was reported at 3 p.m. March 6 in the James E. Morrow Library. Personnel reported some software packages stolen between Feb. 28 and March 4. There were reportedly no signs of forced entry and the estimated value of the packages is \$500.

• Indecent exposure was reported at 4:12 p.m. March 3 in the library. An unknown white male reportedly exposed himself to the victim from behind a bookshelf on the first floor of the library. The victim was not able to give a detailed description of the suspect due to the shelf obstructing her view. The case is under investigation.

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# Debate continues over phy

## Psychology, political fields view legal asp

**Local psychologists and political experts wonder where the line will be drawn.**

by **MELISSA A. ATKINS**  
reporter

Physician-assisted suicide, the issue associated with Dr. Jack Kevorkian, may become a legal option for the terminally ill patient. If legalized, this decision would impact the medical, legal and psychological communities faced with complying with the new law and providing guidance.

Dr. Pam Mulder, assistant professor of psychology, said she is in favor of physicians being allowed to assist patients who are terminally ill. "They can reach a point when they prefer death when there is little hope," she said, but there are drawbacks to legalizing physician-assisted suicide, such as who should decide which patient qualifies and who should carry out the procedure.

"The answer may be an informed public. Give a physician a legal right to do this if they are requested to do so. If the person has established a document, such as a Living Will, that clearly delineates those circumstances," Mulder said.

Mulder said there are many questions that have to be answered by the court if this is to be legalized. "Some of the people Kevorkian assisted were not terminally ill and these facts were not known until after the patients' deaths. Who makes the decision and on what basis?" she said.

"There are no good cut and dried, right and/or wrong answers. Every situation must be weighed," Mulder said. "A Living Will [saying] who can make decisions for me is a good idea."

Mulder said a Living Will may become a common document in people's lives, much like a

**"Any law may compel any physician to participate, but we must never take away the right to say no. This cannot be a one-case scenario. Everything must be weighed."**

— **Dr. Pam Mulder**  
assistant professor of psychology

Last Will and Testament. However, certain points should be kept in mind when creating the document. "A Living Will needs to designate the person or persons I trust to make final decisions for me," Mulder said. "I can choose who I trust."

If a person does not have a Living Will and their wishes are not known, then family members have to draw upon what they believe the person would have wanted, Mulder said. This may be especially true in a case where a person is unconscious and cannot make decisions for themselves.

Mulder said she was faced with that situation several years ago when her mother became ill. She said she had to draw upon past conversations she had with her mother in order to make decisions about her illness.

Mulder said this will be a difficult issue to legislate and she is not sure it can be done at this level. "Any law may compel any physician to participate, but we must never take away the right to say no. This cannot be a one-case scenario. Everything must be weighed."

She said, "No matter how we get to it, suicide will remain a social issue."

Dr. Joe Wyatt, associate professor of psychology, said therapy and counseling are the keys to helping family members cope with life-death decisions. He said what is needed is "a person who could assess the situation and render an

opinion as to whether the case can be legitimate."

John E. Armstrong, Richmond, Va., senior, said he thinks the court will approve the law. "Suicide is a choice people make. Sometimes this choice is based on long-term problems." It depends on the circumstances, he said.

"The decision is with the doctors and their own personal conscious and that's something no one can regulate," Armstrong, College Republicans vice president, said. "The doctor has to live with what advice they give."

He said if this is legalized there will probably be court challenges, such as for religious reasons. Attempts to reach the Young Democrats for comment were unsuccessful.

Dr. Robert W. Behrman, associate professor of political science, said, "A number of different issues are involved, such as the right to privacy." A 1960 court decision established the right to privacy and boundaries of that right have to be defined, he said.

"Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide say this should include the right for a person to make the decision to end his/her pain. Others say suicide is illegal and there have been past prosecutions for attempted suicide," Behrman said.

"Living Wills came about because of the irreversible coma situations," he said. Living Wills are the result of families who wanted to turn off

life support perhaps based on past decisions from the past with the Supreme Court upheld the members could not make a decision," Behrman said.

"One problem with Living Wills is that states have statutes allowing them but family members can sometimes disagree on some cases."

"There is potential for a problem if this is legalized," Behrman said. "If a person is in a coma and life support is kept on until the patient dies. There is a great interest in letting the family decide such as if a lot of money is involved."

Other areas of concern are those who suffer from chronic pain and those who suffer from mental illness," he said. "Where do you draw the line?"

If this is legalized, then it will require the state to write statutes to allow physicians to assist patients, he said. "There is a fine line between stopping intrusions and administering treatment to the patient. The public official in general has a burden on how to regulate this."

"Once you open the door to physician-assisted suicide, the line. Any line will be an arbitrary line. Some cases will fall on one side of the line and some will fall on the other side," he said.

Behrman said he thinks the public is in favor of legalization. "There is a need to reach out and say there are rights. It may be mid-June before we know."

The idea of physician-assisted suicide is a new one. Groups in the United States are trying to get legislation passed. Behrman said a law in the Netherlands with mixed results.

Doctors in New York already allowed to provide physician-assisted suicide in some circumstances were made by two federal courts. These rulings are being challenged in the Supreme Court.

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support perhaps based upon casual conversations from the past with the patient. The Supreme Court upheld the decision that family members could not make that decision, Behrman said.

The problem with Living Wills is not all states have statutes allowing them," he said, "family members can get a court order in some cases.

There is potential for a lot of problems if this is legalized," Behrman said. "Suppose a person in a coma and life support is turned off and the patient dies. There could be a conflict of interest in letting the family make this decision, as if a lot of money is to be inherited."

Other areas of concern are with the disabled and those who suffer from depression, Behrman said. "Where do you draw the line?"

If this is legalized, then it may be necessary to have statutes to allow physicians to have safeguards, he said. "There is a big difference between stopping intrusive treatment and administering treatment that will cause death. A public official in general will have a real problem on how to regulate and operate this.

Once you open the door you'll have to draw a line. Any line will be arbitrary because some will fall on one side of the line and the rest will fall on the other side," he said.

Behrman said he thinks the court will not rule in favor of legalization. "This court is reluctant to reach out and say there are newly recognized rights. It may be mid-June before a decision is made."

The idea of physician-assisted suicide is not a new one. Groups in the United States have been fighting to get legislation passed for 25 years. Behrman said a law already exists in the Netherlands with mixed public opinion.

Doctors in New York and Washington are already allowed to provide a lethal option for patients in some circumstances. The decisions made by two federal appeals courts and the Supreme Court are being considered by the Supreme Court.

## Physicians cite Hippocratic Oath

Local people in the medical field say they should not be given the power to end a person's life.

by KAREEM W. SHORA  
reporter

The job description of most physicians in this country may change if the nationally-debated issue of physician-assisted suicide becomes an accepted practice.

The Supreme Court must still decide whether the Constitution's ban on state's depriving citizens of liberty covers this issue.

According to the American Medical Association, physician-assisted suicide "could create profound dangers for those with undiagnosed depression and inadequately treated pain."

So far, only New York and Washington have had case rulings that allow physicians to provide lethal substances in some situations. Physicians nationally are divided on the issue.

Dr. Daniel D. Cowell, chairman of the School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, said the entire issue goes against the ideals of the medical profession.

"I don't want my profession to have anything to do with it," Cowell said.

**"You may actually be ending someone's life who would have lived for several more years. In that case, it would be physician-assisted murder."**

— Dr. Thomas C. Rushton  
assistant professor of medicine

"No one should have that kind of a power."

He said that when physicians take the Hippocratic Oath, the first thing they promise is to protect life.

"I don't think physicians should have this option," Cowell said. "The reason is because if you look at what happened in the Kevorkian situation, it sounded to me that many of those people were depressed. Depressed people cannot make such judgments."

The physician-assisted suicide issue is "a slippery slope," he said, and history may repeat itself.

"If this issue is accepted," he said, "People may start applying the same judgment on others who are perceived not to be helping with society. It has happened before in history and it may happen again."

He said he believes the issue will not be accepted by most physicians. "I would expect most of colleagues not to agree with such a situation," Cowell said. "A doctor should remove himself

is such a situation arises."

He said, "I hope that this is part of a dying trend in this country to establish rights without responsibility."

Dr. Thomas C. Rushton, assistant professor of medicine, said, "When patients have approached the topic with me there was an element of fear and uncertainty. They were worried that no one would take care of them."

Rushton said pulling the plug on patients with ventilators is different from actually assisting in ending a life.

"I don't think that it is practicing good medicine; it is not upholding the value of life," he said. "If this was established we would have great difficulty in the physician-patient relationship."

He said physicians cannot judge when a person is going to die.

"You may actually be ending someone's life who would have lived for several more years," Rushton said. "In that case, it would be physician-assisted murder."



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## Students give opinions on tobacco age identification

by KAREEM W. SHORA  
reporter

Students under 27 must have a photo ID when purchasing any tobacco products, according to new federal regulations.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations went into effect Feb. 28 to prevent the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to minors.

It is now a violation of federal law to sell tobacco products to people under 18, according to the new regulations. Stores which sell tobacco to minors risk civil penalties of \$250 or more.

Josh Roma, Salt Rock freshman, started smoking as a minor.

"I think it is ludicrous," Roma said

about the new regulations. "This will not stop people under 18 from smoking."

T.J. Williamson, a Barboursville freshman who also started smoking as a minor, said he agreed with Roma.

"They'll [minors will] find somebody to buy them [cigarettes] for them," Williamson said.

Both Roma and Williamson said they agreed tobacco is harmful and addictive.

Nancy Dingess, lead cashier at the Memorial Student Center, said since the regulations went into effect she has refused to sell tobacco products to some buyers who did not have a photo ID.

"I can't sell to anyone who looks und-

er 27 and does not have a photo ID," she said.

Beth Snyder, clinical coordinator at Student Health Services, said the regulations are not enough to prevent minors from using tobacco.

"It is like alcohol, people under 21 are not permitted to drink but they still do," Snyder said. "They are going to get them [cigarettes] from their parents and friends."

Information provided by the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free West Virginia states 82 percent of adult smokers started using tobacco as adolescents. It also states nearly three out of every four teens who attempted to buy tobacco products were successful before the regulations went into effect.

## SGA

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reading and is now being reviewed by the University Life Committee.

In other SGA news, allocations in the amount of \$400 each went to P.R.O.W.L. (People Reaching Out With Love), for their annual retreat in Long Beach, N.C.; the Newman Association for their Spring Retreat in Ocean Isle, N.C.; the Panhellenic Council to help pay for Greek Week; and Pi Kappa Alpha for their national convention.

The senate approved an allocation for \$327 for R.U.S.H. (Rationalists United for Secular Humanism) in its first reading. The bill was sent to the Finance Committee.

## COAL

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able for students who are eligible. Students completing the course will receive four hours of credit.

The final stage will focus on internship positions offered by Massey Coal. Selected students who successfully complete the integrated science course will be chosen to participate in the internship program with the company.

Interns will be employed for the summer of 1997 and the Christmas break period. Massey Coal will provide on-site

housing for the interns.

Anderson said students chosen for the internship program from the COB may be eligible for internship credit providing they meet the college's internship requirements.

Students graduating in May and graduate students will be given the opportunity to meet with Jeff Wilson, Massey Coal representative. They may give him their resumes for more current positions open at the company, Anderson said.

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# Bookstore expansion process moves to next stage

by **WHITNEY A. GIBEAUT**  
reporter

Follet College Bookstores, Inc. had a meeting Monday to discuss plans with interested bidders for construction of the expansion of the bookstore, Mike Campbell, general manager of the Marshall University Bookstore, said.

Campbell said, "Our architect was at the meeting to answer any questions the bidders had about the designing of the expansion."

The upper level of the bookstore will be moving May 12

to the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

"Our business offices will be moving to one open office to MW37. This move will be a temporary inconvenience, but the expansion is a long-range goal that will be worth it," Campbell said.

He said he hoped to have a grand opening by January 1998 if the weather permits. He said he was putting off the move until after finals because of the book buy back and graduation. "I feel like it is a much better idea than starting now."

Campbell said all medical and trade books would be moved and the vending and postage machines would be moved as well.

Ray Welty, director of auxiliary services, said the meeting went well and Follet has six contractors interested in bidding.

He said there would be a final meeting April 2 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 102 to decide which of the six will be the contractor.

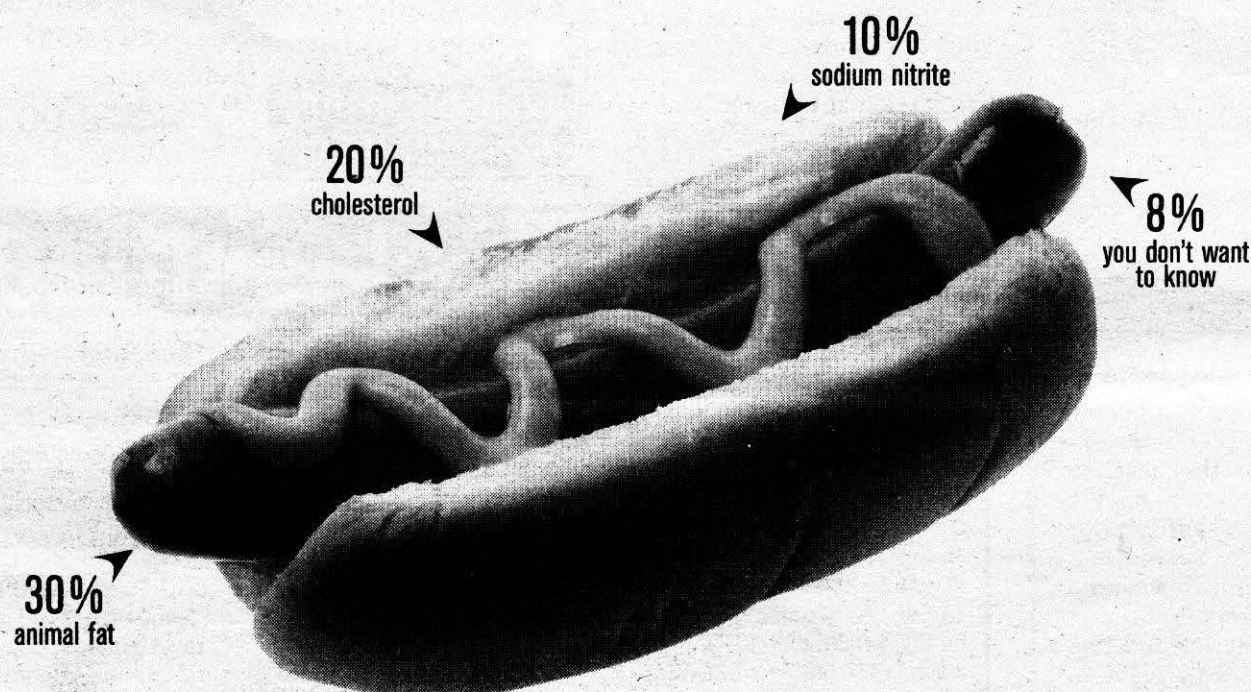
Welty said the coordination of everything was the most difficult thing. He said with

**T**here will be a final meeting April 2 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 102 to decide the contractor.

the bookstore, contractors, university, faculty, staff and students, things would be inconvenient because they will be affected with the "touch and go" situation.

Welty said the main desk will be moving into a tempo-

rory structure that will be moved into the lobby. He said the City of Huntington Federal Credit Union's campus branch will be moving into the lounge section of the men's bathroom in the student center.



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## Library gets more money for budget

by **SARAH E. RIFFLE**  
reporter

President J. Wade Gilley signed a Faculty Senate recommendation Monday to increase the James E. Morrow Library's base budget by \$200,000.

Gilley signed the recommendation "pending action by legislature in approving budgets and merger and the university's own budget process."

Josephine Fidler, director of libraries, said the library's base budget is now \$804,000. The increase will make it \$1,004,000.

"This budget is used exclusively for materials and administrative library costs," Fidler said. The newly appropriated money will be used to support collections, books, subscriptions and databases.

Fidler also emphasized that the base budget is not used for employee salaries.

The Faculty Senate recommendation stated that Marshall's library system ranks last in per-student materials expenditures among peer institutions.

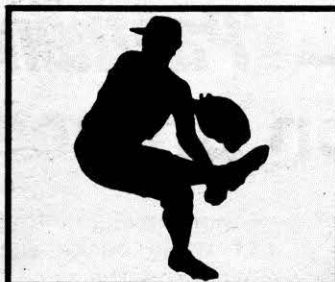
Marshall's library system includes, and will include: the John Deaver Drinko Library, the James E. Morrow Library and the music library, Fidler said.

The peer institutions that Marshall has been compared to include: East Tennessee State University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Western Kentucky University, James Madison University, Appalachian State University.

"The most in-demand materials will be kept in the new library," Fidler said. "The Morrow library will include government documents, special collections, book repair and book binding. The stack towers will be used for storage of lesser-used materials."

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The Thundering Herd baseball team will be playing its double-header against The Citadel on the field at University Heights this weekend. Matches are scheduled for Saturday at noon and Sunday at 1 p.m. A home game against Cincinnati is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25 at 3 p.m.

## Baseball facilities do not hold water

Robert MCCUNE  
Sports Editor

Yet again, baseball fun at Marshall University has been cancelled. There will be no peanuts at the ballpark tomorrow afternoon, no Cracker-Jacks either. You can forget about rooting for the home team or counting the strikes, "One, Two, Three." Baseball is out—rained out, flooded out, out of the question.

Due to soggy conditions at the St. Cloud's Commons baseball field, which is located four miles away from campus, the home game against Morehead State has been postponed.

Heavy rain from last week's flooding and recent scattered showers have definitely put a damper on the baseball season. And, this isn't the first time.

A double-header against VMI and a match against Eastern Michigan early this month were both cancelled due to what Coach Craig Antush called "horrible field conditions." These rained out games were simply lost from the season. There was no rescheduling.

More recently, field conditions gave the team no other choice but to play its home double-header against Appalachian State on another field.

The field at St. Clouds is a swamp, and if the team is to play at home this weekend it will have to be on the field at University Heights.

Antush said it all goes back to not having adequate facilities for the team to play on. "It just interrupts our consistency of game play. We'll play a few games and then get held back or delayed," Antush said.

At a university where the football stadium is practically state of the art, and Henderson Center improvements are being considered, why should the baseball team be forced to play in swamp lands? And, why should they have to play in swamp lands four miles off campus for that matter?

The baseball season is starting to wind down, and before you know it, poof, it will be gone. Fans that didn't travel to away games with the team really haven't had much of a chance to see this year's baseball team in action. Of the six home games on the schedule this season, only three have been played.

The Thundering Herd baseball team has seen its share of the rain. Stormy weather has all but taken away its present season. Right now, it could only help to start praying for a drought.

## MU to host racquetball tourney

by DEREK S. CHAPMAN  
reporter

West Virginians will be raising a "racquet" this weekend in the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall will serve as host for the 1997 West Virginia State Racquetball Championships. The tournament begins Friday and runs through Sunday.

Thomas Lovins, tournament director, said this is the seventh straight year that the event will be played on Marshall's campus, and he expects a good turnout.

"We will be hosting a number of people from across the state," Lovins said. "We've got the racquetball club from West Virginia University coming down. There will also be participants from Charleston and Wheeling, as well

as Huntington."

Lovins also said anywhere from 10 to 20 Marshall students will participate.

There are three categories in which participants may compete, including singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Lovins said participants are categorized in the events they sign up for according to gender, age, and skill level.

The tournament will be single elimination, and each match will consist of three to

15 games.

Lovins said because there is no consolation bracket, participants are encouraged to enter two divisions.

"A participant can enter one skill division and one age division," Lovins said.

"They may enter three if the third division is mixed doubles."

"This is a popular event," Lovins said. "It is the biggest racquetball event in the state, and we are proud to host it."

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## "Foul Pole" back in the ring

NEW YORK (AP) — Andrew Golota, now known as the Foul Pole because of his antics in the ring, will face Ray Mercer on May 16 in a 10-round heavyweight bout at Madison Square Garden.

Golota was disqualified twice for low bows against Riddick Bowe in bouts the Polish fighter was on the way to winning.

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## Sports Briefly

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities raided a \$160-million-a-year gambling operation in New York and Philadelphia and arrested 25 people, timing the sweep to coincide with heavy betting on the NCAA tournament.

Raids targeted "the mob's cash cow, illegal sports betting," Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes said. Some of those arrested were believed to be connected to the Gambino crime family, said Christopher Blank, chief of organized crime investigations.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland reliever Jose Mesa was granted separate trials on sex and weapons charges by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Thomas Curran, and also will be tried separately from co-defendant David Blanco.

Mesa will go on trial March 31 on rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition and felonious assault charges. No date was set for a trial on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. The charges are related to a complaint by two women that Mesa and Blanco improperly touched them Dec. 22. Mesa, 30, has pleaded innocent and is free on \$10,000 bond.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Former Colts quarterback Art Schlichter was arrested for violating conditions of his probation, federal officials said.

Schlichter, 36, violated probation conditions stemming from a bank fraud charge in Indiana, according to the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force. In January, the former Ohio State star pleaded guilty in Indianapolis to two counts of forgery and one count of theft.

## the Parthenon

# WVU to face Seminoles in NIT

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia returns to more hospitable surroundings after escaping with a victory at noisy Reynolds Coliseum on the North Carolina State campus.

"I don't think I've played in a more hostile place," said WVU point guard Jarrod West.

The Mountaineers hope their fans will create a similar din when Florida State visits in the National Invitation Tournament quarterfinals Wednesday at the Coliseum in Morgantown.

WVU (21-9) of the Big East advanced by beating North Carolina State 76-73 Monday, while Florida State (18-11) of the Atlantic Coast Conference moved on by beating Michigan State 68-63.

Seminole coach Pat Kennedy, who earned his 200th career win against Michigan State, expressed concern about his team's energy level and said he hoped to slow down the pace against West Virginia.

The Mountaineers are averaging more than 80 points per game and are 16-0 when scoring that many. The Seminoles average about 10 points fewer.

"We've got to try to keep this game in the 60s," Kennedy said.

"We have to dictate tempo. We have to make it our kind of game. They're going to try to force the tempo."

Mountaineer coach Gale Catlett said he hoped to keep a fast pace despite the fatigue of two games in three nights.

He said he hoped to match up better against Florida State's bigger lineup.

"You don't get much game preparation this time of year. You hope your offensive and defensive schemes hold up," he said.

"We'll try to upset their rhythm and shake them up a little."

Florida State's late season resurgence has been keyed by the improved play of 6-foot-11 Randell Jackson, who has averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds in the Seminoles' last four contests.

James Collins, who is fourth all-time at Florida State with 1,720 points, has averaged 15.9 points this season.

Senior co-captain Seldon Jefferson leads the Mountaineers with 15.7 points per game.

Gordon Malone, who has dominated inside in the NIT,

**"The pressure was there. Now we come home and the fans will be with us. It will be a whole different game here."**

— WVU point guard Jarrod West

has an average of 13.6 points and 8.5 rebounds.

The Mountaineers were happy to be back home. North Carolina State coach Herb Sendek said after Wednesday's night game that

"I've never been in a basketball environment like Reynolds Coliseum tonight," West said.

"The pressure was there. Now we come home and the fans will be with us. It will be a whole different game here."

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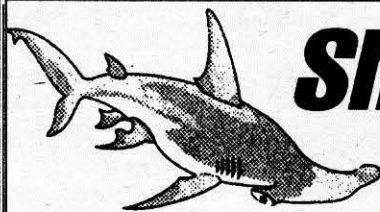
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## Former Memphis State star shot

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Baskerville Holmes, who took his name from a Sherlock Holmes story and played for Memphis in the 1985 Final Four, was found shot to death with his girlfriend in an apparent murder-suicide.

WHBQ-TV reported that Holmes called police and said he accidentally shot his girlfriend, then shot himself. Police would not confirm that report.

Holmes, 32, and Tanya Franklin were dead when police arrived at their home.

Lt. Richard True of the Memphis Police Department said they were investigating the deaths as a murder-suicide.

WHBQ said Holmes placed the 911 call to police at 6:35 a.m. CST before going into a back bedroom and shooting himself.

Three children were at home at the time of the shooting.



# Life!

## Lending a hand

### Break didn't mean rest for all

The trip south for members of Marshall's Habitat for Humanity didn't mean sun, surf and sand. For them, it was mainly sandpaper, sweat and sore muscles as they helped build homes in Habitat Villa, a 90-house community built mostly by the organization in South Miami Heights.

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## the Parthenon

Here's a loaded question. If you won \$25 million, what would you do with it?

That's right. Suddenly you're name is Big Bucks and you're whistling "Money Makes the World Go 'Round." How would your new world revolve?

Would priorities change? Or, when considering investments and expenditures, would you adopt the MCI motto and call friends and family?

Thomas J. Stark, Bridgeport freshman, began listing the things he'd do with an extra \$25 million. "No. 1, I would pay off my college education," he said.

"The second thing, I'd give half or more to my parents," Stark said. The rest would be put in the bank for financial stability and that finishing school would remain a priority.

"I don't think I'd change my priorities. It would allow me to do some things first, like buy a car or house," Stark said. "Otherwise, it probably wouldn't change too much."

Sue Ellen Bell, library associate at the James E. Morro Library, laughed at the thought of an immediate \$25 million.

For Bell, listing things to take care of rolled off her tongue like a poetic verse rehearsed with care. "Buy me a house and a new car," she said. "I'd help my mother. I'd

probably move her in with me and probably hire a caretaker to help take care of her and me."

Bell said she has chronic Lyme disease and is frequently sick.

"I'd help my best friend Charles pay for his tuition so he could go back to school," she said. "I'd help other

important to maintaining good health.

Just when it seemed like she was leaning toward giving up her job, Bell recounted a brief history of her work at the library.

"I like working with information and knowledge . . . and I like helping people," she said. "I've been

David A. Stiles, St. George sophomore, said he would invest a lot of his earnings. His expenditures would include paying for tuition and no longer using federal loans.

"I'd definitely move off campus because I don't like the dorm," he said, but he would finish school. "I think

and finish school "because people can take money away, but they can't take your education away. That's important."

She also said she would buy a Limited Edition Jeep Cherokee with gold trim and leather interior. "My car is falling apart," she said.

"I could handle not having to bargain shop.

"My mom and dad would probably be happier than I am. They would say, 'Hand it over, [so] we can retire,'" she said and laughed.

When asked what she would do with the money, Rechelle R. Hall, Lewisburg senior, sat quietly. "Good question," she said. "Where to start?"

Immediately, a short succession of responses followed.

"Celebrate. Share it with friends, family. Bank it. Travel definitely. Go to Alaska and invest wisely."

Completing school was important to Hall. "I would finish school. I'm close to finishing it. You need some type of direction other than spending money."

While money does not grow on trees, the thought of immediate wealth certainly seems to make the imagination blossom.

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## WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$25 MILLION?

friends and family. I'm a generous person. I'd probably give some to my favorite charities."

Priorities might change for Bell. She said side effects from Lyme disease make some days difficult.

"I would consider working, but I would like to spend time with my mom." Bell also said that getting enough rest was

working here for 25 years."

Bell sighed and said, "I wouldn't have to worry about finances, but on the other hand, I'd probably give a lot of it away."

Bell described herself as "somewhat spiritual."

"I believe that what we give to others, we get back. We reap that," she said.

college is a little bit more than preparing you for a job. It expands your mental capacities."

Like Stiles and Stark, Shana O. Boyd said she would pay off school loans and would also pay for her wedding.

Boyd, Catlettsburg, Ky., junior, said she would probably invest some of the earnings