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Thinking about buying a new car? Find out what you should know. Life, Page 3

Celebration to honor students' academic excellence

by RANDY BURNSIDE
reporter

Marshall's fourth annual "Celebration of Academics" begins Wednesday, April 2, in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse of the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

"Communication Studies and the Power of the Spoken Word" is the program's theme, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy.

Marshall's Drinko symposium will kick off the event at 2 p.m. Wed-

nesday, April 2, and the celebration will end with the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 3.

Both events are open to the public and free of charge.

The keynote speaker during the opening symposium will be Dr. William N. Denman, chairman of the Department of Communication Studies and the third Drinko Fellow.

Denman will speak on "Rhetoric, the 'Citizen-Orator,' and the Revitalization of Civic Discourse in American Life."

Gould said a panel of communication studies program graduates will discuss Denman's presentation and their own theories.

"It's a wonderful experience for the panelists and our students," Gould said.

Panelists include Dr. Barbara Warnick, chairwoman of the Department of Speech Communication at the University of Washington; Dr. Bonnie Jefferson, a professor at Stonehill College; and Michael Chambers, a doctoral student at the University of Maryland.

A reception will follow the symposium at 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Anthony T. Murray Jr., president of large business services for Bell Atlantic, will present "The Corporation and Civic Responsibility" at the Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 3.

The Honors Convocation is sponsored by Marshall's John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

Gould said the convocation

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Dean of student affairs says state bill will not affect judicial system

by COURTNEY VEST
reporter

A bill has been sent to West Virginia's House of Representatives that could affect students, but it won't change how Marshall's judicial system operates, the director of judicial affairs said.

Linda P. Rowe, director of judicial affairs, said the Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act of 1997 was drafted by Security On Campus.

According to Security On Campus, the bill would close the loopholes in campus crime reporting laws. Rowe said the bill would require only one log report for the entire campus.

The Honorable James M. Jeffords, chairman of the Committee on Labor and Human Resource, wrote in a letter that the current law, the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires colleges to publish

and distribute an annual security report including statements about many issues regarding law enforcement policies, crime prevention programs and alcohol and drug policies.

However, he wrote, during the past year concern has surfaced that colleges have not been fully complying with campus security requirements and that the Department of Education was not doing enough to monitor and enforce compliance.

"This new bill would give the idea that campuses aren't safe and they [the students] should keep their doors locked and be aware," Rowe said.

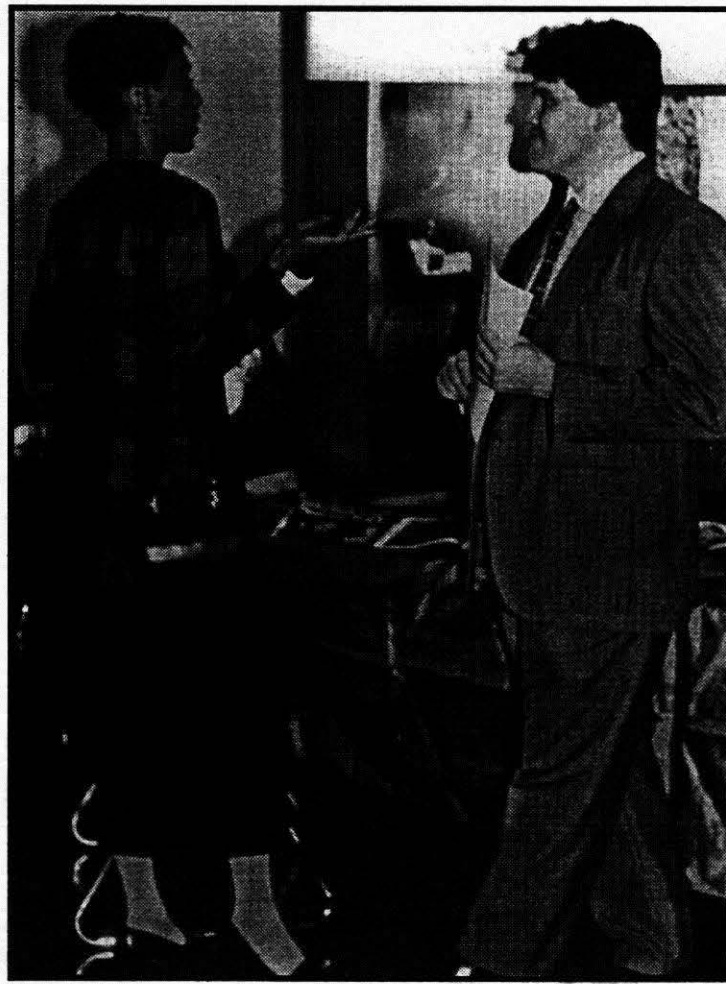
Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said the bill will not affect the ways Marshall offers students due process. She said allowing students to be involved in

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So I start Monday?

Felicia Moten, Beckley senior, talks to Rob Wilmlink, Mutual Life Special Agent, at the business fair in the Don Morris Room on Wednesday. Mutual Life was one of several companies represented at the fair.

Photo by Melissa Young



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Student leaders to be recognized

by REGINA FISHER
reporter

The Office of Student Activities will honor students who have demonstrated significant leadership skills and have made outstanding contributions to the university, said Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities.

The Student Leadership Awards will recognize students in the categories of Outstanding Multicultural Program, Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Sophomore, Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Senior and Outstanding Leader/Scholar, according to the applications.

"Applications for the awards are sent to faculty and staff members to pass on to students they think meet the criteria," Hermansdorfer said.

To qualify for an award students must demonstrate such qualities as leadership achievements, special contributions to the university and community and academic success, according to the information on the applications.

Students are required to complete the applications themselves, said Marie Brown, programs assistant to the office of student activities. The submission deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. Friday, she said.

"I would just encourage students to get the applications turned in," Brown said. "They are coming in fast; we have 25 to 30 at this point."

Hermansdorfer said the winners are chosen by "a committee of about eight faculty and staff members that basically compare the applications to the criteria."

The names of winners will be announced and given their awards at the April 18 Awards Banquet at the close of Springfest, he said.

"They are recognized at the banquet and there is usually a nice gift presented to them,"

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Hubble Space Telescope has camera out of focus

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An infrared camera installed by spacewalking astronauts on the Hubble Space Telescope last month is partly out of focus and will not last as long as planned, NASA said today.

"We are going to lose some lifetime, there's no question about that," said Ed Weiler, NASA's chief Hubble scientist.

Provided the \$105 million Near-Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer does not deteriorate further, scientists should be able to work around the problem and still collect all the desired data on black holes and remote stars and galaxies, Weiler said.

"We tend to be very conservative considering our history," he said, referring to Hubble's originally flawed mirror. "Until we're absolutely sure things are going to go the way we think they will, we always want to look at the worst case."

One of three cameras in the Near-Infrared Camera and Multi-Object

Spectrometer, called Nicmos, is too far out of focus to be corrected by on-board systems, Weiler said. The two others are working fine, he said.

Scientists believe the focusing problem with camera No. 3 resulted from the expansion of nitrogen ice, needed to keep the infrared detectors operating at minus-355 degrees Fahrenheit. The expanding ice apparently pushed on some of the camera mechanisms more than expected. Astronomers noticed this movement two weeks ago.

"The Nicmos probably will rewrite the physics books on solid nitrogen," Weiler said. "The models that it was built upon were not totally correct."

Because of additional heat entering the nitrogen container, the nitrogen will last at least a few months less than the full 4 1/2 years, provided the problem corrects itself, Weiler said. In that case, the focus of camera No. 3 would be restored naturally, perhaps in six months to one year.

The lifetime of Nicmos will be cut in half — 2 1/4 years — if the nitrogen continues to be lost at the current rate. Scientists already are scrambling to push up the star-gazing schedule for Nicmos if this should happen.

Scientists plan to conduct another focus test on Thursday night to further assess the situation.

Nicmos, about the size of a telephone booth, was designed and built by the University of Arizona. It represents one-fourth of the entire Hubble science program, and its out-of-focus camera No. 3 represents one-fourth of the Nicmos science program.

NASA launched Hubble in 1990 with a flawed primary mirror that left the telescope nearsighted. Spacewalking astronauts installed corrective optics in 1993. The February mission to install Nicmos, another state-of-the-art science instrument and other equipment, was the second servicing mission for the \$2 billion Hubble.

Sea captain repels threat of mutiny

BOSTON (AP) — A diet of cookies and cereal nearly turned a scallop boat crew into a pack of mutinous dogs, frightening the captain into messaging other ships for help.

A ship off Cape Cod received a fax about 3 a.m. Friday from the captain of Alice Amanda, who said he feared a mutiny by three of his six crew members.

A Coast Guard cutter found the Alice Amanda and escorted it ashore in Provincetown, where the disgruntled crew complained of cereal and cookies for grub and a captain who used racial slurs.

Mutiny is punishable by death in the military. Among civilian crews it is a major violation.

"But I haven't heard of one since all boats were wooden and under sail," Coast Guard Senior Chief Leo Deon told The Cape Cod Times.

The Coast Guard was investigating the incident. No charges had been filed Tuesday.

Ohio egg producer getting shelled with complaints

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's largest egg producer claims disgruntled workers are behind the charge it has been selling old eggs to grocery stores and restaurants in 20 states.

AgriGeneral Co. L.P. said in a letter sent to customers that a lawsuit charging it with safety and labor violations was the work of "disgruntled former and current employees" and was motivated by "outside efforts to organize our employees."

The federal lawsuit accuses AgriGeneral of selling old, smelly eggs and says that maggots were found in some boxes.

Some eggs are stored in coolers as long as a year, the workers charged. Eggs stored longer than a month are sometimes more likely to carry harmful bacteria such

as salmonella, which typically causes diarrhea, fever and cramps.

"It was enough to make you sick. I won't eat eggs anymore — unless I see a chicken lay them," said Gerald Lee Taylor II, who worked at Agri-General's LaRue egg farm for six months before quitting last year.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday on behalf of 25 former and current workers and the Ohio Public Interest Research Group, a consumer watchdog group, also accused the company of refusing overtime pay to employees who routinely work 50 to 60 hours a week.

Duke Goranites, president of AgriGeneral, called the lawsuit "unsubstantiated and ludicrous."

Although some experts say eggs can stay good for months if refrigerated, others say they can lose their taste and texture after a month.

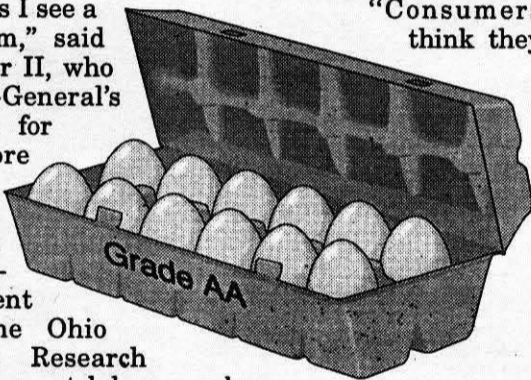
"Consumers think they

regulators said there is no federal law regulating how long eggs can stay at an egg farm or store. State health inspectors also said they have found nothing wrong at AgriGeneral's egg farm in Croton.

Croton, which opened in 1982, has 4.6 million hens and employs 360 people.

The lawsuit asks a federal judge to force the company to pay \$500,000 in overtime owed to workers and to stop labeling old eggs as fresh, which it said has been going on since the LaRue plant opened in September 1995.

It also seeks unspecified damages and asks the court to order AgriGeneral to pay \$200 to every consumer who purchased "deceptively labeled eggs." Finnegan said he does not know how many people would be eligible



are buying fresh eggs but they're not. This has to stop," said Mark Finnegan, of the Equal Justice Foundation, which is representing the plaintiffs.

Although the suit said the company's practices violate state consumer law, federal

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Housing dispute leads to murder and suicide

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The dismembered body of a woman who had feuded with her neighbor about his dilapidated row house was found in the man's basement, shortly before he hung himself with his belt in a police van.

Police were called to the home of Ann Hoover when she didn't show up at a hearing for Roy Kirk, who was appealing fines for the vacant, condemned row house he owned next to Hoover's home.

When they couldn't find the

44-year-old woman, a neighbor suggested they look in Kirk's house. They found Kirk and put him in the van, then discovered Hoover's dismembered body in the basement.

Hoover's limbs had been severed and wrapped, apparently for disposal, and her torso was cut across the middle, said coroner Cyril Wecht. He said she might have been strangled first with an extension cord found around her neck.

"Ann was a hard worker,

she was honest as the day is long," said her father, Thomas Hoover, sobbing intermittently.

Kirk was shackled and his hands were cuffed behind his back in the van, yet he still managed to remove his belt, loop it around the grating and hang himself during the 12-minute ride to the police station, said Police Cmdr. Ron Freeman.

It was unclear how the property dispute escalated to a slaying.

Fergie signs deal for column

NEW YORK (AP) — The Duchess of York has yet another job lined up: newspaper columnist. Still, don't expect her to dish any dirt on the royal family.

The ex-wife of Britain's Prince Andrew signed a one-year deal with The New York Times Syndicate. The column,

which will reach 2,000 papers worldwide, begins April 15.

"She will be focusing on children's issues and her travels, many subjects," her spokesman, Jeffrey Schneider, said Tuesday. "But this is not a column about the royals."

John Stickney, a syndicate

spokesman, said her early submissions were "quite nice, nicely turned, quite funny. We're confident the column will do well or we wouldn't launch it."

The former Sarah Ferguson has written children's books and released her autobiography, "My Story," last fall.

Sweat shirts recalled

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Target Stores Inc., is recalling about 106,000 fleece sweat shirts because they can catch fire easily. The cotton-polyester blend "Utility" brand sweat shirts for men and boys have a raised fiber surface, often called sherpa, that closely resembles that of a sweat shirt turned inside out.

briefs

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A busboy at a posh resort shot and killed the head dishwasher after the two argued Sunday over how to put silverware into the dishwasher, police said.

"That's probably the dumbest motive I've ever heard," said Detective Sgt. Emilio Yannacone, a police officer for 22 years.

The suspect, Jose Antonio Borrell, told Reyes Blas Morales that he wasn't putting the flatware into the proper containers to be washed, the detective said.

The two argued, then Borrell left and returned 45 minutes later with a 9 mm semiautomatic, he said.

Morales, 37, died at a hospital. Borrell was charged with first-degree murder.

The two worked at Marriott's Casa Marina, an elegant oceanfront resort built in 1921.

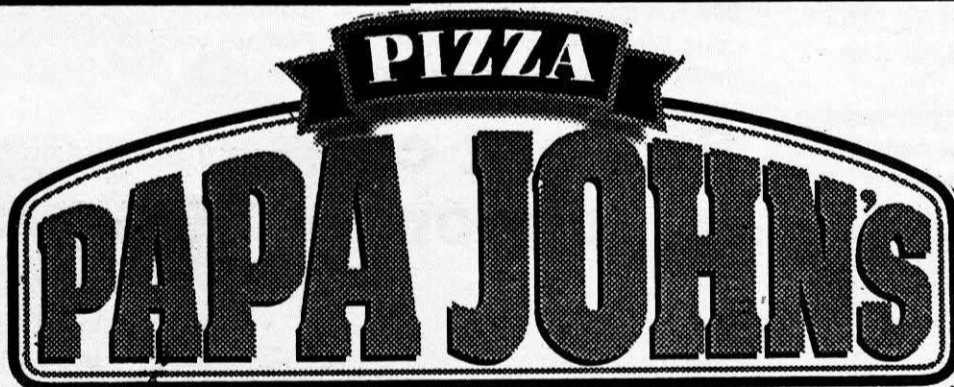
WASHINGTON (AP) — For years they did it on the sly and felt guilty about it. Relatives were ashamed, neighbors ridiculed them, friends called them names.

Then Norm Hankoff did something to remove the cloud of shame and guilt hanging over the table-impaired, who scarf down meals over the kitchen sink.

Hankoff formed The International Association of People Who Dine Over The Kitchen Sink. He wrote "The Official Sinkies Don't Cook Book." It's a book about eating, not cooking. And he established the day after Thanksgiving as Sinkie Day.

"Our slogan is, 'Get in touch with your inner Sinkie,'" said Hankoff, of Santa Rosa, Calif.

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Reputations are not dishonored by factual stories

Today's letter entitled, "Student cites personal experience in support of SGA president-elect," includes a statement that brings up a point of concern.

The author writes, "The recent article in Friday's edition has besmirched not only the honor of the SGA presidency but the reputation of a great person and friend . . ." In other words, the author is saying the article itself has dishonored both the position of SGA president and the man recently elected to that position.

Matt Glover has been elected as Student Body President for 1997-98. Just as Nawar Shora stepped into the position last year, Mark Davis the year before, Kristen Butcher before that. . . the list goes on and on.

As each found their way to the top position in student government, each stepped into the public eye. Matt Glover is no different.

Whereas his actions last year may not have made the front page, his new position on

campus has pushed him under the magnifying glass.

Being elected to an office has the same effect on politicians in all levels of government.

The Parthenon merely reported an incident involving Glover. Friday's story not only reported the facts of the case, but also offered quotes from Glover himself regarding his actions.

The campus newspaper of Marshall University does not operate on a basis of personal preference. When news happens, the paper reports it.

News stories do not dishonor reputations if they report the facts.

Editor's note:

Yesterday's editorial reported Keith Veney would be competing at Madison Square Garden. He will compete at Market Square Arena.

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Advice and information for Houvouras

Dear Mr. Anghus Houvouras

Careful of these stones you throw. A phrase from your final sentences in the March 25 editorial says it all, ". . . someone without training, without journalism classes, and with a clue that you so obviously lack has outdone you all you useless miserable hacks."

First, let me point out some small shortcomings in your editorial. Have you ever heard of paragraphs, spell-checking, or commas? You did not have to point out your lack of training; it shows per the Editor's Note. Secondly, let me illuminate your lack of knowledge of the journalism department. The class of "miserable hacks" of which you speak are training to become journalists. Many people could take this class, JMC 202 as early as the Fall of their sophomore year. Only requiring two journalism classes preparing them. JMC 202 is a basic and beginning course in the school, teaching these students the proper jour-

nalistic techniques. Like any other course, anyone can sign up and anyone can take it with proper prerequisites. The students are then graded on their performance over the course of the semester. Let me be the first to agree that some of the reporters on staff will certainly not make good journalists. However, as JMC professor Ralph Turner once said to me, JMC 202 proves whether or not you will make it in this business. That is why the course is so early in the track. (That is not a direct quote, therefore I do not use quotations, Anghus.)

Over the course of the semester, each reporter that takes the course must turn in two stories a week. Two stories a week on a campus that does not create that much news. I ask if you could write two essays a week on top of all your other class work? Two essays that are grammatically correct and well-researched along with other course work. Perhaps your concentration and time are far greater in abundance

than those students. Further the reporter you have singled out; you have not researched your attacks. This journalist is one of the more enterprising of students of the group of which you attack. Instead of turning in only two stories a week, this journalist turns in four or five stories a week. Do you go that extra mile in your classes?

A suggestion, writing for the Parthenon is not that hard. If the writing of the student newspaper offends you so much, spend time, get involved, learn about it, and make a difference there. You are obviously a motivated person, use it to improve the University instead of writing long, childish attacks on subjects of which you know little.

P.S. Altruism: the unselfish interest in the welfare of others (Webster's Dictionary, Springfield, Mass. 1994.) Oh, and if you don't trust me, look it up.

Chris Nusbaum
Bunker Hill junior

Student cites personal experience in support of SGA president-elect

To the editor:

The recent article in Friday's edition has besmirched not only the honor of the SGA presidency but the reputation of a great person and friend, so I would like to take this opportunity to tell you some of the good, positive things about Matt Glover.

Matt has been a friend of mine for many years. He has always treated people with respect and kindness. The people that know him can say that he always goes all out to try and help them if they are ever in trouble.

I can personally relate many separate occasions when Matt has helped me out of difficult situations. For example, I was kicked out of school in January 1996, due to poor grades. Matt was the first person that found out, and was ready to do whatever it

took to help me get back in school. We were able to get it all worked out and I took summer courses to get back to school. If it wasn't for Matt's help, I don't know if I would be here writing this letter today.

While I do not condone Matt's actions, I do believe that we should take the good side of things and focus on that, instead of focusing on the bad things, which are looked at too much in today's society.

People everywhere make mistakes. I make them every day, as everyone else does. We should be mature enough to admit our mistakes, like Matt did, instead of blaming our mistakes on our environment or other people.

Bill Carper,
Henderson, WV sophomore

Opinion on the mayorial race

To The Editor:

Only one among the current candidates in the mayorial race has a proven track record when it comes to understanding and support of the needs of all of the constituent elements that make up Marshall University. Unlike other candidates, he does not appear the paid voice of downtown special interests. Nor is he motivated by a single issue of city plumbing. When he was mayor he did not govern by whim nor seek to impose the politically correct views of a segment of the

population upon the whole. Bobby Nelson knows Marshall University and the role it plays in our city. He served 10 years on the education committee of the state legislature. He has supported the faculty pay scale, numerous capital improvements, and the voting presence of faculty, students and staff on the then Board of Regents. We ought to support him, in turn, with our votes.

Sincerely,
Clayton L. McNearney,
Department of Religious Studies

your VIEW

The Parthenon welcomes letters to the editor concerning issues of interest to the Marshall community. Letters must be limited to 250 words, typed, signed and include a phone number, hometown, class rank or other title verification. The Parthenon reserves the right to refuse to print letters that contain potentially libelous material. Longer guest columns also will be considered.

Surfing the Internet may yield financial rewards for students

by **SCOTT E. PARSONS**
reporter

When students think of applying for student loans, they often think of standing in line at a bank, waiting on the telephone for assistance or facing too many confusing questions.

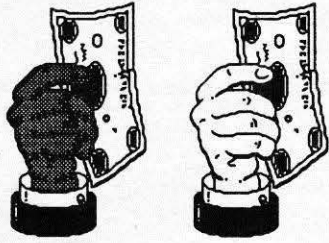
Relax. Help is just a point and a click away.

According to the secondary market loan group Sallie Mae, using the internet to locate information about student loans before you begin the actual application process will arm you with important knowledge that will help you choose the loan that is right for you.

"We know that students are accessing the Internet now more than ever in their searches for information," Lydia Marshall, executive vice president of Sallie Mae said.

"That's why we encourage students to spend a little time on the Internet before choosing which bank or credit union to lend them funds for college," she said.

"All the loans look the same when you take them out, but when it comes time for repayment, there are different cost-



options for you to choose from."

Search engines and directories all provide a number of links to Web sites that have information about financial aid and student loans.

Some of the most common key words to use when using search engines to find information include: "student loan," "education loan" and "paying for college."

One of the Web sites that caters to this idea is <http://www.fastWEB.com>.

FastWEB helps the student sort through 180,000 financial aid awards to match students with scholarships appropriate to their individual qualifications or strengths.

When students log onto the fastWEB home page they are given a personalized mailbox and asked a series of questions. Then the service will scan its database to find financial aid outlets that match a student's profile.

The service even provides

users with a sample letter which can be used to request the scholarship application.

Another Web site that gives financial aid information is the Financial Aid Information Page at <http://www.finaid.org>.

This Web site is an independent, comprehensive and objective guide to student financial aid.

It offers facts about student loans, sources of financial aid, books and periodicals on financial aid and a glossary of terms. Links to other financial aid and student loan Web sites can be found here.

Denise Rossitto, Sallie Mae public relations, says that students who don't feel comfortable with searching for financial aid on the Web can call Sallie Mae.

"Many loans and grants look the same from the outside," Rossitto said. "Sallie Mae has a toll-free number that students can call and talk to a live person if they choose. We can help them decipher the fine print."

Information is available by calling 1-800-891-4599, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., or by accessing the Sallie Mae home page at <http://www.salliemae.com>.

Tobacco law passed by FDA

by **KAREEM W. SHORA**
reporter

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

The Food and Drug Administration 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 that sell tobacco to minors risk civil penalties of \$250 or more.

T.J. Williamson, Barboursville freshman, started smoking as a minor. "They'll [minors] find somebody to buy them for them," Williamson said.

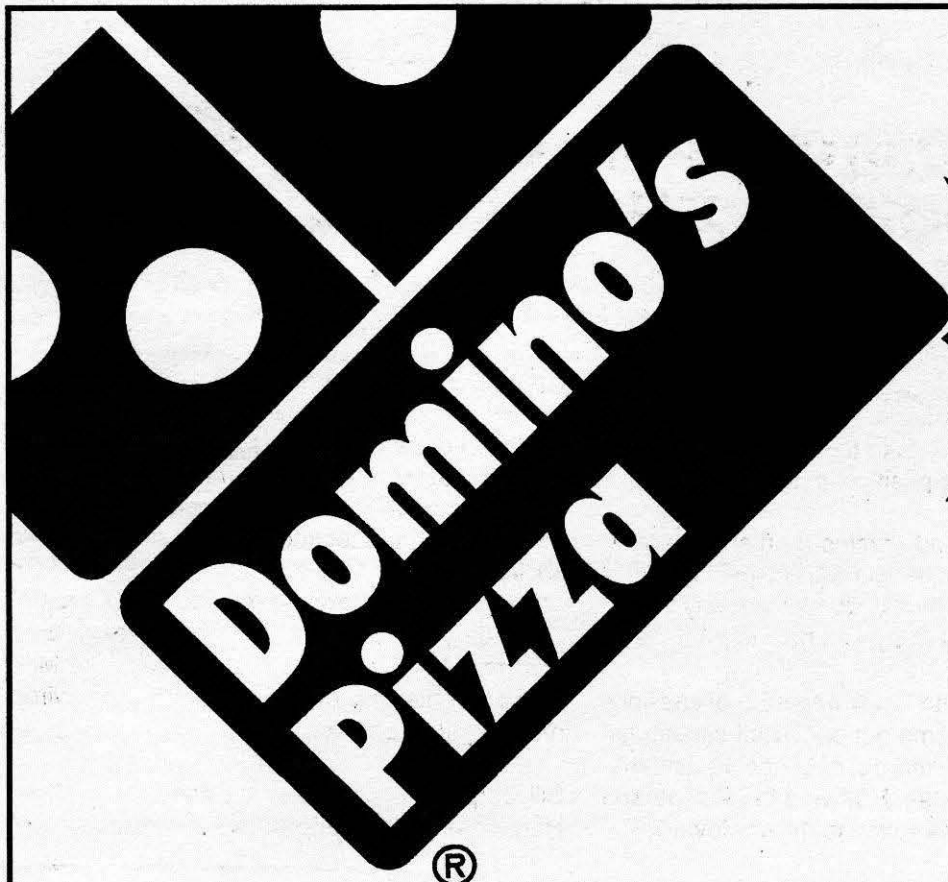
Josh Roma, Salt Rock freshman, said, "This will not stop people under 18 from smoking."

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 [tobacco products] to anyone who looks under 27 and does not have a photo ID," Dingess said.

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

Other regulations include a ban on "kiddle packs," which contain less than 20 cigarettes, and free samples of tobacco products, as well as the required removal of self-service displays. They will go into effect Aug. 28, according to information from the Coalition.

Violations can be reported by calling 1-888-FDA-4KIDS.



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includes a student academic awards presentation, the presentation of the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching and the presentation of Marshall's Distinguished Service Award.

The Pickens-Queen awards and stipends of \$1,000 will be presented to three faculty members at the convocation. Gould said these awards were established to honor faculty members in their early years of collegiate teaching by Ethel K. Pickens and her nephew,

retired Tradewell Supermarkets chairman Glenn J. Queen and his wife Carol.

A reception will follow the convocation at noon in the lobby of the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Gould said the program has been very successful in the past and is great educational opportunity.

"Although, this is only the fourth year for the program, we have been able to attract nationally renowned scholars and guest speakers," he said. "I hope our students, faculty, staff and community residents take advantage of this outstanding opportunity," Gould said.

BILL

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hearings would be a major change, affecting students being accused. Such action would affect the privacy issue also, she said.

"The bill will make our campus court more like a court of law and less like an administrative hearing, which could worry some students," Cockrille said.

She said the bill will not require Marshall to change any processes or procedures. She said support is provided

for those who are accused, as well as for those who are doing the accusing.

"At Marshall, the accused has a right to an advisor of their choice, the right to be represented by a trained student advocate and appeal rights," Rowe said.

Both Rowe and Cockrille said that by implenting one log for all crimes on campus there would have to be more staff involved, including more office and clerical committees.

"We are holding students to a higher standand than the general public if they are going to go to school here," Rowe said.

AWARD

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Hermansdorfer said. "Traditionally they have been given gifts such as a nice plaque with their name and

the date engraved on it or a golden bookmark, but the gifts vary from year to year."

Applications should be returned to the Office of Student Activities.

Students interested in more information may call 696-6770.

COB offers virtual classes

by ERIN E. GILKERSON reporter

Virtual classes will become a reality this summer in the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business.

Dr. Don Holdren, professor of finance, and Dr. Ray Blankenship, professor of management and marketing, teamed up last April to develop online courses for the COB.

"These courses will eventually make available an undergraduate technology-based degree in business," Holdren said.

Holdren said the first course is Finance 323, a principles of finance course.

"Using this course as the feeder, we then applied for and received a grant from the Technology Advantage Group," Holdren said.

He said the \$143,000 grant is being used to develop four more online principles courses for the fall semester.

Each of the four courses are required in the COB, Holdren said.

"I think the big thing is that the students will never have to come to class," Blankenship said. "They will never even have to come on campus if they don't wish to."

Holdren said students will not have to go to the campus bookstore to purchase books.

"The texts will be on shrink wrap in the bookstore, and students can call and order the books over the phone," he said.

Communication between student and professor is completely electronic.

"Having this type of deliv-

ery system makes the course available anywhere in the world," Holdren said.

Chat rooms have been set up to allow students in the course to talk to each other, Holdren said.

He said students who e-mail their course professor with a question will be guaranteed a response within 48 hours.

"These courses do not follow the regular semester time periods," Holdren said. "The courses each will last one year."

Holdren said students will have their own time frames for finishing the course.

"This will make possible, to the most rural areas in the state, an education," Holdren said. "We've been told we have a very unique method of offering the courses to students."

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Marshall's Thundering Herd football team received a congratulatory letter from President Bill Clinton. The letter, dated March 5 of this year, congratulated the team on completing its perfect season and winning the National Football Championship, while commending each of the team members on their "hard work, tireless practice and enduring enthusiasm."

Wrestling Club might be an option

by DEREK S. CHAPMAN
reporter

A wrestling club may soon be an option for students looking for another outlet for their athletic interests.

Director of Recreational Sports Thomas Lovins said due to the success of an intramural wrestling tournament earlier in the semester, several students have expressed interest in forming a wrestling club.

Lovins said 55 students signed a petition to start a wrestling club.

Only 10 students that expressed an interest in the club showed up for a meeting earlier this month, but Lovins said that was good enough to get the ball rolling.

"I don't think that the low turnout for the meeting is indicative of people becoming disinterested," Lovins said.

"Consensus is that there are enough former wrestlers on campus who would be interested in joining the club."

Lovins said the focus of those at the meeting was finding a mat and a place to store it.

Lovins said efforts will show how sincere students are to get the wrestling club.

Cincinnati slips past the Herd

by NAWAR W. SHORA
reporter

Marshall's Baseball team almost made it against Cincinnati Tuesday. Cincinnati slipped by Marshall, 11 to 10.

Coach Craig Antush said pitching was a major weakness throughout the game.

The pitchers allowed six walks during the game.

"The pitching hurt us in the middle of the game," he said. "Walks are lethal."

In the bottom of the eighth inning Marshall was down 11 to 2.

And then the Herd turned on the afterburners.

The team turned it into a one point game. But it just was not enough to earn the win.

In the ninth inning, Bret Hull hit a grand slam and Keith Mastro then hit a home run to close the gap.

Antush said he was really satisfied with the team and

that even though it may not appear so on paper, the team is a much stronger one from last year.

He said the team has been hitting the ball well, and the only frustrating thing was the lack of quality pitching.

"We have good pitchers, but collectively we're not in sync," Antush said.

At the beginning of the season, Antush said the team had to work on hitting, then they had to work on defense.

Now, he said he believes the pitchers need to work on throwing quality pitches.

The loss dropped Marshall to a record of 4-18 and 2-7 in the Southern Conference.

Cincinnati improved to 6-14 on the season.

The Herd will head south to Davidson, N.C. Saturday to face Davidson College.

The conference game will be played at noon.

"I'm just hoping the kids keep pressing on. I know how

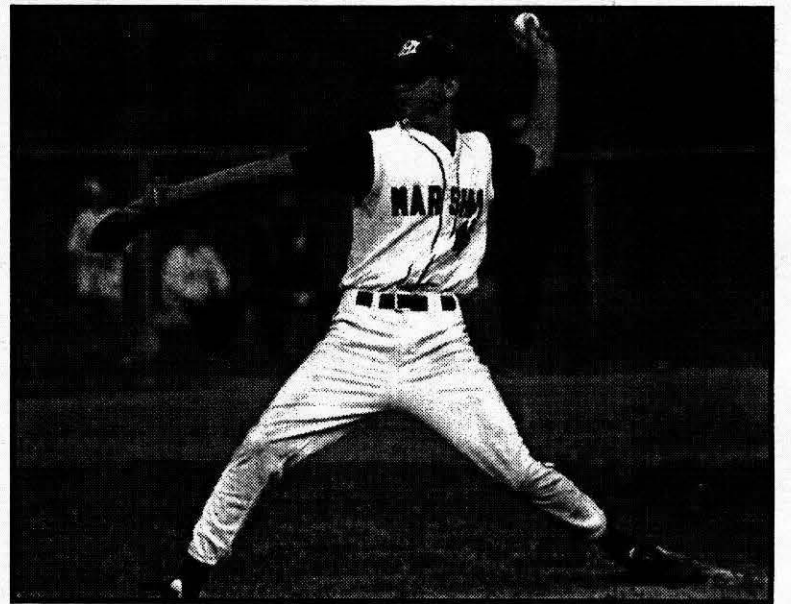


photo by Missy Young

Junior pitcher Ken Haywiser took the mound for most of the game Tuesday against Cincinnati. Coach Craig Antush said pitching was one of the team's greatest weaknesses during the game. The Herd lost to Cincinnati 11-10.

frustrating it is, but we just have to complete the puzzle and then we can be extremely good," Antush said.

The Herd has nine more Conference games and 14 non-conference games left in the regular season.

Athlete advising center construction delayed

by KENT P. CASSELLA
reporter

The new student athlete advising center nears completion in Gullickson Hall, but occupancy will be delayed until the semester is over.

"The construction should be done by the beginning of April and the furniture is due in by the end of April," said Michelle Duncan, director of the student athlete program.

The delay in moving to the new center is based on the center's end-of-the-semester workload. "The earliest we can stop activities and move is the end of May or the beginning of June," Duncan said.

At the semester's end, the

center is extremely busy assisting student athletes with finals, computing final grades, and establishing eligibility, Duncan said.

Project delays were a result of a freeze and review of purchase requests by state auditors during the change in governors.

A \$15,000 purchase request for modular wall partitions for the center was caught in the freeze, Duncan said.

The project was originally scheduled for completion by mid-March. "This delay has pushed us too close to the end of the semester to move now," Duncan said.

Heavy rains also had some impact on construction. The

project is an in-house project, so university workers were pulled away from construction to perform other duties on campus during the rains, Duncan said.

The project is being paid for with institutional funds for small-scale construction projects.

Construction costs are about \$113,000, said Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations.

The construction includes a 24-terminal computer laboratory adjacent to the advising center offices and tutoring rooms, Duncan said.

Computer equipment will be purchased with university equipment funds.

Available funds of \$300,000 will pay for less than half of the needed computer equipment. Additional funds are being requested, Duncan said.

Donations made to the student athlete program through the MU Foundation will help furnish the center, Duncan said.

The computer laboratory portion of the center will be available for all university students.

Hours will be established to allow all students access to the computers during the day, while the student athletes are at practice. Evening hours will be reserved for athletes use, Duncan said.

STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY
Can your friend's alcohol drinking be dangerous to you?
Nearly 16% of all Marshall students who completed a recent survey reported that they had caused a physical injury to someone else as a result of their own alcohol drinking during the past school year. (Note: This also means that 84% of respondents reported to experiencing no injury to themselves or to others as a result of their own drinking)
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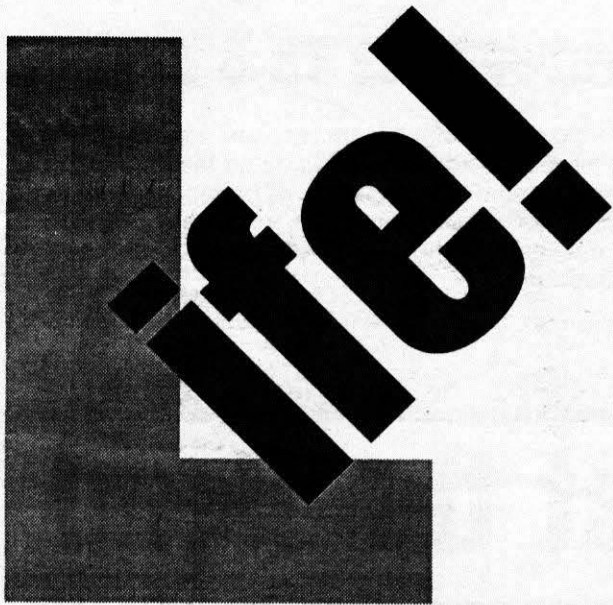
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Who's the fool?

Here's a little warning: Your friends or co-workers might be out to get you Tuesday. Perhaps you've done something — or maybe you're just a sitting duck in their eyes for April Fool's Day jokes. How did the tradition get started?

Tuesday in a special Life!



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Wheelin' and Dealin'

Thinking about buying a new car? Have you done your research?

The primary objective for many people is to get the car they want for a reasonable price. Lisa C. Collins, Huntington junior, said she thinks she did just that.

"I got a really good deal," she said. Collins said she got the car at a "rock-bottom price" of \$13,800.

She bought a 1995 Mustang GT. It is a standard with a CD and cassette player, electric doors and power windows, she said. Collins said she chose a Mustang because her boyfriend previously had one and she liked it.

If you're in the mood to shop for a new set of wheels, but don't feel prepared to cope with dealers, let alone how much you should pay for a car, there are many information sources that can help you become a savvy car consumer.

Consumer Reports is a monthly magazine that occasionally profiles different cars and provides information about price, reliability, comfort and safety features.

The Internet is another source. For example, Edmund's Publications Corporation's homepage, located at <http://www.edmund.com>, provides new and used car reviews, recalled cars and scenarios about how to deal with dealers.

Below are some tips from Edmund's that might be helpful.

- Determine the make, model and accessories you want in a car.

Collins knew ahead of time what she wanted. She bought a 1995 because, "I probably couldn't afford a brand new car. It's a lot cheaper to go the used-car route."

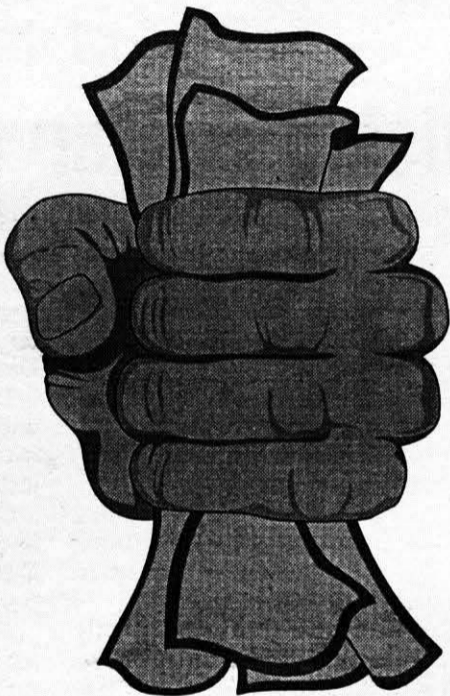
- Visit a dealership to test drive the model you intend to buy.

Edmund's recommends paying attention to safety features, performance factors, design and comfort, visibility, handling, acceleration and braking.

- Check with your insurance company to make sure the cost of insuring the vehicle you choose falls within your budget.

In Collins' case, she knew ahead of time what she could afford to make in car payments, but she said that "the insurance is really, really expensive and the best deal I can get is \$175 a month." In a month, Collins will be 21 and her monthly insurance rates will decrease by \$50. The Mustang is in Collins' and her boyfriend's names. She makes the car payments and he pays for the insurance.

- Contact your bank or credit union to obtain loan-rate information.



Collins financed the car for five years through her bank. She said she thinks her interest rate is 9.5 percent.

- Determine the approximate trade-in and market values for the vehicle. The trade-in and market values can be located through the Edmund's home-

page. Another source is NADA Used Car Guide.

According to Edmund's, market value is a fair price to expect to pay whether buying or selling a car. If selling a used car, Edmund's recommended striving to get trade-in value for the car.

- Bargain for the best price.

Visiting several dealerships and private individuals increases chances for getting a good deal.

- Take the vehicle to a certified mechanic to have it checked out.

- If your present vehicle will be used as a trade-in, negotiate the best possible value for it.

Try to accept an amount that is not less than 3 percent below the vehicle's trade-in value. Collins said that she is "selling her other car outright" because the dealer did not offer the price she expected to get. She said she knew other people who would buy her old car for a higher price than the dealer offered.

- Add applicable state and/or local taxes and registration fees.

Unlike some car shoppers, Collins did not have to haggle over a price. She said her boyfriend knows the dealer where she bought the car.

One thing Edmund's didn't mention is knowing how to drive the car. In Collins' case she has a learning curve. As she put it, "It's green. It's beautiful. I love it, although I can't drive it."

Not yet anyway. Collins doesn't know how to drive a standard. "My dad was like, 'You bought a car without knowing how to drive it?'" she said.

"Everyone is trying to give me clues. I just hope I don't mess up the engine," she said. Collins said she felt nervous the first time she drove the Mustang. She and her boyfriend are trying to find another standard so she can learn how to drive it, she said.

Whether buying a new or used vehicle, it pays to do research.

story by **Christine P. Anderson**

