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# Warrant issued in Buskirk burglary

by **BRANDON GUNNOE**  
reporter

The suspect involved in the recent Peeping Tom incident at Buskirk Hall has been positively identified.

On Monday Cpl. Angie Howell of the MUPD obtained a burglary warrant from the Cabell County Magistrate Court for the arrest of the identified man.

Magistrate Betty Wolford issued the warrant after the man was positively identified in a six-person photo line-up by

witnesses.

"We're looking for him, especially around Buskirk Hall," Howell said.

Thursday Jan. 21, at 6:45 p.m., on the fifth floor of Buskirk Hall, a victim stated that a white male opened the shower curtain and said "Sorry, wrong room." The victim chased the man down the hall and he fled.

Witnesses also reported that the man was going into open rooms plundering through peo-

ple's belongings.

Nothing has been reported stolen, but because he was looking around in a residential area, a burglary warrant can be issued.

Capt. Mark Rhodes and Cpl. Howell conducted a meeting with resident advisers and the resident director to apprise them of the situation and what procedures to take if anyone spots the perpetrator.

The resident advisers then had a meeting with all the residents on the floor to alert them.

The man does have a rap

sheet and the burglary warrant is a felony, according to the MUPD.

The man is a white male, approximately 5-foot-10 and weighs about 160 pounds. He has scrubby facial hair and has often been seen with a band-aid on the right side of his neck. He has short dark hair and dark brown eyes and has been seen wearing dark colored jeans and a black suede jacket.

The MUPD would not release his name or other identifying information due to the case still being under investigation.

This is only one of the many

incidents that have occurred. On Dec. 10 a resident of Holderby Hall reported that a black male grabbed her by her arm through the shower curtain. On Dec. 13 a resident of the same hall reported a black male in the women's restroom. She screamed and he fled.

On that same day, another resident of Holderby Hall spotted a black male in the women's restroom.

MUPD is urging everyone to keep their eyes open for any suspicious characters.

"If you see him, please call us immediately," Howell said.

## DESCRIPTION

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## Growth increases need for professors

### New teaching, delivery systems under study in future planning

by **ANNA M. KNIGHTON**  
reporter

Marshall must have the faculty and other support services if it is to successfully cope with anticipated growth, according to its chief academic administrator.

"If the university increases as it is ready and if it has the faculty and support services that are necessary it will have no problem coping with the growth expected," Dr. Sarah N. Denman, vice president for academic affairs, said.

The Committee on the Future of Marshall, formed by President J. Wade Gilley, is looking at growth on campus and is trying to examine all areas being affected, such as the faculty.

"We are ultimately looking five to 20 years down the road at what kind of enrollment Marshall can handle and what resources are necessary for us to do it," she said.

"First you have to look at where the increase in enrollment will occur. Will it be at the undergraduate, graduate, or just with people coming back to the university to retool in some courses to make themselves more marketable?"

After the university officials determine where the growth will be, Denman said they must consider how many faculty will be needed.

"The biggest part of what this committee is going to examine is what kinds of faculty we need in order to meet all of the students' needs," Denman said.

"In order to do that you want to keep your student-teacher ratio where we consider to be a very good, workable thing for both students and faculty. The whole idea of this committee is to plan so that we move together rather than catch up."

The committee wants to keep classroom sizes pretty much the same because it has been successful, Denman said. "Students are on this committee as well and they are telling us that students do not want larger classes.

"The most important thing to Marshall is that we pride ourselves on the fact that we do not have large classes. If you go to some institutions, freshmen might be in a class of 500 and we don't want to go down that road.

"That is something we have never had here at Marshall. It

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**Dr. Sarah N. Denman,**  
vice president of academic affairs

is not something we want and it is part of our reputation we are built on to have small classes."

Committee members have received suggestions from other officials at institutions that Marshall could experiment with larger lecture classes one day and smaller sections the other days, she said.

"We want to give that kind of flexibility to the faculty in the colleges to experiment, but we would not tell them ever that they have to do that," Denman said.

Delivery methods possible with new technology is an issue the committee is examining, such as greater use of Internet, satellite and other distant learning approaches, she said.

The educational process or delivery methods primarily would be determined by faculty members, Denman said.

Faculty members prefer to teach according to what they think is the best way to present the material and the best way students will learn, she said.

"The discipline will drive ultimately on how the faculty member structures the class," Denman said.

Technology opens so many different avenues and opportunities for students, Denman said.

"I think one thing as an institution we are trying to make sure of is that there is the best training possible for the faculty in the use of technology in teaching is available," she said.

"If faculty members decide to use technology in the classroom we have a support system through training classes that would assist them.

"You can not build a technology system without the support system and the resources to support it."

## Gather ye all to hear 'Othello'

by **CONNIE NICHOLS**  
reporter

Both were paid jobs. Both offers were for the lead role in Shakespeare's "Othello."

One was in New York. One was in Huntington, W.Va.

The actor chose Huntington. "I had job offers ... paid jobs in New York, where I live ... one was for the role of Othello on a New York tour," said Marc Ewing, actor, writer and director. "This one [in Huntington] seemed more appealing."

Ewing has performed in contemporary and Shakespearean theater; in film and on television, with roles on New York Undercover and All My Children, along with several others. But, his passion lies in the theater, particularly Shakespearean works, he said.

Speaking of passion, Ewing said he will share what he has learned during "An Evening with Othello" in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse presentation tonight.

Anyone interested in acting or drama is encouraged to attend the casual discussion, Ewing said.

"I would like to see African Americans there, for no other reason than recognition of the arts," Ewing said. "I would like to see us more involved in the arts," said Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs and coordinator for the Center of African American Students.

"There is typically not a large turnout for guest speaker programs, unless they are linked with specific departments," "I never feel bad or negative [about small turnouts]...even if the group is small, we are meeting the needs of students," Blue said. "So, they can get information, interact and be encouraged."

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"We're competing with the basketball game [Marshall plays Ball State tonight]," Blue said. "So we're looking for those additional people to attend this event."

Passion is vital in whatever one chooses to do, Ewing said. Prior to his acting career, he was a self-described passionate furniture designer.

"In the furniture business," Ewing said, "I was noted and published. I had my own business. Stopping all that five years ago to start training and trying to get acting jobs ... that was very significant for me."

"Now, as much as I love furniture," Ewing said, smiling, "I can't live without acting ... without the theater."

Ewing plans to share, not only what he has learned about the acting profession, but also about passion and believing in one's self.

"As long as you believe ... and believe ... and believe, and then reaffirm what you believe ... something will happen," Ewing said.

Othello is a noble character, according to Ewing, just all of Shakespeare's work is filled with nobility.

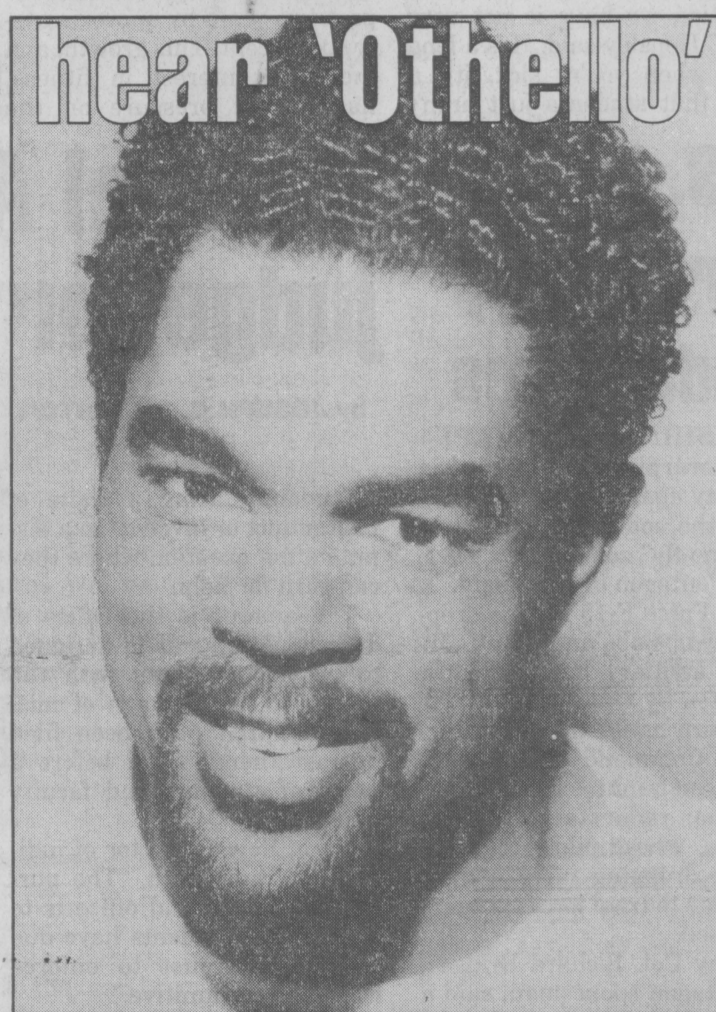
"It's larger than life and very poetic," Ewing said.

The grand poetic scale is one reason Ewing chose the role during Black History Month. Often, Ewing said, African Americans forget they were part of that history.

Born in New Jersey and having grown up in Youngstown, Ohio, Ewing said he was raised in a very supportive, two-parent, middle-class home.

"I know what I needed to look up to," Ewing said.

Black History Month is the one time of year when people acknowledge the accomplish-



Actor Marc Ewing, who plays the lead role in "Othello," is speaking at 6:30 p.m. today as part of Black History Month.

## Black History Month

### "An Evening with Othello"

6:30 p.m., today in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse  
Marc Ewing, actor, writer and director, shares what he has learned.

### "Soul Food Feast"

3 p.m. Sunday in Campus Christian Center  
Tickets are \$4 for students and \$7 for adults.

### Kevin Powell

7 p.m., Tuesday in Memorial Student Center Don Morris Room  
Poet, journalist and "The Real World" cast member

### "Othello" by William Shakespeare

8 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday in Joan C. Edwards Playhouse  
Presented by the theater department and will feature Marc Ewing.

### Dr. Greer Dawson Wilson

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Alumni Lounge of the MSC  
Featured on PBS' "Tony Brown's Journal", will speak.

Information is available by contacting the African American Students' Program at 696-6705.

## Conference to focus on feminism

by **BLAINE MULLINS**  
reporter

Opportunity awaits students to participate in Marshall's second interdisciplinary conference Thursday and Friday 1-4:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The conference, funded by multicultural affairs and international programs, will give students a chance to interact in expressing their views about women and feminism in the modern world.

"One thing we want to accomplish is to have this scholarly

meeting available for students to see, because we don't have many conferences at Marshall," said Dr. Jeff Powell, assistant professor of philosophy.

Dr. Amy Hudock, assistant professor of English and women's studies, said the goal of this conference is to create an open discussion of ideas between students and faculty.

"This is an opportunity for students to engage with their professors on an equal level," Hudock said. "It's an empowering situation for students to have their views evaluated the same as the views of their professors. No one will be wearing a tag that says, 'Hi, I'm a

Student.' At these conferences, everyone will be considered as participants."

Hudock, who is scheduled to speak Thursday, will discuss ecofeminism and vegetarianism. "Ecofeminism deals with the parallels between attitudes toward the environment and attitudes toward women," she said.

Hudock used the example of women linked to the idea of Mother Nature to further explain this aspect of feminism.

"There is also a tie in the attitudes toward vegetarianism and attitudes toward women," Hudock explained. "Women are often linked with animals

and vegetarianism. There is a parallel between attitudes that it's OK to kill animals and the idea that it's OK to suppress women."

Other issues to be discussed Thursday include the meaning of feminism for women in Appalachia and feminist perspectives in archeology, Hudock said.

"This issue (women in Appalachia) focuses on the idea that Appalachian women have been stereotyped more than other women in general," she said, "and how these stereo-

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## SGA president proposes new health services site

by CHARLENE CORNELL  
reporter

The Student Government Association (SGA) met Tuesday and discussed the possibility of moving the student health services to make it more accessible for students.

Steve W. Hensley, associate dean for student affairs, discussed this possibility of building a recreation and sports center on Twentieth Street and Third Avenue.

"Next year we will either have plans to relocate the health services or we will have transportation in terms of a shuttle service, because I've heard from other students the situation we have is not very good," Hensley said. "It's a long walk when you're sick, it's a walk that students just aren't

going to make."

Mackenzie Howard, student body president, confirmed the plans. He said that Tom Lovins, director of recreational sports, and Sharon Stanton, assistant director of recreation sports, are working towards getting the approval for the construction.

"They are in the process of gathering 1,600 signatures, they think they should have it by Friday," Howard said. "If they get 1,600 signatures then they'll take it to Gilley ... and the students will have a vote on whether they want the facility or not."

According to the Proposal for the Feasibility study, Marshall's enrollment has grown over the past two years by approximately six percent. This growth, and increased interest in fitness, has caused pressure on the

usage of the facility in the Cam Henderson Center and Gullickson Hall. The center averages 400 to 600 users daily.

The new facility will create healthy alternatives to alcohol and drug abuse by affording more space for recreation.

Currently there is no basketball courts available due to the usage by classes, intramurals and athletic teams. Volleyball and indoor soccer can be played by using the same area. The facility will allow students more places to play sports, according to the proposal.

SGA also passed the Marshall's Newman Center and Delta Epsilon Chi's bills Tuesday. They allow Marshall's Newman Center to receive money for their annual beach retreat and Delta Epsilon Chi to receive money for an upcoming conven-

tion in Orlando, Fl.

Keenan Rhodes, senate president pro-tempore, introduced two bills concerning Marshall's United Nations. They will give the United Nations money for last semester and this semester for expenses and registration fees for a convention in Dayton, Ohio.

SGA's Judiciary committee approved new senators. The senators will replace empty seats left by resignations. Robert Phillips, Richwood, W.Va. freshman, replaced Eric Butler as the senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

Heather Richardson, Ona junior, will fill the empty seat in the College of Education.

"I would like to improve the College of Education," Richardson said. "I have always been interested in student government."

## U.S. fighters strike Iraqi radar sites

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. warplanes engaged in activity against Iraqi forces in both the southern and northern "no-fly" zones early Tuesday, Pentagon officials said.

Air Force F-15 Eagles dropped two bombs on an anti-aircraft artillery battery, after targeted by Iraqi radar in the northern zone, the U.S. European Command announced.

Fifteen minutes later, another Iraqi radar targeted F-15 Eagles, whose pilots responded by dropping more bombs. Damage to Iraqi forces is being assessed.

Army Col. Richard Bridges, a Pentagon spokesman, said a radar site and a missile site were hit in two separate incidents in the south.

He had no details of what types of aircraft were involved in the south, or what weapons were used in the incidents. U.S. aircraft were not damaged, he said.

U.S. planes have engaged in almost daily strikes on Iraqi radar and missile sites in recent weeks as Iraq increased activities apparently aimed at shooting down a U.S. plane. British aircraft occasionally have been involved in similar actions.

Defense Secretary William Cohen dismissed a report Monday in an Iraqi newspaper that President Saddam Hussein has offered a reward of \$14,000 for any Iraqi who shoots down a U.S. plane.

"He's looking for any way he can to try to strike out against the United States and Britain," Cohen said.

## Judicial Affairs acts as jury, judge for troubled students

by JOSEPH C. THORNTON  
reporter

Students facing a claim of misconduct or involved in a dispute often question where they can turn for help.

The answer is the Office of Judicial Affairs. It is designed to provide students with the ability to have claims of misconduct, that have been filed against them, heard before a panel of students and faculty members.

Linda Rowe, director of judicial programs, said, "The purpose of the judicial office is to ensure that students have due process, not just to enforce rules and be punitive."

The judicial affairs program provides students with the process afforded to them by federal and state statutes.

This process includes being charged with an offense, conducting hearings, having sanctions imposed and having the right to appeal all decisions rendered by the hearing board.

Rowe said that many complaints aren't necessarily worth a hearing and other options are available to the students.

"I am willing to work with or to find someone to work with people to mediate disputes, and that is an option fewer people choose than I would like," Rowe said. "A lot of people don't think of coming to this office or even student affairs at all when they have a dispute with someone else."

Many students may often believe that their problems are best solved on their own without the interference of others, but judicial affairs can provide

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Linda Rowe,  
director of judicial programs

another alternative.

"Sometimes it helps to have a third party or an objective person assist with the situation," Rowe said. "Learning how to solve and mediate disputes is not something that always comes naturally, and I've seen a number of cases where things have gone from bad to worse because people did not know how to resolve the dispute."

Any member of the university community can refer individuals or student organizations suspected of violating the code of conduct to the Office of Judicial Affairs. However, the judicial process works very much like that of our nation's court system where you are ultimately judged by a jury of your peers and the outcome

may not always be to your liking.

Rowe said that many students come to her office not understanding their options when it comes to disputes and that often they are frustrated with the actions of others.

"The two things that people come in here attempting to solve are the things that you can't do for them in a traditional judicial setting," Rowe said. "They want the person to understand what they did was wrong and they want them to be truly sorry. We can try to help them understand what they did was wrong, but I can't make them understand what they did was wrong, and that's what we try to do. But I can't make them be truly sorry."

Judicial Affairs is located in the Memorial Student Center, room 2W38. For further information concerning rights and responsibilities you may contact the office at 696-2495.

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## Nichols pushes for reduced sentence

DENVER, Co. (AP) — Terry Nichols' conviction in the Oklahoma City bombing should be overturned because a federal judge refused to allow an FBI whistle blower to testify, Nichols' attorney argued Monday.

Nichols also asked for a reduced sentence, contending the judge used the wrong guidelines to impose a life term.

In a small courtroom crowded with bombing victims and relatives, prosecutor Sean Connolly countered by arguing to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that Nichols got a fair trial and a fair sentence.

"He committed this nation's most deadly conspiracy," he said. "There was nothing unfair about that sentence."

Michael Tigar, Nichols' lawyer, said U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch used guidelines for the charge of murder even though Nichols was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy. In the absence of a reversal, Tigar asked the three-judge panel "to respect the jury's verdict" and reduce Nichols' sentence of life without parole.

Nichols was sentenced last year and ordered to pay \$14.5 million in restitution. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy and sentenced to die for the April 1995 bombing, which killed 168 people. McVeigh is appealing his conviction and sentence to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Bobby Baldock asked Tigar whether it mattered which sentencing guideline was used: involuntary manslaughter or murder.

"If death results, they are just as dead as if it was first-degree murder," Baldock told Tigar.

In asking for the conviction to be overturned, Tigar challenged Matsch's decision to deny FBI whistle blower Frederick Whitehurst an opportunity to testify about fertilizer crystals found on the truck used in the bombing.

Tigar told the appeals court Whitehurst was prepared to offer new research that brought into question prosecutors' claims that fertilizer crystals found on truck pieces could have survived a night in the rain.

Tigar said Whitehurst was threatened with losing his job if he helped Nichols' attorneys. Connolly said Whitehurst was not threatened and in fact offered to testify for Nichols.

During the trial, prosecutors said Nichols joined with McVeigh in helping get bomb materials — including two tons of ammonium nitrate — burglarizing an explosives quarry, robbing a firearms collector and renting storage sheds.

Lawyers expect a ruling within about three months.

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## Police Blotter

by **BRANDON GUNNOE**  
reporter

The following information was taken from Marshall University police reports:

**■ Possession of marijuana.** Police responded to a complaint of a strong smell of marijuana coming from a room in Twin Towers West at 12:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Police issued an arrest citation to Jessica B. Sampson and Adhikari Rukhmini for possession of marijuana.

**■ Possession of marijuana.** While officers were conducting a security check of the Sorrell maintenance building, they detected a strong marijuana smell coming from a parked vehicle on that lot. Police issued an arrest citation to Wade A. Hughes for possession of marijuana.

The subject, an employee of Aeroclean, said he was on break. Officers confiscated a small plastic bag which appeared to contain marijuana.

**■ Larceny.** A man reported at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, that an unknown person or persons stole two center caps from the wheels of his 1995 GMC Jimmy Sport. This occurred in the residence hall parking lot on the 1800 block of 6th Ave.

**■ Petit Larceny.** A woman reported at 3:35 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, that an unknown person or persons had stolen her billfold while she was working at the University Physicians building. The incident occurred between 7 and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22.

**■ Breaking and entering.** In a follow-up on the recent larceny and vandalism in the men's basketball locker room area, the MUPD

obtained written statements from three juveniles of their involvement. Petitions were issued.

**■ Peeping Tom.** In a follow-up on the recent peeping tom in Buskirk Hall, the suspicious white male who opened a shower curtain and said "Sorry, wrong room," was identified by witnesses.

On Monday, Feb. 1, a burglary warrant was issued by the Cabell County Magistrate Court for the arrest of the identified white male.

**■ Unlawful drinking under 21.** Officers responded to a disturbance in the lobby of Twin Towers West. Police issued an arrest citation to Nicole J. Battle at 3:52 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, for underage drinking.

The police report said Battle improperly signed in six male guests, smelled of alcohol and had glassy eyes. Battle admitted to drinking at the Stoned Monkey.

**■ Larceny.** Associated with the above incident, Battle's roommate reported that person or persons unknown had stolen her cellular phone from her room in Twin Towers West at 2:20 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

**■ Forgery.** A complainant reported at 4:17 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, that a person or persons unknown between Jan. 11 and Jan. 21, had removed an unsigned check for \$375 and cashed it at 20th Street Bank.

**■ Credit card fraud.** A woman reported at 4:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, that someone had stolen her Citibank Visa card out of the mail room in Twin Towers West sometime in December.

This is the second occurrence of this type in Twin Towers West.

## Students can now receive a BBA in their underwear

by **DEVON M. KELLY**  
reporter

Students may now receive a degree without coming to campus or changing from their bathrobe thanks to a new degree proposed by the Lewis College of Business (LCOB).

The LCOB has developed a new major, business science and technology, via the Internet, for students that are unable to come to campus.

The recommendation for approval of this new program was passed in the Faculty Senate meeting Thursday, Jan. 28, and is now ready for President J. Wade Gilley's

consideration.

The University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees requested in the summer of 1998 that the LCOB develop a business science and technology major. If president Gilley signs the recommendation, the program will begin in fall 1999.

The admissions standards for the business science and technology degree are the same as those in effect for the LCOB undergraduate programs, according to the proposal. For all students pursuing the B.B.A. (Baccalaureate of Business Administration) degree in this major, classes

will be on the same timetable that governs all of the university's courses.

Enrollment for each course is restricted to a maximum of 30 students. The possibility of class overloads will be determined on a case by case basis, according to the proposal. Students in this major will still take the pre-business requirements in the LCOB in addition to the major requirements.

The prerequisites courses for the major requirements are available on-line either at <http://www.marshall.edu> or through the SREC (Southern Regional Electronic Campus): <http://www.srec.sreb.org>.

## Student fees work in many areas

by **KRISTA CRAWFORD**  
reporter

Student fees are used to support many different departments and organizations, each of which are allotted a predetermined amount of those fees.

Every penny of the \$202 activity, athletic and student center fees is accounted for, according to a document issued by the bursar.

Robert Collier, manager of student accounts in the Office of the Bursar said while fees for full-time students are predetermined, fees for part-time students are calculated by the number of hours being taken.

The \$94 activity fee accounts for the majority of the \$202

full-time students are required to pay each semester.

This money is divided, in varying amounts, among 19 different groups and departments.

The largest amount of the activity fee, \$28.35, is given to Health Services. The smallest amount, 10 cents, is given to Campus Crime Watch.

Other groups that receive fees include the African American Center, the Marshall Artists Series and the Student Government Association.

The Athletic Department receives a \$72 athletic fee, a \$7 increase from last year.

Student center fees account for the remaining \$36 which is divided equally between student center bonds and student

center operations.

Student center bonds are used to repay bonds issued to build the center.

"For a full-time student, fees were \$193 last year," Collier said.

Collier explained the increase. "The student center fees stayed the same," he pointed out. "The activity fees [athletic fees combined with the other fees] were \$157, where they are \$166 this year."

Collier said every fall semester, budget proposals from the groups that receive fees have to be approved by Herbert J. Karlet, vice president of finance, and President J. Wade Gilley.

Proposals then have to be approved by the state.

## Feminism to be discussed

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types depict Appalachian women as fat, lazy and uneducated are harmful."

Dr. Mary Moore, assistant professor of English, will present a paper Friday about a Victorian concept known as the Language of Flowers. "It's a set of ideas taken from (the philosophical writer) Claudette Sartillot," Moore explained. "She [Sartillot] believes that flowers, because of their biological nature (of both genders), symbolize the two genders as joined instead of opposing one another," Moore said.

Powell chose feminism as the subject of this conference and said it should increase an awareness of women's rights

and feminist issues.

"I chose the topic because there are many people working in the area of feminism in most of the departments and disciplines at this university," Powellsaid.

"My drive in this, or how I got exposed, is that many of the figures writing in French feminism (one of the topics to be discussed Thursday) have been influenced by some of the philosophers in whom I have an interest, such as Jacques Derrida and Michel Foucault."

Both days of the conference are free to students and the

## Othello at MU

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ments of black Americans and look at them as potential role models, Ewing said.

"We need role models," Ewing said. "It is important for everyone, regardless of race, to recognize the accomplishments of African Americans and their integral roles as part of America."

"He [Ewing] has a lot to share," Blue said. "Not only with students, but with faculty so they can learn what they can do, departmentally, to improve."

"He's going to provide a good discussion," Blue said. "Whether it's with one person, ten or twenty, it will be informative."

Othello is today at 6:30 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Admission is free. For more information call 696-2787.

## briefly...

### Residents are hopping mad

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Off-roaders are hopping mad over toads.

The U.S. Forest Service last week closed about 3,000 acres of Angeles National Forest trails, streams and a campground until 2003 to protect the endangered arroyo southwestern toad.

Off-road vehicle enthusiasts are furious.

"We understand about the toad, but they're taking all the recreation out of the area. They're making humans endangered on public land," said Scott Moser of the desert community of Littlerock.

Moser was among a group of about 40 off-roaders gathered outside the newly locked gate to the Littlerock Reservoir on Sunday to protest the Jan. 25 decision to close 17 miles of their favorite trails.

"This isn't about the toads, it's about us," said Jack Rosema of Lancaster. "The Forest Service has been trying to get rid of off-roaders for the past five or six years. They blame us for the trash and all the damage here, but it's not us doing it."



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## OUR VIEW

# Why wait to arrest suspect?

MUPD officers are waiting a couple of days before they bring in a man suspected of burglary in Buskirk Hall — that is unless he happens to wander into the "wrong room."

MUPD has a warrant for the arrest of a man who allegedly pulled back a shower curtain in Buskirk Hall and told the female inside that he had the "wrong room." The warrant for this man's arrest is for burglary, a felony, because he was in a residential area.

On page one of today's Parthenon Cpl. Angie Howell is quoted as saying that MUPD is searching for the suspect, especially around Buskirk Hall.

Because of jurisdictional guidelines, MUPD officers cannot go to this man's residence and arrest him. Howell said they do not know the suspect's address but do know the general location of his home in a neighboring state.

Howell said MUPD officers are waiting a few days before they consider contacting police near the man's home to have them arrest him. In the meantime, Howell said they know what type of vehicle he drives and they will keep an eye out for him on campus.

Howell said MUPD officers want to apprehend the suspect because they want to question him. Although that would be beneficial for MUPD in building a case against this suspect, is it worth risking the safety of students?

If officers know where this man lives, he should be apprehended. MUPD should work with other police forces that have the jurisdiction to arrest this suspect. The criminal justice system is designed so that suspects can be apprehended in other states and then extradited to the state in which they are accused of a crime. We believe this should have been MUPD's first action.

Law enforcement agencies should maintain strong working relationships, so that in cases such as this one, suspects can be immediately apprehended.

This suspect has been positively identified in a photo lineup, and according to MUPD there are several witnesses in this case. There was enough evidence for a warrant to be issued, therefore, there is enough evidence for police to apprehend this suspect now. Why wait and give him the chance to come back and put students in jeopardy again?

We think this case is serious enough that MUPD should not wait for this man to show up near campus. It is probably not to comforting for residents of Buskirk Hall to know this suspect will not be apprehended unless he is spotted near campus or happens to be picked up on a routine traffic violation by other officials.

We understand in an ideal situation MUPD officers would like to be the first ones to question this suspect. After all, this is their case. But above this concern is the safety of students who live in Buskirk Hall — and, for that matter, the safety of everyone.

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## YOUR VIEW

# Gambling not harmless entertainment

**Dear Editor:**  
"Gambling Fever: has engulfed the West Virginia Legislature again."

Lobbyist all over the country have sold states a bill of goods that hasn't panned out. The so called "ticket out of poverty" and "more money for schools" is nothing more than a scam.

Gambling has even been given other names, such as "gaming" or "harmless entertainment."

There are several things that have been kept away from the public. Did you know the U.S. Bureau of the Census reported Americans gamble more money each year than they spend on groceries?

More than \$600 billion is wagered legally in the United States annually. Nearly one in five homeless people admit that gambling contributed to their

poverty.

The thousands of video poker machines are referred to as the "crack cocaine of gambling" according to a TIME Magazine article.

How high are the stakes? There are no dollar amounts that can be placed on the lives that are ruined by addictive gambling — teenagers being a group that has been greatly affected although the average addicted gambler is middle-aged.

What about the families whose lives have been ruined in the quicksand of debt from gambling? Fraud, crime, broken homes all are inevitable.

We hear of the "success stories" of gambling in Atlantic City, NJ. The lavish casinos light up the main thoroughfare of the city but the vacant land a

block or two on either side resembles a bombed-out war zone. Businesses have gone broke and are now replaced with run-down houses, homeless shelters and pawn shops. Unemployment is also three times the national average according to the New Jersey Office of Labor Planning.

So many of our politicians continue to dance to the beat of gambling interest in Charleston. One need only look at their financial campaign reports from gambling interests. They should feel our displeasure.

Contact your House of Delegate and State Senator and let them know you will hold them accountable at the ballot box if they legalize gambling in our state.

**Alice Click**  
— Mt. Alto

# CD-ROM books can become obsolete, too

Ok jump ahead 40 years to the year 2039. You decide you want to look at some memories of days gone by. So you look around to find your old yearbooks.

The memories are not so clear now that the years have passed by, thank god for the yearbook.

After about an hour or two of looking in boxes in the attic and through the garage, you finally find what you had been looking for.

Your 1999 Marshall Univers-

ity yearbook. Wait a minute, it does not have pages, or isn't even made of paper. It is a CD-ROM for your personal computer.

Wow now this is really bringing back the memories now. The book form was showing little interest from students, so they switched to this form. It really is a shame that CD-ROM's are now obsolete.

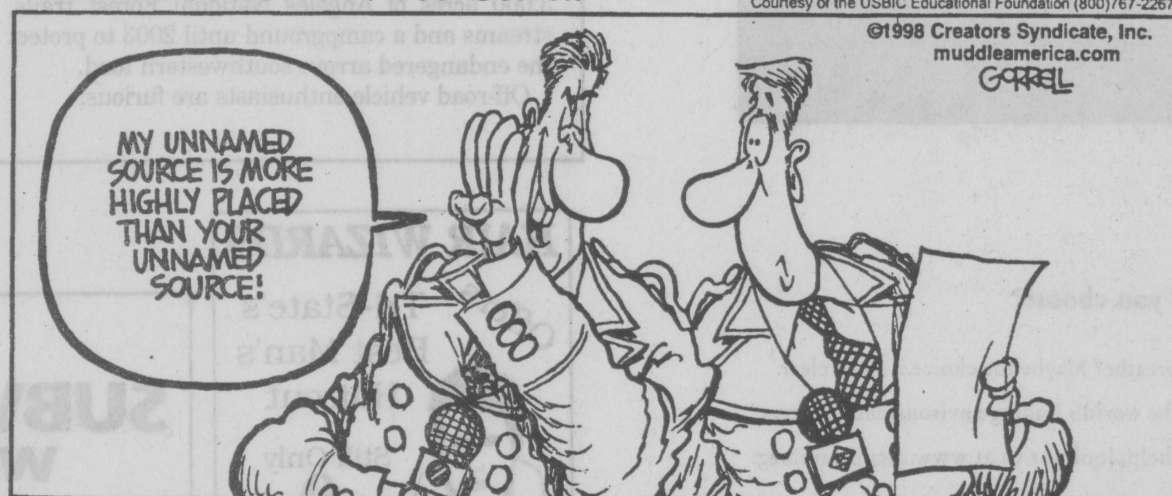
How will I look back on all the memories? How will I see old

pictures of days gone by? Who won that last football or basketball game? Its too bad that this was not published in a book. It would still be in my possession today, and it would always be ready to be opened.

Well, there will always be my high school yearbook memories to cherish. Thank goodness that they are able to still be opened.

**Joab Dellinger,**  
Pekin, Ill. freshman

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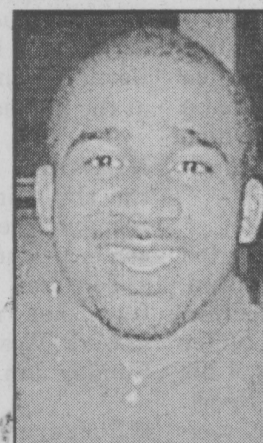
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## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

In an informal survey, students were asked what concerns they had regarding the anticipated increase in enrollment to 20,000 students in 2000.



*"I anticipate there will be overcrowding and possibly a rise in crime on campus. But then, it could have its positive outcomes such as more student involvement and school spirit."*

— **Markus McCoy,**  
Logan freshman



*"It would definitely damage the professor-student relationship. I think smaller classrooms provide more hands-on experience in group activities. It would also probably be harder to get into classes."*

— **Marsha Walsh,**  
Chapmanville junior



*"I guess the cost of tuition would increase."*

— **Erika Milstea,**  
Huntington freshman

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# Sports

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## Herd aims to snap four-game streak

by CHAD PENNINGTON  
reporter

It has been a week of emotions, or lack thereof at times, for the men's basketball team.

"I think we got down after we lost those two games (to the Miami RedHawks and West Virginia)" sophomore guard Joda Burgess said. "Nobody came out with emotion (for the Ohio game). That's what's really hurting us right now."

After losing to Ohio University 86-73 Saturday in Athens, Ohio, the Thundering Herd will try to end a four-game losing streak against Ball State University today at 7 p.m. at Cam Henderson Center.

The Herd will face a Ball State team which has won six of its last seven games and is in second place in the west division of the Mid-American Conference. The Cardinals are 13-6 overall and 7-4 in the conference.

Ball State averages 67.9 points per game (ppg), 9.5 ppg less than Marshall. Cardinals assistant coach John Fitzpatrick said the team has used a total team effort to win ballgames.

"We're a blue-collar type team," Fitzpatrick said. "We have to play with tremendous energy and enthusiasm to be effective."

The Cardinals are led by junior guard Duane Clemens. Clemens

*"We need to get our chemistry back. We've got to come out and play hard. If we play hard, we can beat anybody."*

Joda Burgess,  
sophomore guard

leads the conference in steals (2.95 per game) and is seventh in scoring average at 16.3 ppg. In conference play, the Muncie, Ind. native has averaged 18.5 ppg.

Clemens is the only Cardinal averaging double figures in scoring. Marcus Mason, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, is second on the team with 9.4 ppg. Sophomore Cedric Moodie averages 8.8 ppg and freshman Josh Murray leads the team in rebounding averaging 5.7 per game.

Unlike Ball State, Marshall has not had much success over the past four games. The Herd has lost by an average of nine points per game in the four losses and has continued its road woes.

Marshall's leading scorer Travis Young believes lack of communication has caused the slump.

"In the Ohio game, it was (lack of) communication and mental breakdowns," Young said. "We've

got to communicate better."

Young is trying to regain shooting confidence after suffering a left calf strain in early January. Before his 17-point performance against Ohio, the sophomore guard had not reached double figures in four games.

"I just have to keep working on my game," Young said. "I've never played with an injury before, and I've had to fight through it."

With the loss to Ohio, Marshall dropped to 11-9 overall and 6-6 in the conference, including three straight conference losses. Ohio improved to 14-6 overall and 9-3 in the conference.

The Herd would be the eighth and final seed for the second consecutive year if the conference tournament began today.

"We need to get our chemistry back," Burgess said. "We've got to come out and play hard."

"If we play hard, we can beat anybody."

Fitzpatrick knows the Herd is still a dangerous team.

"We're giving Marshall the respect of an upper echelon team," he said. "We feel we have to prepare for a tough, physical basketball game."

Burgess said the Herd must bring its best effort each game to win.

"If we play hard and take care of ourselves, we think we can win the game," he said.

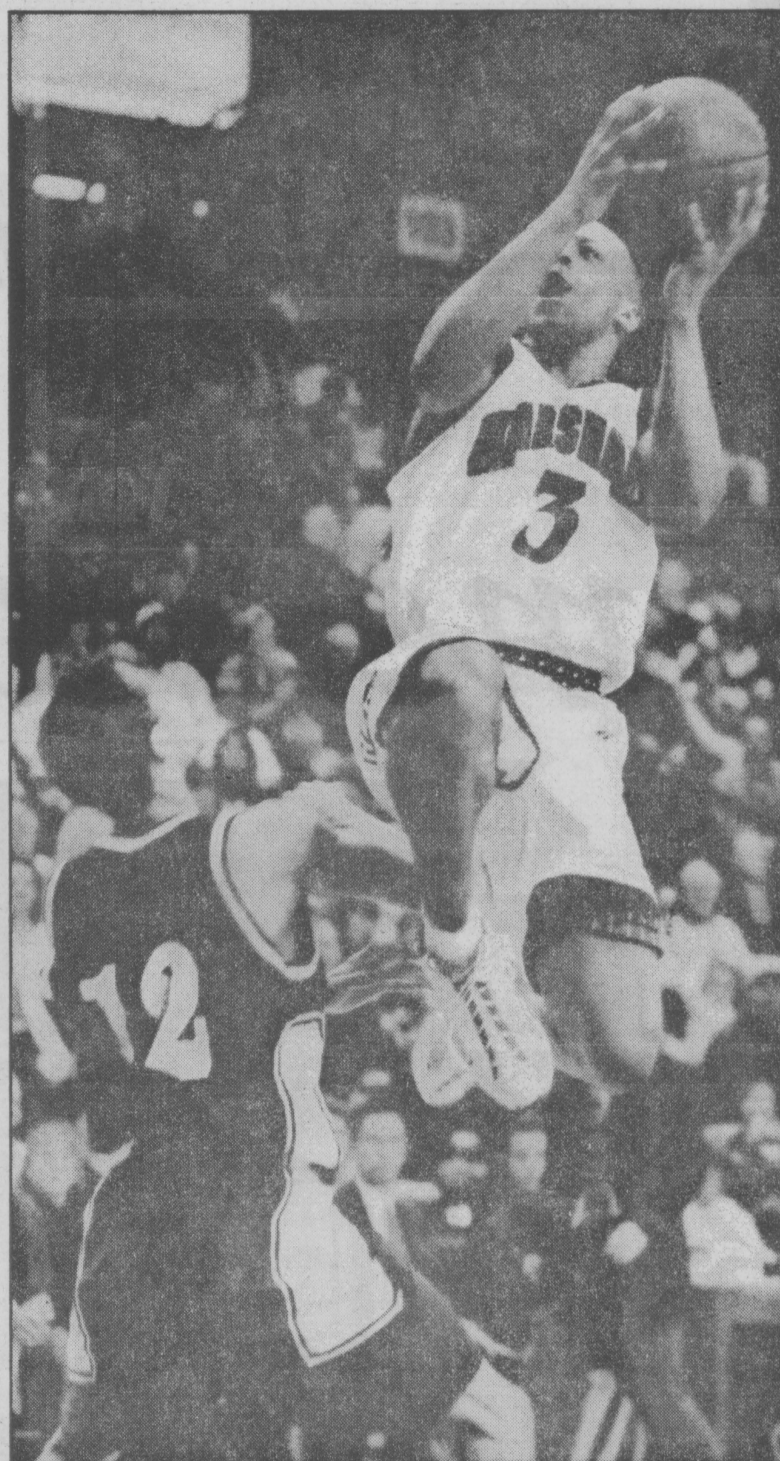


Photo by Brett Hall

Marshall's Travis Young will face Ball State with an injured leg.

## Payton's condition is 'unknown'

CHICAGO (AP) — NFL great Walter Payton is receiving treatment for an unspecified medical condition that is not life-threatening, his brother said Tuesday.

The health of the 44-year-old Hall of Famer has been in question since he appeared gaunt at his son Jarrett's news conference last week to announce he would play football for the University of Miami.

Payton, the NFL's career rushing leader, had lost a great deal of weight.

Eddie Payton, the golf coach at Jackson State, did not want to say what was wrong with his brother until a news conference. He did say, however, that it is "nothing that he's contracted."

"The reason he called the news conference is because he wanted to get the right information out. All the rumors that (it) could possibly be, it's not," Eddie Payton said. "It's something that's not immediately life-threatening and he wouldn't mind talking about it."

Asked about what his brother said, Walter Payton refused to comment.

"He doesn't know what he's talking about, but he's talking," Walter Payton said on his weekly radio show on WSCR.

## IOC criticized for drug policy

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The U.S. anti-drug chief tore into the IOC Tuesday, saying its legitimacy has been damaged by "alleged corruption, lack of accountability and the failure of leadership" in the Olympics bribery scandal.

"These events have tarnished the credibility of the movement," Barry McCaffrey, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, told the opening of an anti-doping conference.

McCaffrey and European government officials demanded that a proposed anti-doping agency be kept out of the control of the scandal-tainted IOC.

German Interior Minister Otto Schily suggested that Juan Antonio Samaranch quit as president of the International Olympic Committee and called the organization a harmful "constitutional monarchy in sports."

Schily, in an apparent reference to Samaranch, said on German television, "everyone

must know when it's time to go."

The IOC's plan to develop uniform drug-related sanctions for all Olympic federations suffered another setback, as even one IOC executive committee member saying that such a system would not stand up in court.

In his opening address to the three-day conference, Samaranch called for a new drive to wipe out "this odious and unhealthy form of cheating."

He could not avoid the focus of attention being turned on the corruption scandals, which have plunged the IOC into the worst crisis of its 105-year history.

Nine IOC members have resigned or been expelled for receiving cash payments, gifts and other favors stemming from Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games. But representatives of several governments said the core of the IOC's credibility had been hurt.

McCaffrey urged the IOC "to consider institutional reform,

open books and financial records." He called for "an elected membership that is accountable and responsible."

The British sports minister was equally blunt.

"Their internal system of organization and election must be based on democracy, accountability and honesty," Tony Banks said. "The British government expects the IOC to clean up its act."

The government officials repeatedly said the proposed anti-doping agency must be fully independent and not controlled by the IOC.

Samaranch said the agency should be "autonomous." Over the weekend, he proposed that the Olympic drug chief Prince Alexandre de Merode head the agency on a day-to-day basis.

"We don't believe the IOC should be that agency. The issue of doping goes beyond the IOC," said Banks, who suggested the body be created under the aegis of the United Nations or World Health Organization.

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### Celtic band provides Irish and Scottish dance music

Shenanigans!, a celtic band comprised of Marshall staff and students, performs Thursdays at 8:30 at the Calamity Cafe. The band will also perform their Irish and Scottish music during a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

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# Home sweet home



## Habitat for Humanity helps in building home for family

Photos and story by  
**STEPHANIE M. LEMASTERS**

Home is where the heart is. That may be what Linda McComas thought after she moved into her new home Jan. 16.

McComas was able to make her move courtesy of Habitat for Humanity and a lot of friends.

McComas, a building service worker who has been employed at Marshall for 10 years, was only recently able to give her granddaughters their own rooms and herself some privacy.

"I inherited two kids, and we all lived in a one-bedroom apartment," McComas said. "Now we have more space, three bedrooms and more privacy. It's a dream come true."

But McComas could not have done it by herself. Dozens of friends, faculty and family helped her achieve her dream.

Sherry Brooks, S.C.O.R.E.S. director, said publicity helped attract students and faculty to assist in building the house.

"We sent fliers, news releases, notified people of existence of such a thing and asked if they would donate their time and service to help," Brooks said. "Most of the people had no skills at all, but we gave them paint brushes and they got right to it."

Three criteria must be met to be eligible for a Habitat for Humanity house.

First, the applicants must be living in inadequate housing. Then, their income must allow them to pay the mortgage, but not high enough to afford a house outright. Finally, they must be willing to put in sweat equity hours on the project.

Orelle Jackson, executive director of the Huntington chapter of Habitat for Humanity, said the new owner must put in 350 hours of sweat equity.

"This is a hand up, not a handout," Jackson said. "Yes, the owner must work, and they work harder than most, but friends and family can volunteer to help out with the hours."

"This way, the owners can get to know others, see families work for a common goal, and help build a stronger community."

Jackson said a potential homeowner must send in an application for a house.

"If it is approved, we take it from there,"

Jackson said. "We have built 33 houses in Huntington and Kenova since we got here."

McComas said she has been waiting a long time for this.

"I put in my application two-and-a-half years ago," McComas said. "They finally called and said that a site, donated or purchased, had become available. They told me I was next in line and to let them know if I liked the site or not."

Brooks, who was assigned to a different committee after the ground breaking had occurred, said she had developed a bond with McComas and wanted to see the project through.

"It is such a wonderful feeling," Brooks said. "I am so happy for Linda and her grandchildren. She was in desperate need of a new home and more space."

"It was a wonderful feeling that the entire campus community helped out and volunteered their time for this."

McComas agreed.

"I couldn't have done this without the moral support from friends," McComas said. "I want to especially thank the faculty, staff and volunteers from the bottom of my heart. They helped make my dream come true."

"I also thank the volunteers from Habitat for Humanity. They are really swell people who worked hard on the house and took their time. They want people to better themselves, they want lower class people to say 'I did this, it can be done.'"

McComas said she went through Habitat for Humanity because of the convenience.

"It was the most convenient, cheapest way for a low-income family to get a home," McComas said. "There is no interest, and you just make payments. It will be yours eventually, and it's a good program to participate in."

"You start from the ground up. You watch something turn from a brick ... to a house."

"It's such an enormous, overwhelming great feeling. I really accomplished this. It really sneaks up on you, though. You are actually a part of this. That's what makes it so special."

McComas said dreams are not out of reach.

"Don't let anyone tell you that dreams are impossible," McComas said. "No they're not. They're possible."



**ABOVE:** Linda McComas and her granddaughters now have a new three-bedroom house to call home.

**LEFT:** McComas uses her new kitchen, which was built by Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

**BELOW:** McComas and her granddaughters watch television in their living room. "You start from the ground up. You watch something turn from a brick, something small, to a house, something unreal," McComas said.

