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Page edited by Jacob Messer

# Students may receive aid

by KRISTA CRAWFORD  
reporter

There is now "hope" that the federal government will provide financial aid for students in their "lifetime of learning."

In accordance with the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Marshall will be implementing the Hope Scholarship Credits and Lifetime Learning Scholarship Credits for students and families.

"It's a good deal for both students and taxpayers," said Barry Beckett, director of student financial systems.

The Hope Scholarship Credit provides each student with up to \$1,500 per year.

To be eligible for the Hope tax credit, students must be in their first two years of post-secondary education.

Also, they must be at least part-time students.

With the Hope tax credit, students may be credited 100 percent of their first \$1,000 of qualified tuition and related fees paid during the tax year and 50 percent of the next \$1,000.

"Qualified tuition and related expenses" are the tuition

and fees an individual is required to pay in order to be enrolled at an institution.

Charges and fees associated with room, board, student activities, athletics, insurance, books, equipment, transportation as well as similar personal, living or family expenses are not included.

The Hope Scholarship Credit may be claimed for payments made on or after Jan. 1, 1998. It can be used for academic periods beginning after that date.

First-time taxpayers will be able to claim the Hope tax

credit when they file their 1998 tax returns.

It is not available for any amount paid in 1997.

The Lifetime Learning Credit provides each student with up to \$1,000 per year. It is open to juniors, seniors and graduate students.

Students who apply for the Lifetime Learning Credit are not required to take a certain amount of classes to be eligible. They can use it for an unlimited number of years.

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## Public employees to rally against costlier insurance

Marshall faculty and staff members will be among those rallying against higher insurance costs today on the steps of the capitol building in Charleston.

Dr. Joseph W. Wyatt, psychology professor and vice chairman of Marshall University American Federation of Teachers will present two petitions to legislators at noon today at the capitol.

One petition is against cost increases of Public Employees Insurance Agency. The other is a call for tuition waivers for faculty, staff and their immediate family members.

Wyatt said tuition waivers are needed to recruit and retain qualified professors.

"Two thirds of all states in the nation and all five states bordering West Virginia have tuition waivers," he said.

The petitions were available for students, faculty and staff to sign in the Memorial Student Center three days a week for four weeks in January and into February.

Wyatt said the petitions will be turned in to legislators who can help petitioners accomplish their goals. He said he did not know how many Marshall employees would attend the rally.

"Probably just a few," he said. "We don't need to have very many, and of course, many can't go because they will be teaching."

## Graduation ceremony relocated

by TONDREA DAVIS  
reporter

An outdoor graduation was scheduled to occur on campus 29 years ago, but rain forced graduates to retreat to the Keith Albee Theatre.

It was not rain this year, but fire regulations that changed graduation plans.

The commencement ceremony has been moved back to the Huntington Civic Arena.

It was scheduled for the renovated Cam Henderson Center, but fire regulations and time constraints thwarted that plan.

Finding a site for the campus commencement ceremony involved deciding where to set up the stage to be sure exits were not blocked.

It also required finding enough space to seat graduates, faculty and guests.

"Rather than try to put more graduates on the [gymnasium] floor, we just went back to the civic center," said Warren Lutz, dean of enrollment management. "We just ran out of time."

Moving graduation ceremonies back to the civic center this year has its advantages, Lutz said.

"This will give us time to review for future graduations," he said. "But eventually, we would like to have commencement on campus."

President J. Wade Gilley received angry letters from 1998 graduates, prompting the decision to move the ceremony to the Cam Henderson Center.

"The confusion was about the overlap between different college activities associated with commencement," Gilley said. "The only significant change in plans for this commencement is the location."

## Musical acts to perform on the Mountain Stage tonight

by JILLIAN GEORGES  
reporter

Mountain Stage, an award-winning, two-hour radio program performed live, will be on stage at the Keith Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series today at 8 p.m.

The show, which began production in 1984 and has been broadcast nationally since 1985, will showcase the talents of Deborah Coleman, Trout Fishing in America and Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

"We are the only weekly cultural export broadcast out of West Virginia," said Larry Grose, the host and one of the founders of Mountain Stage.

There are more than 120 national and international stations that broadcast the show. Stations in New York, Seattle and Dublin, Ireland, carry the program.

Grose said Mountain Stage has many types of music, ranging from an old-time fiddler to an African tribal band.

Coleman is a blues performer who plays the electric guitar.

She was recently nominated for the W.C. Handy award, which is the equivalent to a Grammy in blues music, for Best Female Contemporary Blues Artist.

Trout Fishing in America consists of the 6-foot-9 guitar-playing Ezra Idlet and the 5-5 1/2 bass-playing Keith Grimwood.

Both Idlet and Grimwood said their music is "a melting pot of cultures."

Grimwood said, "We are two guys with two instruments — a big guy and a little guy — that play a wide variety of music,

and we're not afraid to be stupid."

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is a vocal group whose music originated from the mines of South Africa.

The group has recorded more than 30 albums during its career.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo has performed with popular artists like Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder, George Clinton and Dolly Parton.

There will be a question-and-answer session with the group today at 4 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall 133.

Limited seating is available. Only students are permitted.

More than 1,000 artists have appeared on the program since its debut.

Among the many popular artists who have played their first national show on Mountain Stage are Sheryl Crow, Barenaked Ladies, Sarah McLachlan, Counting Crows and Lyle Lovett.

Although it has been broadcast here before, this is the first time the Mountain Stage has come to Huntington as part of the Marshall Artists Series.

Grose said, "Anytime we can perform as an alliance with another great arts presenting group like the Artists Series we do it."

Tickets may be picked up at the Artists Series box office in Smith Hall 160.

There are \$18, \$16 and \$10 tickets. Full-time students receive free tickets, while part-time students receive half-price tickets.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Marshall Artists Series at 696-6656.



ABOVE LEFT: Deborah Coleman is a blues performer who plays the electric guitar.



photos courtesy of Marshall Artists Series

ABOVE RIGHT: 6-foot-9 Ezra Idlet and 5-5 1/2 Keith Grimwood form Trout Fishing in America.

BOTTOM: Ladysmith Black Mambazo, along with Coleman and Trout Fishing in America, will perform in the Keith Albee Theatre at 8 p.m. today.



## Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Trail System offers summer opportunities

by JIA HENG  
reporter

The Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Trail System will provide some Marshall students with hands-on practice via summer internships.

According to its working agreement with the university, the Park Resources and Leisure Services Program provides summer interns work on layout and development of the trail, Dr. Raymond Busbee said. They will help construct the

trail and coordinate events during a 12-week internship.

"It will help students develop appropriate working habits," said Busbee, the coordinator of Park Resources and Leisure Services of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation the of College of Education and Human Services.

Bill Miller, a Mingo County parks and conservation major, will do an internship with the trail system this summer.

"The internship will give me

*"The plan now is to have 300 miles of the trail system opened by the year 2000 followed by completion of the entire trail system in future years."*

Dr. Raymond Busbee,  
coordinator of Park Resources and Leisure Services

a great deal of hands-on experience," Miller said.

Extending for more than 2,000 miles through southern West Virginia, Virginia and

Kentucky, the trail will be for off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. It can also be used for horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking.

Busbee said the trail will go through seven West Virginia counties — Mingo, Wayne, Lincoln, Logan, Wyoming, McDowell and Boone.

"The system is very unique in the whole United States, because every bit of it is built on private land," Busbee said.

The final location will be the result of cooperative arrangements between private landowners and the Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Authority. The area is within 500 miles of half the United States population.

The trail system will create 3,200 new jobs and \$107 million for the counties if it becomes operational, according to a feasibility study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

According to the same study, West Virginia will have approximately 600,000 visitors a year when the trail opens.

Busbee said, "The plan now is to have 300 miles of the trail system opened by the year 2000 followed by completion of the entire trail system in future years."





West Virginia dentists report that three-fourths of patients who use smokeless tobacco, if advised to quit, will say they are interested in stopping. "New Strategies in Smokeless Tobacco Cessation" will be March 13, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Days Inn in Morgantown, W.Va. Participants will learn why tobacco is used, how to deal with addiction and how to talk with patients about tobacco. They will learn disease detection and biopsy procedures, the use of drugs and tobacco alternatives and how to develop a successful cessation program. The event is sponsored by the WVU ASSIST Project and the WVU School of Dentistry. More information can be obtained by calling the WVU Office of Continuing Dental Education at (304) 293-3549.

Page edited by Andrea Sells

## Quitters are 'Through with Chew'

by BRIAN RAWLINS  
reporter

Being a quitter at the end of February could save your life.

The West Virginia Public Health Association Dental Section and the West Virginia University School of Dentistry received funding from the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study for Cancer Prevention (ASSIST) to launch a statewide "Through with Chew" campaign in the last week of this month.

The campaign began in 1989 to commemorate the death of Sean Marsee, a high school athlete and smokeless tobacco user who died in 1984 from oral cancer.

According to a survey, West Virginia ranks third in the nation in smokeless tobacco use among high school students.

Thirty-one percent of high school boys in West Virginia use smokeless tobacco, nearly twice the national average of 16 percent.

Bryan Hammond, director of respiratory therapy at Southern Ohio Medical Center, said smokeless tobacco can be very dangerous.

"Chewing tobacco can have the same effects that smoking does," he said.

"The major difference is that most people who use chew are at a higher risk of developing cancers of the mouth, tongue, lip or jaw."

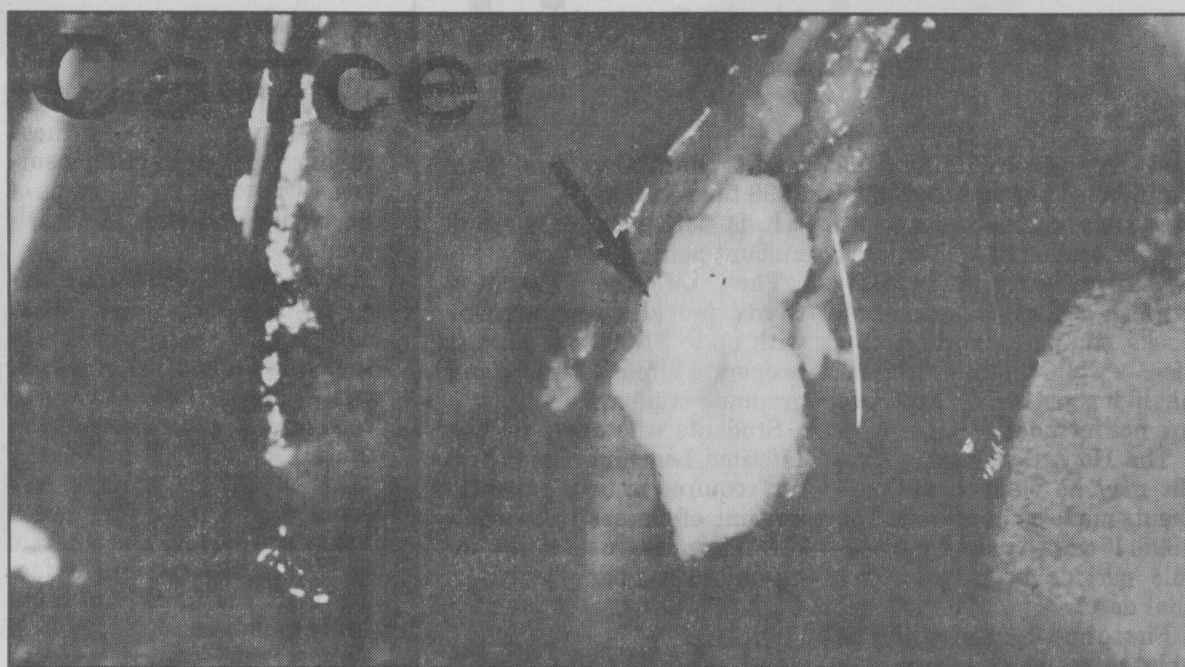
Hammond said chewing tobacco is more popular among younger males than any other form of tobacco.

"A lot of young men see athletes, such as baseball players, using tobacco and those images often have an impression on them," he said.

"Most people ignore the dangers of chew because they are not inhaling like they do with cigarettes," Hammond said.

Lee A. Harper, senior education major from Logan, doesn't worry about the dangers.

"I've chewed ever since I was



Above: Smokeless tobacco is one of the leading causes of cancer of the mouth.

Right: Rotting gums and irritation can be one of the long term side effects of using smokeless tobacco.

in high school," he said. "I've never had any problems, so I don't worry about it. I just enjoy the taste if I'm working or just hanging out."

According to a survey by ASSIST, the average tobacco user tries it at 10 years old and begins regular use at 13.

"Chewing tobacco is very addictive," Hammond said. "People can become addicted to the nicotine in chewing tobacco, much like they do with cigarettes and cigars."

When people start chewing regularly it is usually hard for them to stop, Hammond said.

"People can either quit cold turkey or by using nicotine patches to satisfy the craving," he said.

Hammond said quitting cold turkey could be harmful to one's health.

"Sometimes the user might suffer from nervousness and excessive eating to satisfy the oral fixation," he said.

"Overeating could lead to weight problems once they quit."

According to the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, there are warning signs tobacco users should look for.

A sore in the mouth that does not heal is one warning sign, as is a lump or white patch in the mouth. Another is a prolonged sore throat.

Difficulty in chewing or swallowing as well as restricted movement of the tongue or jaw are also warning signs associated with oral cancer.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the West Virginia Tobacco Control Program at (304) 558-0664.



Photos provided by the Marion County Health Dept.

## Prescription ulcer drug tops \$5 billion in sales

NEW YORK (AP) — The ulcer drug Prilosec last year became the pharmaceutical industry's first \$5 billion prescription medication.

Prilosec, also used for heartburn, has been the world's top selling drug since 1996, when it overtook another popular ulcer drug, Zantac.

By contrast, Viagra, the impotence drug, had sales of \$788 million last year.

Prilosec sales rose 27 percent in 1998 to \$5.14 billion, according to Swedish drugmaker Astra AB. From 1993 until last July, Astra shared half of its U.S. sales with drug giant Merck & Co.

Prilosec beat out the No. 2 drug, Zocor, by more than \$1.1 billion in 1998. Zocor, a cholesterol drug made by Merck, had worldwide sales of \$3.95 billion last year. In third place was Prozac, the antidepressant sold by Eli Lilly and Co., which had \$2.81 billion in worldwide sales.

A blockbuster drug is considered one with annual worldwide sales exceeding \$1 billion. About 25 drugs surpassed that

mark last year.

Astra officials say a new direct-to-consumer advertising campaign and a larger sales force helped boost sales of Prilosec, which is known as Losec outside the United States. The company has also convinced doctors to use Prilosec on a variety of gastrointestinal disorders in addition to ulcers.

"The patient population is enormous and it's an easy drug to use," said Sergio Traversa, an analyst with Mehta Partners. It is also a drug that users must take everyday, usually for months at a time, he said.

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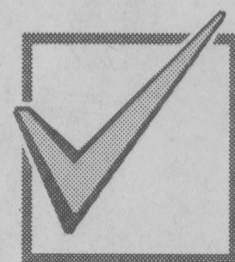
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## 'Visiting Writers' Series' returns for its tenth year

by JENNIFER L. COTTRILL  
reporter

Aspiring student writers can get ideas for honing their skills at an upcoming writers' series.

The "Visiting Writers' Series" is in its 10th year, hosted by the Department of English after the idea was created by "Art" Stringer, associate professor of the Department of English.

The series features authors in the fall and spring semesters.

Authors are brought in to make publications of their work, Stringer said.

"In 10 years we've had over 45 writer appearances," he said. "This year we basically had three readers (in the fall)."

Joan Connor, fiction writer, will be in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge March 24 at 8 p.m.

Brendan Galvin, poet and writer in Residence at Hollens College in Virginia, will be in the Memorial Student Center's Shawkey Dining Room April 22 at 8 p.m.

"(Galvin) has 10 books published and he's been writing poetry for 25 years plus," Stringer said.

Authors attending the series do an hour reading, answer audience's questions and do book signings.

All students, faculty and community members are invited.

Writers and authors are brought from all over the area, or even out of the area to share their work, Stringer said.

"This is part of a study that's much richer than books, that's why we like to keep it. (Students) get to hear (books) in the author's original voice after studying them," Stringer said.

## Course explores women's roles in England

by GAYLE L. SMITLEY  
reporter

Maureen Ryan, dean of the Honors College at the University of Southern Mississippi, is offering students a chance to study in England during the summer of 1999.

The course, "Women in British Society," is a six credit hour course offered through the USM British Studies Program. The program is a residential session for American undergraduate and graduate students to study in London each summer.

According to an email response, Ryan said the program is in its third decade and consists of 11 different colleges and universities.

Most of the schools are in the southeast United States. From July 7- Aug. 9, stu-

*"The course will explore the complex lives and roles of women in contemporary England, a country that in recent years has offered the world Margaret Thatcher, Helen Fielding and Princess Diana."*

**Maureen Ryan,**  
University of Southern Mississippi dean of the Honors College

dents will live in the King's College Hall in London.

"The course will explore the complex lives and roles of women in contemporary England, a country that in recent years has offered the world Margaret Thatcher, Helen Fielding and Princess Diana," Ryan said.

"A country in which women make up the majority of the university students, but only 8 percent of the university professors," he said.

and business.

Lectures and classes will be supplemented by field trips to museums and plays throughout London; and discussions with British scholars, writers and artists.

To be eligible, undergraduate students must have completed 28 semester hours and have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Graduate students must have graduate standing.

The \$3999 fee includes airfare, a room and tuition.

Applications and a \$200 non-refundable deposit are due by May 19.

More information is available by contacting The University of Southern Mississippi British Studies Program at Box 10047, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39406-0047 or by calling (601) 266-4344.

Be all that you can be

## Scholarships offered by ROTC

by JOSEPH C. THORNTON  
reporter



Anyone seeking to attend college and not accumulate large school debts might not have to look further than Gullickson Hall.

Army ROTC provides scholarship plans to meet the needs of most students while providing the opportunity to attend college and learn life skills at the same time.

Captain Michael Armstrong, enrollment officer, said ROTC offers a couple of scholarship programs to fit the needs of those already attending school and interested in becoming a member.

ROTC offers two- and three-year scholarship, but there are

certain criteria that must meet in order to be eligible. Students must have a 2.5 g.p.a. to apply, then must maintain a 2.0 or better while in the program.

Scholarships cover tuition and fees, \$225 per semester for books and \$150 a month as a contracted ROTC cadet, all tax free.

There is no selection process. If the criteria is met and the individual is about the program, ROTC accepts them.

Armstrong said ROTC offers what is known as an Advanced Designee Scholarship. This provides three years of coverage. The scholarship is provided to freshman who meet eligibility requirements and provides them with coverage from sophomore through senior years, provided the cadet remains academically eligible.

ROTC offers a two-year pro-

gram for those who have completed their freshman year. For those who are not sure about such a commitment in college, students can take military science courses.

"The courses count for college credit and provide students with a good introduction to our ROTC program," Armstrong said. "If they decide to stick with it they can contract for a two-year scholarship."

The two-year program offers all the same leadership and management training offered in the three-year program, but at an accelerated pace.

Deadlines for scholarship submittal are March 15 for the three-year program and May 1 for the two-year program.

More information is available about the ROTC program, scholarships and classes, by contacting Armstrong at 696-6450.

## Tax credits offered

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Students and families can claim up to 20 percent of the taxpayer's first \$5,000 of out-of-pocket qualified tuition and related expenses with the Lifetime Learning Credit.

This amount will remain the same until 2002, when the credit amount will increase to

20 percent of the first \$10,000 of out-of-pocket expenses.

The Lifetime Learning Credit will be available July 1, 1998.

It can be used for academic periods beginning on or after that date.

First-time taxpayers will be able to claim the Lifetime Learning Credit when they file their 1998 tax returns this year.

Beckett said, "The university has elected to provide supplemental information within the student's statements in order

to assist the student and parent in identifying educational expenses."

Marshall students will receive a statement containing information filed with the IRS on form 1098-T for the tax year 1998, Beckett said.

Taxpayers' 1998 federal tax forms will include instructions on how to calculate the credit and how to file Form 8863 to receive the credit.

Eligibility for the tax credit depends on individual circumstances.

## Exchange program offers flexibility

GAYLE L. SMITLEY  
reporter

The universities and colleges involved with the National Student Exchange Program (NSE) offers students the opportunity to study at their school for up to one year, without paying out-of-state-tuition.

Participation in the NSE program includes choosing to attend one of 155 colleges or universities across the nation.

To become eligible, students must be enrolled

full-time at Marshall when applying, the semester before the exchange, and while attending the host school.

Students must also maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 before and during the exchange.

Applications and \$75 non-refundable application fee for the NSE are due in Old Main 230 by March 1.

More information and applications are available by contacting Martha Woodward in OM 230 or by calling 696-2475.

# Party in the Bayou

February 25th, Memorial Student Center

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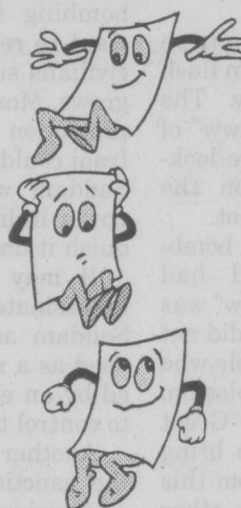
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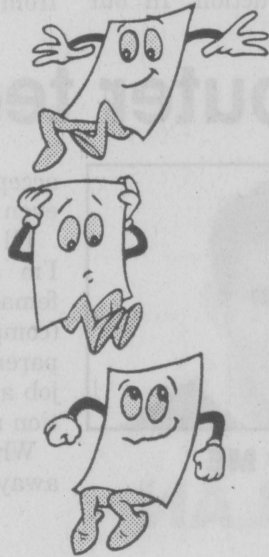


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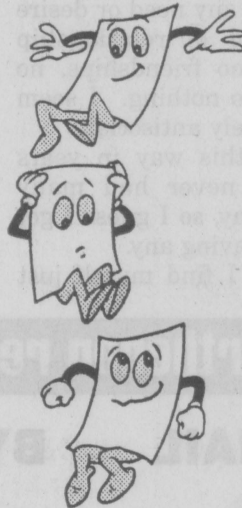


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**"I've never had any problems, so I don't worry about it..."**

—Lee A. Harper, senior education major from Logan, referring to the dangers of using smokeless tobacco

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### OUR VIEW

## Settlement needs to be overturned

Although no one seems to be displeased with the outcome of two closed meetings Jan. 29 and 30 between the Cabell County Commission and the Sheriff's Department, the decisions made in those meetings should be overturned.

The commission and Sheriff's Department settled two long standing disputes. According to The Herald-Dispatch, one case was filed by deputy sheriffs asking for overtime pay and the other by Sheriff Dallan Fields against the firing of correctional administrator Dan Ferguson.

The disagreements were settled. The outcome being \$5,893.34 overtime pay to 26 officers and Ferguson keeping his job, according to The Herald-Dispatch.

The troublesome aspect here is not necessarily the settlements themselves, but the way in which they came about. The two parties were to meet in trial Jan. 29, but when counsel for one party failed to show up, the trial was changed to something of a "status conference" and the judge in the case ordered further discussion be closed to the public.

Call it what you will, "status conference" or illegal meeting of the Cabell County Commission, public business was conducted behind closed doors. A quorum, or majority, of county commissioners was present and they were making decisions about public business.

Under our state's open meetings law, any time a quorum of a public body meets to discuss public affairs, citizens must be allowed to attend. There are exceptions to that rule, but none apply in this case.

There is no clause in the open meetings law that says if a judge decrees an open meeting closed it is necessarily legal for him to do so. Regardless of whether the judge closed the discussions, it is no different than if the county commission had met in secret on its own. Both examples violate the open meetings law.

The public had no input in this process let alone being able to simply witness it. A decision was made behind closed doors, it was presented as a decree or order and no one, except those directly involved, knows how the outcome was reached.

We, therefore, support The Herald-Dispatch in its lawsuit against the county commissioners. Having said that, however, we think the paper should be calling for the dismissal of the decisions made in the closed meeting. Regardless of whether anyone agrees with the outcome, it resulted from an illegal procedure. Therefore, everything about that meeting, including its outcome, should be illegal.

If it were up to us, we would call for a dismissal of the settlement and ask that the issues be debated again in a public forum the way they should have been. This would be the best way to protect the First Amendment and the public's vested interest in county government.

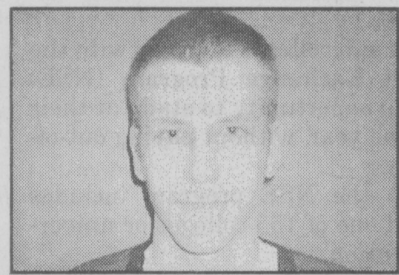
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### YOUR VIEW

## No room for self-righteous American funk in Iraqi debate



JACOB SCHEICK

Through the night vision camera an enormous green flash appeared over the city. The reporter let out an "awwww" of amazement as if she were looking at the fireworks on the Fourth of July. She was not.

It was December and bombing raids on Baghdad had begun, again. Her "awwww" was one at the spectacle. She did not think of the innocent people who were destroyed by the explosion.

The United States and Great Britain say they wish to bring the Iraqi people relief from this carnage. But it is none other than the United States and Great Britain who are the causes of this destruction. In our

efforts to thwart a tyrannical dictator we starve and massacre the people of Iraq. There are better solutions than destroying a nation to dethrone one man.

We could continue to use military force to "persuade" Saddam to listen to reason, but at what cost? How many Iraqis, how many people have to die before Saddam will conform? The United States and Britain will not cause a revolution by bombing the very people we want to revolt. And while more civilians suffer Saddam's power grows. More people flock to the protection of his wing. Every Iraqi could be a resting soul and Saddam would still have the power in his fist, never to relinquish it until he joins them.

It may be in our power to assassinate Saddam. However, Saddam as a martyr could be used as a rallying point exploited by an equally maniacal man to control the Iraqi people.

Another radical idea is to lift the sanctions on oil and limit monitoring of weapons. This, too, is unacceptable. The Iraqi people would not be greatly assisted from loosening the embargo. As

an article in the New York Times explains, Iraq can only procure 3.5 billion every six months from their oil wells due to dated equipment. The embargo sets a cap of 5.2 billion (per six months) on oil. The more terrifying result of the French suggestion is that Iraq could be given freedom to again collect a military arsenal.

The best suggestion is to lift all sanctions for three months and within in this time, the Iraqi government must collect all its weapons. At the end of these three months—which would not be enough time for a sizeable Iraqi force to be assembled—United Nations inspectors would once again review the Iraqi weapons program. For every violation of the treaty, the sanctions would be imposed for another three months.

Whatever the outcome, the United States must grow out of its self-righteous funk and realize that real people suffer from our actions.

Jacob Scheick is a Parthenon columnist. Comments can be sent to him at The Parthenon 311 Smith Hall.

## Computer tech turns anti-social



HELP ME HARLAN

accepting being alone, and not even caring about it.

I'll give a bit of background; I'm a 23-year-old professional female working in the technical (computer) field. I live with my parents. I'm very happy with my job and satisfied with the direction my career is taking.

Why have I turned inward and away from people so much?

### Quietly content

Dear Quiet,

It's hard for friends to pay attention to you when they can't even see you.

Know that you're not alone. This is just one of the pitfalls of living in this new millennium. There are now more people than ever working with computers, working alone and living at home. It's hard to be social in such an antisocial world.

This is only one factor in a life you've established that has little direct contact with people on a daily basis. While the career and family may be great, you need to work harder to find some balance.

Get out and get involved. There are people just waiting to cross your path.

And really, this anti-social behavior you can't explain may be very well explained by depression. You sound like you're more than just sad. Most of these feelings can easily be overcome simply by exploring these issues and consulting with a professional to help provide some added insight.

\*Harlan is not a licensed psychologist, therapist or physician, but he is a licensed driver.

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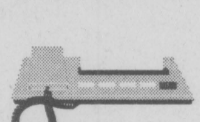
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## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

In an informal survey Wednesday, students were asked if they use The Transit Authority's (TTA) public transportation services.

**"I never take the bus because I live in Parkersburg and I just drive down here during the week and leave my car in the parking lot. I think most people find rides with friends. A lot of people in my hall won't ride the bus."**

—Bobbi Bean,  
Parkersburg sophomore

**"I think driving is part of American culture that I don't think people will want to give up. Cars represent freedom to a lot of people."**

—Brian Baxter,  
Madera, Calif., senior

**"I don't because I live on campus but it would definitely be a benefit to those who don't, and you wouldn't have to search for a parking space."**

—Mandi DeMoss,  
Bridgeport sophomore

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## Baseball team showered

by CHAD PENNINGTON  
reporter

The Thundering Herd baseball team ran into two storms—one from a weather system, the other against Campbell University in Buies, N.C.

The two teams were rained out Friday but did play Saturday. Campbell defeated the Herd 17-8 in the first contest and 22-7 in the second, according to a press release from the Sports Information Office.

Juniors Eric Pinkerton and

Jimmy Thomas along with freshman Marty Rini provided most of the Herd offense, combining for 10 runs batted in (RBI) and three home runs during the series. Pinkerton went 4-9 at the plate, with two doubles and a home run. Thomas finished with four RBIs and two runs scored, while Rini went 4-7 with a double and a homerun.

The Herd, 0-2 overall, travels to Greensboro, N.C., Saturday and Sunday to play a three-game series with North Carolina A&T.

## Track team records two top-ten finishes at meet

ACC, SEC competition behind; MAC tournament on horizon next week

by CHAD PENNINGTON  
reporter

The only thing falling on the track for the track team were records.

The team traveled to Blacksburg, Va., Friday and Saturday to compete in the Kroger Indoor Invitational at Virginia Tech. The meet consisted of 40 colleges and uni-

versities, 20 track clubs and several national teams, according to a press release from the Sports Information Office.

Marshall faced numerous national powers, including Georgia Tech, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas and Clemson.

The women's team broke two school records and record-

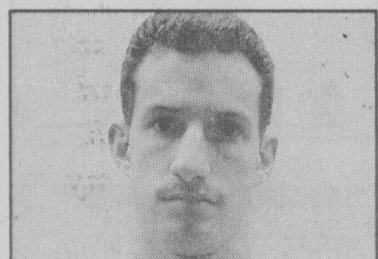
ed two top-10 finishes. Sophomore Kate Schulz had a sixth-place finish in the high jump leaping 5-feet-6 1/2 inches. The distance medley relay team broke the school record finishing seventh with a time of 12-minutes, 19.79 seconds.

The team was comprised of senior Becky Pouch, junior Kari Velasco, sophomore Megan Rawlings and fresh-

man Michelle John. John also broke a school record in the 400-meter run with a time of 58.16. The men's team was led by sophomore Aaron Trammel. Trammel finished sixth in the shot put with a throw

50-10 3/4. The Herd competes in the Mid-American Conference Indoor Championships Feb. 26-27 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

## Bucks, Magic surprises in NBA start; Knicks lose out on trade



DAN  
NEWMAN

Being that the NBA season has just started, now wouldn't be a bad time to take a shot at who we think could take home the championship hardware come June. Candidates include the San Antonio Spurs, Houston Rockets, Milwaukee

Bucks, and Orlando Magic. All of these teams have gotten off to decent starts and are right in the thick of things.

Wait a minute—the Bucks and Magic have a shot? Yes. They have gotten off to starts of 5-1 and 4-1, respectively, and have taken the league by storm in the early going. So what gives? How about the fact that every game counts being that there's only 50 this season. To have teams with no more talent this year than they did last year like Milwaukee and Philadelphia leading their respective divisions is sad. The only significant move the Bucks made in the offseason was to re-sign Ray Allen to a long-term contract, so it's not like they added

anybody. The Sixers did the same for star guard Allen Iverson and forward Theo Ratliff. The team also drafted Larry Hughes from St. Louis University to replace the departed Jerry Stackhouse. They brought in forward/center Matt Geiger but as we've seen for the past few years, he probably won't make much of a difference.

The Magic took care of some things by having a great draft, picking up some much needed help in the frontcourt. The only issue remaining is whether or not Penny Hardaway will want to stay with the team once his contract is up at the end of the season.

The one thing that each of

these teams have in common is that they are filled with players that have never been to the NBA Finals as Hardaway is the only marquis player to ever make it. Teams are probably realizing that this could be their only chance to get a ring because in a regular 82 game season there's no way young teams like the Sacramento Kings could hang.

On the flip side, franchises like the Miami Heat and Charlotte Hornets are suffering because of injuries and may not be able to get back into form by the time the playoffs come around, that is if they can make the playoffs. The biggest loser in this whole deal is the New York Knicks, who trade three

players, including fan favorite John Starks, and in return get Latrell Sprewell. Two games into the season he was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his heel, and will be out 4-6 weeks, otherwise known as 20-25 games, also known as half of the season. Ouch.

• In the past, I've been quite critical of the price of Pay-Per-View boxing events but this past Saturday played its part in changing my mind just a bit.

The fight between Oscar de la Hoya and Ike Quartey was a classic. A classic because just about every round was filled with hard punching and both fighters put each other on the canvas, with Quartey being

floored twice, once in the final round. It also looked like a classic fix may have been on as well. For anybody that paid the money or for those of us who had a friend with one of those cute little black boxes, it was obvious that Quartey took it to the champ and that he should have won but instead The Golden Boy got very lucky and "earned" a split decision victory. The unwritten rule in boxing is that the challenger must decisively beat the champ to take the belt from him.

If you didn't see it, trust me; Quartey should be scheduling his first title defense, while de la Hoya should be scheduling who he'll be with in his next music video.

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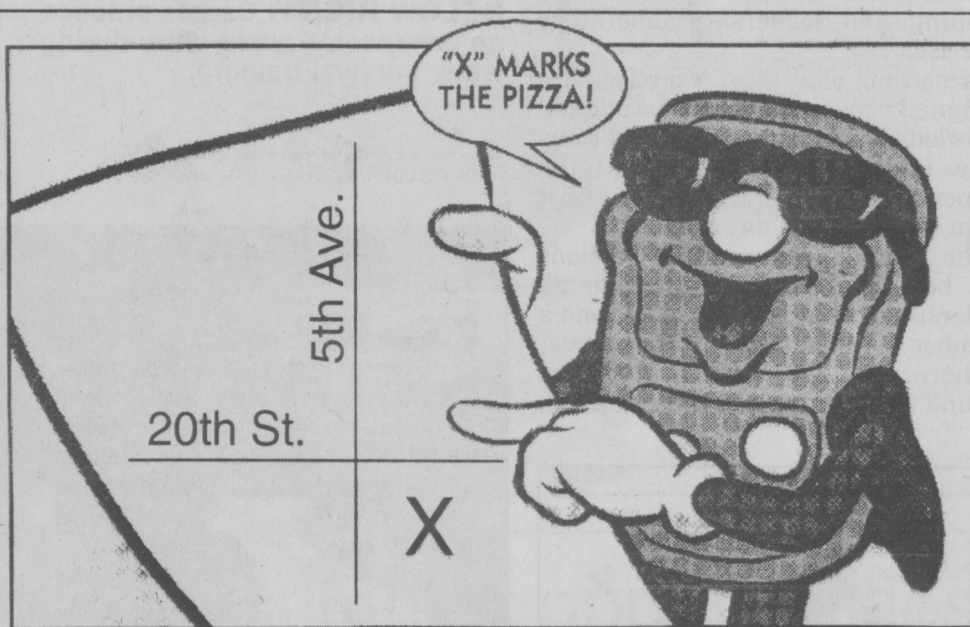
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## Working out kung-fu style...

### Tae-bo taking Huntington by storm

Many people have gained interest in Tae-bo, a blend of human strength, ancient arts of self-defense, dancing and popular music. "Classes have picked up quite a bit," said Matt Marcum, Tae-bo instructor. "We keep gaining more and more students..."

Friday in Life!



Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999  
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# Mission: Discovery

story by JOSEPH C. THORNTON

## ROTC provides ways to find confidence, secure future

Battalion, ATTENTION! Forward march, your left, your left, your left, right, left.

Most students may believe these to be the only sounds that echo from Gullickson Hall, but ROTC may have a lot more to offer than some may think.

"ROTC provides direction, discipline and gives [students] responsibility that they normally would not have," said Lt. Col. Stephen Redmond, professor of military science. "What it does is prepares them to be an Army officer initially and then that's going to prepare them for life."

ROTC is the college elective that trains the Army's future officers.

ROTC combines classroom work with practical instruction on how to take charge of one's life and provides skills that can help students succeed, regardless of their career path, Redmond said.

"The biggest thing is this is the opportunity of a lifetime," Redmond said. "If the military might be their career path that would be great. If it isn't, they could get out and have an edge over other contemporaries of being more marketable to get that job."

Capt. Michael Armstrong, enrollment officer, said, ROTC provides leadership, confidence, enthusiasm, discipline and time management.

"All ROTC classes revolve around that, and companies look for that leadership and discipline that other college courses don't teach," he said.

ROTC takes a different approach to training students than the typical college course — hands-on.

What the student learns in the classroom is applied during field training and leadership laboratory exercises.

Armstrong said these exercises are designed to strengthen students' knowledge of Army customs and courtesies and provides students with the proper guidance and training to assist them in their everyday lives.

The courses and training sessions are beneficial in helping students understand what it takes to become a member of the nation's military force.

There are 270 ROTC programs around the country and their mission,

along with the academies and officer candidate schools, is to enable the Army to commission 3,900 officers annually.

"When a student elects for ROTC, our number one priority is to help students get their college degree," Redmond said. "It's very important, as early in life as you can, to get your college degree because that sets you up for the rest of your life."

"The decisions you make at that young age dictate where you are when you're 40, 50, 60 years old."

Redmond said ROTC looks for students who know what they want and have a sense of responsibility.

ROTC officials hope prospective cadets are in decent physical condition. If not, ROTC will help them get into shape.

Of course, the one thing that often separates many of the candidates is attitude and that is one thing that ROTC really looks for.

"If you meet the standards and want

to come in [ROTC], we'll take anybody," Redmond said. "It's not a matter of selecting the ten best from a group of 50 applicants. If 50 people walked in and wanted to join and all were qualified, we would select all 50."

Redmond said ROTC has a mission of commissioning 10 officers a year, but if there were 30 eligible candidates, nothing prevents them all from becoming officers.

Armstrong stressed the importance of discovering just what's out there for the average college student.

"If anything, for [freshmen] and [sophomores], and for anybody freshman through senior, [they] can take at no obligation the freshman and sophomore level classes offered by the ROTC program," Armstrong said.

"They count for college credit, they are great g.p.a. builders and it teaches them [students] military back-

ground, the structured military and what it is all about."

Armstrong said ROTC also provides numerous opportunities for members to become involved in community functions.

Members participate in posting the colors (flags) at basketball and football games, as well as local veterans association functions. They also support intramural sports at the university level and conduct promotions such as blood drives on a year round basis.

Armstrong also noted the support provided by ROTC cadets doesn't go unnoticed in the local community.

"One thing is for sure, the veterans notice the things the ROTC program does," Armstrong said.

Additional information on ROTC and its program can be obtained by calling Armstrong at 696-6450, or by visiting Gullickson Hall, Room 216.

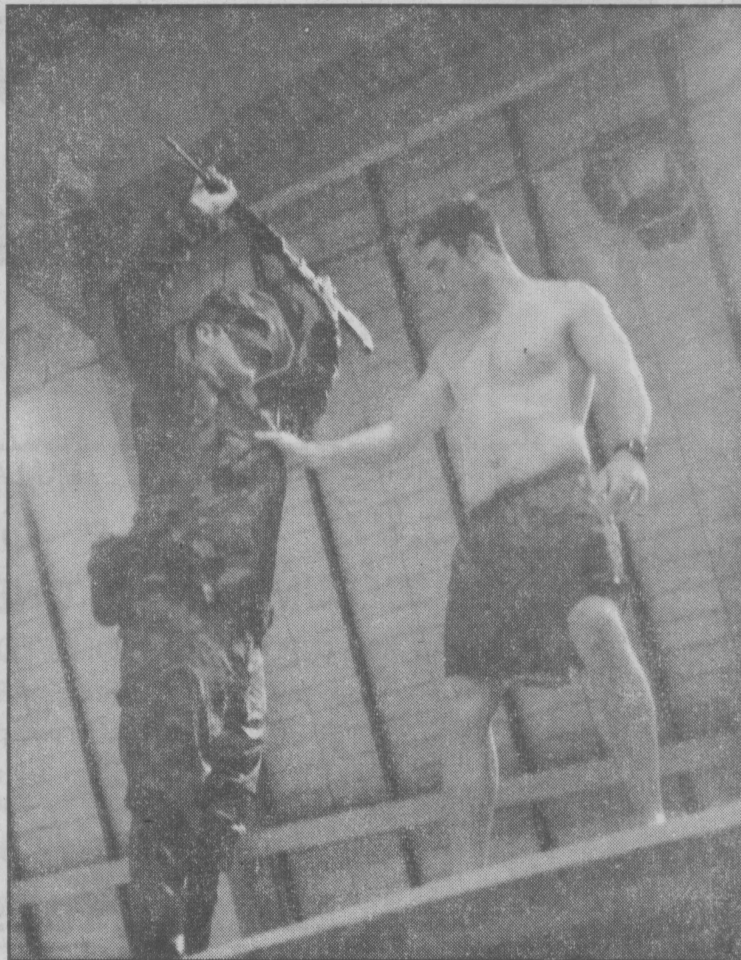
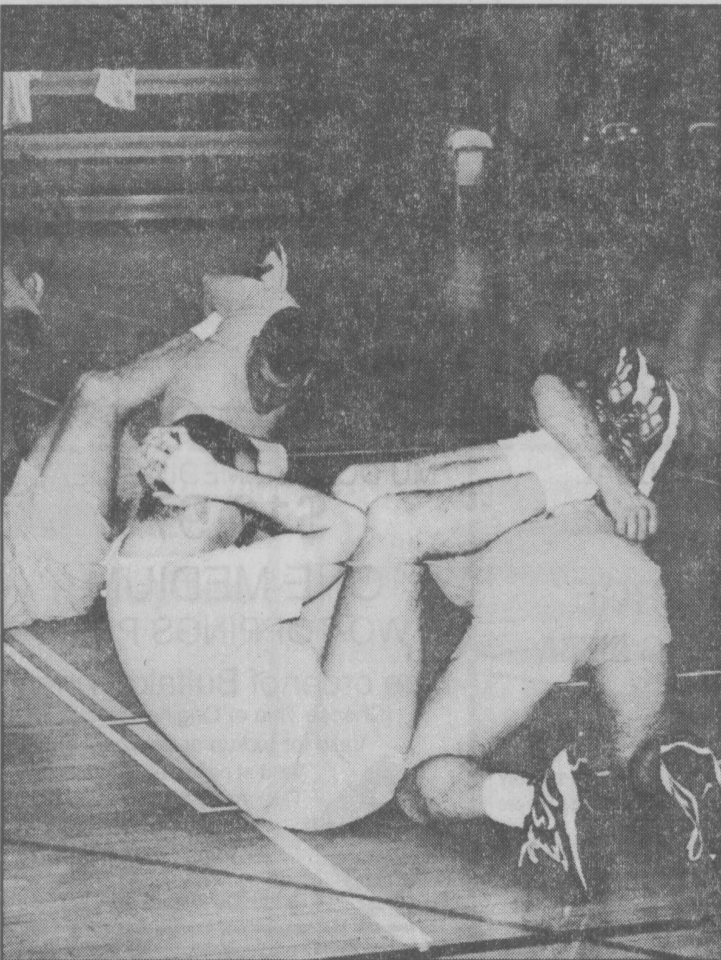
**RIGHT:** A cadet treads water in full gear during water survival.

**BELOW LEFT:** ROTC training is hands-on. What the student learns in the classroom is applied during field training and leadership laboratory exercises.

**BELOW MIDDLE:** ROTC looks for individuals who are in good physical condition. "If you meet the standards and want to come in [ROTC], we'll take anybody," said Lt. Col. Stephen Redmond.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Cadets practice an unexpected water entry during water survival training.

below middle photo by Dianna Potoroff; others provided by Marshall ROTC



## Happenings...

\*your entertainment guide for activities and events at and outside of Marshall.

### On Campus

THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1999

WSAZ TV anchor Tim Irr, sponsored by National Broadcasting Society, Communications Building 201 (next to WMUL), 3:15 p.m.

"Prime Time" the weekly meeting of Campus Crusade, Marco's, 9:11 p.m.

Campus Light Baptist Ministries, Memorial Student Center's Alumni Lounge, 8 p.m.

"Othello," Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, 8 p.m. (Play runs until Saturday)



"Ladysmith Black Mambazo," presented by Marshall Artists Series, Keith-Albee Theatre, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1999

Baptist Student Union prayer time, Campus Christian Center, 8 - 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21, 1999

MU Gospel Choir Black History Month Concert, Campus Christian Center 4 p.m.

## Happenings...

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