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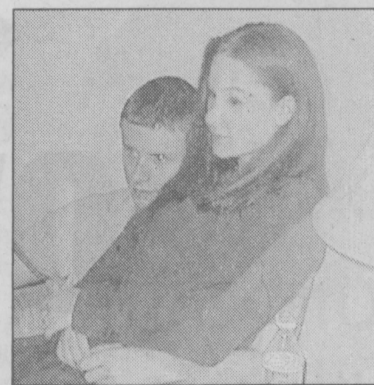
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Notify or not? Question still unanswered

by CHRISTINA REDEKOPP
for The Parthenon

Even after a public forum, an answer may not be any closer to whether parents will be notified when their sons or daughters violate university drug and alcohol policies.

Linda Rowe, director of judicial affairs, said no one has come to her with their opinions on the policy.

She said a forum she conducted Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center's Shawkey Room was "to get input about what we should consider with the change in federal regulations." Much discussion but little student input was received from the dozen people who attended the forum because most in

attendance were on the committee investigating the policy.

The U.S. Legislature amended the Higher Education Act to permit but not require universities to notify parents of an alcohol or drug violation if the student is under 21. Legislation went into affect November 1998. There have not been any test cases.

"The University of Delaware is one year into notifying parents," Rowe said. "They found it as having a positive impact. They adapted a three strikes and you're out policy."

She said Delaware received a grant to change its system, so it is difficult to expect what happened with that institution will happen here.

"It's up to us as a university whether or not we think it's a good

idea to notify parents," Rowe said.

The next step to deciding whether or not to notify parents is how to go about it. "We would have to identify the student violating one of our policies, not just violating the law, but one of our policies," Rowe said.

Rowe said she has had only about five students who have never given written consent to allow their parents to be notified when the parents have inquired at the Office of Judicial Affairs. "Roughly half or more tell me they have told their parents," she said.

John Stone, resident director, said, "The real question is the liability we're going to face with it." If a student dies because of alcohol or drug use the university may be blamed, he said.

Tracy Meighan, a counselor in the Counseling Center, said, "I would want to intervene if it's in the parents' best interest to know of a substance-abuse problem. There are times it might not be in their best interest."

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said parents she has talked to want to be notified. "They're almost universal in their response to that," she said.

But students she has spoke with say the opposite. "We want our students to be adults and self-monitoring," Cockrille said. "Students do not feel they want their parents told."

Rowe said she likes the approach used by the University of Delaware, which gives students a chance to tell their parents before sending a letter.

The policy may help the person who tends to resist, Rowe said. "It tends to discourage the person that isn't that inclined anyway," she said.

"Matt Ladd, student government chief of staff, voiced a concern about regulating off-campus venues. For example, he said when an altercation is caused between two fraternities not all fraternity members should have a letter sent home when they did not violate university policies. He encouraged students to contact their senators and lobby their opinions."

The amendment will have to go through the Student Conduct and Welfare Committee and Faculty Senate before President J. Wade Gilley signs it to make it affective.

Job Fair provides contacts

by DEVON M. KELLY
reporter

There may be snow outside, but it is time to make plans for summer.

The annual Summer Job Fair sponsored by the Career Services Center will be 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Local, regional and national businesses will have representatives at the fair to discuss and recruit for summer part-time jobs, full-time jobs and internships, according to Patricia G. Gallagher, recruiting coordinator at Marshall's Career Services Center.

"Numerous local and regional employers will be participating in the fair which offers students an excellent opportunity to meet with recruiters to discuss summer and part-time positions, Gallagher said.

"Pre-registration is not required and all students are encouraged to stop by," she said.

Peggy R. Brickey, career counselor at the career center, said the fair will have representatives for jobs in retail, elderly care, summer camps and with the state of West Virginia.

"The time is now to find a summer job," Brickey said. "Businesses are hiring and many positions have been filled, but there are jobs still available."

"This is good way to come to one spot and meet people to find a job. It is good networking."

Last year the fair had about 250 students attend the fair to discuss jobs and internships with the 27 businesses represented.

"The fair has 28 businesses as of right now," Brickey said. "But more local businesses may come tomorrow."

"The employers attending the fair come back because they find quality students at Marshall. They think Marshall students are best prepared and present themselves well," Brickey said. "Cedar Point is coming and they are very good to students, they hired approximately 40 Marshall students last year."

Some of the businesses scheduled to attend the fair include the West Virginia Division of Personnel, Appalachian Wildwaters, Bank One, King's Daughters' Medical Center, Sitel Corporation, Greater Huntington Parks and Recreation, Heritage Center and Tri-County YMCA.

Spring sprints

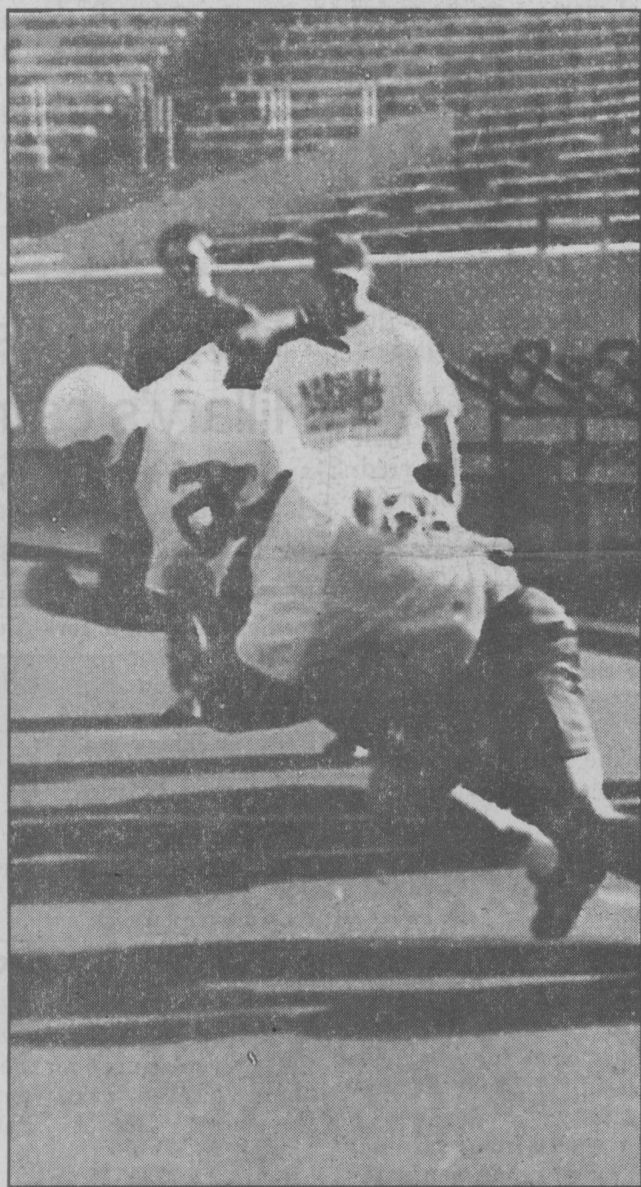


photo by Diane Pottorff

The Thundering Herd started spring practice Friday. Marshall will try to win its third straight Mid-American Conference title. Read more on the new coaches settling in to their positions, page 5.

Last day to drop is drawing near

by GAYLE L. SMITLEY
reporter

Procrastination might be considered an art form by college students, but putting off dropping a class can come back to haunt you.

Friday, March 19 is the last scheduled day to drop a single class.

Roberta Ferguson, registrar, said "Many students do not realize after March 19 they can no longer drop single classes."

"We have a tremendous rush to drop classes on the final day because students wait until the last minute; they think they have more time, but do not," she said.

To drop a class, students must have a drop form and meet with their professors to discuss dropping. The professor needs to sign the drop form to verify that they know the student is dropping the class.

"We have the professor sign the drop slip for the students' protection," Ferguson said. "If the professor does not sign the slip, he or she might see the drop as invalid and give the student a failing grade."

Freshmen have an early warning to see if they need to drop a class or not, she said.

Each semester, professors send midterm D and F reports to freshmen to correspond with the drop term.

The early warning allows students the chance to speak with their professors to see if they

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Roberta Ferguson,
registrar

can improve their grades or if they should consider dropping the class, Ferguson said.

Students who are on academic probation (below a 2.0 cumulative grade point average) need to have the professor and the dean or associate dean of their colleges sign the drop form.

After the deadline, students' only option is to completely drop their entire schedule, Ferguson said.

Complete withdrawals are March 22 - March 30 and a professor's signature is not needed.

Other exceptions to having a professor's signature are evening classes and off-campus classes. Students can mail or fax their request to withdraw from these classes.

Drop forms are available outside the registrar's office, in all academic departments and in the registration area in the basement of Old Main.

Students can drop classes in the basement of Old Main from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Democrats' leader says group has advantages

by CONNIE NICHOLS
reporter

A College Democrats' leader says students should join the majority party in the state instead of being a Republican.

"Because West Virginia is so Democratic, there are a lot of potential contacts for students," said Tony Ponton, Martinsburg junior majoring in history and president of the campus group.

"That can help students get jobs and be more successful later."

Ryan Gray, Bridgeport sophomore and treasurer of the College Democrats, said the group is a community-based student organization.

"It's a good way to learn more about politics within the school and within the state," Gray said.

"It also makes for very interesting discussions. I've learned a lot."

Members' political views range from moderate to extreme liberalism, Gray said.

Ponton said, "We try to get students involved so when they graduate they will know how the political process really works."

Ponton, a College of Liberal Arts senator in the Student Government Association, said, "We bring the candidates to the students."

He said approximately 10 members are on the Democratic Women's Committee.

The committee is helping the College Democrats fund a trip to the Regional College Democrats Conference March 18 - 20 in Washington, D.C., he said. The group will participate in a fundraising luncheon and help as the national platform is being set up.

The group is more involved in the community than on campus, Ponton said. It helps with democratic campaigns and committees.

College Democrats meet at 9:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The group has approximately 30 members, but only 8-15 attend the weekly meetings, Ponton said.

"Meetings are very relaxed," he said. "We have a good time."

"We try to stick to the Democratic platform as much as possible," Ponton said, "but we aren't going to deny anyone the right to voice their opinion about a particular issue."

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ponton1@marshall.edu.

Early enrollment key to spot at child care center

by ANNA M. KNIGHTON
reporter

Students must hurry and sign up for child care services if they plan to enroll their child at the new child care center during the fall of 1999.

The Women's Center in Prichard Hall is accepting pre-registration forms for anyone who wishes his/her child to attend The Huntington Child Development Academy.

Dr. Laura Wyant, associate professor of training and development, said, "People need to get over there and fill out their forms. It is very important for students to fill out the pre-registration forms because space is limited."

Wyant's biggest concern is that not everyone will sign up for pre-registration and it will fill up before students get to apply.

"If students are not sure they will be using the child care facility, they still need to fill out a form to make sure their name gets on the list."

Leah R. Tolliver, coordinator of women's and returning student programs, said, "There

has already been a lot of people who have applied for child care."

More than four pages of names have been collected so far during pre-registration, she said.

"The number of names shows me there is a great need on campus for the child care facility."

Students should not get discouraged about the number of names already on the list, Tolliver said.

Students are priority and slots have been allotted just for them.

All other spots will be open to faculty, staff and the community, Tolliver said.

Applications will be sent to River Valley Child Development Services, the center's service provider, to determine who will receive child care, Tolliver said.

Wyant said the center's officials have signed a contract with River Valley covering operation hours, care of building and insurance.

The center's board of directors is soliciting donations and grants to complete the facility, Wyant said. It already



file photo

Pre-registration for The Huntington Child Development Academy is necessary for students interested in placing their children at the center.

has received a large amount of funds, but still not enough to completely furnish the facility.

A group of faculty members are planning to attend a conference this month in Chicago to learn about an upcoming grant the board of directors hopes to receive, Wyant said.

Cost to students would be waived if the center receives the grant.

Construction is scheduled for completion in July, but the center will not open until August to allow time for final preparations to receive students, Wyant said.

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Senators sworn in; executives prepare to take office April 15

by BUTCH BARKER
Life! editor

Returning senators and executives got a brief look Tuesday at what's in store for Student Senate Session 52.

Current Student Government Association (SGA) President MacKenzie Howard and Vice President Susan Porter are among the number of changes the senate will see. After the April 15 inauguration, Brandi Jacobs and Rogers Beckett, president and vice president-elects, will begin their term as Marshall's newest leaders.

The thirteen new senators also may bring change. Those present were sworn in before the meeting.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said she hopes there is some good in store for Session 52.

"I hope we can accomplish

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Brandi Jacobs,
SGA president-elect

working together as a team," Cockrille said. "When we don't, I hear about it in a number of ways. Students want to take student government seriously."

"We have managed to get past inner squabbling and this past year has been good. Students want that to continue and they want [student government] to work for them."

Keenan Rhodes, acting senate president pro-tempore, introduced Bill 1, that focused on the Student Senate annual conference. It passed for first reading.

Nominations for senate officers followed the only bill introduced to the senate.

Candidates for Senate President Pro-tempore are senators Adrian Cain, Mandy Hicks and Keenan Rhodes. Senators nominated for Parliamentarian were Nicole Adkins and Tony Ponton. Michele Kuhn and Jack Hanks are up for historian.

Senators will vote on these positions at the next meeting.

Following the meeting, Jacobs said she is ready to begin her duties of student

body president.

"We want to show students that we are dedicated and determined," Jacobs said. "That wasn't just a campaign promise, but things we plan to do whole-heartedly. Anytime students think that we aren't doing our jobs, let us know."

Beckett shared Jacobs' sentiment.

"I hope to create a good relationship with students and senators," Beckett said. "I want to get a comfortable move into my position and go from there."

Beckett, who also won a senate seat for College of Liberal Arts, said he believes he has a bit of an advantage on achieving that.

"Although I'll probably have to give up [the senate] seat, I'll get to see [governing] from both points of view — as a senator and vice president," Beckett said. "I think that will be a plus."

IRS gives some parents a tax break

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is making sure thousands of people who qualify for new child tax credits don't miss a chance to cut income taxes this year.

The Internal Revenue Service estimated Monday that so far, more than 30,000 taxpayers who appear to qualify for the \$400-per-child credits failed to enter it on their tax forms. The IRS is fixing the mistake for them.

In some cases, this means a larger-than-expected income tax refund; in others, it means a smaller tax bill, IRS spokesman Don Roberts said.

The credit is new for the 1998 tax year. Within certain income limits, a taxpayer can qualify for \$400 credits for each dependent child, grandchild, stepchild, adopted child or foster child who is under age 17 and is a U.S. citizen or resident.

The child credit is largely responsible for a 15.5 percent increase in average refunds this year, from \$1,497 to \$1,729. Roberts said about a quarter of the 39 million tax returns filed so far have claimed the credit.

The IRS is finding that thousands of people checked a box

on their 1040 forms — column 4 of line 6c — indicating that a dependent meets these qualifications, but they failed to enter the \$400 or more on line 43 of the form.

By using Social Security records, the IRS can determine if one dependent qualifies and will automatically correct the mistake. The IRS for years has corrected tax return math errors and other mistakes, often to taxpayers' benefit.

If the service can't determine eligibility, taxpayers will get a letter from IRS explaining the discrepancy and requesting an amended return to take advantage of it.

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For additional child credits, taxpayers should contact IRS about whether those dependents are eligible.

Some taxpayers cannot claim the credit because their incomes are too high. The credit is reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 of a taxpayer's income that is above \$75,000, or \$110,000 for a married couple filing jointly.

Credits differ from deductions in that they reduce tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis, while a deduction reduces the amount of income that is subject to taxation.

State Tax Department criticized for business reform plans

CHARLESTON (AP) — The state Senate's finance chief is backing the Tax Department's proposed overhaul, despite opposition from a Charleston accountant.

Sen. Oshel Craig, Finance Committee chairman, said Monday that attempts to provide breaks for various professions would undo the work of the Governor's Commission on Fair Taxation.

"It would be an exemption for everyone," said Craig, D-Putnam. "In a very reactionary

way, you'd carve out exemptions for special groups."

Gary L. Swingle of Arnett & Foster urged lawyers and law firms to lobby the Legislature to reject provisions of the tax proposal.

Swingle criticized a proposal that would apply the six percent state sales tax to professional services, including legal services. He also said a proposed single business tax would quadruple taxes for law firms.

"Many doubt that law firms and other professional firms

will be able to pass the six percent tax along to the clients and may have to eat the tax," he wrote.

Swingle, who advised clients to contact state senators and delegates, said he did not know how many lawyers and firms received his memo.

The plan was released in July, but Swingle said he criticized it in a Feb. 20 memo shortly after the Tax Department released an executive report detailing possible tax rate changes.

Tax and Revenue Secretary

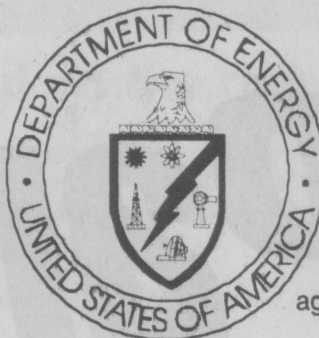
Robin Capehart replied to Swingle Friday, saying he failed to consider the 129-page plan in its entirety.

Capehart also told Swingle his criticism of the plan was inflammatory.

"It is obvious from the tone and structure of your memorandum that your sole purpose is to incite your lawyer clients, rather than inform them in order that they may reach their own conclusions regarding the commission's recommendations," he wrote.

Mike Espy works for free after acquittal

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy is returning to the Clinton administration in a part-time, nonpaying job. Espy will serve as a senior adviser to the Department of Energy. He was acquitted in December on 30 charges based on his acceptance of gifts from companies regulated by his former department. "I'd be willing to serve in any capacity if the administration desires my help," Espy said Monday night while addressing the Mississippi Association for Educators, which gave him a civil rights award. Espy, who plans to continue practicing law in Jackson, agreed to the appointment this month after deciding not to seek a statewide office in Mississippi.



Lamar Alexander joins race, denounces Clinton's ethics

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lamar Alexander, former Tennessee governor, officially declared his candidacy for President Tuesday by promising to be a leader "who respects both the office and the people who put him there."

His veiled rebuke of President Clinton was coupled with a plea to Republican primary voters: Don't limit your options to early favorites George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole.

"This time the race is wide open," he said in a draft of his address. "There is no one whose 'turn' it is."

Promising better schools, higher family incomes and a stronger military, Alexander said, "I am here this morning to declare that I will be a candidate for president of the United States because I am ready to help our country face the challenges of a new century."

He denounced Clinton "and his faithful servant," Vice President Al Gore.

"They have given us what their polls tell them — but

that is not leadership," he said.

Alexander said the booming economy is nothing but a "magic show," disguising with political sleight of hand America's failing schools, bigger bureaucracies, weakening national defense and deepening racial polarization.

"Our standards of right and wrong have all but disappeared," he said.

"A new American Century will require a moral foundation laid by a president who respects both the office and the people who put him there; a president who knows what it took to make this nation great and what it will take to keep it that way," Alexander said, without mentioning the Monica Lewinsky scandal or other Clinton controversies.

Alexander's climb in 2000 promises to be at least as steep as four years ago, when he and his trademark checkered shirts finished third in the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary before petering out.

Republicans attempt to stop Hillary's campaign for Senate

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Republicans in the state Legislature have introduced a bill that could block Hillary Rodham Clinton from running for Senate in New York. But its chief sponsor conceded Monday it has virtually no chance of becoming law.

Nonetheless, the measure has provided Republicans with an opportunity to vent their frustration over the possibility the first lady might run for the seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Polls have shown Mrs. Clinton, who has never lived in New York, running well against the strongest potential GOP

nominee, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"You ought to live here so you know what the state's all about, especially if you're going to be a United States senator," state Assemblyman David Townsend said of his bill to impose a five-year state residency requirement on candidates for U.S. Senate or House seats. Currently, there are no residency requirements.

Townsend said he is realistic about the legislation's chances given that Democrats control the Assembly and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver is a big booster of Clinton's campaign. State Democratic chairwoman Judith Hope said she welcomes the GOP legislation.

"They think people elected them to get the Clintons. If they keep it up, they're going to guarantee, No. 1, that she runs and, No. 2, that she'll win," she said.



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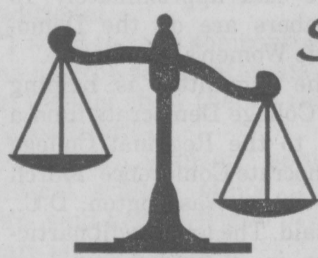
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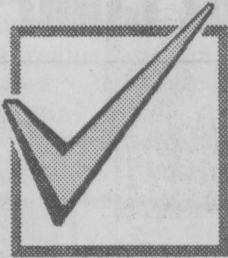


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'CLOC' shows online problems

by JIA HENG
reporter

Faculty, staff and students now have an easy way to get information on what happened, is happening or will happen in the University Computing Services by using CLOC.

Running since Jan. 1, CLOC stands for the Chronological List of Changes. It was designed as a method of providing quick and convenient access to the information about the changes made to the services provided by the University Computing Services.

The CLOC lists changes such as upgrades, modifications and downtimes for the services provided by Computing Services.

Robert Boag, associate director of Systems Administration

"This way users that were wondering about where the service had been during that outage know right away what happened."

Robert Boag,
associate director of systems administration
of computing services

of Computing Services, said the CLOC is built using an electronic bulletin board system, known as WebBBS.

WebBBS is a general service provided on the web server that provides an electronic bulletin board for sharing information.

Members of the Computing Services staff can post messages to the CLOC by posting them to the electronic bulletin board.

"We post new messages as needed," Boag said.

If a service is temporarily

unavailable or upgraded, a posting will be made by the Computing Services staff member responsible for the change.

"We feel that this provides students, faculty, staff and anyone that may be interested with valuable information regarding the changes to services provided by our department," Boag said. "Our hope is that anyone that uses services provided by the Computing Services will benefit by reading entries in the CLOC."

Bailey Raymond, senior sys-

tems programmer of Computing Services, said he posts information to the CLOC.

Any time he makes a modification to some system or service that has or potentially may affect the experience of users who rely upon that service he posts the information.

This includes disclosure of the unavoidable interruptions of services when machines 'crash,' or information about outages due to maintenance or upgrades.

"This way users that were

wondering about where the service had been during that outage know right away what happened," he said.

"Also since we are a university, I think it only makes sense that we share our experiences with the students on campus."

"With the CLOC, we're able to disclose information about the workings of our operations—what kinds of machines we're using and why we're choosing the kinds of things we do," Raymond said.

He said the CLOC provides a rich channel of information, and promotes an atmosphere of open information sharing.

CLOC can be accessed at <http://www.marshall.edu/computing/cloc/>. Web BBS can be accessed at <http://www.marshall.edu/computing/webbbs/>.

Advisory councils lobby for new bills

by DEVON M. KELLY
reporter

The representative of the Advisory Council for Students to the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees will be joining students at a gathering in Charleston to discuss higher education bills with state legislators.

Derek Anderson, Charleston senior, majoring in communication studies and health care management, said he and other students from Marshall will meet with legislators Friday in Charleston. The students will watch the Legislature as it prepares to wind down March 13.

"We want to go and show our support to various members of the legislature and the ACS is supporting many bills," Anderson said. "Some of the bills we support may not affect us directly but will pave a way for students after us."

Anderson said the Advisory Council of Staff will also have representatives there.

"We are showing unity by going and supporting the bills that affect both groups, such as the Promise Bill and other tuition waiver bills."

The Promise Bill will give graduating high school seniors tuition waivers for having a B average and a score of at least 22 on the ACT.

According to Anderson, this bill is currently in the Senate's Finance and Education committees.

Anderson said other bills being watched by the ACS include the Part-time Higher Education Grant program. This program would grant part-time students financial aid that has not been available in the past.

This bill is also in the Senate's Education and Finance committees.

Another bill being watched would allow college to be substituted for work with public assistance.

"To my understanding, House Speaker Kiss [Robert Kiss] introduced this so that someone on public assistance, if wanting to pursue higher education, will be able to do so by having school constitute as work," Anderson said.

State may suffer jet lag

Lack of adequate airports may damage commerce

HUNTINGTON (AP) — Inadequate airline service has cost West Virginia considerable economic development, airport executives and southern West Virginia business leaders say.

In 1990, the Raleigh County Memorial Airport boarded more than 11,000 passengers, while by last year the number has fallen to about 2,000 said Tom Cochran, manager of the airport located along Interstate 64, just outside Beckley.

Today, the airport can offer area travelers just four flights a day to Dulles Airport outside Washington, D.C.

"It lets us get out of town, but it doesn't do anything for business," Cochran said.

"Airlines go where the load factors are," Cochran said.

"And that has forced, not just local residents, but businesses as well, to go to out-of-state airports."

"Corporations that have looked at us in the last six months have been negative because of (the lack of) air service," Cochran said.

"Air service is not a luxury but a necessity to grow, attract and retain businesses in rural areas," added state Transportation Secretary Sam Bonasso.

"Aviation is to the 1990s what highway development was to the 1950s."

Monday's hearing was attended by three members of the aviation subcommittee of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, including Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va.

The public discussion of a regional airport must not be allowed to override concerns about improvements at existing airports, he said.

"Even looking through the most rose-colored glasses, a

regional airport would not be in place for at least 10 years," Rahall said.

"We need to do something now, in the interim, to improve air service in rural areas of the country such as southern West Virginia."

In addition to Rahall, the subcommittee included Reps. Tim Holden, R-Pa., and chairman John Duncan, R-Tenn.

"Economic development is almost always tied to air service," Duncan said.

"If you don't have good air service, you can't get businesses."

A number of individuals who testified before the committee told of the difficulty of getting businesses to locate — or keep — headquarters operations in southern West Virginia as a result of the high fares airlines charge to fly in and out of southern West Virginia air-



ports. Rahall said his staff recently checked on the cost of flying in and out of West Virginia, and compared it with flights to much more distant locations.

Flying from Washington, D.C., to Huntington, U.S. Airways charged round trip fares ranging from \$714 to \$914, Rahall said. But if the same passenger wanted to fly on the same days to London, the fare would have been as low as \$281 roundtrip, he said.

"We are interested in exploring ways ... to improve air service to rural areas and small communities," Rahall said.

Similar issues have arisen with the Greater Cumberland Regional Airport in Wiley Ford, Mineral County.

Spokesmen for Gov. Cecil Underwood and Maryland Gov.

Parris Glendening said the two executives will meet this spring to take up issues concerning the future of the airport.

Through the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority, the states collectively manage the Mineral County airport. But West Virginia has been decreasing its contribution toward operational expenses for the past several years.

Authority members have long said West Virginia is not honoring the terms of the contract that created the authority. It requires the state to pay half of the costs.

Last week, the West Virginia Public Port Authority voted to endorse a site located at the intersection of Lincoln, Cabell and Putnam counties as the focus of its feasibility studies for a proposed \$370 million regional airport.



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OUR VIEW

Midterm blahs hard to handle

The mid-semester crunch has arrived. Tempers are hot, patience is wearing thin and the tests and deadlines are mounting.

At about this time every semester, students hit a stumbling stone. As we perform our daily routines, it becomes more difficult to simply do the work without complaining.

Going to class is more of a chore than usual, especially when we must fight ourselves to stay awake. With bobbing heads and drooping eyelids, we often battle the urge to nap. Pen in hand, we keep taking notes, even when our eyes momentarily close. Opening them with a start, we realize to our dismay our notes are nothing but a down-slanting mess of chicken scratches.

The urge to take advantage of that nifty drop policy also comes on strong during the midterm. Even students who are making passing grades often consider dropping classes simply because they do not want to be bothered with the pressure anymore. Taking the easy way out, however, is not the best answer.

We would like to offer a bit of encouragement to those who are struggling through the midterm blues. Remember, the semester is half over. For that fact alone, we would also like to remind students to only use the drop policy in desperate situations. Unless one is miserably failing a class, it is usually better to just go ahead and tough it out.

Students, we feel your pain. And professors, many of you probably have cases of the blahs, too. Do not give up. The end is in sight.

Debate requires student voices

Yet again, students were absent Tuesday from a forum in which their input was needed.

Dr. Linda Rowe, director of judicial affairs, conducted a forum to debate whether or not parents should be notified when their sons or daughters violate university drug and alcohol policies. Of those who attended the debate, very few were students. Rowe also said no one has contacted her to voice opinions about the policy. Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said most students she has spoken to are against the policy.

Regardless of whether students are for or against the policy, this is one decision that should not be made without student input. The Parthenon published a story previewing the discussion to let students know when and where they could voice their opinions. As a newspaper, it is our duty to provide such information. Students who read our paper must then decide what action, if any, to take.

In this case, we encourage students to make their opinions known. As we have written before, we are not in favor of this policy. We do, however, encourage all sides to air their views to reach the best possible solution.

Students, you have to power to influence campus decisions. Use it.

Editorial policy

Please keep letters to the editor no longer than 250 words. Longer letters may be used as guest columns at the editor's discretion. All letters must be signed and include an address or phone number for confirmation. Letters may be edited for libelous statements, available space or factual errors.

SAY WHAT?

"...I think that the Internet is the safest way to date in the age of STDs and casual sex."

—Michael D. Jordan, South Charleston freshman

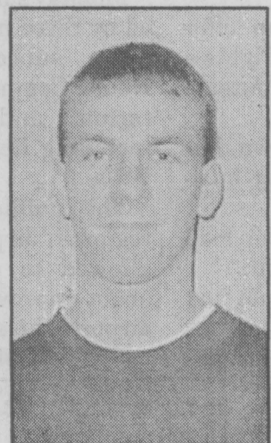
WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

In an informal survey Tuesday, students were asked what they thought of Marshall's withdrawal policy, which dictates that the last day to withdrawal from a single course is March 19.



"I think it's reasonable. I've never had a problem with it. It provides a good amount of time with tests. So, you know how you're doing in a class in order to drop."

— Kelly Wilks, Atlanta, Ga. senior



"I think you should be able to drop at any time. They count all hours, attempted and those you've dropped, and there's a federal cut off point. If you exceed a certain number, then they cut you off."

— J.D. Reed, Ironton, Ohio sophomore



"I think it's too late to drop classes. I think that everyone should have a feel for how they're doing in a class by midterm."

— Bridget Peterson, Weirton freshman



YOUR VIEW

Runner-up thanks supporters

To the students of Marshall University:

We would like to thank all those that came out and supported the Ladd/Ramsey campaign for student body president and vice president.

I especially want to thank all the Greeks that voted and stuck by us all the way through. I also appreciate everyone that helped me campaign especially Nathan Turner, Derrick Adkins, Brian

Citti, Jimmy Nash, Joe Keeney, Josh Flesher, Matt Woelfel, Jeff McDowell, Matt Cremeans, Adam Beaty, Nate Hinshaw, Brian McDowell, Angela Myhrwold, Talley Harvey, Adrian Cain, Derrick Anderson, Steve Hensley (for all the great advice and peace of mind) and all my friends and brothers of Sig Ep that stuck by us through the whole week even in the snow. Thanks to the 563 students that supported us and the

total 1,400 students that cared enough to vote. I also extend congratulations to Brandi (Jacobs) and Rogers (Beckett) and offer any help I can give them this year to help accomplish all the tasks that lie ahead in improving our university.

Thanks again to everyone and GO HERD!

—Matt Ladd

Huntington junior and student body president candidate

Parthenon fostering controversy

To the editor:

I apologize to Ms. Brenda Ellis for my tardiness in responding to her letter to me on Feb. 23. I have been fervently trying to polish my "pen rubbish," which has taken some time.

I would like to thank you for sharing your opinion of me with the students of this fine institution. Congratulations, Ms. Ellis, for painting an extremely uncivilized picture of yourself for our peers.

Your unnecessary use of southern colloquialisms astounds me — I am a West Virginian myself, and still have no idea as to what "porch" you are referring. I would also like to toast your outright disrespect of one person's opinions, as I remind you that I am someone who merely meant in my letter to note that your display of sarcasm was done incorrectly, seeing as none of the students with whom I spoke realized that your letter was written in this style.

I do remember what many definitions of words are, as well as how to spell them. You are right about one thing, though. I do not remember taking English 102. I tested out of that class in high school and was studying 20th

Century British authors that semester.

Apparently, Ms. Ellis, you need to learn to take criticism constructively.

Although some rather harsh words were written in my letter, I do not believe they were false. I try not to let things bother me, as I suggest you try to do as well. Not every opinion published is going to receive favorable responses, but there is no need to fly off the handle, waving one's gun in the air. Patronizing a person one does not know will also make one seem like an immature writer with many underdeveloped qualities.

I realize that this area of the country breeds their children to come out with both fists in the air, a sad thing indeed. It is also unfortunate that the editors of this poor example of journalism chose to print your letter with a huge text block, voicing their opinion that they prize this type of controversy (please see editor's note).

One who lives in a glass house should not throw stones. I truly apologize for the fact that you missed the point of my letter.

This "porch" you speak of, Ms. Ellis? Why, thank you so much for inquiring about the state of

my home. We have recently placed some lovely plants outside. You should drop by sometime.

— Michelle Kessler senior

Editor's note: The "text block" Michelle Kessler is referring to is actually a pull quote. Pull quotes are boxes that display an excerpt from a letter or a quotation from a news story. Pull quotes are design tools and are not used to communicate the opinions of the editors. When editors express their views, they do so in columns or editorials and label them as such. Kessler, you also seem to be a little confused about the purpose of an opinion page. The opinion section is a forum where controversial views are aired and debated. We do not prize controversy per se, but we do prize the rights of everyone to express his or her opinion, no matter how illogical or unpopular that opinion may be. In your letter you say The Parthenon is a "poor example of journalism." We beg to differ but welcome any criticism. Your comments, however, would have been taken more seriously if you had included a suggestion for improvement.

—Christopher Worth Marlington freshman

Sexes equal in God's sight

To the editor:

The persistent denial of equality to one-half of the world's population is an affront to human dignity. Over a century ago, for

the first time in religious history, Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i faith, in announcing God's purpose for the age, proclaimed the equality of women and men saying, "Women and men have been and will always be equal in the sight of God."

To the Marshall University campus community, we, the Baha'i Association here on campus, are proclaiming our stance

on the equality of men and women by releasing this statement above from the "Two Wings of a Bird" campaign.

We are inviting you to join us in our quest for TRUE equality of the sexes. With any questions or comments please contact me at 696-3704.

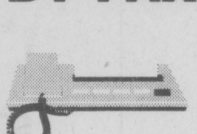
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Out of production

Baseball team drops three of four;
Coach blames offensive output

by JENNIFER L. JOHNSON
reporter

Four games. One victory. That is what the Thundering Herd baseball team came away with this past weekend in Charleston, S.C., against Charleston Southern University and The College of Charleston.

Head Coach Dave Piepenbrink said he was pleased with the start.

"We started the weekend out great but then things turned bad," he said. "Our pitching was good but offensively we could not get anything going."

The Herd picked up a 7-3 win Friday against Charleston Southern. The offense was sparked in the second inning when senior catcher Aaron McClellan had a double and junior third baseman Rick Martin had a two-run single.

First baseman Jimmy Thomas hit a homerun in the sixth and the Herd finished the game off in the top of the ninth with three runs.

Marshall starter Rob Francis pitched 5 1/3 innings, striking out six but was relieved in the sixth inning when the Buccaneers got two runs off singles, cutting the lead to two.

The Bucs added another run in the eighth off a single to cut the lead 4-3 but would not get any closer. Marshall closer J.J. Thomas loaded the bases in the ninth, but got out of the jam to pick up his first save of the season.

Saturday, the Herd lost both games of a double-header with Charleston Southern.

Charleston Southern took the first game 4-2. Marshall scored in the top of the second off a single from Aaron McClellan, who went 1-3 in the game. The Herd added another in the fifth when freshman shortstop Aaron Amburgey scored on a passed ball.

In game two, Marshall lost 6-1. Junior first baseman Eric Pinkerton provided the lone run with his second homerun of the season.

The weekend ended with a loss to The College of Charleston 19-6.

The home opener was scheduled to be today but because of unsatisfactory field conditions, the Herd will play Eastern Kentucky in Richmond, Ky.

New coaches settling in with spring practices

by JENNIFER L. JOHNSON
reporter

With the beginning of spring football practice, the new coaches have made a home with the Herd.

The new defensive coach, Bill Wilt from Western Illinois, says he has already established himself in Huntington.

"It is a great place to be," Wilt said. "Marshall has great coaches and players who have responded well and accepted me."

Even though Wilt arrived in Huntington only a couple of days before practice started, he said everything is great.

"Everyone has been very helpful at making me feel at home," he said.

Wilt said he is very impressed with the way things are done at Marshall.

"The coaching staff and team are very organized and professional," he said. "They seem to have a very high work ethic, and they are used to winning."

Wilt added, "This is the best place I have ever worked. With so many coaching changes here at Marshall, in the past, the team has learned how to accept new faces quite well."

Changes in the climate seems to be the biggest change for new quarterbacks coach Ed Zaunbrecher.

"It's a lot colder here than Louisiana in the mornings," Zaunbrecher said.

Zaunbrecher says he, like



Photo by Dianne Pottoroff

Linemen use a medicine ball for drill during this Friday's opening practice.

Wilt, is very excited to be at Marshall.

"Everything seems to be spinning in a hurry and I have a lot of catching up to do."

Zaunbrecher said he is very impressed so far with the Herd.

"There are a lot of returning players who know the system, which helps me catch on since I

am new."

Zaunbrecher said Marshall has an advantage his former school did not.

"With Marshall being in an established conference things are better," he said. "The team has goals that are good to work toward and success to build on."

Offensive Coordinator Marty Galbraith said he has a lot of confidence in Zaunbrecher.

"This is the fourth time I've coached with Ed," Galbraith said. "I think he is a good coach with a lot of experience. It always takes a little while to get into a new system."

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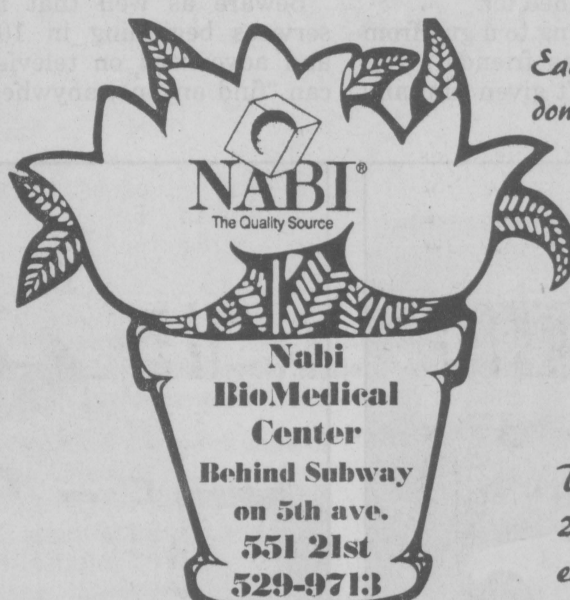
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BOBA FLEX, a band that originated in Huntington, has been performing for large crowds since they stepped into the local music scene. Find out more about Drebbbit, Sean, Marty, Aaron and Ronnie ...

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Dinner and a Movie

The traditional date may be a thing of the past, or is it?

Ah, the first date. Was it love at first sight? Was it fueled by friendship? Or was it a little less traditional, say the Internet?

Whatever method students use to begin relationships or ask for a date, one thing is certain—it's working. Some say that it doesn't matter where the first date occurs, it just matters if a good time comes of it.

Alissa L. Pottorff, freshman undecided major from Sutton, said that her first date with her current boyfriend was kind of off the wall.

"We met when he was telling me about a party at his fraternity house," she said. "After the party, a bunch of us went to the bar, and he just asked me out. We had been hanging out for about a week, so I just said sure, and we have been together now for six months."

"For our first date, we went to Oliver's for a nice dinner, but now we really kind of just hang out a lot."

J. Scott Frame, junior public relations major from Boone County, said his way of meeting girls is more traditional.

"I meet girls through friends and classes," he said. "I don't have a girlfriend right now, but I love to take girls skiing or mountain biking, anything that is a little non-traditional."

"I want to take someone out who has the same interests as me. I would show them a really good time."

Kristi D. Johnson, senior political science major from Man, said her boyfriend of six years is still romantic.

"We go out to eat a lot," Johnson said. "We hit the Chinese restaurants often. We also do a lot of shopping together, or we just stay in and rent movies."

Shannon R. Heins, sophomore elementary education major from Winfield, said her

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relationship started with as friendship. "When I was a freshman in high school, he was this untouchable senior baseball star. When we got to know each other, he started to take care of me, like a big brother," Heins said.

"When I finally became a senior, he met me at this party where we were playing truth or dare and we were dared to kiss. We have been dating for two years now."

"The relationship is really hard now, because he moved to Iowa for a great job. We talk on the phone twice a day every day, and we see each other at least once a month. It's hard, but it's worth it."

Students emphasize that there is no one place to go on a date. The list ranges anywhere from swing dancing at local clubs to restaurants, ice skating or bowling.

The hottest restaurants seem to be Red Lobster, Olive Garden and Applebee's, while other students prefer staying home and watching movies with their loved ones. Still other students don't go out at all, preferring to leave their love life up to a computer screen.

The Internet is now the newest way to find a mate, and on-line dating services are buzzing like flies. But chatters beware. The Internet can provide a safe, worry free way to meet someone, but it can also lead to heartbreak.

Jennifer E. Full, freshman psychology major from Elizabethtown, said her friendly pen pal turned into something she hadn't bargained for.

"I was talking to a guy from Brazil, just as friends," Full said. "I hadn't given him any

information except my name and what state I was from."

"Soon after that, he got my phone number and began calling me at home. Now, he has my email address at school and he sends me all kinds of psycho letters."

Michael D. Jordan, freshman science major from South Charleston, said although the traditional way of dating is fine, he likes the easy, trouble free way of meeting girls on the Internet.

"I think that it is cool that you can be yourself or be someone completely different when you're online," Jordan said. "You can talk to girls from all over the world without the commitment or permanency that happens when you meet face to face. You can go on virtual dates that take place anywhere and everyone feels fine in the morning."

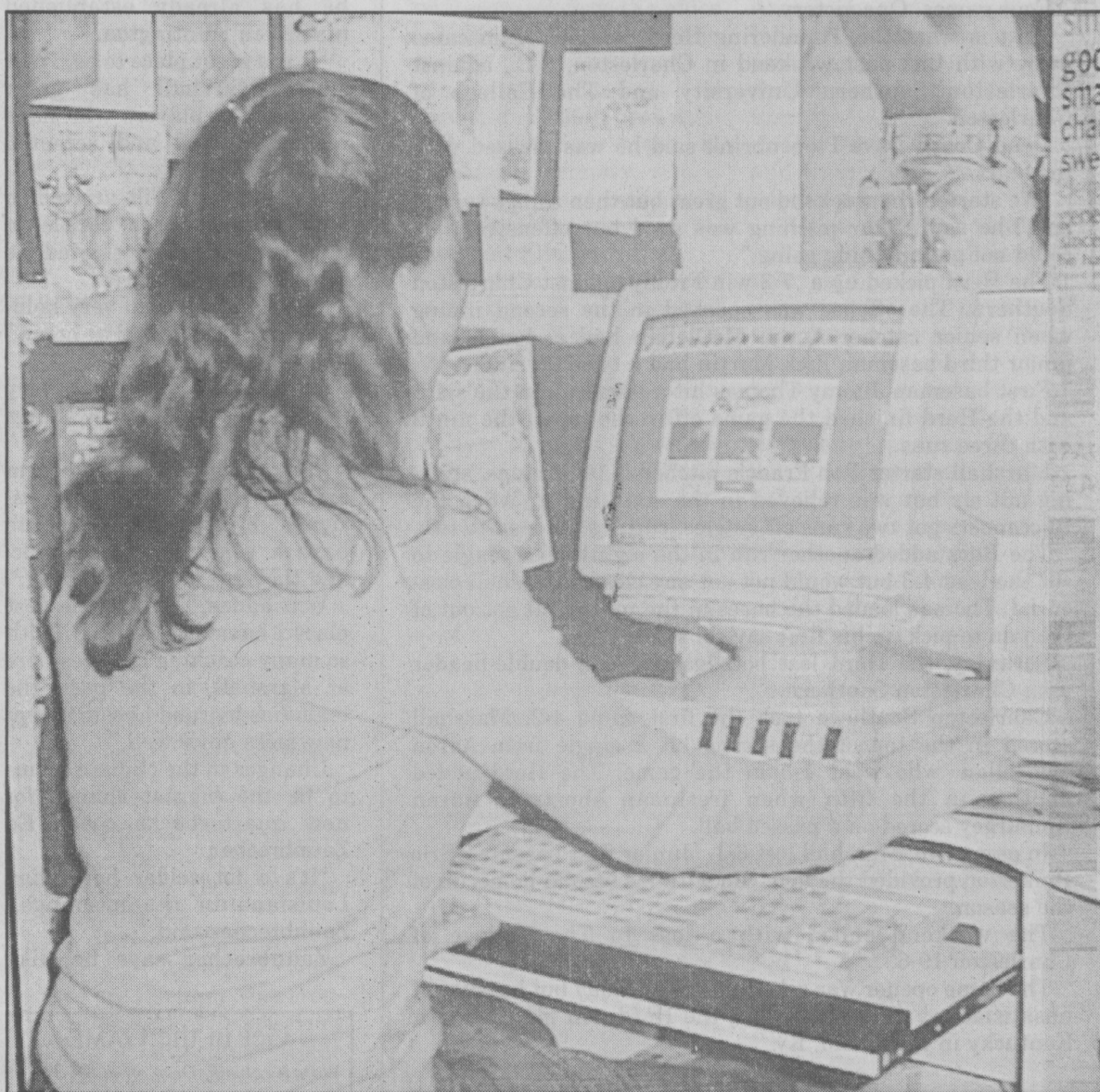
"Even though I've never met a girl [online] that I have talked to in person, I think that the Internet is the safest way to date in the age of STDs and casual sex," he said.

While dating on the Internet certainly is a new approach to a tried and true classic, the web site www.wildxangel.com lists several chatroom dos and don'ts for Internet dating.

Instead of giving out the exact city or town that you live in, give out a more general region (such as the tri-state area, or southern West Virginia).

Never give out your phone number. The web site reveals that if the person asks you to call them collect, your phone number will still end up on their phone bill. Also activate your caller ID blocking system so that your phone number does not show up on their system.

Beware as well that new services beginning in 10-10 and advertised on television can "find anyone, anywhere,"



even if they do not know the town you live in.

Be wary of putting your picture on the Internet. Anyone can use it at any time.

Bragging is asking for jerks to hit on you. So are suggestive user names.

The web site also suggests using appropriate behavior when chatting in personal rooms.

When all is said and done, there are so many different ways to meet that certain someone. Whether it's dinner and a movie or "surfing" the net, the best way to date is different for everyone.

TOP: The Internet is quickly becoming a way to meet people and begin relationships. America Online offers hundreds of chat rooms.

RIGHT: Alissa L. Pottorff and her boyfriend have a good time just hanging out and watching movies.

BELOW LEFT: Applebee's restaurant is a common date destination.

BELOW MIDDLE: Some people find dates in clubs like Vinnie's Millennium.

BELOW RIGHT: The Keith-Albee Theatre has given several generations a place to take dates.

