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August target for opening new apartments

by ANNA M. KNIGHTON
reporter

University Courtyard Apartments, a private development east of campus, is expected to have 200 apartments ready for students by Aug. 1 despite some problems with construction of sewer lines.

"There will be 200 apartments available by Aug. 1 and the remaining 24 apartments by Dec. 1," Mike Shaw, project manager, said.

Construction workers had to

come up with a plan to install new sewer lines for the courtyard because Cabell County Board of Education office is located on existing sewage lines.

Shaw said, "I have to go across the back parking lot of the [Cabell County School Board] to put in the sewage lines. We have made arrangements to take the parking lot on Monday," he said last week.

Shaw said the cars presently parked in the parking lot behind the board of education

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Mike Shaw,
project manager

building will be able to park at the Huntington Fire Station.

"We are not using the present sewage lines," Shaw said. "All of the sewage lines within the six-block area will be brand new."

Shaw said he cannot complete the project until after the Cabell County School Board offices are closed July 1.

Tammy S. Chabot, property manager, said, "We have about 84 people leased."

The construction is a little behind, Chabot said. "There are a few things that you can not complete the apartments without."

Shaw said, "The university needs this facility because everyone knows there is a housing problem."

The courtyard will have a clubhouse with a full exercise room, computer lab and recreation room with pool and ping pong tables, Shaw said. There will also be a pool, tennis court and a play court with volleyball

nets in the club area.

All apartments will be furnished and the monthly rent includes, basic cable, water, electric and telephone, Shaw said.

All apartments have the capability to have up to eight separate phone lines, Shaw said. They will be for faxes, computers, main lines and bedrooms lines.

"The phone wiring is called Category Five Phone lines and

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'Crimes of the Heart' opens Wednesday

by JILLIAN GEORGES
reporter

Showcasing drama and comedy, the theater department will present "Crimes of the Heart," a Pulitzer Prize winning play from Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

The play, written by Beth Henley, appeared on Broadway in 1981. The story is set in a small town in Mississippi and follows the lives of three sisters who are reunited for the first time in five years.

"I focused on the dynamics of the three siblings," said Jack Cirillo, director. "It shows a quintessential relationship of the oldest, middle and youngest children."

The oldest sister is a do-gooder, the middle is more rebellious and self-oriented, and the youngest is the baby who gets most of the attention, he said.

All of the sisters are still dealing with the guilt of their mother's suicide, which happened many years ago, said Cirillo.

Cirillo said this is a straightforward play, but its simplicity is what makes it challenging. "There are people dealing with situations that will change their lives," Cirillo said.

Teresa Wilson, who plays Lenny, said the most difficult part of this production was

dealing with the set. "It was hard adjusting to the closed set. It all takes place in the kitchen," Wilson said.

Cirillo said the strong, reflective emotions provide the actresses with a challenge. Jeannie Cheek, who plays Meg, said, "The interesting thing is that all these women have serious problems and they just bury them."

The cast also includes Randi Lehasky as Babe, Brent Rayburn as Doc, Julie Smith as Chick and Herschel Jeffrey as Barnette.

The set was designed by Mike Murphy and the lighting was done by Hannah Toney.

Cirillo said "Crimes of the Heart" is the most accessible of all the shows that were presented this year. He said this show is good for people who have not experienced play-going.

"It's a great cheap evening out with a date," Cirillo said. "You'll enjoy it just as much if not more than the normal date."

Tickets are available at the theater box office in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Full-time students receive free tickets and part-time students receive half-price tickets. More information is available by calling 696-2787.



Aiming to achieve

One goal down, many to go for SGA president

LEFT: Brandi D. Jacobs stands beside her father, Tom, after being sworn in as student body president.

photos by Rebecca Cantley

by BUTCH BARKER
Life! editor

Setting goals appears to be no problem for Brandi D. Jacobs.

Neither is achieving them. Jacobs, Marshall's new student body president, said she has always been goal oriented.

"I'm the type of person who likes to set goals," said Jacobs, a junior public relations major from Columbus, Ohio. "My freshman year, I walked on campus and knew no one. Nonetheless, I thought 'I wonder if I could be elected student body president.'"

Jacobs said, from that point, being president was one of her major goals. She recently achieved that goal and was inaugurated Friday, becoming the first African American student body president in school history.

"The community as a whole has expressed how proud they are that I am the first African American president," Jacobs said. "Marshall in the '60s and '70s wasn't the most open-minded university. African Americans had to fight for representation."

"The people who participated in sit-ins [and other protests] are telling me how proud they are that what they fought for is finally happen-



Rogers D. Beckett is sworn in as SGA vice president by Student Court Chief Justice Derek H. Anderson Friday in the Big Green Room at Marshall University Stadium.

ing in 1999."

Jacobs and running mate, Rogers D. Beckett, a senior education major from Apopka, Fla., and the starting safety for the Thundering Herd football team, defeated two presidential teams with surprise during the March Student Government Association (SGA) elections.

"We were underestimated," Jacobs said. "We didn't have the constituency base the others had. Matt [Ladd] had Greek support and Keenan [Rhodes] is a graduate stu-

dent."

In the past, Jacobs explained, fraternities and sororities came together to support Greek candidates and neither she, nor Rogers, is a Greek member.

That, however didn't stop the Jacobs/Beckett team from winning the race.

Jacobs, a graduate of White-hall-Yearling High School in Columbus, said she decided to come to Marshall because she has been exposed

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Secretary Day event to focus on support

Conference celebrates professionalism

by JIA HENG
reporter

Pride comes from work, no matter whether you are the administrator or the support staff.

That is the theory behind "Pride in Professionalism," a conference celebrating National Secretary Day. The conference will be conducted Wednesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Pamela Hamilton, director of non-credit programs and community services of the Community and Technical College, said the purpose of the conference is to recognize the contribution of the support staff throughout the year and thank them for the jobs they have done.

"Whatever administrative level you are, you need the support staff you can count on. Behind every successful administrator there is the support person," she said, "but sometimes we fail to recognize that the support staff makes a difference."

"The conference will make you appreciate yourself as a professional support staff." She said it will give staff members a day to get some personal enjoyment, as well as some training to give impact to their performance in the workplace.

"The technology has changed the workers and the work," Hamilton said the conference will meet that need and help them to keep skills up to date.

Lorraine Anderson, associate dean in the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business will give the keynote address, "The Importance of Having Fun at Work."

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Clowning around ...



photo by John F. Carter

Halli Lou the Clown makes a balloon animal for Jason Kelly, Charleston sophomore, on the Memorial Student Center Plaza Monday. Halli came to campus as part of SpringFest. For a list of events, see Happenings on page 6.

Women's studies program, classes available

by SHERRY KENESON-HALL
reporter

The schedules are out for fall and although some students may not be able to register for Women's Studies classes, they can still get involved in the Women's Studies Program.

There are four undergraduate and three graduate courses being taught in the fall for the Women's Studies Program. The undergraduate courses fall into a variety of subjects. They are "Rape and Sexual Violence," a Criminal Justice course; "Women in US History," a history course; "In the Outsidest Society," an English

course; and "Intro to Women's Studies," a course specific to the program.

Although some students may not be able to register for these classes due to scheduling constraints and required courses, this should not prevent them from satisfying their curiosity about the Women's Studies Program, said Rachel Miller, senior English major and president of the Women's Studies Student Association.

The Women's Studies Student Association was founded in order to spread information

about the program on campus, Miller said.

"I have been president since last fall," she said. "We originally started the group to inform Women's Studies students about classes and to produce a newsletter."

The newsletter, "Inanna," is available at a variety of locations, including the Women's Studies bulletin board on the fourth floor of Corby Hall.

WSSA then began to grow and students who were interested but not currently registered for Women's Studies classes were invited to join,

Miller said.

Dr. Amy Hudock, director of Women's Studies, helped to establish WSSA.

Hudock, along with the charter members of WSSA, decided there would be a service component for the group to fulfill. The idea was to have a hands-on project benefiting women in the area, Miller said.

The members also try to recruit students to register for Women's Studies classes.

"We do this by talking to students, spreading the word and sending out the newsletter," Miller said.

Miller said there are around 15 members in WSSA now and

Journalism Library rededication honors alumnus

by ANNA M. KNIGHTON
reporter

The Marvin L. Stone School of Journalism Library was rededicated during a ceremony Monday by Dr. Harold C. Shaver, dean and professor of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, and its honoree, Marvin L. Stone.

During the past few years the journalism library has gone under several renovations, which included new bookcases, flexible furniture, wall removal, painting and redesigning of the photo display for The School of Journalism and Mass Communications Hall of Fame. Stone and his wife, Terry, donated approximately \$20,000 for the project.

Stone, 1947 Marshall journalism graduate and former editor of U.S. News and World Report, said, "The library is an all purpose facility and I hope in the future to keep improving it."

"The reason I have kept in touch with the university is because of one man's life," he said. "There is always two or three people in your life who you look up to and in my case, William Page Pitt was the outstanding factor in my life."

Stone was a student of Pitt. They developed a friendship for more than 50 years, he said. They went through many experiences together.

Stone was one of several people

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Marvin L. Stone

Marshall journalism graduate at the rededication of the journalism library

who put emphasis on renaming the School of Journalism after W. Page Pitt, he said. "Pitt was born a teacher and he taught his entire life."

"He was my constant critic in a positive sense," Stone said. "He did not care if I was 17 or 57, he still taught me."

"Those who were students under him were fortunate," he said. "Not all felt the same because he was tough, but if you respected what he said you were fortunate."

President J. Wade Gilley attended the ceremony. He said, "The journalism department is growing and we are going to keep doing the renovations."

Marshall officials have discussed the possibility of expanding the current library to provide more space, he said. "I hope the school receives more awards so we need a bigger area," Gilley said.

Stone said, "I am so proud it is an independent part of the university. I went to school here when there were three tiny rooms in the basement of

the old library before Morrow Library existed."

"We had four old typewriters and made do because Page Pitt held it together with glue. He was a fascinating man, very inspirational and he could be like a father to you."

Stone wants students to know how fortunate they are to attend an American university instead of an Eastern European university, he said.

The students take journalism courses largely on theory because of two reasons; they have old professors who never practiced journalism and they do not have any opportunity to participate in internship programs.

The students do not have Internet access and only have six computers for the journalism program, Stone said.

Some Americans helped build a radio station, but they are not allowed to report on certain things because of the authoritarian government.

Journalists need to be enthusiastic, curious and need to have a desire to



photo by Anna Knighton

From left to right: Professor George T. Arnold, Terry and Marvin L. Stone and Professor Ralph J. Turner conclude the rededication services for the Marvin L. Stone School of Journalism Library Monday. Stone spoke about the independent status of the School of Journalism and his appreciation for his mentor, William Page Pitt.

inform people about what they learn from what others have done, he said. "You don't have to be a genius, just enthusiastic," Stone said.

"I will quote William Page Pitt by saying; 'I don't want excuses. I want results, they are the only thing that counts,'" he said. "He dwelled upon overcoming your own handicaps," Stone said.

"Everyone has eight cylinders and if you only operate a few of them you will create yourself a handicap and only you can overcome it."

Shaver and Rebecca Cantley, edi-

tor of The Parthenon, presented Stone with a replica of the John Deaver Drinko Library and the 100th anniversary version of The Parthenon, respectively.

A plaque will be placed under the original dedication plaque located on the third floor of Smith Hall in memory of the event.

"We are rededicating this library because Stone has brought so much to the journalism department through his distinguished career and his ability to live up to Page Pitt's standards and principles," Shaver said.

April 29 Faculty Senate elections to determine 18 open seats in fall

by ERRIN JEWELL
staff reporter

Next week's Faculty Senate elections will call for a "big change in the senate" this fall, Faculty Senate President Corley Dennison said during an Executive Committee meeting Monday.

Dennison said the change is due primarily to a large number of new senators that will replace the senators whose terms will expire at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

Seats up for grabs include senate president, vice-president and secretary, as well as all 15 executive committee seats.

Nominations for the positions will be determined by the committee chairs and secretaries of each faculty senate committee.

"There will be a large turn-over in a number of committee chairs," Dennison said.

"The average number of years of experience will probably change from two to four years," he said.

Senators can serve four consecutive terms in the Faculty Senate. The newly elected faculty members serve two-year terms which will

begin this fall and end in 2002.

The agenda was also set for the next Faculty Senate meeting by members of the Executive Committee.

Items for discussion include two higher education bills, House Bill 3019, which includes provisions for a community college in the eastern panhandle, and House Bill 2697, which will allow senior citizens enroll in college classes for half-tuition. The bills were enacted into law during the 1999 legislative session.

Chancellor Charles Manning is also scheduled to discuss a review by the Board of Trustees at the next meeting.

None of the other 14 committees recommended items for discussion during the next meeting.

Dennison said the other committees are "wrapping up current items" that will be addressed by those members who will continue to serve on the Faculty Senate this fall.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place Monday, May 3 at noon in Room 166 of the Science Building.

Computer system prepares for 2000: Campus changes found in departments

by KRISTA CRAWFORD
reporter

A change in the university finance computer system is causing a few changes on campus.

"We are trying to close out our books earlier this year in anticipation of the new Banner Finance System," said Herbert J. Karlet, vice president for finance.

University officials have asked departments to make their final bids and purchase orders one month earlier than usual to help the finance department close the books for this fiscal year and have the new computer system ready for the next fiscal year starting July 1.

A bid has to be made for every purchase that is not on contract and is worth more than \$1,000. Purchases on contract include purchases with companies the university has a contract with.

Karlet said an example of something that would be worth more than \$1,000 and would not have to be bid would be certain computers on state contract.

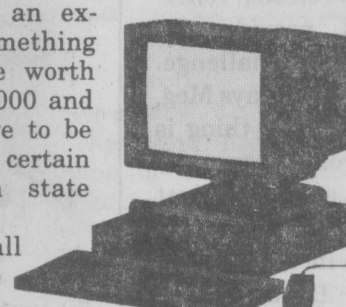
This year all bids for the current fiscal year had to be made by April 1 instead of the usual date of May 1.

Purchase orders are made for everything that is not on bid and are worth less than \$1,000.

Orders for this fiscal year have to be made by May 1 instead of the usual date, June 1.

There are three reasons for the change in computer systems.

"The change in finance systems is partly due to the Y2K computer date problem, but more importantly it is an integration and local net-



work issue,"

Karlet said.

The Banner System is Y2K compatible unlike the College and University Financial System (CUFS), the current system.

Karlet said CUFS could not communicate with other systems throughout the university, like the student information system and the payroll system.

The new Banner system has four modules including human resources, alumni development, finance and student information. These modules are integrated and will communicate with each other.

CUFS is run on the West Virginia Network based in Morgantown.

Banner Finance System

will be based on campus in the John Deaver Drinko Library.

Karlet said purchases made in June, and after, will be taken out of the departments' annual allocation of funds for next year.

He said closing out the books this year is more challenging than past years because of the switch in systems.

He also said he is aware that the change in the final date to bid and complete purchase orders will be detrimental to and will have an unavoidable impact on the departments.

"I realize there will be exceptions, and I will work with the departments if problems occur," Karlet said.

A decision on what dates will be used as the closing dates next year has not been made.

The university will decide that next year, Karlet said.

New staff added to South Charleston campus

by JIA HENG
reporter

The workforce of South Charleston has been enhanced with the addition of four new staff members.

Michael Murphy, who has been named the associate director of regional campuses, is responsible for the coordination of computing services activities at the South Charleston campus, the Beckley Center, the Mid-Ohio Valley Center and the Teays Valley Center.

Murphy has been working with the Computing Services Department since this past year. As the associate director of regional campuses, he says

he will provide general management, leadership and planning and management in relation to the computing services on the remote campus.

Murphy will also participate in the planning efforts of the Computing Services Division.

Three information systems specialists, Karen Haney, Paul Page and Andrew Trick, have also been named to the South Charleston campus staff.

Tanya Bobo, senior administrative assistant of University Computing Services and chair of the search committee for information systems specialists, said the three new specialists have all worked at Marshall for some time.

"Their work needs both high technology and personal communication skills," Bobo said.

They (new specialists staff) will be responsible for providing hardware and software troubleshooting and technical assistance to faculty, staff and students, she said.

"We hope that the full staff will enable us to provide quick and accurate repairs and responses to our clients at both the South Charleston campus and other remote locations," Murphy said.

Arnold Miller, executive director of the University Computing Services, said before the positions were filled, the South Charleston campus was short

of staff.

The new staff meets the demands of the faculty, staff and students on campus.

"They [new staff members] are getting their work done. The feedback of their work so far is satisfactory," Miller said.

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C.O.L.A. graduates of '99 to be commended

by JENNIFER COTTRILL
reporter

New graduates of the College of Liberal Arts will have something special to look forward to.

It is the fourth annual ceremony honoring 1998-99 graduates.

It will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 7, in the Memorial Student Center Don Morris Room.

Undergraduates and students earning Masters degrees within C.O.L.A. are given the opportunity to be recognized in front of their families and friends at the celebration, said Angela J. Rose, administrative assistant of C.O.L.A.

"It's a celebration for master graduates, undergraduates and their families," Rose said.

A reception will follow the ceremony, Rose said.

"It's a real nice reception," she said. "It's a chance for students to mingle with the dean and faculty."

Rose said there will be an

individual recognition at the ceremony.

A 4.0 grade point average standout award, three outstanding teacher awards, and an alumni award will be presented to distinguished men and women, she said.

"It's such a big event, we want to tell everybody," she said. "It's a lot of fun."

Any graduate or undergraduate student planning to attend the ceremony must get on the list for tickets, Rose said.

Students can contact their department's secretary to get their names on the list for the ceremony, Rose said.

Rose explained students who do not have their names on the list will not be announced at the ceremony.

Students need to arrive at the ceremony by 2:30 p.m., or close to 3 p.m., Rose said.

"We (C.O.L.A.) totally support the university commencement on Saturday," she said.

Marshall's commencement will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8.

ROTC cadets display skills, aid Red Cross in same week

by JOSEPH C. THORNTON
reporter

Marshall's campus was under an invasion of a different sort Friday as ROTC cadets displayed their skills and helped draw blood—for the Red Cross.

Jointly sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and ROTC, the program's annual Organization Day promoted the efforts of both organizations on campus and in the local community.

"The event gives students a chance to see a little bit about the ROTC program," said Chad M. Ritter, cadet battalion commander and Huntington senior.

"We're just getting out there and letting people know this is ROTC, and we're about having fun if you want to give it a try. It might be fun for you."

Jill S. Bertelson, senior cadet from Huntington, said, "We have fun, and more students should give it a try. If you are a freshman or sophomore, come try it out. There are no obligations and it's a great way to get your school paid for."

The event was a way for cadets to show off some military weaponry and maneuvers, enjoy some good food and friendly conversation while promoting a special cause with in the ROTC program.

A blood drive sign-up was conducted to aid the local Red Cross, and to pay tribute to a cadet who lost his life during exercises at Vanderbilt University when a tornado pinned him under a tree.

"The blood drive went real well, and it far exceeded our expectations," said Lt. Col. Stephen Redmond, professor of military science.

"We had 56 sign up to donate blood and 52 were able to successfully give. The Red Cross was real happy with the amount of donors," Redmond said.

SGA involvement was a way to show support for the death of

the Vanderbilt cadet and increase student and community awareness.

"We got together [with ROTC] and decided we would both cooperate because SGA could do a lot and ROTC could do a lot," said Bill Walker, senator and Charleston senior. "Put them both together and we could draw a lot of people and a lot of attention."

"We wanted to do as much as we could to bring as many students as possible together to draw attention to the blood drive," Walker said.

"We thought if we worked together it would work out better."

Pride, attitude important

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Anderson has worked on the motivation training programs for local businesses and organizations. She said she will be discussing having a good attitude at work.

"You can choose your attitude

when you come to work every day," she said. "The day goes by fast. If you enjoy the work, you will get more fun from it."

She said the attitude one has will influence customers or students. "A good attitude is contagious," she said.

Mini-sessions are conducted, featuring prominent community members, who include Dr. Martin Amerikaner, chair and professor

of Marshall University Psychology Department; Della Crews, new anchor of WSAZ Channel 3; Homer Fowler, director of Clinical Services of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital; Jan Fox, associate vice president of technology at Marshall; Linda Holmes, director of finance and administration of Marshall University Medical Center; Nancy Monaghan, president and publisher of The Herald-

Dispatch; Michelle Shank, marketing director of Cabell Huntington Hospital and Diana Sole, president of Motion Master.

Hamilton said there will be a fashion show, "Dressing for the Millennium." The conference will end with a drawing for door prizes from local merchants. The CTC's Continuing Education and Economic Development division sponsors the annual event.

Opening set for August

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"The theory behind this is the Internet access is brought in much faster."

"All the buildings will have a security system available for residents to use if they wish to be monitored by an outside source," Shaw said. "The security monitor is not included in the price. It is up to the student to pay directly to the monitoring system."

Chabot said, "We have a police officer who will live on site to be

"We have a police officer who will live on site to be a courtesy officer."

Tammy Chabot,
University Courtyard Apartments
property manager

a courtesy officer. The courtesy officer will be there in case things get out of hand. He will be able to guide us in handling the situation correctly."

A bus service will be stopping in the courtyard every hour to pick up students, Chabot said.

Jacobs gets her goals

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Her mother, Penny Jacobs, is from the Huntington area and her father, Tom Jacobs, was a news anchor at WSAZ Channel 3 from 1973-78. Her grandparents still live in South Point, Ohio.

After Jacobs came here, it was not long before she got involved, Dr. Donna Lee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said.

"I met Brandi her first week

as a Marshall student," said a friend. "She walked into the activities office and said she wanted to get involved."

Cockrille said she and Jacobs have been close since and she has watched her work her way up in SGA.

"One of the things I remember Brandi saying when I got to know her better was she wanted to be student body president," Cockrille said. "I told her what it would take to achieve that goal. She did everything she needed to do."

Jacobs has been a senator, a special projects coordinator and a public relations director for 1998-99 President MacKenzie Howard.

Aside from her roles in SGA, Jacobs is a member of Black United Students, College Democrats, First Impressions

and Marshall's dance team, The Supreme Court. Also, she is a dance team coach at South Point (Ohio) High School.

Cockrille said Jacobs' journey through SGA has not been exactly easy.

Jacobs was a member of 1997-98 President R. Matt Glover's staff. The scandal-loaded Glover administration tested many people including Jacobs, Cockrille said.

"Brandi weathered a lot of storm during the Glover administration, but she made it through," Cockrille said. "It made her stronger and she probably learned valuable lessons — lessons she can use as president."

With those times behind her and those lessons in her mind, Jacobs has new goals to accomplish as student body president.

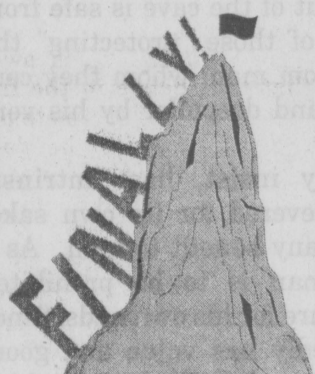
Those goals include making these evaluations available to students, better representation of non-traditional students and encouraging Student Senate to do more than allocate money to organizations.

Most of all, she said she wants students to know their voices will be heard.

"Myself and Rogers' doors will always be open from today on," Jacobs said. "We want to provide for students."

Jacobs has already taken one step to provide more for students. She said she eliminated three paid SGA positions to allow more money for organizations in need.

"We want to come back 20 years from now and know we made an impact on Marshall University and left a legacy," Jacobs said.



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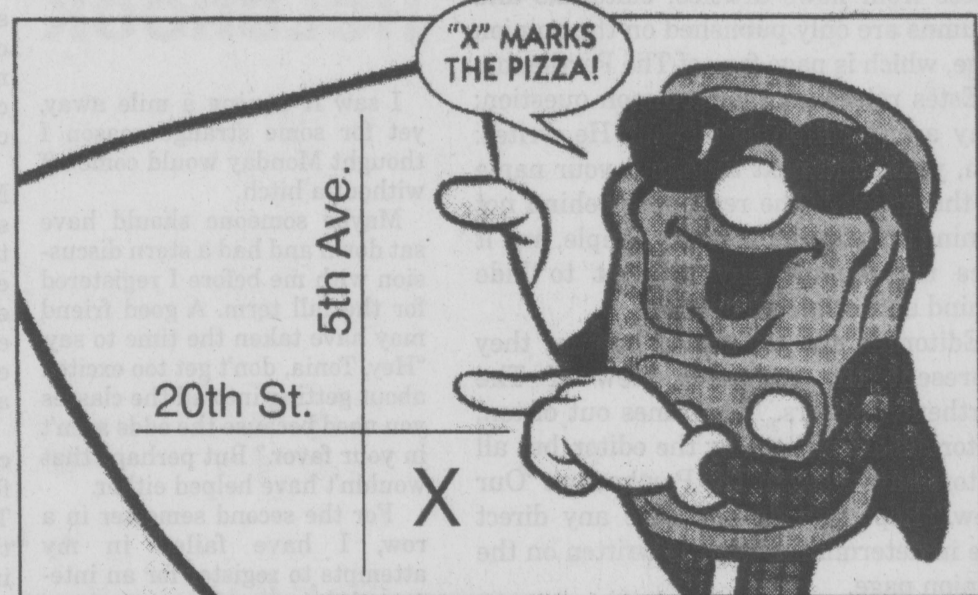
CORRECTION

A page-two story in Thursday's issue of The Parthenon stated that the "Take Back the Night Rally" will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, in the Memorial Student Center. However, the location of the event was not reported correctly in that story. The "Take Back the Night Rally" will in the Cam Henderson Center rather than the Memorial Student Center.



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OUR VIEW

Journalism 101

Editors explain opinion section

A letter on today's opinion page reminds us that some of our readers may not understand why newspaper editors express their views on the opinion page.

No, as Louisville junior Brad Estes writes, The Parthenon is not anyone's judge, jury or executioner, nor do we try to be. Good editors, as we believe we are, do not persecute people on the editorial page. We simply express our views, whether they be popular or not.

Estes and others do not agree with our recent editorial stand against an Athletic Department policy that allows athletes to be suspended from intrasquad scrimmages rather than regular season games.

Because most people do not study journalism, we would like to take this opportunity to explain the fundamentals of the opinion page and what purpose this section of our paper serves.

Estes is right about one thing when he writes: "It [The Parthenon] is merely a forum for people to express their opinions, right or wrong, on different issues." That is the purpose of any editorial page.

Although our opinions may not always be popular, as newspaper editors we have a duty to lead public discussion. We want to promote debate of important issues and give our readers a forum in which they have an opportunity to be heard. That's why we print letters from our readers who often criticize or disagree with us. We wish all readers, like Estes, readily voiced their opinions.

Contradicting his former statement, Estes writes: "Do not pretend to understand the workings of the Athletic Department ..." No, we do not determine athletic policy at Marshall, but we are educated adults and as newspaper editors we will attempt to understand and evaluate all types of public policies and present our views on our opinion page.

It is also common for readers to confuse articles and editorials as Estes does in his letter. Articles are to be written objectively. They are devoid of opinion and only relate the facts. Articles appear on every page of the newspaper except for the opinion page.

Editorials, on the other hand, make no attempt to be objective. Yes, good editors can be fair, even when they are criticizing someone, but editorials present an opinion, give evidence for that view and try to sway others to adopt it as well.

To help readers distinguish opinion pieces from news articles, editorials and columns are only published on the opinion page, which is page four of The Parthenon.

Estes raises another common question: Why aren't editorials signed? He writes: "Oh, yeah, and next time, put your name on the article." The reasoning behind not signing an editorial is pretty simple, and it does not include any attempt to hide behind an unclaimed opinion.

Editorials are not signed because they represent the collective view of The Parthenon editors. Nine times out of ten, editorials are written by the editor, but all editors have a say in The Parthenon's "Our View." Reporters do not have any direct role in determining what is written on the opinion page.

Although editorials are not signed, all the editors' names can be found in the masthead, which is the box in the lower right corner of the opinion page.

While we're clearing up this confusion, let's also get another thing straight. The Parthenon is not funded by the Athletic Department. The student newspaper is funded by student fees and advertisements. The Athletic Department does not "graciously" give the paper any money. However, Estes, that's a good idea. Contributions can be sent to The Parthenon, 311 Smith Hall.



YOUR VIEW

Place names on editorials

To the editor:

I do not know who wrote the response to my article regarding Doug Chapman's status for the Clemson game, but they took my comments way too far.

I did not say that DUI's are okay and I did not say that The Parthenon should not report the news.

I did, however, say that the people on campus should not be able to judge him and put him on a pedestal.

The people that go to school here should not decide the fate of one man's career because he is a scholarship athlete.

There are rules and regulations that the Athletic Department governs itself by, and these rules are there for a purpose.

The Parthenon is not the judge, jury and executioner. It is merely a forum for people to express their opinions, right or wrong, on different issues.

All I am doing is expressing my opinion on a certain issue.

Report the news all you want,

but do not pretend to understand the workings of the Athletic Department that so graciously provides funding for your forum.

Oh yeah, and next time, put your name on the article.

As you can see, my name is printed loud and clear.

—Brad Estes

Louisville junior and former football player

Reading day thrills children

To the editor:

Guyandotte Elementary students, teachers, principal and staff want to express our appreciation and gratitude for making our yearly Prime-Time Read-Out a success.

Thank you to Keith Morehouse, Coach Bob Pruett, Coach Mark Gale, Chad Pennington, Cory Dennison, Billy Malashevich, Kenny Lytle, Dani Derricott, Sean Smith, Andy Cowan, Jimmy Parker, basketball assistant coach Matt Kern, graduate assistant Charlie Hagley, J.R. VanHoose

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Trying to get in science class is joke



TONIA

HOLBROOK

I saw it coming a mile away, yet for some strange reason I thought Monday would come off without a hitch.

Maybe someone should have sat down and had a stern discussion with me before I registered for the fall term. A good friend may have taken the time to say, "Hey, Tonia, don't get too excited about getting into all the classes you need because the odds aren't in your favor." But perhaps that wouldn't have helped either.

For the second semester in a row, I have failed in my attempts to register for an integrated science class, a course required for all students falling under the Marshall Plan.

Being that I didn't register for

classes until noon Monday, something told me one or two of my selections may already be full. However, when I learned from a fellow senior, who did get up at 6 a.m. to register, that the integrated science class which fit so nicely into my schedule was full by 6:05 a.m., I could hardly contain my disgust.

I shouldn't be so shocked. Why should I think that with all the candidates for fall graduation needing an integrated science class that I, registering at noon, could get into one?

I'll tell you why — because Monday was the first day. I'm sure many of these slots were taken by those who registered early (athletes, Yeager Scholars, etc.). I'm also sure each and every one of them is just as eager to graduate as I am. They aren't to blame.

However, taking all this into consideration, why are only a few courses offered at a time? The spring catalog listed only two. This time, the number had increased to nine. But that didn't help me much in that alternate sections of two of the classes I could have taken conflicted with my otherwise perfect

schedule. My logic dictates that if a course is required for so many students, the university would try to accommodate them by offering a variety of classes.

I don't presume to know the logic behind the existing integrated science offerings or the times assigned to them. All I know is that they have yet to work for me. And, as I understand it, I am not alone.

This wouldn't be half as frustrating if I weren't a senior who has only 16 credit hours left in her stay at Marshall. Don't get me wrong, I love this school. But I, not unlike other students, have a whole life waiting for me more than 200 miles away from here upon completion of my degree. I can't stand the thought of one class, far removed in theme from my major, holding me back from my goals.

Perhaps in blocking out this image of me at 40 still trying to enroll in Freshwaters, I gave myself false hope. Now, my only hope is that one benevolent professor will grant me an overload.

Tonia Holbrook is Parthenon news editor. Comments can be sent to her at Holbroo7@Mars hall.edu.

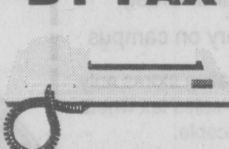
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OTHER VIEWS

Tree huggers, not pollution bring threats

By MICHAEL S. BERLINER
guest columnist

Earth Day approaches, and with it a grave danger faces mankind.

The danger is not from acid rain, global warming, smog, or the logging of rain forests, as environmentalists would have us believe. The danger to mankind is from environmentalism.

The fundamental goal of environmentalists is not clean air and clean water; rather it is the demolition of technological/industrial civilization.

Their goal is not the advancement of human health, human happiness and human life; rather it is a subhuman world where "nature" is worshiped like the totem of some primitive religion.

In a nation founded on the pioneer spirit, environmentalists have made "development" an evil word.

They inhibit or prohibit the development of Alaskan oil, offshore drilling, nuclear power and every other practical form of energy. Housing, commerce and jobs are sacrificed to spotted owls and snail darters. Medical research is sacrificed to the "rights" of mice.

Logging is sacrificed to the "rights" of trees. No instance of the progress which brought man out of the cave is safe from the onslaught of those "protecting" the environment from man, whom they consider a rapist and despoiler by his very essence.

Nature, they insist, has "intrinsic value," to be revered for its own sake, irrespective of any benefit to man. As a consequence, man is to be prohibited from using nature for his own ends. Since nature supposedly has value and goodness in itself, any human action which changes the environment is necessarily immoral. Of course, environmentalists invoke the doctrine of intrinsic value not against wolves that eat sheep or beavers that gnaw trees; they invoke it only against man, only when man wants something. The world of environmentalists is not civilization; it is the Garden of Eden, a world with no human intervention in nature. Michael S. Berliner is the executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute in Marina del Rey, Calif. The Institute promotes the philosophy of Ayn Rand, author of "Atlas Shrugged" and "The Fountainhead."

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Giving it away



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Major John Block gives blood at the Campus Christian Center Monday for ROTC.

Program assistant earns employee of the month award; unaware of nomination

by **LILLIAN L. WILLIS**
reporter

Lisa C. Williamson of South Point, Ohio, has been named MU Employee of the Month for March, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee. Williamson, a program assistant II in the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business (LCOB), did not even know she was nominated for the award.

"I was very excited when [Burdette] called," Williamson said. "I didn't even know I had been nominated . . . it was such a surprise."

Williamson was nominated by Lorraine Anderson, associate dean in the LCOB. In addition, over thirty faculty and staff members from the department signed the nomination form, according to Judy Blevins, training and development representative, in charge

of committee administrative details.

"Getting thirty people to agree on something says a lot [about a candidate]," Blevins said.

Criteria for nomination include exceptional work performance, contribution to the university, exemplification of the mission of the university, outstanding attendance record, job attitude, and rapport with other staff, students and faculty.

"In everything that Lisa does, she produces quality work," Anderson said. "She is one of the reasons the [LCOB] is able to accomplish great things."

Williamson has been juggling the job responsibilities of three staff members, Anderson said.

Her duties have included advising, writing newsletter articles and creating materials for executive education. In addition, she has been running

off-campus programs such as EntrePrep, an internship program for high school students, and Mini-Society, an economics curriculum enhancement program for fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers.

"It's difficult to say what makes the committee select one person," Burdette said. "It's obvious [Williamson] went above and beyond the call of duty."

Williamson will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month. She will be eligible for the Employee of the Year award.

Employee of the Month and Year programs were established by President J. Wade Gilley to recognize classified and non-classified staff in 1992. Funding for the programs are provided by a grant from the Gilleys.

transition from high school.

While governor of West Virginia, Caperton focused mainly on education, including putting computers in every classroom within a decade.

"Governor Caperton helped take West Virginia from near the bottom in educational achievement and made it a competitive state," said David Hardesty, president of West Virginia University.

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"This is a time of great challenge and opportunity in education," Caperton said. "I believe The College Board can make a real difference by effectively serving its members in their critical job of helping students prepare for and succeed in college, work and life."

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Trying to head off Y2K

University Computing Services develops plan to test all of Marshall's electronic equipment

by **JIA HENG**
reporter

A meeting addressing Y2K problem was conducted by the University Computing Services recently. Attendees were representatives from every unit of the campus.

The meeting aimed at convincing those representatives to be aware of the Y2K problem, look into the every computers and equipment in the unit, and try to fix them, according to Arnold Miller, executive director of the Computing Service.

"The problem of Y2K itself is bigger than that of computers," Miller said. "The software has a lot of embedded systems." He said equipment in the units such as VCRs and program mechanism should all be tested to determine whether to be fixed or updated.

He said some of the problems are just nuisance, and some may be critical. Representatives will test the equipment in the units to determine whether the computers and equipment are or are not comply.

"We wish people could go and find out the problems and choose to fix or buy a new one," Miller said by this summer or early fall, the list of all the potential problems will be ready.

Miller said the Computing Services has been working on the Y2K problem for several years to get all the systems to comply.

"As we are getting into the new year, we will do our best to find any problems and solve them," he said.

Miller said the Computing Services is still working on the problems to ensure everything will function well in the beginning of the new year. "Our plan is to back up all the systems. We wish to make everybody feel comfortable," he said.

According to him, the library has completed conversion early spring. Two critical systems, the new human resources system and the new finance system will both start July 1.

Miller said there are four levels of plan to deal with the Y2K problems. They are awareness, infantry, mitigation and contingency plans.

The infantry plan will help us to develop the sense of what we need to do and the tools to do so," Miller said.

Miller said the computing services is now developing the contingency plan for everyone who is using the services. Though all the computers and equipment may be fixed or updated, Miller said it is also important to be prepared in case some unknown things happen that may affect the functioning.

Dr. Donna Spindel, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, attended the meeting. "We will test all our computers, copiers, scanners and other equipment to determine the need of fixing or updating," she said.

She said "It is important to ensure that when the year come, we won't run the risk of having the equipment and the facilities not running the way it should. run the risk of having the equipment not running the way it should."

Before the dark side

Theaters brace for Star Wars return

by **BRETT MARTEL**
Associated Press Writer

While the latest "Star Wars" film will take viewers back to the days before Darth Vader turned to the "Dark Side," it will also bring the projection and sound capabilities at a number of West Virginia's movie theaters up to date.

The studio distributing "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," 20th Century Fox, has placed strict requirements on those who wish to show the anticipated block buster. The studio, for example, says the movie may only be shown in theaters equipped with digital surround sound systems, also known as DTS.

"They said if we don't get DTS, we don't get the movie," said Casey O'Neal, manager of Cinemas 8 in Bluefield.

Local moviegoers are "going

to hang me if I don't show 'Star Wars' here. I'm not going to be hanged. We're going to get 'Star Wars.'"

Cinemas 8 employees have been installing the new sound system, just one of numerous conditions set by Fox, which also is requiring theaters who receive "Phantom" to play it in their biggest theater and keep it there for at least two months.

Derrick Hyman, president of Greater Huntington Theatre Corp., said Monday that he won't turn down a chance to show the film, but wishes he wouldn't be forced to keep it in his biggest auditorium even if crowds shrink before the two-month requirement is up.

"If I'm four to five weeks into the show and I'm going to have 300 to 400 people in for a new show, I should have the ability to move 'Star Wars' out of the big theater," Hyman said. "That's the whole point of a multiplex — to move films down as crowds get smaller."

Still, Hyman's company has been quick to ensure his facilities comply. Renovations at the company's downtown Charleston multiplex feature stadium-style seating and surround sound. Some theaters there are expected to completed by "Phantom's" May 19 nationwide opening, but Hyman said he has yet to hear from Fox as

to whether they'll let him show the movie in Charleston.

"Film companies get nervous, they don't like construction going on while films are being played," he said.

Greater Huntington Theatre expects to show the film in its top auditorium in Huntington. Still, the company also is looking into installing a new sound system in another auditorium in case it gets the opportunity to show "Phantom" on two screens.

Meanwhile, Beckley-based Marquee Cinemas is working on opening a new multiplex featuring the latest sound and projection systems before the new "Star Wars" film is released.

Officials at theaters in the Parkersburg, Morgantown and Clarksburg areas say they already can meet Fox's requirements. They all say they're hoping to show the film, but have yet to hear from Fox.

Theater officials statewide say they're already hearing from fans of Producer George Lucas' trilogy, but there's little they can do for them.

Even after they know if they'll have the movie, Fox does not want any theaters to allow advance ticket sales, a policy the distributor hopes will cut down on scalping.

Caperton to lead schools

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Gov. Gaston Caperton was named Monday to head a national association of schools, colleges and educational organizations.

Caperton, 58, will become president and CEO of the 100-year-old College Board effective July 1. He replaces Donald Stewart, who will become program director for higher education policy at the Carnegie

Corp.

"This is a time of great challenge and opportunity in education," Caperton said. "I believe The College Board can make a real difference by effectively serving its members in their critical job of helping students prepare for and succeed in college, work and life."

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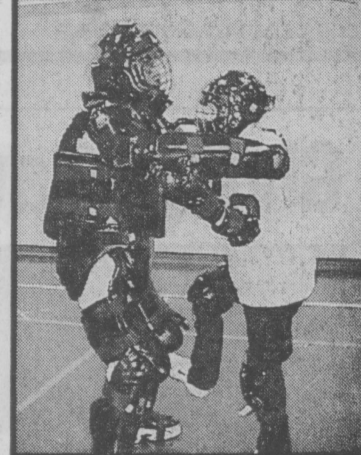
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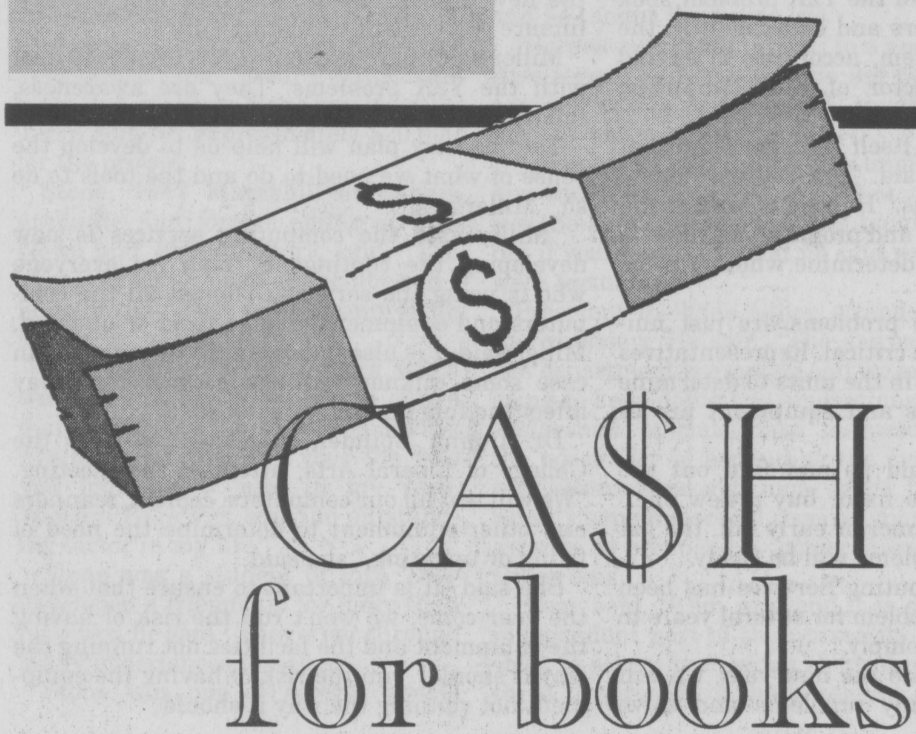
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Students can recycle textbooks for money

Story and photos by
STEPHANIE M. LEMASTERS
reporter

Although some students may think they are getting ripped off, Beverly Kimbler, textbook manager at Stadium Bookstore, said it is not up to the bookstores to decide how much the seller gets back.

Even though students will not get back the entire amount spent, bookstores are looking forward to the

impending rush of books coming in soon. "We are already getting a couple per hour," Kimbler said.

"We try to let the students know that they will get more money back if they wait a few weeks. We pay one-half of the new book price back to the student if the book is going to be used again next semester. If it is not going to be used by the instructor, it is up to the wholesaler how much money the student gets back," she said.

"It depends on a number of things - if there is a new edition pending, the number of that book in inventory, and how long the book has been in print are just a few," Kimbler said.

While that may be hard to understand, Kimbler said the students are getting a pretty good deal when they are buying and selling books.

"They [the wholesalers] sell the books to us for half the price, we only mark them up 25 percent of that cost," she said.

"That means that the student is actually paying only 75 percent of the cost of a new book. For instance, if we sell a new book for \$40, the students will get \$20 back. We mark it up 25 percent—\$10, and the book sells used for \$30," she said.

"Students don't understand—the clothes and the other items in the store are marked up

more than the books, but you just notice the price of the books more because they are just more expensive."

Stadium Bookstore gives students more than \$300,000 back during the fall semester, and about \$200,000 back in the spring, because there are more classes offered in the fall, Kimbler said.

Mike Campbell, textbook manager of the Marshall Bookstore, said students generally begin selling books back after spring break.

"It begins around spring break and gradually gets heavier the week before finals and finals week," he said.

"How much the student gets back depends on the status of the book," Campbell said. "For new books, you get one-half of the price back, but if it is used, you get 66 percent back if it is reused on campus."

"If it is not, we pay the national market value and ship the book out. That number is determined by the supply and demand throughout America," he said.

As long as the book is being reused on campus, the student gets one-half back, regardless of what book the class is being used for, Campbell said.

While going to the bookstore is traditionally how students acquire and sell back their textbooks, online bookstores are catching up with the norm. The Internet now offers several choices when shopping for books on the web.

Varsitybooks.com is just one of the many sites that offer savings of up to 40 percent and offer 400,000 titles to choose from.

According to Varsitybooks.com, customers receive their books within four business days, depending on shipping options.

They also refund a customer's money within 30 days if there is a mistake on

their part.

There are drawbacks to textbook shopping on the Internet. Varsitybooks.com will not buy books back from the student unless unused.

"Please note that books must be returned in their original condition, with no writing or other damage," according to the web site.

The bookstore can not exchange books, nor will they accept books returned one week prior to the last week of classes.

There are other online bookstores that offer competitive prices and opportunities to sell the books back to them.

Textbooks.com calls itself the "world's largest buyer and seller of new and used textbooks." They also use the word guarantee on their web page.

"The \$BACK guarantee is our pledge to put cash back into your pocket. We promise to buy selected titles when you're done with 'em, and we tell you what they'll be worth before you buy," according to the site.

It only takes one to two weeks after they receive the books to get your money back, according to the web site.

Textbooks.com offers students secure credit card payment (they even explain what to look for when using credit cards over the Internet), money for shipping the books back to them and a complete refund within 14 days, provided the invoice is returned with the books, according to the web site.

Whatever method is chosen to get some cold, hard cash back for books, at least there are some options out there. Students who do not want to deal with the Internet may want to try the traditional bookstore.

Those who want to save some extra money, but are patient, can use the online bookstores. Either way, students will be able to study for that biology exam.



X106.3 second anniversary concert turns to mass confusion

by **ADAM DANIELS**
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What started out being your average X106.3 concert would soon turn into mass confusion.

Last Thursday night was local radio station X106.3's Second Annual Anniversary Party. Scheduled to appear were the hard hitting heavy metal band Fear Factory, the bewitching Boston natives Godsmack, X-Fest veterans Second Coming, Pushmonkey, the Biggs Band and Syrinix.

Hordes of pierced teenagers had filled the Huntington Civic Arena. I thought that I had missed a great deal of the show, because I was late, but with a late start and long set changes, the show was moving rather slow. I was just in time for Pushmonkey. Pushmonkey was very energetic and kept the crowd excited. Pushmon-

key's lead singer, Tony Park, told me that he enjoys a young crowd because they are excited about being at the show and "aren't jaded" like other older crowds.

Next up was Second Coming, who played at the second X-Fest last fall. Second Coming played a heavy 45 minute set, including a mellow (but still heavy) "Vintage Eyes," their hit song "Soft," and the closing song, a powerful cover of Alice In Chain's "Would."

After a long set change Boston's Godsmack was ready to hit the stage. Candles were lit and the fog machine was going. Godsmack, who will be on OzzFest '99, hit the stage and rocked the crowd. Godsmack lead singer Sully told the crowd that after OzzFest the band would be starting a "theatrical tour,

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Rock Against Racism," which is set to start in the fall. Godsmack was set to close with their hit song "Whatever," which helped them to achieve gold record status just recently.

However, about 30 seconds into the closing song, the sound from the main speakers went out. The band continued to play because the sound was still coming out of their monitors.

Once Godsmack realized the power had been pulled, they stormed off stage. Godsmack's drummer, Tommy, told me the whole show was running late so they turned off the power. Tommy was upset and explained that it was not their fault. Power was finally

restored and Godsmack returned to the stage and blew the crowd away with an explosive version of "Whatever."

After Godsmack's set, the crew began frantically setting up Fear Factory's elaborate stage. After talking to a few members of Second Coming, I got more information about why the power had been turned off. Second Coming's drummer, James Bergstrom, said it was not their fault either. They were given 45 minutes to perform and they did just that. He said the late start was responsible for the hold up. Travis, the lead singer of Second Coming, said there was a midnight curfew for the Civic Arena and the city had the power to "come in here and pull the plug before Fear Factory even got started."

At about 12:30, Fear Factory



Godsmack, from Boston, was among the bands brought in to celebrate X106.3's second anniversary.

was ready to go on stage. Burton C. Bell, lead singer, screamed his way on stage and Fear Factory was rocking the patient crowd. The show was excellent, even with the minor delays.

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On Campus

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1999

A Celebration of Death Culture, Memorial Student Center 2W22, 7 p.m.

P.R.O.W.L., meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9 p.m.

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

Baptist Campus Ministries, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9:15 p.m.

Springfest Activities, Fun Flicks, Alumni Lounge, 11-5 p.m.; X-Treme Air, behind Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, 12-6 p.m.; Cherry Poppin' Daddies concert, Wild Dawg Saloon, 8 p.m.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1999

Baptist Student Union, weekly studies, Campus Christian Center, 1-3 p.m.

Philosophy Club, weekly meeting, Memorial Student Center balcony, 7 p.m.

Lion's Club, weekly meeting, Memorial Student Center 2W9, 2 p.m.

College Democrats, weekly meeting, Memorial Student Center, 9:15 p.m.

College Republicans, weekly meeting, Marco's, 9 p.m.

A Celebration of Death, Memorial Student Center 2W22, 7 p.m.

Springfest Activity, Inflat-able Fun, Buskirk Field 12-6 p.m.

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