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# Parthenon



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## 'Take Back the Night' more than just a rally

**SHERRY KENESON-HALL**  
*for The Parthenon*

Every six minutes a woman is raped.  
 Every nine seconds a woman is physically abused by her spouse.

Nearly half of all violent crimes against women are not reported to police.

Those are just a few of the statistics provided by the Northern California Association for Women's Take Back the Night web page.

The statistics can be alarming, but it is important to know behind every statistic there are faces and stories.

For the first time the Marshall University community will be invited to share in the healing process for the faces behind the statistics at Take Back the Night, a rally and march.

Take Back the Night is a chance for victims and survivors of sexual abuse, rape, incest and domestic violence to share their experiences, strength and hope with others, said Gina Mamone, coordinator and steering committee chair of Take Back the Night.

"We want to create a safe space for victims, survivors and supporters to come and talk, express their feelings and do what they want to help them in their healing process," Mamone said.

The rally will begin Friday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Henderson Center. It is no coincidence the rally date coincides with National Erase the Hate Day, Mamone said.

The original idea for the rally stemmed from a Lambda Society meeting where the suggestion was made to host a rally on National Erase the Hate Day that would encompass more than just crimes against sexual minorities, Mamone said.

"We thought that we might be able to pull many different groups of students together in order to show how well we could all work together," Mamone said. "The response has been simply amazing."

The idea soon turned into a Take Back the Night rally and march. The time was set for a steering committee meeting.

Mamone said she never expected what happened next.

Women and men from vari-

*Please see RALLY, P4*

## Earth Day



photos by Connie Nichols

Shenanigans, a Celtic band, performs during the festivities of Earth Day Thursday.

## Environmental rally to raise awareness

**by CONNIE NICHOLS**  
*reporter*

Music, voices and information were combined as local environmentalists joined to recognize Earth Day and en-

vironmental issues Thursday at the Memorial Student Center plaza.

The small rally was organized by Donna Pasternak, associate professor in the English Department; Dr. Frank

Gilliam and Dr. Jeffrey May, both professors of biological science, May said.

"People need to care because they live on this planet," May said.

The West Virginia Environmental Council (WVEC) and the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition (OVEC) were both represented.

The groups' goals focus on bettering environmental issues and situations through education, awareness and lobbying, Denise Poole, who works for both the WVEC and the OVEC, said.

"There is a need for more awareness of issues and more activism."

"The majority of people feel like we do," she said, "But we have to figure out a way to work together."

The rally's goal was to raise awareness regarding the issues of concern and ways people can become involved to make changes, she said.

The rally consisted of speakers, musical entertainment and tables of information.

Elected officials, who write the laws, are not doing the

*Please see EARTH, P3*



Various environmental groups set up information tables to raise awareness at the Earth Day Rally Thursday.

## Professor honored for aiding students

**by ANNA M. KNIGHTON**  
*reporter*

Most students find at least one professor who touches their lives forever.



**WEAVER**

This year the National Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi, honored Susan Marnell Weaver, professor of sociology/anthropology, as the 1998-99 Professor of the Year. Weaver, along with 51 other professor nominees, was recognized at a reception on April 13 for her outstanding teaching and given a plaque of recognition for her work.

Mike J. Kasey, president of Gamma Beta Phi and senior biology/pre-med major from Salt Rock, said, "Mrs. Weaver is an outstanding professor. She is so enthusiastic about the material."

Kasey added, "She provides a good learning environment for her students and she goes out of her way to teach the material. She has guest speakers, videos, everything she can to help you learn."

Weaver said, "This is a huge honor. I think it means what we do in the class has a great significance to students. The faculty is wonderful and I am sure many people deserve this award. Marshall has a caring faculty," she said. "I feel honored to be chosen."

She added, "I have been so lucky to have so many honor students in my classes. I think these students are special because they are the top 20 percent of the students at

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**Susan Marnell Weaver,**  
*professor of sociology/anthropology*

Marshall in grades and involvement in community service."

Kasey said Gamma Beta Phi members were each given a note card to nominate one professor they believe deserves the 'professor of the year' honor. The honor society ran the nominations for three weeks to give all members the chance to make a nomination.

After the nomination process, the votes were tabulated and the professor who received the most votes received the award, Kasey said. "It was a very, very close race this year. It came to the last couple of votes."

"Most of the nominations were repetitive, no professor just got one vote," he said. "All nominations were repeated. It was not intentional. It was just the way it came out."

This was the second year the honor society has sponsored the award, Kasey said. "Susan T. Ferrell, professor of education, was the 1997-98 Professor

*Please see TEACHER, P3*

## Berries and butter complete tradition

**by STACY TURNER**  
*reporter*

Summer-like temperatures, fresh strawberries and a homemade recipe for strawberry butter were a good combination for Alpha Xi Delta.

The sorority hosted its annual Strawberry Breakfast Thursday morning.

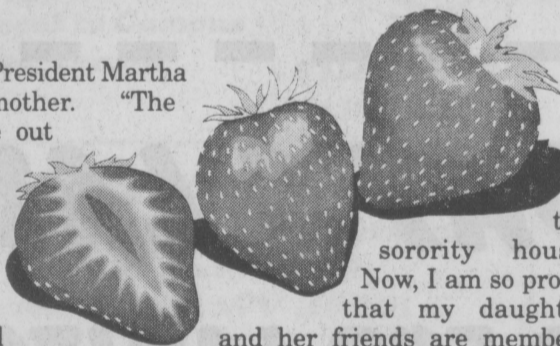
The breakfast gave the Alpha Xi Delta members a chance to share a tradition with the Huntington and Marshall community.

"This year's turnout was great. It was unbelievable how busy we were," said Vicki Hanshaw,

Alpha Xi Delta President Martha Hanshaw's mother. "The amount of take out

orders we delivered this year tripled from last year. We had so many people who had already placed orders in advance that we had to delay our call-in orders until we could make more food."

"The Strawberry Breakfast has been a tradition ever since I was a young girl living in Huntington," Vicki Hanshaw said. "I can remember seeing the huge strawberry in front of



the sorority house.

Now, I am so proud that my daughter and her friends are members and are carrying on the tradition."

People from the community and campus attended the breakfast.

Members of the sorority sold five tickets each for \$4.

*Please see FOOD, P3*



photo by Stacy Turner

Alpha Xi Delta moms serves the annual Strawberry Breakfast Thursday morning. Eggs, sausage and biscuits were served along with the strawberries.

## Child care center based on area programs

**by JENNIFER L. TYSON**  
*for The Parthenon*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is part three of a three-part series examining campus child care centers. It compares the Marshall Child Care Academy with similar campus child care centers.

Before the bulldozers broke ground for the new Marshall Child Care Academy, careful observance was made of how other campus child care centers operate.

Dr. Laura J. Wyant, associate professor of adult and technical education and team facilitator for the academy, said a total quality management team made up of psychology, education and other professionals, toured campus child care centers at

Ohio State University and Ohio University and its Southern campus in Ironton.

"We looked at big centers, small centers, brand new ones, old ones in basements. We talked to the directors and asked what worked, what did not," she said.

Some of the key components of Marshall's academy are a new building; a staff of trained professionals in early child development; classes open to children of students, faculty, staff and community parents; a sliding-fee scale based on income and a clinical experience environment for students who want to work with children as a career.

According to their web sites, both Ohio University and Ohio State University, provide a place for children of students,

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**Dr. Laura J. Wyant,**

associate professor of adult and technical education and team facilitator for the Marshall Child Care Academy

staff, faculty and the community. Their centers are also used as a clinical experience for students who want to work with children.

The Ohio State University Child Care Center also offers operating hours from 6 a.m. - midnight, Monday-Friday, and evening classes from 5 - 10 p.m.

Marshall's academy is set to operate from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, Wyant said.

Ohio State's center has teachers who have at least "a bachelor of science degree in child development or equivalent training and experience."

Cathy J. Forsythe, executive director of River Valley Child Development Services, said Marshall's academy will have teachers "with a minimum of a bachelor of arts degree in child care."

The similarities between

Marshall's academy and those at Ohio State and Ohio University are obvious. But how does the academy compare nationally?

In 1995, Jane Ann Thomas, coordinator at the Child Learning Center at William Rainey Harper College in Pallatine, Ill., published survey results about the profiles of campus child care centers of 607 members of the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (NCCCC).

NCCCC members representing 314 programs responded to the survey. The NCCCC is a non-profit educational membership organization interested in research on early childhood education.

According to Thomas' survey results, Marshall's academy shares many of the same attrib-

utes found at campus child care centers across the nation.

Fifty-two percent of the members surveyed said their campus centers served as a child care service and a laboratory school (clinical experience) for students in early child development fields or similar programs.

The most common administrative unit running a campus child care center was academic departments at 39 percent, with student services at 29 percent. Those operated by an independent non-profit agency were seven percent, with five percent using contracted vendors.

Marshall's academy will be managed by River Valley Child Development Services, a private non-profit organization.

Members polled in Thomas'

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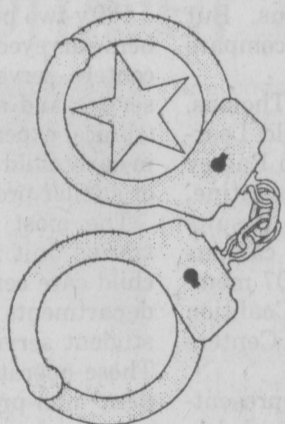
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## Stepping up the volume

It may be loud, yet energizing. It's the Spring Step Show that will round out the National Panhellenic Council Greek Week events. Seven groups will meet Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center for a performance.

Director of student activities and Greek affairs P. Andy Hermansdorfer said, "It's not the typical type of dance one might think of, it's more like a story put to dance. They will be step-

ping, stomping and clapping." Brian D. Wallace, alumnus of Kappa Alpha Psi, said, "Everyone will be stepping. My brothers even asked me to join them again."

Hermansdorfer said he encourages all students to attend. "We are very excited about the show," he said. "It will be fun. If you haven't seen a step show before, you should come."

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. All Greeks wearing their letters can get in for \$1.

## Earth Day celebrated

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will of the people, Poole said. One speaker, Denise Gardina, award-winning author announced she is seeking candidacy for the next West Virginia gubernatorial race. Her goal is to tackle issues she said are needed, yet overlooked.

Giardina, who grew up in a West Virginia coal field area, is currently seeking signatures as she begins an independent campaign, Giardina said.

Giardina, who plans to be a third party candidate with the newly formed "Mountain Party," is currently seeking at least 12,000 signatures to assure her candidacy, she said.

"I think the political process has been dominated by other interests ... by money inter-

ests," she said as she spoke of her campaign platform. "People in small towns, who depend on the coal industry, don't have choices and it's frightening."

For example, Giardina said she asked Dan Miller, vice president of the West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association whether a mountain top removal site, such as one in Logan had been considered for the new Toyota plant in Putnam County.

The answer was no, she said. The reason was that Toyota would not be interested in Logan, she said Miller explained. That was based on low quality schools, poor shopping opportunities and recreation among other things, Giardina said Miller explained further.

"It's simple," she said. "Logan, like other coal mining areas, doesn't have the diverse tax base that Putnam County does."

The coal industry, which owns much land, pay very low property taxes and this ultimately hurts Logan and also the entire state because taxes from other counties have to make up for that."

Politicians make campaign promises regarding education, health care, economic and environmental issues, but have no real solutions, she said.

"Politicians don't really address those issues because they get large contributions from large corporations with vested interests in those issues," she said.

"I'm trying to bring an ethical and moral vision to this," she said. "What's the right thing to do ... to help the average or poor person rather than the wealthy," is what she wants to answer, she said.

More information is available by contacting the WVEC and OVEC at (304) 346-5891.

## Food attracts attendants for sorority

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The money raised from the breakfast went to the "AXiD [Alpha Xi Delta] Moms."

The money was used to purchase supplies for the breakfast, if any money is left the mothers may buy a gift for the house.

"The breakfast was great this year, we had a lot of faculty and staff who came and enjoyed the food," said Robyn Hicks, program vice president.

"We also had people who just stopped by to eat. The nice weather really helped out."

Joe Randolph, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, said, "This is my first year to attend the breakfast, but after eating the delicious food I wish I would have bought a ticket before this year."

## Center modeled from others

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survey said 97 percent of the children enrolled in campus centers have student parents, with 93 percent campus employee parents.

Children of students, staff, faculty and community parents are expected to use Marshall's academy.

The survey results show the ages of children served are 98 percent preschoolers, 65 percent toddlers and 38 percent infants. Marshall's academy will register children from 3-months to 5 years old.

College student participation in campus child centers, according to Thomas' survey results, show 92 percent are unpaid student observers.

## Teacher given honor

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of the Year," he said. Professor Weaver started at Marshall in 1968 and got her undergraduate and master's degrees in Sociology, she said. Weaver taught at Kentucky Christian School and then returned to Marshall in 1986. She has been teaching sociology and anthropology at Marshall for 13 years. Also, she is currently teaching at Ashland Community College and the Bridging Courses at West Virginia University, via satellite courses in which students have a telephone service which connects them with her, she said.

Weaver tries to incorporate a wide range of activities to allow her students to learn, she said. "I always work on reaching students with different learning styles by connecting

all of the students. I always try to make students known as individuals and know everyone by name."

Erin L. Jarrell, sophomore nursing major from Charleston, said, "She deserves this award for the way she relates to students. She is very outgoing, personable and interesting. Jarrell added, "She is very knowledgeable about sociology and she is very helpful to students."

Weaver said, "The students are so serious about school and they know the importance of good grades. They are goal oriented and more exploring. Also, they are more open and receptive of new experiences and new cultures. I feel they have a broader knowledge of the world more than students in the past," she said.

"If students do not want to learn you cannot make them," she said. "I try to give them a lot of choices, but if they do not want to learn, I let them know it is because they chose not to learn."

*"She deserves this award for the way she relates to students."*

**Erin L. Jarrell,**  
Charleston sophomore

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**Briefly**

The Committee on the Future of Marshall presents "Vision 2020: The Future of Marshall University," today at noon in the third floor atrium of the John Deaver Drinko Library.

Dr. Corley F. Dennison, associate professor of Journalism and Mass Communications, head of the committee and president of the faculty senate, said these plans are not definite, but rather a starting point for further plans.

Dennison, President J. Weare, Director of Keith Spade, director of University Relations, will be the presenters of the plan.

The ideas have come from meetings and focus groups with various academic units on campus, Dennison said.

"We are hoping for a good turnout," Dennison said. "All faculty, staff and students are invited."

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SHOWTIMES AS OF 4/23



## Herd golfers face battle

by CHAD PENNINGTON  
reporter

Marshall golfers knew that each shot would be crucial to qualifying for the NCAA tournament after finishing 15th in their previous tournament.

"We know we have a tough, uphill battle," coach Joe Feaganes said. "We have to quit talking about playing well and go out there and do it."

The Thundering Herd golf team will begin its first uphill battle at the King Cobra/Kent Intercollegiate Tournament Saturday and Sunday in Ravenna, Ohio. Feaganes said the tournament will be played at the Windmill Lakes Golf Club, the home course of Kent State University.

The Herd will take five players to the competition - senior

*"We know we have a tough, uphill battle...  
We have to quit talking about playing well  
and go out there and do it."*

Joe Feaganes,  
Golf coach

Brian Wilkins, juniors Jimmy McKenzie, Sam O'Dell and A.J. Riley; and sophomore Brian Perry.

The 18-team competition will include Illinois, Kent, Toledo, and Notre Dame, all of which are ranked in the Top 10 in District Four.

"It's a strong field, but not as strong as the field at the last tournament," Feaganes said. Marshall played in the Kepler Intercollegiate Tournament in its previous outing April 17-18.

The Herd's 15th place finish marked its lowest of the season.

Along with the strong field, Feaganes said the weather played a major factor.

"It was pretty brutal, but it was the same for everybody," Feaganes said. "The weather was a factor for the high scores, but we just played poorly."

Marshall's highest individual finishers were McKenzie and O'Dell. McKenzie finished tied for 54th, while O'Dell tied for

57th. Of the 15 rounds played, the Herd shot below an 80 just four times.

With three tournaments remaining, Feaganes said the poor finish decreased the Herd's chances for a possible NCAA bid.

Marshall has had top three finishes in every tournament for one of the six bids given to District Four.

"We have dug ourselves a deep hole," Feaganes said. "We have to have three outstanding tournaments in a row to have a chance."

Although the task may seem daunting, the Herd's confidence has not disappeared, Feaganes said.

"We had a good week of practice," Feaganes added.

"Everybody is still pretty confident."

## Miami experiences cuts in men's sports

### Soccer, tennis and wrestling feel sting; Golf is spared

by JENNIFER L. JOHNSON  
reporter

Men's soccer, tennis and wrestling will be eliminated at Miami (Ohio) University, due to budget concerns and compliance with Title IX.

Title IX is a NCAA rule requiring a balance between the number of men's and women's sports offered at schools.

Currently, only 42 percent of Miami's student athletes are women, well below the 55 percent goal. And only 31 percent of athletic financial aid goes to women athletes.

Miami athletic director Joel Maturi said balancing the budget and working toward compliance with Title IX without eliminating the men's programs would have cost an estimated \$1.4 million annually, which would have been "impossible," he said.

The university was given until Friday, April 16, to raise money to save the sports.

A permanent endowment of \$13 million was needed, but fund raising efforts fell short of that goal.

After sending letters and personal requests to more than 10,000 former athletes, athletic donors, employees and friends of the university, about \$3.4 million in pledges were received.

Also included in this total was \$1.25 million in pledges given to the school when the deadline was announced.

One men's sport was saved, although it was originally slated

*"They will be treated as any other student athlete, with access to things such as tutoring, weight rooms, sports medicine, etc."*

Joel Maturi,  
Miami athletic director

ed for removal.

Golf was spared upon recommendation of President James C. Garland, who cited money pledged by supporters and a commitment to continue fund raising efforts through annual charity golf tournaments.

University administrators noted that of the current 385 athletes receiving aid, 137 receive full scholarships. In comparison, only nine non-athletes receive similar full scholarships.

Maturi said, "All scholarships will be honored until the athletes receive their degrees."

"They will be treated as any other student athlete, with access to things such as tutoring, weight rooms, sports medicine, etc."

Also, Maturi said, "If they want to transfer, then we will help in any way possible. We [Miami] are currently sending out letters to every Division I school in the country telling about these athletes," he said.

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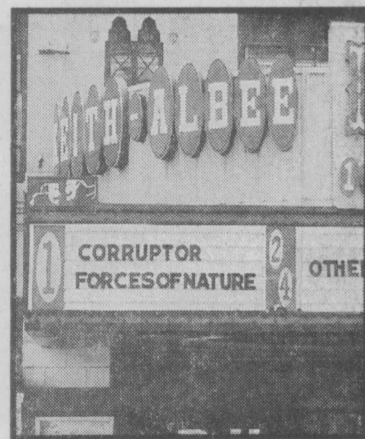
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## Student Health Services provides students care

by AMY DURRAH

Student Health Services, no-longer an on-campus commodity, offers more than flu treatment.

"We want to encourage students to maintain a healthy lifestyle and to deal with acute illness preventing them from doing their best," Stephen Hensley, associate dean of Student Affairs said.

Student Health Services is now located at the Marshall University Medical Center in Cabell Huntington Hospital.

There is one physician's assistant, one nurse, one full-time equivalent physician and a receptionist, who is also a certified medical assistant, according to Hensley.

"The health service has traditionally been one for acute care, acute care meaning, illness that is going to go away," he said. "The opposite is a chronic condition, for example diabetes, that is not going to go away."

Student Health Services is considered an acute care facility, Hensley said.

"Because we are aligned with the medical school and the medical school has residents, first, second and third year residents," who need to gain practical experience, "we do have chronic care also," he said.

Chronic care is not a specialty of the clinic. The residents are skilled enough to treat a person with a chronic condition. "That is called continuity care," Hensley said.

If a student who is a quadriplegic goes to the clinic and has specific health problems related to his or her injury, they have the opportunity to see the same doctor every time they visit.

"Rather than going to the clinic and seeing whatever doctor is rotating through the clinic on that day, the continuity care allows that individual to see the same doctor every time they are ill," he said. "The doctor then learns the complexities and the nature of the case and gets to understand and learn more about that individual patient."

This service is available now and is paid through the \$28.35 per semester student fee, Hensley explained.

"Another thing the health service does that many people don't know about is they provide care for children and spouses of students," he said.

"This is not covered under the per-

semester fee paid by students and those people [spouses] have to pay fifteen dollars," Hensley said.

The doctors visit is paid for a dependent of a student.

The lab, prescriptions and x-rays that are provided for students are not paid for spouses and dependents.

Student Health Services also remove moles free of charge.

They have a tank of liquid nitrogen that is used to freeze them off and is considered a routine procedure, Hensley said.

"Those are some nice features that our health service has and that we would like to continue," Hensley said.

The new appointment system was created to be another nice feature, but has not had great response.

This feature has been difficult to manage because students were not used to an appointment system, he said.

"We felt that with the move over this year, we would try an appointment system enabling students to go over and not have to wait as long," Hensley said.

"Since they are being inconvenienced by going over there we thought if they could have an appointment when they went over there there would be no use for them to go over at 11 a.m. if there are 12 people in the waiting room."

The appointment system was not made clear to the students when initially instituted, he said.

"We are still trying to maintain our appointment system and we're seeing walk-ins," Hensley explained.

"What we found out is they really don't live well together."

If students have appointments at 11 a.m., he said, and they get there at 10:50 a.m. and somebody else comes in who is very ill, the clinic tries to work them in as soon as possible.

If there appears to be a crisis, one may be referred to the emergency room in the hospital.

"If you have an appointment, you don't have to wait as long," Hensley said. "If you don't have an appointment you will have to wait until somebody can see you."

One area students have questioned about Student Health Services is whether they provide class excuses, he explained.

"What they give is a record of atten-

dance," Hensley said.

"They will give you a form documenting that you had been there."

Family planning was eliminated this year from Student Health Services.

"Last year family planning was done at student health," he said.

Students could get birth control pills and contraceptive devices used to prevent pregnancy, Hensley explained.

It is a practice that had only been provided for the past five years, he said. The service was funded by a West Virginia Family Planning Grant.

"Inconvenience and data that is required to maintain the West Virginia Family Planning Grant in addition to the number of physician hours, physician assistant and nursing hours required to do that and the facilities" are reasons the practice was discontinued.

They do have male and female condoms available, he said.

Students can seek family planning services through Valley Health Systems, Inc., Hensley explained.

The services are based on the student's income and are available at five locations in Huntington, he said.

Students may inquire about family planning services at A Woman's Place, Carl Johnson Medical Center, Valley Health Associates and Youth Health Center.

The inconvenience of the new location is another concern.

Student Health Services is approximately 1.4 miles from campus, according to Hensley.

Students have the option of using the TTA bus service that departs from in front of Old Main one time per hour, he said.

The purchase of a shuttle has been proposed, Hensley said.

The proposed shuttle would carry 14 passengers and have a wheelchair lift.

The shuttle could possibly provide students with three trips per hour to Cabell Huntington Hospital and Student Health Services.

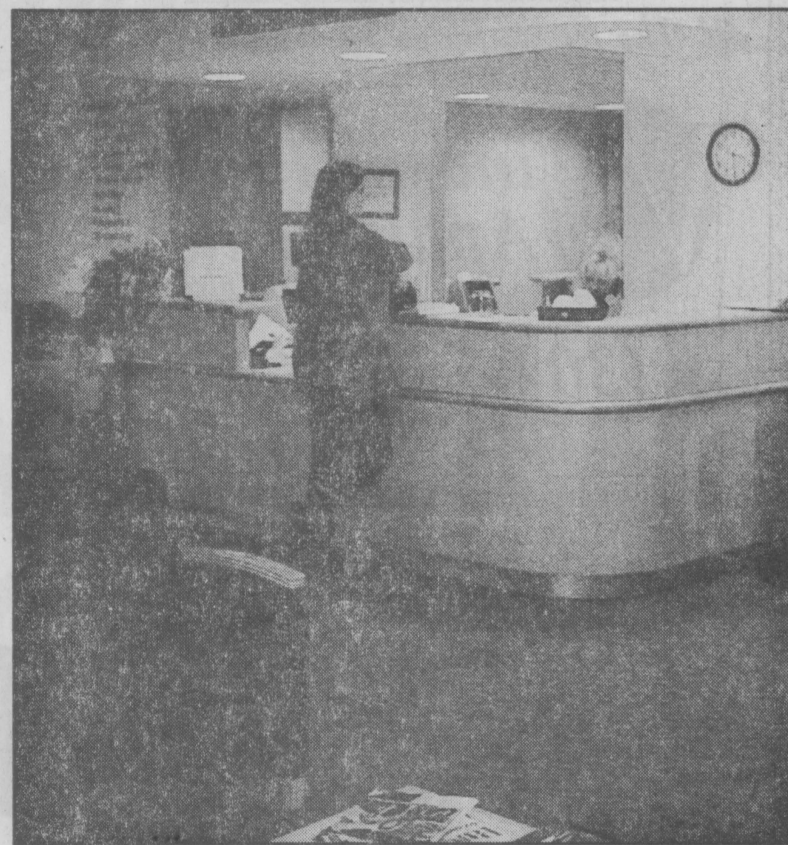
Students have been polled on whether or not they would use the shuttle or would support paying for the shuttle, Hensley explained.

"There were some people who said yes, they were for the shuttle but they did not want to pay for it," he said.

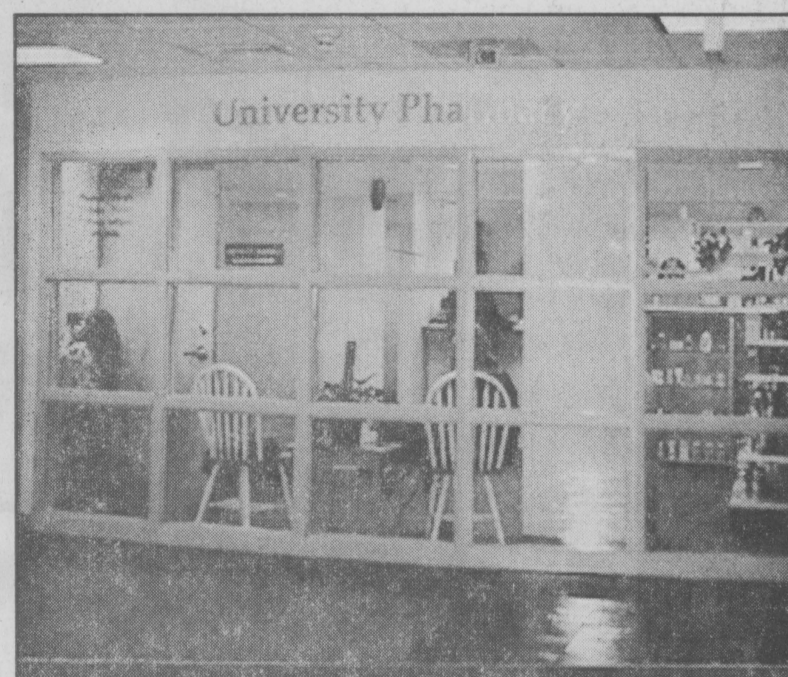
"Others, said I'm against the shuttle, but don't mind paying for it."



Student Health Services is located at the Marshall University Medical Center on the first floor of Cabell Huntington Hospital. Students can make appointments by calling 691-1106. Walk-ins are also accepted.



Student Health Services and the Family Practice Clinic share space at the Medical Center. Students can make appointments between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The University Pharmacy is located next to Student Health Services. Medications prescribed through Student Health may be purchased with a \$3 co-payment by the student.

## Remember to wear your sunscreen and always have fun



BUTCH BARKER

I'm guessing many of you have heard it on the radio, sandwiched between the latest from N' Sync and Backstreet Boys. It begins with the soft voice of a man, picks up a beat

and ends with you running to call your mom just to tell her you love her.

What began as an editorial to graduating seniors in a Chicago newspaper has become a heavily played favorite among radio listeners. It's called "Sunscreen" and it all but begged to be the brainchild of this column.

With spring break behind you and finals approaching, you're looking at the final weeks of Spring Semester 1999. This is a high-stress time for students, as you know nothing short of a miracle will save your slipping gpa. Your folks won't send you money because you didn't go home for

Easter.

Your significant other has run off with someone they let rub lotion on them at a beach in Cancun.

Relax. Accept that you'll graduate or end this semester with a 2.5, that your parents think you are still their baby and that your girlfriend or boyfriend is a dirty, dirty whore. Have fun with these last weeks of school, and if you don't know how to do this successfully, let me offer these suggestions:

Walk into the nearest computer lab and start randomly calling people "nerds." Then apologize of course.

Rent a bellboy costume, go to

the library elevators and push buttons for your "customers."

Raise your hand for every question your teachers ask, even when you don't know the answer.

On a math quiz, instead of solutions, draw stick figures in various sexual positions.

Laugh.

Label one stick figure: "teacher."

Smile.

Buy a porn magazine for the articles.

Sneak into a movie.

Find a large Music Appreciation class, and silently sit in the middle of a large group of people. Every time the instructor plays Beethoven, stand up

and "get jiggy wit it."

Find the biggest athlete on your way to class, walk boldly up to him and slap him in the face. Then say, "That's for the rainforest." Walk away.

Print out 1,000 flyers that proclaim May 3 as "Bring your pet to class day." Hang them up in all your classes.

Pay your bills in pennies.

See what really happens when you drop a cherry bomb down a toilet.

Start a committee to see if everyone, in fact, does masturbate.

Find out if your roommate dying secures you a 4.0 or if it is just an urban legend.

If you have time, study for

final exams.

Venture into the Union or Stumblers and scream, "I hate Greeks." Then say, "Well, only Plato and Socrates."

Get released from the hospital.

Go bowling and throw the ball down every lane but your own.

And read the happenings section of Tuesday's and Thursday's Parthenon Life! pages.

Good luck with finals, have fun, stay sane and make your summer worthwhile.

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