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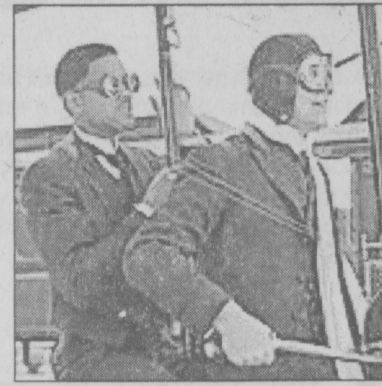
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Page edited by Butch Barker

Exploring the arts

The best and the brightest high school art students in West Virginia will be on campus for the next three weeks.

The West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts began with an opening ceremony Sunday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Since then they have been learning interdisciplinary skills in dance, theater, instrumental, vocal and

visual arts. Desiree Martin from Pineville said, "Everybody on campus has treated us really nice. This is where I really hope to go to school."

Something different for piano and violin player Stephanie Chen of Morgantown was the African drumming and dancing Monday "It's really neat," Chen said.

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Students in the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts dance during the African Drumming and Dancing program.

'Include us,' faculty says

Consultant meeting shows communication, academism top traits needed in leader

by BUTCH BARKER
 editor

- A president who will listen to others and communicate ideas.
- A leader who is what the students, faculty and staff want.
- An academician who will make incremental changes and work to make Marshall a better university.

Those were some of the ideas voiced Wednesday afternoon to the man who will be a key player in helping find Marshall's new president.

John Kuhnle, representing Korn/Ferry International of Washington, D.C., listened to and directed the ideas of about 40 people, mostly faculty members, to the presidential search and screening members who were also at the open meeting in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

"Every presidential search brings every issue to surface," Kuhnle said. "Most concerns are similar."

Although faculty concerns weren't unique, there seemed to be dominant traits many desire in Marshall's new leader.

Ed Taft, professor of English and division chairman for Marshall's American Federation of Teachers, said many

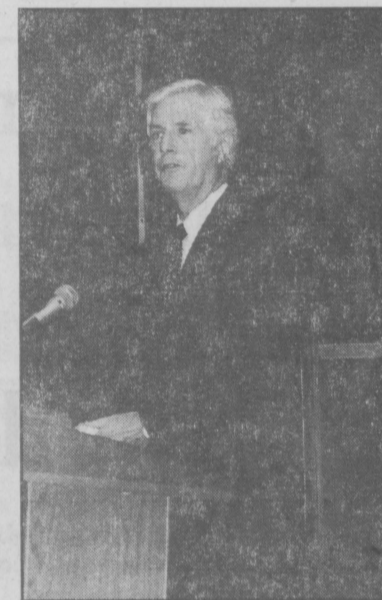


photo by Diane Pottorff

John Kuhnle spoke with and listened to about 40 people Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center

believe current administrators have showed contempt for faculty and have shut them out of decision making.

"Those are strong words, but appropriate," Taft said. "We would like a president who will consult widely and make decisions that include us."

Others believed the new president should understand and appreciate Marshall and

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Children in the Community and Technical College's LEGO camp last month use the toys as tools.

Connecting fun and learning

Community college program helps kids learn with LEGOs

by KRISTA CRAWFORD
 staff writer

LEGO means "put together" in Latin and "play well" in Danish but to Marshall University it means making learning fun.

The Marshall University Community and Technical College is offering a chance for children K-12 to use LEGOs as tools instead of toys.

Pamela C. Hamilton, director of non-credit programs and community services, said there are two separate programs this summer, both deal with LEGOs.

"These programs work with children using the LEGOs as tools to teach science and math in a medium they will understand," Pam Hamilton said. "Math and science were no fun the way I learned them, this program lays a foundation for the future in a fun way."

LEGO DUPLO camp is a camp designed around a nursery rhyme theme. The children will design Old MacDonald's working farm

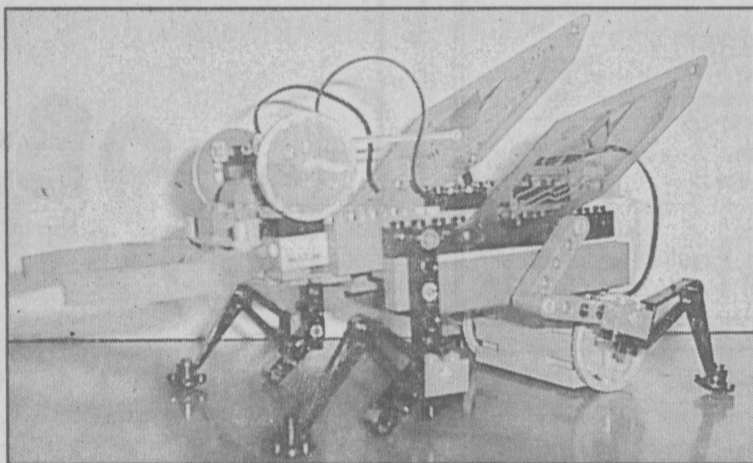
equipped with a crane, bulldozer, dump truck, backhoe, and digger to clear the land and find water. They will also design a house for the old women who lived in a shoe and an egg passer to safely move an egg to avoid a Humpty Dumpty incident. All these designs will be made using LEGOs 8 times the regular LEGO size.

The program is designed to teach children teamwork, how to identify problems and engineer solutions.

LEGO DUPLO camp is 10-11:30 a.m. July 26-30 in Cabell Hall room 101. The last day to register is July 23. The cost for the camp is \$49.

Virtual Space Camp: Red Rover goes to Mars is a program geared towards children grades 3-12. In this program students will build a rover, create a Marscape (a colony on mars), explore a colony, plan a space mission, and design experiments all using LEGOs.

This program will also teach the children how to control the Red Rover, a remotely piloted vehicle, via the Internet.



photos by Krista Crawford

This LEGO bug was among the objects children created during past programs.

The virtual space camp is 3-4 p.m. July 19-23 in Smith Hall 516. The last day to register is Friday and the cost is \$65.

Linda Hamilton, coordinator of both events, said that the children who participate in the virtual space camp may go on to become a member of an international team of student astronauts and scientists exploring the red planet of Mars.

In a Mars Mission contest, sponsored by the Planetary Organization and NASA, children from across the nation will compete to be on a team

that will control a Red Rover on Mars via the Internet. To enter the contest students must write an essay about an experiment they would like to conduct on Mars and how the experiment related back to their community.

Details about the contest can be found at www.planetary.org.

"Americans have traditionally had weak skills in the areas of math and science," Pamela Hamilton said. "These programs make starting early easier because you are never too young to learn at Marshall."

Marshall goes south with new Beckley agreement

by KRISTA CRAWFORD
 staff writer

Marshall University signed a cooperative agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) July 7.

The agreement established the Marshall University-Beckley Higher Education Center where MU will offer graduate courses in business and engineering in the IUOE facilities located at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy in Beckley.

Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs, said the Wednesday meeting was the official signing of the agreement between the two.

She said that along with representatives from both the university and the union, U.S.

Rep. Nick Rahall and Robert Kiss, speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, spoke at the ceremony.

"I commend MU and IUOE for their vision and efforts to enhance educational opportunities in southern West Virginia," Rahall said.

Denman said Marshall has offered classes at the local high schools in the Bluefield-Beckley area in the past but were looking for a more visibility and easy access to the building.

University officials say the agreement will provide for classrooms, equipment and technical support staff for Marshall's Lewis College of Business and Graduate School of Information Technology and

Please see **BECKLEY, P5**

Herd caravan rolls on despite minor NCAA violation

by CHARLES SHUMAKER
 managing editor

A minor NCAA infraction could leave fans disappointed when they go to see their favorite Marshall football players.

Herd players, including quarterback Chad Pennington will not be able to attend several trips with the Thundering Herd caravan. The caravan makes players and coaches available for autographs and promoting the upcoming season through ticket selling.

Marshall head coach Bob Pruett said the violation was

not major.

"We can't make it appear that we are promoting a business, if a business co-sponsors the event, we can't have players there," Pruett said.

Pruett went Tuesday to a signing in Gallipolis, Ohio, but no players went with him. "No players went because we wanted to make sure everything was cleared up as far as the NCAA was concerned," Pruett said.

Pruett said since some of the caravan stops will be similar to the stop in Charleston, players will not be able to attend every one.

The caravan has already

made stops in Charleston, Beckley, Gallipolis, Point Pleasant and throughout the summer will visit Parkersburg, Portsmouth, Logan, Chapmanville, Barboursville and Huntington.

The violation apparently occurred at the caravan stop in Charleston at a City National Bank location.

According to a story in the *Charleston Gazette*, City National Bank ran half-page ads for the event featuring Marshall football players and coaches.

The article also said the event could be at a commercial

place as long as the business was not a co-sponsor of the event.

Although no players were present at the signing, Pruett said he thought they enjoyed the event.

"I think people understand and wanted to see the players but I didn't have any complaints and no one seemed disappointed," Pruett.

After purchasing season tickets, Tom Pasquale of Gallipolis said, "It tickles me to death to get to bring one of my grandchildren to meet Coach Pruett."

Photo editor Diane Pottorff contributed to this story.



photo by Diane Pottorff

Head Football Coach Bob Pruett signed autographs Tuesday in Gallipolis, Ohio, without any players.

Suspected killer surrenders in Texas

Drifter admits to burglarizing victim's home

by MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The man suspected in a terrifying series of slayings along railroad tracks in three states admitted today he committed a burglary at one of the killing scenes and indicated he is willing to cooperate with authorities.

Police said they had evidence linking him to a ninth killing.

State District Judge William Harmon told Angel Maturino Resendez, also known as Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, of the burglary charge and asked if he had any questions.

The 39-year-old Mexican drifter replied through a translator: "Can all this be done very quickly so I can say I am guilty?"

The hearing was to set bond and assign Resendez an attorney, so the admission of guilt

was not an official plea, prosecutors said.

Resendez had made a similar attempt earlier today to plead guilty to the burglary, the only count brought against him so far in Texas.

In both brief court appearances, his calm request to plead guilty came after a prosecutor described the bloody scene of the killing from which the burglary charge stems.

Resendez, who was placed on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List after he was named as a suspect in eight killings, surrendered Tuesday at a border checkpoint after an intense manhunt. When he gave his name to the judge, he explained that Resendez-Ramirez was an alias.

Assistant Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson said Resendez was charged with burglary at the

home of Dr. Claudia Benton in the Houston enclave of West University Place. Benton was killed in her home on Dec. 17.

Anderson said Resendez's fingerprints were found on Ms. Benton's stolen car and that there was possibly DNA evidence linking him to the slaying.

"It makes it hard to deny you're the one who did it," she said.

Anderson said Resendez could be charged with capital murder.

Anderson said the decision on whether to bring the capital murder charge would be up to her boss, District Attorney Johnny Holmes.

Resendez is charged with three killings in Illinois and Kentucky and had been suspected in five more in Texas.

Wednesday, Texas authorities linked him to a sixth killing, in

Hughes Springs.

Houston Police Lt. Ron Walker said a palm print found last October at the home of 87-year-old slaying victim Leffie Mason matches Resendez's.

One of the most intense manhunts in years ended Tuesday with a simple handshake between a Texas Ranger and Resendez at an El Paso border station.

The surrender was aided by family members who were in contact with the ranger.

Resendez's surrender agreement included assurances of family visits, a psychological evaluation and promises that he would be safe in jail, authorities said. The agreement does not shield him from the death penalty.

Harris County prosecutors have sent more killers to death row than any other in the nation.

The arrest capped a massive six-week international manhunt by thousands of investigators and railroad authorities.

Investigators have said they have no idea what motivated the killings.

The trail of terror started with the Aug. 29, 1997, slaying of a 21-year-old college student in Kentucky who was attacked while walking with his girlfriend along railroad tracks. The rest of the killings have come since September.

The most recent were those of a 79-year-old man and his 51-year-old daughter, found dead June 15 in Gorham, Ill.

Resendez slipped through U.S. hands and was released by border agents to Mexico on June 2 even though he was wanted for questioning in a murder.

Investigators believe he went on to kill four more people.

Merger combines CD giants

NEW YORK (AP) — Sony and Time Warner are merging their jointly owned music club Columbia House with the online music retailer CDNow to form a new, publicly traded company.

Columbia House will continue to operate as a membership-based music club, and CDNow will remain an online music retailer with a wider selection of titles. Columbia House currently offers about 15,000 music titles, and CDNow offers more than half a million.

The deal provides important advantages to each side. The online retailer will get financial backing and cheap access to music put out by Sony and Time Warner, and the two media conglomerates gain a piece of the emerging area of online music sales.

The new company will have its own stock, which will allow investors to value the online company at the high levels afforded other online businesses.

The deal provides the two major music companies, with an online vehicle for the digital downloading of music, a new form of music distribution that is just in its infancy.

The music industry had been wrangling over a format that will make pirating difficult and ensure that music companies and musicians get paid the proper royalties for their work.

Toddler drives hot-wired toy truck on highway

FAIRFIELD, Ohio (AP) — A 6-year-old boy who slipped away from his day care center managed to hot-wire a toy vehicle and drive it for a mile along a bustling state highway, authorities said.

An alarmed motorist called police to say she was stunned to see little John T. Carpenter piloting the toy alongside regular-sized vehicles just outside Cincinnati.

Authorities said they were investigating how John got away from Kiddie Kampus Pre-School and Day Care Center on Friday.

Police said his disappearance went undetected until officers contacted the center more than an hour later.

The boy apparently wandered away from the center, then came upon a mini Monster truck-type toy parked outside

ReRuns for Wee Ones, a children's resale shop.

"I had the wires unhooked so no one could ride off in it, but he reconnected the wires without anyone seeing him, took off the price tag and rode away," co-owner Trisha Taylor said Monday.

"I was just floored. I couldn't believe it. This kid is only 6, and he had to have lifted up that hood and knew which

wires to put together," Taylor said.

John was unhurt and police returned him to his mother.

The Butler County Children Services Board said it will investigate and determine what action might be needed at Kiddie Kampus, said Jon Allen,

a spokesman for the Ohio Department of Human Services.

An employee of Kiddie Kampus declined comment to The Cincinnati Enquirer.

The boy's mother did not return messages left by the newspaper.

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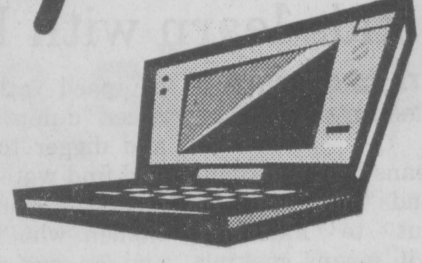


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NEW YORK (AP) — These American women don't just win, they set records — for biggest crowds and TV ratings. The final match, which drew a women's sports-record 90,185 to the Rose Bowl, turned out to be the most-watched soccer game in U.S. television history. An estimated 11.3 million homes and 40 million viewers watched the American women's shootout victory.

Page edited by Charles Shumaker

Gov. to public: 'I can have fun too'

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (AP) —

Gov. Jesse Ventura, who wrestled professionally as Jesse "The Body" Ventura, said he will return to the ring as guest referee of the World Wrestling Federation's "SummerSlam" event to bring "law and order" back to wrestling.

"I never thought I would ever see the day that my name would be next to the World Wrestling Federation again," Ventura said to a cheering crowd of several hundred wrestling fans at Target Center. "But I'll tell you what, in light of where wrestling is today, it is time to bring back

some law and order, and that will be my job at SummerSlam, August 22nd, for the championship match, because I rule here."

Ventura, introduced by WWF chairman Vince McMahon, belatedly: "I'm bigger than you, McMahon, I'm more powerful than you, I'm more powerful than the World Wrestling Federation."

"As long as you're in this state, you hold no power here. It's very simple. It's The Body rules, it's my rules, or the high-way."

Ventura accepted yellow and black feather boas from female wrestler Chyna and wrapped

them around his neck, then donned jewel-studded sunglasses.

Before the announcement of the \$29.95 pay-per-view event, Ventura defended his renewed ties to the WWF.

"The perception is that people need to be professional politicians and that therefore being a politician is your entire life. Well, it's not Jesse Ventura's entire life and I think I was elected upon the fact that I came from being a private citizen," he said Tuesday on Minnesota Public Radio.

Ventura, who retired from wrestling in 1986, said he will be paid \$100,000 for the event,

half of which will go to the new Jade Foundation for abused children. The other half will go to a scholarship endowment at his alma mater, Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis. Ventura said he also will get videotape royalties and payment for use of his name, but he said the amount is confidential.

The governor said on CNN Tuesday that the WWF opportunity had motivated him to work out and run in an attempt to lose 25 pounds before the event.

"I'm in the worst physical shape of my life," Ventura said.

Throughout the day Tuesday, he responded to criticism.

"There's no rule that says a governor can't have fun. There's no rule that says a governor on his own time can't be a human," Ventura said.

He said his appearance on the WWF event is simply a return to his profession before he was governor and he believes he's entitled to a life outside politics.

Ventura bristled when asked by reporters whether his renewed ties to the WWF threatened the dignity of the governor's office.

"If I were a nightclub singer in Caesar's Palace, would you ask the same question?" he asked.

That wasn't the only time he compared himself to a Las Vegas lounge act. Within the hour, he was on MPR, using an identical argument against his critics.

Ventura believes his appearance on the WWF show would be a boost for the state.

"More people will see Minnesota again and it will put us in the spotlight again," he said.

It won't take away from his gubernatorial duties because he generally doesn't work on Sundays, the day of the event, and the job requires no travel because the event is at the Target Center.

WVU officials say \$17.3 million worth preparing for Y2K bug

MORGANTOWN (AP) — A project to install new computer software at West Virginia University and to protect against the Y2K computer bug is more than \$6 million over estimate.

WVU officials say the \$19.3 million price tag may grow before the project's expected Nov. 1 completion, which would be four months behind schedule.

"With the open-ended contract, that pretty much guarantees you that if a contractor doesn't achieve the beginning estimate — oh well," said Ken Orgill, WVU's information

technology director. "What really determines cost is how many consultants we have and how long we keep them here."

The original contract with software giant Oracle Corp. estimated \$12.8 million for software and installation. But hidden long-range maintenance costs and the price of an abandoned previous software deal bumped the price to \$17.3 million.

WVU will pay an additional \$2 million to ensure the software avoids the so-called Y2K problem, which is caused by the possibility that computers originally programmed to recognize

only the last two digits of a year could interpret 2000 as 1900.

WVU officials believe the final cost is worth it.

"Oracle gave us an \$8 million discount when we first signed on with them," said Terry Ondreyka, WVU associate vice president for administration and finance. "This is a major capital infrastructure investment."

The software program will be shared among WVU's three regional campuses.

Oracle's president and chief operating officer, Ray Lane, is a 1968 WVU mathematics graduate.

Wrong turn leads runners down wrong path in race

TAHOE CITY, Calif. (AP) —

Sheriff's deputies rescued eight runners who were lost in the wilderness for 13 hours after they took a wrong turn during a rough-terrain race near Lake Tahoe.

Searchers on foot and in four-wheel-drive vehicles combed the thick Sierra Nevada forest for the runners, who were found Tuesday night.

The eight were among 45 competitors in the Race

"We should have taken a compass."

Jeff McClanahan

Across California Enviro, an event that combines running, mountain and road biking and kayaking. The race ends Friday in San Francisco.

Some 38 runners took a wrong turn, but most returned to the correct route while it was still light.

Members of Team Schwab, from the stock brokerage in San Francisco, were apparently the first to take the wrong turn, leading others astray.

Markings at the junction of a road and a trail confused the runners, sending them north instead of south.

"We should have taken a compass," said Jeff McClanahan, one of the wrong-way runners. "We should have never been out there in that kind of wilderness without being prepared."

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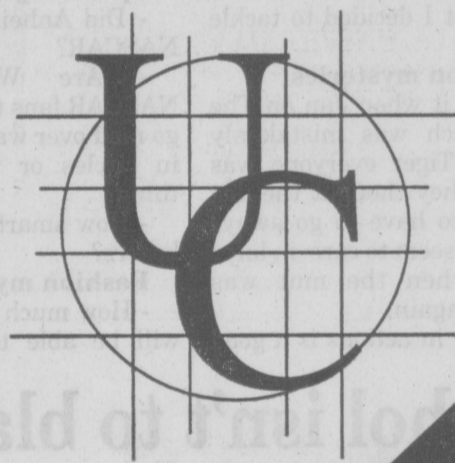


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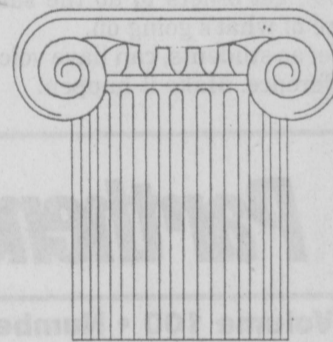
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OUR VIEW

Save your university

"As we approach the Millennium, we face a crisis of academic leadership, requiring new paradigms of virtual entrepreneurial agility so that colleges and universities can become the right-sized, results-oriented, consumer-focused learning organizations needed in our postmodern age."

Much like the author of a recent article that fettered the previous sentence, We have no idea what that sentence means, but this is at least the third time that sentence has been printed, so it must contain some value.

The article, by Robert Birnbaum, was featured in *Academe Magazine's* May - June issue and it focuses on academic leadership and how it should be strengthened as we approach the new millennium.

Birnbaum points out that university leaders have less influence than most are willing to believe and leaders are only one element in the process of reforming a university. The public are parts the other elements.

Faculty members spoke of what traits Marshall's next president should possess at Wednesday's meeting with consultant John Kuhnle and their concerns pretty much mirrored Birnbaum's points. So community involvement can help Marshall University make its future transitions.

Some say Marshall is in trouble like many other universities so this is not a good time to receive a new leader. But it has to be done and we have to become a part of it.

Everyday students can be heard complaining about things such as tuition is too high or why aren't there any parking spots. These are valid complaints and all have good answers. Involvement.

Students all over the nation have the opportunity to play a part in saving their universities. The problem is, when students get the chance to take this role, few do. That was the case here Wednesday.

At the consultant meeting, faculty dominated the scenery in the alumni lounge. Granted, there are more faculty on campus in the summer than students and faculty will be with a new president longer.

Regardless of the excuses, students had the chance to have a voice and put faces with those voices. When a problem comes up, few students stand up for their rights and try to be heard.

The attitude taken by the selection committee is one which allows involvement from students and faculty, but how can we be involved if we don't show up?

Obviously, we as students cannot select the new president or even have good odds at influencing the decision but like so many other situations in life, it is the little things that count.

Before any of us complain about a new president or a university that is falling apart, we should look at what we can do and do it.

Give input to Kuhnle (john.kuhnle@kornferry.com or Korn/Ferry International, 900 19th St., Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20006), get others to do the same or just be aware of what's going on.

We, as students, can have voices that make a difference. Make it happen.



Unsolved mysteries

Is that celebrity gerbil thing real?



BUTCH BARKER

After this column, some may think I'm an idiot, but I'm not.

I'm an intelligent guy, but I think about stupid things sometimes. Those stupid things include mysteries — at least things I consider mysteries. And that is what I decided to tackle this week.

Television mysteries

- Why is it when Jan on *The Brady Bunch* was mistakenly allergic to Tiger everyone was sad when they thought the dog was going to have to go away? They didn't seem to care in later episodes when the mut was never seen again.

- Missing in actions is a good

one. What happened to Judy on television's "Family Matters"? She was the middle sister and just seemed to disappear.

- Do people really think wrestling is real, or have they accepted the "sport" as a man's soap opera?

- Speaking of Soap Operas, do the writers think they're pulling the wool over our eyes when they bring back a character that left about a year ago and he has aged at least 10 years?

- How could a show like "The Facts of Life" possibly spin-off from "Dif'rent Strokes"?

- Why didn't Scooby Doo and his gang realize there were no real ghosts after they solved, let's see, the first 100 mysteries?

Sports mysteries

- Did Anheiser Busch create NASCAR?

- Are West Virginia NASCAR fans the only ones who go mad over watching cars drive in circles or is it a national thing?

- How smart are professional boxers?

Fashion mysteries

- How much longer until men will be able to wear women's

shoes and it be accepted under the Calvin Klein rule? I saw a pair of sandals the other day in the men's section that I thought were misplaced.

- Can you smoke hemp necklaces?

- Why do mostly women work at Structure in the Huntington Mall? It's a men's store. I don't see very many men working at Lerner or Express...

Everyday, stupid mysteries you've probably heard

- If a number 2 pencil is always the best to use, than why isn't it called a number 1?

- Shouldn't it take way more than three licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll Tootsie Pop? That stupid owl bites into it too early.

- Did that celebrity with the "stuck" gerbil myth setm from reality?

If you have any answers to my mysteries, drop me a line. In the meantime, I'll be trying to figure how old Dick Clark really is.

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Alcohol isn't to blame, the person is



HELP ME HARLAN

Dear Harlan,
Earlier this month, I was charged with sexual harassment, but it was due to the influence of alcohol. I'm now 17 years old. The night it happened I had met up with some friends of friends. We had planned for drinks and all got hammered, but not the girl in question.

She was a 25-year-old resting on a bed and I was horny. I tried to wake her up. She was half-awake and barely drunk. I kissed her and felt her a little bit. At the time she was smiling. I then gave up because I didn't want to take advantage of her,

but the next morning she was crying to the others.

I wasn't there when she told the others. What shall I do?

In trouble

Dear In trouble,
Alcohol isn't to blame -- it's you.

You need serious help for your alcohol abuse and you need a good attorney. It's frightening to think you could get so out of control that this could even possibly happen. It's hard for anyone to know exactly what happened that night; I wasn't there and you seemed too wasted.

Whatever happened -- it should not have happened and can never happen again. Get some help, find an attorney, and promise to never drink again.

Dear Harlan,

My good friend is going out with another good friend of mine. The problem is last night my male friend called me to talk about my female friend and we ended up having phone sex.

What do I do?

Phoney friend

Dear Phoney friend,
There are plenty of professionals who can moan over the phone with her boyfriend.

The next time he calls and wants to talk dirty, whip out a 900 number and tell him to get off the phone. If your friend is happy and he's happy then let it go. If it happens again, you have to tell her about it.

Until then - rely on your Crank Caller ID before picking up the phone.

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OTHER VIEWS

We are the champions!

by Daily Illini (U. Illinois) staff

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, ILL. — Despite the political controversy surrounding the two countries, the women representing China and the U.S. in Saturday's World Cup final exemplified nothing less than good sportsmanship and fair play.

Not only was it one nail-biter of a game but its sweetness was augmented by one particularly delicious tidbit: We won.

After a 0-0 deadheat, the U.S. made all five of its penalty shots while China missed one.

Aside from the game's results, Saturday's soccer match was remarkable for another reason. The Rose Bowl stadium was completely sold out for the game — setting a record for largest attendance for a women's sporting event.

While sports in which individual women compete (such as tennis and golf) have garnered considerable attention from sports fans, professional women's team sports are still in their infant stages of organization and popularity.

The fact that the entire country it seems has fully supported, and moreover, has identified with a women's team bespeaks the growing acceptance of women in sports.

While some might bemoan Title IX regulations — which mandates that college athletic departments spend the same amount of money on men's sports as women's sports. Saturday's win may very well have been a direct result of Title IX compliance.

Indeed, women's sports should not be viewed as an albatross around the necks of athletic departments, rather Saturday's match proves the boundless potential for women's athletics. In the end, it only makes sense to offer equal opportunities to all athletes, regardless of gender. Women in sports are here to stay — let's enjoy the game.

Legalizing gay marriages fair

by Daily Illini (U. Illinois) staff

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, ILL. — The eyes of the gay community will be on Vermont for the next few months (or years) as its state Supreme Court is slated to officially pass down a ruling on gay marriage.

This could make Vermont the first state to allow gay marriage.

The Vermont Supreme Court decision is being closely watched primarily because of Vermont's particularly liberal views on gay rights. The state already permits gays to adopt children, and has a gay rights law and hate crimes statute, according to Vermont Law School professor Greg Johnson.

So legalizing gay marriage seems like the logical next step for a state such as Vermont.

It does not make sense to deny homosexual partners who choose to get married the same legal rights that heterosexual couples receive. The argument against gay marriage is that recognizing it puts the picture-perfect vision of the American family somewhat out of kilter.

Or, our nation's children will, for some reason, will be "corrupted" by the sudden proliferation of gay, married couples. Both arguments are ludicrous.

Homosexuals grew up surrounded by heterosexual, married couples and that fact obviously did not keep them from being gay. Further, it is highly unlikely that letting gays get married in Vermont, or wherever for that matter, will bring about the downfall of American civilization or its traditional family unit. If anything, society's downfall will be a result of the narrowminded and myopic individuals who insist on suppressing diversity and persecuting the innocent.

Not legalizing gay marriage puts the government in the position of being our moral authority. Obviously the government has the responsibility and obligation to protect its citizens from violence and crime. But from gay marriage? Our congress — which passed the Defense of Marriage Act denying federal recognition of gay marriage and allowing states to ignore same-sex unions licensed elsewhere — needs to come off its moral high horse and let partners dictate whether and if they should get married. Simply said, deciding who should get married or not is not the government's problem.

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Faculty raise averages 5 percent

by **KRISTA CRAWFORD**
staff writer

Marshall University's annual payroll, including benefits, has jumped \$1,882,000 effective with the July 1 beginning of the new fiscal year.

President J. Wade Gilley reported that 1,059 faculty and staff personal are receiving salary increases averaging 5 percent, at a time when inflation is at an all-time low of less than 2 percent.

The increase in salaries alone, not counting benefits, is \$1,578,771.

This increase, Gilley said, is being paid for by the 3.05 percent funding increase from the Legislature and the remaining amount, \$480,000, is being made up through reductions in administrative expenditures.

Salary increases totaling \$758,045 go to 372 returning

1,059 faculty and staff will receive salary increases averaging 5 percent. The total payroll for this fiscal year jumps to \$1,882,000.

faculty, an average 9 month increase of \$2,038.

Seventy-two faculty members are receiving pay increases of more than \$3,000 and 16 are realizing raises in excess of \$5,000. The highest increase is \$12,796 for a full professor in the College of Liberal Arts.

Classified staff salaries have been increased an average of \$1,195 with the highest increase being \$5,934. The average Marshall classified staff salary is now \$26,491 for 12 months.

According to John Winters, Marshall publications coordinator, classified staff are those who are paid state wide by

their job description.

Winters said every classified staff job has a pay grade that determines the salary that should be received.

This is according to the job description and the time spent at the job, Winters said.

"This is called a salary schedule and it is determined by the Job Evaluation Committee," Winters said.

This increase brings Marshall's classified staff to 95 percent of the Mercer Plan.

The Mercer Plan, a five year plan started in 1995, was designed to increase Marshall salaries to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 547.

Over the first four years of the five-year plan, Marshall salaries have substantially closed the gap with the university's peers. They have increased at a rate twice that of the inflation rate.

Winter said the five-year plan will enable Marshall salaries to be at 100 percent in July 2000.

Non-classified staff received an average increase of 3.25 percent.

Non-classified staff are those who serve at the will of the president, include administrative personal, vice-presidents and deans.

These figures do not include personnel employed through the School of Medicine, the Marshall Research Corporation or the Marshall Foundation.

The salary figures cover both Huntington and South Charleston campuses.

ROTC officer brings world travels to MU

by **BLAINE MULLINS**
reporter

He's been on several assignments across the globe, involved in various international situations, and his next stop is Marshall University.

He's Maj. Barry Basseur of Charleston and he is a new Reserve Officers Training Corps instructor at Marshall. Basseur will work with cadets starting in the fall, and will teach basic military science and marksmanship courses.

A former instructor of leadership skills at the Army's signal school in Fort Gordon, Ga., Basseur has served 15 years in the Army.

"I'm a chemical officer by trade," Basseur said. "I've been involved primarily in the handling of weapons used in chemical warfare."

Basseur said he was involved in a treaty between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union that called for the joint removal of chemical weapons in Germany, a country in which there was a pivotal power struggle between the Eastern and Western alliances. Basseur's job was to transport artillery shells containing nerve gas out of Germany, he said.

In addition to serving in Germany and traveling throughout Europe, Basseur said he spent time in Alaska, Japan, Korea and the Western Sahara desert near the border of Morocco.

Basseur said he worked with the United Nations on a peace-

keeping mission during his stay in North Africa. The U.N. was there to police the Polisario Front, a group of nomads fighting for their independence from Morocco, Basseur said.

This conflict erupted when the territory was invaded by Morocco in 1975, according to a London news wire.

Algeria reportedly granted asylum to the estimated 160,000 refugees, who are now living under harsh conditions in desert camps.

While in Morocco, Basseur witnessed no serious conflicts and said things were "pretty quiet."

Basseur added that he enjoyed his stay in the cities of Marrakech and Casablanca.

Basseur said he joined the Army because he was looking for a new direction in life, and said he was eager to take advantage of the traveling opportunities.

Basseur took a particular interest in traveling through Europe, adding, "there's probably nobody you will meet in the Army that hasn't been to Europe."

He said Europe's Western culture, architecture, and historical landmarks from the previous World Wars fascinated him.

Basseur said the most memorable landmark he visited was the grave of the late General George Patton.

He said he spent the majority of his military career serving in an airborne unit at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Beckley

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Engineering.

"IUOE has a wonderful facility on the grounds of the

National Mine Health and Safety Academy with state of the art facilities including one interactive classroom and a new one being built," Denman said.

Denman said IUOE was more than willing to make the agree-

ment with Marshall.

"The IUOE welcomes Marshall University as its new partner in pursuing the study and testing of innovative environmental technologies," said IUOE president Frank Hanley. "The university's academic

offerings in this and related fields will compliment nicely the IUOE's practical, hands-on approach."

Three business classes and one engineering class are scheduled for the 1999 Fall semester.

President

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the area surrounding it. Kuhnle agreed.

"Chemistry is a key to effectiveness," Kuhnle said. "One of the requirements (for candidates) is being a quick study and have the ability to understand the university's needs."

"The search is wide open," however. "No one is off limits," he added.

Kuhnle said his firm will continue searching and taking nominations from anyone. There search will be based on many of the ideas heard at the meeting, but there are others Kuhnle said are important.

Research will be a key factor in the search, Kuhnle said. Most unsuccessful appointments come from not enough research, he said.

"An interview is a performance," Kuhnle said. "If a candidate is judged on an interview alone, we may be lead

astray. Referencing — formal and informal — is what (we) bring to the search. (We) eliminate surprises to the committee and the chancellor."

Kuhnle said he hoped there was some things learned at the meeting and there is one thing everyone should remember.

"None of us are going to sacrifice quality for speed," he said. So the search may be short and of quality or long and of quality, he said.

Charles Manning, chancellor of University System of West

Virginia Board of Trustees, said quality is the important thing and if the search takes longer than expected, the interim president will be at Marshall to fill the gap between President J. Wade Gilley's July 31 leave for the University of Tennessee and the selection of a new president.


Manning said everything is on schedule and an interim president will likely be named Friday during the board of trustees meeting at Marshall's South Charleston campus.

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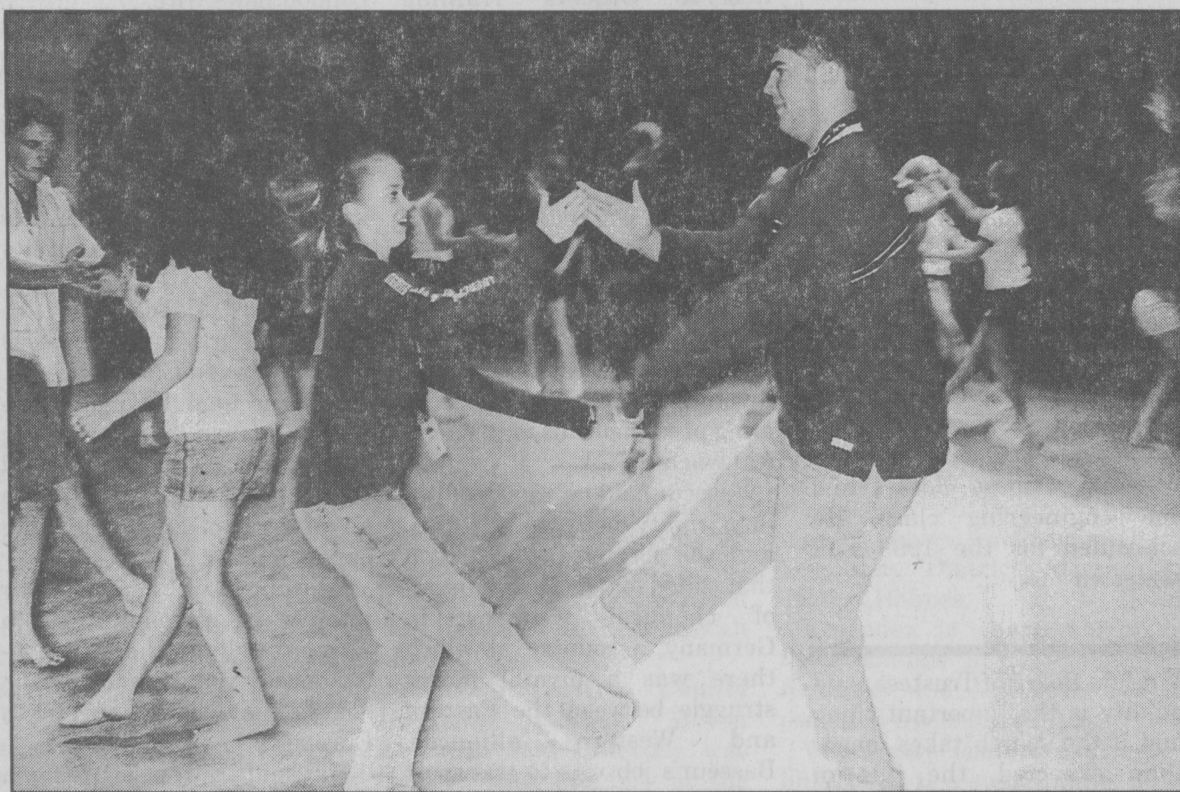
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The Marshall University Tri-State youth field day will take place Saturday at the LeTri Rollins Track. Marshall athletes will give free clinics. The field day starts at 8:30 a.m. and an awards ceremony begins at 1 p.m. According to the Student Government Association, the first 180 registered participants will receive a free T-shirt.

Thursday, July 15, 1999

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LEFT: Students learning different moves of an African dance.

BELOW: Jacob Steele draws from memory during an art class outside of Old Main.

photos by Diane Pottorff



Events for The Governor's School for the Arts open to the public:

Friday, July 16

Organ recital at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church — 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 19

Russian Ballroom Dancers at Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center — 7:30 p.m. (International champions from Russia Alexy Sologub and Anastasia Fadeeva feature dances such as the fox trot, waltz, Cha Cha, rumba and samba.)

Tuesday, July 20

Russian Ballroom Dancers teaching GSA students at Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center — 1:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21

The Early Interval — Demonstration of Renaissance Instruments at Smith Recital Hall — 3:30 p.m. (Since 1976, The Early Interval has become one of the midwest's leading early music groups performing on reproductions of period instruments.)

The Early Interval — Concert of Renaissance music using Renaissance instruments at Smith Recital Hall — 7:30 p.m. (The Early Interval authentically recreates instrumental and vocal music originally performed during the middle ages and Renaissance.)

Thursday, July 22

Shakespearean Appearances - by British actor Roger Jerome at Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center — 7:30 p.m.

Art Immersion

Marshall chosen as host site for high school arts students

by CHRISTINA REDEKOPP
Life! editor and
DIANE POTTORFF
photo editor

About 80 students who have been called "the best and the brightest high school arts students in West Virginia" will be on campus for the next three weeks.

The West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts began with an opening ceremony Sunday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Since then they have been learning interdisciplinary skills in dance, theater, instrumental, vocal and visual arts.

Students are selected from across the state. This year they also have two students from Russia.

Jacqueline Burdette, Huntington High junior, said to apply for the school she had to send in an essay about art, scores on a national test, her grade point average, recom-

mendations from a teacher and counselor and the application. She said she was interviewed and brought her portfolio to the interview for her selection to the school.

All students selected will be high school juniors next academic year. Each student received a \$2,000 scholarship with funds from the state and from Marshall University. Their three weeks are completed July 31 after a trip to New York to see professional artists at work.

Lynn Boggess, a teacher at Fairmont State College and visual arts master teacher, is in his sixth year of instruction for the Governor's school.

With individual art, the student is trying to gain clarity Boggess said. The students will see a difference between fine, folk and popular art.

Although they have only experienced a few days at the school, students had much to say about their experiences so far.

Jacob Steele, East Fairmont High junior, has done art all his life. His sister was in the Governor's school as well.

Steele said the school has extended his talents and stretched his imagination.

He plays in his high school band, which will perform at the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif.

Katie Lott from Bridgeport and Desiree Martin from Pineville were quick to become friends after the first day. Their main thrust is dance.

Lott said she especially enjoys the environment. "They want us to learn a lot but they want us to improve our skills while we're meeting new people and having fun."

Martin said about her first class at the school in modern and ballet, "It was a different experience. I'm not used to being in a big class like that. Being in a class like that with a master teacher will help me in the long run with dance and

with school in general. "Everybody on campus has treated us really nice. This is where I hope to go to school."

Lott said, "If college is like this I think I'll really enjoy it."

Something different for piano and violin player Stephanie Chen of Morgantown was the African drumming and dancing Monday

"It's really neat," she said while walking to Smith Hall for a discussion about Homer Hickam's book Rocket Boys.

"It's a really great experience because it shows you a lot of other arts, not just the one you're majoring in," she said.

Cassady Bailey from Charleston said, "It's been really interesting and the teachers are really great and have a lot to offer. It's definitely a wholesome experience."

Ruth Kelley from Wheeling said her major art is visual arts. She said her first day was long but "so far it's been really neat. I've met so many people."

'Wild Wild West' not as wild as some may expect

by ROBERT McCUNE
for The Parthenon



Jim West (Will Smith) and Artemus Gordon (Kevin Kline) take a ride in one of Gordon's latest inventions

The "West" wasn't as wild as you might have expected.

The team that brought us "Men in Black" in the summer of 1997, star Will Smith and director Barry Sonnenfeld, haven't outdone themselves with this year's blockbuster "Wild Wild West."

For an action flick, there's almost as much action in the series of theatrical previews or the 7-minute music video for the film's title song.

Despite scripted appearances

★★ 1/2
'Wild Wild West,' is rated PG-13 and is now showing.

by President Ulysses S. Grant and the golden spike that joined the Trans-Continental Railroad, "Wild Wild West" isn't exactly historical.

And though actress Selma Hayek is cast as a romantic lead, there's no romance and Hayek's character never leads anything. Jim West (Smith) sums up Hayek's role in the film when he calls her character a "distrac-

tion." A beautiful distraction — but a distraction, nonetheless.

There are a lot of laughs, thanks mostly to Smith and that master of disguise, Kevin Kline. Smith is U.S. Army Captain Jim West; Kline plays his partner, U.S. Marshal Artemus (Arty) Gordon. Like Smith and his "Men in Black" co-star Tommy Lee Jones, the duo's differences drive much of the comedy.

West is a cocky cowboy whose life mission is driven by the need to avenge the deaths of his parents — weapon of choice: a stinging wit and a service pistol.

Gordon is an inventor and

master of disguise who's mission to find the kidnapped world scientists and protect the president has put him on the same path as West. He's armed with intellect and a train full of gadgets (from pool balls that double as bombs to a derringer pistol that fits inside a belt buckle).

Kenneth Branagh co-stars as bad guy Dr. Arliss Loveless — crazed and confined to a wheelchair, he hardly seems a match for West and Gordon. He's not so tough without his giant metal tarantula or tank armed with revolving machine guns.

And his plot — a sort of back-

wards Louisiana Purchase — seems weak and never fully developed. He wants to kidnap the president and force him to surrender (by official signature) the United States so he can divide the territory up with various world leaders (keeping a large chunk for himself, of course, to retire on). He reveals that much of his plan before being distracted by the wacky Will Smith, dressed as a harem girl whose breasts shoot fire.

A funny and witty distraction — but a distraction, nonetheless. That's what this film ultimately boils down to.