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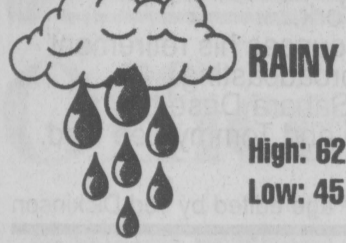
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## On the air

Broadcast class gets real-world experience with weekly newscast

by NICOLE L. JIVIDEN  
reporter

Twelve Marshall students are up to their elbows in B-roll, VO/SOTs and packages this semester.

That's because they are producing a weekly newscast called "MU Report," which airs at 12:30 p.m. Sundays on statewide public access television channels.

"It offers an inside look at campus activities from a student perspective," said Dan W. Hollis, assistant professor of radio/TV.

"MU Report" is geared for students majoring in journalism and mass communications (JMC) who want to pursue a career in radio or television, Hollis said.

By the way, B-roll is video you see while an anchor talks; VO/SOT stands for voiceover sound on tape, which means the reporter speaks over video that has background sound and then someone gives a quote to the camera; and a package is a reporter's story.

"You're staring at a lens, but no one can see you," said Vince Payne, Hansford senior majoring in radio/TV.

"You don't have the concept that people are watching you."

More people may be watching than the students realize; the program is available on the Internet.

Hollis said after the show is taped Friday afternoons, he updates the Web site, at <http://www.marshall.edu/sojmc/MUReport.htm>.

This is the first semester "MU Report" has been available on the Internet, Hollis said.

"It helps improve the quali-



From left, Natalie Owens, Vince Payne and Erin Downard prepare to tape the Feb. 12 edition of 'MU Report.' The newscast is taped Fridays in the WPBY studio in the Communications Building. Students produce, write and report for the program, which airs Sundays on WPBY-TV.



Eric Swisher, left, and Eric Hines watch the last Friday's taping from the control room.

ty of the show because it can be seen all over the world," Hollis said.

"MU Report" is broadcast 10 times during the spring semester, Hollis said.

During the fall semester, students from JMC 350: Television News Reporting practice reporting, editing and taping the newscasts, which do not air.

In the spring semester, the students take JMC 351: Television News Production and the program is shown on the air, he said.

The 12 students in the class must find news stories, conduct interviews, write stories and edit their videotaped stories, Hollis said.

"MU Report" offers the students more opportunities and experience in their future careers by using the latest technology, Hollis said.

"It will help me to get a job somewhere down the line," said Robert W. Harper, Hurricane radio/TV senior.

Students say JMC 351 is beneficial because the class

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Vince Payne,  
Hansford senior

teaches them how to write, edit and produce better stories.

The students are responsible for reporting and editing their own stories, said Shawn M. Seagroves, a senior radio/TV major from Winchester, Va.

The producer writes a script and has enough to fill more than the allotted 15 minutes of air time, Seagroves said.

Because of the time restriction, some of the stories are edited out of the broadcast.

Each student devotes many hours to getting the program from a concept to a tape.

On Thursday nights, many of the students can be found doing last-minute changes in the "MU Report" newsroom on the third floor of Smith Hall.

"We're here until the sun comes up," Payne said.

"MU Report" will air locally on WPBY-TV at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

## Staff takes a stand on EMS issue

Council also talks about inexpensive legal services for MU employees

by TAMARA ENDICOTT  
reporter

Marshall University Emergency Medical Services got some extra support Wednesday when the Classified Staff Council voted to develop a resolution to support the endangered service.

Members agreed staff should pay the same fee as students to keep the services on campus.

"I have decided I would rather pay 50 cents per semester for an ambulance fee as opposed to 35 cents per semester for the cheerleaders," said Bernice Bullock, chairwoman for the service committee.

Muhammad Chaudhry, member and research assistant for the anatomy and cell biology department said, "My personal feelings are, it is worth it."

Inexpensive legal services as an employee benefit were also discussed during the meeting.

Guest speaker Maurice L. Sill, associate for Pre-Paid Legal Services, explained how a payroll deduction could give Marshall employees access to legal services.

Sill said the trend to move middle-class employees into affordable legal council is a new concept, but one that is

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## Memo outlines problems

by TAMARA ENDICOTT  
reporter

A Feb. 15 memo from David Gesner, Marshall University's Emergency Medical Services coordinator, to James E. Terry, director of public safety, outlined rejected solutions to MUEMS' budget crisis.

Repair concerns on the 14-year-old ambulance included a rust hole in the front floorboard of the passenger side, a front windshield that leaks and an engine that requires a warm-up time of 5-15 minutes, compartment doors that cannot be locked, and insufficient heating and air conditioning for the patient compartment.

Rejected proposals include leasing a new vehicle, using student health carry-over funds, adding an additional 25-cent to \$1 surcharge on athletic events, charging the Athletic Department for use of service and soliciting funds from private sources.

The President Advisory Committee also recently rejected a requested 50-cent student fee increase. Fee increases were approved for the athletic depart-

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## Recreational facility architect firm chosen

by JAY M. MORLACETTA  
reporter

Marshall University has selected an architectural firm to do the programming and cost estimation for its new recreational facility.

Marshall has selected Silling Associates Inc. (SAI) to begin the first phase of the lengthy process of coordinating the completion of the recreation center.

"The first phase is to do the programming for the facility, which involves what you want inside the facility," said Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations.

The facility, which will be located on the corner of Third Avenue and 20th Street, is in the earliest stages of planning. Grose said selecting an architectural firm for the project will get the process under way.

As the second part of the first

phase, SAI will calculate what it would cost to build the center, Grose said.

He said the money used to build the facility has not been raised yet, and could possibly involve donations, bond sales, borrowing or a small increase in student fees.

Grose said SAI will not be alone in deciding what goes into the center, such as basketball courts or weight rooms.

"SAI will work with a committee to decide what will be best to put in the facility," Grose said. He said the committee has not yet been chosen, but will include students, athletics personnel and personnel in health, physical education and recreation (HPER).

"It is a long process of determining what goes in the facility, and it normally takes quite a bit of time," Grose said. He

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## Marshall to celebrate piano's birth

by CHARLENE L. CORNELL  
reporter

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you.

This year marks the 300th birthday of the piano.

The Marshall University's Chamber 10 and the Department of Music are celebrating its birthday by having a Temperament Revival, a first at Marshall.

Temperament is the process and result of making changes to the pitches of the musical scale,

which allow musicians to write and play music in certain pitches.

Wednesday, the Department of Music will present Enid Katahn and Edward Foote from Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music.

"What we are looking at, at this Temperament Revival we're looking at the way pianos sounded when the com-



Katahn

posers from the 18th and 19th centuries were writing," Paul Dempsey, piano technician, said. "The thing that is unique about this recital this is the first time it has been done at Marshall."

Katahn is a professor of piano at Vanderbilt who has toured throughout the United States and Europe. She recorded for the BBC and appears on radio and public television. She has received nominations for the Nashville Music Awards for Best Classical Compact Disc and

Best Keyboards, Dempsey said.

Foote is a piano technician at Vanderbilt who maintains pianos for Nashville recording studios.

From 1-3 p.m., Katahn and Foote will give a lecture/seminar.

The seminar will cover how the piano and other keyboard instruments have been tuned throughout the past 300 years.

Katahn will demonstrate work on two instruments, one

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## Buy a pop, make a basket, go to the Final Four

by ANGELA MYHRWOLD  
reporter

Hardcore fans of the NCAA Final Four may be identified next week by the number of Pepsi products they chug.

Fifty people on campus will have the chance to win one of several prizes, including a trip to the Final Four, just by buying a drink out of one of the specially-marked vending machines on campus.

"This is a part of the university's contract with Pepsi," Memorial Student Center Manager Karen Kirtley said.

"This is one of the largest

programs to date."

The trip giveaway will be at Marshall's final men's home basketball game.

Anyone who gets a labeled bottle must first take the winning bottle to MSC 2W6 to receive a ticket.

The person with the ticket must be present at the Feb. 26 home game for a chance to make a basket for the trip.

Jennifer Rupp, director of corporate ticket sales and promotions for the Athletic Department, said 10 numbers will be drawn at the game's halftime.

The people who have those

numbered tickets will get the chance to shoot for the trip.

The shooting will be done on a "miss and you are out" basis.

"This is an exciting promotion," Rupp said.

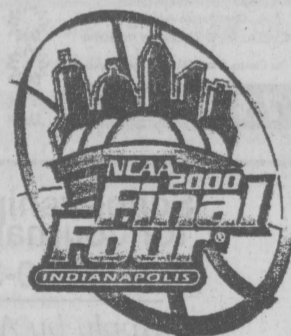
"Hopefully it will generate a lot of excitement toward the last game of the season. Pepsi has done a lot for the university and we are very lucky to have them as sponsors."

The trip to the Final Four is valued at \$4,000.

It includes four nights and five days at the Sheraton in Indianapolis. The tickets and transportation are provided for

all three games Saturday and Monday.

"This could never have been done without the collaboration of Pepsi, athletics and the student center management," Kirtley said.



## The magic behind the curtain



Teresa G. Wilson gets her hair done for the Thursday performance of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" The play continues today and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre. Tickets are available at the box office in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Please see Charlene Cornell's review on page 2.



In Review

## Audience hums 'Woolf' after performance

Combination of talented actors, small set creates illusions of reality

by CHARLENE L. CORNELL  
reporter

The audience walked out humming "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Virginia Woolf. Virginia Woolf.

The curtain raised Wednesday on the student production as George (David Hall) and Martha (Teresa Wilson) walked into their old faded living room and into the hearts of audience.

Learning of guests arriving soon, George begins his usual games. Nick (Herschel Jeffrey)

and Honey (Jeanie Cheek) soon arrive. Nick, a new professor at the local university, mirrors a younger George. Honey, Nick's wife, is a young Martha.

The couples begin to drink. As the evening progresses, the tragedy that pervades their relationships come to light. The couples are faced with truth versus illusion.

Martha is not only George's wife, but also the daughter of the university's president.

George's marriage to Martha was to make him next in line for the presidency. George became a disappointment to Martha, and she spends her time telling George of the disappointment - between drinks.

Through the disappointment there is a loving connection between the two. Their marriage survives despite the bad situations they find themselves in.

"The marriage is salvaged by the deep connection," Eugene Anthony, director, said. "That love and commitment survive in spite of hellish developments in the course of our lives."

David Hall and Teresa Wilson's hauntingly real portrayals of George and Martha were highlights of the play. Hall's emotionally charged performance was powerful. One could not separate where George began and he ended.

Wilson commanded the stage as the mouthy Martha. Her extraordinary performance keeps the audience hanging on to the edge of their chairs, wondering what she will say next.

"I thought the acting was compelling to watch," Olivia Hickey, Columbus, Ohio, sophomore, said. "I loved watching Teresa Wilson's portrayal of Martha."

The set designed by Chris Timmons allows a feeling of closeness to the actors. The audience and cast blend to create an intense oneness. The actors enter and leave the stage the same way the audience does. As the actors move around the set they are only a few feet from the audience. One cannot only see the actor's glare, but feel it.

"It is a realistic play," Anthony said. "When we work in that small space, it aids in the notion of performing realistically."

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" runs through Saturday



Teresa Wilson and Herschel Jeffrey share a scene during a rehearsal of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre. Curtain time is 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets are available. Full-time student

tickets are free with a Marshall ID. Part-time students can purchase tickets as a reduced price with a Marshall ID.

## 'Annoying' actors combine to form engrossing comedy flick

by TED ANTHONY  
The Associated Press

Bruce Willis? Often annoying. Matthew Perry? Often extremely annoying. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry together in the same film? Surprise: VERY entertaining.

"The Whole Nine Yards" has assorted reasons to fail. It's filled with oh-so-trendy actors. It's based on a highly unlikely premise. It descends into slapstick now and then.

But something clicks, and performers, plot and script come together to form a lively, even charming caper flick.

Nick "Oz" Oseransky (Perry) is a hurried dentist who lives in a suburban subdivision outside Montreal, and he's not exactly having a great year.

His chain-smoking Quebecois wife (Rosanna Arquette) and mother-in-law sit at the breakfast table mocking him. He owes thousands of dollars that were embezzled by his late father-in-law.

And now, the last thing he needs is happening: A contract killer has moved in next door.

Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Willis), a Chicago gangland

figure, has settled in suburban Montreal after serving a five-year prison term. He's killed 17 men, but he's a nice guy. That, of course, doesn't assuage Oz, who's terrified. "It's not how many people I've killed," Jimmy tells him. "It's how I get along with those who are still alive."

Willis has clearly learned something from his superior performance in "The Sixth Sense." His trademark smirk is still employed and still irritating, but he's augmented it with other expressions and reins it in enough to allow a unique personality to emerge. He's a far better actor than he was five, even two years ago.

Perry, who's got the young-adult-male-inadequacy schtick down, shows here that he can expand his one note to carry a full-length feature. His nervous tics, elastic body movements and martini-dry irony combine here to create a likeable, if reluctant, hero.

"The Whole Nine Yards" probably won't win any awards. But it's more than the sum of its parts: It's engrossing and rollicking in the best caper-flick tradition.



Ben Affleck confronts Giovanni Ribisi in the new theatrical release "Boiler Room," a look at young New York stockbrokers.

## Good acting, poor script make for simmering 'Boiler Room'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE  
The Associated Press

Attention, children of the '80s: If you long for the conspicuous consumption of the Reagan era, "Boiler Room" is the movie for you.

The debut film from writer-director Ben Younger takes us into the slick, greedy world of cocky young stockbrokers.

Watching a fraternity of men in French blue shirts with too much hair gel smoke cigars, snort coke and toss money around is a sort of perverse pleasure at first. You can almost feel the testosterone oozing from the screen.

But an implausible romance and the tedious exploration of a failed father-son relationship lower "Boiler Room" to a mere simmer.

Giovanni Ribisi plays Seth Davis, a 19-year-old college dropout running an illegal casino inside his Queens apartment. His entrepreneurship is a great source of embarrassment and frustration for his father (Ron Rifkin), a federal judge.

Seth has little ambition, but he gets a job as a trainee stockbroker with the firm J.T. Marlin, widely known as a

"chop shop" hidden inside a nondescript office building on Long Island. He figures he'll make a ton of money and simultaneously please his father by having a legitimate career.

Ben Affleck, who plays the firm's recruiter, tantalizes Seth and the other trainees with Ferraris, mansions and promises of making \$1 million in three years.

All they have to do is work the phones for hours, cold-calling rich potential stock buyers and telling lies to close the deal.

There is a constant buzz about the boiler room where they make their deals, a non-stop swagger. Everything is brushed steel and charcoal gray suits, great-looking but vapid.

Despite the film's flaws, much of the dialogue is crisp, and some good acting shines through.

Affleck's time on screen is too short, but when he's there he's magnetic and larger than life. Vin Diesel and Nicky Katt are both good as two of the firm's smug elder statesmen. And Ribisi does his best to hold the film together, even as it falls apart toward the end.



Matthew Perry (left) and Bruce Willis star in the theatrical release "The Whole Nine Yards." Willis plays Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski, a hitman who moves in next door to Nick (Perry).

## Best-sellers

### NONFICTION

1. "The Rock Says..." by the Rock, with Joe Layden (Regan Books)
2. "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
3. "Relationship Rescue," by Phillip C. McGraw (Hyperion)
4. "The Millionaire Mind" by Thomas J. Stanley (Andrews McMeel)
5. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
6. "Tis" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
7. "Body for Life" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins)
8. "Faith of My Fathers," by John McCain (Random House)
9. "Have a Nice Day!" by Mick Foley (Regan Books)
10. "From This Day Forward," by Cokie Roberts and Steven Roberts (William Morrow)

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Brethren," by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "Gap Creek" by Robert Morgan (Algonquin)
3. "The Lion's Game" by Nelson DeMille (Warner)
4. "Sick Puppy" by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf)
5. "Timeline" by Michael Crichton (Knopf)
6. "False Memory" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
7. "A Walk to Remember" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
8. "Atlantis Found" by Clive Cussler (Putnam)
9. "The Attorney" by Steve Martin (Putnam)
10. "The Cat Who Robbed a Bank" by Lilian Jackson Braun (Putnam)

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AMERICAN BEAUTY (R) 4:15-7:15-9:35	
CINEMA 4	
WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)	5:20-7:30-9:40
BOILER ROOM (R)	4:10-7:00-9:30
ANGELA'S ASHES (R)	4:30-7:05-9:35
PITCH BLACK (R)	7:10-9:20
THE HURRICANE (R)	4:00
CAMELOT 1 & 2	
THE BEACH (R)	4:15-7:15-9:45
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# Officers give suggestions for tackling rape

by TAMARA ENDICOTT  
reporter

Self-defense tactics, common sense and intuition are important tools in preventing rape and other violent crimes, Marshall police officers told students in Twin Towers West.

Officers Jeff Curtis and Angela Howell emphasized Wednesday night in the program "How to Tackle Rape," that prevention is the best way to avoid it. But, they told students how to defend themselves if an attack occurs.

The officers gave students three brochures that addressed preventing sexual assault, what a student should do if rape occurs, and campus safety and security.

Prevention measures include avoiding walking alone at night. If a student cannot find a friend to walk with, a campus police officer will escort the student, Howell said.

They also said a person should use common sense by being alert and aware of surroundings. Avoid carrying an overloaded backpack or wearing restrictive clothing that can hinder a person's ability to defend him/herself, they said.

"You need to walk with your head up and look people in the eye," Howell said. "You need to let that person know that you can identify them."

Walking against traffic whenever possible and walking on the outside edge of the sidewalks are safer when out at

night, Howell said.

The officers also talked about vulnerable parts of the attacker's body, and how to turn one's own body into a weapon. Eyes, nose, chin, throat, stomach, groin, shins and tops of feet are most vulnerable and are areas the victim should aim for, Howell said.

By curling extended fingers together in a tight roll, a person can use that as a weapon on the attacker's eyes.

Using car keys as a weapon is another option. Using elbows and the palm of the hand deliver more force than a fist, Howell said.

If a group of friends decides to walk to a social club or event where alcoholic beverages will be consumed, one person in the

group should remain sober to make sure that everyone comes home safely, Howell said.

"Make sure when you go to the bar and you get all happy and everything is going well for you, make sure that one person who is sober gets everybody back," Howell said.

"Don't let Suzy say, 'Well, I'll see you all later. I'm riding home with Bob that I met tonight and he's going to bring me home.' That is a date rape situation waiting to happen."

Harassing phone calls also are a problem for students and should be reported immediately, Howell said.

"If phone calls start to get threatening, we will take precautions right then and there," she said. "We can and will

## Protecting yourself

- Avoid walking alone at night. Call MUPD at 696-HELP (4357) for an escort.
  - Avoid carrying an overloaded backpack or wearing restrictive clothing.
  - Walk with your head up. Look people in the eyes.
  - Remember the most vulnerable parts of an attacker's body — eyes, nose, chin, throat, stomach, groin, shins and tops of feet.
  - If you are drinking with a group of friends, even if you walk to a bar or party, designate someone to stay sober and make sure everyone in the group comes home together.
- Source: Marshall University Police Department

make up a police report. You know, run that phone log and see exactly what phone calls are coming into your room. That's very easily done."

Howell instructed students to

check the outside of their vehicles before getting in to them.

"Use common sense," she said. "In rape prevention, lock your doors up. You need to secure your property."

## Computers sans cords

### Library offers patron pads

by SUMMER L. RUGGLES  
reporter

The patron pad, introduced in the John Deaver Drinko Library last fall, gives students the freedom to move through the library and work on a computer at the same time.

Right now, not all access points are working.

"It works best on the second and third floor," said Kendall J. Shields, library technician

assistant II.

The patron pad weighs two pounds and does not need a power cable, network connection, external keyboard or mouse.

The patron pad has a compact keyboard, a touch screen with stylus, and is collapsible. A stylus is a device that looks like a pen and some of the uses include writing on the screen, double-clicking icons and scrolling around on the screen.

"The patron pad does not have a hard drive or an A drive, so students have to save information on the V drive to print out, and it can be printed out at any of the printers on any floor," said Wendy T.

Moorhead, collection access librarian.

The patron pad has access to MUNET Applications such as Microsoft Office 97 and Internet Explorer 5.0. The pad also provides access to applications available in the computing services lab facilities.

The pad has full Internet capabilities. Students can surf the Web or send and receive e-mail.

By logging onto the library's home page, the pad can be used in the stacks to find call numbers of books.

It also provides access to applications available in the computing services lab facilities.

## Piano

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tuned in the Thomas Young temperament and the other tuned in the Equal Temperament system.

The Equal Temperament System has been used for most

of the 20th century, Dempsey said.

The lecture/seminar is free and open to the public.

A recital featuring Katahn is at 8 p.m. She will play works by Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Joplin and Blake.

The songs are going to be performed in a Thomas Young temperament.

"The program that she is playing a lot of great music," Dempsey said. "She's finishing out the program with some early 20th century rag time music."

The recital is free to full-time and part-time students. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7.

Faculty and staff tickets are \$5.

## Staff

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quickly gaining popularity across the nation.

"We all probably bemoan the kind of society we live in with the 'I'll sue you kind of mentality,'" Sill said.

Included in the plan would be unlimited telephone consultations, free will preparation and legal representation for motor vehicle defense,

trial defense and IRS audits.

Nina Barrett, Classified Staff Council president, said if there is enough positive feedback from Marshall employees, legal services could be a benefit in the future.

In other business, Terrence Olson, Classified Staff Council financial affairs chairman, advised the council not to support the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) report.

Olson said it would be beneficial to West Virginia University,

but not for Marshall.

"I think everybody needs to take a good look at this and realize that this is just smoke and mirrors trying to establish a whole other level of high paying jobs for a select few," Olson said.

Other issues discussed were the disbursement of a \$750 scholarship to a Marshall employee, support of the Series 62 salary schedule bill and preparation for the Classified Staff Council election which is coming up in April.

## Recreational

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said once the first phase is completed, designing the actual building will be the next phase.

The schedule for the first

phase will be outlined as soon as a contract has been reached with SAI, he said.

Grose said there is progress in acquiring the business located on the future site of the facility.

"We are in the final steps purchasing Mycroft's and Tavern Off the Green," Grose said.

Glaser Furniture has not yet agreed to sell, he said.

Processes like the building of the recreational center usually take some time, and require a lot of work, he said.

"I know that with the Drinko Library the programming phase alone took about a year," Grose said.

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chairman, said, "The reason that I first got involved was that this is a benefit for the staff. The fact that there's an ambulance here is attractive to the staff because they feel better protected."

Concerns for MUEMS are that the 14-year-old ambulance will not meet regulation standards and that lack of funding will phase out the service completely, Olson said.

"The response time is under a minute for MUEMS and that time is critical for anyone on campus who would need that service," Olson said.

Associate math professor Dr. Karen Mitchell said she has used MUEMS many times due to chronic health problems.

Losing the department "would be an unfortunate development for the university community, because we have so many activities going on here," she said. "We're literally a little community, a little city and I think it would be unfortunate for us to lose the service."

## EMS

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ment, cheerleading squad, Marshall Artists Series, marching band, music organization, WMUL and Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Student Government President Brandi Jacobs doesn't believe MUEMS needs a new ambulance because it averages only 1 percent of the total Marshall population on emergency calls, as stated in her proposal to the dean of student affairs.

Gesner said, "That is nationally, throughout the nation, no matter what EMS service it is, approximately 1 percent of the population that uses the EMS service."

Many are concerned MUEMS may not be available in the future because of its struggle for the department to get funding to operate.

Terrence Olson, Classified Staff Council financial affairs

## Trustees meet with state's faculty today

by SAIED ALSHAHRANI  
reporter

The University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees will meet today for its annual meeting with faculty in the Caperton Center for Applied Technology at West Virginia University — Parkersburg.

The board will discuss the reports of faculty, classified employees, students, the Executive Committee, Health Sciences and presidents for Marshall and West Virginia universities and the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Board members will also discuss committee reports and action items, which include reports from the Social Justice, Programs and Finance committees.

Board of Trustees members also will have a meeting with West Virginia University President David Hardesty and Eldon Miller, West Virginia University—Parkersburg president.

Board members will also have a reception for A. Michael Perry, former interim Marshall president, at 6:30 p.m. in the John Deaver Drinko Library.

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## OUR views

### Thumbs up to DLP, others

**THUMBS UP** to Marshall's colony of Delta Lambda Phi, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach office and the Lambda Society for standing up for their beliefs.

There's one thing we've noticed from the recent problems with DLP's fliers being defaced — the gay community is progressing and people are noticing.

Like Jonathan Sutton, the president of the fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men, said in a recent article in *The Parthenon*, the acts, despite their hateful motivations, mean people have taken notice of the gay community's strides.

Although the fliers incident may have set them back, we know they've come a long way. We hope they can move further with no problems.

**THUMBS DOWN** to the Commission on Multiculturalism for not making an instant decision on members of the gay community's requests, including diversity and homophobia training to members of Marshall University.

**THUMBS UP** to the Commission on Multiculturalism for accepting the recommendations to be discussed and considered. Although the groups have waited long enough for action, at least hope might have come from the Wednesday meeting.

We understand the Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, along with others at Marshall, have said no acts of hate are taken lightly. We believe that to the fullest. We just hope everyone knows DLP's problem could be the beginning of something bad and steps are taken soon to help combat those chances.

**THUMBS UP** to the Student Government Association for the petition members circulated this week.

One of the petitions was in support of the proposed student housing project on the site of the former Doctor's Memorial Building. The other is an effort to establish the online posting of syllabi and make faculty evaluations available to students.

These are important issues and we're glad to see SGA is out there allowing Marshall students to have their say on campus decisions.



### When a 'right' is more of a wrong

by MIKE SARZO  
The Diamondback  
(University of Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Here we go again. Littleton, Colo., was once again the scene for tragedy when a gunman took the lives of two Columbine High School students on Monday.

As many people throughout the world know all too well, Columbine was the scene for the murderous rampage by Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. Their storm of fire killed 13 before the teenagers turned their guns on themselves.

Unfortunately, that April 20 tragedy was only the beginning for the kind of horrific acts Harris and Klebold committed. One month later, Conyers, Ga., saw its own violent tragedy. The Denver area suburb faced even more terror in the approximately 10 months that followed: The mother of a Columbine student partially paralyzed in the massacre committed suicide in October.

This month alone, an 11-year-old boy's body was uncovered in a trash bin within blocks of the school. Just last week, a Florida man pleaded guilty to sending a message through the Internet to another Columbine student threatening

I quoted Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" in last year's column about the tragedy, and I'll choose a different quote from the same song this time: "How many times can a man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see?"

to finish the massacre.

How long is it going to take before our country's lawmakers finally get the message that we are facing a crisis? Congress briefly used the momentum caused by public anger over the Harris-Klebold massacre to work toward passing stricter gun control laws, but obviously, the lessons we supposedly learned were quickly forgotten by our seemingly out-of-touch elected officials.

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doesn't see?"

I disagree with the National Rifle Association about a lot of things, but one point they make is that gun control won't work. They're absolutely right about that. It will take much more: like repealing the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In the days when the document was first penned, guns were necessary for things like hunting and self-defense. However, a "well-regulated militia," to use the words of the Second Amendment itself, can and should only take the form of each state's national guard, each jurisdiction's police force and the United States Army.

I'm not sure whether America's Founding Fathers ever envisioned problems with the so-called right to bear arms, but I am sure they never intended the fruits of the labor involved in writing that amendment would include machines capable of killing multitudes of people and destroying the lives of scores of family and friends.

The time has long since passed for us to rid ourselves of an antiquated "right" and put a national nightmare in the past for good.

## CAMPUS views

### Marshall doesn't take diversity issues seriously

I am writing this letter in response to the WVU editorial published in the Feb. 16 issue of *The Parthenon*.

It is ignorant to believe that "racial prejudice is increasingly less of a problem." This is an issue that still permeates in our society and causes problems, especially during hiring decisions that affect minorities.

Last semester a friend of mine, who happens to be black, went to apply for a graduate assistantship in a non-academic department right here in this university. After handing him an application to fill out, the secretary walked to the back to the room and started to talk to a co-worker. She proceeded to say that the position required a lot of personal and telephone conversations and that no one could understand the way black people talked. She was surprised that so many black people had applied for that position, even though they had poor communication skills, according to her.

It disgusts me that this university promotes itself as being a multicultural institution even though it does not take the issue seriously. As a reader, you are welcome to make your own interpretation about the affirmative action topic and the event described above but you must realize that if you are not a minority or don't have friends who are minorities, you are probably not aware that these types of events occur daily, right here, in this town, in this university.

As a nation, we still have a long way to go!

— Timothy Sanker,  
psychology graduate student

### Reader tired of white reverse discrimination

In response to the, "Affirmative Action Creates Problems," editorial, I say this, I get so sick and tired of white people crying reverse discrimination over affirmative action. You know in a perfect world education alone would be the key to success, but this isn't a perfect world, and for minorities to succeed in this world, unfortunately it's going to take a lot more than just education, and that's why affirmative action is here.

When you don't create a system that helps and promotes equality for people who have been discriminated against and abused so many times that you're unable to keep count, then you are dabbling in prejudice. If there wasn't a need for affirmative action, then it wouldn't be here, but obviously there is a need for it.

Affirmative action in no way robs me of my dignity because I know it was created to give me the opportunity I otherwise wouldn't have if it weren't here. Also, how do you know that most of the bumps aren't still here, have you taken a poll, if so, then you forgot to poll me. People, open up your eyes and realize that racism is still alive.

Black people have in no way gotten a free ride. You say our country is built on hard work and determination.

— Ketwan Crews,  
senior

### Students should fight against intolerance

Due to the recent insufficient response by Marshall University to the bias-motivated defacement of fliers and the threatening letter sent to *The Parthenon* by a "self-proclaimed fag basher," it is time for all bisexual, lesbian, transgendered, gay and queer-friendly persons to unite. This is a call for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) persons not already involved with GLBT organizations on campus to organize and make a definite presence on the campus of Marshall University. Only through solidifying the presence we already have on this campus can we continue to be a guiding force in implementing policies and making the Marshall campus a truly diverse and multicultural learning environment.

For those of the GLBT community that have sat in the shadows of organizations such as the Lambda Society, LGBO and Delta Lambda Phi, it is now your turn to emerge and become active in your community. Without the support of all GLBT students, faculty, staff and community members, we are allowing our autonomy to be ignored.

If you value the security you feel on this campus in regards to your sexual orientation, you owe it to the students who 10 years ago stood behind the student center, surrounded by a mob fighting for their and your rights to be students on a campus that values diversity. If we do not all stand now in response to the recent discriminatory acts on this campus, we are spitting in the face of the students that risked their lives in defense of our liberty. Once again, I call to you to join the members of the Lambda Society in fighting intolerance on this campus.

— Michael Stinnett,  
Huntington junior

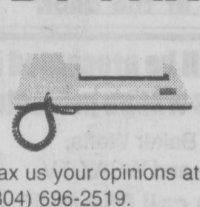


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## Heading down the final stretch

MU players say aggressiveness, focus important in their rematch with RedHawks

by MICHELLE JAMES reporter

After back-to-back home wins, Marshall's men's basketball team, 17-7 overall and 9-6 in the conference, is back on the road this weekend against Mid-American Conference foe Miami in the first game of a three-game road stretch to end the season.

The Thundering Herd suffered a 63-58 loss to the Redhawks in their Jan. 24 meeting.

Senior forward Derrick Wright said aggressiveness is the key to a victory in the rematch with Miami, which is 11-11 overall and 7-7 in the conference.

"We need to push the ball because the type of ball they play is halfcourt," Wright said. "We need to run on them and make it hard for them to run their plays. We have to play physical and really pressure their guards

because their guards are really what make their team go."

Junior guard Cornelius Jackson agreed, but added that focus also would play an important role.

"We have to go into Miami with focus and effort," Jackson said. "Everyone has to be on the same page and continue to play hard no matter what."

After winning its first 10 games, Marshall stumbled, losing four of seven games. The Thundering Herd has come on strong lately, winning three of its last four contests.

The performances have put Marshall on track to host a first-round MAC Tournament game, Jackson said.

Sophomore center J.R. VanHoose said winning the final three games would be important in deciding where Marshall would end the season.

"We know that if we win all three of these games anything can happen," VanHoose said. "We're only two games out of first place and we believe anything can happen in the league and we might end up in first place."

"We just have to take care of ourselves and hope the teams in front of us choke at the end of the season."

Wright, who grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds in Marshall's win over Ohio Saturday, said he hopes to continue his good play.

"I need to be aggressive like I have been the last two game and do all the little things like rebounding," he said.

"If scoring comes to me, oh well. I'm just going to put the ball in the hoop and play team ball."



Senior forward Derrick Wright scored eight points and grabbed 12 rebounds in Marshall's 78-72 win over Ohio Monday. Wright held Shaun Stonerook, the nation's No. 2 leading rebounder, to three rebounds.



Jackson



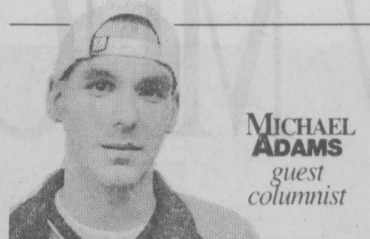
VanHoose

## Women's rugby starts Saturday

The Marshall women's rugby team has scheduled a second home game for its 2000 season, hosting Miami (Ohio) at 2 p.m. Saturday

March 4, at 2 p.m. The location of the match has not been disclosed. Marshall's team hosts Radford University in its season opener at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Walter "Lefty" Rollins Track.

## How many MAC teams will be attending the Big Dance?



MICHAEL ADAMS guest columnist

In the words of Dick Vitale "It's time for the big dance baby."

The Mid-American Conference Tournament begins in less than two weeks and — let me just say this — it is anyone's tournament.

The MAC is one of the nation's most competitive conferences, as 10 of the 13 schools in the MAC have records above .500. The national coverage of this great conference — or lack thereof — is far from the best. No big TV deals. No national spotlight on ESPN. Nothing.

There is some great basketball played in this conference that goes unseen.

Kent is the obvious favorite. Akron, Bowling Green and Ball State have a great shot at winning the at-large bid.

The possibility of Marshall, Ohio or Toledo winning the conference crown is better than they could have hoped.

But the possibility of a MAC multiple bid to the NCAA Tournament is very slim. However, it would be a travesty if the MAC didn't send at least three teams to the big dance.

If non-conference records were the sole determining fac-

tor of the selection committee, this still is a tough call. Kent, Marshall and Ball State all have non-conference records of 8-1.

Bowling Green, Akron, Toledo and Northern Illinois all have 6-3 non-conference records. So what is all the fuss about with at-large bids?

The teams in the MAC can't stop beating each other senseless.

For example, Marshall has 1-1 records against Kent, Northern Illinois and Ohio. There have been 17 overtime games this season involving MAC teams. Ohio has played in five of those overtime games. If the Bobcats would have scored an extra three points in three of those contests, they might be battling Kent for the Eastern Division title.

Here are a couple of scenarios that could determine the difference between two bids (one automatic and one at-large) or three (one automatic or two at-large).

■ Kent or Akron wins the tournament. The MAC receives one at-large bid. Depending on the conference tournament, Akron/Kent or Ball State will receive the bid. Bowling Green is left dancing in the NIT.

■ Bowling Green wins the tournament. The MAC receives two at-large bids. Once again, depending on the conference tournament, Marshall and Kent receive the two bids. Akron and Ball State receive NIT berths.

■ Marshall or Ohio wins the tournament. The MAC receives two at-large bids. Depending on the tournament, Kent and Akron receive the at-large bids. Bowling Green and Ball State are playing in the NIT.

■ Ball State wins the tournament. Kent takes the only at-large bid and Akron and Bowling Green are playing in the NIT.

Kent, barring a total post-season disaster, should be the only sure shot at the NCAA Tournament, thanks to an 11-3 conference record.

The MAC could be leaving the selection committee members scratching their heads. Especially if Buffalo, Central Michigan or Northern Illinois win the tournament.

Remember, anything is possible in this conference.

Why not give the MAC multiple bids? That makes for a great Cinderella story. Teams from the MAC are notorious for their play in the tournament.

Ball State and Miami all have been to the Sweet 16. Western Michigan and Kent won their first-round games in their appearances.

Ohio gave Indiana a great game in 1995 in the first round, as did Eastern Michigan in 1998.

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## Pennington training for NFL combine

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON — Former Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington is training in Florida in preparation for next week's NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

Pennington said the Nick Bollettieri International Performance Institute in Bradenton, Fla., teaches athletes how to be a professional and



Pennington

reminds its clients that someone is trying to take their jobs.

The institute has helped athletes such as tennis star Andre Agassi and National League rookie of the year Scott Williamson.

"IPI does a lot of things to prepare you mentally and physically," said Pennington, who graduated from Marshall in December. "I think it's good for me. We're doing the things we need to do."

Pennington is working out three times a day, four days a week. He works in the morning

on improving his lateral speed and lifts weights in the afternoon. At night, he receives tutoring from former NFL quarterbacks coach Larry Kennan.

"We work on the little things, a lot of details," Pennington said. "I pay attention to everything."

Pennington is expected to be among the first quarterbacks selected in April's NFL draft.

He led Marshall to a 13-0 season, a No. 10 ranking and second-straight victory in the Motor City Bowl.

Pennington also was selected the most valuable player of the Senior Bowl.

Pennington likes the refuge of Florida away from fans who had overwhelmed him with requests for autographs and personal appearances. And the Florida weather beats getting ready for the NFL combine at Marshall Stadium in the dead of winter.

He even took time recently to cast a fishing line into the Gulf of Mexico from the boat of a family friend in search of sea trout.

The combine is an invitation-only workout for NFL teams on Feb. 24-26 in advance of the draft.

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Steve Spaulding, a Marshall graduate and Hurricane resident, has been a major supporter of Marshall's women's basketball team since 1985. In the past 15 years, Spaulding has attended all home games, many away games and some weddings of Thundering Herd players. Find out more about this "Super Fan" ...

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### the Parthenon

# How MUCH is your MESS worth?

*"Students go to class, then go to work to pay for the apartment, and the process repeats over and over."*

**Hamilton Whaley,**  
Wayne freshman



## Web site to reward students' clutter

Story by **ROBYN JUSTICE**  
Photos by **JACOB MESSER**

As some students stumble through their apartments, they may see their stacks of filthy dishes and piles of dirty clothes as a mess.

Apartments.com may see them as money.

College students' apartments are usually messy — and someone finally decided to do something about it.

If your apartment is messy, nasty or even disgusting because of a lack of cleaning or general messiness, you could be in for a prize.

Apartments.com, an online apartment listing service and apartment information Web site, is asking "Why is your apartment the messiest college apartment in the U.S.?"

Apartments.com is offering \$10,000 cash, which could be used for a thorough apartment cleaning and rent, to the college student with the messiest apartment.

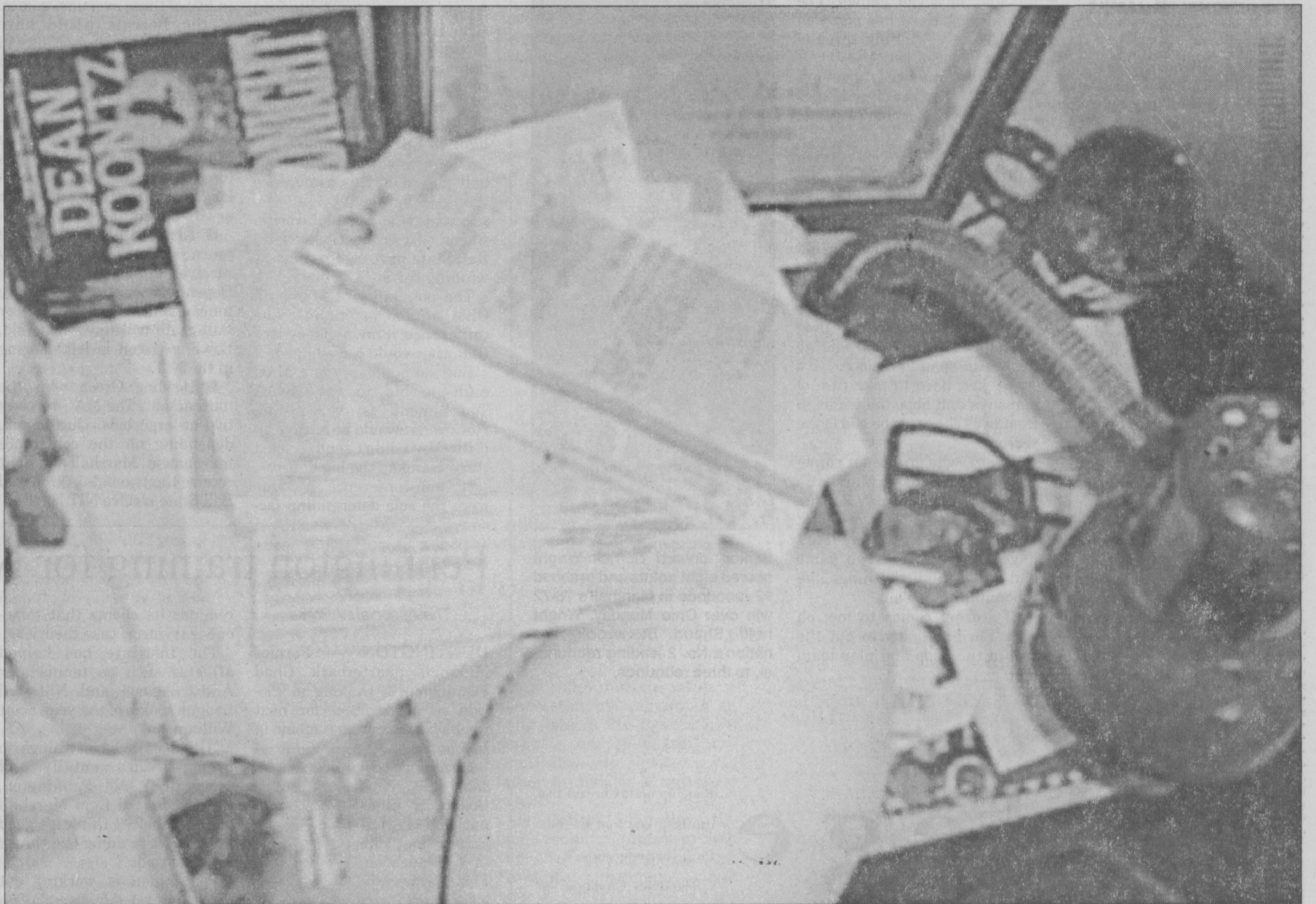
The winner also will receive a \$2,000 shopping spree on Auctions.com. Apartments.com's sister Web site.

To enter the contest, students must send two to four color photographs of their apartments and a few words telling why their apartment is so messy.

The essay, up to 250 words, should address the following areas of messiness: clutter, neglect and cleanliness. Apartments.com will judge levels of each category.

Apartments.com challenges students to enter if "you're on a first name basis with the mold in your shower or if the stickiness of your kitchen floor could give the local movie theater a run for its money."

Three finalists will be chosen



Is this a familiar sight on your desk or coffee table? If so, you may want to enter Apartments.com's contest for having the messiest apartment among college students.

by judges from Apartments.com.

The three finalists and their submitted photos will be posted on the Web site to be voted on by its visitors. The winner will be announced April 23 as the finalist with the most online votes.

Students have two ways to enter the contest, through the mail or the online entry form. Mail entries must be postmarked by March 19, 2000 and received by March 27, 2000.

According to Apartments.com, the average college student produces 640 pounds of solid waste each year, including 500 disposal cups and 320 pounds of paper. Most of it may be found in the floor or piled in a corner of a college student's apartment.

Marshall students list a number of different reasons for having messy, dirty apartments.

Some may be nothing more than excuses to be lazy and put off cleaning until another time. Other reasons may be more legitimate for messy living spaces.

A lack of time or bad time management seems to be the biggest reason for a dirty or messy apartment near campus.

"Students go to class, then go to work to pay for the apartment, and the process repeats over and over," said Hamilton Whaley, a freshman criminal justice major from Wayne.

"It's easy for students to come in and just toss their stuff down."

Mike Compton, a junior theater major from St. Albans, said he has time to clean his apartment, but he chooses to do other things with it.

"It depresses me to see my

dirty apartment, but when I get there, I find better things to do than clean," Compton said.

Elizabeth Hunter, an undecided freshman from Beckley, said students clean their apartments, but it takes them longer to do it.

"Everybody eventually cleans or picks up, it just takes some time getting started," she said.

Jessi Long, a senior English major from Reader, said her apartment is neat, but it could be cleaner.

"My apartment's not a disaster, but it could be neater if I had more time," Long said.

Students have problems dealing with cleaning because of a lack of responsibility, she said.

"Students aren't used to cleaning because they're used to their parents doing it for them," Long said.

Chavis Nicely, a junior broadcast major from Nitro, also believes students are messy because their parents clean up after them at their homes.

"A lot of people slack because they are used to mom and dad picking up after them," Nicely said.

One reason for the messiness in many college apartments is the relatively short time it takes for the mess to accumulate, Nicely said.

Nicely said he believes women are more organized than men, whose apartments are much messier and often represents a stereotypical college apartment in his opinion.

Jonathan Lockard, an undecided sophomore from Williamson, said his apartment suffers because of his roommates.

"My roommates are so messy, so trying to clean our apartment is almost useless," Lockard said.



Before you load those piles of dirty laundry into your car and take them to your parents to wash, take a picture and send it to Apartments.com for its "messiest college apartment" contest.



Having stacks of dirty dishes around your apartment may result in mold, but it also may result in money. Apartments.com, an online apartment listing service and information Web site, will give \$10,000 cash and a \$2,000 shopping spree on Auctions.com for the messiest college apartment.