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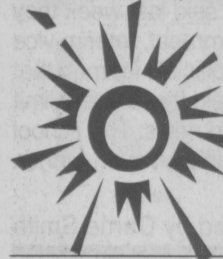
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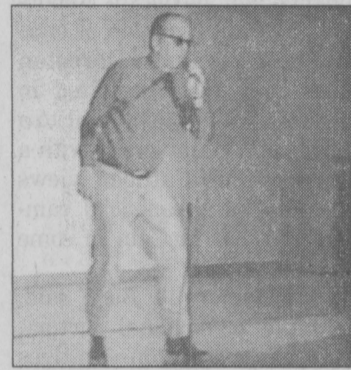


photo by Courtney L. Bailes
Jerry Losh, director of the Baptist Campus Ministry lip-synchs to "Now I Can Dance."

Jesus Week off to a rockin' start

by **COURTNEY L. BAILES**
reporter

Jesus Week events continue to offer students a chance to see Christians in a new light.

"The Coffee House Monday night was just a fun night for everyone to be involved," said Jerry Losh, director of the Baptist Campus Ministry. "Everyone can see that Christians can have fun too."

Dan Bailey, a graduate student from Huntington, and Adam Himes, accounting freshman from Princeton, were hosts for the evening.

Between acts, the duo told jokes. Bailey and Himes told students about what women and men really mean.

"Women say, 'I don't date people I work with,'" Himes said. "What she really means is, 'I wouldn't date you if you were in

the same solar system, let alone the same building,'" Bailey said.

They also offered single students advice on dating with Christian pick-up lines.

Some students performed skits, songs and told jokes. Other students read poetry and told stories.

Losh closed out the evening by performing "I Can't Dance."

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SGA to allow voting in Drinko

by **RHANDA M. FARMER**
reporter

Student senators voted Tuesday to amend the election rules concerning absentee voting and

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polling places for the spring election. The election rules state that students who cannot vote on regular election days must have the opportunity to cast absentee votes. The amendment to the election rules shortened the hours of absentee voting from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. so one honorary election commissioner can handle all absentee voting.

The election rules concerning polling places were amended to include the John Deaver Drinko Library.

"The Drinko Library was not included in the last amending of the election rules because it was just recently built," Marie Wilson, election co-commissioner, said.

Concerns were voiced about the possibility of polling places disturbing the learning environment of the library.

Sen. Nicole Nelson, College of

Science, said, "In the past whenever they've had events in the library, students have complained about their study being disrupted."

The election commissioners said the polling site would be set up in front of the library near the circulation and reference desks where there are no study desks.

Polling places for the spring election will be in the John Deaver Drinko Library and the Memorial Student Center. Polling also will take place one day each in the lobbies of Twin Towers West and Holderby Hall.

Amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution concerning the spring 2001 elections also were voted on.

Amendment 10 clarified the rules about running for both an executive and a senatorial position in the same election.

"This amendment pretty much says that you can run for both and, if elected to both, choose which position you want to take," Sen. Nate Kuratomi, College of Liberal Arts, said.

Please see **SGA, P3**

Turnout pleases candidates

by **ROBYN JUSTICE**
reporter

Although 25 students may seem like a small number compared to Marshall's student population, they seemed like a crowd to the three teams of student government presidential candidates.

The student government president and vice president candidates had the opportunity Tuesday night to answer student questions and concerns and offer their platforms to those in attendance. About 25 people attended the debate, which was broadcast live on WMUL.

Tony Ponton, Martinsburg senior history major, is one of the candidates running for student government president. He said the turnout seemed like a lot after debates in previous years with only one or two students present.

"I'm actually surprised with this because in last year's election only one of the candidates showed up and no students showed up," Ponton said.

All of the candidates seemed to be pleased with the turnout and the questions, but all wanted to see more student involvement with the election.

"It was an opportunity for us to see exactly what students wanted us to do," Ponton said. "We usually don't get that opportunity."

The format allowed questions from the audience. Each team had two minutes to respond to the question. If the

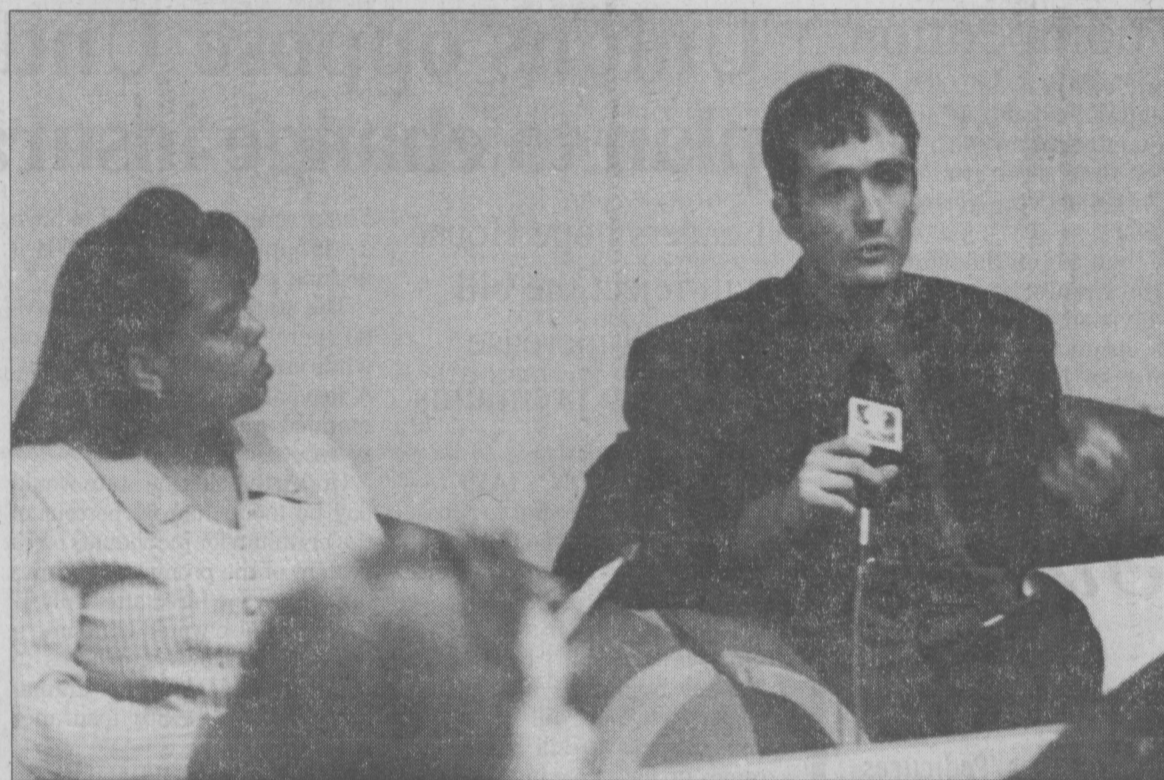


photo by J. Nesbitt
SGA presidential candidate Tony Ponton, right, answers a debate question Tuesday night as his running mate Patricia White listens.

audience could not generate enough questions, there was a list of pre-written questions for the candidates. The pre-written questions were never used.

Several issues were raised by the audience and dealt with by the candidates. Issues covered Tuesday night included the EMS program at Marshall, executive staffs, the Community and Technical College and the ID card system. Other issues were student fees and online voting.

Sen. Archie Locke, Community and Technical College, said the debate is a good opportunity to show each candidates' strengths

and weaknesses. Shannon Dean, election commissioner, served as the moderator for the debate. She said the questions asked by those in attendance hit issues that concern students.

"The questions the audience asked were very insightful and very intelligent," Dean said.

Sen. Kristy Hayes, College of Liberal Arts, said the debates were a good opportunity for the candidates to expand on their platforms.

"The interaction was great," Hayes said. "It gave students a chance to learn more and gave

"It is important for students to formulate an opinion based upon their experiences with each of the candidates."

Adrian Cain,
presidential candidate

candidates an opportunity to clearly present their positions."

Sen. Adrian Cain, Parkersburg history and education junior and presidential candidate, said he

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Artists Series goes medieval, then modern



photos courtesy of Marshall Artists Series
ABOVE: Ailey II dance company performs at 8 p.m. March 14. RIGHT: "Camelot" hits the stage tonight at 8 p.m.

by **CHARLENE L. CORNELL**
reporter

A musical of medieval times and an exhibition of dance are both coming to Huntington as part of the Marshall Artists Series.

"Camelot," playing at 8 p.m. tonight at the Keith-Albee Theatre, explores the legend of King Arthur, Queen Guenevere, Sir Lancelot and the Knights of the Round Table. The musical recounts King Arthur's holy quest for a virtuous and righteous society.

"I think it is a classic story," said Angela Jones, director of marketing and external affairs for the series. "It's a story people are familiar with — Camelot, King Arthur and Sir Lancelot."

Lyricist and librettist Alan Jay Lerner and composer



Fredericke Loewe based the Tony-winning musical on T.H. White's novel, "The Once and Future King." The musical

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Sister Souljah tells crowd women are powerful people

by **DIANE POTTORFF**
reporter

Sister Souljah told about 200 people Tuesday night that women are powerful people and do not have to be victims.

"My mother told me if my mind was powerful, it could carry me anywhere," she said.

The rap artist spoke as part of the Women of Color celebration. Sister Souljah said her mother taught her to read and got her

a library card to find the answer to questions she had and to know how to think for herself.

While in high school, she said she got a job with the U.S. House of Representatives with the congressman from her area. She also studied agricultural economics at Cornell University



Sister Souljah

while still in high school.

Samantha Broner, Charleston freshman, said, "More African American students should have been there, both men and women. She made some tremendous points."

James Coleman, resident director of Twin Towers East, said, "(Sister Souljah) shed a lot of light in areas that needed to be exposed."

Sister Souljah said the crowd was good mix of people

from age 7 to 80.

She has two to three new books about to be published, both fiction and non-fiction. Her next album will be a soundtrack to a movie that is being made from her book "The Coldest Winter Ever."

Women of Color awards were given to Student Government Association president Brandi Jacobs, Dr. Isabel Pino, Pastor Martha Johnson and Marion T. Gray.



photo by Kinton Blair
Kay Lotspeich, left, and Katy Hayes sample the buffet Tuesday.

Mardi Gras comes to campus

by **CARA D. COOPER**
reporter

Marshall University celebrated its own version of Mardi Gras with an all-you-can-eat buffet Tuesday in the John Marshall Room in the Memorial Student Center.

The event was sponsored by Sodexo Marriott and tried to follow a "New Orleans-type menu," Carol Copley, general manager, said.

The menu included blackened roast beef, dirty rice, red skinned mashed potatoes and fried okra, she said.

Operations Manager Cheryl King said, "We thought it would be neat to try and bring a little Mardi Gras to campus."

Along with the traditional menu, the John Marshall Room was decorated with beads, masks and confetti.

"It gives it a bit of flare and fun and gives people a break from eating in the cafeteria," Copley said.

Katy Hayes and Kay Lotspeich

said the food and service were great but they wished more people would take advantage of the opportunity.

Copley and King said they were happy with the turnout and hope to see more of the same at the six upcoming "Passport to Adventure" luncheons, which will feature different countries as the themes, Copley said.

Pretend passports will be given to all attending the first luncheon, Copley said.

"If the person comes to the other five luncheons and brings their passport back each time, they will be eligible to win a deluxe prize," she said.

The first theme country will be Italy and will feature an all-you-can-eat pasta bar, King said.

The event will be 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the John Marshall Room, Copley said.

It is available to anyone and will cost \$5.99, she said. Dates for the other luncheons have not been decided.

ART BREAK



photo by Aaron E. Runyon
Kelly King, sophomore anthropology major from Cincinnati, sketches in the sunshine Tuesday in front of Twin Towers West.

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Gore, Bush win Super Tuesday primaries

Gore pushes Bradley to brink of withdrawal

by DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

Al Gore swept past Bill Bradley in an unbroken string of states on Super Tuesday, pushing his rival to the brink of withdrawal in the Democratic presidential campaign.

"In this election, we are the party of the mainstream," the vice president said, turning his focus to the general election. Gore won from New York to Georgia to Ohio and at several stops in between, regularly gaining 60 percent or more of the vote.

"He won. I lost," Bradley said. He telephoned Gore with his congratulations, and said he would announce his plans Thursday. Polling place in-interviews with



Gore

voters in every region of the country underscored the vice president's strength among core constituencies vital in Democratic primaries.

Blacks and Hispanics preferred Gore over Bradley by a margin of 8-1; the margin among union members was smaller, but a healthy 3-1. Bradley fared better among independents. The exit polling was conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and television networks.

Gore defeated Bradley in the New England states of Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massac-

husetts and Rhode Island, completing a regional sweep that began in New Hampshire's lead-off primary more than a month ago. He triumphed, as well, in Georgia, where he was winning roughly 80 percent of the vote; Ohio, roughly 70 percent; and Maryland and Missouri, roughly 60 percent.

Bradley came closest in Vermont, where he was gaining 44 percent of the vote.

After closing out his Super Tuesday campaign in Missouri, Gore flew home to await the results in Tennessee, where his political career began more than two decades ago. Tennessee and five other Southern states hold primaries next week.

McCain will consider dropping out of race

by RON FOURNIER
The Associated Press

George W. Bush won California, New York and five other Super Tuesday primaries, accelerating his drive to vanquish John McCain from the Republican presidential race. "Soon our party will unite and turn to the main task at hand," said Bush, "ending the era of Clinton-Gore."

McCain told The Associated Press he would consider whether to drop out of the race and an aide said a decision could be announced as soon as Thursday. The Arizona senator won four states Tuesday but none beyond New England and told supporters that he and Bush "may meet

again," but did not say they will.

"We're very pleased with the victories we won and disappointed with the ones we lost," McCain told AP shortly after calling Bush with congratulations. He said he will meet with his aides Wednesday "and talk about our future."

In a reflective mood, McCain said, "We've changed the face of politics and put reform on the agenda. We're proud of what we've done."

Forging familiar coalitions, Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from inde-



Bush

pendents and moderate Republicans. McCain's gamble of criticizing conservative Christian leaders may have backfired in key states, while Bush's visit to a South Carolina university with a history of anti-Catholic views seemed to be a beneficial campaign issue for McCain in some states.

In a victory rally, Bush said, "We have a national victory. Republicans and conservatives across America have said they want me to lead the Republican Party to victory come November, and I am ready and eager to do so."

Bush said he did not consider himself the certain nominee. "My frame of mind is to keep moving,"

Most circuit court races feature no competition

CHARLESTON (AP) — More than half of the 65 candidates for circuit judgeships in West Virginia are unopposed in the May 9 primary.

Unless they are challenged by write-in candidates, the November general election may be a formality for 41 judicial candidates.

Unlike other elected offices, Republican and Democratic

county executive committees cannot fill empty spots on the general election ballot.

"There's no mechanism in place to fill vacancies for circuit court judge as there are for other offices," said Bill Harrington, the secretary of state's chief of staff.

In 1990, the Legislature changed how circuit judges are elected to 8-year terms. The

annual salary is \$90,000.

Candidates run for individual judgeships in each circuit, rather than as a group where the highest vote-getters win the seats.

All but 11 of the state's 31 judicial circuits have more than one division. Many judicial circuits also cover more than one county, so candidates have to campaign in each county.

Unions oppose Underwood's plan to change insurance rules

Leaders hope House will reject the bill that will increase insurance premiums

CHARLESTON (AP) — Unions united Tuesday to oppose Gov. Cecil Underwood's plan to establish new health insurance rules for new hires.

They say their efforts to improve the bill have been ignored by House and Senate leaders, so they will try to get enough votes to kill it when it comes up for a vote in the House today. The Senate passed the measure last week.

"Back in the counties this is an emotional issue. They are upset, extremely," said Tom Lange, president of the West Virginia Education Association.

Public Employee's Insurance Agency (PEIA), which covers 211,000 state and local government employees, teachers and even legislators, has seen spiraling medical costs, particularly in the area of prescription drugs.

The program is expected to have a \$162 million deficit by 2004 if nothing is done.

The state now generally pays 90 percent of the premium while employees pay 10 percent. A legislative consultant recommended increasing employee premiums to 20 percent.

Under the bill, the state would pay no more than 80 percent of the premium for individuals or 75 percent of the premium for families for anyone hired after July 1.

The bill also would eliminate a policy that allows employees to trade unused sick and annual leave for free health insurance when they retire.

The change would apply only to new hires, but the bill also would have the effect of lowering the value of unused sick leave for current employees.

"I believe the future of public education in this state is at stake here," said Judy Hale, of the West Virginia Federation of Teachers.

With state teacher salaries 39th in the nation and benefits being reduced, "The only teachers we are going to be able to get in West Virginia are teachers other states do not want," Hale said.

Having one insurance benefit system for existing employees and a less valuable one for new employees will hurt morale, other union officials said.

"That can cause nothing but chaos in the workplace," said Elaine Harris of the Communication Workers of America.

The West Virginia AFL-CIO, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and West Virginia School Service Personnel Association (AFSCME) also oppose the bill.

Pam Ray of AFSCME said state employees in the past were promised better benefits when they did not get pay raises.

"That's the only thing that attracts people to state government, is the benefits. We all realize there have to be some changes. We just don't believe these are the changes," Ray said.

Union officers said the state should work to curb insurance use, join with other states to purchase drugs and medical equipment at reduced rates, and hold a series of meetings with legislators, doctors, pharmacists and drug companies on ways to reduce costs.

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Revisiting 'Fern Hill'

Poetry scholar
to speak about
Dylan Thomas

by **KIMBERLY BAGBY**
reporter

Professor Walford Davies, author and editor of many studies and collections of 20th century British poetry, will speak about "Revisiting 'Fern Hill': The Poetry of Dylan Thomas" at 3:30 p.m. today in Memorial Student Center, room 2W37.

"(Davies) is one of the top Dylan Thomas scholars that is still active today," said Dr. A. E. Stringer, professor of English. "We rarely have a chance to bring in a scholar of his accomplishment."

"Thomas is a widely read and admired Welsh poet of the 20th century," according to a news release from the Department of English.

"His work is characterized by rich and densely textured language deployed across a strict formal pattern of sound, rhythm and idea."

Davies is the editor of "The Poetry of Dylan Thomas" and "Dylan Thomas: The Uncollected Works," both published by Penguin this year.

"The living word is kept alive in the appearances of our visiting writers, but by presenting a literary scholar, we wanted to bring out the other less public side of English studies," Stringer said.

Davies said he hopes to show students that poetry is important.

"One can show also that poetry is enjoyable," he said. "At the same time, I will be illustrating by a close reading of Dylan Thomas' poetry how it is that we analyze poetry."

Davies is founder of the Calvin College Interim Programme at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and is founder and director of the International Graduate Dylan Thomas Summer School at the university.

Davies is chief literary adviser to J.M. Dent & Sons Publishers in London and is a member of the Welsh Arts Council.

He was a 1999 member of the selection panel for the David Cohen British Literature Prize, the major United Kingdom prize for lifetime achievement in literature, and is currently a visiting professor at the University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande, Ohio.

"Here's a chance to approach prominent literary figures of the past through the lens of a living scholar's eye," Stringer said.

Fraternity auctions members for community service event

by **ELINE M. LOEFGREN SKEIDE**
reporter

Community service received new meaning Tuesday, as members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity auctioned their services to 27 women at Marco's in the Memorial Student Center.

"This is a fund-raiser for us, for our national philanthropy, Canine for Companions," Rus Livingood, fund-raising chairman, said. "Basically, we will be doing chores for the people that bought us. This way we can perform a service and make some money."

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi nearly outnumbered the women, but said the auction was successful.

"We raised approximately \$130," Kris Parker, president of Alpha Sigma Phi, said.

Livingood was in charge of

the event, and he successfully auctioned away more than 20 of his fraternity brothers. Most of them were sold for \$5 to \$10.

However, Shaun Nichols, Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) delegate sold for \$18, and two others sold for \$15.

Student Government Association presidential candidate Bill Walker sold for \$9. "On Wednesday, we will be turning in 2,800 hours of community service to IFC," Walker said. "These hours will be counting toward the chapter of excellence award."

Today, Alpha Sigma Phi will have a table outside the Memorial Student Center, raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Brothers also will help the Ronald McDonald House with a rummage sale at the Heilig-Meyers building. There, they also will accept donations throughout the day.

Artists

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debut on Broadway in 1961.

Ailey II dance company performs at 8 p.m. March 14, at the Keith-Albee theatre.

The program will include a repertoire of modern dance, combining choreography and emotion.

"I think students can appreciate the music and the drama behind the dance as well as the skills the dancers have," Jones

said.

"It's modern but it's rooted in the classical ballet traditions.

"They are one of the most renowned dance teams in the world."

Ailey II began in 1974 as the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble. Alvin Ailey, an African-American choreographer, started a workshop composed of the most promising scholarship students from the Ailey School.

The company's 1999-2000 tour consists of performances in 41 U.S. cities.

In honor of the ensemble's visit, a dance workshop will be

Jesus Week

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"I just wanted the students to see that I want to have fun," Losh said.

Mark Plymale, a sophomore from Huntington, said he enjoyed Losh's performance the most.

"Jerry is a good campus minister and he has a good message behind what he does, even though he is funny," Plymale said.

More than 15 students came to the fountain behind the Memorial Student Center for Prayer at the Fountain on Monday morning.

Adam Goodwin, a senior from East Bank, said, "I like having it early because you have to sacrifice for God."

The Campus Christian Center will celebrate Jesus Week 2000 through Friday, said Megan E. Goff, nursing junior from Winfield.

All denominations at the CCC are involved in Jesus

Week, which was started five or six years ago by a small group of students, Goff said.

"With Greek Week and all the other weeks you see groups have, they decided they wanted something here to promote the Christian Center and to get Jesus out on campus," she said.

Lenten Lunch will celebrate the beginning of Lent, a Christian time of penance from Ash Wednesday to Easter, Goff said. The Lenten Lunch will be at noon today in the CCC.

"Everyone is welcome," Goff said. "It is a free lunch."

The Dating Game will be at 9:15 p.m. today at the CCC, Goff said. The winners will receive movie tickets.

Praise and Worship Night will be at 9:15 p.m. Thursday at the Campus Christian Center.

Service Day will end Jesus Week. Participants will meet at 1 p.m. Friday at the CCC. They will be doing chores in the homes of elderly community members.

SGA

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"If the executive position is taken, then the first runner-up would take the senate seat," he said.

A friendly amendment was added stating the election commissioner will notify the first runners-up in the case of a tie within 48 hours after the

election. The amendment passed its second reading.

Amendment 11 proposed raising the expenditure ceiling for presidential candidates from \$600 per team to \$850 per team.

The amendment was sponsored by Sen. Charles Swanson, College of Science.

"Raising the amount only helps and I don't see any way it would hurt anyone," he said.

Sen. Jacob Sheick, College

of Liberal Arts, disagreed.

"It totally eliminates the people who don't have that much money to run," he said.

SGA President Brandi Jacobs said, "I have to agree that when you raise the spending amount, you are limiting people from running."

The amendment failed in its second reading.

The Student Senate also voted to allocate \$200 to help fund Open Mic Nite.

The event is being sponsored by SGA in conjunction with the Student Activities Planning Board.

The money will be combined with a \$100 allocation from the executive fund and used as prize money.

Open Mic Nite will take place at 9:15 p.m. March 14 in Marco's.

"We've got some good prizes and hopefully we'll see some good performances," Nelson said.

Debate

From page 1

was pleased with the turnout because it helps inform students.

"It is important for students to formulate an opinion based upon their experiences with each of the candidates," Cain said.

Patricia White, a Charleston graduate public affairs major, vice presidential candidate, said the debates help the students see

the candidates different viewpoints.

"People need to know what the candidates will bring to the office to help students," White said.

Cory Dennison, a Barbourville sophomore political science major and vice presidential candidate, said he would like to see a bigger turnout in future debates.

"We always want to see more



Walker



Cain

students," Dennison said. "Our whole campaign is set up to get students involved in everything."

"One of the main ways they can do that is by coming here and getting their ideas out so that it can get on the agenda."

Nicole Nelson, an Atlanta junior biology/chemistry major and vice presidential candidate also wants to see a bigger audi-

ence for future debates.

"They might have some good questions to ask us," she said.

Bill Walker, a Nitro senior political science major and presidential candidate, said the debates are a good opportunity to get students involved.

"The debates let students know who we are and what we are about."

The next debate will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Drinko Library 402.

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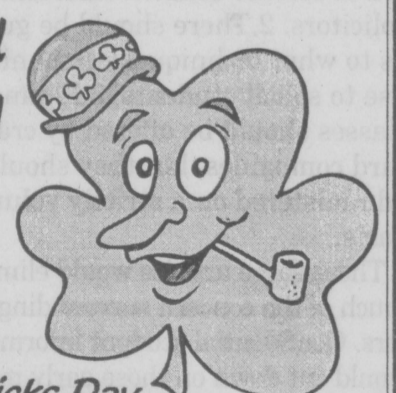
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—Bill Schmitt
journalist, 1999

OUR view

SGA elections looking good

It seems things still are going well with the Student Government Association. In the past, problems adorned the body of student leaders, but in the last two semesters things have gotten better.

Some of the proof lies within two of today's Page One stories. Students and others actually turned out for the SGA debates Tuesday evening. That is a good sign some students are interested in the elections and hopefully are learning who they want to lead the student body.

The other good sign is that the Student Senate voted Tuesday to amend election rules concerning absentee voting.

Students who cannot vote during regular election dates can vote and the John Deaver Drinko Library was added to the absentee voting locations.

It's just good to see SGA members considering students' needs.

Back to the debates — It's even better to see students considering SGA candidates. We, along with SGA members, have stressed the importance of students getting out and learning what candidates have to offer.

Although about 25 people at the debate, may still sound discouraging to some, it's an increase. In past debates, either no students attended or candidates failed to show up.

We see good things in store for the election. We hope you do too.

THEIR view

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Staff Editorial
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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Credit card solicitors. Many of us encountered them during our first days on campus, and still have run-ins with them on a regular basis. You know the credit card crew, the ones who lure us with free candy and T-shirts to sign up for their cards. Plenty of campus students do, and the bills often stick around longer than the shirts.

Two bills in the Maryland state House of Delegates suggest legislation to limit plastic pushers. Both bills propose that students must be educated on financial matters before signing up for a credit card, ban the offering of free gifts and prohibit obtaining student contact information from the campus.

While we agree with the need to crack down on credit card solicitors on the campus, we feel that a single bill encompassing the following would be more efficient:

1. The campus should not be permitted to release student information to solicitors.
2. There should be guidelines as to what techniques companies can use to solicit students.
3. Financial classes should be offered by credit card companies, but they should be administered on a strictly voluntary basis.

These three articles would eliminate much of the concern surrounding solicitors. Confidential student information would cut down on those early morning wake-up calls and pesky advertisements.



Being gay: No big deal, no choice

by MICHAEL S. STINNETT
guest columnist

I have just a few comments and questions concerning Jasper Black's and Michael Walker's Letters to the Editor. The first comment and/or question is in regard to the "special rights" sought by GLBT students. The second is in respect to making a "big deal" out of being queer, and the third revolves around the age-old debate of choice.

First, I would like to know exactly what special rights the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered students at Marshall are asking for. If, as you say, gay students "don't want to be treated any differently than others, but they at the same time want special rights," I would like to know what special rights we are requesting. The only rights that I am requesting is to be "respected as a human being," nothing more, nothing less. Am I "respected as a human being" as Walker would suggest? No. If I were respected, it would not be necessary to try to force the University to combat acts of prejudice and hatred that is directed towards me and the queer community as a whole at Marshall University.

Michael, you state that "if you do it and don't make a big deal about it nobody is going to care." Exactly what has anyone done to attempt to "make a big deal about" being gay? If my

lover and I were to walk around campus holding hands and occasionally kissing each other, would that be making "a big deal about it"? If not refraining from activities such as I've mentioned is considered making "a big deal," all heterosexual students are guilty of making "an issue out of" being straight. I may be mistaken here, but what Walker is saying is that if all of the GLBT students at Marshall would "act straight" and hide who they really are, everyone would be happy.

My last question/comment is about choice. Is it related to genetic precursors? To be quite honest, no one knows what homosexuality stems from. Do I believe homosexuality is a choice? No, I do not. My reasoning is quite simple, if homosexuality is a choice, as Walker and Black suggest, then every single person has the potential to be queer.

Therefore, by Michael and Jasper's declarations that "you decided you wanted to be gay," I am left wondering if they decide on a daily basis whether to be straight or gay. I personally know that I have never sat around the breakfast table deciding if I wanted to be gay or straight during a particular day. Jasper and Michael, do you both have to debate on a daily basis whether or not you want to act on your homosexual desires? Of course not! You are both self-proclaimed heterosexuals, no ques-

tions asked, you are both straight. There is no more "choice" in being gay than there is in being straight. The only choice that most homosexuals have to make is whether to be open about their true selves and not live their lives trying to hide who they are. Imagine living a life full of lies, having to disguise who you are so you can simply "fit in." It is a very pitiable existence; I should know, I tried to do it for many years.

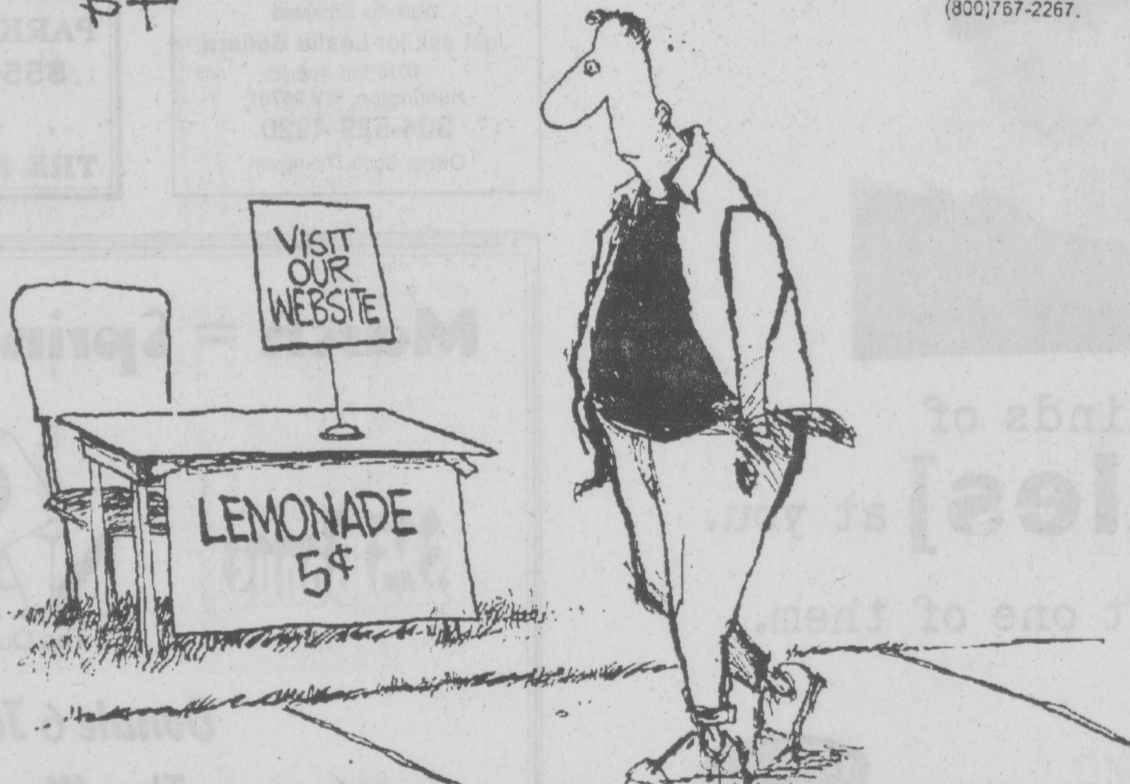
No one is seeking special rights as you both may feel; there is nothing special about equality; it is something that should be available to everyone. Am I making a "big deal" out of being gay? No more so than heterosexuals make a "big deal" out of being straight. Is being homosexual the result of biological precursors or is it due to socialization? This is a question that science will have to answer, not you or I. We are all entitled to our own opinions, but keep in mind, they are just that — opinions! I am glad that you both decided to have your voices heard concerning this issue, as your voices are as important as mine are in combating hatred.

Michael S. Stinnett is the 1999 - 2000 Chairperson GLBT Pride Week, Secretary / Treasurer of Lambda Society, and a member of the Committee on Multiculturalism's Subcommittee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues.

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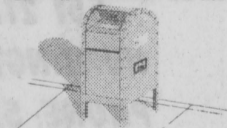
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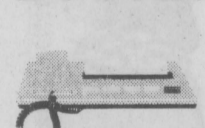
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CAMPUS views

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How about some AC in Gullickson fitness center

I am writing this letter in regard to the lack of air conditioning in the Gullickson Hall fitness center. For over two months, fans have been used to cool the fitness center. On Monday, March 6th, the fitness center was closed at 6 p.m. due to excessive temperatures. With warmer weather on the horizon, I guess this is just a sign of things to come. For a university that might pride itself on being up to par with 21st century technology and comfort, one would think we would have a more efficient cooling system than fans.

I realize there is currently a spending freeze at Marshall and for two months that excuse has sufficed. However, I get the feeling that if the athletic facility used by Marshall athletic teams experienced similar problems, available funds would suddenly appear. More importantly, the students at Marshall are entitled to use of the fitness center under normal operational hours upon payment of their student fees.

If you share my concerns, I would like to encourage you to share them with Dr. K. Edward Grose, Sr VP Operations, Marshall University, Old Main 114, Huntington, 25755. The more concern shown, the better the chance of getting results.

— James Meadows,
senior

Downtown skaters could pose a threat to some

The other day I was walking downtown on the plaza drinking a soda, and carrying my lunch. It was 12:30 p.m. and I was taking my lunch break from work. As I was turning the corner, I was met by a skateboarder who collided with me. My drink fell to the ground and I nearly lost my lunch.

This made me very upset and I snapped. We exchanged some words, but he was on his skateboard and took off before anything physical could really happen. As he took off, he yelled "watch where you're going." This made me even more furious because he acted as if it was my fault. I felt like chasing him down, but it was probably not a good idea, and I had to return to work.

I had never really thought about the issue of skateboarders skating downtown, until it actually affected me. I stared outside my window at work and realized all of the people walking downtown. Some were older people, who if they happened to get knocked down by these aggressive skateboarders, could very well suffer a very serious injury. Not only older people, but everyone walking downtown could very well be injured by these skateboarders.

I don't know what the laws are for skateboarders downtown, but I do know that downtown is not a playground. I don't have anything against skateboarding, but I do think people should not have to walk around downtown in fear of being knocked down by someone skating.

— John Neal,
Huntington

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'Holsteins' wins intramural trophy

by JAY M. MORLACETTA
reporter

Marshall's Gullickson Hall gym was host to its own version of March Madness on Monday night, when student teams competed for a championship in intramural basketball.

The season began at the end of January and came to an end with a championship game between Cash Money and The Holsteins.

The Holsteins won the championship 69-53.

Both teams excited the crowd with their different styles.

"We stuck with our style game, which was a lot different than their style, but it was a lot of fun and everything worked out," said Stormy See, junior marketing major from Mason County.

He said his team's style of long-range shooting matched up well

against Cash Money's high-flying aerial attack.

"Our team did great and we had a great time. I love intramurals because it gets bigger and better each year," See said.

"Our team also wants to dedicate this win to our friend J.D. Holstein, who had to withdraw from Marshall to deal with an illness," See said.

Despite tough competition and some on-court antics provided by members of Cash Money, The Holsteins became the 2000 intramural basketball champions.

Some unsportsmanlike conduct was exhibited by a member of Cash Money, but the game was soon under the control of the referee. When the player gained his composure, the game continued with no more problems.

Cory Hill, senior chemistry major from Point Pleasant and

member of The Holsteins, said he enjoys intramural events.

"I'm out here just having a good time," Hill said. "Some teams get really competitive, and others just try to have fun. He spoke highly of the competition in the championship game."

"They were undefeated in the National League, and we were undefeated in the American League, so the competition is really good."

The Holsteins' roster was See, Hill, senior Parry Casto, senior Jay Raymond, junior B.J. Buchanon, senior Matt Wassel, senior Butch Oliver, and junior Andy Huckabay.

The roster for Cash Money was sophomore Jeremy Graves, freshman Dwayne Alle, sophomore Mike Weaver, senior Nate Poole and freshman Sean Walker.

Marshall softball team wins Georgia tourney

Thundering Herd improves to 5-9 with weekend wins

by MICHELLE JAMES
reporter

After dropping its first five games two weekends ago, the Thundering Herd softball team got back on track this past weekend, winning four of seven games as it captured the Georgia State Spring Classic championship.

First-year Marshall Coach Shonda Stanton said she was pleased with the difference in the team's play from the opening weekend.

"This tournament was a great feeling and such a positive and an up from our initial start," she said. "I'm a lot happier now than I was last week. It definitely felt a lot better coming back with the wins."

Marshall, then 1-6, began round-robin action Friday with a 4-1 win over Butler and a 1-0 loss to host Georgia State.

The Thundering Herd split two games again Saturday, losing to St. John's 2-1 and defeating former Southern Conference rival Furman 4-0.

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Shonda Stanton,
softball coach

Sunday, in the final game of round-robin play, Marshall lost to Troy State 5-1.

The Thundering Herd's victories over Butler and Furman were enough for it to advance to the semifinals where it avenged its earlier loss to Georgia State, defeating the Panthers 4-1.

In the championship game, junior pitcher Sara Gulla, who also got the victory in the semifinal game, struck-out a season high 14 batters en route to a complete game shutout to give Marshall a 3-0 win over Troy State and the title.

Stanton said she was proud of the team's and Gulla's play.

"I'm extremely proud of the way the team responded, by advancing out of the round-robin and getting into the championship game," she said.

"Overall our pitching staff did an excellent job on the weekend and obviously, Sara Gulla sticks out because she won both the semifinal and

the championship."

Stanton said it was good for Marshall to not only win a championship, but to get some wins under its belt.

"We needed this weekend to feel our hard work was going to pay off," Stanton said.

"We needed a big boost and it was a fun weekend. Anytime you can go and win a tournament, it's a big boost."

"We knew we could win," Clarkson said. "We just had to put it together as a team and execute. This really brings our confidence up a lot."

Victor sophomore Kim Nickell said she thinks the wins were a good omen for the remainder of the season.

"It felt good for us to get the wins," Nickell said. "We still have further to go. But we definitely have a bright future and I'm excited for the rest of the season."

Marshall plays at 2 p.m. Thursday as it travels to take on Morehead State.



Stanton



Gulla



Nickell

Honors update

Basketball

Sophomores Tamar Slay and J.R. VanHoose were named to the Mid-American Conference's 2000 All-MAC team on Tuesday.

Slay was a first-team selection and VanHoose was an honorable mention.

Slay leads the MAC in scoring with 19.90 points per game. He also connects on a league-best 3.1 3-point goals per game.

Vanhoose averages 17.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

MAC honors for player of

the year, defensive player of the year, freshman of the year and coach of the year will be announced Friday, March 10.

Softball

Junior Sara Gulla was named the MAC Pepsi Pitcher of the Week for the week of March 7. The left-hander posted a 0.85 ERA and struck out 35 hitters in 27 innings last weekend, recording a 3-1 record to lead the team to a 2000 Georgia State Spring Classic title. Gulla gave up two runs in four starts during the tournament, including back-to-

back complete games in Marshall's 4-1 semifinal victory over Georgia State and 3-0 shutout win over Troy State.

Football

Coach Bob Pruett was awarded the inaugural Frank Sinkwich Memorial Award as the top coach in NCAA Division I-A by the Atlanta Touchdown Club on Saturday.

Pruett coached the Thundering Herd to a 13-0 record, Mid-American Conference title, Motor City Bowl win and No. 10 national ranking last season.

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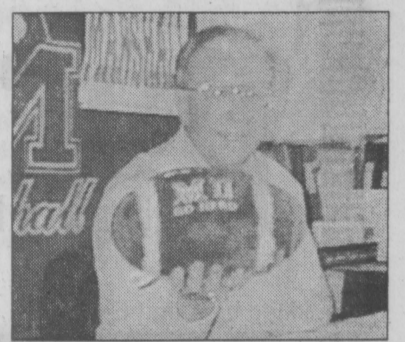
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Thursday in Life!



Wednesday, March 8, 2000
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Celebrating Lent

Chaplain says observing holiday lets people 'encounter Christ in his suffering, death and resurrection'

by COURTNEY L. BAILES
reporter

For many people, today — Ash Wednesday — begins the observance of Lent.

"The goal is to encounter Christ in his suffering, death and resurrection and giving of his spirit in an intensely personal way," said Bill Petro, chaplain of the campus Newman Center.

Lent was originally part of the process people had to go through to become a Catholic, Petro said. The past six months of the three-year process were a time of intense spiritual preparation for their baptism on Easter Sunday. Through the years, that period of time became known as Lent.

"There used to be a great deal of rigidity about the observance of Lent because it was based more on law," Petro said. "Now, the observance of Lent is less rigid. The rules and guidelines are given but it requires more individual responsibility."

The observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday, Petro said. It

involves prayer, fasting and caring for others.

The Way of the Cross Prayer recalls the suffering of Christ from the time of his trial to his burial, he said.

"It allows you to see what Christ went through," said Theresa Young, elementary education junior from St. Albans.

"Wow, what a sacrifice for me," she continued. "It is a really really moving experience. It helps you kind of relate to what he went through and to be even more thankful for what he did."

Lent also emphasizes sacrifice through fasting, Petro said.

"The fasting is not just an emptying or refraining from doing the evil, but it is also opening ourselves to be filled with all that is good," Petro said.

Participants eat only one full meal on Fridays and Ash Wednesday, Petro said. People can eat to get the nutrition they need, but the food cannot add up to more than one full meal.

They must also abstain from



Petro

meat on those days.

"For the last couple of years, I have given up food," Young said.

"One year I gave up all soft drinks except Sprite. I have given up all caffeine and that is good for me.

"I like to choose things that are good for me and that I know God would want from me."

Nichelle Graham, Gallipolis sophomore majoring in pre-med, said she also gave up soda in observance of the holiday.

"Last year I gave up Mountain Dew, which I drank all the time," Graham said.

Fasting does not involve just giving up food, Petro said.

People can also give up bad habits, bad attitudes or just give up some of their free time to help others, he said.

"You can do something extra," Young said, "maybe like volunteering."

Not everyone who observes Lent is Catholic, Petro said.

Graham is a Baptist, but she started observing Lent three years ago, she said.

"I like to do it because I think sometimes there is not a lot of

What is Lent?

Lent, period of fasting and penitence traditionally observed by Christians in preparation for Easter.

The length of the Lenten fast, during which observants eat sparingly, was established in the 4th century as 40 days.

In the Eastern churches, where both Saturdays and Sundays are regarded as festival days, the period of Lent is the eight weeks before Easter; in the Western churches, where only Sunday is regarded as a festival, the 40-day period begins on Ash Wednesday and extends, with the omission of Sundays, to the day before Easter.

The observance of fasting or other forms of self-denial during Lent varies within Protestant and Anglican churches. These bodies emphasize penitence.

The Roman Catholic church has in recent years relaxed its laws on fasting. According to an apostolic constitution issued by Pope Paul VI in February 1966, fasting and abstinence during Lent are obligatory only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Source: Microsoft Encarta

tradition left in the denominations that have broken off from Catholicism," Graham said.

Lent can be hard, Young said.

"It depends on your circumstances and where you go," Young said.

"If I would go somewhere that only just had coke to drink, then I would think about it."

"Thinking about it makes it more real and harder. The hardness makes it worth it."

Graham agreed that Lent can be hard, but she said it is rewarding.

"Especially if you give up something like candy," Graham said.

"Then you get to feeling good about being able to control yourself and sacrifice it for that day."

The Newman Center is scheduled to celebrate Ash Wednesday, Petro said. Prayer with Ashes is scheduled for 12:15 and 9:15 p.m. Mass with Ashes will be at 7 p.m.

"Ashes are a sign of death, that we choose to die with Christ in order to rise with him," Petro said.

During Mass with Ashes, the priest puts ashes on the person's forehead in the shape of a cross and says, "Repent and believe the good news," Petro said.

The Newman Center also is scheduled to have Spanish Mass at 5:00 p.m. March 18, Petro said.

People will also have a chance to confess in Spanish, he said.

Petro said one adult will be received into the Catholic Church at the Newman Center. He also is preparing one student for baptism, but the student will be baptized at another church, Petro said.

After Lent, the next seven weeks will be used to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, Petro said.

New Rollins Band CD 'flat-out rocks,' lead singer says



CHRIS MITCHELL
columnist

Is it safe to say that legendary punk rocker/spoken word guru Henry Rollins is actually having fun with the revamped Rollins Band on their new album *Get Some, Go Again*?

Absolutely, and Rollins will be the first to say so.

"It's just more straight-ahead rock," the multi-tattooed, muscle-bound philosopher king said in an interview I conducted with him this past June.

At that point, the band was about to embark upon a two-week mini-tour that included a long-awaited stop in Huntington.

"The bass lines on this new album aren't as complex as the

stuff Melvin [Gibbs, ex-bass player] would have gone for. But it's just more flat-out straight-ahead rock, which is exactly what I wanted to play."

When the 39-year-old Washington, D.C. native stripped his experimental hard rock project after wrapping up the *Come In and Burn* tour in late 1998, he seriously considered giving up rock-n-roll for good.

Burnt out on playing the original Rollins Band concoction of hard jazz and blues rock mixed with a swig of punk rock bravado and disparaging lyricism, Rollins realized it was time for a change.

"As for the guys in the original line-up, no one was fired. It wasn't a "[expletive] you" thing. I wanted to do this [the new direction], and those guys, that's not what they do. So I had to get the right tools for the job," he said.

That's where L.A.-based hard rock band Mother Superior, consisting of bassist Marcus Blake, drummer Jason Mackenroth,

and guitarist Jim Wilson entered the fray. After releasing three albums on their own Top Beat! Records label, Mother Superior approached Rollins about the possibility of working with them on their fourth indie album.

"I produced Mother Superior's last record [Deep, 1998]," he continued, "and worked very closely with them during the whole process and when I listened to them in the studio, I really liked what they were doing. They're just a flat-out rock band and I knew that's the kind of music I wanted to play now."

Wow, but if you listen to Mother Superior's *Live at the Roxy* CD, you can hear that Wilson and company have quite a few musical influences working in their favor.

"Well, it's not like they're breaking into avant-garde jazz or something," Rollins scoffed, "I mean they rock."

Ouch, my bad, Henry. I guess the legendary interview antago-

nist that I had fretted so much about coming into the interview still had that explosive, sarcastic sneer after all. Since I have just failed so miserably, how then would Mr. Rollins describe the band's new direction?

"If you're familiar with the MC-5, it's more like that kind of record than say a Rollins Band record in the past," he said. "Again, it's not quite as complex, but it's exciting for me to do this kind of stuff."

If you're not familiar with the MC-5 — or the Motor City Five as they are known in their native Detroit — the proto-punk band released *Kick Out the Jams* in 1969. The band's completely live debut was an instant favorite with rambunctious youths but was condemned by critics for what was then considered extreme themes of "ex, drugs, and rock-n-roll." It helped spawn the 1970s punk rock movement.

For the most part, Mother Superior does an astounding job

of matching Rollins' unbridled intensity on tracks like the raucous "Thinking Cap" and the jarring "I Go Day Glo" from *GSGA*. Yet, Rollins' lyrics have even taken a more positive route on songs like "Change It Up," on which he encourages a woman to leave her abusive boyfriend and persuades bored small-town people to get out of the rut and stay away from the mall.

There also are guest appearances. Speaking of the MC-5, guitarist Wayne Kramer emerges twice, first on "Hotter and Hotter," which he co-wrote, and the hilarious hidden album closer "L.A. Money Train." Thin Lizzy guitarist Scott Gorham also joins the melee, lending guitar licks on the brilliant cover of that band's 1978 live classic "Are You Ready?"

Fans of Rollins' former gig in 1980s punk band Black Flag will enjoy this album, as will other hard rock fans who have forgotten about the short-tempered big talker in his three-year absence.

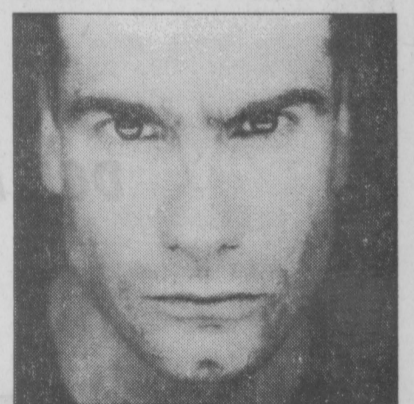


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Get Some, Go Again!, the new Rollins Band album, is different than the band's other albums.

It's not quite punk rock, not quite metal, but Henry knows one thing's for sure: "It flat-out rocks!"

Final verdict: 8 sarcastic, weight-pumping punk rock icons out of 10.

Questions, comments or complaints can be sent to Mitchell at mitch28@marshall.edu.