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Wednesday, March 4, 1998

Unpaid fees can return to haunt students

by AMY SHULTZ
reporter

Students preparing to graduate in May will get diplomas, but some will not receive their transcripts until they pay their debts to the university.

"We hold transcripts, not diplomas," Robert Collier, manager of student accounts, said.

"Students are given 14 days to pay their debts before a bill is sent out," Barry Beckett, bursar, said.

"Most financial obligations are in the form of a tuition bill, cost of room and board, and unpaid student activity fees, library fines and parking tickets," Beckett said.

According to Beckett, some unpaid financial obligations are sent to a collection agency. This

method is usually a last resort used for a substantial amount of money owed to the university.

"We send bills out and try to collect it here in the bursar's office," Collier said.

Beckett said a collection agency is not usually needed and most students do comply with the rules concerning unpaid financial obligations. Debts less than a dollar are usually dis-

regarded at graduation time, Collier said.

Graduating students also have their graduation fee to pay.

The cost of graduation depends on the type of degree the student is receiving, Collier said.

An associate degree is \$20, a four-year degree is \$25, a master's degree is \$30 and the first professional's for medical school students is \$50.

American Buffalo

Controversial Broadway
show begins tonight

by HEATHER HAGER
reporter

Characters of petty thieves and drug addicts make way to the stage in the production of "American Buffalo" in the experimental theater of the Joan C. Edwards Fine and Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. today.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Elwell, director of the theater department, directs the film, which was written by the Pulitzer Prize winning playwright David Mamet.

The main characters consist of Donnie, played by Jack Sirillo, an adjunct faculty member and professional theater actor; Teach, by Jeremy F. Richter, Wheeling senior; and Bobby, by Kevin M. Pauley, St. Albans senior.

The play is set in Chicago in the 1970s in Donnie's old junk shop and revolves around the quick money-making schemes of the three characters.

Bobby is a recovering heroine addict who does odds-and-ends jobs for Donnie. According to Pauley, he's Donnie's gopher, but sees him as a father figure, because Donnie makes him feel like he has a purpose.

Bobby is not the main character, but "he's the most challenging character of the play, because you have to read his mind," Pauley said.

"American Buffalo is like an extended episode of 'NYPD Blue,' without the nudity," Elwell said.

No one under the age of 18 will be permitted to see the play. "Basically these characters, certainly two of them, use most of the four-letter words known to man," Elwell said. "They use them as adverbs, verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives and modifiers."

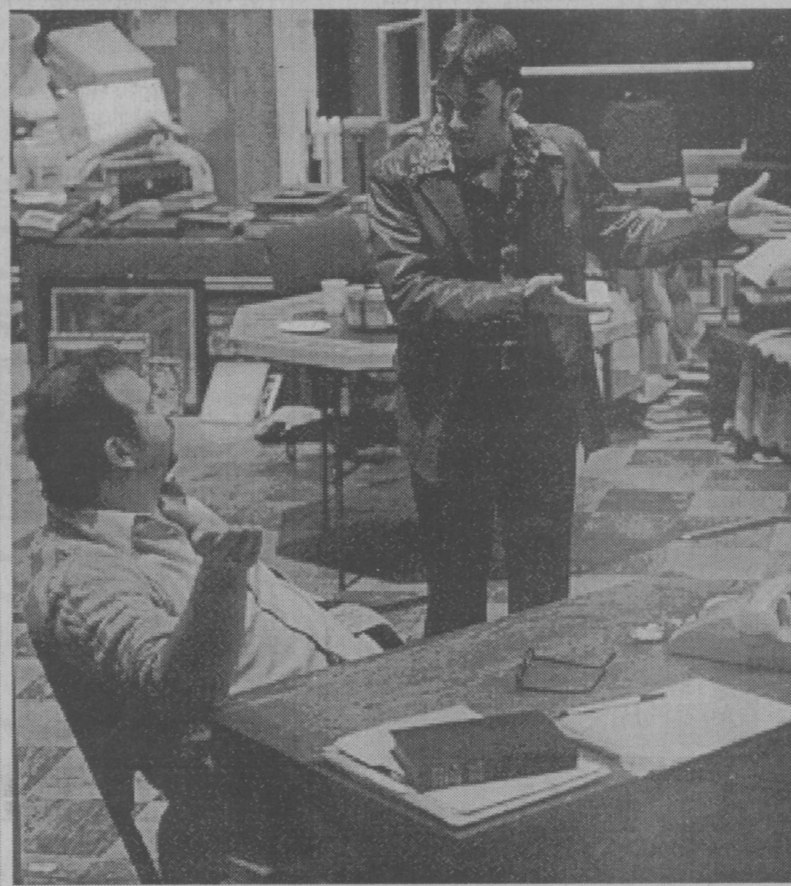
"American Buffalo" was played on Broadway in 1977 and people were shocked then, Elwell said. Even so, "it was called the 'best American play of the decade' in the 1970's by the New York Times," he said.

"American Buffalo" shows through Saturday and tickets are still available. Seating is limited, Elwell said.

Tickets are free to full-time Marshall students, \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for MU faculty and staff. Further information is available by calling 696-6442.



Photos by Missy Young



Donnie, played by Jack Sirillo, adjunct faculty member and professional theater actor; and Teach, portrayed by Jeremy F. Richter, Wheeling senior are the main characters of "American Buffalo."

The play is showing in the experimental theater of the Joan C. Edwards Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are free to full time Marshall students, \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for faculty and staff.

Due to explicit language, no one under the age of 18 will be admitted.

Five honors courses offered for fall semester

by ERRIN JEWELL
reporter

An increasing number of honors classes offered this fall will make it easier for John Marshall Scholarship recipients to fulfill their requirements.

Martha Woodward, executive director for the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence, said five honors courses will be offered for the fall semester.

Woodward said additional courses will be beneficial to John Marshall recipients, who must take at least three honors courses: Honors 101, a lower division honors course and an upper division honors course. Because most honors classes are limited to 15 students per class, Woodward said every John Marshall recipient cannot enroll in an honors course each semester.

"Because of the number of students taking

honors courses, the classes fill up quickly," Woodward said. "Some semester's students do not have many courses from which to choose. Often, [because of scheduling conflicts], students must take an honors course during a certain semester to graduate on time."

Woodward said honors courses are not limited to John Marshall scholars; any student with a 3.3 grade point average may enroll in an honors course.

- Courses offered this fall:
- "Introduction to Satire," taught by Dr. Nancy Lang, assistant professor of English and Dr. Charles Lloyd, professor of classical studies.
 - "Women and War," taught by Drs. Katharine Rodier and Amy Hudock, assistant professor of English.
 - "Popular Music of the 1960s," taught by Dr. Edwin Bingham, associate professor of music and Dennis Lebec, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications.

■ "Introductions to Markets," taught by Dr. Alina Zapalska, associate professor of economics.

■ "Civic Culture in the '90s," taught by Dr. Montserrat Miller, assistant professor of history and Dr. Carl Burrowes, associate professor of journalism and mass communications.

Woodward said she is excited about the addition of honors courses. "I think next semester will be an excellent semester," she said.

She said honors courses differ from other courses. "They are more intense and are usually taught seminar-style," she said. "They usually involve many discussions and involve a deeper content than other courses."

"Students may not necessarily write more papers or read more books, but they may be required to think differently. Honors courses should be more challenging but each person's experience in a course is different," Woodward said.

She also said professors, professionals and community leaders often address honors courses as guest speakers.

Dr. Montserrat Miller, interim honors director, said honors courses are planned a year in advance. Miller said proposals for next spring's honors courses will be reviewed next week.

Woodward said each semester every professor receives a "blanket" letter to spark interest in teaching honors courses. Responding professors then meet with representatives from the honors council to plan courses for the next year, she said.

The honors council has no specific requirements for honors courses, but would like to develop uniform goals for the courses, Woodward said.

"[The honors council] is interested in designing a checklist for courses proposals, which would be used to set the standard for future honors courses," she said.

Student poses as professor via e-mail

by NICOLE M. WRIGHT
reporter

Information about a male student who sent e-mail messages impersonating a dean is expected to be reviewed by the judicial committee.

Dr. Thomas A. Storch, dean of College of Science, discovered someone impersonated him via e-mail without hacking his password.

The message was sent to computer science and software development majors' e-mail accounts.

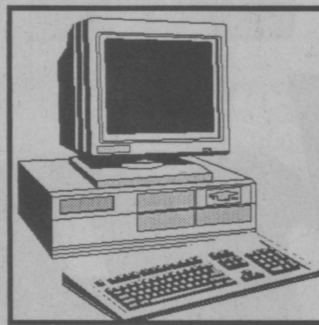
Storch said he would not comment on the details of the message because it is still under investigation. But he said the message was aimed to inflame students opposing phasing out the computer science and software development program.

April 1 the computer science and software development program will no longer admit students to the program. Current majors will be able to finish their degrees because the program is being phased out over the next three to four years.

Officials have said phasing out of the program is due to a low number of graduates and duplication of computer programs at Marshall.

In relation to the e-mail problem, Storch said when he was told about the incident it was suggested his account was hacked. "After the computer center started investigating, my account was not hacked," he said.

He said the message sent gave his e-mail name and address as the sender, but he did not send it. Students who received the



The case involving e-mail and the abolishment of the computer science and software development program is expected to be reviewed by the Judicial Committee.

message did respond, but Storch was unable to read the messages due to the investigation. He said one student came to his office after finding out the message was not sent by Storch.

"This student indicated he had responded to the message not realizing I was not responsible for creating the message."

Storch said such incidents of computer tampering usually are seen on the news. "When it happens on campus there is more concern."

"The security of e-mail is not as tight as many would hope it to be," he said.

Robert D. Boag, systems manager who investigated the situation, said people need to be aware of electronic mail. "It is not more secure than receiving mail through the post office."

Boag said by searching through security logs, the sender can be found. A header message on the e-mail message was traced

to one person. "A header includes the time sent and where it came from," he said.

Boag said there has been a couple of problems with people sending harassing and chain mail messages. "These incidents are not a common occurrence. Students should know chain mail and harassing e-mail messages is also against computer policy."

Linda P. Rowe, director of judicial programs, said discipline taken depends on what was said in the message. "The message would be under a type one violation from the code of conduct which can result in being expelled or probation."

Rowe said the safety of the university is the main goal. She said in some probation instances computer privileges have been lost or officials monitor the person's activity while using the Internet.

David A. Wiley, web developer at Marshall, said it is about a 10 second process to change the sender in Netscape. "A person can set options in any Netscape to make the message look like it was from anyone."

Wiley said the problem has been prevalent for a long time and at this time is not fixable. "Hopefully the problem will be fixed on Netscape version five." He said people play games and unfortunately someone has been mischievous which can lead to defamation of character.

Storch said from the information gathered the message was sent in a manner that is fairly easy to do. Wiley said anyone who can read e-mail on Netscape can do what was done.

Six in running for SGA presidency

by JASON MCALLISTER
reporter

Student Government Association spring elections began Tuesday as Marshall University students went to the polls to vote for the next student body president, vice president and 16 senators.

Voting will take place in the Memorial Student Center lobby, Holderby Hall and in Twin Towers West and will continue through Thursday. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Students can vote in the Memorial Student Center lobby today and Thursday. Polls will be open in Holderby Hall today and in Twin Towers West Thursday.

Candidates in alphabetical order by last name of the presidential candidates and their comments are:

Matt Glover, Charleston senior, and Darcy Bierce, Moundsville junior.

Glover is an accounting major involved in Student Government Association, student judiciary, advocate society. He is the current student body president.

Bierce is a political science major involved in student government, previously serving as a College of Liberal Arts senator and business manager.

Glover and Bierce said they plan to "continue working for the betterment of students." Their platform includes working on better communication systems between university offices and students in need of help.

They also plan to work on providing students with better entertainment.

John F. Gore, Marysville, Ohio, senior, and Willis Smith, Flatwoods, Ky., senior.

Students can vote in Memorial Student Center lobby and Holderby Hall today. They can vote Thursday in MSC and Twin Towers West. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Gore is majoring in music education and involved with Marching Thunder, Symphonic Band and College Republicans.

Gore and Smith said they promise to work on making SGA more efficient while "reducing unnecessary bureaucracy, so that it works more for students."

"I would represent students by leading as honestly and morally as possible," Gore said.

Jayson Grayson, McKeesport, Pa., graduate student, and Norm Cunningham, Wheeling junior.

Grayson is working on his masters degree in athletic administration. He is involved in student government and currently serves as a Graduate School senator.

Cunningham is majoring in social sciences and is involved in Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and student government.

Grayson and Cunningham said they hope to get involved and make a difference in student's lives while promising to be "honest and outgoing."

"Listening is the best way to know the problems and concerns of the students of my college," Cunningham said.

Mackenzie Howard, Toronto, Ontario, and Susan Porter, Branchland senior.

Howard is a marketing

major involved with Tau Kappa Epsilon, The Robe Leadership Honorary, American Marketing Association and Student Government Senate Association.

Porter is a Psychology major and is currently the president of Alpha Chi Omega.

"We feel that with both of us working hard," Howard said. "We can do great things not only for our colleges, but for all of the campus."

Howard and Porter said they promise to bring good times and great things to the campus by getting involved and working hard.

Their platform includes making access to sporting events easier, bringing more entertainment to campus and expanding the day care program. They also want to continue professor evaluations and implement advisor evaluations.

Tank Hale, Coal City sophomore, and Scott Morrison, Hurricane senior.

Hale is triple majoring in physics, mathematics and computer science. He is currently the president of the

Inter-hall Government Council.

Morrison is double majoring in music and english education. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta and the Resident Advisor Training Committee.

Hale and Morrison want to bring more contact between SGA and students.

"I personally feel that a change is in order," Hale said. "I feel that I can effectively bring the government and the students together."

They hope to initiate a study for the possibility of a parking

building, initiate plans for longer day care hours and bring more programs availability to the students.

"I can bring the voice of the students back to the government," Hale said.

Matthew Jacob Messer, Madison junior, and Butch Barker, Mason sophomore.

Both Messer and Barker are journalism majors. Messer is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists and former sports editor and reporter for The Parthenon.

Barker has been involved

with The Parthenon and was a former editorial cartoonist.

"I do not think all students of Marshall are treated fairly or equally represented," Messer said. "It will be sad if certain candidates are elected who will only represent one group. With myself and Butch, that is not a concern. I want to and will represent all individuals and groups." They hope to end the current attendance policy, work on a better dormitory life and more diverse entertainment acts.

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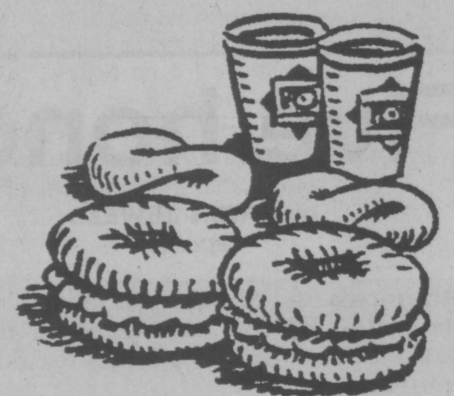
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MOUNTAIN STATE NEWS

Snow victim's rebuilding process slow

CHARLESTON (AP) — As spring approaches, store and home owners in southern West Virginia will have an ugly reminder of winter.

Those whose roofs collapsed under the weight of heavy snow last month are beginning to rebuild and repair, a process that could take as long as a year.

In Raleigh County alone, as many as 125 homes and businesses suffered some damage as snow from several storms piled up on flat roofs and eventually caused cave-ins, said Jack Bowden, the county's director of emergency services.

Because of so many damaged roofs and the inability to begin repairs until spring weather arrives, Joe Burmer of Frye Roofing Inc. in Bluefield said it could be months before people are able to com-

plete needed rebuilding.

"People need to get in line because the better roofing contractors are going to get booked up. There are only so many people in the labor force who can do the work. We have a six month back log right now and outstanding quotes for another six months. It's conceivable that within the next 30 days we could be booked up for the year," Burmer said.

Owners are trudging through the first stages of recovery by working with insurance companies or seeking alternative help if they were not insured.

"This hurts. This is my livelihood," said Gary McGuire, owner of a furniture store in Beckley. About half of the new and used furniture and antiques in the store were salvaged.

McGuire was in his store with his 15-year-old son, Chad, the morning of Feb. 6 when a neighboring business owner called to ask for help blowing snow off the roof.

McGuire went over to lend a hand while Chad, whose school was closed because of the weather, went home across the street.

The roof caved in while they were gone. "It was God taking care of us," said McGuire, whose parents sometimes worked in the store. "That could have wiped the whole family out there."

McGuire hopes to use a settlement from his insurance company to rebuild the store and an adjacent storage shed. He was not insured for the full amount of the property.

Government to rebuild flood-prone properties

CHARLESTON (AP) — Homes worth more than \$1 million will be taken off a list of flood-prone properties the state is buying under a federal grant program, Gov. Cecil Underwood said.

Under the program, the federal government pays 75 percent and the state pays 25

percent to purchase homes and encourage people to move out of flood zones. The federal government later returns 15 percent, so the total cost to the state is 10 percent.

When the original list of 259 targeted homes was turned in, state officials realized there were some with

out-of-state owners that turned out to be vacation homes, Underwood spokesman Dan Page said Monday.

By removing those homes from the list, the state will be able to buy more property from people of more modest means, Page said.

The Office of Emergency

Services identified the properties in 14 counties at an overall acquisition cost of \$12.8 million.

The federal money is coming from the Hazard Mitigation Grant program, which gives states several options to address flood-prone areas, including stream stabilization; early warning systems; flood-control systems; and retrofitting or elevating buildings.

Logan County investigates prosecutor

LOGAN, W.Va. (AP) — Logan County's prosecuting attorney is under investigation for allegedly billing the state several times for the same work.

Attorney John Sims, who took public defender cases for the state before becoming a prosecutor, was questioned after the state's Public Defender Services noticed he had cashed several checks that had been sent for the same case. Sims was then told to send back the overpayment, but no money has been repaid, said Kanawha County Prosecutor Bill Forbes who is leading the investigation.

briefs

Security council gives warning

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council has warned Iraq of "severest consequences" if it violates a deal to open presidential palaces to U.N. arms inspectors, but key members said it did not give a green light for a U.S. attack if Baghdad breaks the accord.

In a unanimous vote Monday night, the 15-member council endorsed the accord signed last week in Baghdad by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, to open the palaces and avert a threatened U.S.-British attack.

Annan said if his deal holds, he believed "we will be moving on to a period when Iraq will complete its obligations and the council can begin thinking of lifting the sanctions" imposed more than seven years ago.

The resolution, drafted by Britain and Japan, declared that "any violation would have severest consequences for Iraq."

President Clinton hailed the agreement and called on Iraq to comply.

Clinton probe continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — As longtime presidential friend Vernon Jordan tries to explain his assistance to Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern's lawyer says he believes his client was alone a couple of times with President Clinton in the Oval Office.

"Being alone doesn't mean they had a relationship," William Ginsburg said Monday of Ms. Lewinsky's visits to Clinton's office.

Ginsburg said Ms. Lewinsky's visits to the White House after she left for a job at the Pentagon in 1996 were mostly work related and to see people other than Clinton but that there were a couple of times she was briefly alone with the president.

But Ginsburg suggested there was neither enough time nor enough privacy for any "salacious event" to occur.

Individuals familiar with Linda Tripp's tape-recorded conversations with Ms. Lewinsky said the former intern spoke of having oral sex with Clinton.

The Citadel students suspected of hazing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Upperclassmen at The Citadel carved letters and punched staples into cadets' chests and cut the face of a third cadet with a sword, according to records subpoenaed by federal investigators.

"Hazing, including physical abuse, still exists to a disturbing degree at The Citadel," according to a Justice Department memo dated last Aug. 13 and obtained by The Charlotte Observer under the Freedom of Information Act.

Officials at the military

school in Charleston, S.C., have always acknowledged some hazing, a violation of college rules. When Citadel President John Grinalds took over last summer, he began enforcing changes designed to crack down on hazing.

The memo paints a dark picture of rituals that took place in 1996.

"Company letters ... carved into a freshman's chest by an upperclassman using a knife," one record says.

"An upperclassman used a stapler to staple freshman's chest numerous times. ... An upperclassman hit a freshman with a broomstick so hard that he broke it over his back."

The memo outlines why the Justice Department did not prosecute anyone for civil rights violations after two female cadets were hazed and summarizes the results of a joint investigation by the FBI and the State Law Enforcement Division.

Justice officials said in January they had found insufficient evidence to prove that former cadets Jeanie Mentravlos and Kim Messer were harassed and had their clothes set afire solely because they were women. Rather, "mistreating people because of legitimate injury or illness ... unfortunately seems to be the way of life at The Citadel," the memo said.

Citadel officials had no comment Monday. Spokeswoman Judith Fluck said no one at the college saw the memo.

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Learning to Cope with Learning Disability	Wednesdays	4:00 - 5:30pm

Group beginning Monday, March 16

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"I didn't want to be Dorothy and be blown away."

—Eduardo Perez
Cincinnati Reds first baseman, referring to Sunday's tornado warning in Florida

Confrontation with Iraq campaign by government, media to 'sucker' citizens

Dear Editor:

During the Iran-Iraq war, when the United States was providing advanced weapons and military intelligence to Iraq, the U.S. government expressed little concern over the use by Iraq of poison gas on Iranian troops or on the Kurds. There were no U.N. sanctions or threats of military action against Iraq. There was no continual hype in the American media about weapons of mass destruction, and the United States continued to be an ally of Iraq.

The media emphasis on weapons of mass destruction is a PR campaign to influence public opinion. People can't be told that U.S. foreign policy is for the benefit of transnational corporations, in this case the large oil companies. Consequently, the American people must be made afraid and the "enemy" demonized and made subhuman so support for military action will grow.

This manufacture of consent has a long history from the demonization of German soldiers in World War 1, when they were called Huns and it was said they bayoneted babies, to the fabricated story about Iraqi soldiers disconnecting incubators for babies in Kuwait.

I sincerely hope we don't have to go through another yellow ribbon episode with thousands of American soldiers sickened by depleted uranium coming home and hundreds of thousands of dead Iraqis, just because the American people can't realize they are being played for suckers by the government and the media!

Gary Sudborough
Bellflower, CA

Volunteer gives thanks to those who helped with fixing chili, bread

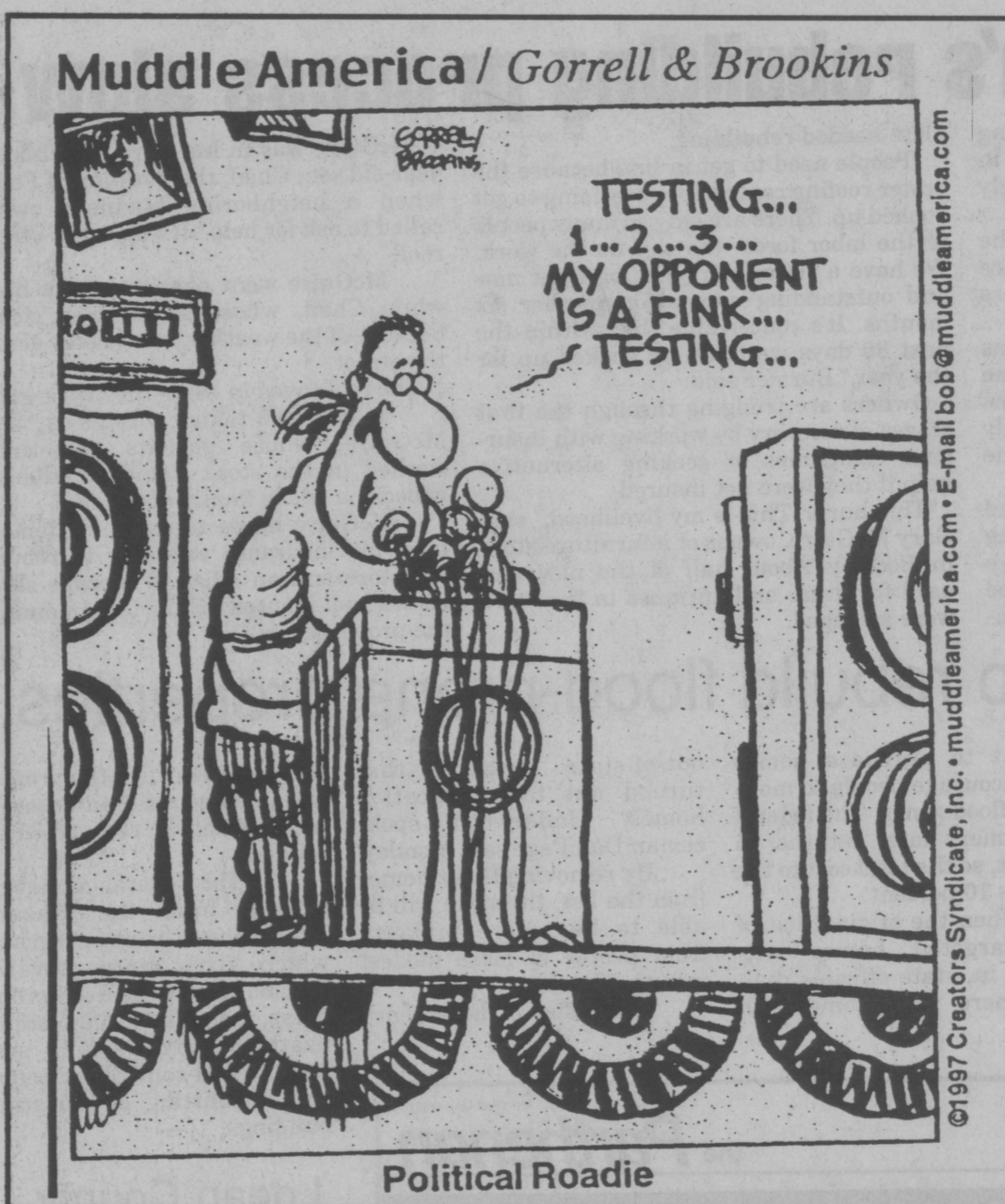
Dear Friends at Marshall Student Affairs,

Thank you for fixing chili and bread for the families staying at our Ronald McDonald House. It was really enjoyed by the families!

As we begin our second decade, the "house that love built" continues to provide a unique "home away from home" for families of ill children undergoing treatment in area hospitals and treatment centers. Your support helps make it possible for us to provide inexpensive or free lodging to families facing medical crisis. During the past ten years, our Ronald McDonald House has provided the comforts of home for over 3,900 families from West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, 26 additional states and 2 foreign countries.

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Sheila Suiter
Volunteer



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An absence of awe is present in discussions about abortions

Alan Altany
guest columnist

Editor's note: This column is the conclusion to the one printed Tuesday under the same headline.

A civilization without a contemplative, imaginative spirit is not far from being what Pound called "a botched civilization" though for different reasons than he supposed. Technologies and techniques can do much, but can readily be used for evil. Without awe, values lose value and the dominant value becomes that there is no singular value. All is tolerated while passion for universal truths is held to be quaint, intolerable and divisive. Agnosticism and theoretical atheism have emerged for the first time in human history. Even religion displaces awe with stark, lifeless literalism, emphasis on dramatic experience, rationalism, or official structure and authority.

In absence of awe the human person is an IPS (Information Processing System), an epiphenomenon, an accidental by-product of the naturalistic process, or a linguistic-social construction. A longing to ask the Big Questions of life fades while small questions are addressed with masses of factual detail that prefer depersonalized clarity over the necessary ambiguity and paradox in a regenerated vision of the

sacred and the transformative experience of awe. Is awe possible after Auschwitz? Did the ashes of children in the wind convince and convict us to abandon the utter mystery of children and, indirectly, of ourselves?

An anthropology that systematically deposes and disposes of any reference to spiritual and theological roots as an assumed matter if course attempts to make the physical and social sciences into more than they, by their very natures, are capable of being. Turning humans into objects can mask necrophobia and neophilia. Ironically, modern physics itself says that there is no such thing as a static, material object and no such thing as unbiased and impartial objectivity. The cosmos manifests itself as a dynamic, interrelated interconnected unity. That would be a source of amazement in and of itself, but frontiers of our imagination and capacity for appreciation are stretched much further when the personal and the human is considered.

All the historical argumentation as to when animation or ensoulment occurs sounds like the lingering pedantics of scholasticism and an awful distraction from the awe at hand. The question is not one of biological facticity in regards the soul, but in having soul or spirit when regarding the biological reality. Modern consciousness, it needs to be remembered, is not the only kind of awareness possible and is the result of

many influences. It can even be seen to be an impoverishment of consciousness. If that is the case, then the avid addiction to an arid individualism is a profoundly disastrous and contingent development that is so full of its view of itself that there is no womb of awe of the sacred. The world becomes a locked room of mirrors and suffering becomes an objectified problem with objective solutions.

An absence of awe makes possible the contemporary abortion mentality which rejects the role and reality of the human community in the experience of the sacred by reducing the act of abortion to psycho-linguistic argument and speculation in the framework of a reified and deified individualism. Sadly, such individualism is destructive to authentic individuality and the uniqueness of each individual. We have lost our innocence, not the innocence of inexperienced, but the matured innocence of spiritual wisdom that all religions encourage and nourish, the innocence of hope that makes us spontaneously receptive to awe in both the ordinary and all that is not ordinary. Without that innocence that comes from having experienced pain and suffering and being transformed by it all, the dance dies into cultural logic and the poetry of song is mechanized into preferences, variables and an instrumentalism of isolated choice.

Without the awe, there is not the innocence, and without the innocence, there is not

the imagination. There is not the courage and spirit to see with the heart of the unborn child, to transcend the physical in order to appreciate and deeply experience the physical and bodily. Neither is there the compassion and spirit to see with both the eyes of awe and the eyes of God, to see (thus, to know intimately) the unborn from the divine perspective of no-where and every-where. Without such seeing, God in the unborn is not seen and the awe of God becomes aborted.

Many reasons are given to justify abortion and there can be a real suffering for those who do so decide, but no reasons are necessary not to destroy the out-of-sight life that embodies the union of the sacred and the profane in a human being. After all is said and done, awe is all, awe is enough and more than enough.

With awe comes the unutterable worth of life and an unborn child's oceanic breath of a sacred spirit. An absence of awe is an absence of the vision that abortifacient argumentation and legitimization does not fathom. Without awe, we do kill in order to dissect and in the awful process cut ourselves asunder from awe of the sacred at hand. Only in the humanity of awe is there a vision of the enormity of abortion's evil and a way to see the child as conceived in God's womb.

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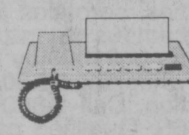
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Herd trio wins MAC honors

by ROBERT HARPER
reporter

The Marshall University men's basketball team gathered a trio of awards for their performance in the MAC.

Freshman guard Travis Young, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, won the 1997-98 Pepsi Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year, Monday. Young, who helped lead the Herd into the post-season tournament, averaged 11.3 points, 3.1 rebounds, 4.3 assists, and 1.6 steals a game.

Young joins the likes of Chicago guard Ron Harper, Toronto forward Gary Trent, Vancouver guard Antonio Daniels, and current Ball State star Bonzi Wells as winners of the award.

Joda Burgess also joins Young on the Pepsi All-

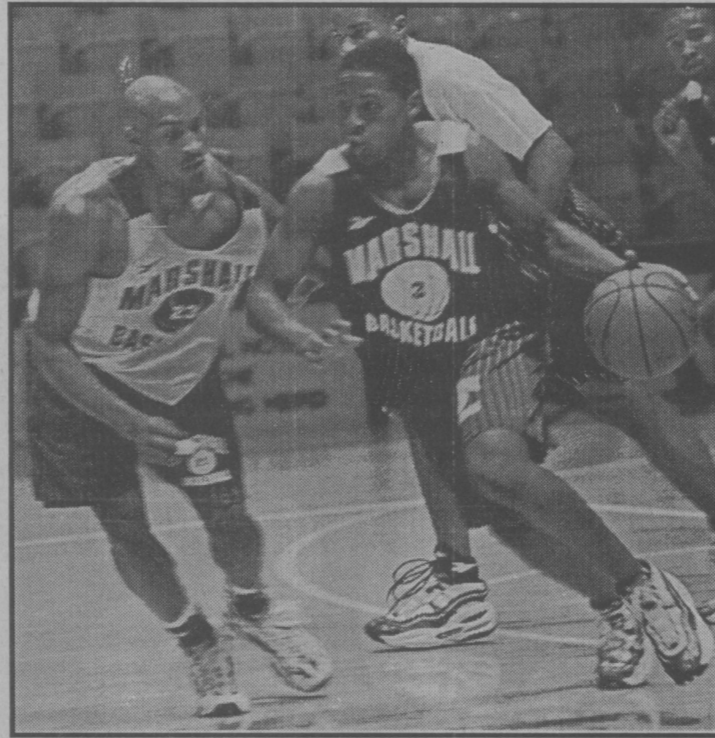
MAC Freshman team. Burgess of Kenova, W.Va. averaged 10.3 points and 2.3 assists a game for Marshall.

Burgess stepped into the starting lineup after Deon Dobbs went down with an injury in the fourth game of the season.

Young and Burgess were joined on the team by Sanjay Adell of Ohio, Kyem Massey of Kent, and Greg Stempin of Toledo.

Junior forward Carlton King received honorable mention for the All-MAC Basketball team. King averaged 13.7 points, 4.7 rebounds, and 2.2 assists a game. King scored a career high 36 points against Ball State Jan. 29.

Ball State's Bonzi Wells won MAC Player of the Year and MAC Defensive Player of the Year as well as being named to the All-MAC first



file photo

Practice Makes Perfect Freshman guard Travis Young attempts to escape teammate VonDale Morton. Young, a Zanesville, Ohio native, won the 1997-98 Pepsi Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year award.

team. Wells averaged 23.3 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 3.7 steals a game for the Cardinals.

Wells was joined on the All-MAC first team by Earl Boykins of Eastern Michigan, T.J. Lux of Northern Illinois, Wally Szczerbiak of Miami, and Saddy Washing-

ton of Western Michigan. The All-MAC second team includes Jami Bosley of Akron, Derrick Dial of Eastern Michigan, Damon Friereson of Miami, Rashod Johnson of Western Michigan, and Casey Shaw. Dan Hipsher of Akron was named LCI International MAC Basketball Coach of the Year.

Renovations on 'fast track'

by MARIA CHAPMAN
reporter

Renovation of Cam Henderson Center "is on a fast track" and work could start as early as next week, said Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for operations.

G & G Builders Inc., of Hurricane, will be the contractor for the renovation.

Grose said the bid was awarded to G & G because their bid of \$4,128,600 was the lowest. Other companies that bid on the renovation. were BBL-West Virginia, formerly Carlton Inc. of Charleston, with a bid of \$4,217,000 and Dick Corp. of Pittsburgh, with a bid of \$4,447,000.

Before the bid can be officially awarded, Grose said there is a process that must be followed. The company will sign contracts, and the state attorney general has to approve the agreement.

"It's out of our hands now, but it's on a fast track and we're going to do everything we can to move things along," Grose said.

He said construction can

start even before the bid is officially awarded. "If it looks like everything is in order we can probably give them a notice to proceed at the start of the next week."

After that, Grose said it will take some time to mobilize the crews who will work on the Henderson Center.

\$4,665,500 is the actual amount of the bid to be awarded. This price will include the first six alternates.

Alternate one will finish the Big Green Room. Alternates two through four involve painting various areas of the arena. Alternate five upgrades the new seating to include fabric cushioning. Alternate six adds and a heating and air conditioning system for the finished areas below the bleachers.

The alternate that will not be included at this time is alternate seven, which would have created a 5,000 square foot reception area under the northside bleachers.

The reasons for not including the reception area are financial. "We simply don't have the money right now," Grose said.

Tennis team needs win after WVU loss

by CHIP TUCKER
reporter

Marshall women's tennis team will be on the road for its next six matches.

The women will kick off a road trip at 1 p.m. Thursday at Radford (Va.) University near Roanoke. Then the Herd will bounce into Cincinnati Saturday to take on the Bearcats. MU will not have another home match until March 28 against Mid-American Conference foe Ball State.

The Herd lost 6-3 Saturday at home to West Virginia University. Marshall only took one singles match from the Mountaineers and won two doubles matches.

Kelly Peller of Marshall beat Amy Workman 6-4 in the first set and took the match.

Peller teamed up with Stephanie Jamar to win her second match over Amy Workman and Natasha Ramdass 8-3. Women Herd got another victory when Molly Harris and Russell beat Sarah Tritt and Andrea Pintaric 8-1. With the loss, the Herd dropped to a record of 4-3.

Blizzard shooting for playoff berth

by Kristi R. Erwin
reporter

Huntington's minor league professional hockey team is not looking back on its recent success, but is looking ahead to possible post season play.

The Huntington Blizzard, which played before 4,465 fans Sunday for its largest crowd of the season, has 30 wins, 21 losses and six ties and is tied with the Dayton Bombers for third place in the Northern Conference's Northwest Division of the East Coast Hockey League.

Only 13 regular season games remain for the Blizzard. Player assistant coach Ray Edwards said it's crunch time. "The race is very tight and we won't be happy just making the playoffs."

Edwards said the level of hockey in the ECHL has

stepped up. "Every team is good. Teams are sticking to the rules." Toledo is in first place and Peoria is the number two team. The Blizzard has defeated both teams.

Edwards said one reason could be an inside factor. "Every year the quality of the organization has gone up. Guys are seeing that Huntington is a good place to play," Edwards said.

Over the years, the Blizzard has experienced its share of ups and downs. The organization went through a period of financial woes and management problems not so long ago. "It's been tough, but the front office has made a lot of changes since then," Edwards said.

Head coach Charlie Huddy is in his first year with the Blizzard. Edwards has been here for four years and speaks

very highly of Huddy. "He brings a level of professionalism to the ice. He's a five time Stanley Cup winner and that's hard to come by," Edwards said.

Goalie Chad Lang is from Ontario. He's in his second year with the Blizzard, but he's been playing hockey since he was three years old. "It was awkward at first (coming to Huntington), but the guys have really grown together as a team," Lang said.

Lang said it's important to the players to make the playoffs from a team standpoint and from a personal standpoint. "The deeper you go into the playoffs really says something about the organization and the guys on the team. It's also a good time for scouts to find players to move up to the next level."

Team captain Kelly Harper

"The deeper you go into the playoffs really says something about the organization ..."

— Chad Lang
Blizzard goalie

believes the way Huddy deals with the players is a big factor. "He doesn't come down hard on the players as long as we are working hard."

The Blizzard players and coaches hope they can continue playing well for the remaining games and through the playoffs. The Blizzard travel to Louisville, Ky., Friday to take on the Louisville Riverfrogs.

LOOKING FOR LEADERS

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Pso funky...

Psoas to bring their mix of tribal funk to town

The Stoned Monkey, located on 3rd Avenue in Huntington, will welcome the sounds of Psoas (pronounced So-As, the P is silent), this Saturday. The band, which hails from Pittsburgh, Pa., has a sound that can best be compared to that of Rusted Root, and has been making a name for itself by performing at various music festivals in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

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LEGOS

More than just a toy for this professor

Red, blue and yellow LEGOS aren't just for little kids anymore.

At Davis Creek Elementary, a Marshall math professor makes a difference in the children's learning pattern through Dacta, an educational division of the LEGO Group.

Linda L. Hamilton, mathematics instructor at Marshall, has been volunteering for five years at Davis Creek Elementary. Now she visits the school every Thursday morning and afternoon while teaching full time at Marshall.

Davis Creek Elementary is located on Route 10 in rural Cabell County and is the only school in the county using the Dacta program. Dacta uses LEGOS to combine building of structures with an educational emphasis.

Kits range from fourth graders building gears to high school students designing models related to technology.

Hamilton said playing with LEGOS may look like fun, but it is educational.

LEGO sends instruction books which involve math, science, technology, language and social studies skills, Hamilton said.

Its educational objectives are correlated with the fifth grade textbooks. "It also abides by requirements of national science organizations," Hamilton said.

Sharon Simon, fifth grade Davis Creek teacher, said students build models with LEGO components. "They work with gears, pulleys, pneumatics, light and temperature sensors, motors, robotics and other aspects of construction."

She said the students program the models with the LEGO Dacta interface on the computer which runs the specified program constructed by the students. "This program runs in many schools throughout our country, including schools of engineering."

Sonja Wagner, Davis Creek Elementary principal, said one project the students enjoyed building was the candy factory.

She said the candy factory even had an assembly line like some real factories. It had moving arms to pick up boxes of candy and a mechanical LEGO arm to put the boxes in a LEGO truck.

John C. Dalton, fifth grade student, said the neatest thing about the projects is programming the computer to make everything work together like the candy factory did.

The principal said the students realize the impact of computers by building the candy factory. In the past, people would have been working the assembly line. The candy factory taught the students a valuable lesson.

"The fifth grade students are aware of the technology in today's society."

Wagner said the LEGO projects are very beneficial to the children. "They see what the future holds and the type of jobs that will be in the future."

Hamilton said students decide which project they want to do first, then follow the LEGO instructions to build the piece.

She said students work in three-member teams and then come together for final assembly of projects.

After all the building and programming, students use LEGO CAD (computer aided design). "CAD has LEGO pieces on the computer, which can be used to virtually build and design the structure,"



Linda L. Hamilton works with Richie Mills to help him learn through the use of LEGOS.

story by Nicole M. Wright
photos by Linda L. Hamilton and Nicole M. Wright

Hamilton said

"They go through many complicated steps to get an end result," she said. The LEGO projects encourage the students to explore and build moving models, Hamilton said.

Although Hamilton has fifth grade teacher Sharon Simon to help her, a Marshall student is needed.

"We need a Marshall student interested in doing science and math within public schools," Hamilton said. "It would be hands-on experience before graduation."

These children know how to program a computer. By programming a computer an object will move by use of math concepts, computation and graphing, Hamilton said. "Upcoming teachers need to know this material before graduation."

Even though Hamilton volunteers, a West Virginia Space Grant sponsored by NASA is available for a Marshall student.

"The money is out there and could be asked for if a Marshall stu-

dent is willing to participate." The student must submit a proposal by March 31 to be considered for the grant.

NASA realizes the positive long-term impact on science if teachers keep up with technology, Hamilton said.

According to a West Virginia Space Grant Consortium established by NASA, the grant has been created to enhance the state's competitiveness in education, aerospace research and industrial activities.

A goal of the consortium is to create a greater interest in K-12 children in science, engineering, and in jobs related to aerospace.

To achieve the goals, the consortium would like individuals or organizations to implement outreach projects in the field of science.

Connecting universities and schools through an outreach program will make it possible for a Marshall student to get paid by a NASA grant, Hamilton said.

Hamilton said a Marshall student would have to work as a volunteer unless the grant is received. Programming computers, and working with LEGOS and children are just few of the responsibilities for this position.

Simon said the LEGO projects are sophisticated and the children have to be able to program to accomplish the movements involved in projects.

"Having Mrs. Hamilton in our class is wonderful," Simon said. "Children have ideas and she will help them think of a way to build it."

Simon said putting a letter grade on the LEGO projects would restrict format effectiveness. "Grading is not an objective and the children have not questioned it," Simon said.

"We can see through the projects where the kids are weak and focus the next project on those weak areas."

Simon said although the LEGOS do involve math and other educational formats, the children look forward to working on the projects. "It is one of the highlights of class, kids show the same enthusiasm as they do for a school dance or party."

Simon said the projects they have done are put on the Internet. "We get e-mail from different schools who have noticed our projects."

The students look forward to Thursdays because they are always doing something new and challenging.

Kassie D. Friedman, fifth grade student, said she learned teamwork through the LEGO projects. "Each one of us has to help build so everyone works together."

And Steven D. Rodriguez said writing the essays are fun. "I like to write essays about my responsibilities and ideas about the project."

"It is the best writing they have done all year," Simon said.

The next project is called Red Rover, in which kids will be making a vehicle similar to the NASA Mars Pathfinder.

"Parents and other classes will make the Mars landscape while we work on the vehicle," Hamilton said.

It will travel across the terrain like the real Mars with volcanoes and craters. Also a real miniature camera will be on the front of the vehicle to explore the red ground as it travels across the Davis Creek planet Mars. "They can be at home and drive it via the Internet. It will be a very exciting LEGO project," Hamilton said.

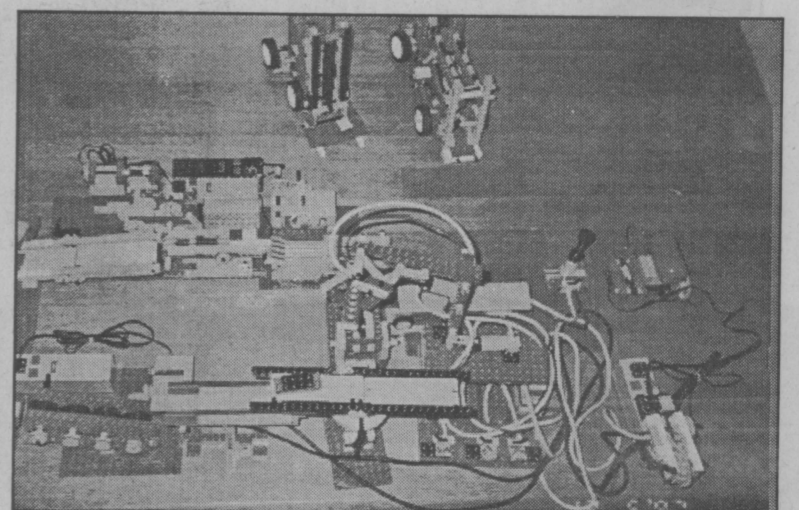
The children's projects can be viewed at the Internet website: <http://www.boe.cabe.k12.WV.us/daviscr>.



Davis Creek Elementary students hard at work.



Students using the latest in LEGO technology.



The students' finished product: A work of art that works.