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Day care center closer to reality

by LISA M. SOPKO
reporter

Two days after hundreds of students signed a special day care petition sponsored by the Women's Center, child care for Marshall students is one step closer to reality.

Leah Tolliver, Women's Center, director, said 335 students signed the petition in support of administrators' continuing efforts to establish a day care center.



Tolliver

"We've heard from three agencies so far and we think there may be others," said Dr. Marianna Footo-Linz, leader of the 28-member child care team at Marshall. "We hope to break ground by early this summer and open by the fall of next year at the latest."

The center will serve 68 children up to kindergarten age, and will have at least one room for infants, Footo-Linz said. The team hopes to be able to provide an after-school program as well.

Marshall students will have a "very high priority" at the center, but it will be open to other area residents as well, she said.

Huntington Mayor Jean Dean has committed \$1.1 million in Community Development Block Grant funds for the project.

"Child care has been a prior-

ity for Mayor Dean since she first took office," said Cathy Burns, the city's director of planning and development, noting that the city previously was involved with the development of the Enterprise Child Development Center and expansion of the Barnett Child Care Program.

As a condition of the grant funding, at least 51 percent of the children will come from moderate- to low-income families, she said.

"We hope with other partnerships to increase the number of children to at least 88," said Laura Wyant, child care team facilitator. She said a 1994 survey found that 130 people would consider using the campus center full-time or on a regular part-time basis, with another 91 interested in periodic drop-ins or sick-child care if available.

The need for quality child care is great and increasing, Footo-Linz said.

"I know at least one graduate student who had to drop out of school because of child care issues," she said. "There's no way of knowing how many people don't continue their education because they are uncomfortable with their child care options, but I'm sure it's a lot."

Linz also said two people called and asked to be put on a waiting list last year after a story ran in the Parthenon about efforts to develop the child care center.

Marshall is contributing about \$180,000 to the center's development by providing the property, doing the site prepa-

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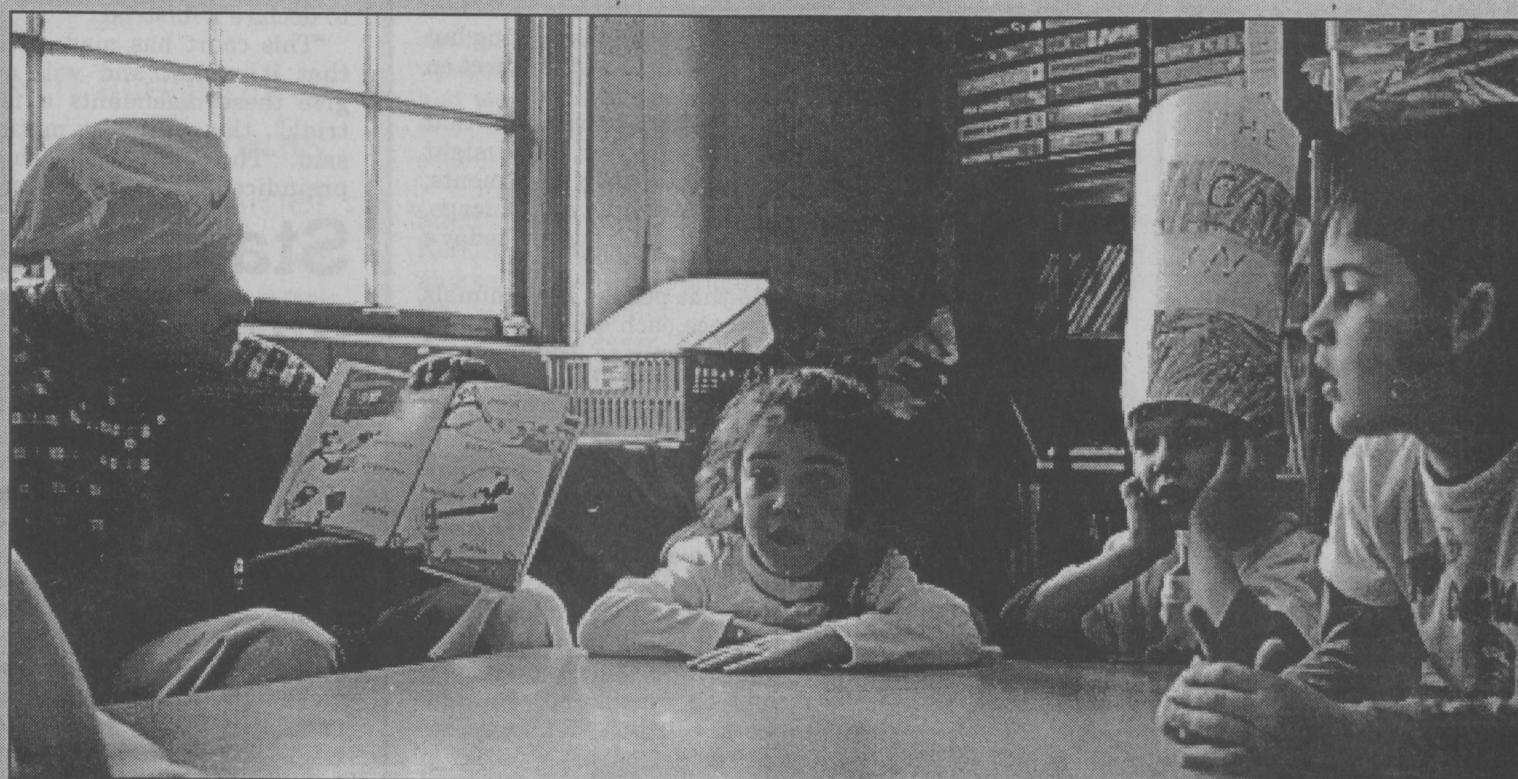


Photo by Connie Nichols

VonDale Morton, a junior forward on the basketball team, took a time-out from athletics Monday to read books to a group of students at Meadows Elementary School. Story and photos on page 8.

Tax bill awaits Senate passage

by KRISTI R. ERWIN
reporter

Thanks to state government officials, taxes may not be inevitable for Marshall's fraternities and sororities.

Del. Jody Smirl, R-Cabell, said she expects House Bill 4092, which would exempt sorority and fraternity houses from paying higher property taxes, to be discussed on the Senate floor today.

Smirl said the bill was passed to the Senate Finance Committee last week, and if passed, would be made effective

from passage. "The law will already be in place prohibiting the assessor from charging any taxes," she said.

At present time there are eight fraternities and sororities that have received county tax statements. Based on the 1997 tax rate, the amount fraternities and sororities would have to pay totals more than \$45,000.

P. Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said he was pleased to hear the news. "It's nice to know that government officials really do listen," he said.

Smirl became involved when sorority and fraternity members received tax notices from Cabell County Assessor Ottie Adkins and contacted her.

Jeff Mackenzie Howard, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, said the "whole Greek system is in danger."

Howard's fraternity received two bills from the assessor, which were sent directly to the fraternity house and to Fraters Inc., the organization that owns the TKE house.

Howard said, "I'm glad they're (Smirl and other legislators) from Cabell and Wayne

counties) fighting for us." Howard added he would like to be present if and when Gov. Cecil H. Underwood signs the bill.

"If the governor signs the bill I would definitely like to be there representing Marshall University as President-Elect of the Student Body and President of TKE."

Smirl said if the bill passes in the Senate Thursday, "The Gov. could sign it as early as Friday."

Hermansdorfer said, "It reinforces the attitude that students can make a difference and have an impact."

Good Grub



Photo by Makiko Sasanuma

Second-floor residents of Buskirk Hall were rewarded for their high grade point averages last semester with a pizza party in the study lounge Monday night. The women had a combined 3.0 GPA.

Grant to fund research, stimulate technology

by NICOLE M. WRIGHT
reporter

College of Science administrators and faculty members are hoping July will bring good news for the college.

That's when they expect to know if a \$2.1 million grant is approved to buy new instruments, pay student stipends and fund four new faculty summer teaching positions.

Dr. Thomas A. Storch, dean of the College of Science, said the grant will be allocated over a three-year span. Storch said he is expecting the grant will be approved.

The money for the grant is funded through the National Science Foundation's EPSCoR program. Storch said EPSCoR is an experimental program to stimulate competitive research in West Virginia and 18 other states.

EPSCoR-designated states have done poorly in obtaining federal money to support research. Storch attended a statewide meeting at the Legislature to discuss enhancing science and technology in the state and obtaining money for programs. The EPSCoR

"If the grant comes through, Marshall will be a very exciting place for students doing research."

— Dr. Thomas A. Storch, COS dean

program's main goal is to have universities do research that links to the economic health of the state.

"Money will be used to obtain funding to buy new instrumentation, provide funding for students' research and summer funding for four new faculty members," Storch said.

The money will help build a core instrumentation facility in the Science Building to be

used by the faculty and students at the COS and Marshall University School of Medicine.

Storch said if the grant is approved, about \$500,000 will be used to purchase instruments. "New instruments are necessary to teach advanced students in sciences," Storch said. "Also faculty and students doing research will benefit from the instruments."

Also, undergraduate and graduate students will be paid stipends to do research with faculty from this money, Storch said.

"If the grant comes through, Marshall will be a very exciting place for students doing research," Storch said.

Four new faculty members were hired last semester to bring their research abilities to the COS. "They will complement research in biomedical sciences and build a linkage with the medical school," he said.

The four new faculty members are from chemistry and biological sciences and they will be working with students

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Discussion to explore how women can succeed

by LISA M. SOPKO
reporter

Exploring the challenges and barriers Appalachian women face in achieving success will be discussed Monday as part of Women's History Month.

The panel discussion titled "Overcoming the Barriers to Success: Challenges for the Appalachian Woman" will begin at noon Prichard Hall Room 143.

Panel members are Dr. Pamela Mulder, assistant professor of psychology; Dr. Marianna Footo-Linz, associate professor of psychology; and Connie Zirkle, administrative secretary of psychology.

"Each of us will present our thoughts and ideas in the areas we have studied," Mulder said. "Then the discussion will be open to anyone who wants to brainstorm and share their ideas."

Lacking child care in rural areas, downplaying

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Medical staff's failure to wash hands causes babies' illness

BOSTON (AP) — An outbreak of an unusual form of yeast infection in an intensive care ward for newborns has been traced to the medical staff's failure to wash their hands after playing with their dogs.

The yeast, first identified in a rhinoceros in 1925, made 15 babies sick at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., from 1993 to 1995. Epidemiologists from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were called in to investigate.

The medical detectives believe that dogs carried the yeast, known as *Malassezia pachydermatis*, and that the pet owners got it on their hands. When they got to the hospital, they handled babies without washing thoroughly. One and perhaps more got infected. Then nurses and doctors spread the yeast from baby to baby when they touched them.

In newborns, the yeast causes a variety of symptoms, including fever and irritability, and can be fatal. But none of the babies at Dartmouth-Hitchcock died of the infection.

Dr. William R. Jarvis, one of the CDC investigators, said the case is a clear example of why scrubbing up is so critical, especially when dealing with premature babies with underdeveloped immune defenses.

"Hand washing is probably the most effective way to interrupt the transfer of pathogens," he said.

Yet failure to wash is a major problem in hospitals, where doctors and nurses often feel rushed. When asked about their habits, the Dartmouth-Hitchcock staff said they usually did wash their hands.

High blood pressure big problem in pregnancy

BOSTON (AP) — Giving aspirin to pregnant women to prevent dangerously high blood pressure called preeclampsia doesn't work, a large study found.

Preeclampsia afflicts about 5 percent of pregnant women and can be fatal to both mother and child.

The new research means there is no accepted way to prevent this problem.

The two most promising therapies — aspirin and calcium supplements — have both been discounted by recent research.

Aspirin came into wide use about five years ago for women at high risk after several small studies suggesting that it dramatically reduced the problem.

Larger studies were then done to confirm this, but they showed no benefit.

Those studies were criticized for not including enough women at high risk of preeclampsia.

Although aspirin use fell off, some doctors continued to give their patients low doses, typically one baby aspirin a day, especially for those women considered to be at very high risk.

The latest study was intended to settle the issue.

It was conducted on 2,503 pregnant women considered at high risk.

About 20 percent got preeclampsia, whether or not they took aspirin.

Study: body odors can influence others

NEW YORK (AP) — Here's news to wrinkle your nose: In a study using armpit secretions, scientists have found what they call the first proof that people can influence each other through airborne chemical signals they don't even notice.

When researchers wiped the secretions from one group of women under the noses of other women, the second group showed changes in their menstrual cycles. The cycles got either longer or shorter, depending on where the donors were in their own menstrual cycles.

The affected women said they didn't smell anything but alcohol put on the pads. The alcohol alone had no effect on the women's menstrual cycles.

Nobody has identified the underarm substances that produced the effect, but once that happens, they might lead to new contraceptives and infertility treatments, said Martha K. McClintock of the University of Chicago, who reported the findings with a colleague in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

The work adds to indications that people, like animals from insects to elephants, influence each other by giving off chemical signals called pheromones (pronounced FAIR-o-mones). In animals, pheromones do such things as block pregnancies and influence mating preferences, timing of puberty and dominance.

The range of effects in people is still an open question. It's known that newborns and their mothers can recognize each other's body odor, for example, but scientists disagree on whether that counts as a pheromone signal.

In any case, McClintock's paper "will stand up as a classic in the field," said George Preti, a researcher at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia.

who has done similar research. While some experts cautioned that the results should be considered tentative until they are confirmed, others called the findings convincing. "The work is pivotal," said Charles Wysocki of Monell. "It basically says, 'Look, people, we are influenced by pheromones that emanate from other people.'"

Tobacco industry lawyers ask judge to step down

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Tobacco industry attorneys called Wednesday for the judge hearing the trial to step down, saying he has made it impossible for their clients to get a fair trial.

If Ramsey County District Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick doesn't agree to remove himself, the defendants want him to declare a mistrial.

"This court has made clear that it cannot and will not give these defendants a fair trial," the 50-page motion said. "The court has clearly prejudiced the merits and

plainly demonstrated bias by repeatedly directing hostile language at the defendants."

Attorneys cited Fitzpatrick's reference to industry documents as "some of the darkest bowels of the tobacco industry." They said they would appeal if the judge turns them down.

"This is an absolutely desperate measure," Michael Ciresi, lead attorney for the state, said of the motion. "It has no basis in fact or law."

"The tobacco industry is finding out that it can no longer steamroll its way

through court like it has in the past," he said.

The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota are suing the tobacco industry to recover \$1.77 billion they claim they have spent treating smoking-related illnesses.

Back on the stand for testimony today was Cheryl Perry, an expert on adolescent behavior from the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health. On Tuesday, she testified that tobacco advertising and promotions are a major reason why smoking among minors began.

States hope lower alcohol limit will curb drinking and driving

ASSOCIATED PRESS—It sounds like a no-brainer: Lower the legal blood-alcohol limit, keep more drunken drivers off American highways, save lives.

That's the theory in the 15 states that lowered their thresholds from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent; in Washington state, where the governor is expected to sign the Legislature's newly passed 0.08 limit; and in 14 other states where lawmakers are pushing for the lower limit.

And last week, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to withhold federal highway money from states that don't follow suit. The House will take up the matter when the Senate finishes work on the \$173 billion highway bill.

Does the lower limit actually lessen highway carnage?

In some of the states with 0.08 laws, the raw number of deaths in drunken driving accidents, unadjusted for population change, fell with the new standard. In some, the

number rose. In some, it's gone up and down since the law changed.

Obvious the benefits of the lower alcohol limit might seem, but it's a tricky business to measure the effect on traffic fatalities. Reducing the amount of alcohol a driver may legally drink is just one preventive measure in operation. More cars are now equipped with airbags, more drivers buckle their seat belts, and more states are stripping bad drivers of their licenses.



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Court reappoints Miami mayor

MIAMI (AP) — An appeals court restored Joe Carollo as the mayor of Miami on Wednesday, throwing out 5,000 absentee ballots cast in the election that ousted him because of widespread fraud.

"This would never have happened in a Third World banana republic," a jubilant Carollo said, referring to a critical description of Miami politics on a recent segment of the CBS newsmagazine "60 Minutes."

Last week, a judge threw out the election and ordered a new contest because of widespread absentee ballot fraud in Xavier Suarez's victory.

Carollo appealed, saying he should be declared the winner outright because absentee ballot fraud on Nov. 4 left him 155 votes short of the majority needed to avoid a runoff. Suarez won the absentee vote by a 2-1 margin, then went on to easily win the runoff nine days later.

Wednesday, the 3rd District Court of Appeal agreed with Carollo and pronounced him the winner without a special election, based on votes cast at polling places. He can serve the remainder of his second, four-year term, the court said.

"We refuse to disenfranchise the more than 40,000 voters who on Nov. 4, 1997, exercised their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote in the polling places of Miami," the court said.

Man sets roommate ablaze

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — Soggy cigarettes may be the motive for the fiery death of a 37-year-old man who was allegedly doused with gasoline and set ablaze by his roommate.

Don Stanley was held on a murder charge in the death Saturday of Toby Lynn Peek. He also faces a charge of witness intimidation.

Stanley isn't talking, police said, but investigators have spoken with several people who helped reconstruct events.

"He did make a statement to two different people that he was angry because Peek had gotten his cigarettes wet," Deputy Chief Mark McCloskey said Tuesday. He said Stanley, 34, had a history of psychological difficulties and both he and Peek been drinking.

"He threw gas on him, and there's evidence he was throwing matches at the victim," McCloskey said.

Stanley had hitchhiked to a gas station and bought about 35 cents worth of gas, McCloskey said.

"He told the guy who picked him up that he was going to do something bad and he better not tell anybody what he was fixing to do," he said.

Teen allegedly murders parents with ax, hammer

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP)

— A teen-age boy was arrested on murder charges for allegedly using an ax and sledgehammer to kill his parents and critically wound three younger siblings.

Jeffery Franklin, 17, was charged with capital murder and attempted murder after the attack Tuesday, police spokesman Wendell Johnson said. Gerald Franklin and his wife, Cynthia, were dead when police arrived at their home.

Alaska children ask museum to return stuffed sled dog

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Balto, come home.

Alaska schoolchildren are petitioning a Cleveland museum to return the stuffed remains of Balto, the sled dog that led the last leg of a heroic, 1925 relay to bring lifesaving diphtheria serum to Nome.

But officials at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History are adamant.

"The dog is not going to be returned," director James King said Wednesday.

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President says Iraq not sellout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rejecting criticism from Congress, President Clinton said Wednesday the U.N. agreement for unobstructed weapons inspections in Iraq had worked well in its first tests and was "clearly not a sellout."

Clinton warmly congratulated Secretary-General Kofi Annan for the accord and said he was encouraged by the initial results.

He said, however, "I think we have to remain vigilant. The last six days are not the same as the next six months."

Health insurers work around law

WASHINGTON (AP) — A law intended to guarantee

Americans won't lose their health insurance when they change jobs isn't working out the way it was planned.

Government auditors find that insurance companies are charging 140 to 600 percent of the standard premiums for people who try to use the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to convert their group policies to individual coverage.

And some companies are discouraging their agents from writing the high-risk policies by reducing or eliminating commissions.

Saturn workers renew contract

SPRING HILL, Tenn. (AP) — Workers at Saturn, the "new kind of car company" where employees get a say in how the business is run, decided Wednesday to

keep their unique contract that rewards productivity and ingenuity.

The 7,200 United Auto Workers members could have scrapped it in favor of the contract all other UAW members have, but instead voted overwhelmingly to maintain the agreement in place since the plant opened in 1990.

The vote tally was 4,052 to 2,120.

"The vote today represents that this local is dedicated and committed to the original Saturn idea," said Mike Bennett, shop chairman for UAW Local 1853. "The partnership is alive and well in Spring Hill."

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—Marianna Footo-Linz
leader of child care team

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McDougal book, bank on wheels coming out soon

Lora Kiser
columnist

The recent death of Jim McDougal has raised many eyebrows, but it will not raise as many as the contents of a book he is alleged to have written. The truth about the Whitewater scandal could be disclosed to us sooner than the Clintons anticipate. McDougal's recent comments about the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal: "Hell's a-burnin'!"

The theological debate still continues in the women's bathroom stall in the library at Marshall. It is said that more profound thoughts are to be found there than in some of the religious studies classes.

The Legislature passed a bill this session legalizing mobile banking, also known as Winnebango.

The Road Kill Bill, allowing motorists to keep whatever they run over and kill, recently passed. Once again, West Virginia puts its best foot forward.

There is a bill in the Legislature that would allow the Division of Highways to accept financial donations for the acquisition of unkept or unclaimed roads. Accepting private donations seems unnecessary when we have plenty of money to cover such costs in the budget. After all, the state is only \$6 billion in debt.

According to President Clinton's men, he is the victim of Monica Lewinsky. That would mean she got past Hillary, Betty, other miscellaneous White House officials and the Secret Service agents on many occasions in order to "harass" the president.

The Multicultural Affairs Office has an agenda to identify and promote diversity on Marshall's campus. A few years ago, some Conservative students wanted to bring in a well-known Conservative, Cuban speaker by the name of Jaun Clark.

After submitting a funding packet to the Office, the students were soon told that Clark was not Multicultural enough. Oh, only that type of diversity qualifies.

Poetic?

In appreciation of the many types of writing, the Parthenon is accepting original poetry written by students and professors. We plan to publish as many poems as space allows on our Center Stage page in the coming weeks.

All submissions must have a name, class rank or title and a phone number for verification. Obscene material will not be published. Send poems to Smith Hall Room 311.

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Euthanasia soon to become legal

To the Editor:

Jack Kevorkian used to call what he does "medicine" until it was pointed out that the term literally means "the killing of medicine." Many feared that killing the medical profession was exactly what he would accomplish if he succeeded in turning physicians into agents of death who were authorized to put the sick out of our emotional and financial misery. But it appears to already be too late.

Although partial-birth abortion has been condemned by the medical profession as

never justified, the profession has taken no action against its practitioners. Consider what kind of mind it takes to hold a perfectly formed human child squirming in one's hands and then puncture its skull and suck its brains out. Do such as these really qualify to be called medical doctors? Then why are they still members of the profession in good standing and allowed to continue this horrific practice?

The byword of the medical profession used to be "above all do no harm," and the Hippocratic Oath used to say

"I will give no deadly medicine." It also included an explicit prohibition against committing abortion. (Perhaps this has something to do with why it has quietly disappeared from many medical schools.) What has become of the medical profession when it welcomes into its ranks those unethical practitioners who have prostituted their skills to destroy human life, accepts abortion when there is no medical indication, and intrudes itself into families by condoning surgery on minors without parental permission or knowledge? Yet many,

duped by the wedge issues of pain and personal autonomy, want to trust this thoroughly corrupted brotherhood with end of life decisions for the weakest and most vulnerable among us.

We are not far from the experience of the Netherlands where euthanasia is legal. The Dutch now fear entering their own hospital where many lives are involuntarily ended in spite of so-called safeguards.

Alfred Lemmo
Dearborn, Michigan

Corridor H allows for sharing of state's beauty

A number of critics of the State's effort to construct Corridor H contend it will be a blight on the landscape of West Virginia; that it is unnecessary, that sufficient roadways already exist to allow would-be visitors to travel to and through the area.

I'm sure many of these same arguments were voiced against other ambitious road projects of their time. Be it that classic ribbon of highway along the Pacific Coast, called Route One, that permits travelers to view the grandeur of that majestic setting, the extensive causeway system to the Florida Keys or the four-lane highways that allow us to access hard-to-get destinations such as Yellowstone Park and the Grand Canyon. Without such ambitious projects, without convenient access, how many people would have the pleasure of experiencing these natural wonders first hand?

As a child, in the pre-interstate days of the early 50s, it used to take our family a week of my Dad's annual two-weeks of leave just to get to and from our vacation destination in Northern Florida. Today, with

our nation's network of interstates, one can reach that same destination in half the time.

My point being that the degree of difficulty and time required in reaching a destination is directly related to the number of people willing and able to undertake the trip in question. If people can't reach a desired destination conveniently and safely, they are considerably less likely to visit that location. It is this premise that is at the core of the decision to go forward with Corridor H.

West Virginia, and particularly that area of our state that Corridor H would access, is blessed with some of the most compelling natural beauty found anywhere in the United States or, for that matter, the world. Why shouldn't we want to make this travel experience available to as many people as possible? Why shouldn't we want to increase tourism to our beautiful state by building a highway that would allow visitors to considerably shorten their travel time? Why shouldn't we want to make it as convenient as possible for as many people as possible to travel to and

through our state and to enjoy the scenic splendor and outdoor recreational opportunities that are unique to West Virginia?

Before moving to Charleston to take my present position, my wife and I lived in Shepherdstown. To travel to Canaan Valley, to visit Spruce Knob, Snowshoe, Dolly Sods, Seneca Rocks or the Cass Scenic Railroad was no small undertaking. With the completion of Corridor H the timing and difficulty of reaching these destinations would be reduced significantly.

Critics would have you believe that the State is willing to sacrifice normal roadway standards to make this highway happen. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Tireless and costly efforts have been made to preserve the natural landscape and heritage of the affected areas. State planners, just like their critics, realize that we have to be sensitive to the unique and beautiful surroundings with which we have been entrusted. No one is wanting to diminish or denigrate those surroundings; quite the contrary, we want to enhance and promote them.

We want as many people as possible to come to our state and savor the natural wonders that are ours.

How many people would journey to the Florida Keys if it weren't for the causeway? How many people would visit Big Sur if it weren't for U.S. Route 1? How many visitors would take Yellowstone Park or the Grand Canyon if it weren't for the interstates? To take in the beauty and majesty of these locations you have to have a practical means of getting there. Likewise, to take in the beauty and majesty of the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia, we too need to make it practical for tourists and residents alike, to visit this gorgeous region of our state.

As stated at the outset, Corridor H is a much needed means to a most desirable end. Let's share the beauty and outdoor recreational opportunities that are ours with as many people as we can. To do otherwise would be selfish and shortsighted.

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Forensics Union wins 20 awards

by **CHRISTA M. STEWART**
reporter

Pollsters who consistently list public speaking as one of Americans' top fears obviously didn't talk to the Marshall University Forensics Union before its members competed in the West Virginia State Championships in Parkersburg.

The team won 20 awards, including seven first places, in the forensics tournament on the WVU-Parkersburg campus Feb. 28.

"It was an absolutely incredible year for us," Matt L. Turley, president, said.

The tournament, sponsored by the West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensics Association, comprised 10 individual events and an exhibition Lincoln-Douglas debate.

"The forensics tournament is a way to give students an opportunity to improve their public speaking skills," Turley said. "It is an attempt to allow students in the state to qualify for national competition."

The 10 competitive events fell into three categories: four prepared-speaking events, four interpretive events and two limited-preparation events.

The prepared-speaking events included persuasion, informative, after-dinner and rhetorical criticism. The interpretive events included prose, poetry, dramatic duo and dramatic interpretation. The limited-preparation events included impromptu and extem-

poraneous speaking.

Students participating in at least five events, with at least one from each category, could compete in the Pentathlon event. Also, schools were eligible for the sweepstakes awards for which points are earned in the preliminary rounds and the final rounds.

Marshall won the first-place Sweepstakes Award this year with 119 preliminary points and 161 final-round points. Turley, senior member, won first place in the Pentathlon, prose, poetry, extemporaneous speaking and impromptu. He placed third in duo interpretation with Vanessa Williamson, Point Pleasant freshman, and rhetorical criticism.

Williamson and Turley placed third and fourth respectively in dramatic interpretation.

Other Marshall students also won awards. Jessica Greenwood, Huntington senior, placed first in persuasion and second in rhetorical criticism. She is now eligible to compete in the Interstate Oratorical Associations National Tournament at Springfield, Ill., to which the top two persuasive speakers in each state are invited.

Alison Fisher, Ashland, Ky., senior, placed second in informative speaking and fourth in the Pentathlon, persuasion, rhetorical criticism and extemporaneous speaking.

Paula Taylor, Duval sophomore, placed third in extemporaneous speaking and sixth in prose.



photo courtesy of the Marshall University Forensics Union
From left: Paula Taylor, Alison Fisher, Jessica Greenwood, Matthew Turley, Dr. Kristine Greenwood, Vanessa Williamson, Danny White

Carrie Malone, Fairmont sophomore, and Christopher Stone, South Charleston senior, also participated at the tournament.

Joshua Saunders, Ironton, Ohio, senior, participated in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate. He and Shepherd College student Patricia Shank debated the resolution that "the United States federal government should substantially change its foreign policy toward Taiwan."

Marshall wasn't able to

enter as many events in past years, Turley said, but the team has had more opportunity to travel around the country and compete in many tournaments this year.

"We've been more active as a team this year," Turley said. "It was nice to be able to go up this year and bring home the win."

Turley said the team usually meets Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Forensics Workroom, Smith Hall 269. He said any student may join.

ROTC scholarship deadlines extended

by **BLAINE MULLINS**
reporter

Deadlines for both two- and three-year ROTC scholarships have been extended.

In addition to paying for tuition, books and fees, these scholarships also provide a tax-free subsistence income of \$150 a month for 10 months out of the year, said Lt. Doug Clay, Marshall graduate and gold bar recruiter.

Clay said the two-year scholarship deadline has been extended to May 15 and applicants for three-year scholarships now have until April 3.

"We've had a positive response so far," he said.

Students who join also have the opportunity to attend airborne school, air assault school and other Army training such as mountain warfare and northern warfare, he said.

Clay said the scholarships are for students who plan to graduate in two or three years. He said the majority of applicants were juniors, along with some freshmen.

"We encourage all classes, including graduate students, to apply, because the scholarship also applies to graduate school," Clay said. Clay said he believes there will be a high level of competition among the applicants. He said that many of the previous applicants had high GPAs.

"Many students are interested in joining, but at the same time, there are many others that don't know these scholarships are out there," Clay said.

"We want them to apply regardless of whether they need school paid for or if they're simply interested in joining the military," he said.

Clay said that student involvement in campus organizations such as fraternities, academic clubs and athletics is creditable on applications.

"We are looking for people who can operate as a

"These people have the potential to become effective leaders, because the purpose of this program...is to develop leadership and management skills."

— Lt. Doug Clay,
Marshall graduate
and gold bar
recruiter

team," Clay said. "These people have the potential to become effective leaders, because the purpose of this program, like a team, is to develop leadership and management skills."

A career in the military can provide a variety of opportunities, Clay said. This includes international travel, competitive pay, job security and 30 days paid vacation each year, he said.

"The military helps develop character, build self-esteem, and the skills you learn in ROTC and apply in the military are great skills in life," Clay said. "Anything you learn in ROTC will be positive for you as a person and for your career."

Clay said there is no obligation for applicants. Students interested in joining can stop by Room 217 in Gullickson Hall or call 696-6450 to speak with Lt. Clay or Capt. John Block.



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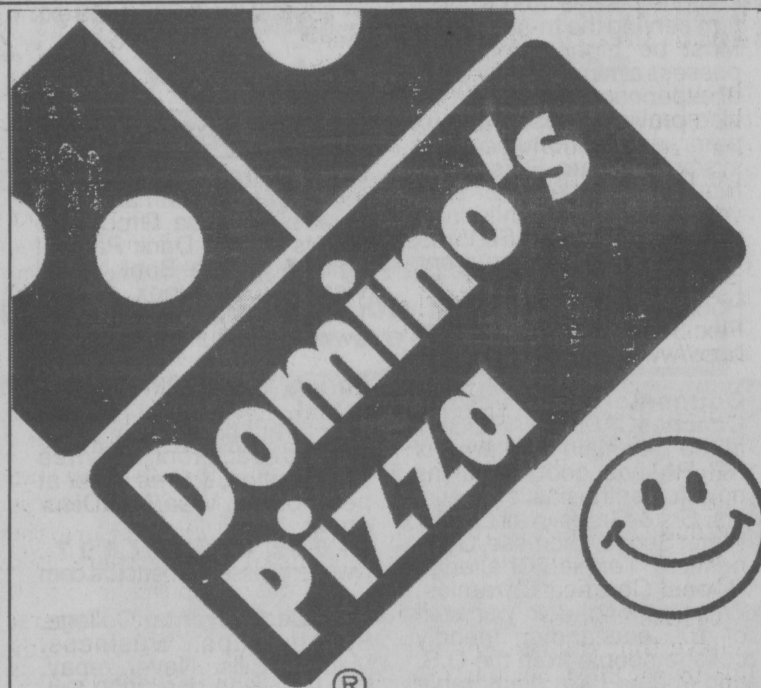
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ration work and paying the architectural fees, Wyant added.

The center will be located at the corner of 22nd Street and 5 1/2 Alley, just behind R. F. Steiner & Co. The building is being designed by Clint Bryan and Associates of Charleston.

"Because of the university environment, we will be able to offer a lot of special things to families in terms of services," she said. "Marshall students in fields such as education, psychology and communication disorders will be able to provide services through internships and practicum experiences."

The children also will have easy access to enriching activities on campus through the art gallery and the Joan C. Edwards Fine and Performing Arts Center, Footo-Linz added.

She said she expects the center to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"It's nice from the city's perspective to be able to have not just a state-of-the-art facility but state-of-the-art care," Burns said. "The city values the programming as much as the facility."

Footo-Linz said the child care team hopes to have a provider selected and necessary funding secured in time to put the construction out for bids in April.

More information about the project may be obtained by calling Footo-Linz at 696-2774.

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on research projects in the summer, Storch said.

Dr. Terry W. Fenger, director of the forensic science program, said the program will get a portion of the money.

"It is greatly needed and will help the College of Science and Forensic Science program through the medical school," he said.

Storch said the connection between the medical school and the "At most universities the College of Science and faculty is removed from the medical school faculty and students," he said.

Storch said the grant will help build the overall science strength at the university through faculty, students and instruments.

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Research can earn students tuition waivers

NICOLE M. WRIGHT
reporter

Marshall's biology majors might be able to get a "free ride" next fall if they can come up with a good research project.

On average, four out of 10 applicants from West Virginia will receive tuition waivers for fall 1998 undergraduate research projects.

Dr. Margaret A. Bird, biological sciences associate professor, said research sparks interest in the sciences and welcomes undergraduate research activities.

This is the fifth year under-

graduate biology majors can get tuition waivers for research, Bird said.

Full-time biology majors, who have completed 15 credit hours of classes and reside in West Virginia, can apply for the waiver.

Although no certain grade point average is required, some preference is given to upper classmen, Bird said. Students are also required to make an agreement with a faculty member to direct the research.

"The research is directed by a biology professor, but the student works independently," Bird said.

Research is beneficial to students because they are doing professional work while in school.

"In some ways, the waiver targets students who would normally fall through the cracks," she said.

Research projects range from high-tech laboratory-based experiments, to actually searching for samples in field studies.

Michael S. Kim, Parkersburg biology senior, said a tuition waiver is beneficial along with the experience of doing research.

He said the research is a lot of work, but leisure time is

possible.

"Working under a professor is a lot of responsibility because they leave the research for the student to complete," Kim said.

He is analyzing different nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus with different species of plants in the Green Bottom Wildlife Management area.

April 1 is the deadline to apply for the fall semester waiver.

An application form is available at Science Building room 350 or 377.

Information can be obtained by calling Bird at 696-6495.

Marshall named best college buy

by KAREN LOUDIN
reporter

Marshall has once again been named one of the 100 best college buys in the United States.

"Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys, 1998-1999" profiles schools that are the highest rated academically and have the lowest total cost for the college year.

An article in the guide, shows, "Across the board, from academic quality to campus environment, from athletics to cutting edge technology, Marshall is constantly evolving, growing and progressing."

This guide is compiled by Institutional Research and Evaluation in Gainesville, Ga., and lists the 100 best college buys along with cost, sources of financial aid, majors offered and information on campus life at each school.

The publisher, John Culler, said there were 1,800 colleges researched for the guide. "Our research has shown that a prospective student could save \$30,000 to \$50,000 or more on a quality education," he said.

To be considered for the guide, a college must be a four-year accredited institution

Awards encourage quality advising

Professors doing an outstanding job advising graduate students may be nominated for recognition and a monetary award.

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Nominators may send letters to Dr. Charley Braun at 432 Corbly Hall no later than 5 p.m. March 18, according to the guidelines. Braun's e-mail address is Braun@Marshall.edu.

The selection committee consists of two faculty members and three graduate students. The letter should specifically state in detail why the nominee is worthy. Finalists will be asked to share their perspective of the advising process in a short written discussion. The selection committee will announce three winners in the middle of April.

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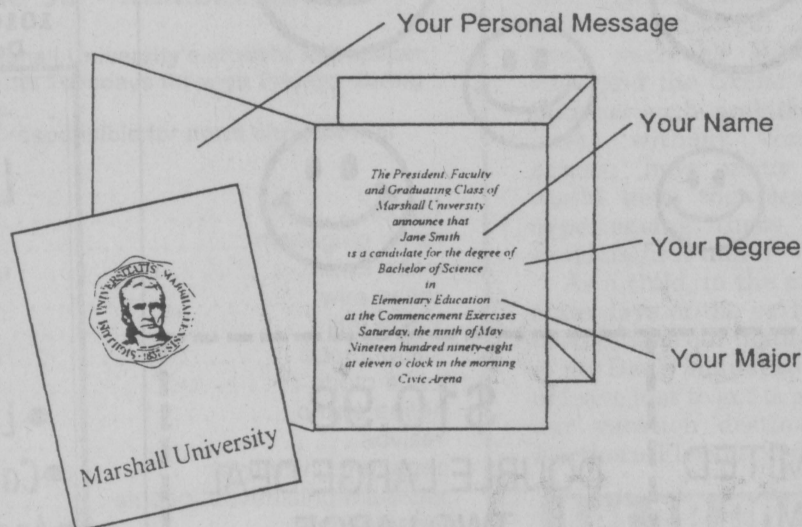
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MAC teams in tourney

by **ROBERT HARPER**
reporter

The Mid-American Conference placed two teams in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament for only the fourth time in the conference's history.

Eastern Michigan (20-9), won the MAC tournament and received the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Eastern Michigan received the number 13 seed in the East bracket and will

face fourth seeded Michigan State in Hartford Thursday.

The only at-large bid received by the MAC was given to Western Michigan (20-7). Western Michigan reportedly received the at-large bid over Ball State due to upset wins over Michigan and UNC-Charlotte.

Western Michigan garnered the number 11 seed in the Midwest. Western Michigan will face sixth seeded Clemson in Chicago Friday.

Baseball team loses to VMI

by **CHRIS HAGY**
reporter

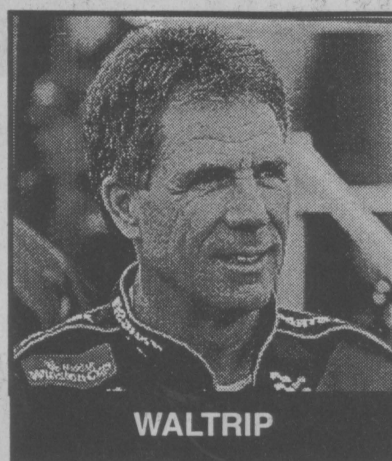
The "routine" head baseball coach Craig Antush said his team entered with the victories over Youngstown State wasn't enough to top the Keydets of the Virginia Military Academy in game one of a three game series Tuesday at Patchin Field in Lexington, Va.

Despite first baseman Tom Kuempel going 2 for 3 at the plate, Marshall was overwhelmed, committing

seven errors to VMI's one. The Keydets beat Marshall with a final score of 17-10.

Chris Brooks and John Yates led the Keydets with four hits each driving home a combined four runs. Ed Pearson had four RBI's and Chris Catanzaro knocked in three runs.

VMI pitcher Ian Ostlund lasted seven innings striking out 11 and giving up only six hits to earn his first collegiate win. Credited for the loss was Marshall pitcher Mark Crocona, now 0-2.



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Waltrip drops sponsor

Darrell Waltrip, mired in a slump that has him pointed toward the worst season of his 27-year Winston Cup career, said Tuesday that he has terminated the contract of his primary sponsor.

Waltrip, who signed a sponsorship agreement with Speedblock Inc. in mid-January, said he was terminating the contract effective immediately because the company "grossly failed" to fulfill the terms of the deal. He would not elaborate on the alleged failures.

Feasibility study for recreational center begins

by **ANDY BALLARD**
reporter

After reviewing the proposal at a meeting last Friday for a new recreational/athletic complex based on the \$8.7 million Perry Field House at Bowling Green, President J. Wade Gilley said he liked the idea of building a new facility on campus.

Dr. C. Robert Barnett, professor and chairman of the College of Education Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), has been given the "green light" from President Gilley to form a committee and do a feasibility search on a new recreational/athletic center.

Gilley said, "I think it will be a great addition to our campus, we'll just have to see if everything can be worked out."

The committee, Barnett said, will consist of Tom Lovins, director of recre-

ational sports and fitness activities; Sharon Starton, assistant director of recreational sports and fitness activities; Steve Rackley, associate athletic director of operations; Steve Hensley, associate dean of student affairs; and a student government representative.

"We hope to start the feasibility search this week and have all of our information by the end of this semester," Barnett said.

A feasibility search is a lengthy process, explained Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president of operations. He said it begins with, "Identifying a program, this is where everyone sits down and tells each other exactly what they want in the complex. Next, they refine their ideas with details such as, what kind of surface they would want on the basketball courts and how many square feet each will be. Then the total area of the facil-

ity will be calculated in square feet with the assistance of an architectural firm. Now they're ready to figure out a total cost. Once the cost is calculated, they can present a project budget."

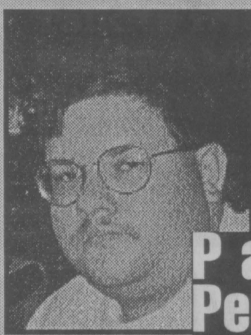
After the project budget is presented, the committee must figure out how it will be funded.

Grose said, "It would go before the fee committee, but the majority of the support for this facility would probably come from student referendum. I think it would have to be highly publicized and require a student vote. That's what they did in Morgantown to get their new fitness center."

Barnett said his committee is only at about the third step in the search process.

Grose has an optimistic outlook about the project as well. He said, "This was the same way the library started out."

Fearless predictions for March Madness



Parsons Perspective

With the month of March on us like hair on a monkey, that can mean only one thing. March Madness!

That's right my friends, college basketball's premier time is finally here.

The boring, mind-humbing, wasting perfectly good hockey coverage time on ESPN, regular season has finally ended and now the games really count. So, break out your 64-team brackets and lets start making predictions.

Let's start in the Midwest. A stirring confrontation indeed between number one ranked Kansas and number 16 Prairie View. Oh am I all atingle with the thoughts of upset. I'll make the call. Prairie View will, I repeat, WILL defeat Kansas in the first round. Think about it, who would win in a street fight, a Jayhawk or a Panther? If my Discovery Channel knowledge serves me right, I'm going to go with the Panther.

If it were up to me, I would have Prairie View's mascot as the mighty Prairie Dog. The Prairie View Prairie Dogs. Has a ring to it, doesn't it?

In the South, I can only say, who cares? Wake me up when Duke and

Kentucky are battling for the right to go to the final four. There's nothing intriguing about any of the match-ups.

The East. The heart of all time zones. What do time zones have to do with college basketball? Nothing, I just like to throw these things out to keep you awake.

The most intriguing match-up in the east is Connecticut and the Knights of Fairleigh Dickinson from beautiful Teaneck, New Jersey. Yes, once again, I'm going with the lower seed. Go Knights!

Which leads us to the West. Land of the rolling grain and really bad El Nino storms. No stirring match-ups here. I would go out on a limb and pick Nicholls State over Arizona but hey, I'm quirky, not insane.

So, to sum up my fearless first round predictions; I like the underdogs, or under "prairie" dogs, if you will.

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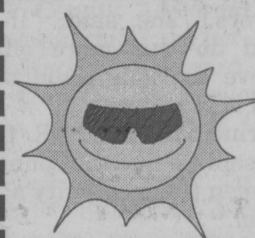
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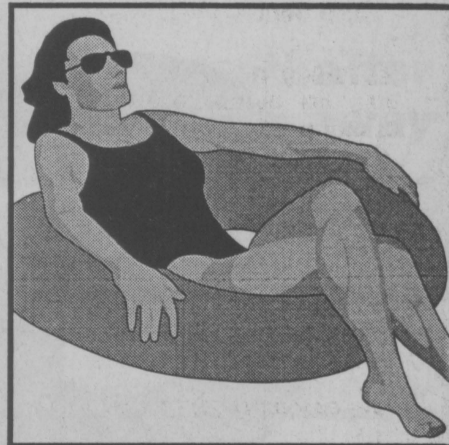
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Joda Burgess, freshman Guard for the men's basketball team, reads from a storybook at Meadows Elementary School Monday.

What's the Story?

Story by ERRIN JEWELL
Photos by CONNIE NICHOLS

Men's basketball players read storybooks, visit with area elementary school children

They may have looked like giants, and their knees wouldn't fit under the child-sized tables, but six Marshall basketball players captured the attention of the kindergarten kids at Meadows Elementary School Monday.

Joda Burgess, Deon Dobbs, Cornelius Jackson, Jesse Jett, Vondale Morton and Travis Young celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday by reading to Karen Buskirk's and Shery Jarrell's kindergarten classes.

As part of the school's celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday, the athletes read to children who were dressed like storybook characters and in shirts they decorated themselves.

After the children and athletes participated in a "reading pledge" led by Coach Mark Downey, the players introduced themselves and Downey read "Up, Pup," a Dr. Suess book.

Downey told the kids how they'll need reading as athletes. "You need to be able to read plays, scouting reports, etc.," he said.

"More importantly, you need to be able to read books for class. Their [the basketball players'] first priorities are earning their degrees, not playing basketball," Downey said. The children then listened intently as the players told them how reading affects their lives.

Dobbs, Fairmont junior guard, said, "Everything you do has to deal with reading. It is the most important thing you will learn to do in your lives."

Burgess, Kenova freshman guard, agreed with Dobbs. "Everything you do in life depends on how well you read," he said. "We are using basketball to get our college education. Education is always more important than basketball."

The basketball players presented certificates, bookmarks and books to each student participating in activities during the celebration. Then the players each read a Dr. Suess book.

Jarrell said she enjoyed the visit. "They gave meaning to the importance of reading," she said. "Especially since many of the kids want to play ball [professionally] when they grow

up, it was good for the basketball players to tell the kids that sports are important, but reading comes first.

"The children need good role models like the basketball players," she said. "If they could do this more often, I believe the kids could benefit from it."

Principal Charles R. Campbell said he like the connection between the university and his school.

"Many of the children see anyone outside of Meadows as adults. They see the basketball players as heroes. It was good for them to come and stress the importance of reading. Seeing adults who are still in school and having them read to them can make a big difference in the kids lives. The players left a lasting impression on the kids," Campbell said.

Adam Brooks was among the children who said he enjoyed being with the athletes. "I liked it," he said.

"The book was funny," David May said. "They [the players] were good."

The children seemed to understand the message the players relayed.

Kelly Cunningham said, "They said you can learn a lot if you read. You can learn new words."

The players said they enjoyed themselves. Jesse Jett, Edgewood, Ky., freshman guard, said he was more than happy to read to the kids.

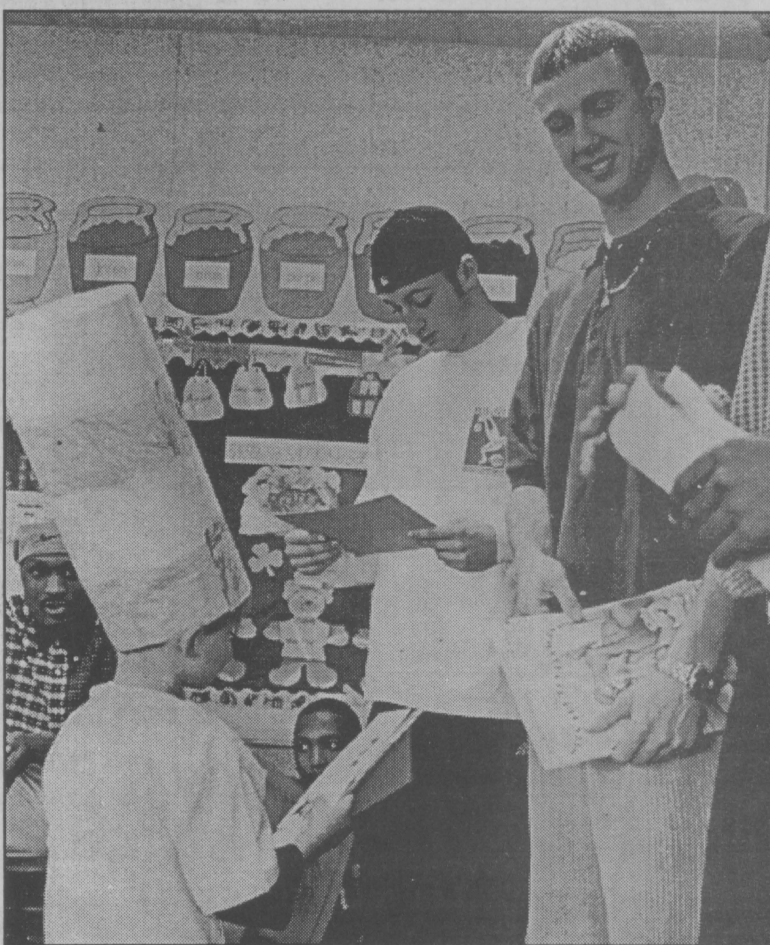
"I love them. They're fun," he said. "It was a good opportunity to come and read them. It's good that we could get them motivated."

Burgess said, "It was very fun to come out to see the kids and stress the importance of reading. I look forward to coming back."

The athletes also shared cupcakes with the children and ended the celebration by taking pictures with them.

Jeanie Riley, Meadows librarian, said she was "thrilled with the athletes' participation. The athletes and coach were great. I hope the kids understand how reading is essential for everyday life."

While they were leaving the kindergarten classroom, the



Men's basketball players Jesse Jett and Joda Burgess handed out certificates, bookmarks and books to students at Meadows Elementary.



Coach Mark Downey leads the students in a pledge to always read and know the importance of reading. Players Vondale Morton and Cornelius Jackson also take the pledge.

players were recognized by some of the older students. Travis Young, Zanesville, Ohio freshman guard said, "This one guy was saying 'That's Travis Young! That's Joda Burgess!' They knew who we were. I hope it helped when we told

them how important it is to read."

The players ended their trip by speaking briefly to a fifth grade class and playing spontaneous games of basketball with students during recess on the playground.

Happenings... *your entertainment guide for activities and events at and outside of Marshall.

On Campus

Thursday, March 12

Newman Center, Taize prayer service (gathering around the crucifix), 7:30 p.m.

Campus Christian Center, Campus Light Meeting, 9 p.m. For more information, contact: Mark Mills at 696-3057

Campus Crusade for Christ, Prime Time, Corby Hall 105, 9:11 p.m.

Campus Christian Center, United Methodist Students, 9:05 p.m.

Campus Light Baptist Ministries, meeting, anyone welcome to attend. MSC 2E10, 9:05 p.m. For more information, contact: Dave Greear at 529-1545

Newman Center, student gathering: "Women's Issues," with Leah Tolliver, Women's Center, 9:15 p.m.

Friday, March 13

Habitat for Humanity, meet at the Campus Christian Center, 1 p.m.

Newman Center, Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.

Newman Center, Anawim (young adult groups), social justice issues, 7:30 p.m.

Newman Center, mini-retreat (sign-up list on door at fountain), dinner, 6 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.; "What do we do...should be doing...during the Eucharistic Prayer," 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.; overnight with videos, games, etc., 10:30 p.m.; Saturday: pancake breakfast and clean-up, 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 15

Newman Center, masses at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. (with special Lenten Rite of Scrutiny)

Monday, March 16

Women's Center, Overcoming the Barriers to Success: Challenges for the Appalachian Woman, Prichard Hall 143, 12 - 1 p.m.

Student Activities Programming Board, meeting, MSC 2W37, 3 p.m. For more information, contact Jessica Johnson at 696-2290

Residence Hall Program, Does Culture Matter? Hodges Hall, 9 p.m.

Newman Center, Inquiry Session. Know anyone curious about Catholicism? Bring them. Ask anything. 9:15 p.m.

In Huntington

Friday, March 13

Drop Shop, Chum with Flambooky, \$4 tickets. For more information, call 523-JAVA.

Saturday, March 14

The Stoned Monkey, Karl Shuman, 2202 Third Ave. For more information, call 525-PLAY.

Happenings... is published every Tuesday and Thursday in The Parthenon. If your club, group or organization has scheduled an upcoming event or meeting and would like to publish your announcement here, come by The Parthenon at 311 Smith Hall or call us at 696-6696. Deadlines for the Tuesday calendar will be Monday by noon. To get published in Thursday's calendar, turn in your information by noon Wednesday.