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Thursday, August 13, 1998

Parking changes stir controversy

by **TONIA HOLBROOK**
news editor

Fall semester brings alterations to some parking regulations, some of which are causing faculty concerns.

With the addition of a new faculty lot and consolidation of others, new policies have emerged which some faculty members question.

One controversy sparked by the restructuring of regulations involves the change over itself. Permits will now be issued according to the fiscal year rather than academic. Instead of collecting parking fees in August, the university would collect the annual fees July 1.

The system would be more convenient for permit holders, said Mark Rhodes, assistant director of public safety. "It makes more sense and gives people more flexibility," he said.

But this change would result in faculty members losing two months worth of valid parking for which they have already paid, according to Jan Weece, administrative secretary of the Forensic Science program. Faculty

who have undergone the change have lost \$9 due to the transition, she said. "Maybe some individuals who make \$160,000 a year can afford to lose \$9, but not all of us can."

Although he understands where faculty concerns are coming from, Rhodes said they are misunderstanding the situation. "They're looking at the fee as if it were a daily or monthly charge. It's a user fee. You still pay regardless of whether you use it or not," he said.

Faculty will no longer be issued duplicate tags upon their requests, Rhodes said. Whereas this had been a service in the past, it can no longer be practiced due to the difficulty of enforcement and the cost of printing the duplicates. The cost of printing last year's parking tags exceeded \$20,000, Rhodes said. However, because of the elimination of this policy, this year's cost was kept under \$5,000.

Some complaints from faculty have already been received by the Faculty Senate, said Dr. Corley F. Dennison, assistant professor of Journalism and Mass Communications and Faculty Senate president. Dennison said the

issue would be turned over to the physical facility in the fall.

In addition to concerns about fees, questions remain in the Faculty Senate about perimeter lighting and width of spaces on the lots.

Other changes in the system include the consolidating and renaming of some lots.

Two faculty lots on Third Avenue, originally designated F and S, were combined and titled F. Also two lots on 17th Street, behind the Campus Christian Center, were combined and titled B. "There's an imaginary line drawn there that distinguished the two different lots," Rhodes said. "It didn't make a lot of sense."

In an effort to accommodate for more activity on the Fifth Avenue side of campus, the university has installed a new F lot at the corner of Fifth and Elm Street. Rhodes said a need for this faculty lot will be heightened for library staff upon the completion of the John Deaver Drinko Library. "Since the center of activity has shifted to that end, why not give them a variety of options?"

Although lighting and landscaping have not

yet been completed in this lot, which is being converted from a gravel lot used by students, it will be available for faculty use Aug. 24.

One change that will be of great benefit to students and faculty will be lots designated as "General Parking," Rhodes said. These lots, which are situated around the football stadium, will accommodate vehicles displaying any Marshall permit.

All permits will be permissible in any Marshall lot after 4 p.m., Rhodes said. This is an precaution in student and faculty safety after dark. For instance, a student with a parking permit may choose to park in a lot across the street from his or her night class regardless of its designation.

To compensate for parking meters lost on lots on Third Avenue, the university is installing 60 meters in the old J lot.

New signs have also been posted to make lot distinctions more recognizable, Rhodes said. The signs were designed to match their prospective permit tags so that students can identify them easier. "There's a visual element there that's a lot easier to recognize."

Herd last in MAC gpa race

Steps under way to improve grades

by **REBECCA MULLINS**
reporter

Marshall student-athletes ranked last in a recent cumulative grade point average rating of the 12 Mid-American Conference schools for the 1997-1998 academic year.

Marshall athletes compiled an overall 2.72 GPA, while athletes from top ranked Central Michigan compiled an overall 3.01 GPA.

Marshall Athletic Director Lance A. West said that steps are being taken to help improve the academic progress of athletes.

"Programs which stress academics such as the Buck Harless Student Athlete Program, and the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program have been in place, but will continue to grow," West said. "They help broaden their horizons and allow the person to survive in the real world."

The programs focus on academic and athletic accomplishment, community and career involvement, resumes, and communication.

"We're doing everything that we can," Student Athlete Program Director Michelle L. Duncan said.

"Marshall athletes have higher GPAs than the general Marshall student body, which shows that the programs in place are beneficial."

Duncan added that Marshall student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than other Marshall students.

"Central Michigan has captured the award for the past two years, and our goal is to capture it. We want to do the best we can do in helping our athletes achieve overall and to achieve their college degrees," West said.



Photo by Makiko Sasamura

It was "meet the press" day for Coach Bob Pruett Wednesday at the stadium's Big Green Room

HERD GOAL: nothing less than **THE BEST**

by **SCOTT PARSONS**
managing editor

Coach Bob Pruett discussed goals for the football program this year at Marshall football's media day.

"One of our seven goals is to be ranked in the top 25 by season's end," Pruett said to a room full of local media. "I think we have a chance to be competitive this year."

Pruett outlined seven goals that he and the team have outlined for the upcoming season. They are: have a winning season; win all home games; win the MAC East; win the MAC; go to a bowl; win that bowl; finish in the top 25 in the nation.

High goals for a team in only their second season in the Mid-American Conference.

"They are lofty goals," Pruett said. "But, the players want that and they believe they can do it."

"We won't be satisfied with just keeping up with our opponent in the Motor City Bowl, we want to beat them," Pruett said.

Pruett also added that there

have been only four Herd losses in the stadium, and he doesn't want a fifth added this year.

Pruett discussed the youth factor of this year's squad.

"We have a large junior class and have a large number of young guys with playing experience which should benefit us," Pruett said.

Pruett had nothing but praise for the batch of new recruits suiting up in the green and white this year.

"We have practiced six times with the new comers and were able to do more with this bunch than any other year," Pruett said.

Pruett doesn't want to speculate as to who may be starting or backing up this year.

"I really don't want to say because I don't want to add any more pressure to the players."

An area of concern from last year for Pruett are the special teams.

"We have been putting a lot of emphasis on special teams," Pruett said. "We haven't blocked a punt since I've been here and we need to work on that."

Campus groups not just for wives now

by **TONIA HOLBROOK**
news editor

Campus socials aren't just for students. The Marshall University Family Life Association (MUFLA), in conjunction with the Faculty Wives Club, will kick off the new academic year with a picnic.

The MUFLA Picnic will take place Thursday, Aug. 20 from 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. on Buskirk Field. With food and beverages being served from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., music, entertainment and departmental presentations are scheduled.

This picnic would be a great opportunity for faculty and staff to come together and to build MUFLA's membership, said Linda L. Hamilton, mathematics instructor. "We're hop-

"We wanted to start with the basis and reorganize to make it more inclusive."

— Deborah Freidin,
Language instructor

ing this way there will be more information passed around," she said.

MUFLA, an outgrowth of the Faculty Wives Club, was formed approximately one month ago, said Deborah Freidin, German instructor. Recognizing a need for all faculty members and their families to socialize, organizers

formed the group to re-establish a sense of community, she said. The Faculty Wives Club, which has been in existence for more than 75 years, needed to include more than just the wives of faculty, according to Freidin. "We wanted to start with the basis and reorganize to make it more inclusive," she said.

MUFLA will be based on the same kind of activity as the Faculty Wives Club, Freidin said. The group will have monthly meetings discussing issues of cultural interest.

Groups already formed by members of the Faculty Wives Club include gourmet cooking groups, card clubs, book groups, pre-school play groups and language classes. Other groups are encouraged to be formed by any group of people with similar interests.

Organizers hope this club will help faculty and their families to network with each other and stay informed of regional resources. "There are so many interesting things at Marshall," Freidin said. "Sometimes people don't make the social connections. This is a way for people to find out what's available here."

Cows with munchies

Animal nutritionist finds potato chips pleasing to some cows

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Jon Robison turns a corner and walks into a snack-lover's paradise: a vat piled high with potato chips of every kind — barbecue, sour cream and onion, and plenty with just plain salt.

But hold the beer and football. These lip-smacking snacks are not for him or any other human. They're being stored for cows.

"I'm going to say this is not real common," said Robison, an animal nutritionist who oversees the dairy at Fresno State University. "But I think it's a lot more common than people think."

Robison said he's been feeding potato chips to beef and milk cows for about 10 years because they provide the animals with an easily digestible and relatively cheap source of energy.

The chips are mixed in with other feed ingredients, usually at a rate of about 15 percent but sometimes higher.

The chips come either directly from snack food companies or through feed suppliers.

"Potato chips that don't go into the bag will find their way into livestock feeds," said Nick Ohanesian, a member of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, who works as a dairy consultant.

In processed chips, the starch has been broken down further than in its natural form and requires less energy for digestion, Robison said.

The chips contain anywhere from 22 percent to 28 percent fat, which has more than twice the amount of energy as starch, he said.

"All that oil they're cooked in adds even more to the energy value," he said.

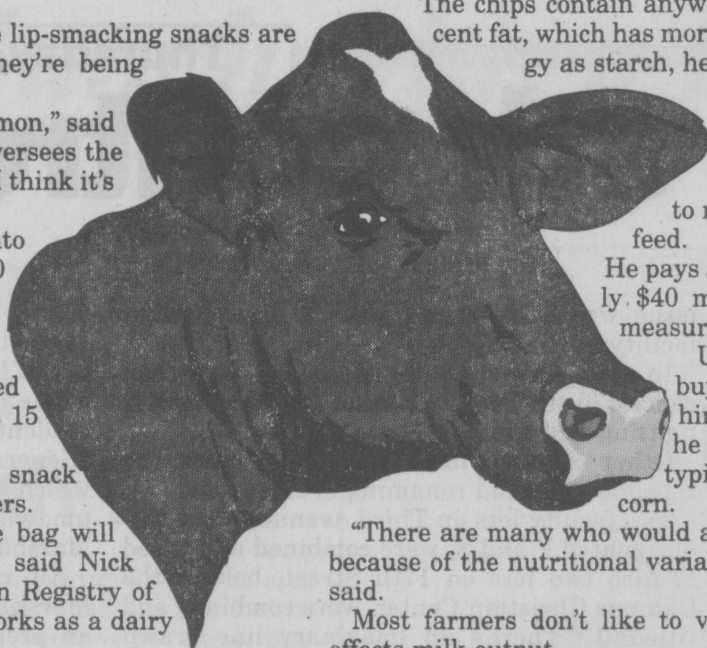
The chips also allow him to reduce the amount of corn in his feed.

He pays about \$125 a ton for corn, roughly \$40 more than the cost of an equal measure of chips.

Unlike most cattle farmers, he buys the chips unmixed, allowing him to experiment with the rations he puts in his feed, which will also typically include alfalfa, barley and corn.

"There are many who would advocate not using them, mostly because of the nutritional variability (of potato chips)," Robison said.

Most farmers don't like to vary their cows' diet because it effects milk output.



odds & ends

NEW HAVEN, Vt. (AP) — Vermonters are always willing to lend a hand for some missing teeth.

That's what a Woodstock man found out last week when he realized he'd lost his new \$800 dentures at an ox-pulling contest at a New Haven country fair.

It wasn't until the family was halfway home that the grandfather realized the reason his mouth felt so comfortable was that the new teeth had been tossed into the lunch trash.

They did a U-turn back to New Haven, where everyone began spreading out the trash from the barrels near the booth where the family had eaten.

At that point fair organizer Melanie Carmichael arrived, and told the searchers all the trash had been collected by a compactor truck.

So the next day volunteers headed to the Casella Waste Management facility, where the entire compactor truck's contents — about 10 cubic yards of condensed yuck — were spread out on the sorting floor for a comprehensive search-and-rescue mission.

The choppers were retrieved in good condition by afternoon, Carmichael said Tuesday.

LIVE OAK, Fla. (AP) — The cross-dressing bank robber wore a black wig, ivory-colored makeup, red lipstick, a plaid shirt and khaki pants.

He also wore his heart on his sleeve. Businessman Douglas John Patak, 36, was arrested about seven hours after the holdup Monday, charged with armed robbery and held on \$500,000 bond.

Police got a break when two tellers said they recognized the robber as a former customer. Suwannee County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Colvin, who had recent contact with Patak on an unrelated case, called him up for a chat — but didn't mention the robbery.

About 20 minutes later, Patak called back. "I got him on the phone, and the second I got on the phone (he's) crying away," Colvin said.

Colvin said Patak was having financial difficulties from a health-transportation business he co-owned with his father.

He surrendered to state police outside his apartment in the Orlando suburb of Maitland after his conversation with Colvin. Most of the money was recovered, police said.

BUENA VISTA, Va. (AP) — A teen-ager who tossed his line into a local river didn't reel in a swordfish — he got the actual sword.

Christian Bell, 13, pulled up a Civil War artillery officer's saber Sunday from the muddy waters of the Maury River.

He said he waded into the river when his line snagged on something. He grabbed a handle and pulled up the sword.

The saber was probably lost by a Union officer assigned to a unit that set nearby Virginia Military Institute ablaze in 1864, experts said.

Keith Gibson, director of the VMI Museum, examined the sword Monday and identified it as a U.S.-issued weapon carried by many Union artillery officers.

The piece is in relatively good shape, he said, although the blade is rusted.

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Man travels world in balloon for fourth time

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to cross the southern Atlantic Ocean in a balloon, leaving him in good shape both emotionally and geographically on his fourth around-the-world quest.

Fossett's mission control at Washington University in St. Louis said Tuesday the balloon had picked up some favorable winds and was drifting across the Indian Ocean.

The next challenge was for his crew to determine the best altitude and wind pattern to carry him toward Australia. They were expected to make a decision early today.

Fossett was facing no immediate problems with about 25 percent of the trip behind him. "He seems to be in very good

spirits," said expedition meteorologist Bob Rice.

Fossett's west-to-east course just skirted the extreme southern tip of the South Africa continent Tuesday when The Solo Spirit passed about 65 miles south of Cape Town.

The balloon was about 900 miles southeast of Cape Town late Tuesday, moving at about 113 mph, as he approached the 7,000-mile mark in his bid to become the first balloonist to circle the globe.

The 54-year-old Chicago businessman took off from western Argentina late Friday. Now that Fossett has passed Africa, Rice said, he will try to catch favorable winds to carry him on to Australia before returning to South America via the Pacific.

Haitian immigrants find tragedy on the ocean

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hours after an accused immigrant smuggler appeared in court, the body of one of his alleged passengers was found floating in the ocean, carrying only spare underwear and a toothbrush.

Another immigrant had already drowned, and three others were still believed missing from a boat that struck a sandbar just 100 yards from shore near Jupiter Inlet.

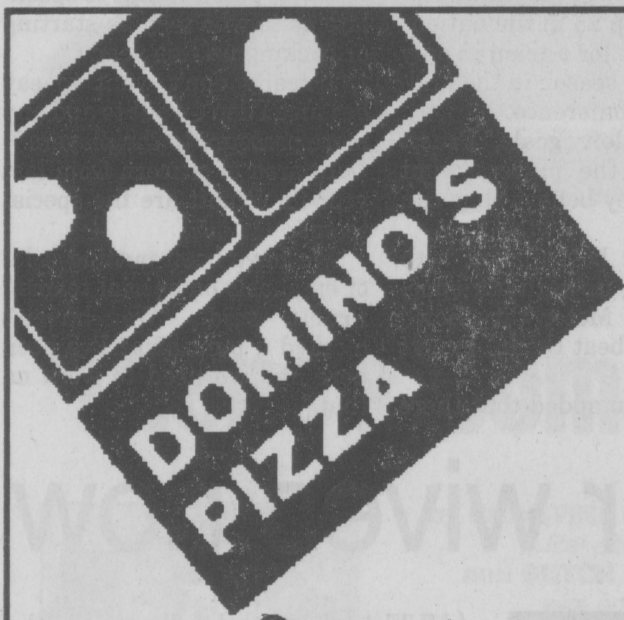
Authorities say Bahamian captain Addison Hepburn, 44, told his passengers, who had paid \$350 to come to the United States aboard his boat, that they were on their own after striking the sandbar.

But the immigrants did not know how to swim, and the water between the sandbar and shore was over their heads. Authorities rescued 33 of the immigrants on Monday.

Hepburn appeared in federal court

Tuesday and wept when he learned he could face up to life in jail or the death penalty if convicted on a charge of smuggling involving the loss of life.

Passenger Anne Benette Dorsonne, 25, of Port-au-Prince, drowned as she tried to reach shore. She had been waiting eight years to join her father, Joseph Dorsonne, in Delray Beach, and apparently grew tired of the slow process of becoming a legal immigrant.



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Rocket explodes 42 seconds into flight, no one injured

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An Air Force rocket carrying a classified military spy satellite exploded shortly after liftoff Wednesday. No one was injured.

The giant Titan 4 rocket split apart 42 seconds into flight, showering debris over the Atlantic Ocean. Until then, everything appeared to be normal.

The 20-story Titan 4, powered by solid-fuel boosters similar to those on NASA's space shuttle, is the largest unmanned rocket in the United States.

Producer says he knows nothing about Clinton and Lewinsky's relationship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to help his friend, President Clinton, out of a jam, Hollywood producer Harry Thomason got a word of warning from lawyers when he hurried to Washington last January: Don't find out too much.

Thomason put the advice to good use Tuesday during his grand jury appearance, saying he had no information from Clinton about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Thomason was told by lawyers not to learn too much about the president's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky because he might have to testify about it, said sources familiar with Thomason's role.

Thomason, a longtime Clinton friend and confidant, lived at the White House for weeks after the controversy erupted in January.

"What were you doing in the White House all those days you were there?" he said a prosecutor asked him. "I told them in general I was reading articles and watching all the news shows so we would know what people were talking about."

Thomason, a television producer and director, has been credited

with Clinton's strong statement in which he said he did not have sex with "that woman" — Ms. Lewinsky — and denied urging her to lie.

Sources familiar with his testimony said Thomason told the grand jury that he suggested to Clinton's aides that the president should give a more forceful statement about the Lewinsky matter, but that he did not tell the president what to say. Thomason testified for over an hour.

Now that he's in Washington, he will stay to help Clinton prepare for his Aug. 17 testimony in the investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

The questions from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors inside the grand jury room were "just what you'd think they'd be," Thomason said with a chuckle.

"What did he tell you about his relationship?" The answer was, "Nothing," Thomason said in a telephone interview.

The sources said Thomason told prosecutors he had general political conversations with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

about the Lewinsky controversy, but didn't talk to her about specifics.

In other activity Tuesday:

—The president's lawyer, David Kendall, was in the federal courthouse, apparently to view the videotape of Clinton's Jan. 17 deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit in which the president denied having a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

—Cheryl Mills, deputy White House counsel, was pulled before the grand jury after the White House lost a court battle seeking to use the attorney-client privilege to protect its lawyers from testifying. Her lawyer, William Murphy, said she testified for "a couple of hours." He declined to elaborate.

—Mills said Deputy White House Counsel Bruce Lindsey, recovering from back surgery, is not expected back in the office for at least a couple of weeks.

—A number of Secret Service personnel also appeared at the courthouse to testify in the probe.

briefly

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Bond was set Tuesday for a Paramount's Kings Island employee accused of raping and kidnapping a 15-year-old girl at the amusement park.

James H. Bennett, 20, of Cincinnati, faces one charge each of rape and kidnapping. Bond was set at \$100,000 on each charge, said a Mason Municipal Court employee who would not give her name. Bennett, a part-time employee at the park about 25 miles north of Cincinnati, was being held Tuesday at the Warren County jail in Lebanon.

Police said the alleged rape and kidnapping took place Friday night as the park closed.

Detective Todd Carter said the girl told police that she and Bennett had met several times before, but she described him as an acquaintance.

Arson spree has residents scared and police searching

CHARLESTON (AP) — The state Fire Marshal's office is investigating an apparent arson spree in eastern Kanawha County that has involved 11 fires since October.

Eight of those fires have occurred in London, with the most recent blaze on Monday night.

No injuries have been reported as a result of the fires. London residents, however, say they wonder when their luck will run out.

"There is a pattern to these fires. They all start about 2:30 or 2:40 a.m.," said Geneva Logan, who lives next to an unoccupied home that burned

recently. "So far they have all been unoccupied. But you never know when they will start burning occupied houses."

Deputy state Fire Marshal Reed Cook said his office could pay up to \$2,500 as a reward for information that would lead to an arrest and conviction.

"We put up arson posters and did a neighborhood canvass, but we have no leads yet," he said.

Two of the London fires threatened the town's post office, one so close that it shattered windows.

Cook said authorities are not sure if the fires were set by a single person or several.

Court asked to let parents of slain students speak

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An appeals judge questioned the legality of a gag order imposed on the parents of three girls who were shot to death as they prayed.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals did not rule Tuesday at the hearing, which was held to determine whether Judge Jeffrey Hines overstepped his authority by imposing the order June 24.

His action came one day after the parents of slain girls Kayce Steger, Jessica James and Nicole Hadley publicly vented their anger over a possible plea bargain for suspect Michael Carneal, 15.

"Why shouldn't the families ... be able to speak out on this?" appellate Judge Joseph Huddleston asked at the hearing.

Huddleston and appeals Judge Daniel T. Guidugli both said they doubted the legality of Hines' gag order, which he issued without a hearing.

Michael Breen, a lawyer for the parents, said Hines "had no authority whatsoever to impose a gag order."

Mike Dalton, a Louisville attorney who represented Hines, said the judge was trying to keep order in a "firestorm" of a case.

Carneal is charged with murder in the shootings at West Paducah's Heath High School on Dec. 1, moments after a student-led prayer group had dismissed its meeting.

Angered by the prospect of a plea deal, the girls' parents had in June made public the results of an evaluation of Carneal by two mental health experts who found he was fearful and resentful.

They said it made him feel powerful to take a gun to school.

Carneal's murder trial is to begin Oct. 5. His lawyers have said they plan to have him plead guilty but mentally ill.

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Page editor apologizes for mistake

by Scott PARSONS
managing editor

In the newspaper business there are certain givens. One is when you do something right, no one notices, and when you do something wrong, everyone seems to see it.

Such a case happened last week on page one. I was the editor and page designer and didn't notice the mistake until the next day, too late to do anything about it.

The mistake was in a pull quote in one of the stories. On our templates here at the Parthenon, pull quotes are all ready designed and ready to use, all that is needed is the deletion of the text that is in the box and insertion of the text you want.

Herein lies the problem. The template pull quote has the phrase "This here's a pull quote. Use it in good health, son" and the quote is attributed to Andy Taylor, Mayberry sheriff. In designing the page, I got the source's quote typed in and then was distracted, whereupon I left the "Andy Taylor, Mayberry sheriff" in, thus attributing the quote to Andy.

The mistake was funny to some, offensive to others. I have taken considerable heat and ribbings for the mistake. I regret the error and the embarrassment it caused the source, the paper and myself. Nothing was intentional. It was all an honest mistake.

I don't take the mistake lightly. I expect a certain level of excellence from myself and this only infuriated me. Deadline day had been exceptionally harsh due to the fact that the pages weren't printing properly, photos wouldn't appear on the computer screen because of lack of memory and various other little things that accumulated to really get under my skin. I'm not making excuses for why the mistake occurred, I am just giving readers a background into what deadline day is like around here.

As a student journalist, I regret the mistake and will work harder to make sure it doesn't happen again. As a person, I can only apologize to the source, the readers and the rest of the staff for the mistake. My deepest and sincere apologies.

More at stake than merely balls or strikes for Dominicans

Gary HALE
editor

Start naming baseball spawning grounds and the Dominican Republic comes quickly to the minds of fans devoted to the American pastime.

But what most people don't understand, I was able to experience last week on my trip to the island.

Sure, the people are receptive to Americans. The island has beautiful coastal waters. And, in some respects, the Dominican Republic is a paradise for those looking for a short getaway.

But the game we take for granted here is

almost put on hallowed ground there.

Someone who lives in the Dominican once told me that "Basketball is the number one sport — baseball is life."

Take a tour outside of the few resorts and you'll see why.

Shacks with no running water or electricity sit on the landscape. Five or six people often live in one room. For many, the sugar cane fields are the only way to put food in the stomach. And at a few pesos a day, that won't buy much for anyone, let alone oneself.

Clothes are worn out, if even present on children. In some places, shoes are out of the question. That bad? Yeah, in many places it is that bad.



At the end of this village road is a plush, major league training facility. Only 5 percent make it to America.

And though there is a language barrier, baseball seems to be the link — a universal communication and a source of employment.

All the poor children play for the chance at

catching a scout's eye. If a scout notices, then a child may be sent to training facility where he spends several years trying to make the Dominican elite. If he makes it, millions await

in America. If he doesn't, back to the village the boy goes.

So I ask, have we taken our pastime for granted? People die of hunger trying to hit a baseball and we com-

plain about the umpiring or the field condition at our games. We get caught up in the inconveniences of a concession stand, while they steal food. Baseball — our nightmare, their dream?

Mayberry sheriff not best source for story

To the editor:

I read the Parthenon every day that it comes out, and overall, I love the paper and the great service it does for the students of Marshall. But, I hope that I'm not out of line for offering one small criticism of a recent article that appeared on the Parthenon's front page. I'm referring to Tonia Holbrook's article in the Aug. 6 issue entitled "Byrd Institute Playing Role in High Schoolers' Lives." Ms. Holbrook used a conspicuously unreliable source for a quote about the institute. The quote stated "The program enhances students' general learning and will help them make a successful transition into the work force with more ease and less expense that [sic] in-house training," and originated from none other than Andy Taylor, sheriff of Mayberry.

Now, I recognize that some may see Andy as an authoritative voice regarding public affairs. He is, after all, a public servant, having served the town of Mayberry since the late 1950s. But, does Andy really have the requisite background to speak intelligently about vocational education? I think not. Let's look at the facts.

As an administrator, Andy has let down the citizens of Mayberry, with whose protec-

tion he has been charged. Case in point: Andy's deputy, Barney Fife, is so incompetent that he is only allowed to have one bullet in his weapon at all times. The town of Mayberry, I say, deserves better protection than that! After all, it is a town that continues to progress (much in the same way Marshall does) into the next millennium. It's CBD (Central Business District) contains a barber shop, a filling station and even a department store. Indeed, the economic and security interests of such a blossoming hamlet hang precariously in the balance of fate, but does Sheriff Taylor even attempt to provide peace of mind for these citizens? Answer that one for yourselves.

But what, you may ask, does all of this have to do with the Byrd Institute and the Sheriff's Knowledge of it? Well besides showing that Andy Taylor is a flawed public servant, I think it's also important to note that his town does not even have an Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing! Or perhaps (for the sake of argument) the sheriff has spent a lot of time observing the operations of our institute. Not likely, though, as he also moonlights under a pseudonym in Atlanta, GA as a

prominent defense attorney!!! Again, I think very highly of the Parthenon and have never before had a complaint about their journalism. But they got this one wrong. Let this teach us all a lesson about authority — about who we allow ourselves to be influenced by. Just because someone flaunts "mom

and apple pie" values and great patriotic deference to the "American ideology" doesn't mean that they can superfluously offer sound bite PR clips for any old Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing! I say think critically about what you read, and if (hopefully) you believe

what I have told you, then on the next election's day, vote the bum out! After all, we live in a free country whose integrity, values and national spirit depend on us. Speaking for myself, that still means a great deal.
Sincerely,
Eric Butler, C.O.L.A. student

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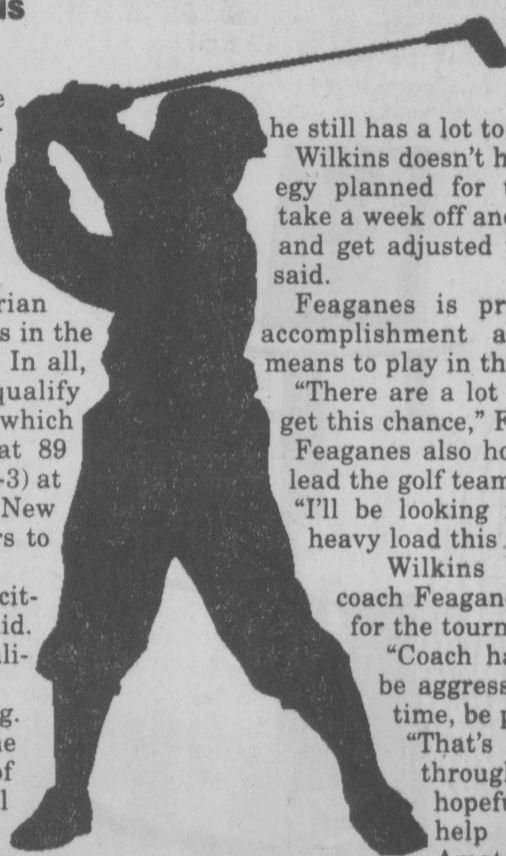
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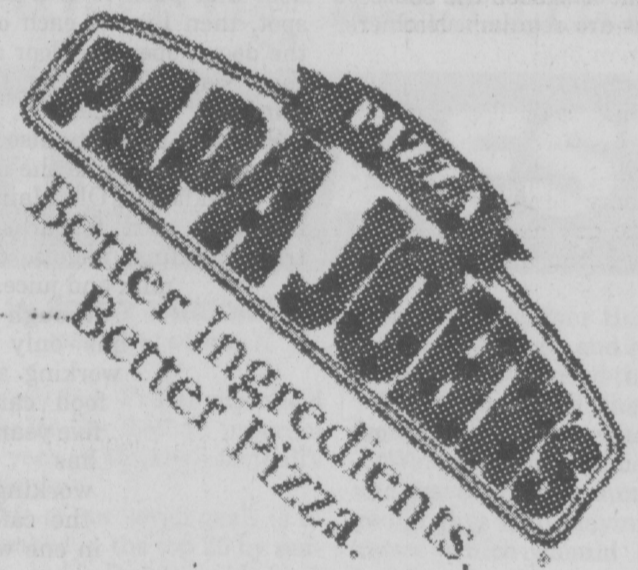
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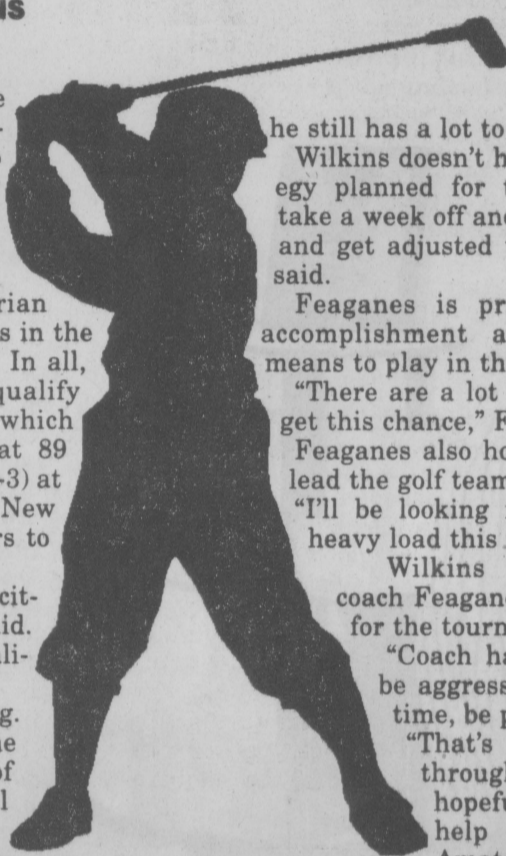
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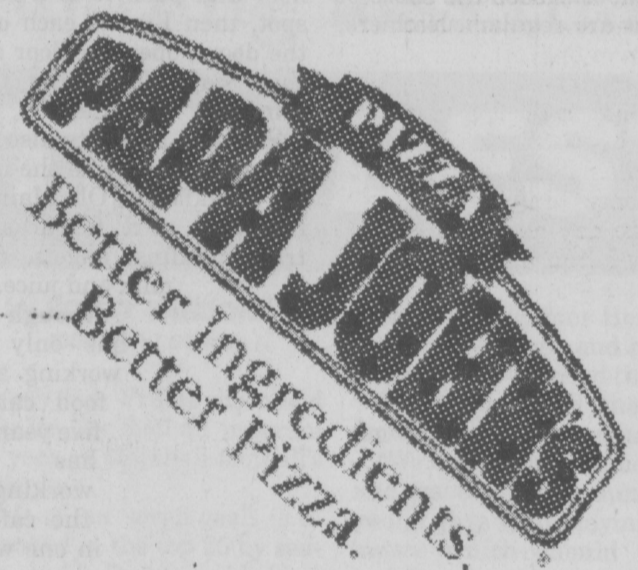
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Check out page 4!

Commentary about the Dominican Republic

Editor Gary Hale's commentary about his trip to the Dominican Republic has been moved to page 4. Hale takes a comparative look at how baseball is a pastime for Americans but may be a ticket to the United States and a better way of life for those in the Dominican Republic.



See you in the fall!

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1998
Page edited by Christina Redekopp

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Serving lunch with a little bit of love

Customers receive a smile with their food at Smith Hall

by MARIA CHAPMAN
reporter

To most people on Marshall's bustling campus, lunch is something you grab when you can.

Those who are fortunate enough to grab lunch from the cart on the first floor of Smith Hall find a smile and friendly conversation served with their food.

After taking a summer break from working at the lunch cart, Betty L. Ward will continue her service with a smile this fall.

Ward has been serving hot dogs, soup and other goodies from the cart for five years. Over the years she has become friends with many of her customers.

"She's very friendly. Those of us that are regular customers,

she knows what we want and sees us coming so she has it ready when we get there. She has fun with what she's doing," said Dr. Richard W. Lemke, professor of music and a regular customer.

The cart is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every week day. The featured foods are hot dogs, a different kind of soup each day, salads, fruit, bottled water and soft drinks.

"One of my biggest sellers is hot dogs and soup," Ward said.

In addition to lunch in Smith Hall, Ward sells breakfast from a cart in Old Main. The breakfast cart wheels down the floors of Old Main from 9 to 10 a.m. each morning, unlike the lunch cart, which always remains in one place.

"We take the big cart to each floor and push it to a certain spot, then I go to each one of the doors, open the door and if they want something they'll come out," Ward said.

She said students also track down the cart while she is selling breakfast in Old Main. The breakfast cart features pastries, muffins, bagels, coffee, milk and juice.

Although she has only been working at the food cart for five years, she has been working for the cafeteria in one way or



Betty L. Ward, works at the lunch cart visited by regular customers as well as others on the first floor of Smith Hall. Soups and hot dogs are among the most popular items. She also wheels the cart through Old Main each morning for breakfast.

another for 18 years.

In 1980 Ward had to go to work to support her five children after their father died. Her children now range in age from 21 to 36.

"When I first came to work here, I liked being here because of the time off," Ward said. It was the summer and Christmas breaks that coincided with her children's school break that made the job appealing, she said.

By 1993, Ward had worked her way up to day shift supervisor in the Student Center cafeteria. Two day shift supervisors were there at the time and Ward was asked to move to evening shift where she would still be shift supervisor.

"At that time I still had a daughter in high school, so I told them I would rather not. So they asked me if I would like to do the cart," she said. Working the cart has allowed Ward to keep the same schedule she had when she worked in the cafe-

teria, she still has summer and Christmas breaks off.

Ward works a full day, beginning with breakfast in Old Main. After breakfast is over she returns to the Student Center to get food ready for lunch.

Each day she brings two carts from the Student Center to Smith Hall. With help from one other person, she unpacks everything and sets up for lunch.

About ten minutes is needed to get the cart ready and she usually has an audience. "A lot of people are already waiting on us, but they never seem to rush you or anything, everybody's really nice," Ward said.

From before 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the cart stays busy. "There are slower periods, but the majority of the time I stay busy," Ward said.

Some days she runs out of the featured soup or hot dogs because of so many customers.

Even though working the cart would not have been

Ward's first choice, she is very glad she ended up doing it. "I love it, I love it," she said.

At first, she said she wasn't sure if she could do it. "I've never done anything like that before," she said. With her new job came new responsibilities, like keeping track of the money she collects.

She also wasn't sure about moving out of the cafeteria full of her fellow workers to work alone. "I'm really isolated," she said. After about a week Ward started getting to know her repeat customers and now she enjoys it a lot better.

Ward's life is not just about her job. Between working full-time and commuting to Chesapeake, she enjoys sewing and crafts.

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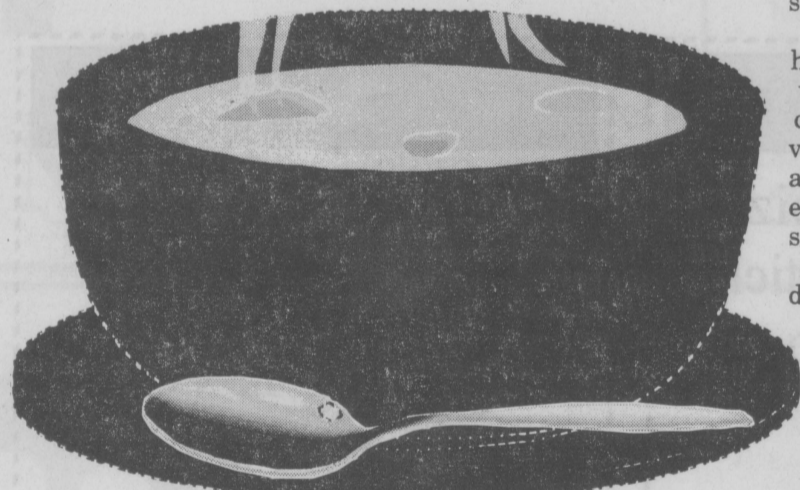
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'There's Something About Mary' refreshingly funny



"There's Something About Mary," stars Ben Stiller, Matt Dillon and Cameron Diaz, as the much sought after Mary.

by CHRISTINA REDEKOPP
lifel editor
and BUTCH BARKER
wire editor

Christina: Cameron Diaz and Ben Stiller star in one of the funniest movies of the summer: "There's Something about Mary." Although the humor is not intended for the faint of heart the scenes are so outrageous even the most straight-laced of people should not be able to contain their laughter.

No one is overlooked in this movie when it comes time to choose what kind of people to make fun of. But the beautiful

Mary Jensen (Diaz) comes to the rescue with her unceasing kindness which is part of that "something" that makes her so appealing to so many men.

Butch: Falling under the same category as other "gross-out" movies, such as "Dumb and Dumber" and "King Pin," "... Mary" may make viewers gag, if there is time between laughs.

The movie opens in a retro '80s setting that allows viewers to reflect on the decade of Rubix Cubes and big hair.

Ted Stroehman (Stiller) is the first of Mary's love interests introduced. Ted is pretty much a geek, but there's some-

thing about him that Mary finds appealing -- viewers find out later she has a thing for braces.

Mary asks shy Ted to their senior prom, but the two never make it as Ted is rushed to the hospital because of an embarrassing injury that introduces the stomach turning humor.

Christina: The main plot of the movie begins 12 years later with Ted still obsessed with Mary. Since high school Mary has moved to Florida so Ted hires Pat Healy, private eye, to track her down.

Healy (Matt Dillon) falls in love with Mary himself and returns to Ted with an untrue

story about how Mary has four children each with a different father, has put on weight and is wheelchair-bound.

This does not stop Ted from pursuing his only love so he makes his way to Florida. He discovers Mary is more beautiful than ever and finds out Healy is there trying to win Mary's love. But Healy and Ted are not the only ones vying for Mary's attention.

Butch: After a total of four stalkers and a cameo from Green Bay Packers star, Brett Favre, as another of Mary's men, Mary chooses the stalker with the biggest heart -- whoever that might be.

"There's Something About Mary" has been acclaimed a surprising box office hit, but it should be no surprise the movie was half a star shy of perfect.

Although the movie has all the qualities of a comedy, it proves a bit insensitive. Making fun of mentally and physically disabled people is among the twists that may have halted laughter, for a second anyway.

★★★★ 1/2

'There's Something About Mary,' rated R, is now playing at Cinema 4.