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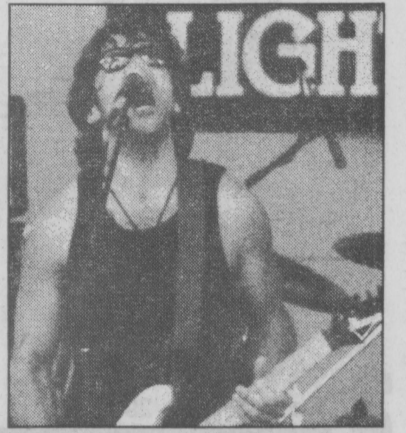
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Report reveals climb in Greeks' grades

by **CAROLINE R. LOTOUX**
reporter

Although some students may think Greek life is an endless party, some Greeks say academics are more important than the social scene.

The overall grade point average report reveals that Greek gpa is below Marshall's; however, last semester the Greek gpa climbed to 2.59 compared to Marshall's average 2.53, according to the Office of Students

Activities and Greek Affairs academic report on gpa. Students' overall undergraduate cumulative gpa is 2.66. This is last year's average calculated from 9,926 full-time students.

The Greek cumulative gpa is 2.60.

"I am surprised by that [having lower gpa] because most Greek organizations recognize mandated study hours," Brian Goldstein, New Jersey senior said. "For Pi Kappa Phi a 2.0

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New Jersey senior

cumulative gpa is required. If you miss three study hours you can't take part in Greek activities for that week. I think Greeks are taking action to have a higher gpa than non-

Greeks."

Hugh J. Ladd, who received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation said that belonging to a fraternity is a good thing,

unless it starts interfering with school work. "In the fraternity, we help each other out," Ladd said.

Ladd, whose major is biology, said he tries to help his brothers as much as he can. Even though he said being in a fraternity is "very beneficial," he added that "school comes first."

The reason you are at school is to succeed at school," he said. "Being in an organization comes second."

Ladd, president of Sigma Phi

Epsilon, has a 3.24 gpa. Sigma Phi Epsilon has a 2.50 overall gpa. Greeks are also represented among Yeager scholars; 10 are Greek. Martha Woodward, executive director of the Center for Academic Excellence said that in the past, however, there were more Greek Yeager scholars.

Chad E. Peck, Yeager scholar and Pi Kappa Phi president said he has to budget his time.

"I have to schedule things around my school work . . ."

Campus to keep growing

by **TED DICKINSON**
reporter

Planning may now begin for several new Marshall facilities after a series of votes Friday by the board of trustees.

The University of West Virginia System Board of Trustees approved a proposal to construct a \$15 million building on the location of the current student lot next to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The building will contain a parking garage as well as extra classrooms to be used by the Fine Arts Department.

Also approved is a new biomedical science facility. The facility's future location will be on Third Street, across from the current Science Building. Plans for the \$30 million facility may include an enclosed walkway connecting the two buildings.

The board also approved plans for a \$20 million recreation center. The center, to be constructed near the Cam Henderson Center, will include a gymnasium and indoor track.

All proposed facilities have been authorized for preliminary planning only. The board will vote on funding and more detailed plans for individual facilities as more information becomes available.

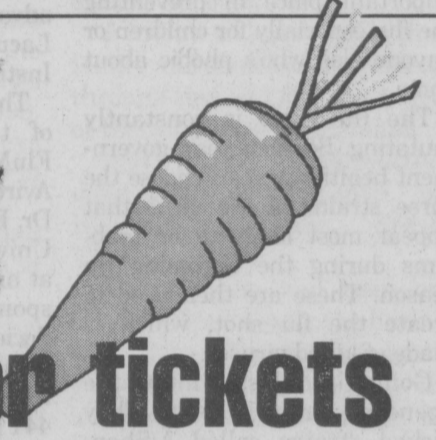
In other board of trustees news, Community and Technical College students now have the opportunity to earn an associate degree in paramedic science.

The Strategic Planning Committee issued a report suggesting the addition of the degree after determining that students in the CTC's paramedic program were not adequately trained for national exams. The board approved the report and the degree.



Carrot Crazy

Fans stuff their mouths for tickets



by **REBECCA CANTLEY**
news editor

It's amazing how many baby carrots a devoted Carrot Top fan can fit into his mouth.

For Mike Pendleton, Princeton senior, eating 11 carrots in 1.5 minutes and shoving 30 of the vegetables into his mouth were small sacrifices for front row tickets to the comedian's Oct. 20 performance.

"He's clever," Pendleton said. "I just think he's hilarious; he's a genius."

Pendleton and others competed and entered drawings Monday for Carrot Top tickets, backpacks, key chains and T-shirts as part of a promotional day sponsored by the Student Activities Programming Board.

Carrot Top student tickets go on sale today at 10 a.m. at the Marshall Artists Series, Smith Hall 160. Herman Deboard, a graduate assistant with the Artists Series, said he expects students to begin lining up at 8 a.m.

"I would expect there to be a crowd by 8 a.m.," he said. "So many people have already come in. It's almost like some are threatening to camp out."

Deboard said students can receive one free ticket with Marshall ID. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$21, \$23 or \$25, depending on location of seats. Carrot Top's performance is also open to the public. Those tickets go on sale Oct. 6 at 10 a.m.



photo by Kelly Donahue

Grant Eagon, Huntington freshman (left) and Mike Pendleton, Princeton senior, shove carrots in their mouths Monday for a chance to win front row tickets to see Carrot Top. Pendleton won the contest, cramming 30 carrots into his mouth. Eagon won a Carrot Top backpack.

Deboard said he expects a sell-out performance.

"We expect that the public tickets will sell out as well," he said.

Deboard described Carrot Top as "full of surprises." He said the performer often uses political satire and has a bag of props.

"He has this bag and he just pulls props out and makes funny skits about of them," he said.

Although Deboard would not give too many details, he did say that Carrot Top asked the Artist Series to give him some unusual props to use for the show.

"You just never know what

he's going to do," Deboard said. "He's got a lot of surprises in that bag. He's asked for some special items, but I can't talk about any of that."

Deboard suggested students arrive early today to have their choice of seats.

"Be here early if you want to pick your seating," he said. "The first in line will be the first one to choose because there are no phone orders for students."

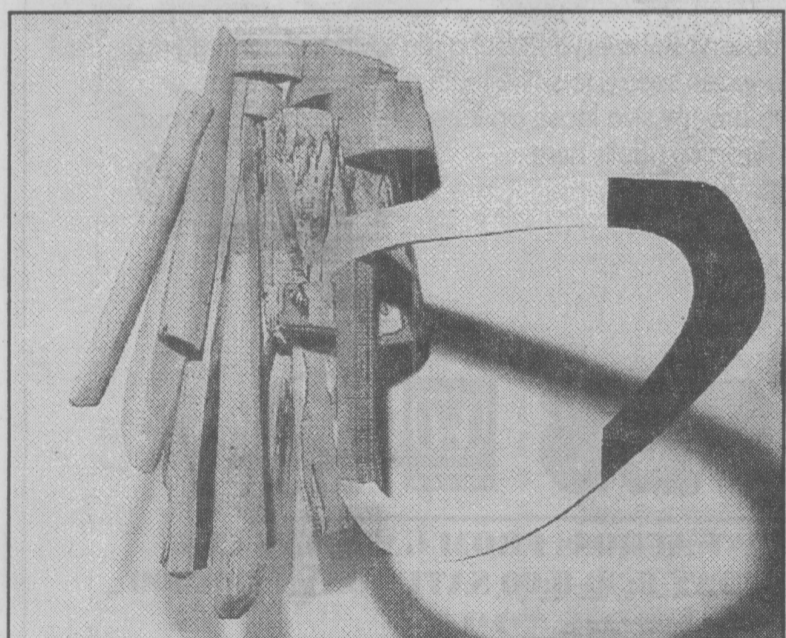
Pendleton is, however, one student who won't have to stand in line for Carrot Top tickets.

"I'm thrilled," he said. "I'm just not going to be eating anymore carrots for a while."



photo by Kelly Donahue

Mike Pendleton, Princeton senior, tries to keep 30 baby carrots inside his mouth Monday in the Memorial Student Center Plaza. Pendleton participated in Carrot Top promotional day, sponsored by the Student Activities Programming Board.



Artwork, like this piece, is on display in the Birke Art Gallery until Oct. 7. The exhibit features drawings, sculptures and paintings by Creighton Michael.

Artist's 'tense' works on display

by **CAROL WIGHT**
reporter

Mold, dust and charcoal cover the walls and floors of the Birke Art Gallery.

"Markings: Works by Creighton Michael, 1985-1997" opens the Birke Art Gallery season with an unorthodox display of unusual art media such as charcoal, mold, silk and even dust. This first of six exhibitions scheduled for the 1998-99 academic year features Michael's drawings, paintings and sculptures until Oct. 7, said Dr. Beverly Marchant, Gallery director.

"Whether flat, projecting

from a wall or free-standing, vast or intimate in scale, the works of Creighton Michael are at once dense and ethereal, lyrical and tense, traditional and innovative," Marchant said.

Michael, as promoted by a Department of Art news release, is among leading artists "transfixed by drawing as the making of marks and by experimental manipulation of processes and materials to create their art."

Art created by Michael, in his own words describing his own drawings and paintings, uses layers of gesso "like a layer of silk spread over a branch," stir-

ring "visual and psychic tension."

This tension in Michael's work, according to the art department, has added to his success by the number and quality of shows in which his work has appeared, such as, a solo show at Atlanta's High Museum of Art, Haverford College in Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt University and repeated exhibits at the Kim Foster Gallery in New York and the Robischon Gallery in Denver.

"Michael's art involves making a series of lines which ultimately make the picture," Letitia Hamon, gallery gradu-

ate assistant said. "I look at his work and see marks, textures and layers blending together. It's unique and interesting."

Michael, the creator of this interesting arrangement of lines and textures, received a master's degree in art history from Vanderbilt University and master's of fine arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Michael's works are on display in the Birke Art Gallery on the ground floor of Smith Hall. The gallery is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon., 7 - 9 p.m., and Sat., 1 - 4 p.m. For more information call Dr. Beverly Marchant, gallery director, at 696-2898.

Flu shots out; spray in

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hate the flu? Hate the flu shot even more?

Crybabies large and small, this news is for you: Soon there should be a flu vaccine that's sprayed painlessly up the nose, and it seems to work even better than the kind that comes via a needle.

The nasal spray vaccine has been in the works for several years, but testing last winter produced some surprising results. The ordinary flu shot was a bust, but the spray variety worked very well.

Doctors who released the findings Sunday said they believe the spray vaccine will have an important place in preventing the flu, especially for children or anyone else who's phobic about shots.

The flu virus is constantly mutating. So each year, government health agencies choose the three strains of the virus that appear most likely to be problems during the upcoming flu season. These are then used to create the flu shot, which is made of killed viruses.

Going into last winter, the agencies chose wrong. They picked strains called A/Shenzhen, A/Wuhan and B/Harbin-like. But the culprit turned out to be a variety of flu called A/Sydney.

Dr. Nancy J. Cox, a flu expert at the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said the flu shot offered only marginal protection against this strain.

However, the nasal spray variety did much better, even though it contained the same three flu strains. Testing on 1,358 chil-

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Dr. Dominick Lacuzio,
National Institutes of Health

dren last winter showed that it was 86 percent protective against A/Sydney.

"What happened last year with A/Sydney is very exciting. This was a true test, and the vaccine passed with flying colors. Right now, it looks like the spray has advantages," said Dr. Dominick Lacuzio of the National Institutes of Health.

The NIH cosponsored the test of the spray vaccine, called FluMist, with its developer, Aviron of Mountain View, Calif. Dr. Robert Belshe of Saint Louis University described the results at an infectious disease meeting sponsored by the American Society for Micro-biology.

In the study, 917 children received the spray vaccine, while 441 got dummy sprays. Two percent of the vaccinated children got the flu, compared with 13

percent in the comparison group.

Doctors believe the spray works better because it is made with a weakened virus rather than a dead one.

When sprayed up the nose, the virus causes a harmless infection and produces new copies of itself.

While the vaccine is likely to be aimed initially at children, Belshe said it probably will make sense for healthy adults as well.

Researchers suspect that for the elderly, who are especially prone to serious flu infections, vaccination with both the spray and the shot may be better than either alone.

Aviron applied to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a license to sell FluMist in June, hoping to get the vaccine on the market by the 1999-2000 flu season.

However, the FDA sent back the application last month, saying it needed more information on manufacturing issues.

J. Leighton Read, Aviron's chairman, said Sunday the company now hopes to sell the vaccine for the 2000-2001 flu season. He said the company has not decided how much to charge for the spray.

odds & ends

World's fastest Chihuahua gets crowned

LA MARQUE, Texas (AP) — Watch out Dinky, Ms. Dream is hot on your little tail. Ms. Dream, a 9-pound, 6-inch pet pooch, has been crowned the world's fastest Chihuahua. Ms. Dream, owned by Katie Freehan, beat out a pack of 64 on Saturday to take the third annual Chihuahua World Cup at Gulf Greyhound Park.

This is the third year the track has held the race, but the first since Taco Bell advertisements featuring Dinky the Spanish-speaking Chihuahua propelled the tiny, pointy-eared breed to stardom.

Ferrets get their day in Ferret Olympics

DALLAS (AP) — There wasn't a high jump or discus throw, no one ran with a torch and pictures of the winners probably won't end up on a cereal box. Still, competition was ferocious at the Ferret Olympics.

Nearly 200 ferret owners came out to the Grand Prairie Community Center on Saturday to see which furry creatures would take home awards for tipping over the most plastic cups, holding the longest kiss with their owners or doing the best weasel "war dance."

Holly Chant's ferret Sloopy was a big winner, taking first place in the paper sack escape event and placing second in the cup tip.

"I've owned ferrets since Christmas 1996," Ms. Chant said. "At one time, I owned 27 lizards and 19 ferrets. That was pretty bad. They made me move out of my apartment."

The gathering was the third of its kind, said Debra Thomason, president of the Ferret Lovers' Club of Texas. The annual event helps educate current and would-be ferret owners, as well as raise money for Texas shelters for abandoned ferrets.

Chardon football team helps stop drunk motorist

CHADRON, Neb. (AP) — The Chadron State College football team made its biggest tackle Saturday long after beating Mesa State College 42-0.

Several players and assistant coaches jumped out of their school van at an intersection to stop a motorist who had been driving his pickup truck erratically.

"There was no doubt that he was drunk," said Don Watt, Chadron State athletic director. "He couldn't even stand up."

The team was leaving Grand Junction, Colo., when a school van following the team bus warned the driver via walkie-talkie that a pickup truck behind them was swerving.

The bus and other team vehicles pulled in the right lane of Interstate 70 to let the pickup pass. As it did, the truck swerved and sped up to 80 mph, Watt said.

The truck finally slowed down, but no one dared to pass it.

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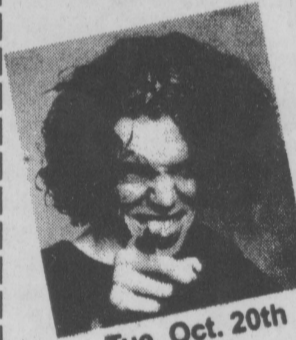
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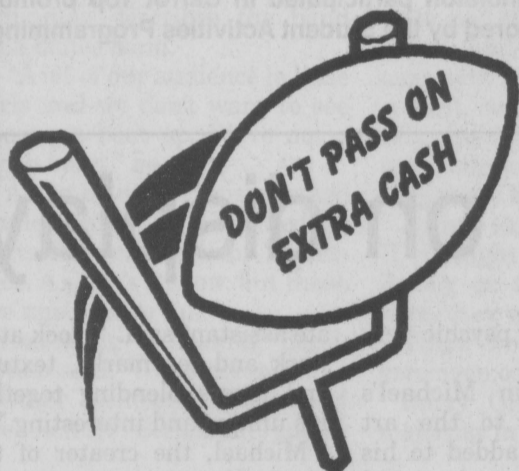
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CHARLESTON (AP) — Tamarack is going online. The art and crafts center in Beckley is headed to cyberspace with an Internet catalog featuring its merchandise, said spokeswoman Deborah Groves. Beginning Oct. 10, online shoppers can stroll the aisles of the virtual store and select from pottery, gourmet food, textiles, jewelry and apparel. Or they can select West Virginia souvenirs and handmade goods. "We want to try and entice people to come to Tamarack," Groves said. "But if they can't come, we can entice them to shop anyway."

Arrested man victim of gunfire

BECKLEY (AP) — A Beckley man arrested last weekend in connection with a shooting has become the victim of gunfire. Stephen Burks, 22, was shot once in the upper thigh Saturday. He was treated at Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley and released the same day. Police have no suspects or descriptions of the suspect, said Sgt. Tim Deems of the Beckley Police. Burks was charged last week with malicious wounding and wanton endangerment with a firearm in the shooting of a 23-year-old Beckley resident.

Chemical plant manager 'aware' of malfunction before 1995 leak

CHARLESTON (AP) — A manager at a Nitro chemical plant being sued by neighbors over a 1995 leak says he was aware that some equipment wasn't functioning properly before the leak occurred. Brian Macconnachie, plant manager for FMC Corp., said a 1995 report drawn up before the leak examined possible hazards and recommended solutions. But remedies had not been put in place by the time of the leak, he said. "We do considerable planning, but nobody's perfect," Macconnachie said Friday in U.S. District Court in Charleston. In August 1995, operators were having trouble using a window in a chemical tank designed to determine the level of phosphorous in a tank. The leak occurred when an

incorrect level of phosphorous was mixed with chlorine, causing a tank to over-pressurize. Fifteen neighbors of the plant are suing the firm, claiming numerous physical effects of the chemical leak. FMC attorney Joseph Beeson said the testimony of another witness, Sandra McCoy, an employee of West Virginia State College at the time of the leak, was different from earlier accounts she offered. McCoy testified Friday that her arms and legs itched and her eyes began to burn. She displayed her arms, showing scars from where she said she scratched herself raw. The college is about five miles from the plant. Beeson said McCoy had earlier said under oath that she did not remember itching that affected her legs.

Police chief: Ramseys are still under investigation

Parents not suspects, ex-detective says

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Police Chief Mark Beckner has rejected a retired detective's claim that his investigators unfairly targeted JonBenet Ramsey's parents in their murder investigation and failed to consider other suspects. Lou Smit made the claim in a resignation letter sent to Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter and obtained by Newsweek magazine. In an interview Sunday, Beckner said, "Lou Smit has been on this case for how many months now and I don't recall him ever presenting any arrest warrants to the DA's office. "If he's aware of who the perpetrator is, I wish he'd let everybody know." In the letter dated Sept. 20, Smit told Hunter that JonBenet's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, "did not do it." Hunter should "wait and investigate this case more thoroughly," he stated. Smit, who retired from the Colorado Springs Police Department, was hired by Hunter in March 1997 to help in his investigation. "I find that I cannot in good conscience be a part of the prosecution of innocent people. It would be highly improper and

unethical for me to stay when I so strongly believe this," Smit wrote Hunter. "What a double travesty it could be: an innocent person indicted, and a vicious killer on the loose to prey on another innocent child and no one to stop him." No one has been arrested since JonBenet, 6, was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996. Police said the Ramseys remain "under an umbrella of suspicion." Earlier this month, a grand jury began hearing evidence in the case. Police asked that Hunter send the case to a grand jury, saying the panel's special subpoena powers were needed to finish investigating the case. Smit, a staunch supporter of the theory that an intruder committed the crime, cut his hours in July because of his wife was ill. At the time, Smit planned to return to full-time work on the case when his wife recovered. Smit said he was not abandoning the case. "I intend to stand with this family and somehow help them through this and find the killer of their daughter," Smit said. Smit's resignation follows the departure last month of Boulder Detective Steve Thomas. Thomas, who had been on the case from nearly the beginning, released a scathing eight-page resignation letter in which he accused Hunter of bungling the case.

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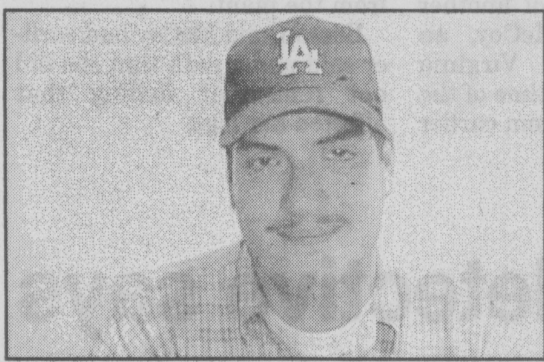
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HOT TOPIC



ROBERT MCCUNE

'Nail biters' are welcome change

The Marshall Thundering Herd football team has pulled off two very close wins in the past two weeks against very strong I-A teams — South Carolina and Eastern Michigan.

So close that the number of fans, both from MU and the opposing school, who are left seated in the stands while the clock ticks off its last seconds in the fourth quarter seems to have drastically increased.

Both games were decided in the fourth quarter. They weren't blow-outs, by any means. But as the saying goes, "A win is a win," and what's often at stake is the entertainment factor.

I like to watch a football game that is a game right up until the end. I don't want a game that ends in the beginning of the third quarter (or even earlier), when one of the battling teams has secured a score high enough that a tie is out of reach for the other. I like the "nail biters." I even like being the underdog from time to time. It only makes it that much more satisfying when our Thundering Herd rubs dirt in its opponents' faces.

The football team has shown this season that it is human; it can be cut; it can bleed (like the robotic, almost unbreakable Russian giant from one of the Rocky sequels). But, the Herd has also shown that it's going to take more than a punch to the gut to take them down. They're ready to fight it out until the end.

I can't wait to watch round 5.

Robert McCune is fall editor of *The Parthenon*. He can be reached at 696-6696.



Student from France sickened by the 'American version' of racism

By CAROLINE R. LOTOUX, guest columnist

The thought of it makes me angry, so angry, that I almost feel sick to my stomach.

That thought, that causes me to physically react so violently, is the following one: Why are people racist? Why do people treat others a certain way due to the color of their skin?

I have only been partially educated in America, prior to my college studies I lived in France; therefore, that American version of racism is pretty far from what I expected. Of course, overseas we also have tensions between people who are culturally different, but I believe those tensions have never reached the level of intolerance I have witnessed here, in the United States of America.

I want to exclusively focus on one single issue: black and white people is there a possible reachable consensus or is reciprocal racism the only possibility?

Each side might have very credible reasons to be racist, because

after all, people are free to be racist if they want to.

But what deeply offends me is when people suffer from racism, when people are victims of racist acts.

Wouldn't it be better if both sides would try to understand each other, communicate, and then try to make things better?

That idea seems far from being applicable, because I believe we are facing a racially stratified society, resulting from history.

I do not believe the United States of America will ever become a cultural melting-pot, by which I refer to as interracial relationships socially admitted, well-lived, and wide spread. That theoretical melting-pot might not be the most appropriate solution either, but at least maybe it would cause racism to fade away.

But cultural groups remain.

By the way, are there really "cultural gaps" between white and black people, that might prevent them to understand each other better?

Black and white people are

American citizens under the same Constitution, the same laws.

They all have access to the same food courts, fashion styles, music, movies, etc. So, why aren't they getting along better? Why is there that persisting misunderstanding?

I have been exposed to one logical and radical solution to solve the issue. Get all the new born babies together, retrieve them from their families. Then, rear them by preventing them to access any outside influence that could see their peers differently.

It sounds slightly too much alike George Orwell's famous novel "1984", a society without a past and a history, with average similar citizens, however, without racism. That theory is too inhuman to become true. So, what? Is there a solution to the issue, or is it going to worsen.

The "big Brother" solution does not appear to be the most appropriate. How could we cure society from that perverse disease?

Is it possible to get rid of racism? I am still angry.

America should do a totally retro return to morality

by MATT NAGEL, Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — I read a bumper sticker today that said, "IF YOU'RE NOT OUTRAGED, YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION."

Judging by the weathered appearance of the sticker and the Datsun it was sticking to, it must have been in reference to the cancellation of M.A.S.H.

But its message is poignantly relevant today.

Anyone not outraged with the 1998 World Series of political dodge ball happening in Washington D.C. must have their television locked on ESPN (as if the next home run will look any different from the last one).

Either that, or they're just as immoral as the dodge ball all-star himself, William Jefferson Clinton. And if so, my labeling them as such is as catalytic as calling a cat lazy. At best, it will go somewhere else to sleep.

So while everyone else is saddened by the defamation of the country's most sacred office, disgusted at the inclusion of every greasy detail in Starr's report and Congress' video or anxious for a conclusion—be it impeachment, resignation or censure — so they can hurry up and hear what the press has to dig up on Al Gore's creative campaign financing practices, I feel something altogether different.

I am puzzled.

Why is there any controversy at all regarding the future of Bill Clinton?

If America had not fallen so far away from the principles it was founded upon, the only questions left for newsmen to ask the president's lawyers would be about which tie he's going to wear to his next job interview.

How is it that all the lawyers in Congress, with their prestigious credentials and enough charisma to be voted in term after term, can't apply a constitutional law to a known criminal?

Instead, they continue debating: it's about invading a man's private life.

No, it's about perjury. Well, she never inhaled, so technically it wasn't really lying. Does a fib count as perjury? Is that a high enough crime or misdemeanor?

Does a three-legged beetle swim in a circle?

Of course Clinton must resign or be impeached.

If not, we should call his workplace "the Oral Office," replace the eagle on the President's seal with a rabbit and change the country's name to "the United States of Moral Apathy."

If the approval polls are accurate (did anyone ever call and ask you?), then 60+ percent of Americans would have no problem with that.

If that's actually the case, then 60+ percent of Americans (including Hollywood, TV and Radio — all of whom have sub-zero standards)

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deserve a portion of the blame for Clinton's crime.

In other words, Clinton's monkey business was made possible by a society of voters who didn't think his character would ever affect his service.

(Anyone who thinks he had any character to begin with needs to watch less ESPN).

What worries me is that Congress is releasing all the evidence to these same people, trying to see their reaction before offering its own.

With a few exceptions, Congress is passing the judgment buck to people less familiar with the constitutional stipulations that should dictate the judgement.

But I don't want to believe the polls. I want to believe that America is as solid as its constitution. I want to believe that living according to some ethical standard is important to enough of us to manifest itself in election results.

I want to believe that freedom has allowed us to choose leaders who will lead us forward to the hard to believe all that right now, isn't it?

GUEST COLUMN

Cal Ripken's streak is one that will never be broken

by DAN NEWMAN, sports columnist

As the old adage goes, "records were made to be broken." There are some records that people thought would never go down. Nobody ever thought that Lou Brock's career stolen base records would go away until a kid with a big mouth named Rickey Henderson came on the scene.

For all of the consecutive NBA scoring titles that Wilt Chamberlain amassed, Michael Jordan bettered it and will continue to as long as he wants. And whoever thought Roger Maris would be surpassed? When I was a freshman in high school I did a book report on Mr. Maris. When I told my father this, he remembered exactly where he was; watching the game with his father and some of his friends. He then proceeded to explain three things to me. Everybody dies, the law eventually catches up to everyone, and that there was no way Maris' record could ever be broken.

Love ya dad, but two out of three just isn't going to cut it (actually one out of three, I'm from New York).

What about amazing records that could be broken? Johnny Vandermeer once pitched two straight no-hitters. David Wells could have come out on May 23 and pitched another gem like he did in his previous start. Would it have made him a legend? Doubtful, but he'd be remembered in a trivia question for a long time to come as is Vandermeer. For all we know, a Greg Maddux or a Pedro Martinez could pull the trick at any time.

After taking the time to ponder it all, we can honestly say that Cal Ripken's streak of 2,632 consecutive games played will NEVER be broken. Think about it; up until this past Sunday night he played in every game since some MU students were just two years young. All you knew about the great game of baseball was that the ball was round and white with red stitching. As time wore on, number eight was a fixture in the lineup. Would he ever get injured? What about sickness? If it ever was to be, we the fans never had an inkling.

Another amazing thing about "the streak" - it was with the same team all the way through. Maybe not the best team but one that stuck with Cal even through some of the rougher seasons, like this one. In an era where teams treat their players like garbage and discard them, the Orioles never got rid of the legend, even though we all know they could have traded for younger talent around the trading deadline in July. Not only should Cal be praised, but so should Baltimore for helping to keep the streak intact.

For those of you keeping track, the closest player to Ripken is Chicago White Sox headcase/leftfielder Albert Belle who will have to play every game until the summer of 2013 in order to break the record. I'm sure everyone has their own personal guess as to where Belle may be found at that time and it's not at a ballpark near you.

I think the man himself put it best when asked what he was feeling after not playing in his 2,633rd consecutive game. "I feel this is a happy time; like a celebration." Exactly, a celebration of what's been a great career with hopefully more to come. Just as long as he doesn't make another attempt at putting together a streak. Cal, some of us may not be around to see the end of it.

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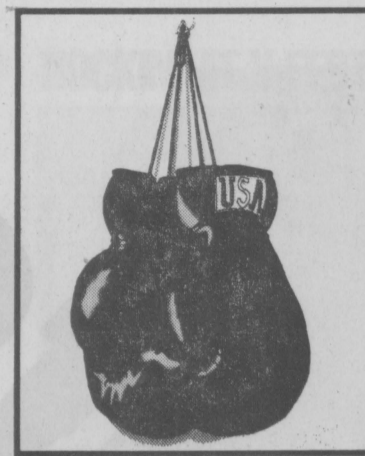
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Sports

Foreman top fight on birthday

HOUSTON (AP) — George Foreman has his 50th birthday party planned: It will be at the Astrodome, Larry Holmes is invited and there's going to be a fight. The two heavyweight champions of yesterday — both grandfathers — met at the Dome on Monday to announce their Jan. 23 bout, billed as the "Birthday Bash." Foreman, fighting in his hometown, hits 50 Jan. 10. Holmes turns 49 on Nov. 3.



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'Dynamic duo' do it again for Herd

by JACOB MESSER
assistant sports editor

Marshall does not need Batman and Robin.

The Thundering Herd has Daninelle Derricott and Billy Malashevich.

"They're the dynamic duo," Marshall Coach Bob Pruett quipped Saturday, after the Thundering Herd defeated Mid-American Conference foe



DERRICOTT

Eastern Michigan 26-23 in front of a crowd of 13,611 at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti, Mich. Both Derricott and Malashevich were dynamic against the Eagles. For the second consecutive week, Derricott made a critical fourth-quarter interception and Malashevich followed with a game-winning field goal.

One week earlier, Derricott intercepted South Carolina quarterback Anthony Wright at the 50-yard line and returned the pick to the Gamecock 29 with 1:04 left in the game. Moments later, Malashevich kicked a 37-yard field goal to break a 21-21 tie and give Marshall a 24-21.

Saturday, the duo responded in similar fashion. With 3:43 remaining in the fourth quarter

and the score tied 23-23, Derricott picked off Eastern Michigan quarterback Walt Church and returned the ball 13 yards to the Eagle 44. Eight plays later, Malashevich kicked a 22-yard field goal for a 26-23 Thundering Herd victory.

Marshall is 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the MAC East. Eastern Michigan is 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the MAC West. The win sets up a showdown with Miami of Ohio. The RedHawks are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the MAC East following a 28-14 win over defending MAC West champion Toledo. Marshall and Miami will play at 7 p.m. Saturday at Marshall Stadium in Huntington.

"The defense needs to make big plays because we're not executing at our very best yet," said Derricott, a 5-foot-10, 160-pound sophomore cornerback from Ashland, Va. "We needed a big play, so I took it upon myself to make the big play."

Playing in zone coverage, the sophomore cornerback was guarding a single receiver on his side of the field on the play. Instead of staying with the receiver when he cut inside, Derricott focused on the running back who was coming out of the backfield.

"I made a great read," Derricott said of the interception. "I don't know if the quarterback could see me or not. I broke in front of the running back and made the play."

Which disappointed Eastern



MALASHEVICH

Michigan Coach Rick Rasnick.

"We had a chance to go down and control our own destiny in the fourth quarter," Rasnick said, "but..."

But Derricott made his third interception of the season, all of which have come on the road and in the fourth quarter.

"That hurt us," Rasnick said. "But we are getting better each week. We're a good team. And we gave Marshall one hell of a football game."

Indeed, Marshall had a chance to bury the Eagles in the first half, but failed to do so. Instead, the Thundering Herd allowed Eastern Michigan to overcome a 23-7 deficit.

After Eastern Michigan tailback Idris Wells scored on a 1-yard run to give the Eagles a 7-3 lead with 2:20 left in the first quarter, Marshall scored three unanswered touchdowns. Junior quarterback Chad Pennington threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to sophomore receiver Lanier Washington to cap a 10-play, 78-yard drive.

Following an interception by junior safety Rogers Beckett, senior receiver Jerrald Long caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Pennington with 9:51 left in the first half. When the Eagles were forced to punt on

the ensuing possession, George Miller blocked the punt and David Foye returned it 16 yards for a touchdown to give Marshall a commanding 23-7 lead.

On the Eagles next possession, junior defensive tackle Giradie Mercer caused Eastern Michigan receiver Brandon Campbell to fumble and junior defensive end Ron Puggi recovered at the Eagle 41. But on first down, Pennington was intercepted by Eagle cornerback Lincoln Dupree.

"That interception was the turning point for them," said Pennington, who threw 170 consecutive attempts without an interception before the pick by Dupree. "It gave Eastern Michigan some momentum."

It also thwarted a Marshall scoring opportunity and set up an Eastern Michigan scoring drive. Instead of having the momentum and a 30-7 lead at halftime, the Thundering Herd led only 23-15 and the momentum shifted in favor of the Eagles.

Eastern Michigan running back Eric Powell scored on an 11-yard pass from Church with 10:40 remaining in the game. Powell then ran for a 2-point conversion, tying the game at 23-23.

"They never let up," Pennington said of the Eagles.

Nor did Marshall, Pruett said, even though the Thundering Herd had some emotional let-downs and execution mistakes.

"Our guys play hard, Pruett

said. That's the one thing about Marshall. We play hard. They don't quit. And they played hard the whole ballgame, even though they were bruised up. We came up here with a bruised team from the South Carolina game. Not only did we have people hurt, we had people hurting."

Sophomore tailback Doug Chapman bruised — and possibly separated — his shoulder in the first half and did not play in

the second half. With second-string running back Llow Turner and third-string running back Chad Terrell also out with injuries, the back-up duties were left to junior Jason Balwanz, who had not carried in a game since a season-ending injury in spring practice in 1997.

Offensive linemen Chris Scheuch and Brian Baxter suffered knee and ankle injuries, respectively, Saturday.



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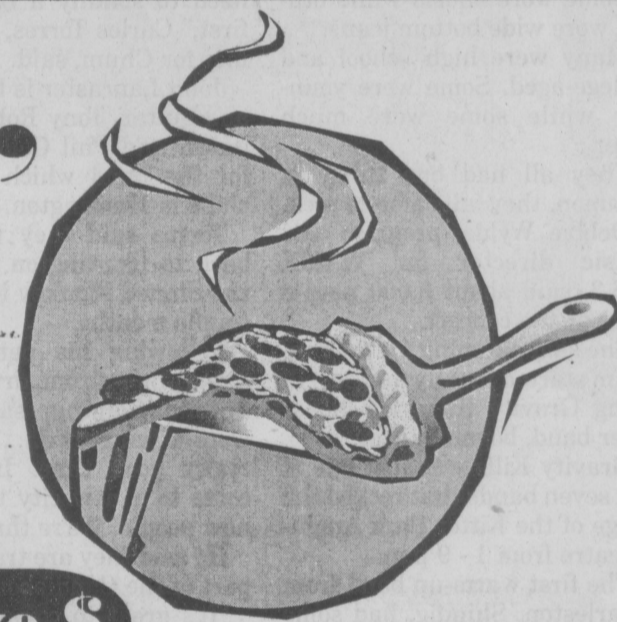
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Sittin' on top of the World

Diverse crowd gathers for all-day rock fest

by **CHRISTINA REDEKOPP**
managing editor

They came to Ritter Park Saturday.

Some came with their tongues pierced, various chains around their necks and brightly colored tattoos.

Some wore shorts while others wore wide bottom jeans.

Many were high school and college-aged. Some were younger while some were much older.

They all had one thing in common, they all came to rock.

Debbie Wyde, program and music director for WAMX 106.3, said about 5,000 people were at the concert.

She said planning for the program started in July and scheduling Gravity Kills, the headliner band, began in May.

Gravity Kills was just one of the seven bands that rocked the stage of the Ritter Park Amphitheatre from 1 - 9 p.m.

The first warm-up band from Charleston, Shindig, had some faithful followers.

"I thought they [Shindig] were pretty cool," Wesley Gold, a student at Greenup County High School, said. "I came here for Gravity Kills and all the groups."

Richie Action, the lead singer of Shindig, who also performed at Springfest in April, said, "We want to play everywhere in West Virginia first. Either we're going to play these every year or we're going to do something with ourselves."

Brian Pauley, Shindig's drummer, describes the band as a dance band.

"A lot of our audience is little girls and we don't want to see them get beat up. We're not a mosh band," he said.

About being nervous on stage Pauley said, "It's like anxious butterflies not nervous butterflies. A show's a show, but these are much more fun."

Extending a shaking hand, Action said, "I was nervous."

Other members of the band are Ronnie Stricklen, guitar

player and Ray Davis, bass player. More information about the band can be obtained at their web site: <http://www.geocities.com/SunsetStrip/Stage/6619>.

"We're itching to [release some new music.] We've got some stuff in the works. We need to solidify a bass player first," Carlos Torres, the drummer for Chum, said.

John Lancaster is lead vocals and guitar, Tony Rohrbough is guitar and Phil Collett is bass for the band which frequents clubs in Huntington.

Torres said they may come back to Huntington to play at the Stoned Monkey in the next couple months.

Following his performance, James Bergstrom, drummer for Second Coming, said, "They were a fun crowd. ... We had a really good time. It's fun to come to a new city to play for new people. We're thrilled."

He said they are travelling as part of the Candlebox Tour.

"It's great to come to a new area and connect with people," Bergstrom said with a smile. "I can't wait to come back. I'm all upbeat. I would like to play again."

Travis Bracht is the lead for Second Coming, Dudley Taft is guitar player and Yanni Bacolas is bass player. Their website is: hollywoodandvine.com/secondcoming.

Rich Beddoe, the drummer for Finger Eleven, from Toronto, Canada, said, "They were great. They seemed to be into it."

He said they just played with Creed and would be touring next with Days of the New.

Scott Anderson, is lead vocals, Sean Anderson is bass guitar, James Black and Rick Jacket are both guitarists.

Jacket said about the crowd, "I thought they were cool. Seeing as we've never played here, they welcomed us."

Their website is: www.fingerelven.com.

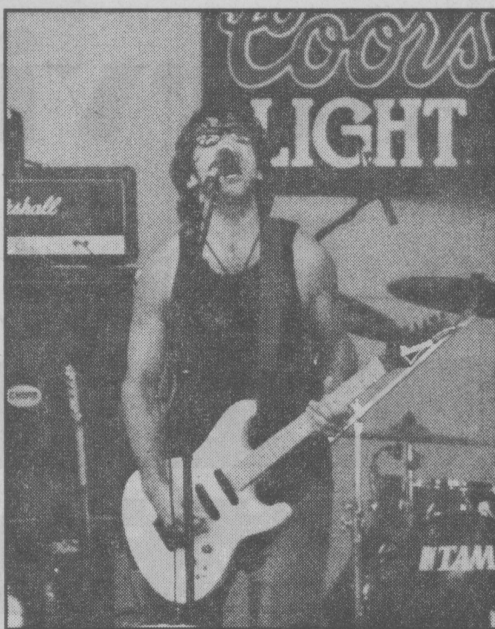
Barry Glover, a sophomore majoring in Computer Science,



TOP: Mike Farris, lead singer of the Screaming Cheetah Wheelies, entertains a crowd at the X-fest last Saturday. The band's name was inspired by a Far Side cartoon by Gary Larson.

RIGHT: John Lancaster and his band Chum have played in Huntington before. They plan to play at the Stoned monkey within the next couple months.

photos by Robert McCune



said following Finger Eleven's performance, "Shindig's the best band I've seen followed by Finger Eleven."

Screaming Cheetah Wheelies was the last warm-up band before Candlebox and Gravity Kills.

Steve Burgess, bass player, said, "Great crowd. They should spend more time watching than fighting each other."

Screaming Cheetah Wheelies is Mike Farris, lead vocals, Bob Watkins and Rick White, guitar and Terry Thomas, drums.

As to what influences their music, Burgess said, "It comes from all over. Our music has soul in it."

He said they got their name from Gary Larson's The Far Side.

Candlebox, from Seattle, Wa., played selections from their new album, "Happy Pills."

The band finished their stage appearances with "Far Behind," and old favorite from their debut album.

Other songs included "10,000 Horses," "Sometimes" and "It's All Right," as well as older favorites.

As a fight broke out among a couple members of the audience, Kevin Martin, vocals for the band, said he did not want anyone fighting during his time on stage.

"I came here to love you people, I came here to love you, and I want you to love me too," Martin said on stage.

Other members of the band include Peter Klett, guitars,



Richie Action, the lead singer of Shindig, gets a little support from the crowd as he performs. The band's drummer, Brian Pauley called the band a dance band. He was worried about fans getting hurt in a mosh pit.

Bardi Martin, bass and Dave Krusen, drummer. Their new album came out in July.

Gravity Kills completed the all day festival.

They gave a high energy performance and played songs loyal X106.3 listeners would be familiar with such as "Guilty."

Being the last band they were able to take full advantage of the different colored lighting.

Jeff Scheel is the lead singer, Douglas Firley is the keyboardist, Matt Dudenhoefler is the guitarist and Kurt Kerns is drummer.

On Campus

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Graduate Student Council Meeting, MSC Alumni Lounge, 6 p.m.
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Rock the Vote, Twin Towers East Lobby, 9:15 p.m.

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Sex Feud, Holderby Hall 9th floors, 9:15 p.m.
Baptist Campus Ministry Meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9:15 p.m.
Women's Studies Student Association Meeting, Corbly Hall 407, 1 p.m.
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