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SGA, ACLU take national stage

by EMILY INGLE reporter

The Student Government Association (SGA) and Marshall University Civil Liberties Union (MUCLU) dispute over prayer has gone national.

The debate is featured in an article in today's edition of The Wall Street Journal.

Student body Vice President Seth Murphy and MUCLU President Ardith Michaux were interviewed yesterday for the article. Murphy was also interviewed yesterday for

nationally syndicated radio station American Family Radio.

"I think it's over-the-top," Murphy said. "I didn't want it to be in the Parthenon, let alone The Wall Street Journal."

Since publication in the Parthenon, the controversy has been on The Associated Press newswire and featured earlier this week on WSAZ News Channel 3, 101.5 The River and in The Charleston Gazette. It is also in today's edition of West Virginia University's student newspaper the Daily Athenaeum.

It's a big deal for the student body. It puts West Virginia on the map on a very important issue that's hitting the country hard.

— Ardith Michaux, MUCLU president

A Wall Street Journal reporter asked for clarification on whether or not the issue was with the letter, prayer or Christian-based prayer.

"Our issue is not against the letter or Seth Murphy, but prayer in government," Michaux said. "We are not attacking religion,

but are attacking government-sponsored prayer."

Jan. 20, SGA voted to continue prayer at Senate meetings. Since then, MUCLU has contested the decision.

"I'm surprised that something so simple has become such a big issue,"

Murphy said. "All we're doing is following the traditions of nearly every governing body in this country."

Although there has been no official correspondence between Murphy and the MUCLU, both parties say they hope an agreement can be reached soon. However, it may be difficult to find common ground on this kind of argument, Michaux said.

"It's a big deal for the student body," she said. "It puts West Virginia on the map on a very important issue that's hitting the country hard."

Angel hosts news presentation

by MALLORY HAYE reporter

President Dan Angel's Marshall news program "Headliners" is scheduled to make its debut Sunday evening on Adelphia cable and begin on Charter cable Friday.

The 30-minute show is designed to highlight what is going on at the university and feature state and national guests that affect higher education.

"It's going to be something of interest," Angel said. "It's not Jerry Springer, nothing like that, but more like a national media show, only with more warmth and hospitality."

Angel said this is something he has wanted to do for quite a while but hasn't had the time to get it done. He said he thinks "Headliners" will be informative, conversational and a good way to get the community involved in legislative issues.

Jefferson County Delegate John Doyle (D), Higher Education Policy Commission Chancellor J. Michael Mullen and Wayne County Senator Robert Plymale (D) are scheduled to be guests on "Headliners" to discuss budget issues on higher education.

"We are going to discuss the budget, tuition and the budget crisis because that controls how much equipment we can buy and the availability of courses for students," Angel said.

Angel said even the small components of the show have been done well and will



photo by Dave Wellman

President Dan Angel, left, instructional television services student assistant, Eric Stewart and West Virginia Delegate John Doyle talk before the first taping of Marshall Headliners this past Saturday.

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— President Dan Angel

help to make the it better.

"We're excited about it, I think it's going to be a good show, we've even built our own set," Angel said. "They did a good job building the set, the introduction and picking background music."

Angel said he hopes the show will get the faculty more involved with each

other and get them to come together and see what's going on as a whole community.

"Headliners" has 10 shows scheduled for spring and 10 for fall with the possibility of reaching 200,000 viewers. The spring series will highlight legislative issues and the fall series will focus on what the uni-

versity is doing in area such as medicine and higher education, Angel said.

"We have seasons scheduled for spring and fall and if they are received well then we will continue," Dr. Angel said.

The show is scheduled to air on Adelphia cable Monday through Friday 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Saturday and Friday at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Times for Charter cable have not been decided, according to Dave Wellman, director of university communications.

Committee may change fee allotment

by MICHAEL D. WOOTEN reporter

It's an annual tradition at Marshall University: the President's Advisory Committee on Student Fees (PACSF) meets to discuss a possible increase or decrease in the amount of money campus organizations receive from student fees.

Five students and four faculty members serve as voting members of the PACSF. Two representatives from the administration serve as ex officio — or non-voting — members.

The group meets Friday to "evaluate each organization up for review and try to do our best to determine who should be cut, receive an increase or stay the same in regards to their student fee money," Brandon Stevens, student body president and chairman of the committee, said.

For the current semester, the intercollegiate athletics department receives the largest amount of money — \$99 from each student.

Students also pay \$35 per year to the Memorial Student Center, \$31.75 to health services and \$10.35 to the Marshall Artists Series. While the other campus organizations receive less than \$10 per student, the total adds up to \$258.

Although some students agree it is a lot of money to pay, Stevens said it is for a good cause.

"I don't mind paying the fees," Stevens said. "I feel they are put to good use and in the end really benefit the students."

Herb Karlet, Marshall's senior vice president of finance and an ex officio member of the PACSF, said both increases and decreases are likely.

"Last year there was a reallocation of the funds," Karlet said. "Student fees did not increase last year, but that's because some organizations received more money while others were cut. Look for the same this year."

Stevens said he wishes every program could keep its funding, but that simply isn't possible.

"My goal is to see that no organization gets cut," Stevens said. "But that doesn't look very likely."

Organizations are only up for review every two years. Those programs up for debate this time around include intercollegiate athletics, WMUL, music organizations, the Marshall Artists Series, the band, health services and student government.

After the PACSF discusses its recommendations, the group will submit a

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Sandoval tops bill for Jazz Festival

by EVAN S. HUBBARD reporter

The Marshall University department of music hosts the 35th Annual Jazz Festival this weekend with Cuban trumpeter Arturo Sandoval as this year's featured artist.

Sandoval will be in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theater. He will then host a master class for music students Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Dr. Edwin Bingham, professor of jazz studies, said he is excited about the different high schools that are participating in this year's festival.

"Anytime we can do something to enrich the music programs of other schools, we love it," Bingham said. "That's part of the mission of the school of music."

The jazz festival will begin in a new fashion this year of having a high school performing in the opening concert, Bingham said. The

Bridgeport High School Jazz Ensemble will open the festival with a concert at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. After the high school performance, the jazz group Bluetrane, made up of members of the music faculty, will perform.

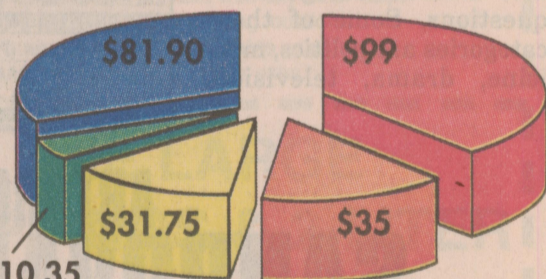
The department of music does a mailing every year to encourage different high schools to participate, Bingham said. He said many of the participating

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Student fee allocation

A breakdown of how Marshall spends students' money.



■ Intercollegiate athletics ■ Memorial Student Center
■ Health services ■ Marshall Artists Series ■ Other student groups

Infographic by Sara Armstrong

MU-AFT to hear from union speaker

by LEE TABOR reporter

Campus issues concerning students, staff and faculty will be addressed next week by two presentations sponsored by the Marshall University division of the American Federation of Teachers (MU-AFT).

Derryn Moten, associate professor of humanities at Alabama State University, will be talking to faculty, staff and students about the issues of unionization and how it can benefit the campus as a whole.

Dr. Joseph Wyatt, professor of psychology and chairman of the faculty division of MU-AFT, is confident those who attend will gain something from the presentations.

"I think Dr. Moten will have some very interesting things to say about what they have done to improve shared governments there at Alabama State," Wyatt said. "Specific things they did that might translate to what we



Wyatt

could do here."

Shared governments are when faculty, staff and students all have input on how a university should be ran, not just the administration handing down decisions on their own. Wyatt said he believes this is an issue at Marshall.

"Under our previous president, this was washing away very fast and I don't think our current president has done anything to change that," Wyatt said.

Many of the topics to be discussed

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Windows users face new threat with Mydoom computer virus

by MELISSA D. OFFUTT reporter

Marshall University computer users should be aware of a new virus, the W32/Mydoom@MM, a mass mailing virus that arrives as an e-mail attachment.

W32/Mydoom@MM, also known as Novarg, is attacking only Microsoft Windows users, according to the Microsoft Web site.

W32/Mydoom@MM will appear to be from a valid address. Microsoft advises to not open

questionable e-mail that contains attachments. If the attachment cannot be confirmed, delete the message immediately.

If your computer becomes infected, the worm creates a "backdoor" for attackers to remotely access your computer files and network resources, according to an e-mail sent out by Jon B. Cutler, associate director, systems administration information security officer.

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Winter blues

Shorter days may lead to depression

by KACIE B. DANIELS reporter



From left to right: Laura Richter, Jenn Gaston, Cara Cutright and Kristin Snider bundle in extra layers to combat extreme temperatures.

Photo by Kacie B. Daniels

A warm coat, gloves and a hat seem to be necessary equipment for students fighting the icy temperatures that continue to chill the Huntington area.

Students are combating the cold, but not with much enthusiasm. Laura Richter, a sophomore business major from White Sulphur Springs, said she's ready for spring.

"It's miserable when I go out there," Richter said. "I wear as many layers as I can, and I still freeze. It makes me want to stay in my bed where it's warm."

Some students seem shocked by the blizzard-like temperatures.

Matthew Graham, a senior biology major from San Diego, said he is still trying to adjust to the extreme cold he encountered when he moved to West Virginia January, 2003.

"I stepped off the plane

"I hated the cold weather, and I didn't understand why anyone would want to live here."

— Matthew Graham, senior biology major from San Diego

in shorts and sandals," Graham said. "I hated the cold weather, and I didn't understand why anyone would want to live here. I had to buy several new coats."

We all may suffer from a case of the wintertime blues from time to time, but for some, that suffering can be quite extreme.

Those deeply affected by the winter weather may suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a type of depression that occurs at the same time each year, according to WebMD.com.

The cause of SAD is thought to be the lack of sunlight brought on by the

shorter and darker days of winter. Females and people who live in areas far away from the equator, where there are shorter days in the winter months, are most prone to develop the disorder, according to WebMD.com.

Lisa Collard, a therapist with the counseling services center, said there are several symptoms of SAD.

"A person may feel more depressed than usual and not want to participate in normal activities," Collard said. "The person may have the desire to lie in bed more than usual or may not go to class as much. Eating and sleep-

ing behaviors may also change."

The major difference in SAD and the wintertime blues, said Collard, is how long the problem has been occurring.

"A person with SAD will feel really down every day for two weeks or more," Collard said.

For those who are looking for ways to improve their moods during the winter, Collard has several suggestions.

She said students should go places where there is a lot of lighting, such as the mall. Other suggestions include placing more lamps in dorm rooms or apartments, going outside when it's sunny and going to the tanning bed in moderation.

Students who might be suffering from SAD or any other form of depression may contact the counseling services center in Prichard Hall at 696-3111.

The center is open Monday through Friday.

'BRAIN STORM!' thunders to campus next week

by LEE R. CLARKSON reporter

BRAIN STORM!, the African American History Team Trivia Game Show, is coming to Marshall University on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

This TV-style game show allows the whole audience to play at one time.

A 10-foot video screen displays questions about African American history while a host guides the show and teams in the audience use remote control handsets to enter answers.

"Because of the relaxed, entertainment type atmosphere, it might encourage students from diverse backgrounds to attend out of curiosity, to come to compete, to come to win money," Maurice Cooley, director of the Center for African American Students' Programs (CAASP), said.

The game show is divided into different categories of questions. Some of those categories are politics, medicine, drama, television,

music and sports. "One of the things that we must strive to do as a university is to find or create experiences for the purpose of enjoyment and personal growth for students from a range of backgrounds ... We need to find those opportunities for learning," Cooley said.

The Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) helped with the promotion for the event.

James "Mage" Hensel,

graduate assistant for the SAPB and counseling graduate student from New Martinsville, W.Va., said the SAPB produced posters, flyers, put information on their website and promoted the event by word of mouth.

Molly McClennen, assistant director of Residence Services said some resident advisors are using this event to fulfill program requirements in the dorms. This game show is one of

the events during February to honor Black History Month.

BRAIN STORM! will take place in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The event is free, and students may come with groups of five to 10 members.

Participants will have chance to win a first place prize of \$200, a second place prize of \$125 and a third place prize of \$75.

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Cocaine found in TTE room

by ANN K. ALI reporter

The following information was obtained from Marshall University police reports for Jan. 5 to 19.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT TO DELIVER: Shane R. Gates, 18, and James R. Moore II, 25, were both taken to the Western Regional Jail Jan. 16 after MUPD officers found a bag of cocaine and bags of marijuana in a Twin Towers East room.

MUPD was dispatched to TTE and smelled something burning. After knocking on a door, Gates opened it and turned back into the room putting something from his desk in his pocket. The officers asked Gates what was in his pocket and he took a marijuana joint from his pocket. Gates said there was no other marijuana in the room so the officers could search.

Six bags of marijuana were found in Gates's desk. Moore, also in the room, was searched. A bag of cocaine was in the pocket of Moore's pants.

DUI, PERMITTING DUI, UNLAWFUL DRINKING UNDER AGE 21, DRIVING WITH NO LICENSE: Mary Kath-

erine Frye, 20, and Joseph M. Fitzpatrick, 28, were taken to the Western Regional Jail Jan. 19 and placed on temporary commitments awaiting arraignment.

At 2:09 a.m. an MUPD officer observed Frye approaching a Dodge Dakota parked in the 1600 block of Fourth Avenue. Frye and Fitzpatrick said they would like a taxicab called to take them to their residence, which MUPD dispatch did.

As the officer left, Frye started the Dakota and drove westbound on Fourth Avenue at a high speed. The officer began a traffic stop and detected a strong odor of alcohol in the vehicle.

Frye failed to produce a vehicle registration or any insurance, she was using an expired learner's permit and failed a Standardized Field Sobriety test. Her Blood Alcohol Content was .112. Fitzpatrick was charged with permitting Frye to drive under the influence.

CRIME OF ARSON: A Resident Advisor in Twin Towers East found a sign on the inside of the north stairway door on fire at 1:55 a.m. on Jan. 18.

MUPD was called at 2:15 a.m. about the fire, which left burn marks on the door and ruined the sign.

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Pepsi giving 'golden ticket' to Cancun

Soft drink co. sponsoring contest for trip to spring break hotspot

by **MELISSA N. DUNN**
reporter

Pepsi-Cola Co. wants to send four lucky winners, each with a guest of their choice, on an all-paid seven-day trip to Cancun, Mexico for spring break 2004. Pepsi has placed 18 specially marked bottles in the Pepsi machines on the Marshall University Huntington, Graduate College and Mid-Ohio Valley Center campuses.

These bottles have a wrapper that is different from regular wrappers. It will offer a chance to win a free trip to Cancun. If a student, faculty or staff member at any of the three campuses buys one of the specially marked bottles, they can take the bottle to room 2W6 in the Memorial Student Center and turn it in. There they will register to win one of the four trips available. The 18 registered con-

testants will join each other on the floor of the Cam Henderson Center Wednesday, March 3 during halftime of the Akron basketball game. "Once on the floor, the contestants will play a game of musical chairs," William Carter, operations coordinator for auxiliary operations, said. "The students really enjoy it." The final four contestants of musical chairs will win the trips. The trip will include airfare, hotel accommodations and spending money for seven days. "The only thing they have

"I think it's a cool idea that they give these trips away. I know I'd like to win a trip like this!"

— Melissa Blackburn, sophomore biology

to provide is the transportation to the airport," Carter said. "I think it's a cool idea that they give these trips away," Melissa L. Blackburn, a biology sophomore from Minford, Ohio, said. "I know I'd like to win a trip like

this!" Pepsi and Marshall have had giveaways such as this in the past. This year marks the sixth year that Marshall has had Pepsi as its exclusive vendor. "Marshall and Pepsi have a good relation-

ship," Carter said. "Everything they do is first class." Carter also said students are not the only members of the Marshall community that can participate in the contest. Faculty and staff are also welcome to participate. This one is the biggie, Carter said. The other giveaways bring in a good deal of money, but this one brings in the most profit for the university. The contest started Jan. 20 and will continue until Feb. 27 with the winners being announced on March 3.

MYDOOM

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"It has the potential to do some nasty things," Dr. Arnold Miller, assistant vice president for information technology, said. W32/Mydoom@MM tries to clone itself, by entering the e-mail directory and sending infected e-mail out to get started somewhere else. Although the actual virus does not hurt your computer the virus allows attackers access to your computer to wipe out your files, swamp the network and make your computer look like the bad guy, said Miller. Fox News has named W32/Mydoom@MM in its top 10 viruses and announced it has attacked well over 600,000 computers since Monday. There has not been any reports of the virus on Marshall's campus, Miller said. Marshall University e-mail is protected using Symantec anti-virus products. Symantec is available to download at <http://www.marshall.edu/antivirus>.

on the Web

More information about Symantec anti-virus software is available by visiting www.marshall.edu/antivirus

"Make sure anti-virus software is running and that is the best defense," said Miller. Marshall University computing services also offers other preventative tips:
• Keep your computer up-to-date with security patches.
• Install anti-virus software and keep it updated regularly.
• Exercise caution when handling e-mail attachments
• Change your password regularly
Other preventive tips can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/security/home> and university computing services <http://www.marshall.edu/ucs/systems/infosec.asp>. For additional questions and concerns contact the university computing services help desk.

MU-AFT

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at the presentations are specific to Marshall University's campus, such as tenure for professors and the Annual Experience Increment (AEI). AEI is a law in West Virginia which provides for every state employee, except for higher education faculty members, to get an increment of 50 dollars at the end

of each year for each year of service to the state. "We think it's time we get the Annual Experience Increment. It's only fair," Wyatt said. MU-AFT is currently petitioning legislature to address the issue of AEI for higher education faculty. "I think that our higher education faculty are some of the most hard-working and dedicated individuals around," Jenn Gaston, a jun-

ior marketing major from Fairmont, said. "I find it morally wrong to punish those individuals that are giving back to the future foundation of our state." "A Glass Half Full: Unionization and Progress and the Case of Alabama State University" will be presented Monday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. and "Ways to Achieve Shared Governance: How AFT can Help" will be Tuesday, Feb. 3 at noon.

Both will take place in the Alumni Lounge located in the Memorial Student Center and are free of charge. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. MU-AFT was formed in 1997 when a group of faculty and staff came together to discuss the loss of their input in how the university was being operated under the former university president, J. Wade Gilley.

FEES

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proposal to President Angel in a few weeks. The president will evaluate the rec-

ommendations before meeting with the board of governors later in the semester. While the group's proposals are not binding, in the past years most of the suggestions have been accepted.

"Out of all the recommendations we present, I'd say the president implements 90 percent of them," Karlet said. "All we do is recommend to the president," Stevens

said. "He has the final say, but to my knowledge, he takes what we have to say with high regard." The PACSF meeting is at 3 p.m. Friday in the student government room.

JAZZ

From page 1
high schools have been attending the jazz festival for many years. Chris Shew, a music education major and lead saxophone in one of Marshall's jazz ensembles, said he enjoys playing with the

different high schools every year. "One of the things I like is seeing the improvements every year of the jazz programs from each school," Shew said. Among the high schools that are participating are Williamstown, Winfield, Bridgeport, Buckhannon-Upshur, Ravenswood, George Washington, Sherman and Fairmont.

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Swimming, diving prepare for finale

7-6 team to compete in MAC Championship Feb. 26-28

by **AMY E. MOSS**
reporter

Marshall women's swimming and diving team's second season will come to an end as they start to focus on the championship meet.

The team's record so far is 7-6. The swimmers next meet is Sat. Jan. 31 at 1 p.m., in Athens Ohio. The team will finish their season up the following weekend at Ball State on Saturday, and Miami of Ohio on Sunday.

"I think we've done pretty good so far, it's a second year program, and we're ahead of where we were last year. The girls that were here last year have improved. We also had a nice class come in. I think we're well beyond where we were last year at this time and that's a good sign," Leonard Kraus, head coach of the women's swimming and diving team said.

Kraus has been the head coach for both years that Marshall has had a swim

team. He spent three years at Toledo before taking the position with the Herd. He is a member of the American Swim Coaches Association and the United States Swimming Coaches Association.

"To me, winning is going out and giving it everything you can, and just being happy with our team as a whole and the way we swim. As long as we're going out there and giving it our all, no matter how big the other team is compared to us, I think that's the best accomplishments," Emily Moe, an Elementary Education major from

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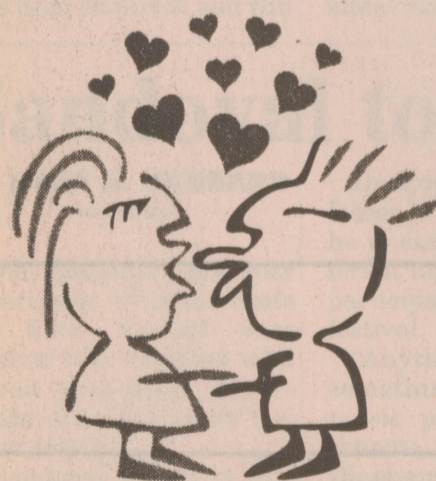
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7-6 team to compete in MAC Championship Feb. 26-28

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reporter

Marshall women's swimming and diving team's second season will come to an end as they start to focus on the championship meet.

The team's record so far is 7-6. The swimmers next meet is Sat. Jan. 31 at 1 p.m., in Athens Ohio. The team will finish their season up the following weekend at Ball State on Saturday, and Miami of Ohio on Sunday.

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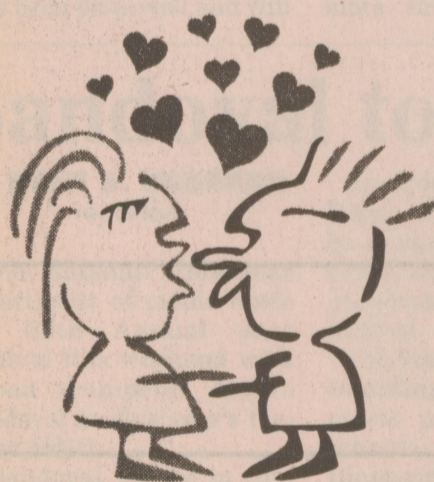
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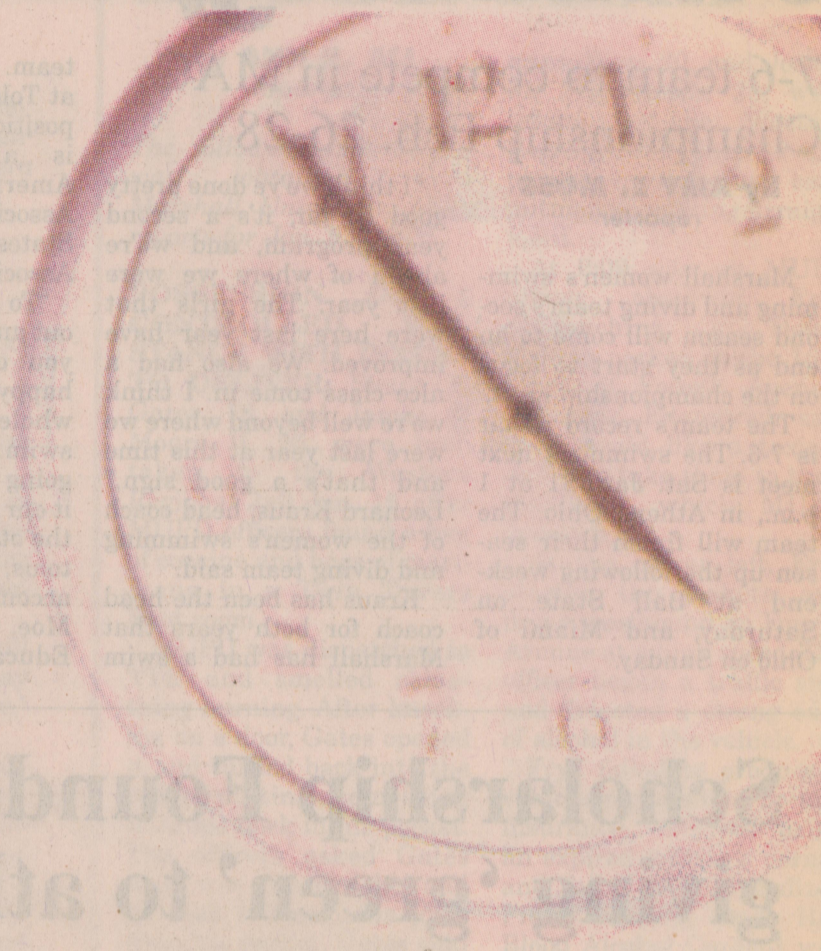
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Time on your side

by KATELIN F. ALBERTS



Time treats everyone equally. No matter who you are, there is never enough of it. But according to Pete Gollihue, residence life coordinator for Marshall University, it's how a student manages time that's important. Gollihue offers a set of skills, taken from <http://www.time-management-skills-online.com>, that can help students manage their time efficiently. Some of those ideas are included here below.

Set goals you wish to achieve and define them with a deadline

"Goal setting helps keep day to day tasks efficient," Gollihue said. Once you decide what goal you wish to achieve, link that goal with a deadline to make it seem more concrete and realistic, he said.

Define objectives that will help you achieve your goal

You must clearly identify what needs to be done and figure out how it can best be achieved, Gollihue said. This will help you focus on what is really important.

Rank your objectives in order of importance

By ranking your objectives, it's possible to develop a workable deadline for when projects should be started and finished, Gollihue said.

Use a time planner

Agendas and calendars can be particularly useful in time management. "It's a good way to keep things listed and also a good way to keep track of time," he said.

Identify interruptions

Students can be faced with many distractions and interruptions during the day. If you can identify these interruptions then they can be worked around, Gollihue said.

Classify your interruptions and regain control

Students should be aware of interruptions that can stand in the way of studying or doing homework, he said. Once you identify and determine when and what the interruptions are, they can be avoided so they don't interfere with your schedule, he said.

A few more tips to managing time wisely are:

- Work with your door closed
- Go to the library or study lounge to work
- Put up a "do not disturb" sign on your door
- Visit with your friends *before* you begin working

From my first time to yours...



The Talk by ALICE L. GREEN

Editor's note: This is the first in a weekly series of advice columns by Parthenon contributor Alice Green. The content is for entertainment only and does not necessarily reflect the views of this publication's editors.

It's uncomfortable. It's scary. It's awkward. Wait, I was talking about writing a column. Hello. I'm Alice Green, your resident sex columnist for this semester. This is my first time writing a column and as you can imagine it's a little intimidating, especially when I'm writing about something so taboo. So in order to fully christen the experience of writing this column, the first issue I plan to tackle is losing your virginity. You know... your first time.

Much like writing a column for the first time (although not very similar experiences), losing your virginity can be a very terrifying prospect. Since you're on a college campus being inundated with all kinds of new concepts and

ideas daily, you're probably thinking about whether you want to do it if you haven't yet. It's a big choice and by definition, be daunting.

However, with your trusty sex columnist by your side, it's a decision you can handle with grace and maturity. Here are some tips to making your first time the best it can be:

Make sure you and the other person care about each other.

Yeah, I know it sounds trite, but both parties will feel much more comfortable if some sort of emotional involvement is there. Your virginity is something that is a part of you, like it or not. It's also something you can't ever have back once you lose it, and believe me, you'll NEVER forget losing

it, so you have to make sure that it will be an experience you'll treasure, not an experience that leaves you crying the next morning.

Make the situation physically comfortable as well

While emotional and psychological stability are needed for losing your virginity, physical comfort can also alleviate the stress of other factors during your first time. You might want to try spending at least a few weeks in advance of your first time experimenting with and practicing sexual concepts other than the act of intercourse (oral sex, for instance).

This will help ease the transition into sexual intercourse, both physically and psychologically.

Use protection.

Yeah, I know it's said too much, but I think you can never say it enough. Protection against both STDs and pregnancy is very important during your first time (and every time) even if you're both virgins.

Believe me, I'm not trying to be preachy and saying that your significant other is lying about their sexual past and will give you an STD in return for your virginity. However, your first time can create unwanted side effects that are no fault of either party; a yeast infection, for example.

Protection can help lessen the odds of this as well as prevent pregnancy, and overall the relief of using protection will once again lessen stress for a potentially high-stress situation.

ENJOY!

I know it's very hard to concentrate on enjoying something so important. You have so many things on your mind. "Is he/she enjoying it?" "Am I doing okay?" "Is he/she going to think of me differently now?" But the main thing to remember is this: if you decided to go through with it and you know you're ready, the only thing left to do is enjoy yourself. If you're uncomfortable, it shows and your partner will be uncomfortable too.

Now that I've given you all the steps to a more enjoyable and less scary first time, remember that as stupid as it sounds, only you know when you're ready. But when you do decide you're ready I'll be here, giving out information that could come in handy for your second time.