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# MAC CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS

The women's tennis team takes on Western Michigan today at 1 p.m. at the Marshall Tennis Courts. The MAC title is on the line with both teams undefeated in conference play.



## Today's Forecast



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# SENATE APPROVES TITLE IX EQUITY FEE

Despite unpopularity, the Faculty Senate passed the \$100 fee to support women's sports

by **ABIGAIL KIMBERLIN**  
reporter

The Board of Governors report contained unpleasant news for some senators

at Thursday night's Faculty Senate meeting.

Dr. James M. Sottile, Board of Governors faculty representative, gave a report of the board's recent actions, which included the 11 percent tuition increase and the Title IX equity fee.

The federal statute Title IX requires equal athletic opportunity for men and women.

Sottile said 78 female athletes are needed to remain in compliance with Title IX and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Senator and professor of anthropology, Dr. Nick Freidin, called the equity fee "outrageous and unfair to students."

Freidin requested a motion be made stating the senators' opinion of the fee.



Sottile

"As a body, we should express our displeasure with the fee," he said.

The university will create new athletic programs for

women, including a crew team.

Funding for the new sports program will come from the equity fee, which will cost full-time university students \$100 per semester.

Faculty Senate Vice President, Dr. Cheryl Brown, was concerned about students' possible reaction to the fee.

"Blame the chicks once again - now they're respon-

sible for the fee," Brown said.

Senator and professor of psychology Pam Mulder had concerns regarding the faculty aspect.

"I think we need to support women's sports, but I get a strong feeling on this campus of students versus faculty," she said.

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## HOUSE oversees clubs

Student orgs gather for first joint meeting

by **SARA ARMSTRONG**  
executive editor

The inaugural meeting of the Helping Organizations Unite Students in Excellence (H.O.U.S.E.) Committee brought together representatives from 40 clubs, service and social fraternities and sororities yesterday in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

The first meeting's focus was to gather information about each organization on campus for upcoming recruitment efforts

related to freshman orientation and to inform the member organizations about what the H.O.U.S.E. Committee is all about.

"On campus, we have over 120 organizations. We want everyone to be aware of what everyone's involved in and how they can share that information with other organizations," Tiffany Ferrari, vice-chairman of the H.O.U.S.E. committee, said.

The H.O.U.S.E. Committee was one of Student Government President Jenn Gaston's campaign platforms. Gaston was present to introduce the committee and provide background information into the organization.

"I was very impressed with the turnout," she said. "If we continue at the rate we started, it will be a very prosperous organization."

The H.O.U.S.E. Committee collected contact information and plans for upcoming events from each represented group to

Please see **HOUSE, P3**



Gaston

# Undie auction raises money for Food Bank

by **NICOLE YOUNG**  
reporter

It all started when former American Idol winner Kelly Clarkson's thong underwear sold on eBay for \$14,499.

From the single undergarment that could break the bank came the idea for an auction to benefit the Huntington Area Food Bank.

WKEE "Miller in the Morning" show disc jockeys J.B. Miller and Sheila Redling were inspired by the thong sale and decided to sell an autographed pair of underwear on their own, size 78 men's briefs, Miller said.

"This was something that was kinda spur of the moment, but if it works well and works well for the charity, you never know," Miller said.

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The eBay underwear auction was inspired by American Idol winner Kelly Clarkson's sale of one of her thongs using the online auction site.

photo illustration by Brandon Lee Dingess

## Stained-glass window among additions to forensics building

by **SARAH HEREFORD**  
reporter

A 10-foot stained-glass window with images of double-helix models and DNA profiles is just one aspect of the new addition to the Marshall University Forensic Science Center (MUFSC).

The window is called "Identitas in Vitro," which means "Identity in Glass." It was a gift to the building in honor of Dr. Terry Fenger, professor and center director, by the Forensic Science Class of 2004. The window, made

by Blenko Glass Company, was made possible by several contributors.

Construction began on the building in October and the first floor was ready for occupation in early March. Lynda Holup, MUFSC biotechnology business developer, said the expansion has been a vision of the center since the program started in 1995. She said the center has sought the actual expansion in the last three years.

Forensics classes that were once held in a small room in the center now occupy classrooms in the new building. Fenger said

that the new addition was occupied right away.

"The fact that we began using the building right away shows how much it was needed," Fenger said.

Fenger said the multi-purpose structure will allow growth in the forensic program, as well as in their new area of emphasis, computer forensics.

Fenger said the center is attempting to secure funding to complete the construction.

He said their plan is to move offices to the second floor and convert the current offices into DNA laboratories.

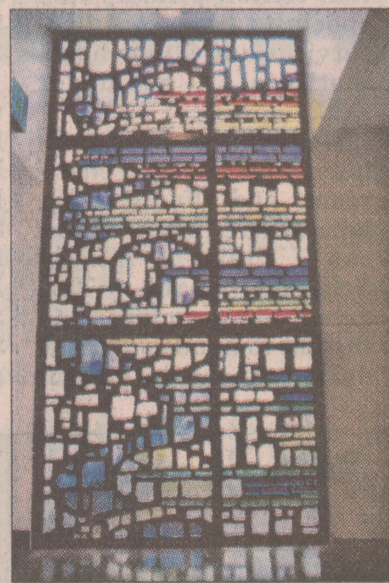


photo by Veronica Nett

The new stained-glass window sports an image of the double helix of DNA. The window was made by Blenko Glass Co.

## Nurses, Med school feeling cuts

by **TRAVIS A. BAIN**  
reporter

Marshall University's School of Medicine and College of Nursing are to feel the blow from additional budget cuts.

"The last two and a half years of budget cuts have stretched us in about every way possible," Jim Schneider, associate dean for finance and administration, said. "We need to come up with ways to deal with that."

"We're looking at \$1,835,000 in terms of budget cuts," Schneider said.

Concern over budget cuts is nothing new, as tuition and student fee increases have been made for the last two years in an attempt to offset a 4.5 percent budget reduction from the state legislature.

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## CCYD starts Kerry club

by **EMILY INGLE**  
reporter

"Don't be a dum-dum. Vote for Kerry!" is the slogan for one of Marshall University's newest campus groups.

MU Students for Kerry, a branch of Cabell County Young Democrats, was formed to encourage students to support and vote for presidential candidate Senator John Kerry, said Justin Carpenter, club secretary.

"We're here today to get Marshall students involved in the campaign of our next president ... It's important to change our leadership," he said.

The organization has not been officially recognized by the Student

Please see **KERRY, P3**

## Entrepreneurs to open youth hangout, musical performance venue

by **MARYBETH SPENCE**  
reporter

Entertainment seekers will have a new option when it comes to weekend plans, with the opening of the Huntington Youth Arts

and Music Project, better known as HYAMP.

HYAMP, located at 2001 Rear 7th Ave., will serve as a space for performances by artists, comedians, musicians, and social or political speakers. Plans are to open

the venue next weekend, James Harris, co-founder said. Harris, a 23-year-old journalism student from Wayne is one of three who had the vision to create the venue.

"It also offers a place of

communion among the youth of the Tri-State region," he said. "We not only want to expose the region to a more varied array of art, ideas and music, but also want to operate a successful venue

that is built on the same foundation."

Joey Cutler said the purpose of the venue is to offer art and music to locals in a positive, alcohol and drug-

Please see **HYAMP, P3**



# Biology Department breaks award record

by SARAH HEREFORD reporter

Not one, not two, but three university awards were presented to faculty members of the Biology Department this year.

Dr. Frances Hensley, associate vice president of academic affairs, said this number breaks the previous record of two awards won by the Music Department in 1995 and the School of Journalism in 2001.

"This is rare and speaks highly of the departments in which the awards were

received," Hensley said.

The three awards included the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Award, the Carolyn B. Hunter Service Award and the E. Pickens and G. Queen Excellence in Teaching Award. Students, faculty and staff were invited to nominate those who qualified for the awards. Nominees were then asked to apply for the



Somerville

awards, listing their qualifications.

This year the 2004 Reynolds Award was won by Dr. Charles Somerville, associate professor of biological sciences. It is intended to provide encouragement and incentive for superior teaching achievement at the university. Nominees must be full-time faculty with three or more years of service at Marshall.

The award includes a cash prize of \$3,000 and will be presented to Somerville at the General Faculty Senate meeting on

April 22, 2004.

This is second year for the Carolyn B. Hunter Service Award, which was won by Dr. Marcia Harrison,



Harrison

professor of biological sciences. The award was created by the Marshall University Alumni Association to recognize contributions and service from faculty in their respective fields.

Harrison said she is

involved in many programs with the Biology Department, but her main service is directing the West Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair. She said she was surprised to find out she won the award because she was unsure of what type of service the committee was basing the award on. She was presented with the award at the Alumni Banquet.

The intention of the E. Pickens and G. Queen Excellence in Teaching Award is to honor outstanding junior faculty. This year's award was given to

Dr. Nicki LoCascio, assistant professor of biological sciences.



LoCascio

To be eligible, nominees must be full-time faculty at the instructor or assistant professor rank who have completed six or less years of service at Marshall.

Three winners are selected and awarded \$1,000 stipends. This is the ninth year for the Pickens-Queen Award.

## STD facts important on campus

by KATELIN F. ALBERTS reporter

How well do you know the 64 people you slept with last night?

The story of sexually transmitted diseases shared between partners that have slept with others, who have slept with others, was the central idea for an sexually transmitted disease presentation given in Twin Towers West Tuesday.

James Wagner, a graduate student with Marshall University's Student Health Education Programs, mentioned the signs and symptoms of the most common sexually transmitted diseases on Marshall's campus.

The more common diseases mentioned were Genital Warts, Chlamydia, Herpes, Gonorrhea, and HIV.

Genital Warts is the most prevalent STD on campus, according to Wagner. It's a viral infection that has no cure. The warts can be transmitted through vaginal, oral and anal sexual activity, Wagner said. The first cluster is small but can spread rapidly. The warts can be surgically removed, burned away with acid, or frozen with liquid nitrogen.

Chlamydia is considered the second most prevalent STD on campus, Wagner said. Eighty percent of people infected don't realize they have it. Symptoms appear within seven to 20 days after contact with the bacteria. Symptoms include itching, burning, and frequent painful urination, Wagner said.

Herpes is a viral infection with no known cure, Wagner said. An infected person will continue to have outbreaks for the rest of their life. Symptoms include clusters of pink raised spots and blisters, fever, headache, and swollen glands.

Gonorrhea is also a bacterial infection that can be treated through antibiotics. The disease can be transmitted through all forms of sexual activity. Symptoms include persistent backache, painful frequent urination, and appear two to 10 days after contact. This disease if left untreated can lead to blindness and heart and liver damage, Wagner said.

Human immunodeficiency virus also known as HIV is the virus that develops into the AIDS virus and eventually causes death. There is no cure for the disease. "The symptoms are vague," Wagner said. The symptoms consist of unexplained coughing, chronic fatigue, weight loss and headache. The virus is difficult to treat because of its ability to mutate, Wagner said.

Anyone suspecting they have contracted a sexually transmitted disease can call for an appointment with Student Health Services, located at Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

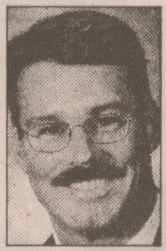
Any student needing an appointment should call 691-1106 and select option one.

## Alumni Association elects new board members

by MALLORY HAYE reporter

Marshall University alumni elected 10 new members to the alumni association's board of directors.

According to a university news release, the new board members are: Suzanne Lynch Dickens, Roger S. Dyer, Olive Blankenship Hager, C. Jay O'Dell, Deborah England Pretera, Natalie Ray, Sam Stanley, Jack C. Trainor, Janis Winkfield and Robert E. Yost.



West

The qualifications to

become a board member include being an active member of the alumni association, being concerned with the growth of the university, the person must be available for two on-campus meetings a year and be willing to promote the university in his or her home area, Lance West, vice president of alumni development, said.

Nominations were expected for the positions and ballots were sent out to all active alumni association members.

The 10 new members, whose terms begin July 1, will join the 40 other members of the board to provide leadership in the areas of policy and goal setting for the alumni association, West said.



"These individuals represent 75,000 living Marshall alumni and take their role very seriously," West said. "They serve as advocates to move Marshall's overall mission forward."

The alumni association had 5,476 total votes cast for this year's board of directors election, Nancy Pelphrey, coordinator of alumni programs, said.

"We're delighted to have had such a wonderful response from our active

Marshall University alumni regarding this year's election," Tom Harris, president of the Marshall University Alumni Association, said in a university news release. "We look forward to having these people be part of our leadership team."

Along with Harris, the 2004-05 officers for the alumni association are:

Nancy Campbell, first vice president; Dr. James Harless, second vice president; Mike Graybeal, treasurer and Sharon Porter, secretary, according to a university news release.

"We are very fortunate to have the board of directors that we do," West said. "We are excited about this upcoming academic year."

## Plans made for new medical facility

by TRAVIS A. BAIN reporter

Plans are being made as to how to properly utilize the \$11.5 million in funding Marshall University received to complete the school's medical outreach and education facility.

"We are beginning schematic design meetings with architects, and a group from the School of Medicine recently toured similar types of facilities to get an idea of some of the key designs and operational elements," Jim Schneider, associate dean for finance and administration, said.

Though the official design of the building will not be determined for a few months, departments in the building have already been decided.

The new medical facility will include an education center, primary and specialty care clinical services and a new heart institute, Schneider said.

"The first floor will have primarily classrooms and clinical skills labs where mock exams can take place," Schneider said. "This gives our students an insight to hands on procedures without the patient

**"We are beginning schematic design meetings with architects, and a group of the School of Medicine recently toured similar types of facilities..."**

— Jim Schneider, associate dean for finance and administration

setting." The new facility is to be built on Charleston Avenue, where Fairfield Stadium (Marshall University's old football stadium) stands and will be a part of the Center for Rural Health.

"My hope is to have some type of memorial plaza at the ground floor of the facility," Schneider said. "It's not going to be anything massive, but it's something we'd like to incorporate because that stadium holds a lot of memories for a lot of people."

Construction is to begin in January 2005 and should be completed by the summer of 2006, Schneider said.

Funding for the project was set aside by Senator Robert C. Byrd in the Fiscal Year 2004 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Senator Byrd provided \$11 million in last year's Appropriations bill to

begin construction of the new facility.

Though the funds were set aside to build the new facility, there is still a formal process of approval that must be given by the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services.

"On March 10 we took the grant documents to the Marshall University Board of Governors, and they received a briefing of the project," Schneider said. "That gave us the formal approval from the school and now all we need to do is submit documents on the federal level."

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HOUSE

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compile a calendar and distribute it to other clubs for the purposes of collaboration among the groups. The information collected will be compiled and used for recruitment as well as bringing clubs together for projects and activities.

"I think it's long overdue," Alpha Chi Omega representative, Sheanna Smith, said. "In general it's hard to get organizations to work

together because we're so focused on our national organizational requirements that we don't have enough time to contact other campus resources."

Student organizations on-campus who wish to be recognized by the H.O.U.S.E. Committee, or small groups who wish to become recognized clubs are welcome to join the H.O.U.S.E. Committee, Lee Tabor, chairman of the H.O.U.S.E. committee, said.

"I would recommend them getting a recognition

form [in the SGA office] and I will personally help them," he said. "I've started three clubs, and can help get them in contact with a similar organizations to help them get on their feet."

The HOUSE Committee will not meet again this semester, but the planned meeting schedule is set for the first and third Thursday of every month beginning in the fall. Between now and the fall, Tabor said the Committee will be working to compile updated information and

set up speakers and talks that will be beneficial to organizations such as experts in public relations and subjects such as membership retention.

Gaston said bringing members of every campus organization together is important to the H.O.U.S.E. Committee because it provides an opportunity for similar-minded groups to work together and to build a sense of unity between groups that may not have had much connection otherwise.

KERRY

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Court because members did not send in its Constitution and bylaws, however, they have already started activities.

A recruitment table was set up Wednesday where students could register to vote or sign up for the club.

Six students registered to vote, and 25 pledged to sup-

port John Kerry.

Other events are in the planning stages, such as a bake sale and John "Kerryoke," a karaoke contest. No dates have been set at this time.

The profits from the bake sale will be used to purchase pamphlets, bumper stickers and buttons, said Paul Gessler, club co-chair.

The club is separate from the Young Democrats because according to the

Young Democrats Constitution and bylaws, the club and its members are not allowed to endorse a nominee until the Democratic National Convention.

John Kerry has not been officially nominated because the convention is July 26-29 in Boston.

By forming a separate club, students can give the 2004 presidential race the attention it deserves, Carpenter said.

UNDIES

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The DJs had no goal in mind and were hopeful that the underwear would sell for several hundred dollars, Miller said.

"I didn't know about it until I heard it on the radio," said Jon Rickey, director of the Huntington Area Food Bank. I've known J.B. for a number of years and he's a great guy. When I heard about it, it didn't surprise me."

Although the auction didn't reach into the hundreds, it ended Thursday with a final price of \$54.

More than 1000 people viewed the auction during the seven days that it was posted, Miller said.

"A lot of people thought it

was a really cute idea and wished us luck," he said.

The radio station first worked with Huntington Area Food Bank through Empty Bowls and decided to give proceeds to the charity because they cover the Tri-State area, he said.

WKEE also received a lot of publicity out of this stunt, Miller said. National trade magazines "All Access" and "Radio and Record" published articles about the eBay auction, he said.

Miller and Redling will take the underwear for their final showing during the WKEE Women's Expo April 20, Miller said. The underwear will then be shipped off to the winner.

The Workingman's Store donated the big briefs for the auction, he said.

CUTS

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Schneider said that concerns have already emerged over new equipment needs, building repairs and renovations, student recruitment and faculty pay. The budget cuts are also going to have an effect on public services and research programs in the School of Medicine.

SENATE

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Mulder said she supported the fee.

Senator and Librarian David R. Gray proposed the senators make an

HYAMP

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free atmosphere. Cutler, 27, of Huntington is also a founder of HYAMP, along with Chris Wallace, 23, of Wayne.

Because of the alcohol-free environment, the venue will be open to all ages.

April 24-26, HYAMP will offer River Valley Riot of 2004, which will include more than 30 local and national bands in three days.

The venue is also scheduled to host a Punk Voter Tour Wednesday, May 12. The tour will include a booth for registering to vote, as well as music from Strike Anywhere, From Ashes Rise, Challenger, and Breather Resist.

To find more information about HYAMP, go online at www.rivervalleyriot.com.

amendment expressing their support of Title IX.

Freidin and Gray's amendments were combined into one, which declared the faculty senate's disapproval of the fee but continued support of the Title IX.

Police Blotter

Three men arrested on charges of firing gunshots from car

by ANN K. ALI reporter

The following information was obtained from Marshall University Police reports from April 7 to April 12

The man said two individuals struck him in the back of the head, knocking him to the floor, and then punching him several times in his face and chest. The two men took a \$20 bill from the victim's front pants pocket.

WANTON ENDANGERMENT WITH A FIREARM

Three males were taken into custody April 7 after the Marshall Police received a call that someone in a Chrysler PT Cruiser had fired shots while traveling west on 3rd Avenue.

After arriving, the MUPD gathered written statements from witnesses and heard from Cabell County 911 that the vehicle had been seen in the 1000 block of 3rd Avenue, possibly firing shots again. The Huntington Police Department stopped a vehicle matching the description and took crack cocaine, 9-millimeter pistol ammunition, a used 9-millimeter shell casing and a possible bullet fragment as evidence and submitted it all to the Huntington Police Detective Bureau.

MUPD reports say it is believed that six to eight shots were fired toward the construction equipment and trailers on 3rd Avenue, and according to witnesses, the three men appeared to be trying to scare passengers in a second vehicle.

ROBBERY

A Hodges Hall resident reported to the MUPD that on April 7 he was attacked while walking up the stairs in his building.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

A Marshall Building Supervisor reported to Marshall Police April 7 that a person had damaged an elevator in Smith Hall.

The center and bottom panels had been removed along with the plastic button housing, the top panel was chipped and cracked, and the metal sheet that held the panels were bent. Otis Elevator Company was notified of the incident, and estimated the damage to be approximately \$1,500.

DAMAGED VEHICLE

A U.S. Postal Service employee reported to the Marshall University Police Department April 12 that someone had struck the Postal Service vehicle, while it was parked and unattended in the 1700 Block of College Avenue, damaging the driver's side front panel.

LARCENY AND DESTRUCTION

A student reported to the MUPD that someone had stolen the radio and two 15" speakers from his locked car that was in the Marshall parking lot between April 4 and 11. The dashboard of the car was also broken. There are no suspects.

Advertisement for the Parthenon newspaper featuring a large ink splatter graphic and the text: 'Get The Latest School News Without Getting Ink All Over Your Hands. www.marshallparthenon.com'

Recruitment advertisement for the Parthenon newspaper. It lists job openings for Executive Editor, Managing Editor, News Editor, Wire Editor, Sports Editor, LIFE! Editor, Photo Editor, Online Editor, Copy Editors, and Page Designers. It also includes information for a director position at WMUL-FM 88.1 FM, with a deadline to apply on Friday, April 16th at 4 p.m.



### Their View

## Clear communication

Daily Targum (Rutgers U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The president of the United States has many responsibilities and obligations to his citizens. Our elected leader should represent us, defend us and guide us — but most of all, communicate with us. A good president should be aptly able to express his policies and the reasons behind them. He should be able to justify his claims and prove the direction into which he is leading us is the right course.

President George W. Bush gave a rare public press conference Monday night during prime-time. The country left its regularly scheduled programming to finally hear Bush's comments and explanations regarding the current situations regarding Iraq and Sept. 11.

**"The president has to do a better job at communicating. He has to speak more directly and more often to the people. When he does, he should give us straight answers and not recycled soundbites."**

### on the Web

The Daily Targum is the student newspaper of Rutgers University. For more information, readers may visit the Daily Targum Web site at [www.dailytargum.com](http://www.dailytargum.com).

A country that trusted and admired Bush's ability to relate to the people of the country after Sept. 11, has lost respect for its leader, whose credibility has fallen.

He was trusted after the Sept. 11 attacks because he explained what was going on frankly and frequently. Too often what the public know of the president is filtered through a reporter's notebook. Rarely does the president make the attempt to reach out to the people directly. Past presidents have made themselves more accessible through more frequent and longer television addresses and more publicly televised press conferences. However, in more recent times of great national crisis and concern, Bush has not been there for his people.

The president has to do a better job at communicating. He has to speak more directly and more often to the people. When he does, he should give us straight answers and not recycled soundbites. This public press conference, the third of his term, was a good first step. Through reporters, it gave the public a chance to ask Bush the questions on everyone's minds. While Bush may not have satisfied everyone's concern, he at least attempted to provide a greater sense of accountability from the administration. This attempt needs to be made more often.

## Protection from disagreement not in job description of the ACLU

JOSEPH HUGHES  
 guest columnist

Back in the spring of 2000, I took Clay McNearney's Nature of Religion class and we had a discussion about understanding, tolerance, and acceptance. This discussion focused on how understanding other religions leads to tolerance of those religions. The point was that, despite many of our initial views, neither acceptance nor belief are required for understanding and tolerance.

The idea can be expanded to any belief, not just religious. Understanding the reasons that some people choose not to eat animal products allows me to coexist more or less peacefully with them. Vegans are no longer just freaks to be demonized. That does not mean I have to agree with them and stop eating eggs — my own views are equally valid as long as they are also educated.

We can extend the same

to homosexuality, abortion, marijuana legalization, and any number of other issues. Militants on any side of an issue, however, demonstrate an unwillingness to understand the beliefs of others, and feel that everyone needs to believe as they do. This can develop into oppression when one side attempts to forcibly remove disagreement.

Disagreement, though, demonstrates the opposite of oppression. From disagreement, we are able to hear varied sides of issues, and others are able to formulate educated views. Oppression prevents exposure to opposing viewpoints. The First Amendment of our federal Constitution prevents oppression because it guarantees that all viewpoints

can be expressed.

Because the Parthenon believes in the First Amendment and in the expression of varying viewpoints, both Mr. Murphy and those with opposing views have been published regularly in this paper (a stance our civil libertarians greatly appreciate). Mr. Murphy, though, has confused disagreement with oppression and has asked why the ACLU has not come to his defense. Unfortunately, he concludes he is being ignored because he is a conservative.

In 2001, when a permit for a Klan rally was unnecessarily delayed in St. Paul, Minn., the ACLU called the city commission to task. The ACLU also supported an opposition group, Can the Klan, whose permit was also being delayed, enabling them to hold a simultaneous rally. In 2002 the ACLU supported the rights of a Christian

student in Iowa to distribute religious literature before school. Three years earlier, the ACLU defended a student's right to wear her Wiccan holy symbol to school in Michigan. The ACLU often finds itself defending minorities because, due to a simple fact of numbers, the majority is rarely oppressed. Whether the belief is held by a liberal or a conservative is irrelevant.

If any student honestly believes that their beliefs are being censored, or that one view is being endorsed above others by those with authority, I encourage you to contact the Marshall University Civil Liberties Union.

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## Liberals have knee-jerk reaction to political issues

CORBY DILLON  
 guest columnist

I have had it with the liberals on this campus. Don't any of you have anything better to do than run in frantic little circles trying to discredit Seth Murphy? He publishes one column and for several following days the irate responses come pouring from every knee-jerk reactionist on campus. The old "he is ignorant" and "he is a hypocrite" arguments are getting stale, you know.

Besides that, why is it so appalling to you that someone would question the inconsistency of the liberal stance regarding capital punishment and abortion? Why do liberals try so hard to defend the basic rights of criminals while seeking technicalities by which to justify abortion?

Make no mistake about it, I'm personally pro-life on both issues. I don't advocate capital punishment for any but the worst murderers who by their own actions have separated themselves from humanity. I also believe that, far too often, people want the death penalty for reasons of vengeance and retribution rather than to rid society of its worst ulcers from the common good.

Yet, unborn babies have done no evil. They haven't even received the first chance to decide the direction of their own lives. If a murderer goes to jail, it is because he/she decided to take the life of another person, and to cut short that person's time of productivity and responsibility. Therefore, if you prevent a life from ever having the opportunity to become responsible and productive, or even to reach whatever potential that life possesses, then you are, in effect, committing a crime worse than murder.

In essence, people, I am calling for objective and consistent thought regarding this issue of life, separate from party platforms. I realize that this request is radical and new to most political thinkers, but I believe that Marshall students (and faculty) are more than capable of handling this task. Good luck and God bless you all.

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## Shafer defends one group while stereotyping another

JESSICA A. COX  
 guest columnist

I have an idea. It's a brand-new way of thinking and it will solve everything. From now on, rather than discussing problems in our society with logic and compassion, rather than listening with an open mind, let's just hurl people into generic categories and cruelly insult them.

Actually, maybe this isn't such a new idea. In fact, maybe we could find examples of this sort of thinking every day in the local newspapers. For instance, take a look at Wednesday's edition of the Parthenon. Sara Shafer wrote an article that "began well" but then she ended with an idea in which she "couldn't have rammed [her] foot farther into [her] mouth."

After criticizing people for encouraging stereotypes and hatred toward those who follow other lifestyles, Shafer admits that she adheres to such ideological policy herself and proceeds to attack the entire state of West Virginia. Apparently Shafer is an authority on the culture of the state. Apparently she knows the exact mindset of every West Virginian and has found that all of those people are homophobic idiots.

For some reason, despite her obvious

expertise, I think she somehow lumped a few people into the wrong group. It's an easy mistake to make. After all, there's only a few hundred-thousand West Virginians running around with a full set of teeth, shoes on their feet and a good, thoughtful brain in their skull; they would indeed be easy to overlook ... if your head were up your own ass, or "tucas" if you will.

In Shafer's attempt to stand up for a group of people upon whom too much of the population stomps, she instead pounces all over another group that catches far too much hell, the people of Appalachia. Such an attack was unwarranted, unfair, and, beyond that, completely pointless and narrow-minded.

But then again that sort of irrational, hateful behavior is the answer to all problems — so just continue as usual.

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## Letters to the editor

### Murphy's free speech not impeded

Mr. Murphy's latest column was, in fact, an example of free speech. I obviously don't agree with his sentiments, since he spends most of his time insulting the groups I consider so important, but I do support his right to speak.

Mr. Murphy, my question to you is this: How has your right to free speech been violated? If you truly feel it has, submit a written complaint to the ACLU. They cannot act on an issue unless someone asks them to.

I would say that I'm sorry you feel attacked by the free speech of liberals, but I'm not. You expect to "freely" attack us and not get any response? Free speech is not unanswered speech. It means you don't get arrested for saying it, and you get to continue speaking. Has anyone prevented you from expressing your ideas? No! We have just responded to them with our own.

I submit that you, Mr. Murphy, feel your free speech is not being protected because you have so little

support. If you offend everyone who reads your column, chances are, you won't be finding much support here.

I may feel attacked by conservative speech, but do you see me trying to stop the speaking? No, because I know that to take away the rights of one group would lead to the loss of my rights, and I want to keep mine. So speak as freely as you like, Mr. Murphy, but don't expect the speech to come without consequences. You can't yell "fire" in a crowded theater, and you can't expect us liberals to take the attacks quietly. You continue to speak. We continue to respond. Welcome to the world of free speech.

— Casie McGee  
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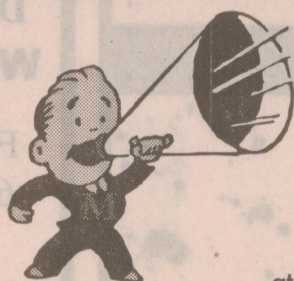
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# Marshall vs. Western for MAC title today

## Herd tennis says goodbye to three senior 'standard setters'

by MATT RILEY  
senior sports writer



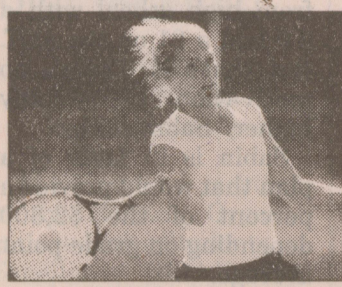
**It's exciting, but also sad. I'm just glad it's here and I hope we can go out on top again.**

— Meghan Skalsky



**It's been a long, but short four years, but it's definitely been a great experience.**

— Alice Sukner



**I hope we've still got a lot of tennis left to play in the postseason, but when it's all over it'll be an interesting new time of life.**

— Jessica Johnson

When Meghan Skalsky, Alice Sukner and Jessica Johnson finish up their final home matches this weekend quite an era in Marshall tennis will walk off the court for the final time.

Assistant coach and former head coach Laurie Mercer recruited all three to come play for the Herd and she said it's simple to say what they've meant to the program.

"As a class they've changed the standard of Marshall tennis," she said.

Granted, they have some talented teammates behind them, but it's hard to argue with what the trio has meant to Marshall.

"They're all tremendous leaders," head coach John Mercer said. "They've taken us to a completely different level and they've proved we can play with everyone in the country."

Not only can they play with everyone they can beat some of the best.

Individually and collectively, they've scored wins over players from UCLA, Duke, Clemson, Vanderbilt, Southern Cal, Washington and California, J. Mercer said. Those are seven of the top 10 programs in the nation.

They also have another goal in mind. If they can win both matches this weekend and the MAC tournament, they will be the only team to ever complete that feat twice. In fact, they're the only ones to ever do it once.

"That's pretty amazing and I'd love to see them do it again and let these seniors go out on top," Mercer said. "They've already rewritten the Marshall record books so that's extra motivation."

In four years, Marshall has amassed a record of 116 wins and 24 losses and Johnson, Skalsky and Sukner have played a big role in that success.

"They've been great, they give it their all and we couldn't ask for more," Mercer said. "We're really proud of them. They're all going to be successful in whatever they do."

## Casting a shadow on the MAC



Can Jessica Johnson and the Herd tennis team continue to cast a shadow over the MAC with another conference title and a win today over Western Michigan? Marshall hasn't lost a MAC match in more than two years.

## 'This one's for all the marbles'

by MATT RILEY  
senior sports writer

Head tennis coach John Mercer said it best. "This one's for all the marbles."

Marshall and Western Michigan lock horns in a battle today on the Marshall Tennis Courts at 1 p.m. in a match for Mid-American Conference supremacy.

Both the Herd and the Broncos are 7-0 in the MAC and Friday's match determines the regular season conference championship.

Marshall players said they know it's going to be a tough match.

"We've got to come out focused and ready to play because they're a good team," junior Joelle Good said. "We know we can't take them lightly."

Senior Alice Sukner said this is something the Herd has extra motivation for because if they can go undefeated in the MAC and win the title, it'll only be the second time it's happened. Last year being the first and it was the Herd that accomplished the feat.

"Nobody's ever been able to do it and we want to do it again," she said. "I'm glad it's at home and all of us are going to be pumped up, motivated and excited to play."

Going undefeated again is something

Jessica Johnson is also hoping for this season.

"We remember two years ago losing to Eastern Michigan and we haven't lost since then and we don't want to wake up Saturday and remember that losing feeling again," Johnson said.

Western Michigan comes in with a 14-7 overall record and the Herd is 17-4.

"We're right where we want to be and I'm sure Western is right where they want to be," Mercer said. "It should be a good matchup, they're a good team."

Like Marshall with solid performers all the way through the lineup, Mercer said it should be a challenge all day for the Herd.

"They've got good depth. They're really good top to bottom," Mercer said. "They've got a really solid player at one so it'll be a battle for Jessica (Johnson). They've both won some matches against each other. So we should have some interesting matchups and not one that we can just go out there and roll through it. We're going to have to have some things break our way."

The winner of Marshall and Western will be the number one seed in the MAC tournament next weekend.

Marshall will also play Northern Illinois (8-7, 4-3 MAC) Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Marshall tennis courts.

## Baseball hosts three-game series with Ohio Bobcats

by JENNIFER PIERCE  
reporter

Starving for a series sweep in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) this weekend, the Thundering Herd will vie for more wins over long-time rivals the Ohio University (OU) Bobcats (11-18, 4-5 MAC) at University Heights Field.

Head coach Dave Piepenbrink said if the team can pull out a win today, it should be a successful weekend for the Herd.

"Ohio is one of those teams Marshall has always struggled with," Piepenbrink said. "I think there are stronger teams in the MAC but for some reason we have a hard time with them."

The Bobcats baseball program and its coach, Joe Carbone, who is in his 16th season, are very well respected, Piepenbrink said.

"They are solid defensively and will be a tough team to beat," Piepenbrink said. Right fielder Joe Glevenyak said the Bobcats record is not where it should be because of injuries of key players early in the season for OU, and expects them to come out strong and ready to play.

"Ohio was one of our tougher competitors in the MAC last year," he said. "They had really good pitching and I expect that they will be a tough match-up for us again this year."

Glevenyak was out for the

first part of the 2003 season for Marshall due to a broken wrist. He made his debut return in the third of the four-game series against Ohio, hitting a three-run, walk-off home-run to lead the Herd to its 4-3 victory over the Bobcats.

"We need some big wins," Glevenyak said. "We have to win two out of three [games] every time to stay in the run."

The Herd lost the series to the Bobcats three games to one last year. The all-time record between the Herd and Bobcats is 35-103.

"Sweeping OU this weekend would put us right back in the mix," he said.

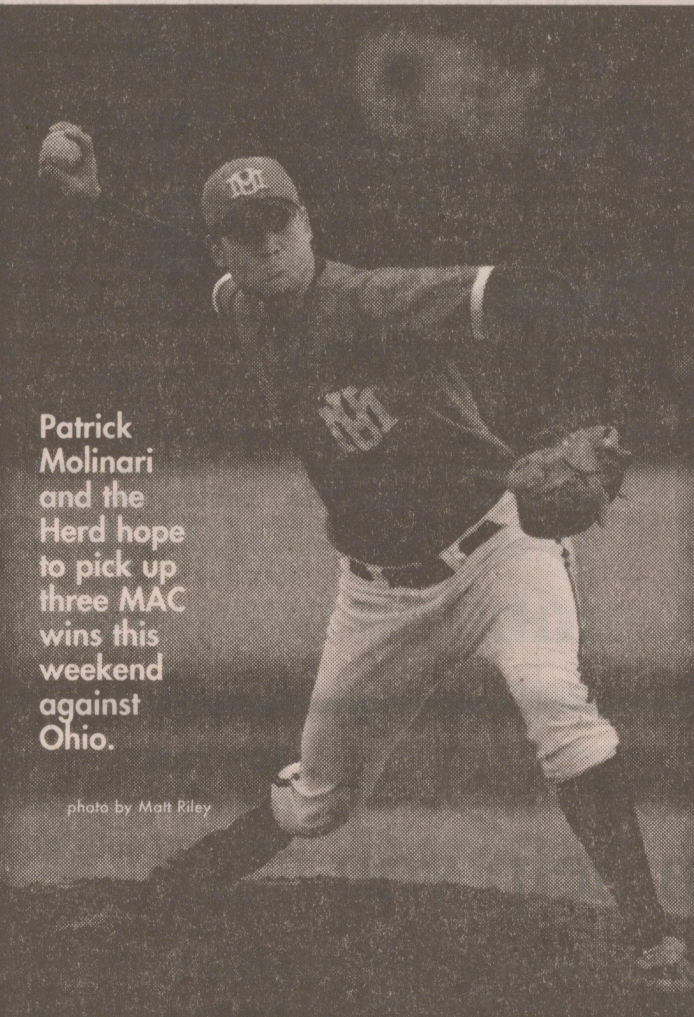
Senior Steve Zirola said the little things are what matter the most in keeping the team alive in the MAC.

"Everyone just needs to focus in on every pitch. We have come short by one run in five different conference match-ups," he said. "Otherwise, we would be sitting on top of the conference right now."

The Herd (13-20, 1-7 MAC) fell two games to one to the Kent State Golden Flashes last weekend in a three-game series at Gene Michael Field in Kent, Ohio.

"Our back is up against the wall now," Zirola said. "We have to win every conference series from here on out to make it to the tournament."

Pitching coach Tom Carty will look to freshman Brian Chrisman, sophomore Chris Koutsavlis, and senior Grant Harper to lead the



Patrick Molinari and the Herd hope to pick up three MAC wins this weekend against Ohio.

photo by Matt Riley

Herd defensively this weekend.

"They have a few guys in the middle of their order that are pretty dangerous," he said. "Having the home-run power that they do will be a huge factor at our field."

Pitcher Scott Henning said that it is vital for the team to pull out the one-run games and come out ahead when in tight situations.

"Everyone has to bring their best game to the field each day from now on," Henning said. "We can't have a weekend where anyone can walk away saying that he could have played

better."

The Herd earned its first MAC win of the season against the Golden Flashes Saturday, April 10.

"They have good pitching, but I think we match up well," Henning said. "Plus, I know they hate playing at our field, so hopefully that will also be to our advantage this weekend."

The first pitch is at 3 p.m. today at University Heights Field, Saturday and Sunday's games both begin at 1 p.m.

Today's game can be heard live on WMUL or online at <http://www.marshall.edu/wmul>. Saturday's game can be heard locally on the radio at WRVC 930 AM.

## Men's golf team looks to continue strong play

by MARY BALLER  
reporter

An outstanding showing at the Marshall Invitational has helped the men's golf team's confidence going into this weekend's 35th Annual Robert Kepler Intercollegiate Tournament hosted by The Ohio State University.

The Herd had its best showing of the year last weekend at the Marshall Invitational when they took third place honors here in Huntington. The Herd is hoping the victorious vibes will continue when the team travels to The Ohio State.

Freshman Shawn Warren said he thinks the momentum and success of last weekend will help when they go to Ohio State.

"We feel good about this weekend," Warren said. "We played consistently last weekend, and hopefully we can continue our success."

This weekend's tournament is a major competition for Marshall because most of its big contenders will also be competing. Head Coach Joe Feagan said the turn around in his teams' game had great timing.

"The time for us to start playing better could not have come at a better time," Feagan said. "This is a big tournament for us, it is the strongest field of teams we have played all year."

The golf team has not been playing as well as expected this season, and

## Wilson's late homer helps Herd win at OU

by MATT RILEY  
senior sports writer

Sarah Wilson stepped to the plate with the Herd down one in the top of the seventh inning not wanting similar results to happen like last week on the same field at Ohio University.

"I was thinking I've got to get it started and it turned out great," Wilson said.

The senior smacked a solo homer that sent the Herd into extra innings with the Bobcats.

Marshall's offense then came to life in the eighth inning in International tiebreaker rules. The Herd scored four runs on three hits and two Ohio errors.

"It was frustrating at first," head coach Shonda Stanton said. "Then Wilson came up huge and it was great to see us finally string some runs together. All I can say is we'll take it."

The Herd softball team dropped two one-run games at OU last week and were glad to not end up on the short end of the stick again.

"We haven't been doing as good as we know we can lately," Wilson said. "So for us to come out and rally and get the win it feels really good even though it was late."

Along with Wilson, Ashley Mitchell was 2-for-3 and Sara Spenia had two RBIs. Randi Nielson picked up the win to improve to 12-9.

The Herd is now 26-18 on the season and 7-3 in the MAC.

Next up for the Herd, Miami comes to Huntington this weekend for games Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

"It doesn't get any bigger than this weekend," Stanton said. "This is basically for the East Division so we need to come out ready to play."

the team's confidence has not been at the highest level. Junior Brad Tweel said for a change everyone is looking forward to playing this weekend.

"For the first time in a long time we feel good about the way we are playing," Tweel said. "Ohio State is a tough course, but we are looking forward to playing. Last weekend gave us a lot of confidence, and we want to carry that momentum on and just play our best."

Senior Burke Spensky said winning at the Ohio State University Scarlet Golf Course will not be an easy task.

"This maybe the toughest course we play all year," Spensky said. "The pin placement is always put in a tough spot."

Spensky also said he believes OSU is the team to beat this weekend.

"They look to be the ones to beat, but it would be nice to return the favor," Spensky said. "They beat us at our tournament, so it would be nice for us to go there and beat them in their tournament."

The Robert Kepler Intercollegiate will host to a total of 18 schools, and five of the schools are in the MAC. The Kepler Intercollegiate Tournament starts with a gunshot at 8 a.m. Saturday April 17 and will conclude Sunday. The tournament will be 54 holes, 36 shot on Saturday and 18 shot on Sunday.



# Non-traditional student not your normal politician

## Marshall Student running for 16th District House seat

story by JOHN A. WITHUM



photo submitted by Nick Sabin  
 Nick Sabin and his wife moved back to Huntington in order to provide their children with a positive living environment.

"I'm not your normal politician," Matt Sabin said, although he admitted

after a two-hour interview that he is verbose, much like the stereotypical politician.

Sabin, a republican, is running for the 16th District House of Delegates seat that will be vacated by Jody Smirl at the end of the term. He is also a 34-year-old economics major at Marshall University.

The main complaint Sabin has with the way West Virginia is currently being operated is that no one has long-term goals.

"Basically the issues that were going on when I graduated high school in 1988 are still going on now," he said. "I just can't believe it's gone on this long without any goals. You see nowhere a five, 10 or 15 year projection."

Sabin points out that within the next three years, there will be a "fiasco" with two of the states "biggest monsters" — workers' compensation and the teachers' retirement fund.

"I've not seen many solutions to the problem," Sabin said. "It's been the norm to ignore or not talk about certain issues."

One of the answers Sabin says he believes in to fix workers' compensation is privatization. He

has ideas, however, on what to do until then.

"Many businesses are willing to pay a year in advance. Discounts could be available to businesses who have \$0 balances in workers' comp," he said. "Ninety-seven percent of the businesses are being punished by the 2.5 to 3 percent of the businesses who are in debt. Rather than having them carry the weight of the other ones, you can give them the option of having a discount."

The uniqueness of Sabin comes from his background. Born in Falls Church, Va., Sabin moved to Texas before moving to Charleston in junior high school and graduating from George Washington High School

knew when I graduated high school I was not ready for college. I wanted to see the world," he said. "This was a good way of calming me down and allowing me to see the world. I have no regrets."

After the military, Sabin went into environmental construction, working in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado and Texas.

It was this work in environmental construction that gave him ideas about encouraging the steel industry.

"I went around and talked to people all over the state, and almost every one of our inspectors in almost every one of our construction companies already had the knowledge to build with

been Huntington. We looked this whole state over and just loved Huntington," Sabin said. "This city has always impressed me."

Sabin said he and Melissa's plans all along were to move to Huntington, buy a house and begin attending Marshall. After accomplishing the first two goals, the two began school last fall.

The interest Sabin has in education led him to look at the PROMISE Scholarship program. He says standards are too low.

"We have \$2,800 for everyone who graduates from high school with a 3.0 and a 21 on the ACT. But that's it. There's no motivation to go any higher," Sabin said.

Sabin is in favor of a plan that would provide a percent of the \$2,800 depending on grade point average.

"Someone with a 3.0 to a 3.25 would get 50 percent, 3.25 to 3.5, 75 percent, and 3.5 to 4.0, 100 percent," he said.

While he realizes no plan is perfect, Sabin says the issues need to be addressed.

"My answers are not 100 percent perfect, however my challenge is this: I would love to see solutions on other platforms," Sabin said. "That the ruling party has had 70 years seems to be the major platform."

Sabin says the bottom line is that he wants to help people.

"This is my family, my friends, my community. It's an honor to represent people in my community," Sabin said. "There is so much potential here and I want my kids to experience that."

**"Our goal has always been Huntington. We looked this whole state over and just loved Huntington. This city has always impressed me."**

**Nick Sabin,**  
 economics major

in Charleston in 1988.

"Two-thirds of my life has been spent in the state of West Virginia," Sabin said. "This state has absolutely amazed me and made me want to do more."

After high school, Sabin continued the family tradition and entered the military. Rather than going in as an officer, as the rest of his family had, he enlisted in the army as a member of the 2nd Armored Unit, also known as Patton's Honor Brigade. Sabin served time in Operation Desert Storm.

"I did not want to be military my whole life. I

local steel," he said.

"We're finding another option to keep every dollar in West Virginia, improve our homes, and help our steel industry."

Sabin returned to West Virginia from Minnesota when he was asked to keep an eye on a friend's son.

While in the state, he came into contact with Melissa West, a woman he'd grown up with. They began dating and eventually, along with her two kids, became a family.

They soon began making plans to move to Huntington.

"Our goal has always

## Love Potion #9 How Aphrodisiacs can help you

Oysters, chocolate-covered strawberries and a plate of mango and kiwi, all served with a bubbly glass of champagne ... while these may sound like the things only found in a honeymoon suite, these classic aphrodisiacs can be used anytime, for any occasion.

Using aphrodisiacs can be a little tricky the first time, especially if you don't know what to use or how to use it. However, here are the answers you'll need to some basic questions on aphrodisiac

use...if you follow my advice, you'll be sure to make the love goddess proud you're using her products.

**Question 1:** What is an aphrodisiac?

Aphrodisiac (af-row-dee-see-ak)- Something such as food or drug which intensifies or increases sexual desire.

In layman's terms, this means anything that turns you on. Some aphrodisiacs are classic and usually apply to most people while some aphrodisiacs can be person-specific; a smell or taste that someone associates with a good memory or a pleasurable sense can be considered an aphrodisiac if used in a sexual situation. Aphrodis-

iacs can be food or drink, smells, sounds, or certain drugs that can be used to increase sexual stimulation.

**Question 2:** How do I know if I'm using too much of an aphrodisiac?

Believe me, you'll know. Common sense will light your path to a possible over-use of aphrodisiac. For example, if your partner looks uncomfortable or starts complaining about being full, stop feeding them! Make sure that smells don't overwhelm; too many aromatherapy candles can gag your partner. Remember, the main attraction is the sex, so let the aphrodisiacs be unobtrusive and come second to your desire for each other.

**Question 3:** What should I avoid?

Some things you'll definitely want to avoid include:

- Soda pop- Sugar rush and burping is definitely UN-sexy!
- Foods that are too heavy- Don't eat a three course meal then expect wild sex ... keep the portions and the food choices light.
- Too much alcohol — When done in moderation, it can be a good aphrodisiac; however, too much alcohol will result in a drunken disaster in bed.

As with any sexual venture, aphrodisiacs can be a little confusing at the start. However, the key to learning the best blend of aphrodisiacs for you and your partner is experience, so jump in with both feet.

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### Sexual MacGuyver's guide to aphrodisiac combos

- Combo #1- The classic sweet lovemaking  
 Food/Drink: Strawberries and champagne  
 Smell: Vanilla or Honeysuckle  
 Music: Ballads; try some '80s bands (Berlin, Foreigner, etc.)
- Combo #2- For a little bit of spice  
 Food/Drink: Ginger chicken and water  
 Smell: Lilac or Pumpkin  
 Music: New Orleans zydeco music
- Combo #3- All about seduction  
 Food/Drink: Dark chocolate and a cool drink  
 Smell: Patchouli or Sandalwood  
 Music: D'Angelo's "Voodoo" album