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Massage

Editor's note

Companionship for sale?
It's available in the Huntington area in the form of five outcall dating services. With daytime rates of \$10 an hour (\$15 hourly after 6 p.m.), the agencies will send a girl to any local house, apartment or hotel/motel room.

However, girls are no longer sent to Marshall dormitories. "One of our girls had some problems in a dorm room once," explained the switchboard operator for Dial-A-Girl.

The services recently came under fire from several factions in the Huntington community.

—Huntington Planning Director Gary Bunn said Monday Dial-A-Girl, with offices at 4545 Piedmont Road, appears to be in violation of city zoning regulations.

—Huntington Planning Commission Monday night scheduled a public hearing for June on a proposal which would amend city zoning regulations to put massage operations under the same restrictions as adult movie theaters.

—"It's just sex for sale," said the Rev. James Franklin, pastor of the Highlawn Baptist Church,

in reference to the outcall dating service.

—City Manager Barry R. Evans has claimed the agencies depend on newspaper advertising for their livelihood. Franklin has hinted of petitions being circulated against the Huntington newspapers to protest using the dating service ads.

—"We may all know what they (the services) are, but I can't make a case on what we all know," said Cabell County Prosecutor John Cummings.

What are the true purposes of the "dating services"? Do they provide only companionship, or are they actually "fronts" for prostitution as some community figures have suggested?

The Parthenon last week sent two staff members to pose as prospective employees and apply for work at two of these establishments. A Parthenon reporter Thursday hired a girl through one of the services for a one-hour "date." Their reports follow.

The articles contain some of the writers' personal observations. At no time during the compilation of information did they reveal they were employed by The Parthenon.

'I'm sure you'll be so pleased . . .'

Prostitution integral part

By KEN SMITH
Reporter

Prostitution is an integral part of at least one area outcall dating service.

And, in the words of one of the "working girls," a "straight lay" can cost as little as \$15.

A simple phone call is all it takes. After dialing a number displayed in one of several ads in the Huntington newspapers, an operator answers cheerfully and takes the caller's name, address and phone number. She then describes the hourly rates (\$10 in the day, \$15 after 6 p.m.) and emphasizes the girls make their livelihoods exclusively from tips.

"And sir," she told me, "I'm sure you'll be so pleased with your date tonight you'll be happy to give her a big tip."

After the service checks the validity of the caller's address and phone number, it calls back after approximately 10 minutes to describe the "date" to the customer. My companion for the next hour was to be a redhead named Kathy.

"She's about 5'2", 105 pounds and has red hair," said a sultry voice over the telephone. "I'm sure you'll really like her. She'll be there in about 25 minutes."

She was early. Fifteen minutes after the last call, there was a knock on the door. I opened it, and Kathy walked in out of late-evening drizzle.

"Wow, it's getting cold out there," she

said, removing her damp coat. Her shoulder-length red hair, wet with rain, was matted and hung lifelessly around her face. She wore green slacks and an ordinary blouse.

She requested a cup of coffee, and I complied. Sitting on the living room couch, she looked at me apprehensively, apparently anxious to complete the business transaction.

I tried to make small talk, to probe her, to find out why she would go to a stranger's apartment on a cold, rainy spring night. And she was surprisingly candid.

"I'm from Lexington, Ky.," she said. "I've been working here about two weeks. I used to hustle a bit back in Lexington, but not around here."

Not yet.

The time for talk was abruptly over. "Let's collect the service's fee and get down to it," she said. I paid the \$15.

"Okay, now what do you want?" she asked. "I can't quote prices or anything. Just tell me what you want and what you want to pay, and I'll say yes or no."

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DIAL-A-GIRL
OUTCALL
MESSAGE
SERVICE
\$10 PER HOUR
429-5548
10 A.M.-3 A.M.

BABY DOLLS
OUT-CALL
MESSAGE
\$10.00 PER HOUR
736-1964

ALADDIN'S GENIES
OUTCALL MESSAGE
\$10 Per Hour 10:00 A.M.-3 A.M.
736-3439

Blonde clears \$240 on good night

By JUANITA STEELE
Feature Editor

Filthy, dimly-lit rooms. A modern trailer. An employer who comes off like a pimp. A glamour-painted, high-paying job.

These are impressions of an outcall service by two Parthenon staff members who posed as applicants for jobs at two local out-call massage businesses.

The man and woman at both services made the job sound as appealing as they possibly could. And \$240 for one night's work sure sounded appealing.

At the first place, located in a run-down office building in west Huntington, the man asked us how old we were. Even though he didn't believe we were 18 he was willing to hire us with no further questions. He said he had been having trouble with one of his regular girls and if we would take the job he could get rid of her.

He asked us why we applied for the job. We emphasized our need for money and our curiosity concerning the job. We claimed to be roommates and our recent independence had created a problem with money.

The man and one of his "girls" explained the job to us. They told us the way the girls made their money was through tips. There is no salary for the girls at all. The company fee entitles the

customer to a massage if he wants. "Your services prompt the tip the customer is willing to give," the man said. "Girls keep all of their tips, but must pay for a driver if they want one."

The man denied any knowledge of prostitution within his company. He said if any of his girls were arrested he would fire them and say that he knew nothing of the job they were performing.

"Sure prostitution is where the big money is at, but you can make enough without getting involved in anything illegal," the girl said. She added that she had never had to resort to prostitution for a source of income.

Both the man and the woman made sure we were aware that oral sex is a felony in West Virginia. "If you're going to get into prostitution don't let me know and whatever you do don't get involved with oral sex," he said. The woman added that if she would ever consider prostitution it would be without oral sex.

"I check up on all my girls," he said. "I make sure they are well dressed and well groomed at all times." The smirk on his face scared us when he said that he might be anywhere watching his girls.

In answer to our money questions, he stopped one of the day-shift girls and told her to tell us her tips for Saturday. He stressed the fact that he didn't want her to tell him how she got the money. The

heavy set, bleached blonde said that on Saturday she cleared \$240. This was for an eight-hour shift, after paying the company its \$10 an hour fee and paying a driver for his transportation services.

We pretended to be impressed with the money and the glamour of being whoever we wished for the eight hours of work.

"If you are going to get involved in prostitution, I'll give you a trick to avoid trouble with the cops," the man said. "If a man offers you \$50 for additional services and when you refuse he ups the tip to \$150 or \$200 you can be almost positive he's a policeman. Don't accept his offer, but if he offers you so much money you couldn't refuse it becomes entrapment. I'll defend you if you're arrested for entrapment."

We filled out an application and told the man we would let him know if we wanted to take the job. The job description was "Independent Contractor." The application and the contract are not binding.

The following day we went to a service outside of Huntington to compare policies. The appearance of the second company was much nicer, but the implications of prostitution were greater.

The young woman who interviewed us was courteous and well groomed. Before she would explain any details about the

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Special senate session called to approve budget

By MARTIN HARRELL
Reporter

Student Senate Tuesday failed to give final approval to its 1977-78 budget and Student Body President Richard W. "Rick" Ramell, Nitro junior, announced he would call a special senate session for 9 a.m. Saturday.

Ramell said the special session would be limited to consideration of the budget.

Senate was debating the outdoor concert allocation when it was forced to adjourn. The concert allocation was the last budget item to be discussed before senate would have voted on the budget bill.

Senate by-laws require it to adjourn by 11 p.m. unless a majority of senators vote to extend it. The time limit had been extended to 11:20 p.m., but as that deadline neared, Sen. Dinah Lee Arnett, Charleston junior, refused to yield the floor so that the time limit could be extended. She continued to speak until 11:20 p.m. at which time senate adjourned.

Arnett said she allowed the session to end for "personal reasons." "I felt the budget was being rushed through," she said. "They were going to have a special session anyway," Arnett said.

Ramell had mentioned the possibility of a special session when he addressed senate earlier in the meeting.

However, senate will only consider the outdoor concert allocation during the special session. It can not go back and change items completed at Tuesday's meeting.

Before adjourning, senate made several changes in the proposed budget which was submitted April 26 by Ramell. The proposed salary increases for Student Government officials were eliminated as well as a \$100 allocation for the John Marshall Pre-Law Association.

Senate reduced the allocation for office expenses from \$700 to \$650, and cut the election appropriation from \$750 to \$530. Senate reduced the election appropriation by cutting the number and amount of money poll workers receive for elections and by removing \$120 from the money appropriated for the Student Government inaugural dinner.

Senate rejected a budget amendment calling for a \$500 allocation for Black United Students (BUS). Sen. Joseph A. Johns, Columbus, Ohio, sophomore and the amendment's sponsor, said he had been assured by BUS leaders and Charles E. Dickerson, associate dean of students, that the money would be used wisely. Student Government had given BUS money in the past, he said.

Cleve suggested that BUS ask Student Government for the money at the time when it needed it, not before the new year had begun.

Also opposing the amendment was Sen. Louis R. Molina, Huntington sophomore and sponsor of the budget bill. He said since senate had eliminated the pre-law association from the budget, it could not include BUS in it. If BUS was included, every organization could ask to be included, Molina said. Molina suggested BUS ask for the money in a separate bill.

Sen. Reco Hill, Miami, Fla., senior, proposed that senate reserve the money for BUS, but that it be used only after BUS had explored other funding possibilities. Hill emphasized that BUS was an organization which tried to promote activities open to all students, not just for blacks.

Discussion on the concert allocation had just begun when senate adjourned. The senate Finance Committee had reduced the concert allocation from \$2,000 to \$1,500. However, Sen. Carol A. McMullen, Huntington junior and senate president pro tempore, proposed restoring the allocation

to the original \$2,000 figure. No action was taken on the question before adjournment.

If the concert allocation remains at \$1,500, Student Government will begin the fiscal year with a surplus of approximately \$2,200. If it is raised to \$2,000, the surplus would be around \$1,700.

In other legislative matters, senate passed a bill providing for the establishment of an off-campus housing program. The bill calls for the establishment of a housing directory which would contain information of available housing, its costs, locations, lease arrangements, and the landlord's address.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$700, \$500 of which would be used to pay a housing director from May 15 to Sept. 15. The housing director would be responsible for having the directory complete when students return to school in the fall.

Due to senate's adjournment, it failed to give final passage of a bill sending \$200 to the American Red Cross as reimbursement for money spent helping the flood victims of southern West Virginia. Senate also failed to act on a bill giving \$1,000 to flood victims in southern West Virginia.

Liberal Arts

Name for college to be presented

The College of Liberal Arts is the name the reorganizational committee of the College of Arts and Science will present by July 1 to Dr. George J. Harbold, dean of the College of Arts and Science, according to Dr. O. Norman Simpkins, chairman of the reorganizational committee.

The committee also will propose that the college be changed into faculties instead of divisions, Simpkins said.

The names of the five faculties to be proposed are Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Communications, Faculty of Social

Sciences, Faculty of Social Services and Faculty of Fine Arts, he said.

Simpkins said the committee will propose that the College Curriculum Committee now based on divisions be reformed on the basis of faculties.

Also, the committee will suggest the Dean Advisory Committee be reorganized in terms of representation, he said.

If President Robert B. Hayes accepts these proposals, they will become effective by July 1, Simpkins added. Further proposals will be deferred until next fall, he said.

Graduation tickets, instructions available

By ROBIN RAMEY
Reporter

Graduation tickets, instructions, and honor stoles are available in the Office of the Registrar, according to Registrar Robert H. Eddins.

Commencement will be May 14 at 11 a.m. in the Cabell County Memorial Field House. Nearly 1,000 students completed requirements for their degrees in the terms ending last July, August and December, and at least 1,025 will complete work this spring. Another 25 have completed requirements for the Board of Regents Bachelor's Degree program, bringing the total number of diplomas to be awarded to more than 2,000. Last year's class of 1,850 had been the largest graduating class.

Each graduation participant can receive four tickets for his or her immediate family or friends for Commencement, Eddins said. After each participant has received his tickets, remaining tickets will be available to the public.

"The remaining tickets will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis at the ticket booth in Memorial Student Center beginning May 12 at 8 a.m., and each person can only receive one ticket," he said.

Faculty members can get one ticket each in the registrar's office before May 12, he said. The guest tickets are green and the participant's tickets are yellow.

"We want to give people a chance to attend Commencement by enabling them to receive a ticket, but our first obligation is to

the graduate and their families," Eddins said.

He said honor graduates can get their honor stoles in the registrar's office. A tentative list of honor graduates will be on the set of instructions given to all participants, but the official list of honor graduates will not be determined until after the semester is completed.

Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV will speak for the Commencement program. President Robert B. Hayes said, "It has been traditional for Marshall to invite West Virginia's governors to address the graduating class during their first year in office."

Rockefeller and Dr. N. Baynard Green, retired Marshall professor, will receive honorary degrees at Commencement, Hayes said.

MU will be giving a Saturday morning Commencement for the second year. Previously, the graduating ceremonies were on a Sunday afternoon. "We decided to try a Saturday morning Commencement last year and it seemed to be much more convenient for all concerned," Hayes said.

Eddins said guests and participants must present a ticket to enter the field house and seating will be on a first-come first-serve basis with the guest seated on the top level of chairs and the participants and faculty members seated on the floor level.

He said participants should be at the field house at 10:15 a.m. on the day of Commencement and each participant should read the instructions carefully.



Levitation?

This unidentified student takes time from his classes for a quick nap in Memorial Student Center Plaza just before Wednesday morning's rain.

Parthenon photographer Greg Smith didn't have the heart to rouse him to get his name.

