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A space for opinions

Interchange

YES, AND I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, AND FOR GETTING 18-YEAR-OLDS THE RIGHT TO VOTE, AND FOR MARSHALL'S MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND FOR JUST ABOUT EVERY JOB IN THE STATE, AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...

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Objects 'zip' across skies

CHARLESTON Bright objects zipped about the skies of West Virginia during the weekend and were observed on radar and by law enforcement officers, who were at a loss Monday for an explanation. "I couldn't tell you what they were. I've never seen anything move like that, I'll tell you," said Cpl. Don Sharpe of the state police detachment at Berkeley Springs.

Beginning Friday night, the objects appeared in eastern Kanawha County, Morgan County in the eastern Panhandle, and Roane, Putnam and Mason counties. They showed up as blips on a radar screen at Kanawha Airport. One trooper took color photographs of the flying objects, but the results were less than satisfactory. "Why don't you go up there and take a picture of a light bulb and you'll get the same thing," said state police Lt. Col. R.E. Stanley, who was not impressed with the picture.

In Kanawha County alone, authorities said they received more than 30 reports of sightings. Generally, viewers described hovering or slow-moving objects that displayed green, blue, white and sometimes red or yellow lights. Most reports indicated at least three objects traveling together. Cpl. Sharpe said he watched seven objects for about a half hour Friday night. He said they would zip across the sky at the speed of a meteor and then abruptly slow down. They also knew how to hide. "If an airplane would go over, the lights would dim down till you couldn't see them," he said. Bill Givens, a supervisor at the aircraft control tower at Kanawha Airport, said there were unidentified objects all weekend on his radar set. Although it appeared that Sunday's objects could have been weather-caused radar phenomenon, he said, Saturday night and Friday night were different matters. "All I can tell you is they were there. I can't explain it," he said.

Givens said that Saturday night he received calls from the Chesapeake-Belle area and from Spencer. Then the objects suddenly appeared on his radar. "At that time, we saw them going north and south in just those two areas," he said. "It looked like we had something there." Trooper Gary Williams of Spencer said he watched with citizens Friday night as three objects did sky maneuvers for about 40 minutes. The weather was cited as a possible explanation by Robert Brown, director of the Green Bank National Astronomy Observatory. "This type of weather, hot and clear that follows a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings," he said. "There are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects."

Off-Campus briefs

WVU students picket foundation

MORGANTOWN The West Virginia University Foundation, under fire from a student group for holding stock in companies that deal with South Africa, is drafting guidelines on the subject, Lysander Dudley, executive director, said Monday. "We will come out with a statement policy on South Africa in the next several weeks," he said.

The student group, the WVU Coalition for the Liberation of South Africa, contends it is immoral for the organization to invest in companies that deal with the racially segregated nation. Pickets have appeared at the foundation headquarters here, although there also have been counterpickets by WVU students opposing the coalition. The controversy comes as the foundation is beginning a five-year, \$20 million fund-raising effort, the largest in the history of the non-profit organization. The foundation provides money for scholarships, graduate fellowships, building construction and renovation, and endows some professorships.

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Carter's program receives criticism

WASHINGTON — President Carter takes his new anti-inflation program to the American public Tuesday and already business, labor and consumer groups are telling him it will not work. The program, to be unveiled in a nationwide broadcast at 10 p.m. EDT, includes voluntary limits on wages and prices. They would be enforced by some new government weapons, administration sources say.

Carter's program will fail unless it stops "unbridled corporate power." "Until then, the Machinists Union certainly is not going to comply with his wage guidelines," said the president, William W. Wimpisinger. Last week, AFL-CIO President George Meany criticized voluntary wage-price guidelines as unfair to labor, arguing that it is easier to control wages than prices. Business leaders, on the other hand, say the solution to inflation is to control government spending and reduce environmental and safety controls.

"I don't think guidposts are going to be effective," Reginald Jones, chairman of General Electric, said at a meeting of the Business Council last week. "Failures of guidposts are an all-too-familiar trend. They might as well forget the whole thing." However, Irving S. Shapiro, chairman of the DuPont Co., said, "I don't hear anybody saying they're going to thumb their nose at the program." The Business Council, composed of corporate chairmen, recommended a smaller federal deficit and easing of many government regulations which it says are increasing business costs.

Carter's program will set a seven percent limit on wages and fringe benefits. The price formula is more complicated but is aimed at holding increases to five and three-fourths percent a year. The government plans to use sanctions to enforce the guidelines, such as possibly withholding federal contracts to firms which do not comply with them, and allowing more imports, sources said. At a news conference Monday, spokesmen for some consumer groups said the main solution to the inflation program is to diminish the control over the economy exercised by big business. "Business control over the marketplace and government economic policies may be too hot for the Carter administration to handle," said consumer advocate Ralph Nader. The president of the Machinists Union, who regularly criticizes government policy, said

Negotiators fail to reach treaty

MOSCOW — U.S. and Soviet negotiators failed Monday to conclude a treaty to limit strategic weapons, complicating prospects for a signed accord or a presidential summit before the end of the year. The next step in the drive by the two nuclear powers to restrain the arms race was not made clear as the talks ended at the Kremlin with Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev at the bargaining table. "Any question about what happens next awaits the secretary's report to the President," U.S. spokesman Hodding Carter told reporters. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance cabled a detailed account of the proceedings to President Carter, and plans to report to him on his return to Washington Tuesday night.

Allman charged with intoxication

BRADENTON BEACH, Fla. — Rock singer Gregg Allman was arrested on a charge of disorderly intoxication while sitting on a motorcycle in the parking lot of a bar, police said Monday. The leader of the popular Allman Brothers Band was held in a Manatee County Sheriff's Department detention cell in Bradenton for about three hours Sunday night before being released after posting a \$54 bond. Allman reportedly was in this area rehearsing songs for a new album being recorded by the group, which recently reunited. The group disbanded several years ago.

Folly

Senate may repeat history in passing appropriation

Student Senate has a sterling opportunity tonight to sink back to the degrading depths from which it has been attempting to escape since last semester. Up for second reading at tonight's senate meeting is a bill which would grant Marshall's Graduate Student Organization \$500 with which, presumably, it would do as it pleases. For those students who remember last year's fiasco with senate's appropriation for Greek Week festivities, approval of the graduate bill would represent a grim reminder of the worthless image senate has been attempting so desperately to shed.

One of last spring's major student government campaign issues was senate's role as monetary benefactor to all who came pleading with outstretched hands. And, it should be remembered, such a role thrusts an unwilling senate into the position of being forced to grant every organization on campus similar funds or be open to the charges of discrimination and self-serving hypocrisy. Let's hope the student body's representatives in senate realize the folly of approving this \$500 appropriation for the Graduate Student Association and stop this fiasco before it advances any further.

Letters

Trashed!

On the evening of Oct. 22 we made The Parthenon aware of the tremendous mess on the intramural field, following the Pike's Peak Competition. One of the questions we were asked the next day was "What prompted you to report this to us?" This question angered us so, that it prompted us to write this letter.

It is unfortunate how few people on campus care enough about anything to take any action. This lack of concern shocked us. People were sitting in the middle of piles of trash on Sunday evening, so caught up in their

own little worlds that they were totally oblivious to their surroundings. Others were dodging globs of chocolate pudding, pop bottles, cardboard boxes and food containers with their bicycles, while laughing and saying what a nice day it was. We assumed, and wrongly so, that when people came to an institute of higher learning such as Marshall, they were already educated in the concepts of "Lower Learning." Cleaning up after one's self is one of these concepts. We were disgusted with the total lack of respect for the students and campus of Marshall University shown by the people who participated in the Pike's Peak competition. Is that a surprising emotion on our part? Maybe those who think we shouldn't have complain-

ed enjoy living in filth. It just so happens that we gave a damn and didn't like to waste through other's garbage.

A. Adam Thau
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