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Marshall University's student newspaper — Celebrating 101 years!

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**Free care offered at Ebenezer**

by **SHAWN RATCLIFF**  
reporter

Part-time students who cannot pay to visit Student Health Services and do not have medical insurance still can get medical care through one Huntington clinic that provides free services.

Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc. offers services in several areas of medical specialty to uninsured patients who meet the program's criteria, Yvonne Jones, executive director, said.

In addition to primary care, Jones said the clinic can provide patients care in orthopedics, neurology, psychiatry, psychological and dietary counseling, women's health and ear-nose-throat.

Patients must provide proof of income and be 19 years or older (25 for reproductive issues) to be treated at the clinic. People whose incomes are at 125 percent of or below the federal government's poverty level are generally eligible, she said.

Students who are working their way through college have a good chance of eligibility, said Dr. Lynne B. Welch,

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**Dorm life improving, survey finds**

by **JOANN C. ELMER**  
reporter

Sufficient lighting has shown the greatest level of improvement in residence hall living since 1997, according to the 1999 Residence Services survey.

The annual survey is prepared by the Center for Business and Economic research in the Lewis College of Business to indicate student's attitudes towards residence hall services.

More than 30 aspects of campus life are analyzed by the survey, and student attitudes toward these aspects are compared to previous years.

"We use this survey to tell us where we need to work," Winston Baker, director of residence services, said.

Lighting satisfaction rose 43.7 percent. Improvement in dining programs, maintenance services and representation by the resident advisors also showed improvement.

"We have a record number of returning students this year," Baker said. "By paying attention to figures, we're trying to provide students with what they want."

Satisfaction with safety and sexual harassment dropped in the past year.

The survey indicated the declines were a result of the "Peeping Tom" incidents in Holderby Hall last semester. Holderby's score for safety satisfaction fell 24 percent.

"The dorms aren't that bad," Richard Wilson, Dayton, Ohio, sophomore, said. "It seems to me, they're as nice as they can be with such limited space."

Of the estimated 1,750 students residing on campus during the spring 1999 term, 1,147 surveys were obtained, totaling a 65 percent response.

**Leadership conference coming Friday, Saturday**

by **LILLIAN L. WILLIS**  
reporter

Marshall University is looking for a few good leaders. If they cannot be found here, other states will be searched.

Marshall students have the opportunity to attend a conference which is the first of its kind at Marshall, but they need to sign up soon, said Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs.

The Office of Student Affairs is sponsoring "Student Leadership for the New Millennium:

An Examination of Values and Service," Friday and Saturday in the Memorial Student Center. The event is free for students, who can register for the conference until Wednesday.

Cockrille said students are being given priority in registration, but based on interest, people from the states surrounding West Virginia may be invited.

"We think it's an exciting day and a half," Cockrille said. "We hope Marshall students participate, as well as action-oriented community members."

The conference will feature several speakers during the day and a half, Cockrille said. Author Paul Rogat Loeb will speak Friday night. Saturday morning, Melody Templeton, trainer and motivational speaker, will prepare attendees for a community service project they will participate in that afternoon.

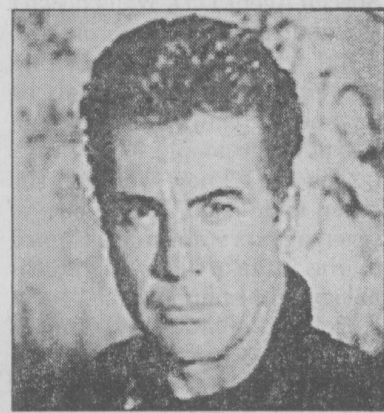
The Saturday night feature will be John Walsh, Cockrille said. Walsh, who is the creator of the television series "America's Most Wanted," will speak on making an impact, she said. Walsh's talk will not only be for

those attending the conference, but is also open to the public, she said.

After each speaker, those in attendance will be divided into small groups of about eight members each, Cockrille said.

The groups will discuss and process the advice they were given, and relate service and values to what they have learned, she said.

The cost of registration to non-students is \$100 after. The conference will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday. The last session will end at 11 p.m. Saturday.

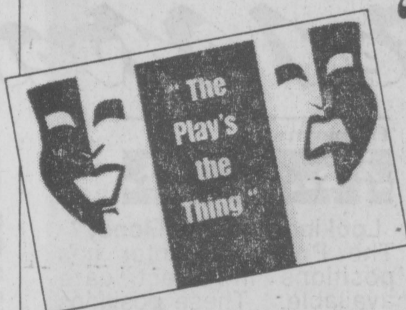


John Walsh will be the featured speaker Saturday during the conference.



Cast members for "I Ought To Be In Pictures" rehearse Monday night for Wednesday's show.

photo by Kristina Wise



by **KRISTINA WISE**  
reporter

**'I Ought To Be In Pictures' starts season for theater department**

estranged father Herb, a screenwriter who left her 17 years earlier. Under the pretense of aspiring to be a star, Libby works on the relationship with her father with the help of his girlfriend Steffy, a studio make-up artist who acts as mediator between the father and daughter.

David Cook, director of the play, called the play a "poignant comedy that takes you on an emotional journey."

"It really is pure American humor," Cook said, "but it also probes deeper than a lot of plays as characters rediscover one another and their priorities change."

Rehearsals began the first week of September. According to stage manager Leah Clay, Logan junior, rehearsals are going well and the cast is ready for opening night.

"The chemistry between

the actors is really wonderful," Clay said. "Besides the fact that they relate and play off each other really well, the three of them are very strong actors."

Freshman Aimee Cox plays the lead role of Libby, senior Dave Hall plays her father Herb, and senior Teresa Wilson plays his girlfriend Steffy.

Clay, who worked as stage manager on last year's production of "Crimes of the Heart," said "I Ought To Be In Pictures" is different than other theater productions because the relationships between characters are unique.

"The interaction between (characters) them is something we really haven't seen before," Clay said.

Tickets for are available at the theater box office in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

**Consultants say Marshall must change**

by **EVAN BEVINS**  
reporter

Unless there are changes made to West Virginia's higher education system, current resources will not meet its needs.

Consultants for the West Virginia Legislature's study of higher education in the state said there are insufficient resources for the current system. This statement was made at an open meeting Friday at the South Charleston Graduate College campus.

Information about the meeting was provided through interviews with two Marshall faculty members who attended — Faculty Senate President Donna Donathan and Dr. Dallas Brozik, associate professor of finance/economics.

The consultants work for the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, the non-profit Boulder, Colo., firm hired by the West Virginia Legislature to conduct the study. House Bill 3019 authorized the study.

Senate Bill 547, which affects funding for higher education in the state, is up for review soon.

"What they're looking for in this process is something that's going to step in after 547 ends," Donathan said.

Donathan said she was optimistic about the consultants. She said she felt like the consultants were responsive and honest about their intent.

"The consultants were both very up front. They answered questions openly . . . even if they didn't think people would like the answers," she said.

Brozik said the consultants

were there to listen and get comments from those present.

Marshall, Concord, Shepherd, Fairmont State and the South West Virginia Community College were among the schools represented at the meeting. There were no representatives from West Virginia University.

Brozik said he found WVU's absence surprising.

"If you were the flagship school of the state, would you let one of these meetings go by without a representative?" he asked.

Some of the schools brought student and classified staff representatives. Donathan said she

wished Marshall had students at the meeting.

"The students were able to really give some perspective on this thing that faculty can't always get," she said. "Students have a different perception of this . . ."

The issue about the study that seemed to generate the most controversy among Marshall faculty was the consultants' identification of the school's main consumers — students and their potential employers.

Some professors are concerned the emphasis on business could cause other areas to suffer. Brozik and Donathan said they did not get that impression from the consultants.

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**Career Services Center offers students useful tips on finding jobs, staff says**

by **AARON E. RUNYON**  
reporter

Searching for work may lead to an inconvenient commitment of time, effort and money.

There's a chance that can be avoided with by visiting the Career Services Center.

Whether a student is looking for a part-time job or a career opportunity relative to a major, the center offers programs that can aid in the search.

"We offer simplified services that aid students in the job hunt," said Patricia G. Gallagher, recruiting coordinator at Marshall's Career Services Center. "Our services

can contact numerous employers, while students searching on their own can only speak with one employer at a time."

In addition to the several job fairs sponsored by the center, a variety of regular services are available to students and alumni. The staff offers career planning assistance, resume development and interview skills seminars for students preparing for employment.

"These are services that may be useful to all students at one time or another," Gallagher said. "The earlier they begin that process, the better the chances of finding work."

Also available this fall is a credential file service implemented during the summer. It

allows seniors and alumni to register to a database enabling employers to electronically browse their resumes.

Director Sue Wright said the center provides electronic job links where students can register for interviews and access job banks that list various career opportunities.

She said the center's career resource library has a collection of materials to aid students searching for part-time work or career development. A computer-based job matching service is also available, allowing the data sheets of registered students to be sent to inquiring employers.

"There is an incredible amount of information avail-

**MORE INFO**

The Career Services Center is sponsoring a Career-Connection Fair from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. More information is available by calling the Career Services Center at 696-2370 or visiting the office located at 400 Hal Greer Blvd.

Students can receive a listing of jobs by calling the automated jobs hotline at 696-JOBS.

able for students," Wright said. "By making contact through programs such as these, it gives a professional presentation of options to prospective employers."



SPECIAL REPORT:

**The costs of credit**

The Parthenon is planning a special report about students and their experiences with credit card debts.

Senior reporter Rebecca Cantley is looking for students who would be able to share their stories with others. Anyone interested may contact Cantley through e-mail at cantley5@marshall.edu or call The Parthenon at 696-6696.

## Prehistoric skull returned to Smithsonian after 20 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the newest and most popular attractions at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History actually is an old friend: a 70 million-year-old dinosaur skull found in 1891 by a collector in Wyoming, and on loan to a university museum in Utah for two decades. The six-foot relic is of a prehistoric creature known as Diceratops, affectionately dubbed "Lady Di" — with two horns on the head that stand straight up and indicate she's probably female.

Page edited by Amy Shultz

## Police unit patrols the Internet

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — At 6-feet-4-inches tall and 235 pounds, State Police Special Agent C.D. Wells doesn't look much like a 13-year-old girl.

But when he's hiding behind a computer screen, he can be anyone he wants. And so can lots of other people.

"You don't know who's on the other end," said Wells, one of seven agents statewide assigned to the state police's high-technology crimes unit.

Wells has spent plenty of time online pretending to be someone he's not. Some days, he's been as many as a dozen different people — from 8-year-old girls to 60-year-old men.

"It just takes a little bit of practice," Wells said. "You always have to be on guard with what you're doing and not slip."

The high-tech crimes unit was formed in September 1998 to crack down on people who break the law using computers or the Internet.

"We've done everything from homicides to drug work to child porn and predators, and everything in between," Wells said. Other computer crimes include hacking and sending death threats. The agents also have become involved in suicide threat cases.

"There are no new crimes because of the computer," Wells said. "They're the same old crimes. They're just being committed on a computer."

In the past year, Wells has investigated about 45 computer-related crimes, with sexual predator and child pornography cases making up the bulk

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C.D. Wells,

Virginia State Police special agent

of his caseload.

Wells said predators look for children from a single-parent home and those with low self-esteem.

"When I was growing up, the TV was the babysitter," he said. "The computer and the Internet are becoming the babysitters of the '90s."

He said predators will monitor Internet chat rooms without joining the conversation. When they see someone they might be interested in, they'll jump in. A conversation that begins in a chat room can turn into a private chat in which only the two people involved can see what is being said. The predator might pretend to be

about the same age as the intended victim and try to establish a friendship and then arrange a meeting with the child, Wells said.

In a recent case, Wells pretended to be a 13-year-old girl talking to a user that police identified as Peter Pandazides, 31, of Triangle, Va., a teacher at Culpeper Middle School.

Pandazides now faces a number of charges involving child pornography and solicitation of sexual activity with a minor. He has been suspended from his job without pay.

Wells said people have to be careful when they're online.

"Maybe one out of 10 will be 80 percent honest when on the

Internet," Wells said. "They can be who they want to be."

America Online, the largest Internet service provider, often works with authorities on criminal cases, said Kim McCreery, a company spokeswoman. AOL has its own security team and members are encouraged to notify them if they notice any suspicious or offensive activity in chat rooms, she said.

State Police Capt. Terry Bowes said the agency hopes to expand its high-tech crimes unit.

"The future's in computers, and law enforcement's got to go with that," Bowes said. "We're still getting our feet wet."

## Union approves Kroger strike after rejecting proposed contract

CHARLESTON (AP) — Members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union have authorized a strike against The Kroger Co. if a new contract is not reached by midnight Saturday, a union spokesman said.

"There were only seven votes against a strike, so that obviously means there's a great turnout for a strike," Sterling Ball, president of Local 347, said Sunday. "We hope that after today's meeting the status of the negotiations will change."

The local, which represents

about 2,300 workers from 50 stores in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, voted Sunday at the Charleston Civic Center to reject a proposed contract to go into effect Oct. 10.

Workers want improvements in health and welfare benefits, pension, wages, profit sharing and a 3-year contract instead of the 5-year one proposed by the company, Sterling said.

"If we don't strike now, they are just going to run our life so it's time to take a stand," said Dana Samson of Huntington.

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Sean Surmacz repairs the playhouse at the Barnett Child Care Center earlier this month. Members spent about two hours on the community service project.

## Fraternity members repair playground equipment for kids

by TONIA SEXTON  
reporter

As a community service, members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon spent one of their Sundays this month at the Barnett Child Care Center repairing playground equipment for the children.

Sebastin Parsley, vice president of the fraternity, said this is the fraternity's first year working at the center, which is located at 10th Avenue along 16th Street.

They contacted the center to see if they could work with the children. He said they offered to repair the equipment.

"This will be a great way to

establish a relationship with the children," Parsley said.

His fraternity plans to continue working with the children as a part of their community service.

"Our fraternity is here to make a difference," he said.

Working with young people will be enjoyable and help them, he said.

The members repaired the basketball goal and playhouse.

They also checked the bolts on all the equipment as a safety measure for the children.

Repairs also were made on the swings and slides.

The members worked for about two hours.

## Briefly...

### Student Activities to host spring break trip to Europe

Marshall students tired of the same old spring break trips to Panama City Beach or Daytona Beach now have an alternative.

The Office of Student Affairs and Student Activities is sponsoring a trip to Italy and Greece during spring break, March 18-27.

The nine-day trip will cost \$1,380, which will include roundtrip airfare, six nights in hotels, one night cabin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, a full-time bilingual tour director, eight sightseeing tours, two guided walking tours and a sound and light show in Athens.

"Our office hasn't tried to facilitate this (type of trip) before,"

said P. Andrew Hermansdorfer, director of student activities. "We've been thinking about it for a long time. There is definite interest out there."

Students who are interested may attend an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in room 2W38 at the Memorial Student Center, room 2W38.

For additional information, students may contact the Student Activities office at 696-6770 or 696-6423.

### Math department offers trivia contest on everything Pi

The 16th letter of the Greek alphabet is the focus of a Math department trivia contest.

The Pi trivia contest includes 25 questions related to Pi.

The questions are posted on the math bulletin board on the fifth floor of Smith Hall. Deborah Denvir, professor, said the first student to answer every question correctly wins dinner with a guest of choice and Denvir at Chi Chi's.

"It is a fun contest," Denvir said. "Anyone can enter."

Denvir said the math department sponsored the trivia contest to promote the field and provide an element of fun for students.

The contest features trivia questions such as what binary number is closest to 3.14159? And what is the formal definition of Pi?

The deadline for answers is 5 p.m. Oct. 14.

Answers must be turned in to room 744 of Smith Hall.

Denvir said students must justify answers with a two-sentence explanation.

## Consultants encourage change

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"I can understand their (other faculty members') concern, but I did not read these people as saying everything else is going to go away and we're just going to be a bunch of technical schools," Brozik said.

Donathan said, "I don't think that we can ever forget that our mission is that we are an educational institution. That's our job. That's our goal. (But) I don't think we can ignore the needs of business and industry around us either, in terms of work force development and economic development."

Brozik said that, because university funding is based on taxes, if the universities can't help the economy of West Virginia, they won't receive funding.

Donathan said a university must reach out to the community around it so that both can prosper.

"We cannot be insulated from what's going on out there," she said. "We cannot be an educational island and wait for people to row up to us and ask us for our product."

Donathan said adapting to industry needs interferes with some people's long-standing ideas of what a university should be.

"To pretend that we can go on, the way we've always gone on and still be successful is not going to work," she said. A refusal to change can kill an institution.

"I'm not opposed to change and I'm not opposed to tradition," she said. "But Marshall has succeeded because it has managed to hold on to its tradition and still grow and change."

## Free care offered

■ From page 1

dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

She said she is pleased with the clinic and described its services as "excellent."

Marshall in general, and the College of Nursing and Health Professions in particular, has been affiliated with the clinic for about eight years, she said.

One member of the nursing faculty is a permanent member of Ebenezer's board, and several faculty members who are nurse practitioners volunteer at the clinic.

Usually 8-10 nursing students work there each semester as well.

Through its medication assistance program, Ebenezer provides patients free medicines for chronic conditions.

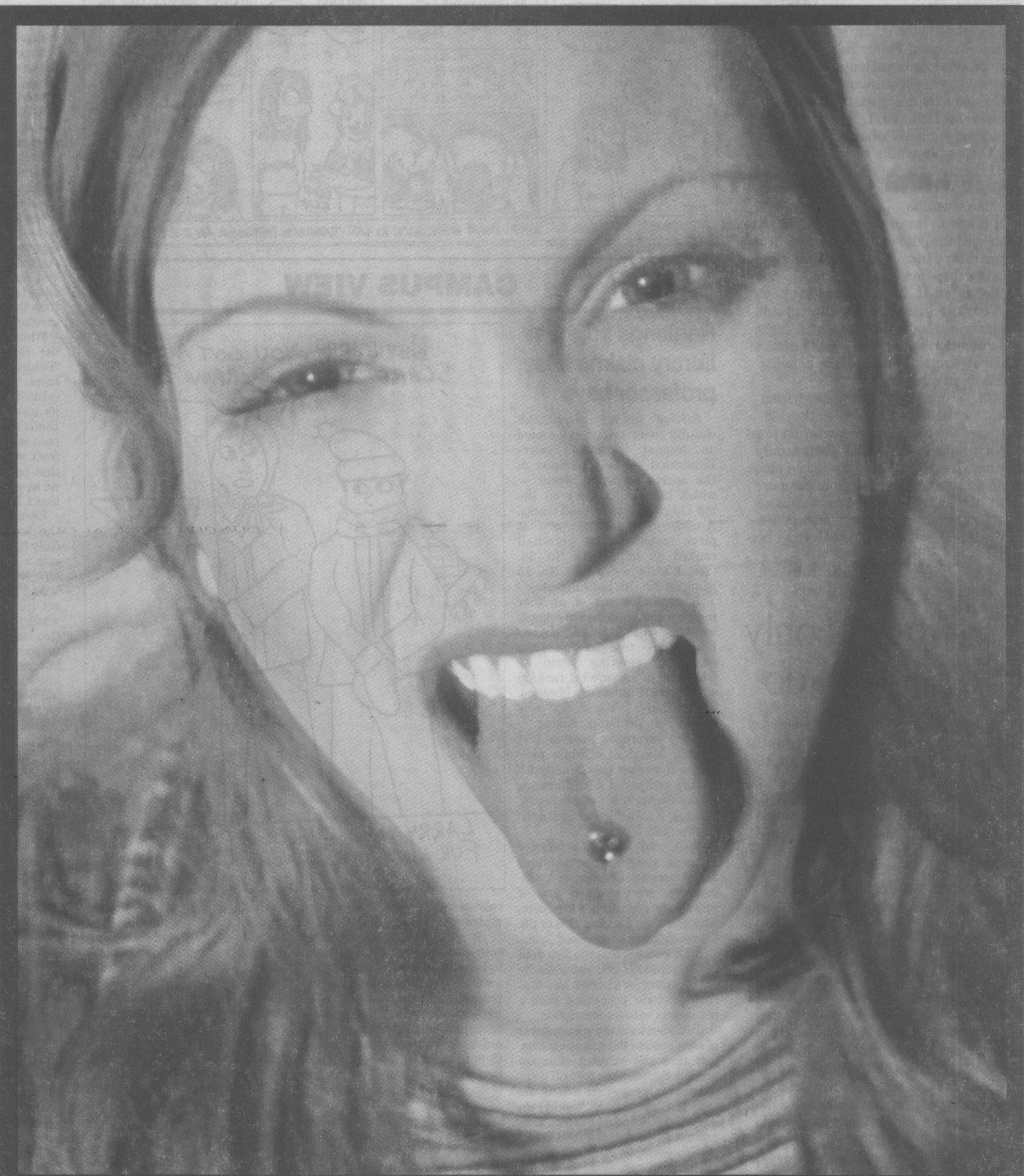
The clinic is funded by the Bureau of Public Health through its uncompensated care program, its director said.

Medications are donated by pharmaceutical companies and also are provided by the government.

Ebenezer Medical Outreach is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

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**"I'm not opposed to change and I'm not opposed to tradition."**

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#### OUR VIEW

## Free health care benefits students

No money for medical services. No problem. Thanks to Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc., part-time students who cannot afford visits to Student Health Services and do not have medical insurance still are able to receive medical care. The Huntington clinic, which is funded by the Bureau of Public Health, offers various services to patients who meet its age and income requirements.

College of Nursing and Health Professions Dean Dr. Lynne B. Welch said most students who are working to pay their college bills generally have a good chance of being eligible for its free services. That may be comforting news to some students.

It is sad to think people would have to let a sore throat, runny nose or high temperature turn into something worse because they do not have money to pay for doctor visits. Now, they do not have to. They can receive treatment and medicine without worrying about costs.

In addition to eliminating the costs of medical services, the program benefits students in other ways.

Many students are living away from home for the first time. Often, they do not have the time or transportation to go to their hometowns to visit their family doctors. The Huntington clinic is a short walk and a shorter drive from campus. That eliminates another inconvenience — transportation — for some students.

Being sick is bad enough. Getting better should not be worse.

Luckily, Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc. is trying to make sure it isn't.

## Partying not only thing Greeks do

There are many negatives stereotypes — deserved or not — associated with the Greek system in general and fraternities in general.

They are known for their parties and recognized by their letters. But too often there positive contributions to the community are left unnoticed.

The Kappa Alpha Order and Sigma Phi Epsilon are two examples. Members of both fraternities decided to help others this month.

On Sept. 25, Kappa Alpha Order members auctioned themselves to the highest bidders in a fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The girls got a date; The MDA got \$650.

On Sept. 26, Sigma Phi Epsilon members worked at the Barnett Child Care Center in Huntington fixing playground equipment. They made repairs to the basketball goal and playhouse as well as the swings and slides. Their hard work made the equipment better and the playground safer for the children who use it.

Although often overlooked, community service projects are an important part of Greek life. They give fraternities and sororities the opportunity to gain some recognition not associated with wearing togas and drinking beers.

Giving back to the community is a positive reflection on your organization and the university. Keep it up.

### Editorial policy

Please keep letters to the editor no longer than 250 words. Longer letters may be used as guest columns at the editor's discretion. All letters must be signed and include an address or phone number for confirmation. Letters may be edited for libelous statements, available space or factual errors.



#### CAMPUS VIEW

### Rankings suggest library claims false, professor says

Sitting in my physician's waiting room recently, I espied an August issue of Sports Illustrated — that paragon of the sports reporting world — which included a story on the top 114 collegiate football teams. A cursory examination of that piece revealed that Marshall ranked an impressive No. 24. (Yes, I know we're now No. 15 going on No. 10, but I digress.)

It reminded me of another ranking, also published in August, by the Chronicle of Higher Education — that paragon of the academic reporting world — where there appeared a ranking of the top 111 university libraries. Surprisingly, Marshall was absent from the latter ranking.

I say surprising because last March, Marshall officials published the news that Marshall's library compared with libraries at the universities of Michigan, Purdue, Kentucky and Southern California.

Well, all those university libraries, along with some of our Mid-American Conference counterparts, were ranked and if indeed we compared with them, why aren't we also included in the Chronicle's ranking? Good question. One senses that the Marshall public relations mill spun dizzily out of control for a period, and that such rhetoric promoting library status was without foundation.

To understand the speciousness of such public relations assertions, just turn the ranking situation around. Suppose our football team did not rank anywhere among the top 114 programs. Would we advertise that our football program was comparable to that of the University of Michigan, et al.? Of course not. We would be laughed out of the NCAA.

Thus we embrace, unabashedly, the Disneyland precept that "just saying it makes it so" for academic enterprise (hoping to fool all the people all the time), while recognizing that in athletics "just saying it" doesn't get it done.

So, we devote all necessary resources (e.g. the finest facilities and highest coaches' salaries in the conference) for athletics to produce something REAL, while engaging in effervescent public



relations excesses in academics to portray something FICTIONAL.

Some students, faculty and townspeople — misguided souls to be sure, given the present climate — question such distorted priorities for an institution of higher education. Perhaps a reevaluation of priorities is in order, if for no other reason, than to build an academic tradition at this university that our football team can be proud of.

— James E. Joy,  
professor of biology

### Professor agrees to respect others' beliefs, but won't teach them

I enjoyed Jacob Scheik's column concerning the teaching of evolution in the schools. I thought your readers might enjoy knowing that when I teach prehistoric art, there's always one student who

insists that the sex of human remains can be determined by counting the ribs! And once a student told me that I shouldn't talk about prehistoric art at all, because God had not yet created the world when these objects and images were made. The great photographer Joseph Campbell claimed that in order for a myth to remain viable, it must not contradict the scientific knowledge of the culture. 'Nuff said! You are free to believe whatever you want, but don't try to tell me that I have to believe — and teach — it too!

— Susan Jackson,  
associate professor of art

#### OFF CAMPUS VIEW

## Who cares where Vanilla Ice is now?

by Brian Horne  
Cavalier Daily  
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(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Check your local listings; chances are there's a documentary all about you on TV tonight. The show will feature some of your favorite memories, recount pivotal moments in your life, chronicle your changing interests over time and, fortunately for you, conclude with a happy ending.

Over the last few years, several networks have introduced shows that present biographies and major issues by assembling past news clips and interviews into a single, condensed story. MSNBC's "Time and Again" and VH-1's "Behind the Music" are two examples of this increasingly popular, cheaply-produced brand of television.

The networks promote both series as documentary-style profiles of celebrities and newsmakers. But while these shows may resemble documentaries, it is difficult to imagine them being grouped alongside A&E's "Biography" or films like "Hoop Dreams." Unlike traditional documentaries, which tend to — as their name suggests — document lives and events, "Time and Again" and "Behind the Music" replay old news to emphasize the coverage of people rather than the people themselves. So if they are documentaries, exactly what is being documented?

While rock stars and tabloid personalities are the shows' central figures, the real fun of "Behind the Music" is viewers can play along at home. Audiences can relate to the story of a celebrity's career because they were witnesses to its coverage. Whether the subject is "Princess Diana" on MSNBC or "Duran Duran" on VH-1, each replayed news clip and interview is a scene from your life: "Remember when you thought that person was interesting? Remember when we saw that video? Remember when you bought that CD and sold it a month later?"

Even though audiences already know how the story turns out, there's something sadistically hilarious about watching Vanilla Ice turn into a grandiose egomaniac before embarking on a well-deserved, pathetic downfall.

And by the end of the hour, you the viewer get the ultimate satisfaction of knowing that while your tastes have evolved with the times, this loser on TV still is living in the past. Sure, maybe Vanilla is trying to update his image, but you can see through his act because you know what's really in style; after all, you watch MTV and VH-1. The documentary of your life as a spectator always ends happily ever after.

Audiences expect to see publicity stunts and outright advertising from the mock-journalism in "Entertainment Tonight" and "Access Hollywood." But the shameless self-promotion of MSNBC's "Time and Again" is presented as real, objective coverage of important people. Disguised as "history," this show is only a collection of NBC news reruns, regardless of whether or not the original reporting was accurate. And it always has a happy ending: You the viewer have a flawless understanding of how the news you once watched on TV shaped your world.

For better or worse, "infotainment" has begun colonizing new territory. "Dateline NBC," "Fox Files" and "20/20" are helping to blur the lines between news and hype. Now more than ever, viewers should remind themselves that Jane Pauley isn't really a journalist. She just plays one on TV.

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## MAC showdown turns into Herd showcase

by JEROD SMALLEY  
reporter

A dejected Terry Hoepfner sat down, thought for a moment and said, "We had a big problem today. It's name was Marshall University."

Hoepfner and his RedHawks suffered a 32-14 loss at home Saturday to the Thundering Herd. A Yager Stadium-record crowd of 30,087 fans, more than 5,000 of which were supporting Marshall, watched the Parent's Day defeat. It was the first win for Marshall over Miami at Oxford in 60 years.

On the heels of the victory, Marshall improved from No. 17 to No. 15 in this week's Associated Press poll. The Herd is tied with Purdue University at No. 15 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll.

Marshall led 9-0 after one quarter, 19-0 at halftime and 32-0 with four minutes to play. Two late Miami touchdowns against the Herd reserves set the final score.

Marshall head coach Bob Pruett said the matchup with the RedHawks was a physical challenge.

"This was the most physical ballgame we've played since I've been here," Pruett said. "Both teams knew what was at stake."

Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington completed 18 of 35 passes for 294 yards and three touchdowns. Miami running

back Travis Prentice rushed for 16 yards on 19 carries against Marshall's starting defense, but he finished the game with 131 rushing yards on 27 attempts.

"Our defense just manhandled them...He [Prentice] is a good player, but he just didn't have anywhere to run," Pruett said.

Prentice attributed his lack of output to the Marshall defense.

"They played great ball," he said. "There wasn't much I could do. They have great speed, and we had a tough time getting anything going."

In addition to run-stopping, the defense picked off four Miami passes.

Marshall junior defensive back Danielle Derricott got his first two interceptions of the season against the RedHawks.

Team speed on defense was a key, Marshall senior linebacker John Grace said.

"We flew to the ball and shut down the running lanes, Grace said. "Our linemen ran like linebackers, our linebackers ran like defensive backs, and our defensive backs

ran like receivers." But the Herd defense was not the whole story.

The Herd offense scored four times in the first half. Marshall opened the scoring at the 12:21 mark of the first quarter on a career-best 42 yard field goal by senior kicker Billy Malashevich.

The Herd's first touchdown was a 6-yard strike by Pennington to junior wide receiver Nate Poole. The score was the result of a 10-play, 76-yard drive that took nearly five minutes off the clock in the first quarter. The first missed extra point of the season by Malashevich left the first quarter score at 9-0.

Marshall added two more scores in the second quarter. Another Malashevich field goal with 9:25 remaining gave the Herd a 12-0 advantage.

After a Derricott interception ended a Miami drive at the Herd 24-yard line. Marshall responded with an 8-play, 76-yard drive. The march ended in a 41-yard improvised touchdown pass from Pennington to James Williams.

Pennington was forced out of the pocket and lofted the ball on the run to a streaking Williams, who finished the game with four catches for 164 yards and two touchdowns. Marshall took a 19-0 halftime lead and never looked back.

Both teams punted several times in the third quarter, with

Marshall picking up the lone score of the period. Malashevich's third field goal extended the Herd lead to 22-0.

Marshall again added to the lead in the fourth when James Williams took a pass from Pennington, ran down the left sideline, cut back toward the middle of the field and left two defenders in his wake.

The touchdown and extra point made it 29-0 with 14:21 left. Malashevich's fourth field goal (a new Marshall record for field goals in one game) would be Marshall's final points. Two late-fourth quarter touchdowns, one by Prentice, were tallied against Marshall's reserve defenders.

Hoepfner, who has coached in the MAC for 14 years, says the Herd is a complete football team.

"They were clicking today, on both sides of the ball," Hoepfner said. "They're the best MAC team I've seen since I've been in this conference. They have the total package."

Senior center Jason Starkey said the game was won at the line of scrimmage.

"Domination," Starkey said. "That's what I'd call it. We just ran our base stuff and executed it. We played with a lot of guts."

Marshall has the week off and the team will return to action next Thursday against Toledo at Marshall Stadium.

The game will be broadcast nationally by ESPN.

## 'No-shows' make intramurals less competitive

by MIKE KLUG  
reporter

The fall President's Cup season continues with softball and four-person grass volleyball but attendance has been a problem for the events according to the activity directors.

"The men's teams have shown up for softball, but in volleyball there has been withdrawals," Becky Goldman, recreational sports graduate assistant, said. "Only 18 out of 27 teams are still playing."

"That means there are a lot of easy points for teams to receive for just showing up. The teams that have had to forfeit games or withdrawal from events complain that it is not fair that teams receive points for this. It is not the team's fault that showed up for the event that the other team did not have enough players to participate," Goldman said.

Women's softball had to be canceled because only three of four teams were left to compete. Three of the five women's volleyball teams completed competition.

"The participation in the women's events should have been better," Goldman said.

"We are pleased with how the fall recreational sports season has gone so far," said Sharon Stanton, assistant director of intramural sports and fitness activities. "It is frustrating though when teams that signed up for events don't show up."

### President's Cup point totals

<b>Fraternity Division</b> ATO's	259
<b>Open/Residence Division</b> K of CL	195
<b>Women's Division</b> GDI's	150

note: points as of Sept. 30

There will be an indoor volleyball meeting for the season, which begins Oct. 11, Thursday at 4 p.m. in Gullickson Hall room 203.

There also will be a golf scramble at Orchard Hills Golf and Country Club in Barboursville Oct. 13. The entry fee is \$8.50 for the two-man scramble.

Homecoming Week events start Oct. 25 with four-on-four indoor flag football and ultimate frisbee. These two events will not count in the President's Cup standings.

The fourth annual Wild Dawg Alum-Run starts at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. The 5K road race begins near Mycroft's Restaurant & Bar on Third Avenue in Huntington.

WDGG 93.7 radio station is the featured sponsor of the race, along with support from local businesses and campus groups. The registration fee is \$10 through Oct. 29 and \$15 on Oct. 30.

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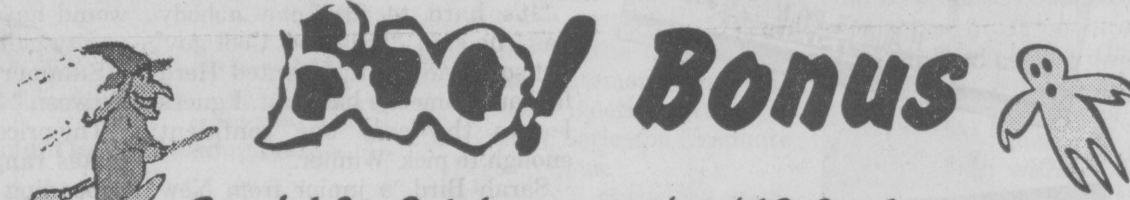


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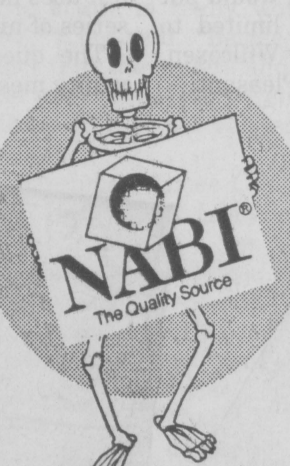
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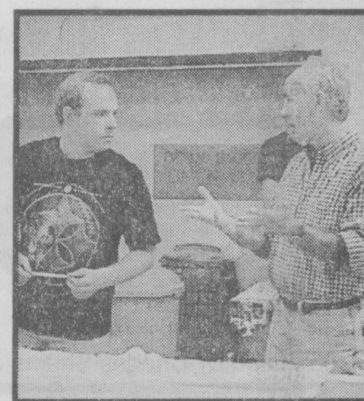
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## Hands-on experience

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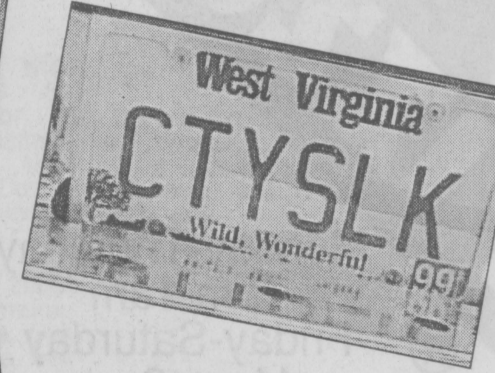
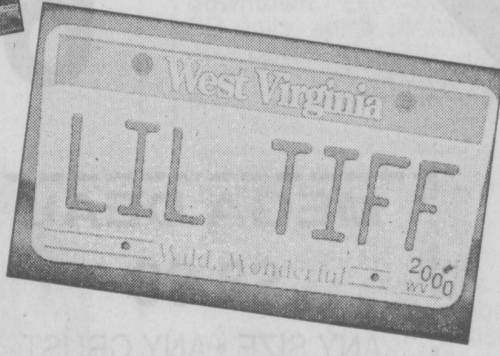
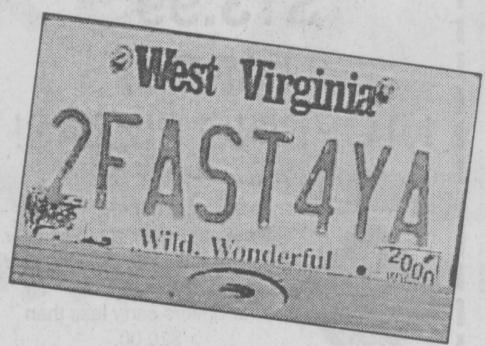
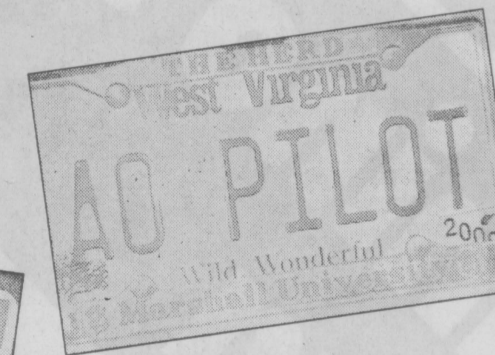
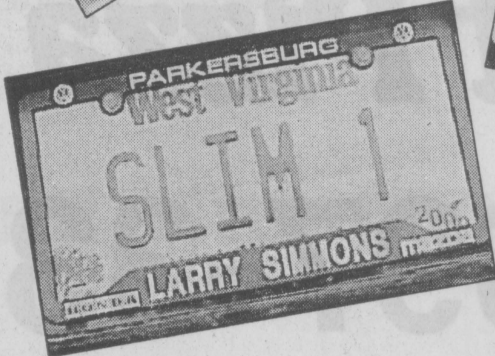
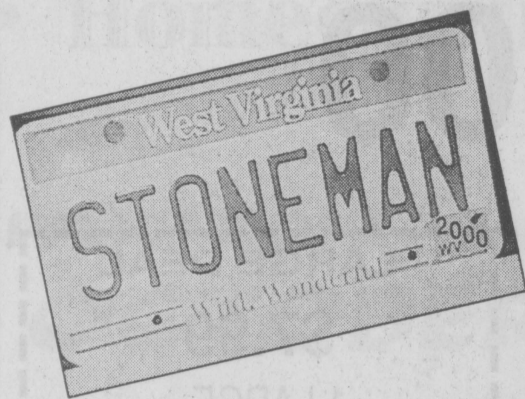
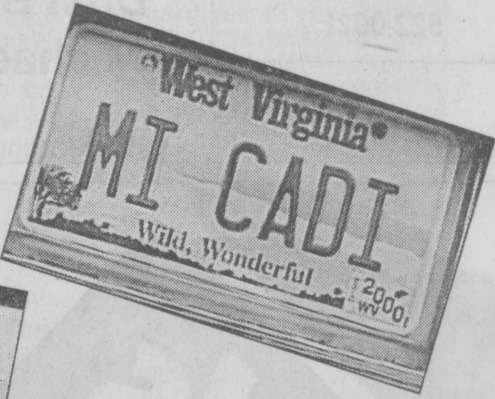
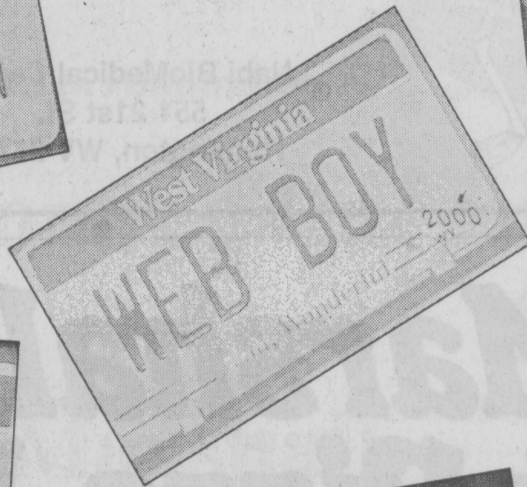
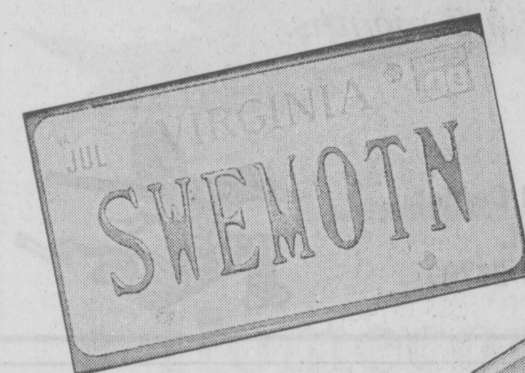
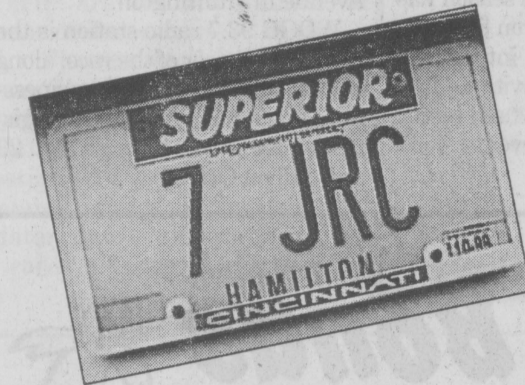
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## the Parthenon



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## Vanity plates popular on campus

Being vain is not a criterion for having a vanity plate, but having a car is.

Vanity plates are a way of showing your name or initials. They can tell how you feel about a certain issue, place or thing. Or they can be simply a way of summing up one's personality.

They are seen on cars everywhere. Even on and around Marshall's campus.

Chris Lawford, Huntington senior, has the word "Winner" on his license plate.

"I got it to distinguish my car — I have a Mitsubishi Eclipse — those cars are everywhere," Lawford said.

"It's hard to find one nobody has," he said. "I wanted 'Cool guy' but someone had it. I wanted 'Herd fan' and someone had that. I guess I was the only one confident enough to pick 'Winner.'"

Sarah Bird, a junior from New Haven, said she never knew what to put on one and that is the reason she never got one.

Bird was not the only student who did not know what they would get on their vanity plate.

"I have no idea what I would put on mine because it is limited to eight letters," said Larry Wilcoxon, a freshman from Point Pleasant.

Bryan Wiley, a graduate student, said he probably would never get one because they are too expensive, but if he did, it would say "Go Skins."

Evelyn Keene, a sophomore from New York, had some trouble deciding what her vanity plate would say. She finally decided on either "Time 4 Me" or "Thank God."

Some people had no trouble deciding what theirs would say.

Megan Cox, a graduate student from Myrtle Beach, said she would definitely have "R U Green" on hers.

Patrick Sheehan, a junior, said his would stand for rock monster.

Sarah Elaine Benda said she would have her last name on her vanity plate.

Summer Martin was torn between "Sum Sum" and "Onyx."

The price of West Virginia vanity plates ranges from \$22.88 to \$70, depending on the type of plate and what the message starts with.

The West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles will issue a vanity plate only if the request that is chosen is available, if the choice is not obscene or possibly offensive, and if it does not conflict with a regular series of numbers.

The question remains — what vanity message would you choose?

## Happenings...\*

\*your entertainment guide for activities and events at and outside of Marshall.

### On Campus

TUESDAY, OCT. 5, 1999

P.R.O.W.L. meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9:10 p.m. Contact: Rev. Bob Bondurant at 696-3052

Student Activities Programming Board, meeting, Memorial Student Center room 2W37, 3:15 p.m. Contact: 696-2290

Residence Hall Programs, "Estimate the Hate," Holderby Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: 696-3193

Residence Hall Programs, "Chill Out!" (Stress Relief), Laidley Hall, 9:30 p.m. Contact: 696-3193

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1999

Baptist Christian Ministries, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Jerry Losh at 696-3053

Habitat for Humanity, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 1 p.m.

Residence Hall Programs, "Women's Health Issues," Buskirk Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: 696-3193

Residence Hall Programs, "Hope or Hype?" Hodges Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: 696-3193

THURSDAY, OCT. 7, 1999

Campus Light Baptist Ministries, meeting, Memorial Student Center room 2W16, 8 p.m. Contact: Dave Greear at 529-1545

Committed To Christ, worship service, Corbely Hall room 105, 8:30 p.m.

LGBO, Pride Week Meeting, 9:00 p.m. Contact 696-6623 to find out where.

### In Huntington

TUESDAY, OCT. 5, 1999

Renaissance Book Company, Jeffrey Smith reading and signing, Renaissance Book Store, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7, 1999

Cabell County Public Library, used book sale, 4th floor Cabell County Public Library, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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