

A Word From Olympics in Full Swing The Mercury By Jody Pauley

By: Travis Wells, Editor

Hello Glenville. I am sure you have seen the sparcity that our school paper has suffered in the recent months. We need your help.

First we need writers! We are operating with a staff of about five people. That is not enough! We need your help. This is a paid position, so if you have a 2.0 or above and want to write (and get paid), let us know. Talk to anyone on staff with The Mercury. They can let you know what i is like and what you can do to help.

Second of all we need a new name. Back in the 30's the name was changed from "The Tower" to "The Mercury." We don't know why it was changed. (If you do, drop us a line we would love to hear.) We would like to give the mercury a new look and that includes a new name, but we want the students to be in on the decision. Some of the names we have heard so far are "The Tower," "The Clock Tower," "The Clock Works," and the old name, "The Mercury." We would like to hear from you, the student body. If you have any ideas for the title of our college paper, let us know. Just drop them at the campus post office marked "Mercury," or give them to Pat Hall in student life.

Ask the Students

The Glenville State College Presidential Scholars Program is studying civility this semester. As a part of our course we are asking members of the GSC community to respond to the following two questions:

1. Is race or ethnic group an acceptable means of physical identification? (Ex: Being identified in a conversation because of race, sex, hair color, etc.)

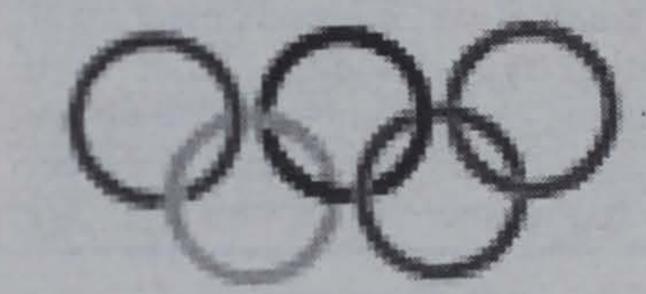
2. How do you feel when you are engaged in a conversation and other members of the group begin speaking in another language?

Please send your responses to mercury@glenville.edu.

The 19th Winter Olympics are currently underway in Salt Lake City, Utah. As I have been watching these Olympic games, there are a few stories of United States athletes that have caught and held my attention. These stories have not involved scandals, but they are stories of the human spirit.

Olympic record and world record in winning the gold medal in the Ladies 100m. The special thing about this feat was until 2 weeks ago she was battling Mono. Her US speed ska..ng teammate Derek Parra also won a gold medal while setting the Olympic record and world record in the Men's 1500m. Until he set that record he had only run the 36th fastest time in that event.

Then there is the story of Apollo Ohno. He is one of best short track speed skaters in the world. In his race on February 16 he was leading, but was caught up in a fall that took out 4 of the 5 skaters. He still managed to cross the finish for the silver medal. In the fall Ohno acquired a cut on his thigh that



required 6 stitches, but he will compete in his last three events.

Olympics for the first time in 2002. The team of Jill Bokken and Vonetta Flowers took the first-ever gold medal in the event. There is also the quest of figure skater Michelle Kwan. Kwan has won everything there is to win in figure skating except for an Olympic gold medal. She is in first in the competition going into the free skate portion of the event.

Unfortunately, along with the thrill of victory comes the agony of defeat. Downhill-skier Picabo Street finished 16th in her quest for gold. After the event she retired from athletic competition. At press time the United States was second in the medal count with 21 and four days of competition remaining.



Photo by: Patrick Hall

Follow The Signs By Teresa Bean

On Wednesday, February 20, Glenville State College erected a new sign at the north entrance to the school. This sign welcomes students, staff and visitors with a digital readout of the

time, temperature and even information about upcoming sports events. Bearing Glenville's trademark qualities, "Tradition, Innovation, Leadership and Community," this new landmark adds a modern, functional touch to the campus. The next addition will be the sign for Pioneer Village.

HSU to Receive Renovation

In the summer of 2000, the staff at GSC began on a project to renovate the Heflin Student Union. The purpose was to liven up and make the student union more inviting. They got together with WTW Architects out of Pittsburgh to come up with plans for the renovation. WTW has had a long history with student unions. The project really took off in June 2001 as a committee of staff and students got together to come up with ideas for the more modern Heflin Student Union.

Now the project is entering its third stage, which is laying out the floor plans for the Union. Vice President of Student Life Cheryl McKinney has a picture of the proposed Student Union in the Office of Student Life. The proposed main entrance would be right across from the Science Hall where the Office of Public Safety is now. On the lower level of the union would be the Fitness Center and Health Clinic. The main floor would house the proposed information desk. Also on this floor would be the Post Office, a computer lab, a study area, and the GSC Book-Cont. on page 2

Figure Skating Debacle

By Ronnie Bell

Most figure skating duets have the same worries of any other athlete when it comes to competition. They are nervous about how well they will perform, how well their competition will perform, if their routine is the best, or if they will have to skate flawlessly to beat a slightly superior choreographed routine that had minute errors.

In the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA teams had to worry if they had made judges angry with them or their country. The Canadian tandem Jamie Sale and David Pelletier had clearly defeated the Russian duo (Elena Berezhnaya and Anton

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Opinion

Do you have something to say? Then speak Out! Send Submitions to The Mercury. You can drop them off at the Post office on campus or the Office of Student Life.

Broken Promise

By Jody Pauley

When Bob Wise ran for Governor of West Virginia in 2000, one of his main campaign objectives was to form a college scholarship for all West Virginia students with a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher. Governor Wise, in his first State of the State Address, stated that this scholarship would be for the future of West Virginia. Unfortunately, Wise's Promise Scholarship is a broken promise for students that are already enrolled in college.

This year the final requirements

were released for the scholarship. As I read down the list, I was checking off every requirement. Then I noticed a requirement that got my blood boiling. This scholarship is only for graduating seniors of the class of 2002 and beyond. That is apparently what the West Virginia State Legislature believes is this state's future. What about the students that are already in college? Does the government consider us a lost cause?

I refuse to believe that we, current college students, are a lost cause. We worked just as hard as the students who will receive the scholarship, but we cannot get our hands on any of that money for the simple reason that we were born too early. I was a graduate of the class of 2001 at George Washington High School. I graduated with a 3.5 cumulative GPA and I meet all of the other requirements, other than graduating class. I know that there are also many others of you here that meet every requirement except for age. We

are victims of circumstance.

I am not saying that this is a bad scholarship. I believe this is a great opportunity for anyone who receives it and I do not hold it against the recipients. It is a great way to keep students in West Virginia. All I am saying is that all students already enrolled in college deserve the same opportunity.

Every student who would like to receive an equal opportunity to receive this scholarship should contact the representative from your area. I can write about it all day long, but it will not do any good until we do something about it. We must let the West Virginia State Legislature know that college students who are already enrolled deserve a chance to receive this scholarship. If you meet the same requirements for the Promise Scholarship as another student, you deserve a fair chance to compete for it. Until we receive a chance to compete for the Promise Scholarship, to every class before 2002 it will remain a broken promise.

judge) wrote in a letter last fall to LeGougne to cast her vote for the Russian team, but there has been no confirmation of such a letter. The IOC (International Olympic Committee) has begun investigating the matter and charges may be brought against individuals as early as April and possibly as late as June. In the meantime, the Canadian team has been awarded gold medals and the Russians were permitted to keep the ones they earned as well, thus giving us two winning teams in figure skating in the '02 Winter Games.

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Other: 10 cents per word, maximum of 25 words.

The most you can possibly spend is \$2:50 for an ad. If you would like your ad to appear in multiple issues of the Mercury, you must "renew" the ad as if it were a new ad.

Abbreviations for use in classified

OEV- Of equal value OBO-Or Best Offer m/l – more or less w/- with neg – negotiable

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store. As you make your way toward the second floor you would find the dining hall and PG's Pioneer Grill. Finally on the fourth floor would be the Ballroom, conference area and a digital movie theater.

Unfortunately, this project is not free. It will come at a cost to the students of Glenville State College. The student activity fee will be raised almost \$100 per semester. It is a great plan and everyone should stop by the Office of Student Life to check it out.

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Sukharulidze) in the eyes of most viewers worldwide and of most judges, but failed to capture the gold medal which was earned by the Russians. The reason for the concern is that most people feel a certain French judge may have been swayed in seeing the Russians win prior to competition.

Marie-Reine Le Gougne is the judge in question of these accusations, but is strongly denying any such thing ever happened. According to several newspapers, Marina Sanaia (Russian

Web Wipeout

By: Nathan Calvert

Are you bored and tired of the same old websites? Do you always surf onto the same sites daily, clicking reload until something new pops up? Well, to add to your boredom, I chose a handful of websites that may make your day a little bit more enjoyable. Be forewarned however, some sites contain some humor found only in sarcastic morbid humans. On with the list!

I. www.collegehumor.com - If you are someone who enjoys getting a cheap laugh out of people like you and me doing stupid things for attention, this is the place to go. I visit this site weekly to check on all of the updates made.

2. www.prowrestling.com - Wrestling news, 24 hours a day. Want to pretend you are the greatest wrestling fan ever? Go here and study up. Articles include wrestlers' real names, and photographs of your favorite wrestlers when they were younger.

3. www.gamespot.com - This one goes out to all of you video gamers out there. This site updates daily around 5 PM with great in-depth news and reviews throughout the entire video gaming industry.

4. www.yourdictionary.com/ - Need to find that perfect word, or are you just bored to death? Go here for

crossword puzzles and dictionaries galore. Great for finding words that make you sound smart.

5. www.emode.com/ and www.thespark.com - These sites had to be listed together mainly because of their similarities. You can take personality tests, IQ tests, etc. Warning: These tests can take up a bit of time!

6. www.aint-it-cool-news.com - I visit this site quite frequently. Contained in this site are reviews and insider information on upcoming films. Often you will see posts of movie reviews a couple of months before it's official release! By the way, did you know that the third Terminator movie is taking shape and that Kristanna Loken will be playing Ah-nold's viscious enemy?

7. www.thedigitalbits.com and www.dvdreview.com - Want the latest in dvd news and reviews? Start at these sites for great recommendations on the latest in dvd entertainment.

8. www.deepdiscountdvd.com/Do you want dvds, cheap? Go here for a great selection, and free shipping, always.

9. www.drudgereport.com/ - For you newsies out there. This site has the latest stories and include links to all of the top news sites.

10.www.theonion.com/ - Once again for you newsies. This site parodies some of the top stories from around the world.

11.www.darwinawards.com/ - I love visiting this site every once in a while. It renews my faith that there are a few more people out there that aren't as smart as me.

12.www.glenville.edu - I check Glenville State College's website mainly for seeing when we have days off. Oh yeah and they keep it updated fairly well with the latest Pioneer developments.

Well, that about does it for this edition. If you would like to send a website recommendation, please send it our way using the subject line: website c/o Nathan Calvert and send it to: mercury@glenville.edu

The Glenville State College Office of Admissions would like to announce the Spring 2002 Open House on April 13, 2002. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet the College President, talk with faculty, staff and students, tour the campus, learn about student life, discuss financial aid, have lunch in the Heflin Student Union, and see the GSC Percussion Ensemble perform. If you know any high school junior or senior interested in coming to the Open House and learning more about GSC, please contact the Office of Admissions at 304-462-4128 or e-mail: admissions@glenville.edu

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Music Department Holds

Audition Day

By John McKinney

The GSC Music Dept. hosted its annual Audition Day for prospective music majors on Tuesday, February 19, beginning at 9:00. High School students auditioned for admission to the music program and for scholarship opportunities. More than 40 students and parents participated in the day's events.

Registration began at 8:30am and included opportunities to visit with faculty and students, to see the art gallery and talk to admissions counselors. Afterward, all were given a tour of campus by the admissions staff. The next event included a welcome and presentation by Cheryl McKinney, Vice President for Student Life. Student government, residence life, food & dining services, medical options, and student activities were presented. Karen Lay, Financial Aid Administrator, offered advice for all concerning financial options available. This was followed by a discussion of the music program at

GSC by the music faculty. The morning concluded with a traveling concert in the recital hall, rehearsal hall, and the auditorium, which included the Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble, Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble, and the Concert Band.

Lunch was provided in the Verona Maple room and included a GSC music student and faculty member at each table visiting and answering questions. The afternoon was dedicated to individual music auditions with each student presenting prepared material on their instrument, sight-reading and sight singing, and a discussion of their goals before a panel of adjudicators.

Many of these students left their homes by 5:00am in order to arrive on time. The tensions in this situation are great. It is not a typical college visit when in this case you must stand up by yourself and demonstrate your knowledge and skills! Many thanks go to all at GSC for helping relieve their stress and making their visit a success.



GSC Hosts The Princely

Players

By: Prof. John McKinney

The Princely Players performed "On The Road to Glory" in the Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, as the second presentation of the Cultural Events series this year. In addition, the Players presented a workshop on Wednesday afternoon in the recital hall for the music students. This included an overview of the body of music called spirituals which actually include numerous types of music and singing styles including "hollers," jubilees, drawn hymns, field songs, coded songs, sorrow songs, and protest songs, among others. This was a moving, educational experience that was appreciated by all in attendance. After the clinic, the Princely Players had an impromptu session with the GSC Djembe ensemble. After much fun and spontaneous playing, the Players asked the Djembe group to help them open up the evening's performance. This was a wonderful opportunity for GSC students as they interacted with the Princely Players.

The evening performance was well attended, and the presentation well received. The only smudge on the evening's event was a stubborn sound system that refused to work properly regardless of options attempted. The final solution was to turn off the system entirely for the rest of the performance. The audience is to be commended for their attention that allowed the performers to be heard throughout the rest of the show. The performance was energetic and exciting. One student said that he "really learned a lot from the presentation and was surprised at the level of discrimination the members of the group had personally experienced throughout their careers. I was glad to have the opportunity to experience the Princely Players!"

Faculty Recital

By John McKinney

On Thursday, February 14, the music department presented a faculty recital in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at 8:00 pm. The recital featured music by Arutunian, Haddad, Hummel, Vaughan, Joseph Turrin, Franz Liszt, and others. The performers included Harry Rich, Anita White, Jay Frye, and Julie Channell.

Harry Rich is an Associate Professor of Music at Glenville State College and he teaches brass and music literature. In addition to freelance performances throughout the state, he is also a founding member of the Appalachian Brass Quintet.

Anita White has been performing publicly since the age of eight and has been teaching since the age of fourteen. She is a piano graduate of the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music and is Adjunct Professor of Piano at Glenville State College.

Jay Frye received his degree in Music Education from West Virginia University where he majored in tuba and string bass. He is presently Adjunct Professor of Tuba at Glenville State College and the instrumental director at V'estern Greenbrier Jr. High School. Mr. Frye is an active per-

former, presently the principal tubist with the University Shennendoah Symphony Orchestra in Lexington, Virginia, a member of the Greenbrier River Brass, and a former member of the West Virginia Opera Orchestra. In addition, he is an active clinician throughout West Virginia.

Julie Channell is a 1992 music education graduate of Glenville State College. She is presently the New Martinsville Middle School Band Director in New Martinsville, West Virginia, and is an active private teacher

and performer.

The evening with these performers was varied and exciting. The recital included performances on trumpet, flugelhorn, cornet, harpsichord, tuba, and piano. The music was lyrical, expressive, exciting, and often moved at an incredible tempo. One audience member commented, "Sometimes when you blink your eyes you miss a note. In the opening movement of the harpsichord sonnet, if you blinked your eyes you missed a hundred notes." The variations of the Carnival of Venice are amazing in the compositional technique and were performed with great musicality. Regardless of the tempo, the recital was always musical. K. dos to the perform-

Music Department to Host All State Chorus Workshop

The Music Department will be hosting the All State Chorus Workshop on Thursday, February 28, 2002, beginning at 9:00am and continuing until 3:00pm. Professor Charles Miller, choral and vocal teacher at GSC, will conduct the workshop, and Ms. Anita White will accompany the group on piano.

High School students and their teachers from around West Virginia will spend the day learning and rehearsing the music to be used for the All State Chorus music auditions. These students will use this music to try out for the West Virginia All State Choir. The high school teachers will continue to rehearse their students using the information gained by this workshop to continue to prepare them for the All State event.

Mr. Miller says, "This workshop gives the students the opportunity to

sing with a full chorus and accompaniment while rehearsing for the audition. Many schools only have two or three students trying out for the choir and it is difficult for them to learn balance and blend without all of the parts being covered. Our college music students will sing along with the choir as their daily class schedule will allow. This will enhance the experience for both groups. The high school students will receive needed rehearsal opportunities and the college students will experience a teaching activity in progress."

Students and teachers will join us for lunch and have the opportunity to experience the Fine Arts Center. Schools participating include: Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilbert, Greenbrier West, Gilmer, Williamstown, Fayetteville, and Nitro High School, and includes more than fifty students and teachers. If you have a few minuets next Thursday please drop by the rehearsal hall in the Fine Arts Center and listen to the rehearsal. It should be a fun and educational event!

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Sports



Women's Basketball Summaires

By Ronnie Bell

February 2, 2002 Glenville ventured to Shepherd College for a very important conference match. The Ladies were on a 16-game winning streak and undefeated in conference play, but fell short in an overtime defeat (76-69). Colleen McBrien and Carrie Triplett were leading scorers for the Pioneers with 19 and 16 points respectively.

February 7, 2002 The Pioneers hosted the Senators of Davis and Elkins College. After trailing by two at the half (30-28), Glenville held D&E to just 26% shooting in the second half as they downed the Senators 67-53. Amanda Mortelette, Tammy Spence, and Samantha Williams each tossed in 13, and Spence led the game in rebounding with 11. Glenville bounced back in impressive fashion enroute to their 38th consecutive home victory after suffering their first conference loss of the season.

On the 9th, WVWC came to town and left unable to break Glenville's tradition of winning home games. The Bobcats fell 65-53 as they were held to eight-second half-field goals. Glenville was led by Tracy Wyatt's 26 points, six assists, and six steals. The West Virginia Wesleyan College team became number 39 in the record books.

Glenville traveled to Alderson-Broaddus on the 11th and was led by Tammy Spence's 20 points and nine rebounds, and Tracy Wyatt's 15 points. The Lady Pioneers walked away winners once more this season as they climbed to 19-3 with a 75-61 victory.

Valentines Day proved to be unhappy for the Shepherd Rams when they came to Glenville. Defeating the Pioneers in overtime earlier this month, Glenville would win at home 58-49, taking their streak to 40 straight. Glenville got 17 points from Tracy

Wyatt including her perfect 11-11 foul shooting. Amanda Mortelette added 12 more for the Pioneers. After beating Shepherd, Glenville moved into first place in the WVIAC power ratings.

West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats had the Glenville Pioneers to play the 16th of February, but apparently forgot to come to the game. WVWC committed 25 turnovers and failed to put any player in double figures in scoring. Carrie Triplett led the game's scoring with 15, Amanda Mortelette and Tracy Wyatt each contributed 14. Glenville remained on top of WVIAC standings with the 68-46 victory. Glenville rises to 15-1 conference play and 21-3 overall.

February 18, 2002, GSC ventured to D&E for a conference match. With Davis & Elkins Senators on the hunt to knock off number one, all five Glenville starters put up double figure points, led by Carrie Triplett's and Tracy Wyatt's 16 each. Glenville won the contest 76-68.

GSC Men Make Run at WVIAC Title

By: Jody Pauley

After losing two straight games to West Virginia Wesleyan College and Alderson-Broaddus College, the Pioneers have rebounded to win two out of there last three games. They started the run on February 14 by defeating the Shepard College Rams in a thriller at Jesse R. Lilly Gymnasium. Tyrone McCann was the leading scorer for the Pioneers, pouring in 26 in the narrow 77-75 victory. Jacob Tolley added 14 points and Dominique Liverpool racked up as many points as rebounds with 13. For the Shepherds, Demond Tapscott was the games leading scorer with 28.

On February 16 the Pioneer men came out on the opposite end of a great game at the WVIAC's top ranked team, West Virginia Wesleyan in Buckhannon. The Pioneers Jei Fortson went to the free throw line with 12 seconds remaining in the game. Fortson put the Pioneer's up by two, 74-72, before the Bobcat's came up with some last second heroics. Richard Linsey hit a buzzer-beating three-point shot to

give the 75-74 win to WVSC. Jacob Tolley had 25 in the heartbreaking loss and Dominique Liverpool brought home 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Pioneers. Damien Jackson led the Bobcats with 28 points and 14 boards.

The Pioneers caught fire against Davis & Elkins College on February 18. They shot an amazing 60 % from the field. Jacob Tolley was the leading scorer for the Pioneers with 20 points in the 92-83 victory over the Senators. Dominique Liverpool added 17 points and seven rebounds. Andy Collins put in 28 for D&E.

The Pioneers look to be in top form as they finish the regular season against Alderson-Broaddus at home on February 23. The Pioneers are 14-11 (12-5 in the WVIAC) with one game remaining. The first round of the conference tournament will be held at campus sites at 7:30 Tuesday, February 26. The remainder of the tournament will be held at the Charleston Civic Center starting Thursday, February 28 and will run until Saturday, March 2. Good luck Pioneers.

GSC Foot Ball Banquet

The Glenville State College Football Team will be holding its banquet to honor the team and the WVIAC Championship on March 23, 2002. The banquet will be held in the Heflin Ballroom at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per person with RSVP to the football office (462-7361 ext. 284). You can sponsor a table for six players for \$72.00. Checks should be made payable to the GSC Foundation and on the memo line, Football Banquet.

Tourney Time By: Ronnie Bell

With the Conference Tournament this week, Glenville (22-3) still sits in first place of the Division II East Region. West Liberty (22-2) is still on Glenville's heels at second. Glenville is still in first place of the WVIAC as well with a conference record of

West Liberty is holding down second place there as well (15-1 and rating of 156.25)

With both schools only having one game before tournament time, everything is at stake. Glenville hosts 5-19 Alderson-Broaddus and West Liberty hosts 17-7 Wheeling Jesuit. Glenville has a guaranteed first round bye, so will merely be trying to stay as healthy as possibly. West Liberty also has a first round bye, but will be facing a tougher opponent and a possible sleeper in the tournament.

If Glenville wins the WVIAC Tournament, the NCAA Division II East Regional Tournament would make a stop at the Jesse R. Lilly Gymnasium over spring break March 7-9, so make plans to come back a couple days early and support our home team.

Dribble to Charleston 2002 By Ronnie Bell

At noon on Tuesday, February 26, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will begin the Route 119 journey to the Charleston Civic Center for the Dribble to Charleston. They will be dribbling a basketball by relay until they reach the WVIAC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament. Students are asked to gather in front on the Fielin Center to give the group a send off. Please plan to come out and be part of this support group, and most of all cheer on the Pioneers!

Featured Player: Jason Eades

By: Ronnie Bell

School after Midland Trail HS (Fayette County, WV) might be somewhat confusing: one year at GSC-Nicholas County Center, then one semester at Marshall University, followed by two more semesters at the Nicholas County Center, and finally five semesters here at the GSC main campus. While Jason Eades might have been confused about what school he attended, he was able to gather the required credits to graduate in a couple of months with his computer science degree. Jason is a member of the Glenville State men's basketball team and is winding down his second season with the team. Eades is an active member of BCM (Baptist Campus Ministry) and a leader of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

When asked about his favorite thing about Glenville he quickly responded that he appreciates how it is personable. "The faculty and staff know you and the community knows you."

Jason also tells of some of his

most memorable moments as a student and an athlete. For the student favorite, Jason ranks an annual trip with the FCA. Every year the FCA takes a trip called "Dribble to Charleston" where they start off on campus and dribble a basketball to the Charleston Civic Center to mark the start the WVIAC tournament. The 2000 FCA Dribble was Eades' most memorable time as a student because he met Brett Pettinger, Lance Linden, and James Upton who became close, lifelong friends. His favorite moment as an athlete was "when we prayed before a game; we actually prayed as a team before one of our games." The game in question was the January 24th match-up with UC, a sports version of David and Goliath.

A big student-athlete stressor for Eades is juggling assignments and athletics, but he advises younger athletes to prioritize.

"Just keep your mind straight and your priorities lined up. Number one. your relationship with God. Never neglect your relationship with God; even if there isn't enough time, make time.

Number two: academics. Then number three: athletics."

Jason gave me a verse to help remember this and I am going to pass it along to you: it is Psalms 37:4. "Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (KJV)

Although Eades might have been a team member for only two years, Head Coach Bob Williams says the 2002-2003 team will be missing out on an outstanding person. Coach Williams tells of how easy to coach Eades was as an athlete and of how much he will be missed as a leader for the team prayer.

"Jason was a great influence for these guys with him being a Christian athlete. He brought good character to our team; he is a good person," Williams adds.

If you haven't been to many games this season, I strongly urge to make one before it's too iate. The "Helicopter," Eades' nickname, is scheduled for his final lift-off from Glenville State College in mid-May.