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Partnership Links Students To The Orchestra

Teresa Clark
staff writer

As part of the Glenville State College Partnership in Education program with Flatwoods Elementary School, a group of third and fourth grade students, their teachers, and some parents attended a performance by Wheeling Symphony violinists Warren Davidson on Wednesday afternoon.

The Wheeling Symphony sent their first chair second violinist to GSC to speak to the students. Davidson came to give the kids a first hand opportunity to compose their own music and learn basic information about music.

Davidson started the program by opening the doors to music and by introducing the staff and the seven musical letter names. He captured the groups attention by calling on

several of the students to call out letter names. He showed them the purpose of the letters by putting them on the staff. Then, Davidson played the notes that he put on the staff to show the children what their beginning composition sounded like. The next thing Davidson introduced was the importance of rhythm. Again he had several students from the audience call out numbers from one to four and gave each of the letter names on the staff note values. After explaining what the note values meant he played the music for the students incorporating both the pitches and the note value. It was apparent that the students felt pride and learned much about the basics of music.

The next on his agenda was to show the students that music can be made not only by using instrumentation but by using voices, clapping, whistles



Partnership in Education Flatwood fellows peruse the GSC cafeteria at lunch.

Photo by Gene Breza

and anything that the imagination could come up with. Davidson separated the audience into four groups assigning each group to a sound. Then he told them to each do their sounds

when he pointed at them. After a few minutes of conducting them he had three students out of the audience come to conduct their classmates while he went out into the audience. Each stu-

dent seemed to like telling their classmates what to do. After the students conducted their classmates he showed the students a piece that he wrote and then played the piece for them on his violin. The group seemed to enjoy both their piece and his.

Although there was some disappointment over the group visiting being unable to see the show in its entirety as they had expected, they felt that Davidson performed well and kept his audience entertained.

All in all, the students seemed to have fun while learning a bit of musical knowledge. Davidson also enjoyed speaking to the students and when asked would he come and speak to the students again he said, "This is the first time I've spoken to a

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Intent Of Article Misinterpreted

From the Editorial Staff

It has come to our attention that a number of people were upset over the article written for the January 18 paper entitled "A Memo From The Gilmer County Road Service."

First of all we would like to say the article was not based on any kind of fact whatsoever. It was purely imaginary and meant only for humor.

It was not meant as an insult directly to the Gilmer county road crew. It was only meant as a light-hearted spoof on the blizzard of '96.

It was poor judgement on our part to print this story, and we would like to apologize to anyone who was adversely affected by its printing



River Street becomes a real river street in last Friday's flood.

Photo by Chad Samples



From the Editor's Desk

Sandra Gibson

The Merger Trend

With many schools and businesses finding themselves in difficult situations facing cutbacks in funding while still being confronted with the demands for new and innovative equipment and techniques, they find they are often pressed beyond realistic expectations and limits. However, as is often the case in most crisis situations, new ideas are born to meet the challenge. Thus, mergers are being developed between many organizations and businesses that are helping them in being better equipped to take the ever pressing demands in our modern society.

Many critics of these mergers fear that the changes needed to be made in order for the mergers to work effectively will cause too many obstacles for the customers, clients, and general public. However, this fear is usually unwarranted. In fact most of these merging businesses are experiencing better success under the mergers than they had previously experienced. Those who have chosen merging as a means to keep progressing find that they are able to offer more to their consumers, as well as save a considerable amount of money, which is passed down the line, meaning that in the long run, all benefit. The fear seems to be primarily caused by people, who simply do not want to be faced with change once they find themselves in a comfortable mode in life.

Colleges are no exception when it comes to the mergers. Right now West Virginia Technical College in Institute, West Virginia is in the process of a merger with West Virginia University in Morgantown. It seems that declining enrollment has taken its toll on Tech. The results have been that the school is unable to properly fill needed positions as well as other necessary upgrading. A merger would serve to benefit both schools in that WVU would be able to have access to Tech's excellent engineering program while both colleges could share faculty and such. Students and others in the community who will be effected over this are being asked to step forward with concerns and ideas. Most important is that the merger will serve to keep the doors of Tech open for a much longer time than might be otherwise.

Many of us are familiar with the school consolidation issue to which this is comparable. We hated to see the good old days leave us with schools which were once in proximity of our homes now at a distance, and our rival schools made "our brothers", but then again how did those affected feel about the demise of one room schools? Progress does have its price.

As with all things, we will simply have to wait to weigh out the facts, for it looks as though this is the year of the merger. If mergers are our destiny then as we've done so many times before, we may simply have to adjust. Hey, after all isn't that the American pioneering spirit?

This may shock you, but I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bankroll, my successes or failures, fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances, or position. Attitude is that 'single string' that keeps me going or cripples my progress. It alone fuels my fire or assaults my hope. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge too great for me.

-Charles R. Swindoll

Dear Editor:

Time is running out! The permits for the proposed pulp and paper mill in Mason County will soon be issued, and then we'll be forced to get to know our new neighbors the hard way. Our new neighbors being:

DIOXIN: One teaspoon of dioxin is enough to poison 200,000,000 (two hundred million) people. A single drop is enough to pollute thousands of gallons of water. And a few drops per acre is cause for permanent evacuation, as happened in Times Beach, Missouri, former home of 2,000 people, and Love Canal at Niagara Falls, NY, former home of hundreds of families.

CLEARCUTS: The mill plans to use 1,710,000 tons (one million, seven hundred and ten thousand tons) of hardwood each year, all within a 75-mile radius of the site, which includes Roane, Calhoun, Gilmer, Mason and other surrounding counties! **DIRTY WATER:** While the company writes that the mill will have "virtually no impact on the river," it plans to use 27.7 million gallons from the Ohio River and dump it back again--each day!

SMELLY, POISONED AIR: Hold your nose and don't breathe deep, 'cause the mill will stink and airborne contaminants can travel up to 1,000 miles from their source!

HEAVY TRAFFIC: 400 to 500 loaded trucks on the road is sure to make traveling much more exciting, and of course it's citizens' tax dollars that will repair the roads.

And speaking of neighbors, the planned site for the mill--the nation's largest mill--is only two miles from an elementary school.

What can we do to stop this mill? Start by gathering information--contact State Environmental Advocate Wendy Radcliffe at (800) 654-5227 or the WV Environmental Council at 346-5891. Then submit your comments to G. Dale Farley, Office of Air Quality, 1558 Washington St. E., Charleston, WV 25311-2599 and send a copy to Eli McCoy, WV Division of

Who's Cheating Whom?

*Melissa Tanner
staff writer*

Have you ever had a teacher or professor favor certain students? I'm sure that most of you answered yes. I understand both sides of this question. I used to be one that could bat my eyes and flirt in order to get what I wanted. Then I realized that I wasn't benefiting from any favors. Being somewhat wiser now, I realize that I wasn't the only one that was cheated by using charms or talent to get what you want. If the star quarterback can throw a 60 yard pass but can't spell his name or write a simple letter, who is benefit-

ing from this. Certainly not the student. If the most popular girl in school doesn't have to crack a book in order to get an A in class, what does she learn? How to use people?

One, we are letting ourselves be cheated by cheating, and two, the system that allows us to get by with this is failing to do their job.

I understand, NOW, that I was the one that lost precious time during my high school years, by not accepting responsibility for my actions then. But am I at fault alone? Are those that pass a student along due to their looks, talent, or name also not failing to accept the responsibility that they took when they became a teacher.

All bitching aside, don't short change yourself, and if you feel that someone else is doing the same, stand up for yourself and demand the treatment that you deserve. If you feel that you are being treated unfairly, speak with your teacher or advisor. But don't be silent. Remember, you are PAYING them to TEACH YOU, not to give you a FREE ride.

One of the striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives.

-Mark Twain

Environmental Protection, 10 McJunkin Rd., Nitro, WV 25143-2506. Also contact your state senators and U.S. Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, your state Delegate and Congressman Bob Wise and Governor Caperton. Ask what they are doing to protect our health and environment this election year. Our future and our children's futures are in our hands. Please--Act Now!

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Around
the Bend-
Too Cold? Too
Wet? Too Bad?

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staff writer

With record snowfall during the "Blizzard of '96" and the result ending with the "Flood of '96", road conditions during this semester became hazardous, if not impossible. Extreme weather slowed down traffic to almost nothing. Flood waters trapped motorists inside for days. The result to these extreme conditions led to a familiar response heard around campus: Whine! Whine! Whine!

Last semester seemed to race by, loosing some to the hectic schedules and burying others under the workload. Overall attitudes wavered from time to time, and some were fixed in an emotional drain. With the arduous work from last semester and the overall down isn't a bad idea after all? I see a lot of students somehow refreshed by the late start, eager to start again into another semester. Some feel the change from almost claustrophobia to another year of classes a blessing.

Even though the snow, the cold and the constant rain can get unnerving, think of it as a time to read a book. Catch up on homework. Take time out to relax or walk in the snow-covered scenery. Take some time for yourself and unwind before tackling another semester.

So when snow and rain tend to slow you down, think of it as Mother Nature's way of taking a break. Maybe it would be good to do the same.

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

-John F. Kennedy



Conversational Green

Jeremy D.

Tea; Nectar of the Gods

There's nothing in this world like a nice hot cup of freshly brewed tea. I love it! It serves so many invaluable needs it is infinitely incredible.

I personally like to relax with a bit of Camomile herb tea in the evenings before going to bed. It takes me back to the days of my youth, before I was corrupted by the philosophies of human kind. Days were spent fighting dragons in the woods behind my house and nights were spent in my tent in the hay field, under the star filled skies. All of those innocent days were caught up in the dry aroma of that tea brewing in the cup by my bed.

On those nights when I'm tearing the books up and I need that extra pep to get me through one final chapter of *Moby Dick*, to help me review Louis the XIV's reign one last time, I find a steaming mug of Orange Pekoe really hits the spot. That bitter liquid is my life blood on those nights. I could just shoot it straight into my veins, like some kind of caffeine junky. I'm a depraved psychotic tea vampire come 3:00 in the morning. Ah-hhhh.

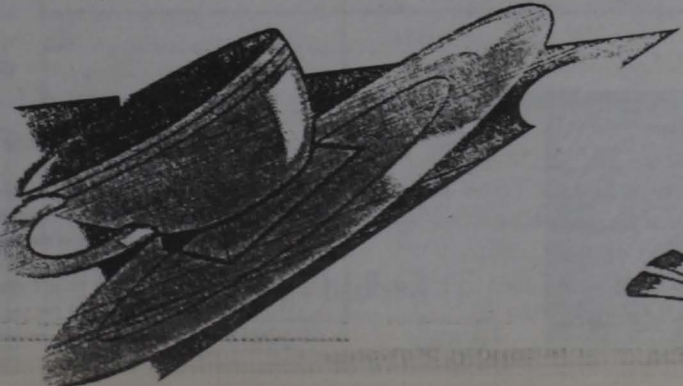
On a more mellow note: I find a frequent glass of peppermint herb tea to be quite refreshing. Warm or on ice, peppermint leaves your mouth with that cool, fresh and clean taste that says I'm alive. It's kind of a romantic tea. How fine it would be if every mouth had the sweet, crystal clear taste of peppermint, (just a hint.) Romantic whispers would be that much sweeter, and every kiss would linger that much longer. I'm sipping Peppermint tea as I write, as you read.

Raspberry tea, what can I say about a flavor so perfect, and yet do it justice. I am illiterate to the words describing this tasty tea. It is just far too wonderful. From the moment even the smallest sip of raspberry anoints my tongue, I find myself in a speechless paradise. Were I in Eden, I would guess the raspberry to be the fruit of knowledge, for my temptation would soar with the eagles for one small taste of this perfect flavor.

When one is a tea connoisseur, such as myself, the subject of sweetener often will arise. Personally, I find no reason to cover the rich flavors of tea with any sugars. I find the most enjoyment in acknowledging each sparkle of taste as it was intended, in its natural state. To savor each nuance of this liquid paradise, to bask in the splendor of each individual flavor, ah-hhh to be next to heaven.

If, however, you find that you must sweeten your tea I would suggest the use of honey. Honey is good and pure, created by nature herself, and thus a perfect counterpart to tea.

Ah-hhhhh! for Love. . .
Ah-hhhhh! for Power. . .
Ah-hhhhh! for Ever. . .
Tea.



In My Opinion

Todd Longman

Take a moment to consider a tiny sparrow that has been saved from the harsh winter elements by some compassionate care taker. The caretaker has gently placed this sparrow into a nonthreatening cage where it is seemingly protected from the environment surrounding it. The sparrow is given water, food and refuge from the elements. It is given warmth, love and an endless supply of compassion. It is catered to and through the sympathy and kindness of the caretaker, it wants for nothing.

Years go by and the tiny sparrow is not so small anymore. It has gained some weight and looks healthier now than it ever did on its own. The caretaker smiles proudly. He believes that his compassion and giving spirit has greatly helped the sparrow in its time of need. A decision is made to introduce the sparrow to a companion sparrow that has also benefited from the caretakers compassion. Eventually a family is raised within the security of the warm cage. The caretaker liberally increases his giving. This is a family of sparrows that wants for nothing at all; everything is provided to them.

One snowy day the cage is placed near a window so the sparrows may view the outdoors. As they look outside, they see several other sparrows are vigorously and actively foraging for their next meal. They are never idle; they work relentlessly but proudly. Although they may not have everything they would like, they do have visions of a warmer and brighter time to come. Each time they acquire a portion of substance, they glow with joy inside; they know they have earned it.

The sparrows that are inside looking out know not what the wild sparrows are doing. Nevertheless, they watch from their bountiful and plentiful cage. Time has stolen from them their self-reliance, determination, and will to be productive. They have forgotten about goals and future desires because they want for nothing. They witness yet another sparrow finding victory in its quest for resources; that sparrow basks in its own glory. The watching sparrows feel demoralized. They become unsure of themselves and begin to wonder if they could survive on their own in that harsh environment. They have grown dependent on the caretaker who, of course, is only trying to help.

Meanwhile, the caretaker continues to give, not realizing that his overly compassionate ways may be doing more harm to his sparrows than good. Generations have passed, one after the other, raised in the security blanket provided by their caretaker. These sparrows have been demoralized, and stripped of their self-dignity. They have seemingly forgotten how to fend for themselves and earn their own way.

They have grown to rely less and less on education, work, self-reliance and self-investment. They have become so extremely dependent on the caregiver that they feel like half the sparrow that they have the potential of being; they are unhappy in their self-pity, yet are content nonetheless. In my opinion, the results of this unlimited giving is indicative of our current Welfare System. Fly...be free!





Movie Review

Kenneth Wilkins

"From Dusk Till Dawn"

Just imagine escaping from prison, robbing a bank for all it's worth, and making it across the Mexican border to freedom before you ever get caught. Sounds easy, right? That's exactly what Seth and Richard Greeco find out when they reach Mexico and freedom and have to fight for their lives against a band of vampires.

George Clooney (E.R.) and Quentin Tarantino star in the suspense/horror film as the brother duo. Clooney portrays the older brother Seth, who has just broken out of prison and is the brain behind the duo's run to Mexico. Tarantino portrays the crazy younger brother Richard, who helps Clooney break out of jail and contradicts his every move.

When you sit down to watch "From Dusk Till Dawn" in the movie theater, don't be surprised to watch two movies in this film: the duo's outrageous flight for freedom to Mexico and their encounter with the vampire bar. Even though there are two story lines, the movie is still watchable and enjoyable.

The well-known Cheech Marin takes up some of Eddie Murphy's performance abilities as he portrays several characters in the film. Harvey Keitel also makes an appearance in the film as he stars as an out-of-faith preacher taken hostage by the fleeing duo.

The previews have made this film out to be a horror film. "From Dusk Till Dawn" is a horror film, but it's also an action film that will make you sit on the edge of your seat. I must warn you though that there is a lot of vulgar language used throughout the film.

So if you are looking for an action/horror film that puts a new meaning to death by disco or if you can't get enough of George Clooney, "From Dusk Till Dawn" is the movie to see.

The whole conviction of my life now rests upon the belief that loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon, peculiar to myself and to a few other solitary men, is the central and inevitable fact of human existence.

-Thomas Wolfe

Wheeling Symphony Comes to Glenville

Teresa Clark
staff writer

The Wheeling Symphony, led by Rachael Worby, said this is the third season the Wheeling Symphony has performed at Glenville State College. She said she enjoyed performing at Glenville State College because "The Glenville audience has an apparent love and respect for music."

The lights dimmed and the audience began to applaud as the first chair violinist made her entrance on stage in order to tune the orchestra. Worby came out and addressed the audience stating that she had a cold, introduced the piece "Old and Lost Rivers" written by Tobias Picker. As the song begins the piano hit a low note, while the strings rose in a melodic and beautiful sound with the string basses keeping a drone throughout the piece. The harp, flutes and other various instruments added color to the piece. The piece ended as calmly and beautifully as it began.

With a slight adjustment for the solo violinist, Anne Akiko Meyers played Ludwig von Beethoven's "Concerto for Violin", Op. 61, in D Major. The orchestra began the fast



Rachael Worby (right) and Anne Akiko Meyers (left) receiving applause.
Photo by Carl Wilson.

paced first movement as Meyers began to play, the audience was captivated. Her whole body became involved including facial expressions. With her fantastic playing the audience couldn't help but to follow her.

The whole orchestra stopped and watched as Meyers majestically played. As the "Allegro ma non troppo" ended, the audience applauded.

The "Larghetto" began as Meyers captured the audience. This piece was much more mellow than the first, but equally as beautiful. Meyers played so

quickly and hard that the hair from the bow came loose during her solo in the last piece. Meyers received a much deserved standing ovation.

Meyers made her debut solo at age seven. She now resides in New York City. The wonderful violin she plays is a 1736 Guarnerius del Gesu. It's amazing that an instrument over 200 years old can make such wonderful music. Meyers records under the RCA Victor Red Seal label and has performed on four different continents.

The second half began as Worby informed the audience Felix Mendelssohn's "Symphony No.3, Op.56, in A Minor" was begun in his twenties but finished it in his thirties, the last piece he completed before his death at age 38.

The first movement began with "Andante con moto-Allegro poco agitato", ending with the "Allegro guerriero-Finale maestoso", masterfully holding the audience.

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Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and instead of bleeding he sings.

-Ed Garder

23rd Annual American Music Awards To Air Monday On ABC

J. Jeremy Dean
staff writer

How many hours of music do you listen to every day? Does anyone ever ask you what you think of all that music you hear? Well, on Monday, January 29, you can tune in to ABC at 8p.m. to learn how the American people as a whole feel about their music and the super stars who give it to them.

The American Music Awards is a special event that is in its 23rd year. The winners are chosen by a public sampling of about 20,000 people of all ages, gender and ethnic origin from all areas of the country.

The nominees were compiled from data received from the music industry trade publi-

cation, Radio & Records, and the Soundscan Inc., management information system. As always the results will be kept secret until the envelopes are opened during the presentation ceremony.

Hosting the awards this year are comedy favorites Jeff Foxworthy, whose redneck humor landed him in prime time TV last season, and Sinbad, that hyperactive comic genius whose star continues to rise with the release of each of his hit films. This duo is sure to be a riot.

There will be 21 awards presented to performers for their achievements in nearly every facet of today's popular music culture. Country to Hard Rock, Pop to Alternative, each style will be represented.

In addition an "Award of Merit" will be presented to an artist for their "outstanding contributions to the musical entertainment of the American public." Who will this be? You'll have to wait and see.

There are several performers scheduled to appear on the telecast. LL Cool J, Shania Twain, Mariah Carey, Luther Vandross and Garth Brooks just to name a few.

Among those scheduled to make awards presentations are such diverse celebrities as Pamala Anderson Lee and hubby Tommy Lee, Coolio, Sandra Bernhard, Hootie & the Blowfish (who, consequently, are also up for 5 awards) and

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In-House VI Gets A Review

Teresa Clark
staff writer

Hey everybody, did you know that Glenville State College students have talent? I hope so, because the Fine Arts Department showcases some of GSC's most talented artists.

The Art Gallery features student artists from the Art and Art Education programs as well as area artists and artists from different high schools around the state.

From January 10 through February 2, 1996 the Art Gallery is featuring works of art students and faculty from 1995.

Artists featured include: Julian Phares, Gina Pethtel, Julie Ellyson, Ruth Ellen Wilson, Natty Clay, Debbie Moss, Cristi Keith, Fred Bassnett, Renee Ferrell, Sayuri Omaru, Mie Sakai, Micki Rose, Melissa Helmick, Fuyuka Tadoki, Kyoko Ishi and GSC professors George Harper and James W. Rogers.

A few of the paintings I suggest for you to check out are: an oil painting called "Calf Roper" done by Gina Pethtel, which depicts a calf being caught by what I consider a cowboy; "Dance in the Mist," a water color painting by Natty Clay, done in pastel colors of horses that appear to be running and finally, another water color done by Debbie Moss called "A Break in the

Music" which appears to feature GSC's band uniforms, a trumpet, trombone and of course the music, which is very important. These are just a few paintings among many wonderful art works.

I also recommend that you come by to see the pottery done by Carl Ray Wilson which includes several unique vases and pottery done by art educator George Harper which features cups and tea pots.

Be sure to visit the Art Gallery before the end of the In-House Showcase. If you have to miss this artistic adventure don't worry, because there are several events coming to the Art Gallery, including: the CNG Traveling Exhibit "Between House and Heaven: Contemporary American Landscape Photography", which will be showing February 5 through March 8, 1996; the 19th Annual Scholastic Art Exhibition State High School Show including an Awards Ceremony, showing March 18th through April 4, 1996 and from April 19th through May 3, 1996 GSC's own Kim Hardman and Carla Hayhurst will be featured in their Senior Show.

There are several opportunities for one and all to come see the talented works of Glenville State students and other talented West Virginians. So come and enjoy.



Elle Wilson brushes water color in the aquarium scene.

Photo by Carl Wilson

POP/ROCK
FAVORITE MALE ARTIST:
Michael Jackson
Elton John
Seal

FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST:
Mariah Carey
Melissa Etheridge
Alanis Morissette

FAVORITE BAND, DUO OR GROUP:
Boyz II Men
Eagles
Hootie & The Blowfish

FAVORITE ALBUM:
"II"-Boyz II Men
"Hell Freezes Over"-Eagles
"Cracked Rear View"-Hootie & The Blowfish

SOUL/RHYTHM & BLUES
FAVORITE MALE ARTIST:
Michael Jackson
Luther Vandross
Barry White

FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST:
Anita Baker
Brandy
Mariah Carey

FAVORITE BAND, DUO OR GROUP:
Boyz II Men
Jodeci
TLC

FAVORITE ALBUM:
"My Life"-Mary J. Blige
"II"-Boyz II Men
"CrazySexyCool"-TLC

FAVORITE NEW ARTIST:
Brandy
Monica
Soul For Real

COUNTRY
FAVORITE MALE ARTIST:
Garth Brooks
Alan Jackson
George Strait

FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST:
Mary Chapin Carpenter
Reba McEntire
Shania Twain

FAVORITE BAND, DUO OR GROUP:
Alabama
Blackhawk
Brooks & Dunn

FAVORITE ALBUM:
"Waitin' on Sundown"-Brooks & Dunn
"Hits"-Garth Brooks
"The Woman In Me"-Shania Twain

FAVORITE NEW ARTIST:
Rhett Akins
Ty Herndon
Shania Twain

HEAVY METAL/HARD ROCK
FAVORITE ARTIST:
Green Day
Pearl Jam
Van Halen

SOUNDTRACK
FAVORITE SOUNDTRACK:
"Dangerous Minds"
"Forrest Gump"
"The Lion King"

RAP/HIP HOP
FAVORITE ARTIST:
Bone Thugs 'N' Harmony
Coolio
Naughty By Nature

ADLT. CONTEMPORARY
FAVORITE ARTIST:
Eagles
Hootie & The Blowfish
Michael Jackson

OVERALL ARTIST
FAVORITE ARTIST OF THE YEAR:
Boyz II Men
Garth Brooks
Green Day
Hootie & The Blowfish
TLC

ALTERNATIVE ARTIST
FAVORITE ARTIST:
Green Day
Nine Inch Nails
Pearl Jam

Campus Happenings

Computer Lab

The Computer Lab in Clark Hall will be opened during the following hours: Mon. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Tue. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wed. 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.; Thurs. 1-3 p.m.; Fri. 1-3 p.m.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation serves lunch on Tuesdays at 12 p.m., followed by Chapel Services at 12:40 p.m. Bible Study is held on Thursdays at 8 p.m. followed by a movie at 9 p.m.

Fellowships of Christian Athletes

FCA meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the P.E. Building, room 207.

Baptist Campus Ministry

BCM meets weekly in the Verona Maple Room on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Brass Workshop

A brass workshop will be held on January 27 and 28 in the Fine Arts building. The workshops will begin at 8 a.m. on both days.

Check Distribution at GSC Crowds Cashiers Office

Jena Ellyson
staff writer

Students stood in a line stretching from the financial aid office to the Administration Building and battled the 17 degree temperature (not including the wind chill factor). Many huddled together, using body heat to stay warm. Others wrapped themselves in blankets, gloves, coats, anything helped. Desperate students stayed in this line for about three hours—until the financial aid officials made room for nearly everyone inside. Before that, however, most began "dropping off like flies", scurrying to warmth.

"After an hour in the freezing cold while wearing a dress, I finally gave up and attempted to go home," freshman Deanna Robinson admitted. "However, because of the flooding, I wound up having to stay over at a friend's house in Glenville. I didn't get my check until Monday."

The Glenville State College loan and grant checks were to be distributed around two in the afternoon that Friday. However many students, such as Jenifer Frame, did not receive their checks until well after five that evening.

"I was supposed to be at work at 4 p.m. and didn't get there until 6 p.m. Luckily I have

a very understanding boss," Jenifer commented.

Bob Hardman, GSC Business Manager, claimed that several factors contributed to the delayed distribution of checks. Glenville State College experienced unexpected snow days prior to registration, as well as Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. These components, combined assisted in promoting the late registration deadline.

The late registration made the cashier's office task even more difficult. Book vouchers are based on financial aid credit. Once all vouchers were utilized, the credited amount had to be applied to each student's ac-

count.

To add to the confusion, emergency loans were also being issued. As with book vouchers, the emergency loans had to be applied also.

"Students were using their book vouchers even after the cut-off date," Hardman explained. "Thursday evening and even Friday morning we were still receiving information on emergency loans."

Finally, all the required information had been entered into the system. This system then downloaded the information on each student, including his/her account, credit hours, billing address, etc., to the check writ-

ing system. Initially, the information was being downloaded at six seconds per student, but by the end of the process was working at eight seconds per student. This information had to be processed before the check writing system could even begin.

"We were working as fast as we could," Hardman argued. "When we posted the time for check distribution, we hadn't considered the other factors that came into play. We were probably a little too optimistic with the time frame. I apologize to the students on behalf of the entire financial aid department for the

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Spring Semester Activities Planned

Amy Jo Rowan
staff writer

Two feet of snow, six feet of water, most of us are tired of being stranded with nothing to do. However, Director of Student Activities, Chris Sedlock, has been hard at work trying to prevent further boredom.

Currently there is one on campus and one off campus activity planned per month for the spring semester. This is in addition to athletic and movie events.

To the disappointment of many, January's on campus activity scheduled for Thursday the 18th was canceled due to comedian Johnny Rizzo's illness. Sedlock reported plans to schedule another comedian appearance later in the semester, possibly during GSC Week.

Yet, there are still a variety of activities remaining. The comedy act Red Johnny and the Round Guy will perform on Thursday, February 15, at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium. In addition, on Thursday, March 28, comedian Tracy Smith will appear at 8 p.m. in the AB auditorium. The Spring Ball on Saturday, April 20, will round out the on campus activities.

The off campus activities begin on Sunday, February 4, with a ski trip to Timberline Resort in Davis, WV. Reservations will be taken through February 1 in the Heflin Center Lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservations for the second trip will open the next day, Friday, February 2. It is a trip to the Igloo to see the Pittsburgh

Penguins play the Hartford Whalers.

The third trip is to Columbus Ohio for the annual Ohio Cup Major League Baseball game on Sunday, March 31. It will feature the Cincinnati Reds vs. the Cleveland Indians.

Plans for the grand finale trip are still being finalized Sedlock explains. On April 27-28, GSC students will set out on what he calls "The Hall of Fame Weekend." On Saturday at 9 a.m. a bus will leave for Canton Ohio and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A stop will also be made at Beldon Village mall, one of Ohio's largest shopping complexes. Lodgings for the night will be at a motel between Canton and Cleveland.

The next morning they will travel to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Sedlock states, "This will be a great experience for anybody who likes any form of music."

He concludes, "The student activities planned for both GSC's campus, and off campus, combined with the college's other cultural and educational programs provide GSC students with a wide range of educational possibilities."

American Chemical Society Holds First Meeting of New Semester

The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society held their first meeting of the semester on Thursday, January 18. Officers elected to serve for the spring semester were: President-Michelle Hanson; Vice-President-Vivian Carr; Treasurer-Ronnie Mays; Secretary-Amy Grogg and Historians-Craig Zirkle, Shannon Carr and Eric Hoard.

A fund-raising committee was established. Proceeds will be used to allow members to attend an ACS convention in New Orleans in March. The Society is still selling candy bars for \$1 each. See any member or Tom Vallombroso, advisor, to purchase.

The next ACS meeting will be held Thursday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m. in SH400. All prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Reaching High to Please: Bea Brown

Eric Ware
staff writer

She carried a warm, friendly smile when we shook hands. I looked around the office for a moment and happened to glance upon two students with smiles spread across their faces, saying "thanks" with their good-bye. There seemed to be a calm, easy going atmosphere about Clark Hall. People with smiles and cheery expressions, laughter echoing down the hallway, all the tensions about my interview were checked at the door.

Why not, "We're all like family here", replied Bea Brown. Brown has had a big role over the past seventeen years as secretary of the education department, holding several job titles in education, testing and the Board of Regents. Anyone visiting Clark Hall can expect two things: a helping hand and a warm smile.

It started in the spring of 1978 when Brown started taking college courses in various fields of interest. She went to work on an associates degree in social work after she and her

husband retired from being merchants of two stores and a restaurant. She took classes in the sciences that she thought were interesting. "I've always liked science," Brown said, "and took some challenging classes." After completing her degree in business, she was hired in 1979 by Dr. Kraus and Mr. Meads as secretary of foundation studies.

She leaps right into everything," Dr. Kraus commented, sitting back in her easy-chair with Mozart playing softly in the background. "We hired her fresh out of college...and even in her interview, she was very positive with a smile and a warmth about her. She just leaped into her job...not even afraid of attacking the copy machine when something went wrong. That's a major part of her personality that makes this place so friendly and comfortable for students." It's this warmth and trust many students recognize when they meet her.

"I was so nervous when I started my freshman year here (at GSC)," replied one student, "but I seemed so at ease when I walked into the education department. 'The secretary...well,

all of them, were smiling and laughing. I didn't feel nervous anymore!" With comments and letters like those received at Clark Hall, it's no wonder why faculty and students refer to Clark Hall as "The friendly family on the hill".

"We (the education department) are teaching education skills to future teachers. A large part of that is teaching caring and concern for students. We try to build and encourage this idea. Bea Brown is a perfect example. Education students admire her diligence, her hard work and the caring she puts forth to help anyone," said Dr. Kraus. "It's hard to find anyone that special."

"This place operates efficiently because of her," commented Mr. Meads, "She's super friendly (and) a people-type person. She says what she believes in."

After the office of foundation studies was delegated in August of 1982, Brown worked for Dr. Burke and Dr. Peterson on the Board of Regents. And then in 1990, all three divisions were moved from the Admiration



Bea Brown.

Photo by Gene Breza.

Building to Clark Hall, where she worked in three areas: education, testing and the Board of Regents.

Along with her favorite pastime of reading the paper (she especially reads the editorials, the obituaries and the stock market). Brown also likes to travel. From the sixteen countries she visited with her daughters, she has had many unique experiences, such as, watching the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Bavaria, hearing the Schloss Concert in Salzburg, Austria,

sailing on the Queen Elizabeth II and visiting the famous Eagles Nest where Hitler had his hide-away--and taking part in game shows like the "Price is Right" and "Name that Tune". Brown says she has had experiences she "wouldn't trade for the world!"

Brown also had a very important, and unusual job, when she was sixteen. "I played 'Taps' for the service men when they came home during the years of WWII through the Vietnam War. It was hard finding somebody for that, and was an unusual job for a woman back then too." Pausing, looking out of the window as silver streaks of rain fell against the glass, she comments, "Things like that stick with you."

There are some great stories the faculty can share, from snakes to eulogies of dead roaches named Robby (Mr. Meads' brainchild, if you can guess that one)--there's a strong sense of teamwork at Clark Hall. A professional teamwork among the faculty--like all GSC faculty--that works hard for the students. And behind each division office there's the secretary who keeps the ship sailing. "It's not just me," commented Brown, "it's everyone."

Before I left Clark Hall, I asked Bea Brown one final question: "If you could sum up your experience here at GSC in a few short words, what would they be?"

She thought a while, giving me a warm smile, and said: "Well, it sounds silly, but...it's been a fun trip."

A Change of Culture --Take a Break!

Kaoru Morikawa
contributing writer

After the great snow storm of '96, unfortunately, the spring semester has started. I was happy I had an extra day off because I had senioritis last semester. I needed a break. When I think of my cousin in Japan, I feel sorry for her because she cannot take any break even when she wants to. She has to pass a college exam to become a college student.

Most of colleges in Japan offer the entrance exams once a year. They start in January until March. College classes start in April and finish in March so we have graduation in March. The exams are similar to the SAT and the ACT but these exams are difficult enough to suffer. Many high school students go to "JUKU" that is a private supple-

mentary school which crams school children outside school hours. The students are hoping to pass exams to go to "good" colleges so that they can find jobs at "GOOD" companies.

I have always had a question about the entrance exam system in Japan. My cousin could not pass exam last year so she entered a private school, like "Juku", to study just for the college entrance exams. I understand that it is important to pass the exam and have a higher education, but there are many valuable things to do for her life other than the exam.

This year, she has to pass the exam otherwise she will burn out and give up. Unfortunately, some people do not look at their options. I hope she passes the exam. She needs to take a big break and enjoy her extra time for her life.

The whole conviction of my life now rests upon the belief that loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon, peculiar to myself and to a few other solitary men, is the central and inevitable fact of human existence.

-Thomas Wolfe

Student Congress Elections to Be Held

Nominations are now opened for anyone interested in running for a position on the GSC Student Congress. Interested students need to sign up in the student services office.

The positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Six Senators At Large, and each class and the commuters will also elect a representative.

The requirements and expectations for each position are outlined in the student handbook.

The deadline for nominations is Friday February 2. The elections will be held the 19-20 of that same month.

Good luck to all !!!

Super Bowl XXX Preview

Kevin Lake
staff writer

It's finally here football fans, Super Bowl XXX, and who could have asked for a better match up. It's the number two defense in the league, the Pittsburgh Steelers, going up against the multi-talented offense of the Dallas Cowboys. Both teams are also quite capable of playing on the other side of the ball as well.

Both of these teams have definitely earned their trip to Tempe, Arizona, the sight of this year's Super Bowl. The Steelers started their season at 3-4, have struggled with injuries all season and almost lost a thriller to the Colts in the AFC Championship game. They were only the third team in AFC history to start the season at 3-4 and make it to the championship game and are the only one's to advance to the Super Bowl.

Dallas' road to Tempe was not paved with gold either, as hard as team owner Jerry Jones has tried to pave it. Their season took a complete turn around the week after Thanksgiving as they were defeated by last year's Super Bowl champions the San Francisco 49'ers. They would later lose to the Philadelphia Eagles as well as the Redskins for the second time this season. Who would have thought that a team winning only four games this season (Washington) would win half of them against the Cowboys? Does everyone remember where Redskin's coach Norv Turner worked last year? Hmm...

The Cowboys and Steelers, as we all know, have met before in Super Bowls X into the post season, or better yet, jump in front of a coal truck traveling at 45 m.p.h.

A key player that's really going to need to come through for Pittsburgh is quarterback/receiver/runningback/punter Kordell Stewart, better known as "Slash." Don't be surprised to see him take the snap, throw to the end zone, run down and catch it, then hurry back to kick

the extra point. After all that he's accomplished this season, nothing would surprise me. Rumor has it he can sing pretty well too.

Dallas has their own version of "Slash" in Deon Sanders. Deon has now scored touchdowns five different ways in his career: kick off return, punt return, interception returned for a T.D. and receiving and rushing. Labeled by many as the most overrated, as well as overpaid, player in the league earlier in the season, Sanders has really come through for Dallas in the post season.

As of now, the Steelers are 12 point underdogs, but let us not forget when the N.Y. Jets were 17 point underdogs against the Colts in an earlier Super Bowl and ended up winning 16-7. On the other hand, let us not forget that when this "almost the same" Dallas team was favored in Super Bowls XXVII and XXVIII, they came through handily.

Could this be the first win for the AFC in 11 years? Will Pittsburgh Head Coach Bill Cowers become the youngest NFL coach to win a Super Bowl? The world will find out on Sunday. However, I believe Dallas might have something to say about it.

and XIII with the Steelers winning both contests. As a matter of fact, Pittsburgh has never lost in a Super Bowl. Their record is 4-0. The saying around Pittsburgh now is, "One for the thumb," yet as quarterback Neal O'Donnell stated in the January 19 issue of USA Today, "The hell with one for the thumb, I want one for my finger."

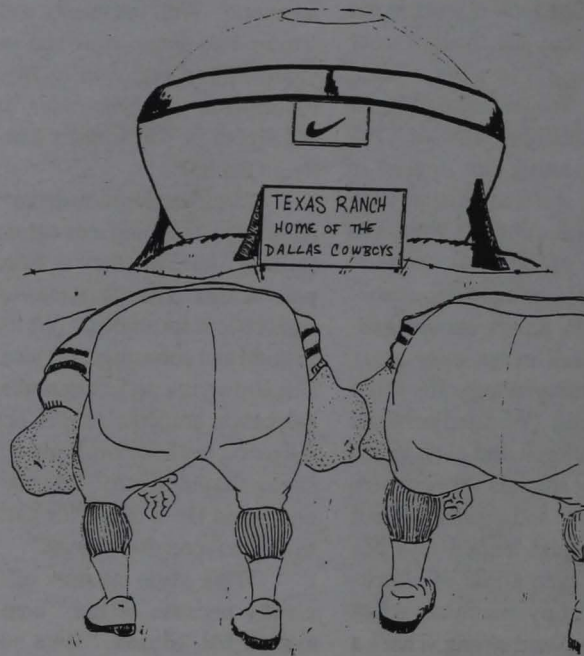
Many fans seem to be caught up in this "rematch" ordeal, but as Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman pointed out on ESPN's Sport Center, "This is not a rematch. No one on our team and no one on their team were playing back then."

The Cowboys go into this game with many credentials. They have arguably the best offensive line in the league, as well as the NFL's single season rush-

ing T.D. record holder Emmitt Smith. Quarterback Troy Aikman is the NFL's highest rated passer of all time in post season play and when he's throwing to the very talented Michael Irvin it's not hard to understand why. Wide receiver Kevin Williams hasn't been bad of late either.

Pittsburgh, perhaps has the best defense imaginable this season to try and stop the talented

offense of Dallas. Two fierce linebackers who will definitely have something to say about Smith eating up yardage and Aikman completing passes, or getting them off for that matter, are Kevin Greene and perhaps the most fierce player of the game, Greg Lloyd. To see how hard this man hits, you could rewatch the pre-season game against Green Bay, in which he knocked QB Brett Favre clear



1995 Art by Kurt Williams

PIONEER BASKETBALL 1995-96 Schedule

Nov. 17-18	Westminster Town (PA)	A	6:00
21	St. Vincent	H	7:30
25	Ashland	H	7:30
Dec. 2	Pitt-Johnstown Univ.	H	7:30
4	WV Wesleyan	A	8:00
9	Univ. of Charleston	A	8:00
16	Bluefield	H	7:30
Jan. 8	Ohio Valley	A	7:30
10	Fairmont	H	7:30
13	Shepherd	A	4:00
15	West Liberty	H	7:30
17	Salem-Telkyo	H	8:00
20	Alderson-Broadus	A	8:00
24	Davis & Elkins	A	7:30
27	Bluefield State	A	7:30
29	Concord	H	7:30
31	WV Tech	A	7:30
Feb. 3	Wheeling Jesuit	H	4:00
7	WV State	A	7:30
10	Salem-Telkyo	A	8:00
14	WV Wesleyan	H	8:00
17	Davis & Elkins	H	4:00
21	Concord	A	7:30
24	WV Tech	H	4:00

Head Coach: Gary Nottingham

LADY PIONEER BASKETBALL 1995-96 Schedule

Nov. 17-18	Pizza Hut Classic	H	6:00
Ohio Valley, Bluefield College, Fairmont State, Glenville State			8:00
21	Davis & Elkins	H	5:00
29	Kentucky State Univ.	A	6:00
Dec. 2	Geneva	H	4:00
5	WV Wesleyan	A	7:00
9	Univ. of Charleston	A	6:00
11	Shepherd	A	5:15
Jan. 8	Columbia Union	H	7:00
10	Fairmont	H	5:15
15	West Liberty	H	5:15
17	Salem-Telkyo	H	6:00
20	Alderson-Broadus	A	6:00
22	Pitt-Johnstown	H	6:00
24	Davis & Elkins	A	5:15
27	Bluefield State	H	1:00
29	Concord	A	5:15
31	WV Tech	H	5:15
Feb. 5	Wheeling Jesuit	H	6:00
7	WV State	A	5:00
10	Salem-Telkyo	A	6:00
12	Ohio Valley	A	6:00
14	WV Wesleyan	H	6:00
19	Bluefield State	A	5:15
22	Concord	H	6:00
24	WV Tech	A	2:00
26	WVIAC Tournament (Round 1)		

Head Coach: Steve Harold

Attention Students: Interested in Softball or Baseball?

The athletic department is looking into the feasibility of fielding an intercollegiate women's softball and men's baseball teams. This is a survey to determine how many GSC students have a GENUINE interest in these possible new programs. Please respond ONLY if you are certain you would want to participate.

This is only a survey! Again, we are only looking at the feasibility and interest at this time! Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the athletic department or send it through the campus mail.

Which Sport _____

Name _____

High School _____

Years played in HS _____

Honors (if any) _____

Interest level (please check one)

_____ Very interested

_____ Interested

_____ Slightly interested





Coach Steve Harold confronts ref over bad calls.

Photo by Carl Wilson

Pioneer Men Catch Tigers in Basketball

by Brian Swisher and Kevin Lake

In a very impressive win over Salem-Teikyo, the Pioneers showed the Tigers of Teikyo that they meant business early in the game. In the first 5 minutes the Pioneers were able to take and maintain the lead.

Under Glenville's stifling defense, Salem was held to a meager 19 points in the first half. With Troy Sexton's last second three point basket to end the half, the score was 38-19.

As in the first half, the Pioneers came out blazing. Salem came out stronger than they did in the first half but their strength came on little as well as late. The tough Glenville squad showed maturity and cohesion over a team ranked among the

top of the WVIAC.

The Pioneer's leading scorer was #40 Jeff Brockell, with a total of 25 points. The Pioneers held Salem's All-Conference # 50 Antone Hatcher to a meager 15 points.

Saturday, January 20, the men traveled to Alderson Broddus to play the .500 squad in their house. As coach Gary Nottingham put it, "the game was over early." The Pioneers were down by 26 at the half but returned in the second half to out score A-B by 5, in the 89-68 loss.

Once again, Jeff Brockell led the team in scoring by matching his season average 19 points. Jermaine Jones contributed 17 points with Scott Tomilson and Larry Snodgrass both pulling down 8 boards apiece.

Lady Pioneers Fall Prey to Tigers and Pitt.

by Brian Swisher and Kevin Lake

The Glenville State Lady Pioneers hosted the Salem-Teikyo Tigers last Wednesday, January 17. The lady Pioneers, fighting a very tough opponent, played hard but unfortunately, the Pioneers fell to the Tigers in an upsetting loss of 80-62.

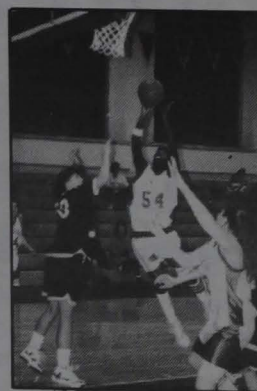
Glenville's leading scorer of the night was Lori Charnoplosky, who had a total of 32 points. She also had 4 rebounds, 3 steals and went 5 of 8 from behind the line.

The lady Pioneers were ahead until the last two minutes of the first half, when Salem's offense, led by NAIA All-American Charlotte Powell, turned up the pressure. The first half of the game ended with the score tied at 36.

The lady Tigers jumped into the lead seconds after the second half began. While the lady Pioneers were strong from the outside, Salem's inside game was overwhelming.

This past Monday, the Lady Pioneers hosted nationally ranked Pitt. of Johnstown, PA.

As far as the game went, Pitt took the lead early, going



Tanisha Brown lines up her shot.

Photo by Carl Wilson

into the half up by 14. However, just before the half, head coach Steve Harold was ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Harold had two technical fouls called against him and assistant coach Kenny Osbourne had one. After two questionable calls by the officials, Harold, on his way to the locker room, had a few choice words for the officials. Those words were enough to give him his second technical foul and ejection from the game.

Watching the rest of the game from the hall, Harold saw a first for the season, his squad coming out, under the direction of assistant coaches Osbourne and Mike Snivley, and playing much stronger in the second half than in the first.

The lady Pioneers were

able to out score Pitt in the second half, but not by enough to win the game, losing by a score of 66-55. Tanisha Brown led the team in scoring with 14 points and Tricia Swink followed with 11. Brown also pulled down 11 boards.

Reflecting on his actions, coach Harold said, "I'm not proud of what I did, but I was standing up for some girls who deserve it."

Not wanting to focus on his own actions, Harold was quick to recognize his players efforts. "Our girls played a very good game against a very good basketball team. They're probably the best team on our roster. If things keep going the way they have been, we're going to see a pretty improved team who may be able to make a run for it."

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9 BALL TOURNAMENT

GSC Game Room will sponsor a 9 Ball Tournament beginning Wednesday, February 7, 1996 at 6 p.m. and will run Wednesdays and Thursdays until a winner is determined.

Entry fee \$5 and payable when signing up. Entrants may sign up until the first round is complete, but early sign up will ensure a larger payback and a pairing in Tourney.

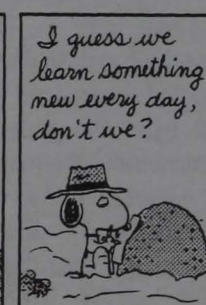
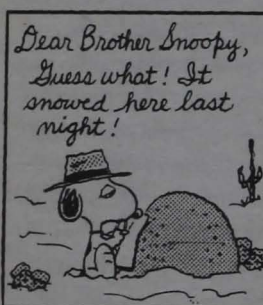
1st place will receive 40%, 2nd place 15%, and 3rd place 5% of total entry fees.

1. This tournament will be open to all persons with no restrictions on age, gender, race or ability.
2. Pairings will be made by random drawing.
3. Entrants signing up after tournament begins will be paired as they arrive, but they will not receive a buy to the second round. They will instead be cut from the tournament if not paired.
4. Pairings will be posted the day prior to the tournament.
5. Official rules will be posted. A referee will not be present, but should a dispute arise, the decision of the manager will be final.
6. SIGN UP AT THE GSC GAME ROOM MANAGER'S DESK.

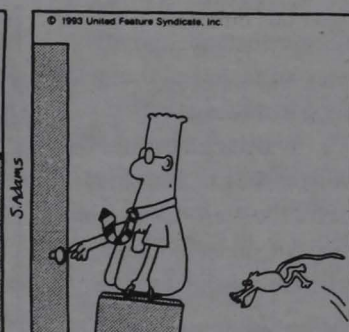
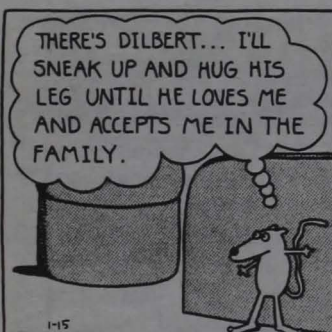
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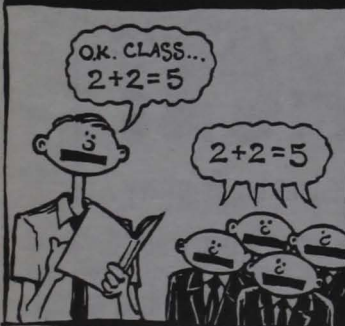
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The mother eagle teaches her little ones to fly by making their nest so uncomfortable that they are forced to leave it and commit themselves to the unknown world of air outside. And just so does our God to us. He stirs up our comfortable nests, and pushes us over the edge of them, and we are forced to use our wings to save ourselves from fatal falling. Read your trials in this light, and see if you cannot get a glimpse of their meaning. Your wings are being developed.

-Hannah Whitall Smith



Artless Philosophy

John Clise

"Braggers Paradise"

Did you ever know someone who would brag past the absolute point of believability and then get mad because you didn't believe them?

This would be the "hostile bragger." You know the guy who drives a 1976 Pacer and claims it will go 147 mph, but he can't explain why the speedometer only registers 90 mph.

He also refuses to take you for the thrill ride at 147 because his insurance only covers the driver and not passengers.

Then there is the "disgusting bragger." This person would brag about being able to eat two dozen eggs at one sitting, then burp the alphabet backwards. (Actually that would be kind of cool to see.)

How about the "sick bragger." This person would invite you over for dinner and during desert would have a slide show of his/her hemorrhoid surgery.

The "macho bragger" would boast of major oral surgery without Novocaine or even being asleep during the operation. Truly impressive, but my question would be, did the doctor remove your brain as well?

There's the "funny bragger" who brags only to make fun of the hard core bragger. A funny bragger would boast of catching a 25-pound bass on nothing but dental floss. No hooks, no bait, just dental floss.

There is a sad side to this as well. The "glory days bragger." This would be a middle-aged or older man who constantly talks about his high school days as an athlete. Excuse me sir, we have taken up a collection and raised the dollar you need to buy a real life.

There are three things you really shouldn't ever brag about. They are: flunking a class, getting a social disease and getting so drunk you pass out or black out. These really aren't braggable accomplishments. Unless of course you fall into the "idiot bragger" category.

Somebody once told me bragging was an art form. If this is so, then so is using my armpit as a musical instrument. You see they just don't go together. But I guess we all have our own ideas about bragging.

Fall 1996 Prospective Student Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 1996

12:30 p.m. Clark Hall, Room 201

All Fall 1996 prospective student teachers should attend to complete application information.

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The Week in News
Looking Back

Lisa Belknap
staff writer

House Majority Leader Dick Armey says the House will not pass a debt ceiling bill without "a substantial share of our agenda" included. Armey went on to say that the debt ceiling will be passed when Clinton finally says, "Yes, we have to have it!" In order to prevent default, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin has tapped government trust funds.

Congress will "likely" pass a short-term resolution enabling the government to operate at 75% of last year's levels. Republicans are firm when saying that there will not be another shutdown.

Two unusual executions scheduled for this week have brought the controversy over capital punishment back into the main stream. John Albert Taylor is sentenced to die Friday; he chose to be executed by a firing squad saying that he did not want to "flip around like a fish out of water" from the lethal injection—a procedure officials say is much more humane. Taylor was convicted for the rape and murder of 11-year-old Charla King.

Charla King's mother stood her ground against Taylor's supporters. "They say executing him is so barbaric. My daughter was alive (while being raped and choked.) He won't

even hear bullets."

Bailey on the other hand has chosen to hang from the gallows of Smyrna state prison. He has been convicted in the double murders of 80-year-old Gilbert Lambertson and his wife Clara 73. "I was sentenced to hang," stated Bailey, "Asking a man to choose how to die is more barbaric than hanging."

GOP presidential candidates Bob Dole and Malcomb "Steve" Forbes have been busy bashing each other—hitting on everything from financial background to birth names. At present, Senate Majority Leader Dole remains far in the lead; however, Flat Tax Forbes is making significant progress. So far Forbes has spent an estimated 15 million of his own dollars on his campaign.

Oldsmobile, a division of General Motors is in the process of being down-sized. Due to a 60% drop in sales, GM has decided to trim 1,700 of the 8,700 dealerships from its bulk. The 99-year-old franchise's market share dropped a third to 32.5%.

Nine-year-old kidnap/murder victim Amber Hagerman's body was found nude face down in a pond eight miles from the grocery store parking lot she was abducted from. So far, authorities have attributed her death to a series of cuts on her throat; they have not yet stated whether Amber was raped.

Student Development Center

Introducing Glenville State College's newest resource for students at the grand opening of the Student Development Center! Take advantage of the opportunity for growth and development through assistance and information on academic concerns, personal issues, making decisions and a variety of other topics. Three counselors are available to help you with anything from study skills and time management to relationship and personal difficulties, including information on drugs and alcohol, physical and emotional abuse, depression, stress and planning for the future.

Stop by Room 202 in the Heflin Student Center to get to know us! Our current office hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening hours are available on Monday 5-7 and other evenings by arrangement. For information or an appointment, we can be reached by phone at Ext. 118 or 462-4118.

WVU and Tech Considering Merger

J. Jeremy Dean
staff writer

John Carrier, president of West Virginia Tech, and West Virginia University's President, David Hardesty, have discussed a possible merger between the two schools. The given reason for these discussions deal mainly with the drop in Tech attendance over the past few years.

Before any merger takes place, the plan must meet with the approval of both the State University and College Systems Boards (SUSB and SCSB), as well as the state legislature.

Already, the SCSB has given Carrier the go ahead to gather information and opinions about the merger. Also, The SUSB has told Hardesty to evaluate the idea, but they didn't address any questions or concerns for him to answer to.

Carrier hopes to have a plan lined out for submission to the state legislature before the end of their 60 day session in March. This is regarded by the SCSB to be moving too fast.

Hardesty, however, says he is "somewhat reluctant to drag this out over a year or two year period."

The SUSB Chancellor, Charles Manning says he sees an advantage in merger talks. "The whole idea is to cut down on the amount of overhead and

direct cost to try to provide a direct service to students, I see some advantages to that."

At this time, the SCSB is holding that this is only one option of several that they are considering.

"We're just trying to look at all the possibilities," says Clifford Trump, chancellor over the SCSB.

In a meeting on January 16, Carrier met with about 500 students, faculty, and staff to assure them that, in his words, he's not "bartering away his school's future in a proposed merger with WVU."

In fact, according to Carrier, Tech isn't looking for money from WVU, and WVU says they won't put any funds into Tech. They believe, by working together, the two schools can cut their expenses and improve their services.

Both schools have received the go ahead from their governing boards to proceed with planning in this direction.

"This is not a done deal," Carrier told his audience. "If you don't agree with this proposal, you're going to have ample opportunity to kill it."

So what does the future hold for Tech? Right now it's too early to tell what action will be taken, or what the implications of that action will be.

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group of students this young, but I would enjoy speaking to younger students again." He also wanted to stress to the students, "Anyone can make music and everyone does make some kind of music in their own way."

The visitors topped their day at GSC off with a trip to the college cafeteria where they kept cafeteria workers hopping for awhile and gave the ice cream machine one of its busiest days so far this year.

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delay and the wait in the cold."

He added that this is the first year that GSC has used the direct loan program. With the third-party lending system previously used, the entire process usually took three to four weeks.

"All things considered, we feel that we're processing things in a much more timely fashion," Hardman commented. Just last semester the process took ten days compared to seven days this spring.

Throughout the entire ordeal, the students waiting in line became quite impatient. Apparently, a number of unmannered students shouted obscenities towards the cashier's office employees during the delay. Glenville State College property was vandalized and destroyed as well.

"We'll take a certain amount of the blame," Hardman emphasized, "but students should have acted accordingly. They should be a little more professional. Are we dealing with

junior high kids or college students here?"

Still, the financial aid department acknowledged its unwanted delay by proclaiming that it is always open to constructive suggestions and criticisms.

"We are planning to make better arrangements for the future," Hardman stated. "Any constructive criticism or suggestions are encouraged."

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Barry White.

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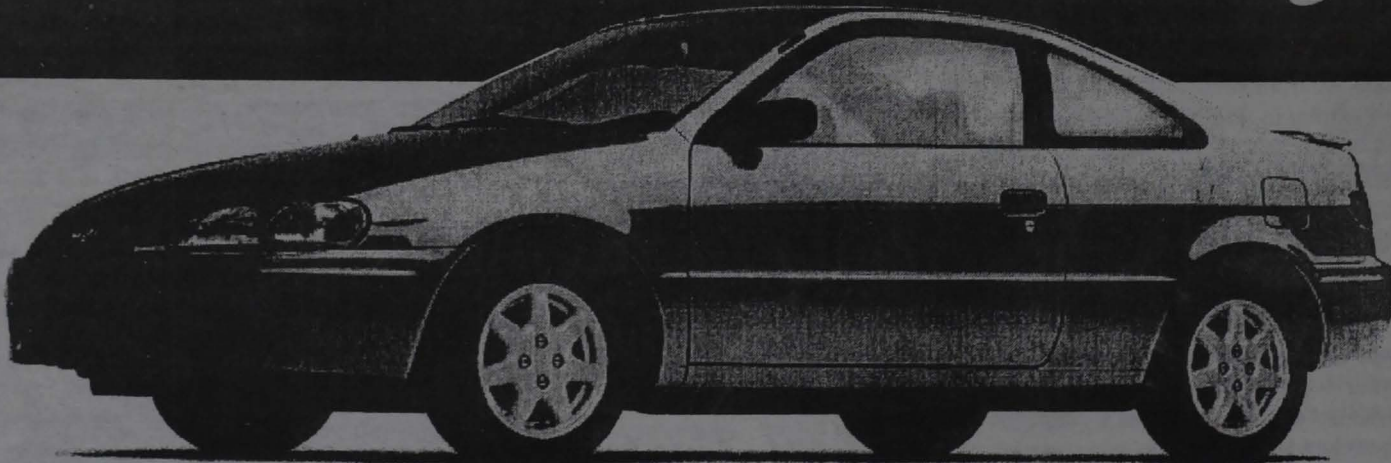
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