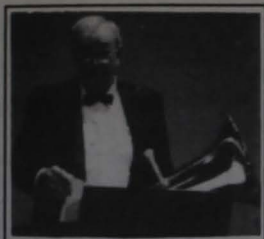


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# The Mercury

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## The End to the Long Distance Phone Bills and Busy Signal

### Access the Internet Through GSC

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

Literally millions of people now "surf" the Internet and on-line services. Many are calling the latest trend "the next Renaissance." By the membership booms, it's growing more and more apparent that the information superhighway is connecting our world in thousands of ways.

For instance, Detroit will have the first telephone books that include electronic-mail (e-mail) addresses in the business listings, according to Knight-Ridder News Service reports. USA Today claims even the US Postal System is making plans to go on-line. It can be assumed that if the rain, snow or any weather conditions get too bad, in the future you can send your mail through the Internet.

In July 1994, there were 2.18 million Internet hosts. Today there are well over 6.44 mil-

lion, constituting a 108 percent increase. On-line services are in a mad scramble to make themselves more compatible with the Internet. From '94 to last year, on-line services grew 79 percent, totaling at 11.3 million.

While it is remarkable that Americans are finally becoming linked to such technological advancements, it creates havoc for long-time users in the process. After all, the more connected, the less chance of a line to the Internet being open. Often times users will hear the ever-famous, ever-annoying busy signal.

To add to the aggravations of progression, while many personal computers are capable of hooking up to the Internet, many owners, especially in our region, simply couldn't afford it due to impractical phone bills. For instance, until recently, the closest Internet sit to Burnsville was in Clarksburg. Of course, making a phone call from Burnsville

to Clarksburg is VERY long distance. Thus, the user pays not only for the on-line membership and hourly fees, but a long distance phone call (in this case, approximately 60 cents per minute) as well.

Needless to say, these two disadvantages combined caused many Glenville State College students and area residents to disregard the possibilities of connecting to the World Wide Web, regardless of its extraordinary capabilities. However, all this changed the middle of last December when GSC received an Internet site of its own, making connecting a local phone call, and typically without the busy signal.

"I use e-mail on WVNET to talk to my girlfriend back in Ohio," student Drexell King commented. "It's much cheaper

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GSC student Regina Fisher will be competing in the Miss USA pageant Friday, February 2nd. She is one of 51 contestants competing for the crown.

The special, recorded live from South Padre, Texas will be aired on CBS. It will start at 9 p.m. Friday evening.

## Holt Tours Middle Eastern Countries

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

Last semester, Dr. Charles Holt was notified that he was the recipient of a coveted Joseph J. Malone Fellowship to participate in an Islamic Studies Program in Oman and the United Arab Emirates. January 12th he returned to the US from a two-week exchange program sponsored by the National Council on US-Arab Relations, a Washington, DC based organization which fosters cultural under-

standing and good will.

The social science division chairman was one of the twelve educators and community leaders from America selected to visit the Arabian countries. Throughout the trip, the group of Malone Fellows was escorted by a government official at all times. The Americans also luxuriated on their own coach.

In addition to obtaining the chance to meet the highest level Sultanate officials in those two Middle East nations, the Glenville resident attended brief-

ings and lectures by governmental representatives, private sector leaders and academic specialists. He also spent a few days visiting noteworthy historical, cultural and national development sites.

"What was amazing to me," the professor explained, "was that just 30 years ago these countries had virtually no development. Today, there are roads, buildings, shopping malls."

Less than three decades ago, these nations were completely pre-industrial societies.

By a sharp contrast, according to Holt, "today they are building roads, schools and hospitals."

Due to the booming oil industry, the nations are now capable of entering the 21st century with incredibly more advanced technology and life-style.

"We hear very little about the development of these Gulf states," Holt remarked. "To many American minds, the word

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Dr. Charles Holt  
Photo by Gene Breza.





### From the Editor's Desk

*Sandra Gibson*

Is it just me or has anyone else noticed the negative attitudes which prevail and the general lack of enthusiasm that is rampant today? --"Genocide has just occurred in Bosnia. It may be a halocaust worse than the one of World War II." --"Gee, I'm sorry but what does this mean to me?" --"Killer juveniles are really on the rise especially appearing on the scene to settle drug debts and scores, have you noticed?" --"Yep, but a bit remote from this area I do believe. Sorry, can't relate." --"But, even in Charleston it's occurring. Don't you realize these kids are being set free with a simple spank to the behind to kill again?" --"I'm sorry, I just can't tie this to GSC."

True these things are somewhat remote to the average West Virginian but shouldn't *couldn't* we become just a little more concerned? After all we are apart of this world aren't we? We are citizens and some among us will hopefully become a part of making laws and setting goals for human improvements.

Okay, so you don't want to work on world issues. Let's take a look at the ever closer world here on the campus of GSC. "Did you know we have a record setting golf team?" --"What, since when?" --" Oh, just about 20 years, that's all." --"Interesting, but I don't golf." -- "That's a pretty impressive Girl's track team and basketball team we have, don't you think?" --"Don't know, I haven't really heard."

I realize that GSC is at large a commuter college and therefore, there is much less time for extracurricular student activity involvement but what's the hurry anyway? Maybe, by slowing down a bit and taking the time to soak in a little of you surroundings, you'll feel a little less negative in general. Try if you can and imagine how disheartening it must be for these students who do give that extra bit of themselves devoting precious time and energy into these activities just to look out and see they have no peer support, in fact, often not one fan in the crowd.

Here at GSC, we have so many wonderful attributes to boast of although they are seldom given much recognition. We have one of the greatest sounding bands there is among state colleges. Our art department is awesome. Our Drama Club is constantly coming through with fantastic entertainment for us and our forensics team as well. Often the only cry I hear on their behalf is, why are the same ones always performing?--Because you don't have the nerve, I suppose.

Hey, while you're awaiting the *real world*, why not use your time and join this one. There are jobs unlimited waiting for you. You can have the role as a participant or a spectator. Become involved and you may be pleasantly surprised with yourself.

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Dear Editor:

In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, I think a conclusion was reached by the ruling corporate elite in the United States and their servants in the CIA and Pentagon, that the American people would no longer tolerate a massive, protracted and costly military intervention in a foreign country. Consequently, a decision was made to use other methods to protect their overseas investments and access to cheap labor.

These methods include the use of proxy, mercenary armies like the Contras in Nicaragua, UNITA in Angolad an Renamo in Mozambique. Other methods are organizing death squads and training people in terrible methods of torture. These death squads and torture are used to eliminate or intimidate anyone like union organizers and land reformers that might threaten the profits of foreign investors.

In fact, a school by the innocuous name, "School of the America," at Fort Benning, Georgia is a training center for assassins and tortures. Many members of the Atlacatl battalion, who committed the El Mozote massacre in El Salvador, were trained at this school. Several of those who killed the Jesuit priests in El Salvador and those who raped and killed three American nuns were trained there. General Gramajo who is responsible for many massacres of Mayan peasants in Guatemala attended this school.

Methods of torture that are absolutely appalling, shocking and sickening are used by the police and army in Latin America. Eyeballs are gouged out, fingernails pulled out, tongues cut off, genitals connected to electric shock machines, people put in rubber rooms and sirens turned on, people's heads dunked in human feces and children are tortured while their parents or relatives are forced to watch. When people are killed, their corpses are hideously mutilated and left in the streets as a lesson to anyone who might dare to protest against social conditions in those countries. The Catholic church and human rights organizations

have documented all these human rights abuses.

I maintain that there is a logic greatly in this economic arrangement. Their jobs are the ones transferred to these repressive Third World nations, and their tax money goes to the estimated \$30 billion CIA budget and to finance the "School of the Americas" and provide the training and implements of torture for these butchers.

I believe that the greatest evils present in the world today are the corporate powers responsible for this situation and who benefit financially from it. Ironically, some of these same conservative corporate owners have the unmitigated arrogance and temerity to lecture the American people about "family values." If paying people ten cents an hour and then having them hideously tortured if they protest is a "family value," then, I want nothing whatsoever to do with their sense of morality. Even more moronic and hypocritical is the so-called pro-life position of some of these people. Seemingly, an unborn fetus is deserving of great compassion, but after birth all the cruelty can occur, especially, if it increases their bottom line.

No real progress toward a decent world will be possible while this situation exists and while the corporate-owned media deliberately keeps this

knowledge from the American people. I know in my heart that the American people would never tolerate this situation if they just knew about it!

Sincerely,

Gary Sudborough  
Bellflower, CA

Dear Editor,

This letter is addressed to the three to four hundred students that stood in line, Friday Jan. 19th, and also to the handful of workers in the financial aid office that day! First of all let me point out something that may sound familiar to those three to four hundred students: "Yes, you will receive your refund check on Friday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m." Let me read the bottom of the tuition bill; "If your fees aren't in by January 2nd, you will be dropped from your classes, and have to reregister (when all the classes are full and you can't get what you need)."

Well, I was one of those students standing in the cold (11 degrees) for three hours before anyone made an effort to get everyone into the building. I was also one of those students who stood in line for approximately two more hours. As a matter of fact, I was one of those 2,000 students who had their dues in before the 2nd of January.

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# Hillbilly Logic

Being a student here at Glenville for five years, I have never waited five hours to receive my check. Let's refer to last week's paper in which Business Manager Bob Hardman referred to us students who waited for five hours or more as "unmannered" and also "junior high kids."

Sure some of us acted irrational, but I for one don't feel that anything we did, or said for that matter was uncalled for. I wonder how Mr. Business Manager would have responded to standing in the cold for three hours, then inside for two more. So in closing, next time there is a problem, I think it would turn out better if you would have let the students in on the little secret instead of saying one thing and then doing another.

Oh yeah, have any other out-of-state students ever tried to use Glenville State's 1-800-NUMBER to call from home.

We are fast approaching yet another Gubernatorial election period coming up this year. As such, it will not be uncommon for many of the candidates to once again retrieve several controversial issues from off of the back-burners and thrust them into the public arena of debate.

Abortion issues, economic development, crime, gun control and taxes are but a few of these issues they will bring up. Isn't that what we as informed Americans want to hear? I say informed Americans because we are the ones who listen to all sides of the issues. We listen to the arguments and philosophies of the candidates and then compare and contrast them to our own values and beliefs. Then, and only then, we cast our vote for the one(s) who will best support our life-style. After all, our life-styles is what it is all about, right?

We acknowledge the fact that whoever is elected is not necessarily the representative of a majority of voters, but rather a representative for the voters who shares beliefs and values parallel with their own. Knowing this it's easy to see how someone in the highest political office may have an effect on our life-styles, be it for good or ill.

There exists another sect of Americans besides the well informed. Let's call them the uninformed or misinformed. In my opinion these are the folks who are major contributors to the common, stereotypical West Virginia life-style. These are the Americans who share a very common ac-

Chad Samples  
staff writer

I was watching CNN News the other night, when they aired a segment about Michael New. As you may know, New was recently "drummed out" of the military for refusing to wear a United Nations beret and insignia with his U.S. issued uniform, while serving as a peace keeper in Macedonia.

Personally, I have some problems with this whole situation.

As New unsuccessfully argued at his court martial hearing, military regulation strictly prohibits a serviceman from wearing other emblems and patches with his or her uniform. Why should an exception be

made for U.N. insignia?

In my opinion, America is too deeply involved in the U.N. What logic is there in putting U.S. servicemen under the command of a foreign officer? Would there not be language and cultural barriers inhibiting proper communication? And why do we have troops in Macedonia, anyway? (Where is Macedonia?) We're simply too busy trying to be everybody's big brother to take care of our own problems.

Although I disagree with U.S. involvement with the U.N., I have to admit that New was wrong with his actions. It seems as if he set out to cause a scene, by directly disobeying an order. If he had a complaint, surely there are other routes he could have taken.

Guess what, it only works if you're in the state of West Virginia. I'd like to know who came

up with that idea!  
Walter Wilborn  
Glenville, WV



## In My Opinion

Todd Longman

tivity come time to vote. That is, they have always voted one way (straight ticket) all the time. They look for the candidates who have a "(D)" following their names (many of whom the voters have never heard of) and they cast their votes.

Their reasoning, just as their mind, is simple: "I vote Democrat 'cause my great-granddaddy, granddaddy and daddy all voted Democrat!" Consequently, many of these voters end up cussing politicians and wondering why economic, domestic and social problems in WV far exceed most all other states (except, in some cases, Arkansas) hint! They wonder why their life-styles aren't very positive or productive.

Even if our votes reflect a desire for change in the Governor's seat, we'll still have to fix the current legislative branch of our State or it will be all for not. The way people of this state vote, that change would take a miracle. In all of WV history, has there ever been a time when Democrats were not in power in Charleston? I firmly believe much of these negative statistics that WV leads the Nation in, are due, in part, to the way these voters have been voting time and time again in this state! In my opinion, unless your voting strategy changes, your current WV life-style, at least economically, isn't apt to change anytime soon.



## Conversational Green

Jeremiah D.

# Groundhog Day!

Early in the cold month of February, when the sun rarely shows his fiery face, and all of nature rests, we will all take to our televisions to be a part of a ritual that is older than the country in which we live.

The great and wise sage, Willard Scott, will make his annual mecca to the holy city of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania where he will observe for us all this most ancient rite--the coming of the revered prophet who's name is Phil.

Amidst a crowd of worshipers he will rise up out of the ground. A hushed awe will fall over the congregation--anticipation. Some may tremble at the proposition of the future seen by the revered saint, tears may fall. All will be silence as the pilgrims wait.

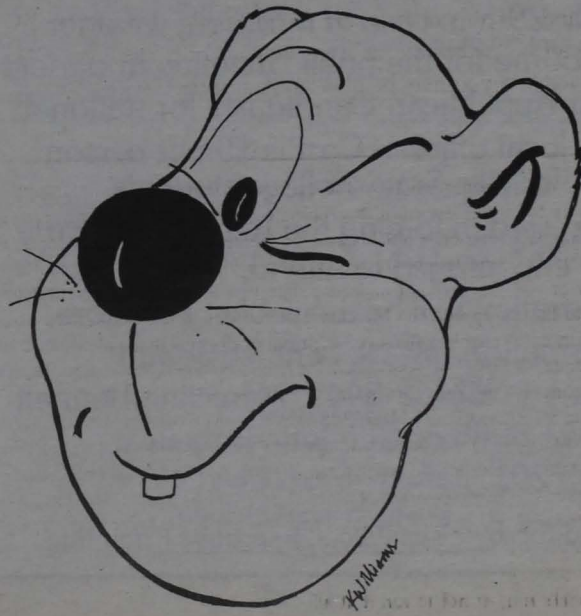
What question does this crowd seek to answer by their devotion? It is a question of daily global discussion, one haunting every human lip. Deeply philosophical in scope, as well as practical in intent, The Question: When will this winter end?

The wild and furry prophet woodchuck, instinctively connected to all the wisdom of nature, shall on the day of Candelmas (commemorating the virgin Mary's ritual of purification after the birth of the baby Jesus) peek his knowledge stained eyes from his winter home.

Should he happen to see his shadow, this angst driven ground dwelling creature will once again dive below the soil into his safe haven. Safe will he be down there for he sees in the dark depths of his own shadow six more weeks of dark cold lonely winter.

But take heart followers of the rodent necromancer, he may see he has no shadow at all. If his sight is made clear, should he cast no dark stain upon the earth he will get up out of his hole, and rejoice with you, for he will know spring is at hand.

Come quickly my fair and fuzzy friend. Release us all from this oppressive season, from these shallow breaths of frozen air. Spring take us home.







## Movie Review

*Kenneth Wilkins*

### "Screamers"

How many times have you gone to the movie theater and picked a science-fiction movie over a good comedy or action movie? Since I am an avid reader and watcher of science-fiction, I went to the movie theater this weekend and passed over several good comedies and action movies to watch the sci-fi thriller "Screamers" which opened in theaters last Friday.

Peter Weller ("Robocop") stars in the sci-fi thriller "Screamers" as a hard nose military leader that is faced with a new enemy. An enemy that was developed by the government to put an end to the ten years of war and an enemy that was believed to be on their side.

In an attempt to end the holocaust war on the mining planet of Sirius 6B, the military leaders developed the ultimate killing machine: a screamer. The problem was that no one planned for the screamer to gain the ability to learn and advance itself into the ultimate killing machine after the military leaders turned on the switch to the screamer processing machines and left before the first screamer rolled off the press.

To make things even worse for Weller and his rag-tag group of soldiers, the government that they have been fighting for, no longer cares for them, and has left them deserted on the nuclear holocaust planet.

Don't be surprised to be sitting on the edge of your seat by the end of the movie as you watch the sci-fi thriller for the first time. The plot to this sci-fi thriller is outstanding as you are slowly led through the movie to the shocking ending.

If you are looking for a change in your everyday movie routines, I recommend a trip into the science fiction realm of "Screamers".

## Lincoln Day Pork Roast

There will be a Lincoln Day Pork Roast held at the Gilmer Co. Recreation Center on February 15, 1996 at 6 p.m. (Feb. 29th in case of inclement weather.)

Come for the public meeting and meet your Republican Candidates for national and local offices. Cost is \$5 per person.

Glenville State College students interested in joining the Republican Party are encouraged to attend. Voter registration will be available. For more information, please contact: Joann Kennedy at 462-5447, Merecline Bennett at 462-8985 or Charlotte Rogers at 462-7291.

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## Brass Conference '96 Entertains, Educates

*Teresa Clark  
staff writer*

The Fine Arts Department hosted the 1996 Brass Conference this past weekend. There were four West Virginia colleges that participated, including: Alderson-Broaddus, Concord, Fairmont and Glenville State. Out of 60 participants, 23 were GSC students. Most of them being music education majors with a specialization in a brass instrument.

The conference began at 10 a.m., Saturday morning, with a solo master class and lasted approximately an hour and 45 minutes. At 1 p.m. a College Ensemble Recital began, with Harry Rich conducting GSC's Brass Ensembles playing a wide range of music from "Commemorative Fanfare for Brass and Timpani" to a "Tiger Rag for Low Brass."

Following GSC came

Concord College's Brass Ensembles, conducted by Randy Budd.

Alderson-Broaddus College's Brass Choir was conducted by Timothy Dewitt who also put the conference program together. Alderson-Broaddus played a wide range of music beginning with "Procession of the Nobles" which was conducted by Mark Hardman to "Symphony for Brass, Op. 5" by Victor Ewald. The recitals ended at 2:30 p.m. which gave the participants a 15 minute break.

Throughout the rest of the day, the group attended workshops for their instruments.

Finally at 8 p.m., the guest artists, The Commonwealth Brass Quintet, began the evening entertainment.

The participants of the quintet consist of trumpet players, Victor Rislow and Michael Trego; trombonist, Robert LaBaroa; French hornist, Will-

iam Kenny and tuba player Donald Stanly.

The quintet was formed in 1981 by faculty members from schools in Pennsylvania in order to promote brass chamber music. The group has played at many colleges, churches, festivals and many other places.

The Commonwealth Brass Quintet played wonderfully, meeting their goals, with their performances on Saturday night.

The last day of the conference and ended with a Student Ensemble Concert which began at 4 p.m. The recital consisted of several choruses of same and like instruments. The choruses showed the schools could work together.

"The Brass Conference of '96 was very informative and helpful to brass students," stated one of the participants. For the brass majors, the conference was educational and for the audience members, entertaining.



The Commonwealth Brass Quintet performing at Glenville State Fine Arts Auditorium, Saturday, January 27th.

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# Urge Overkill Makes Schlock Rock

Leader Says Unusual Band Is Part Of New "Lounge Movement"

**Ryan Ingrassia NSNS**  
Affiliated Writer

Since their debut in 1986, Urge Overkill have maintained their ideals through somber yet powerful songs. Both musically and lyrically, Urge delivers a retro-charged sound with almost dolized imagery.

This is not to say they replicate music of the past; rather, they interpret it in a manner that every few bands have been able to capture.

With an overwhelming boost from the cover of Neil Diamond's "Girl You'll Be A Woman Soon," Urge have gained a crossover audience furthering their already large fan base. Donning gold medallions and bell-bottoms, Urge possesses an unmistakable image: lounge lizards meet glam rock for the '90s.

I recently caught up with Urge member Blackie Onassis for an exchange of words during the band's current *Exit The Dragon* tour.

**NSNS:** How does *Exit The Dragon* differ from Urge albums of the past?

**Blackie:** Well, it seems a

little darker. It's a little bit less produced and a little more conceptualized.

It's got more of an emphasis on things like performances. We've been told it's got a little more Urgeness than *Saturation*. It emphasizes more of the rhythm/blues/soul kind of ballady aspect of the band rather than the power rocky *Saturation*.

**NSNS:** You've worked with a number of different producers. How has that helped to shape the album you want? Has it been a hindrance?

**Blackie:** It's cool. We've gotten to work with a lot of different types of people. I think when push comes to shove, all the records sort of sound the same because of what we want.

The Butcher Brothers (who produced both *Saturation* and *Exit*) had ideas about how they wanted *Saturation* to sound and they were very geared to high end and effects at the time, but not a lot of mid-range. But for the rhythmy kind of rock album we made this time, mid-range was crucial. When you hear it on the radio, it doesn't sound like other stuff. Most ra-

dio hits these days are loaded with lots of effects. Even though it's like punk rock-style music it has the production values of Journey.

**NSNS:** Has your growing success pulled you away from your fans?

**Blackie:** No, because we haven't turned into raging dickheads who don't want to talk or see anybody. It's based on some kind of punk rock thing that says when you get too successful, you're automatically supposed to hate your fans. It's bullshit and a waist of time. You love your fans because that's why you're rich.

**NSNS:** Have you felt trapped by the popularity of "Girl You'll Be A Woman Soon?"

**Blackie:** We had a big yuppie crossover success with "Girl." It expanded us. We don't have to impress 10-year-old kids all the time. You like little kids and we have them at the show but I don't think we're as much for the kids as, say, Smashing Pumpkins. We're sort of a part of that lounge movement. Which lends itself more to people who watch *Friends* or something.

Do we abort--or pray in the schools?

Did the president make money in ways not too cool?

Did the senator have sex with the girl next door?

Will gays in the military lose the next war?

Did the congressman divorce his wife with cancer?

Maybe a Senate hearing will give us the answer.

## Evasion

If we abandon the poor and unhealthy masses,

A few dollars more can be cut from our taxes.

Who needs art and money for instruction?

When we can create better means of destruction.

With those out of work and nothing to eat,

Surely, it won't cause more crime in the streets.

Production/consumption--a life we can't leave.

What's it matter if the air we can't breathe?

Priorities--we've forgotten what they're about.

There's only one planet--three strikes you're out.

by Tom Kennedy

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## Exploring *The Lost World*

**Terry L. Estep**  
contributing writer

Michael Crichton's *The Lost World* is a 393 page continuation of the hit *Jurassic Park*.

Michael Crichton returns to the concept that made *Jurassic Park* a bestselling novel and block-buster movie. *Lost World* begins six years after the events of the first novel.

The cloned dinosaurs have been killed and the amusement park destroyed. Rumors persist of prehistoric "anomalous animals" washing ashore in Costa Rica.

Richard Levine, a wealthy young scientist, believes that dinosaurs from Jurassic Park's mysterious "Site B" laboratory may still exist. With the help of returning character Ian Malcolm, as well as an engineer and two precocious youngsters, he makes his way to the island to study extinction patterns in action.

Their mission is complicated by an expedition from the Bio-Syn Corporation. After Dennis Nedry failed to acquire dinosaur embryos, Bio-Syn's head scientist is determined to gain dino eggs for himself by raiding the nests.

Crichton has been both complemented and condemned for writing novels with one hand while writing the screenplay with the other. Indeed, *Lost World* is full of fast, vivid description de-

signed to keep the pace at a frantic high. Scenes cross-cut with enough rapidity to make D.W. Griffith proud. Indeed, Steven Spielberg has already signed on to direct the movie.

Of course, audiences require new thrills. Crichton's newest addition to his dinosaur canon is the carnataurus, a super-chameleon capable of simulating complex patterns, including chain link fence, while waiting for prey. Add a nasty pack of raptors and an angry T-rex family, and you have the groundwork for incredible thrills.

Unfortunately, some elements of *Lost World* seem to have been lifted from *Jurassic Park*. In one scene, the young girl saves everyone's bacon by figuring out a complicated computer system. Sound familiar? The addition of the two children is gratuitous and cynical, or at least clumsy plotting.

Overall, *The Lost World* is a frantic page-turner for people who can't get enough of dinosaurs or Crichton's techno-pop stories. There are enough thrills to keep you reading while you should be doing important things like studying, feeding your children or having a life.

Crichton's attempt to retain familiarity; however, prevents *Lost World* from being completely original. Unless he is careful, Crichton could find himself presiding over a novel and movie franchise that suddenly becomes extinct.



## 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 8:30 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!

## Excuses, Excuses and More Excuses

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

Have you ever told a "fib"? You know, a little white lie? Stretched the truth a bit--or only told the half of it? 'Fess up. Be honest for once.

According to several professors instructing here at Glenville State College, students don't just give excuses, they tell some really "big ones."

"My secretary took a call from one of my students," Dr.

Jim Hilgenburg explained. "The student wen on and on about how she'd wrecked her car, put it in the ditch, the wrecker was on its way, she was calling from a Sand Fork gas station, she'd be there as soon as possible. However, the phone showed it to be an on-campus call. My secretary asked the girl once again where she was calling from. Sand Fork was her reply, and she began repeating her story. The secretary interrupted, stating her call was from on-

parents die in one semester," Mrs. Nancy Wemm added. "Right!"

Many students don't need to give exaggerated excuses, their true stories are unbelievable enough.

"A non-traditional student came to me to explain why she hadn't turned in an assignment," Dr. Gary Gillespie commented. "Evidently she was the mother of a toddler enduring the 'potty-training' stages. She had to throw her paper away because her baby had urinated all over it. Well, I believed her."

"One of the best excuses I've ever heard was 'I have to meet with my parole officer,'" Dr. Ed Palm stated.

Humans have always given excuses--even when the truth would've prevailed.

campus. There was complete silence on the other end. The student hung up and immediately dropped the class."

"One of my students claimed to have had five grand- Our professors--being human aren't completely angels themselves.

"I had an 'aunt' up in Omaha, Nebraska that kicked the bucket at least once semester," Dr. Hilgenburg explained. "It was about a three hour drive to the funeral and my professors would always express their deepest sympathy for my 'loss.' I have never even had any relatives in Omaha, Nebraska."

## Year Book Pictures

will be taken February 13-14, 1996  
at the following times:

Tuesday, 13th--10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5 p.m.

Wednesday, 14th--9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5 p.m.

*\*Seniors need to schedule a sitting time*

*\*Underclassmen--Sitting fee of \$2.00  
(no need to schedule a sitting time)*

## Literary Society

Chad Samples  
staff writer

Do you ever wish that you could just sit down and read something other than one of those boring textbooks? Something that you could really enjoy? Well, that's the purpose behind GSC's Literary Society.

According to Dr. Nancy Zane, the Literary Society gives students who like to read a wide range of books the chance to discuss what they read with other people. And get this, you get credit for doing it.

Headed by Dr. Nancy

Zane and Professor Wayne de Rosset, the Literary Society is repeatable for up to three credit hours. Students can participate without receiving credit and are welcome to drop in at any time.

The Literary Society will meet three time during the remainder of the semester, in room 308. The meetings will take place at 4:15 p.m. on the following dates: February 19, March 26 and April 29.

This semester, the Society will read and discuss John Steinbeck's *Cannery Row*, *A Time To Kill* by John Grisham and *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry.

## Spotlight: Carol Stephens

### Stirring Up Something Good At the Snack Bar

Eric Ware  
staff writer

The Glenville State College snack bar is no secret to commuters at GSC. They've known for awhile this is a great place to relax between classes, have a snack, and converse with their comrades.

In addition to a comfortable atmosphere, complete with a sofa, numerous tables and chairs, a microwave, two televisions, and a fast-service food bar, there is also the friendly face of Carol Stephens, food service administrator II.

On those cold, winter mornings nothing is better than homemade buttermilk biscuits, or even the famous Pioneer Muffin made to your taste and a cup of hot coffee while listening to the morning news. Sometimes it takes an extra something to make a meal taste that extra spe-

cial way. Whether it's a dash of this or a pinch of that, Stephens knows just exactly how to make the meals at the GSC snack bar extra special.

For those visiting the snack bar, they might find a familiar face cooking away with patience and care putting that "special touch" into the meals. Having been here five years, Stephens is no stranger to those commuters and hungry stomachs alike.

If it isn't the appetizing smells that tingle the taste buds, or a scrumptious variety of foods to choose from, maybe it's Stephen's smile as she takes your order that completes the touch.

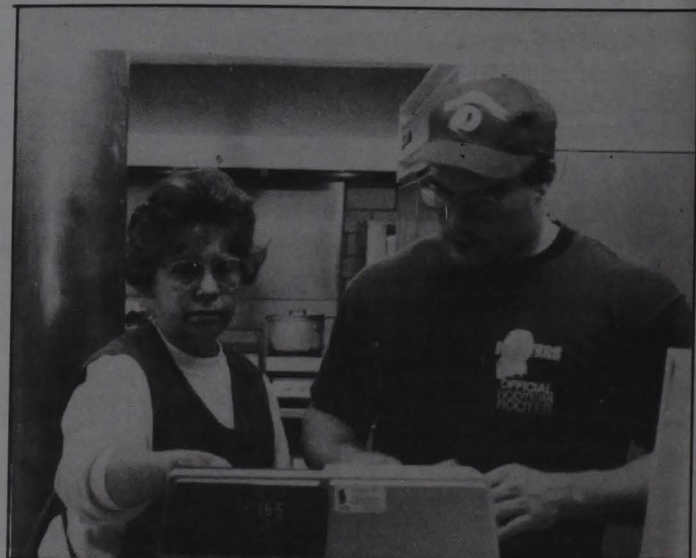
"It's great to know there's a full pot of coffee ready when I walk in the door," replied a student, "I need my caffeine in the morning." Like most of us, no one really knows how much time and work it takes to prepare a

good meal but for Stephens it's an everyday job.

"I'm here as early as six o'clock in the morning," replied Stephens glancing back at the kitchen behind her, "and work by myself sometimes until eleven o'clock when a student worker comes in."

Stephens worked in several jobs before, working as a substitute cook for the Gilmer County High School, and being a cashier at Foodland, until she came here to GSC as a cook in the snack bar.

Cooking for a large, hungry crowd is nothing new for Stephens, who is married and raising two grandchildren. This is probably why the food tastes as great as it is. Experience, patience and care is her secret recipe. "I enjoy working in the snack bar with the students because it's something different everyday."



Carol Stephens

Photo by Gene Breza.



## New Pickens Hall House Director Arrives

Amy Jo Rowan  
staff writer

On Thursday, January 4th, GSC's new resident house director Deb Hatcher arrived on campus. She filled the position left by Michele Mansfield in the fall of '95.

Deb, as she likes to be called, grew up in Preston county, the second oldest of four children. She has two sisters and a brother and what she describes as a wonderful family.

She also has a great drive for helping people. She chose to expand on that drive through her education. She received a bachelors degree in elementary education from WVU in May 1990. She went on to obtain a masters degree in counseling from WVU in May 1995.

During that time, Deb also enjoyed teaching 5th and 6th grade in Preston county (1990-1994). She also worked as a counselor in Marian county in 1995.

Hatcher is looking forward to her stay at GSC and the chance to work with post-secondary students. As she states, "I've had many opportunities to

work with younger students, so I am looking forward to now concentrating my work with young adults." She adds, "I have an incredible staff and the office workers and R.A.'s are wonderful."



GSC's friendly atmosphere surprised Hatcher upon her arrival. Coming from Morgantown, she was amazed that as she pulled up in front of Pickens Hall, four strangers offered to help unload her car.

"Everyone here is very friendly, and more importantly, they're genuine with it," she remarked.

That atmosphere is part of

what she most likes about GSC. Due to her education background and her love of learning, she also has great respect for the GSC education department and the reputation it has earned.

However, Hatcher's counseling background won't go to waste here either. She will also be offering personal counseling at the Student Development Center in room 202 of the Heflin Center. She emphasizes that her job there is not just of helping students with problems, but also to help them with growth and development.

With all these activities Deb has little time for relaxing. Yet, even when she does, she spend it in the lounge or the office conversing with stu-

dents. As she explains, "I try to spend my free time out with the students; getting to know them and finding out what's going on with them. To me, that's relaxing."

When resident house director Hatcher does take a moment for herself, she can be found reading, roller-blading, playing racquetball, hiking, walking or jogging.

## Student Development Center Hosts Open House

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

The Student Development Center, an affiliation with the office of student services, announces its grand opening in room 202 in the Heflin Center. To commemorate its addition to Glenville State College, it is hosting an open house from 11 to 2 in the afternoon Friday, February 2nd.

The center will be offering several accommodations for students. A team of three counselors will be available for personal services.

The counselors include Michele Mansfield, director of career services; Jennifer

Nottingham, director of student life and; Debra Hatcher, Pickens Hall house director. Two senior behavioral science major interns, Richard Ward and Angela Hoover, will be employed as well.

"(Guidance) services have always been available at GSC," Mansfield explained. "Now we are centralized in one location, making counseling and development much more accessible to students."

In addition, the center hopes to obtain a resource library of information for scholastic or personal interest, ranging from relationships to drugs to STDs. Various support groups will evolve eventually.

"We want to address the positive too," Mansfield commented. "Time management, stress management, increasing study skills -- we are capable of addressing these areas if needed."

The student development center offers both confidential and free counseling by capable adults. They can be contacted at Ext. 118.

Hours include Monday through Thursday 8-4, Monday evening 5-7 and Friday 8-1. Depending upon the need, the center will possibly be adding hours to accommodate more students. Arrangements can be made for an appointment at basically anytime.

## RFK Library Now Offers FAX Service

Sandra Gibson  
staff writer

newly acquired service at a minimum cost.

The folks in Robert Kidd Library are pleased to announce they now offer FAX service to the students, faculty and community of Glenville State College. This service has long been the dream of Eileen Dixon, secretary and RFK director Rick Tubesing and has been a reality since January 1st.

"For sometime we have known that the need for a patron user FAX machine existed here at GSC. However, in order to have one which is community serviceable, it takes quite an extra amount of book work. Therefore, it wasn't just coming up with the funds for the machine that was needed, but it was coming up with a good bookkeeping system as well," stated Tubesing.

Proudly, pointing to Dixon, he quipped, "There's the woman who really deserves the credit. She's the one who skillfully conquered the job and will be keeping track of all the records. I simply found the money."

One of the main reasons Tubesing and Dixon cited for endeavoring to make patron faxing available was the fact that there are times when time is crucial in making a transaction. The patron who became the first user of the RFK FAX service made that abundantly clear. He needed a resume sent which was of a time crucial nature, needing to be received on the other end that same day. Desperately, he offered to pay any price to achieve this. Tubesing and Dixon were pleased to introduce him to this

Dixon would like to make known that the service is user ready. FAX Transmittal Forms are available at the circulation desk or in the library office. The patron must fill out this form and leave it at the circulation desk. The fee must be paid at the desk as material is submitted for transmittal. Circulation will then submit the form as soon as possible to the library secretary for transmittal.

Material to be faxed will be in the library secretary's mailbox and will be sent out the same day providing it is during the business hours of 8a.m.-4p.m. Messages to be sent which arrive after these hours will be sent the following business day, most likely within a two-hour time frame if at all possible.

Patrons receiving and sending messages will not be notified after the message is sent but may call the library office. This is to avoid burdens of office work which would require additional office workers. There is no charge for business related transactions.

Patrons rates apply for any personal transactions and these rates are as follows: Per Page: \$1.00-IN STATE, \$2.00-OUT-OF-STATE, \$3.00-FOREIGN. The FAX number is (304)462-4149. The Library number is (304)462-4109.

Please feel free to drop by and check out this newest service being offered by RFK Library and allow these great people the chance to assist you with getting those papers out on time.



## ASC Holds Meeting

The American Chemical Society held a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25th in SH400. Members discussed attendance policies, possible revision of SAACS bylaws and are considering forming committees for fundraising, activities and recruiting. The club is currently making arrangements for SAACS trip to New Orleans. Weekly meeting will be held on Tuesdays at 12:30 in SH400.





## Fourth And Goal

*Kevin Lake*

# I Don't Know Yet

I had just kicked back with a cold "beverage" (let's say Pepsi), Sunday night to celebrate the Cowboy's winning the Super Bowl when the ten disgruntled Steeler fans convinced me of something I still haven't gotten over.

After all these years of thinking otherwise, I was told by the overwhelming majority that I'm not a Dallas fan. I was crushed. For the past 15 years that I have been watching football I have been so confused.

They mentioned something about being on some sort of musical vehicle. Maybe they said the Soul Train, I can't remember, I had drank more "Pepsi" than Emmitt Smith had yards, but this really worried me. I can't even play a musical instrument. Unless, that is, if you count that one string on my guitar. I'm still having trouble with the other five though. Oh well, maybe they'll let me dance. I wonder if I'll have to keep my shirt on though.

Anyway, after going on and on about the Soul Train, my friend Chuck, who is from Maryland informed me that I couldn't be a Dallas fan because I'm not from Texas. This die hard Pittsburgh fan finally had me convinced, for as we all know, Pittsburgh is the state capital of Maryland.

Realizing I wasn't a Dallas fan, I decided to wear my Cowboy clothes to class on Monday anyway. I've spent so much money on them in the past decade that I wanted to hurry up and wear them out so I could buy some of West Virginia's professional football team's apparel. I guess that's the Panthers. Isn't Carolina right outside of Charleston?

Everyone was yelling, "Dallas Sucks!" at me. I can deal with not being a fan, but this is something that's going to be even harder to deal with. I'll have to reverse all my knowledge of sports now. OK, whoever wins the Super Bowl sucks. If they win it three out of four years they must really suck. I guess the New York Jets deserve the Lombardi Trophy for having the worst record this year at 3-13.

As far as campus news, I hope everyone got to see the basketball game Monday night against Concord. Although we lost by one in overtime, the game was full of suspense, action, and like always, a few bad calls. Where's Steve Harold when you need him?

Let's all get out there and support our men's and women's teams for the rest of the season. They definitely deserve it. Do it now though before you wake up one morning and realize you're not a Pioneer fan.

## 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.

## Lady Pioneers Lose Two Straight on the Road

*Kevin Lake  
staff writer*

On both Saturday and Monday, the Glenville State Lady Pioneers were down in the southern part of the state playing against Bluefield and Concord respectively. In both games the lady Pioneers came up short.

Saturday, against Bluefield, the girls lost 17 points, with the final score being 67-50. Marty Rose led the team in scoring and rebounds with 15 points and ten boards. Tanya Johnson and Lori Charnoplosky had eight and seven points respec-

tively. Tricia Swink pulled down five boards and Amy Thomas was good for four.

Monday, while the men were hosting Concord here, our ladies were being hosted there. The results were much the same as Saturday as the Lady Pioneers were defeated handily by a score of 82-68. Once again Marty Rose led the team in scoring with 19 points yet her nine rebounds fell short by two to Tanisha Brown's eleven. Lori Charnoplosky scored 15 points and Mandy Ralston hit double digits with 13. Ralston also had four rebounds for the night.

Coach Harold strongly stands by his squad, even though they have been experiencing several losses. "We're not as bad as our record," he points out. "We just execution at key times."

Everybody be sure to come out on Monday, February 5th as the ladies will be hosting the Cardinals of Wheeling Jesuit. The team sure could use our support, and they definitely deserve it. Instead of sitting around crying that there's nothing to do in Glenville, get out and support these hard working women who are trying to give us all a good name.

*A writer needs three things, experience, observation and imagination, any two of which, at times any one of which, can supply the lack of the others.*

*—William Faulkner*



*Tircia Swink, number 24, defends against a Bluefield State offensive attack.*

*Photo by Carl Wilson.*

## Free T-Shirt + \$1000

Credit Card fundraisers for fraternities, sororities & groups. Any campus organization can raise up to \$1000 by earning a whopping \$5/Visa application. Call 1-800-932-0528 ext.65. Qualified callers receive a FREE T-SHIRT

## 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.





# Pioneers Lose in Overtime

Brian Swisher  
staff writer

January 10, the Pioneers hosted the Bluefield State College Big Blue. The Pioneers came up short by 10 as they were defeated by a score of 65-55. Eric Contee not only led the team in scoring but also managed to pull down 10 boards.

Monday, January 29, the men stayed home once again to face Concord. As we all remember, Glenville and Concord played in the finals last year for the Conference Championship with Concord barely coming out on top. Monday night's contest proved to be equally exciting.

The Mountain Lions of Concord seemed as if they were going to make prey of the Pioneers as they quickly went up by 14. "We got off to a slow start," stated Glenville head coach

Gary Nottingham.

However, the Pioneers fought back to close the gap. Glenville they managed to tie it up by the end of the second half. With Troy Sexton's last second shot bouncing off the rim, nearly touching the ceiling, then missing the hole by inches, sending the game would go into overtime.

The beginning of the overtime period was much like the beginning of the game, with the Mountain lions gaining a 6 point lead, but once again the Pioneers got back in the game.

With 9 seconds left and the Pioneers down by 1, possession belonged to the Pioneers. What looked like a possible win turned into disaster as a pass was reflected and intercepted by the Mt. Lions. Holding the ball until the final seconds clicked down, the Pioneers lost 67-66. "We dug a hole in the first half we just couldn't come out of," Nottingham stated.

Top scorer for the night was Jeff Brockell with 19 points as well as 5 boards. Eric Contee contributed 16 points and 5 rebounds.

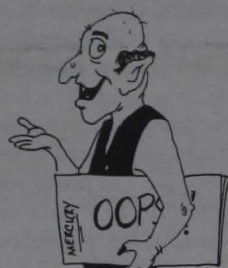
## New Ambassadors for the Spring Semester!

Requirements are that you must be a 2nd semester freshmen and have a GPA of 2.2 or better.



See Jill Harman or Heather Messenger in the Records office for an application.

**Application deadline is February 14, 1996.**  
**For more information, call ext. 342 or 128.**



THE PAPER GREHLIN HAS DONE IT AGAIN!

Number 32, Eric Contee takes it strong to the hoop against Concord on Monday night.

Photo by Carl Wilson.

The Mercury staff appologizes to Kevin Lake for inadvertently placing the story, *Super Bowl XXX Preview*, (located on page 8) out of sequence in the January 25, 1996 issue.

## 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



## Main Event Specials

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## New Happy Hour 5:30-7:30

Thursday--DJ Sean Davis 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$2.00 Cover  
Drink & Draft Specials; Nachos \$1.00 off 4-9 p.m.  
Friday--Live Band--Inner Groove Collection \$3.00  
Club House open 4 p.m.  
Saturday--DJ Sean Davis 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$2.00 Cover  
Club House open 4 p.m.  
Sunday--All You Can Eat Buffet 11a.m.-2 p.m. \$3.95  
Pitchers--All Night \$3.50  
Monday--Busch light & Busch Bottles \$1.25  
Tuesday--Eucher Tournament \$3.00 Entry  
New Mexican Specials; Large Drafts \$1.50  
Wednesday--Wild Wing Wednesdays, wings-25 cents  
Beer Bash--All You Can Drink \$7.00



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## Mercury Photo Requests

The Mercury Photography staff asks Glenville State College faculty and organizations to write requests for photographs one week in advance. This is in order to schedule a session. Also photographs will be sold by the Mercury office. The prices will be \$2 for an 8x10, \$1.50 for a 5x7 and \$1 for a 3 1/2x5. Thank you.

Gene Breza, Photo Editor

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## Artless Philosophy

John H. Clise

"Call me, Helen, John!" "But you are my grandmother..." "Oh, but nobody needs to know that. So just call me Helen." "O.K. Helen." "Take your shoes off! You don't want to ruin my new green shag carpet do you?" "I love the color lime green, don't you?" "I guess so, Helen."

"Wait, stay in the kitchen, off my orange sofa and chair, I don't want to crease their new plastic cover." "O.K. Helen."

"Helen, could I have a cookie?" "What, and spill crumbs all over my brand new mint green linoleum floor in the kitchen?" "Well O.K., as long as you sweep the floor after you are done." "Here are some butter cookies left over from Christmas." "But Helen, it is almost Labor Day now."

"I'll get you a glass of water if I have to." "Do you have any milk Helen?" "No, here's a paper cup full of water. Be sure not to spill it and wash the cup when you are done. Those things don't grow on trees." "O.K. Helen."

"Helen, maybe we could go to the park later?" "What, and ruin my hair or break a nail? I'd have to shower again, and I just did that two days ago." "O.K. Helen."

It kind of makes you feel bad for all the times you ignored or ditched your grandmother, doesn't it. She's the woman who goes on and on to her friends about even your smallest achievement.

Call her right now and she'll have a big plate of hot chocolate chip cookies and a bottomless glass of milk waiting for you.

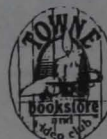
So, call your grandmother this Valentine's Day and tell her how much you love her and tell her how wonderful she is. After all, you could have had "Helen."

You remember Helen, who wears brown polyester pantsuits because they are "stylish and don't show dirt until you've worn them four or five times."

Helen gets her hair done every Friday at 3 p.m. so her hair will look good for BINGO and flea markets on the weekend. Other than putting more hairspray on, it's the only styling her hair gets during the week. Gross, huh?

Her "pride and joy" is an eight year old poodle with very weak kidneys, who unlike you has freedom to walk all over Helen's house.

It is up to you, warm chocolate chip cookies and milk or stale butter cookies and water in a paper cup.



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A wise man will see to it that his acts always seem voluntary and not done by compulsion, however much he may be compelled by necessity.

—Machiavelli



## The Week In the News--Looking Back

Lisa Belknap  
staff writer

First lady Hillary Clinton is experiencing a significant drop in support after being subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury about her involvement in the Whitewater real estate scandal.

While his wife is being scrutinized, President Clinton is experiencing a boost in ratings--with a well received State of the Union Address and strong stand against his GOP opponents, Clinton is becoming very popular with the American public.

Bob Dole has been actively criticizing everyone from second runner Steven Forbes, to the press. His recent attack on Forbes is based on the multimillionaire's use of roughly 15 million dollars on his campaign. Dole accused Forbes of trying to buy the presidency, saying, "You've got to get it the old-fashioned way--you've got to earn it and you've got to have a record." He also accused the press of being too liberal, stating that if a politician doesn't "sing their songs, you don't get good reviews."

USA TODAY's Susan Page took on a comical tone Friday. Apparently a memo was "deep sixed" from Clinton/Gore '96 headquarters. The memo began "The shredder is your friend...we would love to keep it working throughout the rest of the campaign." According to Page's article, aides have been shredding so much paper work at such a high rate, they haven't even been taking the time to remove staples and paper clips. The memo ends with a pun: "You may now resume your imitation of Ollie North."

Sarah and Sarahi Morales, conjoined twins, were separated last week at a San Diego hospital. The two new-born girls were joined at the chest. There was a fear that they may have been sharing the same organs--worst scenario would have been both girls using one heart. Although the only organ they shared was a liver--which was divided giv-

ing both girls half--Sarahi died of cardiac arrest. Sarah is now in critical condition and was put on a ventilator. Doctors have donated their services, because the family of the twins are Mexican citizens and therefore not entitled to state medical benefits.

"It's a very San Francisco sort of thing", says Board of Supervisors member Carole Migden, when discussing the proposal to create a symbolic marriage ceremony for homosexuals in San Francisco. The ceremony would carry no legal weight but would allow gays to formalize their relationships. Reportedly, more than 3000 couples have registered under the city ordinance that allows couples who pay the required \$35 fee to establish themselves as domestic partners.

The U.S. Justice Department sent a draft letter to Louis Farrakahn after a Libyan news agency, JANA, reported that he had met with Libyan dictator Moamar Gadhafi on Tuesday. The letter was to inform him that any time a U.S. citizen works with a foreign entity to attempt to influence U.S. policy, that person must be registered under the Foreign Agent Registration Act. Farrakahn has also met with South African President Nelson Mandela. Farrakahn is still asking for a plot of land in Africa for the descendants of American slaves.

A 29 year-old woman in Rochester New York who has been in a coma for 10 years, was raped and impregnated sometime last year. The woman's family rejected the idea of abortion on grounds of religion. She is expected to deliver around May. Police haven't committed to a suspect; however, nurse aid John Horace, who has been charged with impersonating a gynecologist and sexually-abusing a disabled patient in the same hospital has been questioned and refuses a DNA sample.

In Waterville, Maine, four nuns were beaten and stabbed in their convent. Two of the nuns received fatal blows to the head,

another is in critical condition. Police had to pull Mark Berchard off of one of the nuns whom he was beating with a religious statue; police will not elaborate on which statue Berchard was wielding.

Five year-old Eric Morse was dropped out of a high-rise window in Chicago by two adolescent boys. The 12 and 13 year-old boys say they killed Eric because he wouldn't steal candy for them. While little Eric's family is mourning, officials are debating the most positive place to put the offenders.

## Governor's Summer Internship Program

Governor Gaston Caperton today announced college students will be able to take advantage of valuable job experience and training this summer through the Governor's Internship Program.

"We want to give our college students practical experience in public, private and non-profit organizations and, at the same time, encourage them to remain in West Virginia after graduation," Caperton said.

"Some of my legislative proposals this year follow this same emphasis--helping students make the transition from school to work with practical hands-on experience."

In the past seven years, several hundred West Virginia college students have participated in the nine-week program.

Applicants must have: West Virginia residency or attend a West Virginia college or university; completed one year of study at an accredited college or university; and attained at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Interns are selected based on an evaluation of applications using a point system and interview. Applicants who make it to the interview phase will be notified by April 19. Interviews will be conducted in May.

To obtain an application or for additional information, contact the Governor's Internship Program at (304) 558-2440. Applications must be postmarked by March 29, 1996, and mailed to: Governor's Internship Program, Department of Education and the Arts, State Capitol, Building 1, R-151, Charleston, West Virginia 25305.

## Medical Survey

*There will be surveys taken throughout the next week concerning the medical attention provided for GSC students. There will be Student Congress representatives taking these surveys in the Heflin Center Lobby Monday the 5th and Tuesday the 6th. Also you can pick up a survey in the student services office, or in the dorm offices. These surveys can be placed in boxes that will be found in each building around campus. These surveys are a part of a study by the Student Congress to examine problems with the current health care situation at GSC. We look forward to seeing you next week!*

## GSC Logo Contest

*The GSC Week Logo contest will be opened for submissions on February 5 and continue through February 16. A cash prize will be awarded to the winner!*

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Middle East or Arab connotes terrorism. We must get beyond the stereotypes such as this."

Against the corruption that progress often brings, these countries have chosen to protect their traditional culture and family values. Holt remarked that before his trip, when picturing an Arabian, he "saw the traditional clothing." After his recent traveling expedition, he portrays it more clearly now. "They're still wearing the traditional clothing," he explained, "now there also driving down highways in \$50,000 cars like Mercedes."

"Most striking, they've been able to preserve their culture," he added. "By living in the Appalachian region most of my life, I understand the concern of preserving rich heritage. They've maintained the traditional Arabian culture while advancing in technology."

While experiencing the vast cultural differences, Holt was able to exchange business cards with well over 100 "decision-making" people, ranging from cabinet ministers to university professors. In many instances, the dedicated professor provided a small gift (tie clasps, pens, key chains, pencil) and informative Glenville State Col-

lege material.

"I was very proud to 'spread the word' about GSC," he explained. "Rich traditions, exceptional faculty and fine students -- comparatively speaking, we have an excellent school. People in those places (Oman and United Arab Emirates) would love to have (an institution such as) Glenville State. We must remember how fortunate we are."

As a result of these meetings, Holt hopes "these acquaintances and friendships well continue." I've written several already," he added.

The social science chair also intends to use the information and cultural knowledge he acquired in various ways. He already has a number of speaking engagements scheduled for civil groups, schools and organizations on campus. At next year's multi-cultural fair at GSC, Holt expects to present his prestigious journey to the Middle East. He will be working on economic development initiatives between West Virginia companies and the Gulf-state government.

"I hope to continue to explain a part of the world that we know so very little about," he mentioned.

The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them.

—Kin Hubbard

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and a great investment."

"It's a very good system for us in Gilmer County because up 'til now (on-line services such as) AmericaOnline were long distance," Robert Archer, Gilmer Co. High school teacher, added. "This makes it affordable, user-friendly and best of all, I've never gotten a busy signal."

Better than a year ago, WVNET obtained an NSF grant for over a million dollars. This grant was to be used for installation of Internet sites throughout the state. At the present time, there are over 20 sites.

"We're hoping to blanket as much of the state as possible," Sidney Jack, director of the computing center, explained. "WVNET is trying to make connectivity to the Internet a local call for most West Virginia residents."

According to Jack, there are currently approximately 50 GSC and 60 Nicholas County Center users.

"We are not in the business of making money," he emphasized. "In the next few months, we will be expanding with four new ports. Basically, that's where the \$15 monthly is going to. WVNET is here to save you money."

"For the price," Jason Conrad, GSC staff member, stated, "it's an extremely good deal."

"It's a great way to access information quickly and easily," Daniel Reed, central office staff member, mentioned. "I would recommend surfing the Net to

keep in touch with today's world and technology."

WVNET is currently installing modem pools for dial-in access to the Internet at public higher education campuses throughout West Virginia. The basic cost for this service is \$15 per month, paid by the individual user. The \$15 covers a limit of 80 hours of usage per month. If you enroll in the service between the 1st and 20th of a month, your first payment will be due the first day of the following month after the next month, and will be due on the first day of each month thereafter. If you enroll in the service between the 21st and the last day of the month, your first payment will be due on the first day of the month after the next month, and will be due on the first day of each month thereafter as well. You will in effect get a full month plus a few days free at the beginning. The preferred payment plan is via automatic deduction from your credit card. However, as an alternative, you may pay by check.

The WVNET dialup Internet service, hosted in Glenville, is intended to be as cost-effective, nonbureaucratic and user-friendly as possible. It is intended to support the missions and goals of higher education, public education, libraries and state and local government. These missions and goals include education, research, administration, community service and economic development. Our local WVNET users are connected for various reasons.

"I dabble around in business a bit, check the stock mar-

ket and launch advertisements on the Net," retired Monongahela Power Company employee John Gibson of Sutton explained. "It's very valuable."

"My sister-in-law had to do a paper on abortion," student Patricia Crimm commented. "We got on Internet and found all kinds of stuff. Plus, I've found several crafts for my preschoolers. I loved it and they did too."

"My kids use it a lot," Joe Wilmoth, member of the GSC staff, mentioned. "As for me, I'm still experimenting and learning everything."

"It's an incredible expansion," Matthew Minney, GSC student teacher, said, "bringing the world a lot closer."

To proceed in acquiring your own Internet account, pick up, fill out and return a Modem Access Account Form from the Glenville State College Computer Center. The Computer Center is located in Louis Bennett down the hall from the Cashier's Office. An account's user-id and password are included and ready for immediate use.

"This is Glenville's road to the information super highway," Jack explained. "Student, faculty, staff and the community now have local access to the World Wide Web."

"This is an invaluable resource for students and employed people," Paul Macom, instructor at Glenville State said.

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