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### Miss Kanawhachen 1995-1996

Miss Melissa Stinson receiving her crown from former Miss Kanawhachen, Vicki Schultz. Photo by Karl Wilson.



Our Japanese friends share a little of themselves on Valentine's Day. Photo by Karl Wilson.

### **President Simmons Addresses Senate Bill**

#### Lisa Belknap staff writer

Friday February 11th, President Simmons held a faculty meeting in the Heflin Center to address a few areas of interest to GSC staff.

He began the meeting by congratulating Gayle Burkowski on earning her Doctorate. Then, went on to discuss a fund raising campaign that will begin in the Spring.

The campaign launched by the Glenville State College Foundation Inc. will have two main focuses. The first will be raising money for the students in the shape of scholarships and help with books. The second focus will be on faculty development.

A faculty development committee has been formed with equal representation from the divisions. It will give advice to the fund raising foundation on how to construct the fund raisers and how the funds should be used.

A second committee has been formed for Glenville State's 125th year celebration in 1997. President Simmons believes it is a great time to "highlight" Glenville State College. He feels that by having a committee working in advance we will be successful in attracting nationally known guest speakers, who may have booked schedules. He suggested having cultural events, lecture series, and quite possibly a 125th year logo.

From there, Simmons went on to discuss different Senate and House bills that affected faculty. The most crucial of these being Senate Bill 547. It was passed the final day of the 1995 Legislative Session and incorporates five committees with the goal of bringing quality education to the students in this state: *Committee on Change, charged* with proposing means to

facilitate change; Committee on Community and Technical Colleges, charged with bringing more focus within the systems on serving the regional needs for technical education; Committee on Technology, charged with developing ideas that

will cause the systems to be based more on a technological approach for the delivery of education;

Committees on Quality and Access, charged with developing ideas for improving the quality and the access to education in West Virginia.

It is believed if the schools pay competitively, even at the risk of working with a smaller staff, they will attract a more qualified staff and then more students. So, the first step will be to raise faculty salaries to 100% of peer averages.

The second step is, within 5 years, move faculty salaries to 90% of the SREB peer averages for WVU and 95% of all other institutions. The third step is to bring the uniform employee classification and salary policy to full funding the 2001

Each college has submitted a 5 year plan to the Governors office outlining all of the above. The Governor and the Secretary of Education and the Arts, Barbara Harmon Shamberger, went over them to ensure that they met the demands of the 547. President Simmons announced he and his administrative staff would be attending a meeting Friday and Saturday (the 11th and 12th) in Charleston.

The meeting, called by Ms. Shambeger, was an assemblage of WVA college and university presidents brought together to determine whether everyone was up to par with their five-year forecasts and to discuss strategic financial planning.

Upon returning, Simmons says GSC has done everything in conjunction with the senate bill and we are where we need to be. "Our enrollment is up and we are not that far off of our forecasted budget." Through fund raisers, recruiting and sharing resources with other West Virginia schools we should be able to close the gap in finances by the year 2001. "I think there's a great future for this college," Simmons said.

### Commentary



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### **The Value of Character**

Just how important is character as a balancing factor in our political figures and Presidents in particular? Is it not in our best interest to insure the election of those who have proven superior in wisdom and excelled at the better institutions of higher learning? Do we really want the not so bright in charge of our country? After all, won't this affect which issues they back and the policies they represent? Well, over two decades ago whether knowingly or not, Americans have put this subject to the test and the answer appears to be as plain as the writing on the wall.

America begin its history by electing a young soldier named George Washington as the first president. George had no formal education beyond elementary due to financial circumstances. However, his mother taught him to the best of her ability at home. He displayed a love for knowledge and throughout his life he continued to read and try to grasp more information about the world around him. He even tried to keep up with the popular novels of his day such as *Tom Jones*.

George was never deemed brilliant in affairs of the books and was therefore at some disadvantage on this note, but he was wise in his understanding of those around him. Knowing full well that his task was a large one, he armed himself with some of the most brilliant minds of his day. Apparently, he was secure enough in who he was that he had no problem in accepting wise council. In fact, he knew that for them to do their best for our country, they would need a common balancing factor in their midst and he could supply that.

Although he did not have scholarly skills to parade, he did possess something much more important in the recipe for good governing. It's much like a blind person that surprises you because he can see you better without his eyes than you saw yourself by looking in a mirror with 20-20 vision. He understood life and he knew about people and their needs. He was a man with character. He was known for his gentleness, his calm attitude, his honesty and his sense of fairness. He didn't let trifling things cloud his perception. He married an older widowed woman who already had children and didn't seem to worry about what his peers might think. He paid all his slaves and made provisions that they were to be freed--a concept not realized at this time by some of his influential comrades. In all things he seemed to know the most important lesson in life, "Treat others as you would have them treat you."

Of course, George wasn't the only wise leader who proved to us that the greatest wisdom lies within our character more than an acquired knowledge or studies of a dead man's philosophies. We also can brag of Abraham Lincoln as well. His name is forever embossed in time with its characterization--Honest Abe. Ask any school boy what they know about these presidents and it won't likely be their campaign speeches or political party. More often they will tell you how honesty paid off "in the chopping of the cherry tree" and "the long walk back to return some coins of little value."

Does it matter whether or not these stories are fact or myth? No--the fact that they remain today is proof enough that character is the only true lasting value that anyone has to offer. Yes--character is the main ingredient when it comes to making a good president.

Whatever you may be sure of, be sure of this: that you are dreadfully like other people. --James Russell Lowell

# **Gay Rights Revisited**

Dear Editor:

Newspapers are good places for debate, the sharing of ideas and the open discussion of issues. In response to Todd Longanacre's article about the gay rights issue, I would like to offer my thoughts on the subject.

There are many people who claim to know about the gay "life-style." The term alone implies that the group shares an overwhelming code of behaviors and attributes. There is no single gay "life-style," just as there is no single straight "life-style." There is too-great a diversity of human interactions.

The American Psychiatric Association and American Psychological Association removed homosexuality from their respective lists of mental disorders in the early 70s. Yes, gays were once considered sick and mentally deficient, just as learning disabled people were once considered to be possessed by demons. Myths can be hard to overcome, but our progressive movement to find the truth is part of what makes humanity so special.

I am a secular humanist,

#### Dear Editor: ,

Todd Longanacre has stepped across the line. In America, you have the right to say whatever you like, but I'm afraid his downright hateful, ignorant, pointless "arguments" against homosexuality were intolerable. Had Mr. Longanacre written about women, blacks or some other ethnic group in this fashion, there is no way his garbage would have made it to print. (At least I hope not.) And vet you, the editors, gave this Jerk a forum for spreading hatred and intolerance of other people. That is completely inexcusable.

To point out all the holes in Todd's article would take all day but here's a few: 1) Not to offend any Christians, but the Bible isn't necessarily the greatest source for a comprehensive study of human and animal social behavior. Contrary to Mr. Longanacre's opinion, there are and I try to respect the religious beliefs of others, but I know that quoting Old Testament laws selectively to rationalize a pre-existing dislike of gays is spiritually and intellectually bankrupt. The Old Testament also forbids allowing menstruating women to handle food. Must we follow all the laws?

The human race is in no danger of dying out because roughly ten percent of the population is gay. Many gays have children and provide them with good homes.

Anti-gay groups do not want definitions of family to include gay households, but the change is underway. Many companies, including AT&T and Disney, offer benefits for the domestic partners of gay employees.

What "special rights" are gays asking for? The right to walk down the street without being beaten to death? The right to create a home? These are rights everyone in America has. The right to marry and share mutual property? Again, straight people are allowed to do that, even when fifty percent of them fail.

Anti-gay speech-makers like Anita Bryant, Jerry Falwell and Pat Buchannon love to say that being gay is a choice. That allows them to play the blame game. Bigots don't have to feel bad when gays are killed, because they can say that the gays brought it on themselves. The bigots profess to "love the sinner, but hate the sin."

Why would anyone choose to be gay? It means you get yelled at, ostracized, ridiculed, beaten and sometimes killed. Don't kid yourselves that it is a whimsical decision someone makes to be controversial or cool. "Gay" is something you are, not something you do.

To answer Mr. Longanacre's last question: yes, homophobia does imply a fear of something similar. Most people would be horrified to learn that gay men and women lead the same unremarkable lives that straight people do: getting a job, making a home with a loving partner and creating their own piece of the American dream.

Terry Estep

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many well documented cases of homosexuality in nature, among animals. I don't think the other heterosexual animals really care either and animals 2) People are sent to mental institutions if, and only if,

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#### Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to last week's In My Opinion, which discussed the issue of gay rights. The first paragraph or so actually sounded somewhat promising, and I eagerly read on. However, I quickly discovered that Mr. Longanacre's claim to try and learn more about homosexuals was just a farce. From what I gathered, the only new information he obtained was that homosexuals preferred to be called gay. I personally don't consider this to be a wealth of new knowledge. Now, maybe learning this much was a great accomplishment for Mr. Longanacre, I truly don't know; however, there was no evidence to support his stating that he "...decided to learn more about homosexuals and what drives them to live that life-style: to learn what makes them tick ... " was nothing more than a heaping load of BS.

After reading the entire article, I quickly discovered that anyone who had called Mr. Longanacre a homophobe in the past was justified. I found that Mr. Longanacre conveniently overlooked the fact that he's not God when he stated in so many words that gays and lesbians couldn't possibly be Christians. What right does he or anyone have to judge others? And, Mr. Longanacre, what exactly is normal? Is there some chart lying around the Mercury office that you forgot to share with the rest of the campus? If so, please print it sometime soon so that I can find out what I need to change about myself in order to fit into your idea of what is normal.

I'd like to finish up by commenting on the comparisons made between homosexuality and sex with a live chicken or little babies...they're ridiculous. Engaging in relationships with someone of the same sex does not mean that those same people are into bestiality or something as terrible as molesting an innocent child. I'm afraid that someone proved their ignorance with that statement. However, there was one thing that Mr. Longanacre said that I agree with...Homophobes are uneducated. And this isn't because they don't want to tolerate homosexuals, but because they don't want to acknowledge anyone that has a different life-style or way of thinking is actually of value.

Sincerely, April Estep

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they represent a threat to themselves or others. People are <u>not</u> sent to mental institutions because they prefer to be with members of their own sex. Maybe Mr. Longanacre should be sent to an institution due to his paranoid and delusional belief system -- maybe?

3) If you were gay, and some one like Todd was spewing venom at you, wouldn't you want some federal assistance?

The causes of homosexuality are not very clear. They involve genetics, blocking of testosterone during pregnancy, environmental and a whole slew of factors well beyond Mr. Longanacre's comprehension. My point is: SO WHAT!

Nearly one of every ten people are either gay or bisexual. That means that everyone probably knows someone who is gay or bi regardless of whether they are open about it. Who cares? To be threatened by gays; to think that by being around gays or talking to gays will make you gay is just dumb. It's so dumb that you almost have to feel pity for someone as grossly misinformed as Mr. Longanacre.

By giving Todd space in The Mercury, you reinforce stereotypes of West Virginians as rednecks who are intolerant of



We've all heard, on more than one occasion, the popular West Virginia statement "The rich people keep a gittin' richer, and the poor folk keep a gittin' poorer". This commonly used phrase has created, in most

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people, a false perception of the more fortunate, successful businessmen in our state. As mentality has it, the notion is that if you're wealthy you should be required (forced) to give away more of your profits. This "forced compassion" usually means paying more taxes than you already do.

Now bear with me as I really go against this popular notion and misguided mentality. Unlike many folks, I do not automatically assume that rich people are evil, cold-hearted and greedy. On the contrary, I happen to know that there are folks out there who were not born as "silver-spoon" babies. They were born into the typical "common folk" WV family. The difference is that they still believed in the American dream. They accomplished their goals and made their dreams come true. Indeed, they are now financially fortunate! They are successful in their endeavors and can be considered as producers in this country because they now employ others.

My question is why should these "producers" be punished for their success? Why should they continue to be slammed with higher taxes just because they have worked hard and attained the American dream? In my opinion, we need to totally restructure the current taxing system in the state; moreover, in the nation, thereby making it more pro-business. We need to create incentives for hard work and determination rather than pun-

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ish our country's achievers, After all, why even try to be successful in America if you know you'll be slammed with more taxes only to support other people, many of whom lack your work ethic?

If we give tax breaks to these business owners, they'll be able to keep more of what they've earned. Consequently, they could then afford to expand their businesses even more, thereby employing more of those unemployed poor people who "keep a gittin' poorer". Ever heard of common sense?



4:42 a.m. in a beat up '82 Chevette, blue. A badly dubbed copy of *Rubber Soul* is playing in the tape deck. The busted passenger's side speaker cracks every time a pot hole is hit, and that is frequently.

"So, like I was saying, look at her and I say, 'You ever kill a man?' right, and she says to me, 'Would it make it easier for you if I had?' Don't you hate that when they answer you with a question like that?"

"Gotta hate that."

"Yeah. So I said, "No!" Hah, I said "No!" man, ain't that great?"

"That's a hoot."

"That's what I said. So have you?"

"Have I what?"

"Killed a man? You know, ripped his heart out and drank his blood?"

"That's disgusting man. Why you gotta say stuff like that?" "I don't know."

"Well, cut it out all right."

"Yeah man, OK. Hey, did you watch America's Most Wanted last night?"

"No way, I hate that crap. It's all a bunch of tabloid TV. Hype the crime for a rating."

"What do you mean, that's good stuff on that show. You know what was on last night?"

"I said I didn't watch it."

"They had Vampires on there man. A whole freakin' hoard of them."

"Now, you don't believe that crap do you?"

Not like, undead, freaky, bloodsucking monsters. I mean cult freaks that cut up babies and drink their blood. They say they started out in California, you know all that weird crazy stuff starts out there. There coming out east now. This freak they had on last night was last seen in Lexington Kentucky."

"Of all the places for a Vamp to show up. You know, my brother went to school down there."

"UK?"

"Yeah."

"It was pretty freaky what he was doing. they said he. . . "

"I thought you weren't going to talk about that stuff."

"Sorry man. It's just to weird. The things people do I mean. I wonder what makes a person act up like that."

"Must be something missing inside, make's them hungry. Pretty crazy. What time is it?"

"Close to 5:00. Why you gotta be somewhere?"

"My skin's really sensitive to sun, so I've got to get in before it gets to daylight out."

"That's pretty weird man, I was wondering what you were doing out so late, early I guess I mean. I just figured you were going to work or something."

"I'm getting hungry. Do you want to stop for a bite?"

"Yeah, sure. I think the next town's just a couple of miles up the road here. . ."



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## "Broken Arrow"

How much money would the U.S. Government be willing to pay to retrieve one of their nuclear weapons if it ended up in the hands of a crazy man with the capability of setting it off anywhere in the United States? That is what the government finds themselves doing when one of their top Air Force pilots turns on his country and steals two nuclear weapons.

John Travolta ("Grease") stars in the action thriller as Air Force pilot Major Deacon. Being passed over so many times for a promotion to rank of General, Travolta takes things in his own hands as he steals two nuclear warheads and tries to black mail the U.S. for a couple billion dollars.

Christian Slater ("Bed of Roses") co-stars as Deacon's copilot, air force pilot Captain Hale. After almost being killed by his friend Deacon, Hale sets out across the desert with the park ranger played by Samantha Mathis ("Little Women") in an attempt to stop Major Deacon and retrieve the two stolen nukes.

Director John Woo ("Hard Target") makes his second movie a smashing success as he keeps the action going throughout the entire movie. The action and suspense that you see in this action thriller will have you on the edge of your seat.

John Travolta's portrayal of a bad guy is superb. He portrays a crazy villain to a "T" as he fears nothing throughout the whole movie. Former Los Angeles Raider football star Howie Long makes the schools? his movie debut in the action thriller as one of Travolta's men.

So, if you want to get out and see a good movie that keeps money in ways not too cool? you on the ends of your toes, I would recommend that you see "Broken Arrow"

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In stating as fully as I could how things really were, it was often very difficult and I wrote awkwardly and the awkwardness is what they called my style. All mistakes and awkwardness are easy to see, and they called it style.

-Ernest Hemingway

# The Pickens Sall Stand-ZAP

### Comedy Showcase

Residents of Pickens Hall and LBH are encouraged to participant in this comedy competition. Each participant will be given 10 minutes to prove how funny he or she REALLY is. You will be judged on originality and creativity. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$30 for first place and \$20 for second place.

The Showcase will take place on Thursday, March 7, 1996 at 8 p.m. in Pickens Hall Main Lounge. If you would like to participate, then sign-up in Scott or Wagner Wing offices.

Anyone is welcome to come and watch the fun. For more information, contact Michele Hansonat extention 262

### **Novel Ideas For A Series**

#### Terry L. Estep staff writer

Instead of focusing on onc novel, I'd like to point out a few examples of series fiction on the market. These provide an ongoing story, usually by a single author, that can become addictive

In the mystery genre, there are the novels of Sue Grafton. Beginning with A is for Alibi. these novels focus on the cases of Kinsey Millhone, Kinsey has plenty of attitude and she needs it. She is spiritual kin to private eye V.I. Warshawski, from the series of novels by Sara Paretsky. Both series offer complex mysteries, exciting action and cynical humor.

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Tom Kennedy

Horror fans can check out Brian Lumley's Necroscope serics, about a war between humanity and a race of mutant vampires known as the Wamphyri.

Also, worth a look are the Ravenloft books, based on the popular AD&D game. These novels focus on a world where vampires, werewolves and demons are widespread.

Science fiction readers should enjoy the Dragonriders of Pern series by Anne McCaffrey. Battletech and Robotech tie-in with games and television series. The Mode series by Piers Anthony offers a trans-dimensional storyline that may have inspired Sliders There are also about twenty million novels based on incarnations of Star Trek

For plain action and adventure, it doesn't get much better than the Mack Bolan--Executioner series.

For plenty of combat and little else, try my personal favorite, the post-apocalypse buttkick series Ashes, by horror novelist William Johnstone. You'll find plenty of mayhem for your five dollars.

Like a good TV show or comic book, series fiction can provide an on-going format for developing plots and characters. Or, like bad television, they can serve up the same story over and over again. Depending on what you want, it is easy to find a series to suit your needs.

#### "Scapino A Look At

Eric Ware staff writer

Being called the "craziest, funniest" comedy, the GSC Drama Department presents Scapino, an adaption of a 17th-century play by Jim Dale. A play "fun to work on", states actor Ezekiel Flowers, this comedy will leave audiences laughing in the aisles, with its outrageous plots.

For her first performance (and her first on-stage kiss) as the lead role Giacinto, Shannon Carr plays the wife of Ottavio. played by Chad Nickles. Being the lead in her first play, Carr explained, made her "very nervous...with two other girls trying out for the part...I made the part as the waitress." However, when the role opened up again, Carr was asked to play the lead

"I was so excited...and nervous," said Carr. "The crew, (and) the cast is just great! (Sometimes) we all just crack up laughing! It's a blast!"

Also playing the lead part as Sylvestro, actor Ezekiel Flowers plays Scapino's friend who tries to keep Scapino out of trouble. After being involved in drama at Lincoln High, veteran actor Flowers has been involved in plays, on and off stage, and is pursuing a major

in Theatre/English Liberal Arts. Being President/Director of Alpha Psi Omega, Flowers relates that he likes acting as well as directing.

"I enjoy both", says Flowers, "and have a blast! (No one) is going to leave this play without laughing."

Among the rest of the cast, Alpha Psi Omega Business Manager, Wanda Roff, performs two roles as a nurse and a "madam" running a brothel?

"I, again, (have) a split personality role...playing a saint and a street walker" Roff says amusingly. Being lured into acting her freshman year, Roff says she's "enjoyed theatre so much ... (she's) going to grad school!"

"If we could bottle what keeps these people (actors) laughing and joking at three in the morning," replied Flowers, "we could be the richest company in America."

The rest of the cast includes: Chad Nickles, Ottavio; Jamie Atkins, Scapino; Chris Gravely, Argante; John Parker, Chris Kenna, Geronte; Leandro; Wayne Richmond, Carto; Mary Grace Gainer, Zerbinetta; Chris Hopkins, headwaiter; Jeremy Burke, Drexil King II, waiters; and Jenny Mulinx, waitress.

Do we abort--or pray in Did the president make 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.

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 breath?

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

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

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### **Between Home and Heaven**

#### Teresa Clark staff writer

Talent strikes again in Glenville State College's Art Gallery. This time artists from around the United States put their photographs on display for GSC students to see what's "between home and heaven". A showing of contemporary American landscape photography.

The photos are not actual photographs but "printer's proofs." All the pictures are reproductions of the original photographs. There are many colorful pictures but there are black and white pictures, too. The black and white pictures are printed as "tri tones" in three ink colors. More information on how the prints were made is available on the walls of the Art Gallery.

As you stroll around the Art Gallery, you will be taken around the country from top to bottom. A picture from Linda Connor called "Lightning Nevada" taken in 1976 shows an arm of lightening reaching down from above, hitting the earth. In this photo, you can see mists and the beauty of lightning.

In a photo by Larry Schwarm called "Grass Fire near Cassoday Kansas" taken in 1990, it looks like the sun came out of the sky and fell onto the earth thus creating a huge ball of bright yellow fire offset by a dark sky and dry grass. Another photo taken by Larry Schwarm "Snow, near Greenburg, Kansas" taken in 1989 is very light. You can hardly tell the ground from the sky except for a thin line of pastel pink and blue. If you look real hard and close you can see electrical poles way out in the distance.

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Have you ever heard of the Biblical burning bush? Well, you must come see Steel Stillman's photo "Red Plane Tree". This photo captures what seems to be a tree on fire. And finally for those of you who are simply into lakes and trees come see Joe Maloney's "East Branch, Delaware River, New York". This photo reveals what many West Virginians see everyday, a bunch of trees reflected in a calm lake or pond.

These are just a few of the beautiful photographs that are being featured in the Fine Arts Gallery. Come see what is between heaven and earth.



#### Dear J, My boyfriend and I have been dating for eight months. We have sex and he refuses to wear a condom. I would prefer that we use them, but I don't know how to approach him. What should I do if he refuses? I don't want to lose him.

#### Help,

Confused Dear Confused,

The first thing you need to consider is your own protection. By having sex without using condoms, you may have already jeopardized your personal health. According to



will you comprehend, promise me forever and always be a friend. If I whisper that I want you, could you leave this all behind;

guide me through confusion out into the night. If I tell you that I love you, will you look me in the eyes; forget the world around us--severe all the ties. If I ever hurt you, please don't turn away; let me ease the pain.

If I promise you forever--1 mean what I say.

GISC WEEK Award-winning comedian Cary Long is coming to GSC on Wednesday April 17th as part of GSC Week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "correct and consistent use of latex condoms during intercourse--vaginal, anal, or oral--can greatly reduce a person's risk of acquiring or transmitting STDs, including HIV infection."

I hope that before you became intimate with him, you discussed your sexual histories with one another. I can't emphasize enough the importance of honesty (sexual and general) in a relationship today. When you make the decision to become sexually involved with someone, you're basically taking on everyone that they've ever had sex with.

If you have that honesty with your partner, I applaud you. If you don't, maybe you need to take a closer look at your relationship. I feel that if he loves you, he should be willing to use condoms out of respect for you. As for the chance that you've already taken by not using them to begin with, I would consider getting together and being tested for HIV. If he doesn't want to go, then go by yourself.

Assuming that your relationship has been monogamous for eight months, if either one of you were infected, that is sufficient time for antibodies to show up in the blood.

I realize that you care about this guy and that you don't want to lose him, but is that worth the possibility of losing your life? Protect yourself...

Drop questions, comments or complaints off at the GSC mailroom in the Administration Building or the Mercury office c/o Jennifer Frame, or catch me on campus and talk to me personally. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

The Sand Fork Baptist Church is hosting the Gospel Team from Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, February 28, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. Gospel Team is an interdenominational group of dynamic Christians studying at Grove City College in western PA. This group travels to various churches with the purpose of leading worship through songs, scripture, testimonies and skits. Members of Gospel Team gather from diverse hometowns, backgrounds, areas of study and interests. The cohesive bond of this diverse group is their love for Jesus Christ. All funding for their ministry is achieved through freewill offerings and donations from the churches they serve. Pastor, Rev. Robert Nicholas invites everyone to come and worship with Gospel Team at the Sand Fork Baptist Church. For further information call 462-7184 or 462-4118.



a member of the SAACS will kiss the pig!!



Gallery Display from "Between Home and Heaven".

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# **On Campus**

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### Campus Happenings

#### Computer Lab

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

#### **Tutorial Services**

If interested in information about becoming a tutor or recieving tutoring services contact Brenda Wilson in the Education Department located in Clark Hall, Ext. 304.

Politics is more dangerous than war, for in war you are only killed once. --Winston Churchill.

#### Summer Internship for Business Student

BFGOODRICH Aerospace has expressed interest in offering a summer internship to a business administration student. The internship will offer full-time employment for the summer months, and the participating student will be considered a temporary employee.

The work in which the student intern will be engaged will cover a variety of responsibilities. The staff of BFGOODRICH especially mentioned an interest to involve the intern in quality assurance measurements and stockroom management and control. As well as the opportunity to apply and integrate the content skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom, the intern will also have the chance to enhance communication skills and human relation skills.

To qualify for participation in a Division of Business internship, a student must be a full time student with a grade point average of at least 2.5 and be of junior or senior standing. The student must also have the recommendation of his/her academic advisor.

Any interested student should contact his/her advisor before March 31, 1996. The advisor will recommend to BFGOODRICH any student who qualifies for internship consideration. From the pool of students interested in this internship, BFGOODRICH will select the participant.



This Monday, February 19th, the literary society will meet to discuss the John Steinbeck masterpiece *Cannery Row.* The meeting will be held at 4:15 p.m. in the Administration Building, room 308.

## **Women's Leadership Conference**

Michele Mansfield contributing writer

The Student Development Center will be sponsoring a trip for Glenville State College students to George Mason University in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, March 2 for the 6th Annual Women's Leadership Conference.

This one-day conference will provide a forum for discussion of issues and concepts concerning the development, enhancement and effectiveness of women student leadership. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet other students, professionals and community leaders and learn about such topics as leadership development, personal empowerment, women in politics, gender and sexism, leadership and cultural difference, and more!

Keynote speakers for the conference include Susan Rook, the host of TalkBack Live, on CNN, and Martha Langelan, the past president of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center and a former economist at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Financial assistance and transportation to the conference are available for interested students. Staff and faculty are also invited to attend.

For more information, stop by the Student Development Center, 202 Heflin Center, or contact Deb Hatcher 462-4113, ext 250 or Michele Mansfield 462-4118.

# **Communications Class** Visits Learning Center

Amy Jo Rowan staff writer

On Tuesday, January 30, Professor Yvonne King's Mass Media Communications class easier for the students to understand how, for example, CNN works. This will help them in their communication careers," King explains.

The Learning Center's



visited the New Distance Learning Center located in the Robert F. Kidd Library. This group of ten students was one of the first to experiment with the technology available to them through this complex.

The class was given an overview of the center by library personnel Ed Messenger, Gail Hamrick and Don Phillips. However, they were then free to experiment with all of the equipment on their own. This included broadcasting to a classroom in another part of the library. The students took turns broadcasting, viewing and corresponding between the center and the exterior classroom.

This experience will aid King's class in future assignments. They will be producing commercials and a news broadcast, using the center's equipment, later in the semester.

"Having these possibilities right at our fingertips makes it

main purpose, for now, is to have a high-tech, user friendly, multimedia, electronic classroom available to the faculty.

In the future, the center will also serve as a distance learning classroom for the Lewis and Nicholas County extension branches. Classes taught in the learning center will be broadcast to these extensions. Students in the branch classrooms, through the use of the high-tech media equipment (cameras, monitors, microphones, computers etc.), will be as much a part of the class as those in the GSC classroom.

King was impressed by the presentation Messenger, Hamrick and Phillips made for the class. She also felt this was a vital opportunity for her students. "Many are going into public relations and this will be an invaluable experience to them. It's like a look into the 21st Century."



### **GSC Offers New Business Programs**

The Division of Business at Glenville State College is offering three new options under its Associate in Arts Administrative Science degree. In addition to accounting, banking and general business, the division now offers options of management, marketing/retailing and small business administration.

Management, Marketing/ Retailing and Small Business Administration were added to bring more focus on meeting specific needs of students, business and industry. The following provides a description of each specialization.

The Management option prepares the graduate for such positions as management trainee, supervisor, department head, office manager or branch manager. The curriculum prepares the student with broadbased management knowledge and skills, elements of accounting and economics and human relations.

In Marketing/Retailing, the graduate is prepared for entry-level employment in sales, merchandise management, buying or department supervising. The solid background provided will allow students to seek employment opportunities with department stores, speciality stores, mass merchandisers, telemarketing firms and the multitude of business that offer goods or services for sale.

The Small Business Administration option is designed for those who would like to start their own business or who are currently mangers of existing businesses. The curriculum is designed to cover a basic background of management, retailing, international marketing, business law and insurance. The specialized courses for this program are designed to present the unique characteristics that are intrinsic to small business, thereby providing the student with an awareness of the concepts and philosophies that are important to small business success

The Banking option pre-

pares the graduate for careers in commercial banks and is only available at the Nicholas County Center. This program is offered in conjunction with the American Institute of Banking. The program is designed to facilitate initial employment in the banking industry or to increase the upward mobility potential of students currently employed in the banking or finance industry.

In Accounting, the graduate is prepared to seek employment in a variety of entry-level accounting positions including bookkeeper, junior accountant, accounting clerk, cost clerk and payroll clerk. The curriculum provides the individual with a background in accounting principles, theories and practice, and an introduction to computer application and communications.

The General Business program is designed to provide a basic and fundamental knowledge of the field of business for entry into a variety of business

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# Awakening

#### Russle Tickle contributing writer

To be awakened before 4 a.m. for any reason other than a sudden death or a raging house fire pisses me off. So, the sound of screeching tires and someone yelling "lay it on boy, give it hell" kind of got my undivided attention last Sunday morning at 3:50 a.m.

Some of the local boys, after a night of drinking beer, chasing "wimmen", and picking music down at Billy Bobs and Jim Bos, decided it would be a hoot to crank up the ole '72 Chevy Impala and run down some animal or other. Now reverse didn't work but the two forward gears worked real well. The trick was turning around; even that didn't seem too hard, just whip around through the neighbor's yard.

This is where the boys lost the big picture. To them it looked simple. Just drive through the drainage ditch, make a hard right turn, jump over the 18" retaining wall, navigate between the oak tree and fourteen foot TV receiving dish, no problem.

Well the boys failed to see just how close that ditch was to that wall. The front end jumped as planned, but the back stopped cold right on the wall. The boys tried, they sure did "lay it on" and God knows they certainly did "give it hell." But, all they accomplished was to spin until the car was bottomed out and the tires were off the ground. No way would this stop the boys; they just got more innovative.

You see, these boys were from "West-by-God-Virginia." They had been stuck up to the running boards on logging roads while deer hunting and buried up to the axle during spring thaw getting that last load of wood; this little mess should be easy. All they needed was a little more cussing and a lot more grunting.

Well now, I've seen some sights in my life; the great pyramids of Egypt, the canals of Venice, the leaning tower of Pisa; but what I witnessed that morning ranks up there with the rarest. These good ole boys were running around like two cats trapped in the garage with the neighbor's dog, then suddenly they just stopped. The light of the idea had come on with such force that I am sure I heard it click. The boys decided that they need only give their car a shove with the girlfriend's car that just happened to be handy.

This is where the logic, or lack of it, became even more mysterious to me. The aforementioned ole Chevy weighed about five thousand pounds. The boys, hillbillies all, intended to push this dead weight, bottomed out, hunk of Detroit steel with the smallest Ford I have ever seen; it looked like a fly trying to push an elephant out of a sand trap.

Needless to say, that Impala was still there at this writing. I suspect that they will get it out next weekend. I heard Billy Bob has a keg of beer and a brand new four string bass guitar. I also suspect that I will set my clock for 3:30 a.m. No way am I missing this show!

P.S. The preceding account is based on actual events of extracurricular activities involving three Glenville State College students.

*The Time Is NOW!! Rush TKE!* For more information, call 462-8855.

### **SAACS Sponsor Kiss-A-Pig Contest**

Patrica Drake staff writer

This contest will be held February 19-28, 1996 to help raise the funds needed to go to the National American Chemical Convention in New Orleans the week of March 23, 1996.

To participate in the contest, just put your money in the jar of your favorite--or least favorite candidate. The one who raises the most money by the end of the contest <u>WINS</u> the opportunity to Kiss-A-Pig. If the lucky winner wishes to decline the privilege of Kissing-A-Pig, he/she may make a donation to the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and a member of the SAACS will kiss the pig.

Collection jars will be located in the lobby of the Heflin Center and outside of the Records Office in the Administration Building from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. A running total will be tallied daily to keep you up-to-date on who is in the lead.

Final voting will be at noon on Tuesday, February 27. The lucky winner will be announced on Wednesday, February 28 at 1 p.m. in the amphitheater. We encourage <u>everyone</u> to come, bring their camera and witness the BIG

#### KISS!!

At the current count, there are 34 candidates. Some of the Daring Souls are as follows: Dr. Simmons, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Cottrill, Dr. Chisler, Dr. Vallombroso (SAACS sponsor), Mr. Meads (who says he will <u>only</u> kiss his alligator should he win), Ms. Romeo, Dr. Sheridan, Dr. Palm, Coach James, Coach Rodriguez, Coach Burkhammer, Mr. Tubesing, Mr. Haan, Mark Loudin and The Old Coot (Allen Carr). If anyone is interested in participating and the SAACS have not yet contacted you to place your name on a contribution jar, please let us know by calling Dr. Vallombroso at ext. 231 or tell any of the SAACS club members.

We hope this contest is taken all in good fun and that everyone enjoys the thrill of the competition. Remember, voting will be February 19-27 and the BIG KISS will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28 in the amphitheater.

The person with the largest sum of money at the end of the contest will win the opportunity to Kiss-A-Pig, so dig deep into your pockets and support the Chemical Society.

Don't forget you cameras!!!

### Sports

#### **Heavyweight Boxer Morrison** Lady Pioneers Win 2 out of 3

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Although the Lady Pioneers have struggled through much of the season, they have been surging rapidly as of late. On Wednesday, February 7, the team traveled to Institute to take on West Virginia State.

The Pioneers rallied to a 6 point lead by half time and held on for the win at 65-57. Lori Charnoplosky was the lead scorer for the Pioneers with 22 points. Tanisha Brown had 13 points as well as 5 rebounds. Senior Marty Rose led the team in boards with 9.

Saturday, February 10, the team was on the road again, this time traveling to Salem to play Salem-Teikyo University. The results of this game were not as sweet as those in Institute, as the Pioneers were obliviated 99-53.

Freshman sensation Tricia Swink played a very strong game however, going 6 for 6 from the free throw line, 1 for 1 from three point range, leading the team in points with 13, and pulling down 5 boards.

Freshman Amy Thomas was also perfect from the foul line sinking 4 in route to an 8 point total as well as managing to pull down 3 boards. Senior Marty Rose, one of the most

consistent players on the squad racked up 13 points and 5 rebounds.

Monday, February 12, the team packed their bags once again and traveled to Parkersburg to take on Ohio Valley. In this game the Pioneers proved that they absolutely are not going to quit until the season is completely over.

They went into the halfup by 10 and at the end won by the same difference at 80-70. Lori Charnoplosky had a tremendousgame with 20 points and 6 rebounds. Freshman duo Tricia Swink and Amy Thomas had 13 and 11 points respectively with both having 5 rebounds. Carla Curran and Marty Rose both had ten points and Tanisha Brown led the team in boards with 8.

Although this squad is not fairing well as far as wins go, they are not handing out any easy wins to their opponents.

They are sticking together no matter what and becoming stronger because of it. Head Coach Steve Harold will tell anyone he would travel to any game with these girls over any other team in the conference.

This is a young team with a committed coach, and a relentless hunger and the potential for a bright future. Their time will come.



Professional boxer Tommy Morrison has always maintained a dramatically upand-down career. However, the 27-year-old hit bottom before Saturday's scheduled bout against Arthur Weathers in Las Vegas with promoter Tony Holden's announcement that the powerful heavyweight has tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

"I understand that there are people concerned about me," Morrison commented in a statement issued Monday from his isolated Northeastern home. "I am fine.'

Additionally, the Jay, Oklahoma native asked his fans to pray for the children affected by the disease, according to USA Today. "I feel it would be selfish to ask you to say a prayer for me," he stated.

Holden commented that the boxer had expressed shock but did not break down when his promoter and trainers broke the news

"He's taken it like a champ," Holden insisted. "He knows he's had a promiscuous lifestyle in the past. He's taking it better than his team (of handlers)."

Basketball star Magic Johnson of the Los Angelas Lakers, who is also infected with the HIV virus, told ESPN he plans to call Morrison.

"Tommy's done a wonderful job in boxing, and now he can do a wonderful job in helping people educate themselves about HIV and AIDS. I hope he joins into that fight," said Johnson, who returned to the Lakers' lineup two weeks ago after a four-season absence from the NBA. "What he has to un-

derstand is to continue to be himself, continue to keep a smile or his face and just learn what he has to do to beat it."

According to his promoter. Morrison is already discussing getting involved in AIDS awareness efforts.

In the aftermath of his medical suspension by the Nevada Athletic Commission, comes another scare for other fighters. Nevada is the only major boxing state that requires HIV testing for professional fighters. Had the bout been staged in West Virginia, it would have gone on as scheduled.

Morrison's last bout occurred Oct. 7 in Atlantic City, N.J. British heavyweight Lennox Lewis spilled a good deal of Morrison's blood while scoring a sixth round TKO. Morrison is 45-3-1 in a just seven-year career with 39 knock outs

Do you believe West Virginia should require HIV testing for professional fighters?



"It pretty much ought to be mandatory. There are rules and regulations to every sport. HIV testing should be just another obligation." - Alex Canfield, student



"Boxing is a pretty bloody sport. It definitely should be required." - Mr. Paul Peck, professor of mathematics



blood test."

student

"For boxing, can see that." - Melony Sawicki, student

--Wade Samples, Photos by Gene Breza



Lori Charnoplosky totaled 50 points in last weeks games. Photo by Carl Wilson.

**Pioneer/Yellow Jacket Playback** 

**Minur** Ingram staff writer

The Pioneers, with a twogame winning streak over Wheeling Jesuit and Shepherd College, were confident going into Fleming Arena with an estimated 275 loyal Yellow Jacket 15pts: Unfortunately, the Yellow

fans. The West Virginia State squad was ready to give the Pioneers a rude awakening. The Yellow Jackets of State lead going into the half. The Pioneers leading scorers were Eric Contee with 13pts., Troy Sexton with 14pts. and Jeff Brockell with

Jackets of West Virginia State stung the hopes of the Pioneers with a score of 86-67 on Wednesday, the 7th of February.

The Pioneers on the come back trail after an upsetting defeat to West Virginia State, took

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quired. There isn't much difference between a regular physical and including a





WARNING! This article is rated CLFARA 30, as last weeks should have been. So, if you are an extreme conservative, an extreme liberal, a feminist, an animal rights activist, or over the age of 30, you may find the contents of this article offensive, distasteful, disgusting or disturbing. If you are not a member of the above groups, you may think its pretty damn funny.

This past Saturday was great wasn't it? Sixty five degrees in the middle of February! It was so great in fact that I decided to turn offESPN and go out on my back porch. The smell of the crisp, warm air, the bright radiant sun and the occasional song from a nearby bird made me long for Spring.

The weather was so great I was actually inspired to partake nsome physical activity. Before I quit running about eight months ago, I would run the 4 mile loop around Sycamore over and over intil the town cops, more professionally known as the "City Police," would make me quit because they were receiving too nany complaints about some "Blame mindless college student unnin'round scarin' cattle and takin' off with property!" I'll admit t. I stuffed my chainsaw down my skin tight lycra running tights. Farmer Johnson, tell your wife I'm not just a "gifted" young man.

Anyway, I'm 20 pounds heavier now and a bit out of shape to instead of running the 4 mile loop around Sycamore I chose to un the .0004 mile loop around Go-Mart. Things were going well intil after about 2 laps when I became severely dehydrated and was forced to go into Go-Mart and purchase a six pack of "Pepsi" und retreat once again to my back porch.

The great weather, combined with my six pack, made me hink of fond childhood memories. As two mourning doveslit ever o lightly upon the cabal I splice from, I thought I would partake none of my favorite childhood hobbies. So, placing my "Pepsi" in the table by my chair, I jumped to my feet and ran inside to grab ny pellet gun.

When I returned the doves where still there. However, when ran inside the "caffeine" in the "Pepsi" went to my head and I now aw six doves, and they were square dancing on the cable!

Taking ever so careful aim I squeezed off a shot and nailed one of the doves. As it fell to the ground my senses came back to ne and I saw that there were actually only two doves and now one of them lay dead.

The one left on the wire stared down at its dead mate and howed no intentions of flying away. It was then that the words of ny father from long ago went through my mind.

"...son, doves mate for life."

"Gee, Daddy, that's a long time to do it."

"Damn it boy, what I mean is they pair up and never find nother mate. Even if one of them dies the other will just stay ingle."

Remembering his words I began to feel ashamed of what I ad just done. As I looked up to the dove on the wire I could only magine the pain it was suffering. The thought of going through life lone was so hideous and depressing that I almost shed a tear for his poor creature. I then did what any descent, respectable, mature college student would have done. I shot it too.

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# Who's the Toughest Man

Munir Ingram staff writer

The Tough Man Contest consists of two weight classes, light-heavy weight, which ranges from 175 lbs. and under and heavyweight composed of 175 lbs. and above. The upcoming Tough Man contest in Parkersburg, WV, invites men from Ohio and West Virginia to show who's the toughest man.

Mike Sheperd known as "Kid Dynamite" in the boxing square, started training two months ago under the watchful eye of his trainer Leron Ramsey. In an interview Ramsey stated, "There's not too many competitors that can take Mike's powerful body shots."

It would suggest that many of the competitors couldn't protect themselves from Mike Sheperd's lethal combinations, because Mike "Kid Dynamite" Sheperd is the returning Tough Man Heavyweight Champion of West Virginia and Ohio.

I asked Mike, "What style of fighter are you?" He clearly stated, "I'm purely a boxer." I said, "How do you feel about your chances going into the upcoming Tough Man competition?" "Kid Dynamite" confidently stated, "I'll win." Enough of the arrogance and toughness of "Kid Dynamite," let's talk about Mike Sheperd the man.

Mike Sheperd was raised in Elizabeth, West Virginia where values and morals are still a part of people's daily lives.

Just by talking with Mike for a brief but meaningful moment, I realized if "Kid Dynamite" doesn't win the Tough Man Contest, Mike Sheperd will keep striving to be the best in life's contest.

The Tough Man Contest will be held in Parkersburg, WV. Check local listings for time and date. Be there to support our tough man, Mike Sheperd.

### **Grant Funds Available for College Bound West Virginians**

The Central Office of the State College and University Systems of WV announces that a March 1 deadline for all current high school seniors, college students, and any other prospective college students to apply for 1996-97 financial assistance through the West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program.

Approximately 6,000 grants are being awarded to qualified students this year.

The WV Higher Education Grant Program is the major

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state-funded source of financial aid funds available to WV's undergraduate students. The Program awards monetary grants ranging from \$350-\$2,136 to financially needy and academically able state residents. The grant funds are used towards the payment of tuition and fees.

To become an applicant, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed and academic information (ACT and/or SAT results and GPA) submitted to the Grant Program office.

The FAFSA should be mailed by February 23 to meet the deadline.

For more information, contact Robert Long, Statewide Coordinator, at (304) 347-1211.

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



-Mark Twain

Football Banquet February 18, 1996 in the Ball Room

### Funnies

by KES.

ME WENT ON, I HELD VARIOUS

I GIVE MYSELF THREE MORE

The Mercury







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### More Bachelorhood.....?!?!

With Valentine's Day past and roses pressed between pages for an eternity of savoring, the warm wonderful feeling of love is still fresh in our hearts.

It still isn't too late to change the road you are on. Career bachelorhood hasn't passed you by just yet. Of course this bachelorhood doesn't apply to just guys.

Ladies, you too can step lively onto<sup>®</sup> the path of career bachelorettehood. Just think, you won't have to worry about shaving your legs or your armpits. Hey, who cares nobody will ever know? You will never again hear a man belch loudly enough to break glass and then mutter some unfelt *sorry*. No more sports, no more toilet seats left up in the middle of the night. Your toilet seat will be locked in the down position for the rest of time.

Think about the joy of holidays, you will always get what you want because you'll be doing all the shopping -- no more ceramic pig cookie jars or polyester sweaters.

No more holiday excuses, "I didn't know what to get" or every man's favorite holiday excuse, "Why don't we break-up over the holidays and see where we stand in the New Year?"

Definition--I'm too cheap to buy a present; I'm too spineless to see your family over the holidays; I AM A LOSER.

Think about the benefits ladies, you can use your oven for a bookcase. You won't have to cook for any whining man. You can put a color TV in your bathroom and just watch TV from the tub. Wouldn't that be luxury?

You could cry anytime you wanted and wouldn't have to have an excuse or explain yourself (that is a perk, trust me).

Think about the endless possibilities of this joy. You could hang your clothes all over the house. Who's going to complain.....hhhmmmmm let's see... NO ONE!

It's up to you, pretty roses dried up in a book or freedom. It's a hard choice isn't it?





### **Manchin Introduces Death Penalty Resolution**

A Senate Joint Resolution introduced on Feb. 6, by WV Senator Joe Manchin, D-Marion, would place the issue of the death penalty before state residents for their vote in the general election.

If approved by the full Legislature, SJR 3 would reach the ballot as an amendment to the state constitution, relating to capital punishment in circumstances when a law-enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty or when the victim is under the age of 18

Manchin said voters should have a voice in helping the state fight crime, especially when "the fastest growing area of criminal offenses are affecting our children in the most profound way."

"I do not want to live in a state that would let our children become the prey of unsavory characters," he said.

According to the proposed

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resolution, after a verdict of murder in the first degree is determined by a court and before a jury is discharged, the court is required to conduct a separate sentencing hearing in which the same jury must determine whether the defendant should be sentenced to death or face life imprisonment.

The circumstances for the penalty must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt and must be unanimously agreed upon by the jury.

"It is imperative criminals realize that an attack against a police officer would result in the severest of penalties," said Manchin. "This is a significant way we can all stand behind the officers who have sworn to protect us with our lives."

The resolution is currently pending the approval of the Senate Judiciary Committee before it reaches floor action in the Senate

### Looking Back--News In The Week

#### Lisa Belknap staff writer

President Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole have been searching for a middle ground in the budget war. They are hoping to put the decisions on Welfare and Medicaid into the hands of the states.

This would allow state governments to decide on the "amount, duration, and scope" of the services, says USA Today's Richard Benedetto. State Governors have been holding talks and are making significant progress on bipartisan "safe ground."

Doug Levy has reported a new cause of delinquency: lead. Researchers have found, by tracking, that children with high lead levels in their blood and bones are more aggressive, have social problems and are more likely to have attention problems.

Pat Buchannon won a very surprising upset in Louisianna's Republican presidential caucus. The win was probably due to the absence of most of the other Republican candidates; Bob Dole and Steve (Malcomb) Forbes still head the national polls.

Steve Forbes has been raking up votes all over the country. Supporters ranging from farmers to the rich are boasting their support for the multimillionaire Republican new comer. Forbes volunteer Willis Junker sums it up saying, "He's not part of the political establishment that owes each other tabs."

Bob Dole has began running countless television ads in Des-Moines. Iowa--he is attempting to match Forbes' use of television to get at voters. "Dole is buying literally from the time we sign on the air to the time we sign off," says Cheryl Semerad, director of sales and marketing for WHO-TV.

Dick Morris, political consultant to the president, is under suspicion for taking money from GOP clients. It appears that Morris was working for the Democratic White House while doing work for Republican Governors at the same time. However, Morris apparently did decline a \$15,000 work fee from Lt. Gov. Mike Hackabee of Arkansas for fear of what it would look like.

O.J. Simpson is still heating up the press and not just the tabloids. He gave an interview Monday to two Los Angeles

Times reporters. Lawyers, university professors and other experts are calling O.J.'s looselipped ways suicidal. Although he was found not guilty of murdering ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, he still has a wrongful death suit pending--which will not cost him jail time but could cost him a lot of money.

Bill Clinton will testify in response to former municipal judge David Hale's accusations that the president, while working as Governor for the state of Arkansas, exerted pressure on him to give an illegal \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal's Marketing firm.

The McDougals were friends of the Clintons at the time and partners in the Whitewater real estate deal.

Apparently, Hale testified that the McDougal's Madison Guaranty Savings and Loans was going bankrupt due to mismanagement of loans and needed the money to clear up its books for the Bank Regulators.

Hale worked for the McDougals through his investment company, Capitol Management Services, a firm that helped process loans for the Small Business Administration.

#### AmeriCorps\*NCCC (Naimprove urban and rural parks;

tional Civilian Community Corps) is presently looking for women and men age 18 through 24 for its 10-month, full-time residential national service program.

Inspired by the CCC of the 1930s, AmeriCorps\*NCCC engages young people of all backgrounds to address our country's most pressing needs. AmeriCorps\*NCCC members live on campuses located in Charleston, SC; San Diego, CA; Perry Point, MD; and Denver, CO. Applicants must be willing to relocate to any one of these areas and be prepared to begin the service year in October 1996.

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work in teams to construct and restore streams and rivers; conduct environmental and public safety education workshops; ensure immunizations for children and provide rapid response emergency disaster relief throughout the country.

AmeriCorps\*NCCC is a part of the AmeriCorps national service network that currently has 25,000 AmeriCorps members serving over 1,100 communities across the country.

Each AmeriCorps\*NCCC member receives a modest living allowance, room and board, limited health benefits and an education award of \$4,725 to help pay for education or to pay back student loans.

Application deadline is May 3, 1996. To request an AmeriCorps\*NCCC application or to get more information, please call 1-800-942-2677.

The GSC Huddle of Fellowship of Christian Athletes met Tuesday, February 13th, at 8:30 in the gym.

The program was lead by Jason Gordon, followed by a highly competitive modified football game won by the warriors.

The group would like to send get well wishes and encouragement to Jessica Echard, who sustained a neck injury

#### **Pioneers Playback** continued from page 8.

on the Salem-Teikyo University Tigers, Saturday, February 10. There were an estimated 1,000 Tiger fans in attendance to watch the NCAA Div. II basketball action. The Tigers of Salem-Teikyo had pounced on

over the weekend. Also, our thoughts and prayers go out for Ray Moore in his time of loss of a loved one. (Psalms 28:1)

Next week, Tuesday, Feb. 20, preacher Dave Masto will return to spend time with us. All students and staff are encouraged to join the huddle at 8:00 in room 207 to hear Mr. Masto speak enjoy some tremendous Christian Fellowship.

Please try to attend.

the Pioneers with a lead of 34-28 going into the half. The Pioneers reloaded their offense after the half with shooting from Eric Contee with 14pts., Jermaine Jones 16pts. and Jeff Brockell with 21pts. to lead the offense in scoring. The Pioneers' aggressive play kept the offense of the Teikyo Tigers under con-



trol. The Pioneers clucking defensive leaders were Tom Reid with five rebounds and Jeff Brockell with eight rebounds to capture a well-earned victory of 77-70 over the Tigers of Salem-Teikyo University.

Check the Athletic bulletin for upcoming NCAA Div. II sporting events

You only live once--but if you work it right, once is enough. -Joe E. Lewis

### **Extras**

#### The Mercury

# **Operation Native Talent Coming**

Are you graduating this year? Are you looking for a job? If so, then you will want to attend Operation Native Talent (ONT) on February 28 at the Charleston Civic Center. ONT is the largest job fair in West Virginia, with over 60 employers present to meet and interview students from West Virginia colleges. Employers at ONT represent virtually every industry, except education. Last fall, financial services firms, government, the FBI, hospitals, banks, retail companies, not-for-profit employers, manufacturing and services firms were all represented.

ONT is the only opportunity you will have to meet so many employers in one day. Interviewing with these recruiters will help you establish contacts with prospective employers.

The career Services Office will give a workshop in job search techniques, resume writing, and interview skills on February 20 at 4 p.m. to help you prepare for ONT. The workshop is mandatory for those wishing to attend ONT, and open to other interested students.

Transportation to Charleston will be provided.

### **Are You On-Line?**

#### Eric Ware staff writer

Over 37 million "Web Seekers" are on-line, according to the recent Nielson Ratings, surging corporations like CompuServe, Prodigy and America On-Line to the top. Champion over the games of the past, Web Users -- or for a better term, "Tech-Heads" -- seek the information highway, where the new wave for the next generation is downloading.

If information is an aphrodisiac, then the ultimate information supplied on the Internet finds users "accessing" away on an average of five hours and 28 minutes per week, states the Nielson Report. Out of the 24 million on-line in the past three months, 11% range from 16 years and older, and 34% are women.

So what's swarming the masses to be "on-line"? Products and interactive tools for Web environments are making "browsing easier", according to the magazine <u>InfoWorld</u>, and new technological advances designed to be "user friendly" are introducing the Net to younger audiences.

Easy listings and directories, such as the popular Web Site "Yahoo", is making "Net" information easier to obtain and widely available. The most

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popular Web Sites, <u>On-line</u> magazine shows, are E-Mail listiñgs, the U.S. Dept. of Treasury with helpful information on income tax filing and tax forms, and sites geared for younger audiences such as the growing "MTV" and "DOOM (I, II)" Web Sites.

With new advances on Internet, problems with regulating and policing abuse has tied up legislation in both Houses, while President Bill Clinton is drafting a law, that Cyber protesters deem, unlawful.

However, according to <u>Maclean's</u> magazine, Internet users can access "450,000 pornographic images and text files." That means that among the 37 million users, an estimated 13% of the younger audiences are online to these services. Even though contact with these services are difficult, the process of finding these sites is a matter of patience and time.

Future on-line services, like on-line shopping introduced by MCI Telecommunications Corp., and new software by iBand, Vermeer Technologies and net. Genesis are making web browsing easier.

So what does the future hold for these on-line cult followers and tech-heads? Maybe the answer lies in the microchip world of the Web. If it does, it's probably on-line already. New Buisness Programs continued from page 7.

positions. The individual re ceives an introduction to all ar eas of the business field.

The accounting, genera business, management, marketing/retailing and small business administration options fit nicely with a four year bachelor's degree in business administration for students who find they would like to continue their education.

The administrative science degree also offers training in computer software currently being used in many businesses. A graduate will thus have the technological skills necessary to succeed in their particular area of expertise.

For more information, contact Mrs. Sherry Jones or Mrs. Cinda Echard at the Glenville campus of Glenville State College, (304) 462-4123 or (304) 462-7361.

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