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# The Mercury

It's no joke!

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## Is It Alf?



Photo by Mean Gene Breza.

Professional Alf impersonator Dr. Ed Palm struts his stuff.

## Peace Shaken at GSC

Chad Samples  
staff writer

Morning classes in the Administration Building came to a halt on Wednesday, March 27, after a bomb threat was received by the switchboard.

According to Captain Jerry Helmick of the GSC Campus Police Force, the call came in around 8:30 a.m. The building was evacuated and searched immediately.

"According to what information that I have, it was a female caller," says Helmick. "The caller seemed to be upset and stated that her boyfriend had planted a bomb, and that the roof of the building would probably blow off before 1 o'clock."

The Gilmer County Sheriff's Dept. and Fire Dept. assisted campus police officers in the investigation.

"We started from the clock

tower, the roof of the building, down through all public areas and anywhere [the bomber] would have had access. We could not find anything," Helmick adds.

Classes resumed shortly after.

"I thought that Officer Helmick and the Sheriff's Dept. did a good job of getting the building cleared in a fairly orderly fashion," said Mark Loudin, GSC Public Relations Director.

"They swept the building within 10 or 15 minutes. And then, of course, came the ardu-

ous task of getting everyone back," adds Loudin. "And once they hit the road, it was kind of tough getting them back."

According to Loudin, "The last bomb threats that came to this campus were like 23 years ago, down at the dorms. It would be foolish to imagine that it won't happen again for 23 more. We've already been in contact with the State Police. We've already begun to draw up some procedures to follow, to make sure we're more efficient."

According to Loudin, calling in a bomb threat constitutes a federal offense.

## Bomb Threat!



Photos by Chad Samples.

The peaceful atmosphere at GSC was shaken by the bomb threat early Wednesday morning.



## Alf Society Forming

Mel MacLan  
contributing writer

A group of GSC students, under the dedicated leadership of Language Arts Chairman Ed Palm and Professor Wayne de Rosset, are forming the Central West Virginia chapter of the "New Life for Alf" Society.

Citing Alf's "strong moral beliefs" and their mutual "dislike for cats," de Rosset said "Alf must be put back on T.V. The people need direction."

Long-time Alf enthusiast

and impersonator Ed Palm said he was "enraged the Alf (Alien Life Form) series was taken off T.V., and my rage has only grown since then. One T.V. movie is not enough."

He went on to say, "Why can't people open their minds to good, wholesome fun and realize the fact extraterrestrials do exist, as I have done."

The "New Life for Alf" Chapter will be meeting every Monday at 8:00 p.m. in the Verona Maple Room. Oh, by the way...April Fools!



Mini Pulp Mill protest has Todd Longanacre on one knee.

Photo by Gene Breza.





## What's in an "A?"

As students, I know at one time or another you have all been curious or maybe even asked your teacher to analyze to you the way in which your grade was constituted. You may have even walked away unsatisfied with your answer, feeling somehow that you were still left in a hazy maze.

Not surprisingly, this has been a problem for teachers also. In fact, many of them may be left as equally confused as you. Often, they themselves cannot explain the criteria they use—they simply know. "It just feels like an "A," a "B," etc.

Unfortunately, this can be a very destructive vice in meaningful education. If the student does not understand the basis for the evaluation, it is doubtful that they can improve their standards.

Some educational experts believe they have found a workable solution to this problem—collaborative assessment. Collaborative assessment occurs when teachers and students work together to set the grading criteria. An example of this would be for a teacher to ask him- or herself, "What do I value as a truly good paper?" Then, they need to write the information down so that everyone can see it.

In order for the students to be able to go through this analytical process, they may take papers containing sample work and answer the question, "What attributes does this paper have that makes it good—poor to me?" Students who have a clear picture of poor writing work hard to produce good and acceptable writing. They can set their own personal improvement goals and work toward accomplishing them. It is important that they use acceptable writing and unacceptable writing in modeling what should or should not be followed for obtaining these goals.

Collaborative assessment not only involves students and teachers, but also allows parents and peers to become involved. When students know what impresses their peers, they will seek approval from them. When parents understand what standards are to be met in their children's work, they can help them reach these standards more readily.

Clearly stated criteria can help students become responsible for their own work and result in their using it for self-correction and to set goals for future writings. Once students see examples of "+" work, they will be able to model it as to what they feel is the most acceptable and likewise, the most unacceptable.

True, collaborative assessment may take a little more time, but then should education be a guessing? A teacher who lacks communication with their students can do little to further growth and improvement in education. Only if the students understand what constitutes good work can they hope to improve. A teacher able to master this is then a truly effective teacher.

### 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

*"It's pretty hard to be efficient without being obnoxious."*

—Kim Hubbard

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Dear Editor,

The amount of trash and food strewn about our campus amazes me. This was not an occasional eyesore, but seems to be someone's weird, daily ritual. Surely those responsible weren't raised this way (or were they?). I haven't figured it out yet. What definitely bothers me about this is there is *no shortage* of wastebaskets available to students where they can place their trash. So, obviously the message I'm getting from this behavior is a *lack of pride* in our campus and a *lack of respect* for our maintenance workers. Think of the impression this gives visitors to our campus, or do you just not care?

Concerned

Dear Editor,

As a typist for *The Mercury*, I get to see articles and letters long before they see print. Let me express my amazement that there are no letters to the editor concerning Todd Longanacre in this week's paper. Or at least, there weren't until I came along.

Recently, Todd Longanacre's articles have become one of my favorite features of the paper. I have never had such in-depth conversations as when I get together with my fellow students, members of the faculty, or random strangers off the street. Some of us think he's full of it and some of us think he's dead-on target, but we always have an opinion. We debate the issues until they are dead and bleeding on the mat.

I don't claim to know if Todd believes everything he writes about, but he has certainly stimulated the brain cells of many GSC students by making them face the issues, even the unpleasant ones. As long as we continue to be outraged, we learn a little more about ourselves. I just can't believe that no one was offended enough to write in about the Civil Rights issue. Come on, there had to be at least one, right?

Well, I've seen the column running in this week's paper. I'm sure the problem will be solved shortly.

Happy April Fools!  
Terry L. Estep

## Importance of the Arts

Teresa Clark  
staff writer

Has anyone ever had a music or art class? If you have gone to almost any school in the United States, you probably have. Well, let me ask you this, did you learn anything in these classes? Did you enjoy yourself? Do you value your time in those classes? Many of you, if answered truthfully, would say yes to all of these questions. Let me ask you one more question: are you aware that the arts programs throughout the United States are in severe jeopardy from the Congress and other political organization of being destroyed.

In last weeks *Charleston Gazette* an article appeared called "Culture Shock in Class: Musicians Losing March for Money" written by Bob Schwarz. In this article, Schwarz mentioned how people love to see marching bands perform and see their loved ones sing, dance and play in concerts. It also mentions how school boards are using money for the arts by diverting it for other programs.

It is true teachers deserve pay raises and benefits, but more importantly children need a well-rounded educational pro-

gram which has to include the arts. Life would be far less exciting without the arts.

Picture this, you walk into a movie, but wait a minute, we wouldn't have movies like Disney's "Fantasia" or Segal's "Under Siege" because we don't have musicians, artists or special effects technicians. Okay, so there you are in a dark theater waiting for the show to begin which of course would only be a bunch of people talking to each other because even acting is an art. The theater is completely black. No music or cool stuff on the screen because there is no one to create these things. A world like this would be drab to say the least.

Our society was built by people who appreciated the arts, many of whom participated in music, art and acting. Oh yes, let us not forget about creative writing. If we as a society simply cut out the arts, we will lose all freedom and character.

The arts programs are suffering enough with things like block scheduling, teacher cuts and lack of funds. Do not make things worse by cutting our arts programs altogether. The purpose of being created is to be creative.

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## Stereo System Accessories

Many people enjoy studying with music in the background. But what happens if you want Mozart and your roomy wants Metallica. Crisis? No way! Just plug in a pair of headphones and study away. Headphones are just one way to get more from your stereo system by "accessorizing."

Headphones come in two versions, wired and wireless. The wireless type gives you the freedom to move around without the limitations of a wire. Not only do headphones let you and your roommates enjoy your own musical tastes, they also tune-out distracting ambient noises.

If your stereo system is made up of separate components, rather than the all-in-one-box type, you can improve your system by adding high quality speaker cables and interconnects. Speaker cables run from the receiver or amplifier to the speakers. Interconnects are the ones that connect your components to each other. There's a wide range of quality in cables, so take a look-and listen-and you might be surprised by your results.

Compact disc and cassette cleaners can help keep your music sources clean, even if it's hard keeping the dorm room that way. You'll also find storage units that will keep your discs and tapes in order, and furniture and stacking systems that keep your components out of harm's way.

Where do you find this stuff? Check out your nearest specialty audio/video retailer. They've got qualified, knowledgeable people who can show you ways to get the most out of your system. Look in the yellow pages under "Stereophonic Dealers."

For more information, take a look at the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association (CEMA) website at "<http://www.cia.org/cema>." There you'll find the latest on the companies that bring you the hottest products for personal entertainment.

## The Old Coot Spouts Off

Alan Carr  
contributing writer

Viva la Code Macho!! The old coot is gratified to observe that Code Machismo is alive and well in the resident population of the lesser aged generation here at Glenville State College. During the recent time period in which we were forced to experience life sans any discernible semblance of warmth, it was heartening to note the usual number of individuals who eschewed insulator covering for those limbs responsible for their ambulatory motion. Do these individuals really expect the old coot to believe that they are impervious to frigid temperatures? Obese possibility!! The old coot suspects that either this act of desperation was an attempt at bravado designed to impress any feminine intellect weak enough to fall prey to hollow deeds of insanity or else all of the rest of the clothes are soiled beyond the point that even a guy could tolerate.

If digression is permitted, (try to stop the old coot's mind from wandering) the contradiction here is fascinating. Is there a point to wearing garments designed to make one "sweat" and then doing a hatchet alteration to make them "cool?" On the subject of contradictions, let us examine masculine bathroom behavior. Before the reader becomes so repulsed that a cessation of perusal is considered, be assured that the old coot will conduct this probe with the tact and genteel air of which only he is capable.

Apparently, the macho mind is capable of perceiving an insidious danger lurking within most masculine equipment comparison rooms. These vile beasts have been known to attack virile hunks with no provo-

cation and, therefore, are punched and kicked into abject submission. Call to remembrance, if you can, members of the hung jury, the last waste disposal facility you were in with no damage, or evidence of repair to, the privacy partitions.

Because of the primal male urge to compare one's own equipment with others of one's own gender, numerous ingenious methods have been devised to "shake the dew off one's lily" without exposing the performing member to public scrutiny, while at the same time surreptitiously checking out the competition at the adjoining urinal. No need to expose one's member to possible humiliation unless one is absolutely certain that the comparison will bolster the old ego! The contradiction? How does one shield one's own "little buddy" from gauging glances while satisfying the irresistible urge to destroy privacy partitions?

According to Erich Segal, love means never having to say one is sorry. Apparently macho shares this meaning. It also means making student pedestrians (are these people just learning to walk?) or pedestrian students stand in the pouring rain while a parade of dawg transporters with over-sized tires pass in review. These paragons of machismo nestle in the protection of their statements of masculinity like sperm in a testicle and sneer disdainfully at the suggestion of common courtesy that would allow the peasants to scurry across the unmarked street to shelter in relative safety. Everyone knows that might makes right and "my big truck is mighty right." So carry the banner of Code Macho proudly as you run down those "pedestrians" and save your Dixie cups, boys, the South'll rise again!

## Mercury Staff Photos

Members of the Mercury staff should report to the Mercury Office on Tuesday, April 2, at 12:30 p.m., for year-book photos.

**DANGER**  
HIGH  
VOLTAGE

**In My Opinion**  
*Todd Longacre*

**SLOWER  
TRAFFIC  
KEEP  
LEFT**

It seems like it was just yesterday that Susan Smith was convicted and sent to prison. She's that gutter-wench who coldheartedly murdered her two young children. Remember how those kids were trapped in their car seats to die a horrible death by drowning? In my opinion, which is usually contrary to that of the liberals, that wench ought to be strapped into the seat of a car and rolled into the nearest body of water of sufficient depth!

Yes, you folks remember Smith's outlandish act of criminal violence. Friends, what you may not know is that Susan Smith was a repeat offender! This was not the first time she had turned against her own children. It appears as though Smith, several years earlier, had killed her first child as well. Although not by drowning, this child's death was much more painful and disgusting. It was a death that is far too common in America. Its death came by legal abortion! That is the topic for this week; abortion.

A good friend of mine, who is a "pro-life" doctor, recently reminded me of how his "pro-choice" colleagues perform these murders. I'll spare you the disgusting details of the procedure, but I will let you know that they involve piercing the skull and using high vacuum pressure. These doctors of death want to ensure that the infant is completely dead before they actually remove it from its (so-called) mother. This ensures that they are not charged with murder since the infant hasn't technically been born yet!

I know two women who have had legal abortions. In both cases, the women feel remorseful and regret their decision. They live, in my belief, with much guilt. I do not condemn them for what they've done, mainly because I know they are sorry for their actions. I would tell them that we are all humans and sometimes make mistakes; however, we should learn from those mistakes and never let them occur again...especially if they involve turning against our own flesh and blood.

In my opinion, you're either pro-life or pro-death. So why do liberals abstain from referring to themselves as pro-death? I guess that phrase hits home pretty hard! I must say that we all are pro-choice to a certain point. That is, when it comes to having sex with or without some form of birth control we do exercise a choice! Nevertheless, we must be man (or woman) enough to face the consequences of our choices rather than violently turn against them, especially when the said consequences don't have a choice and cannot defend themselves!

I know what you liberals are thinking. You're trying to justify the violent murder of infants in the event of rape! Hogwash! First of all, the numbers of these cases pale significantly in contrast to the total number of abortions. Even in the rare instances when human beings are conceived by rape, how often is it the infant's fault? Get tough on violent crimes, not innocent infants!

If you are a believer in God, you cannot deny that this conception process is a miracle of God. If you're an atheist you still cannot deny the fact that this little human being, alive and growing inside, is a miracle of nature! Don't kill that innocent infant who had no choice. Let nature run its course or let God work that magic; whichever floats your boat. There are many families who would love and raise that child (who could end up being President someday), if only given a chance. Why not put it up for adoption?

Liberals argue: "If you are pro-life on abortion issues, how can you be pro-death when it comes to capitol punishment?" Well, that's another upcoming column, but there's no real comparison! On one hand you have a repeat offender of violent murders (who had a choice), on the other you have an infant who has no choice whatsoever. You ladies thinking of turning against your unborn children, are you any better than Susan Smith? I hope.





## News in Lisa Belknap Review

GOP presidential hopeful Bob Dole took time off last week to return to his small hometown of Russell, Kansas. He gave a very emotional speech in the Russell County High School gym. Then, walked down main street, greeting a few random shop owners, and bear hugging his high school math teacher. The Senator was so moved by old friends and old memories he had to choke back tears during his speech. "In times of crisis I will always hear the voices of this town," Dole said.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea paid a visit to American soldiers in Bosnia. Clinton toured Tuzla in North East Bosnia, paying tribute to all the troops—saying, "Thank you." Chelsea was called on to give a military cheer. Despite her normal reserve she honored the request.

Jesse Jackson had called for protest against the Academy Awards. He asked that multicolored ribbons be worn because only one black was nominated for an award. Host Whoopi Goldberg responded to the call jokingly saying, "You don't ask a black woman to buy a expensive dress then cover it with ribbons."

Probably the most controversial topic in the news this week is the conflict over English-only legislation. Supporters, who include Bob Dole, say the legislation is needed to hold Americans together. Stephen Montoya, the lawyer representing Arizonans Against Constitutional Tampering opposes the legislation saying, "If the First Amendment protects anything it protects someone's right to choose the words in which they speak."

Supporters of the English only legislation say the legislation does not attempt to regulate the content of speech; however, Anthony Caso of the Pacific Legal Foundation commented in a USA Today article saying. "To say that you have the right under the Constitution to speak a different language when you're conducting the business of your employer seems to us absurd."

### Would You Give Up A Lunch?

The Wesley Foundation campus ministry is trying to raise funds for the McDowell Mission, a United Methodist missional outreach deep in the coalfields of McDowell County. They are asking those who are interested in supporting this outreach to the poor and unemployed of McDowell County to skip their lunch this Tuesday, April 2, and donate what they would have spent on lunch to the McDowell Mission. Checks should be made payable directly to that agency, but cash donations are also welcome. The target figure for each person participating is about \$3.00, but any amount—more or less—is welcome.

For more information, contact the Wesley Foundation.

### Country Line Dancing

The Glenville State College Office of Community Services will offer a Country Line Dancing Class on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the GSC Ballroom. The instructor will be Rocky Cistacic, who appeared on TNN's Club Dance. The class will begin April 8. For more information call 462-4105 or X105. There will be a \$2 charge for one hour, and a \$3 charge for two hours.



# 377 Slow to Implement

Lisa Belknap  
staff writer

In an effort to bring higher education to West Virginia college and university students, the state's legislature devised a senate bill which demanded each state sponsored college begin formulating a pay policy which offered motivating incentives to educators within their institutions. Senate Bill 377 passed through the West Virginia legislature in April of 1993, and has yet to be fully implemented.

"S. B. 377 mandates that each school create a faculty salary policy which would include considerations of merit, market and equity with faculty involved in administering the pay," says Faculty Senator, Dr. Jim Hilgenberg.

In June of 1995, more than two years after the Senate bill had been passed, Glenville State College President William Simmons contacted Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Lowell Peterson, asking him to "take initiatives through the appropriate channels to formalize a faculty salary policy with merit criteria to be completed by the end of the Fall Semester 1995." The president added that faculty involvement "will be essential."

Two months later Faculty Senate President Paul Peck contacted Peterson in reference to Simmons' letter. Peck informed Peterson that he had appointed a Faculty Compensation Committee (FCC) which would be headed by Professor Cheryl McKinney, and he would "suggest that a meeting soon be scheduled between you (Peterson) and the Senate Compensation Committee."

15 days later Peterson recognized Peck's invitation and acknowledged the obligations of 377 and the newly passed Senate Bill 547. He informed Peck that he had created a Division Chair Compensation Committee (DCCC). The DCCC was to begin work on the new pay policy. Still, a date for negotiations was not set or mentioned. Meanwhile the FCC col-

lected data from other colleges and the Advisory Council of Faculty to the State College System of West Virginia. Going by information they collected the committee devised a starting point for salary negotiations. Titled Draft for Discussion, the document was a faculty percentage proposal for the handling of excess funds.

After going unanswered for months, McKinney sent a memo to the division chairpersons inviting them to attend a Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Marty Armentraut and Dr. Keith Haan attended and were presented with copies of the mentioned proposals.

Later, McKinney urged a joint meeting between the FCC and the DCCC, which was scheduled for January 24. On January 22, she recieved a memo from Peterson stating that he had "not necessarily intended (the meeting) to be a joint meeting of the two committees". He had anticipated a meeting between himself and the Faculty Senate, but added he would assume any division chairs would be welcome. At this meeting he presented to the FCC a pay policy outline, created by the DCCC and went over the details of it.

In regard to the newly formulated pay policy, an open forum Faculty Senate meeting was held to discuss the pay policy and determine whether it would be supported by faculty.

Most faculty members were in attendance and appeared to have at least some misgivings, while many were completely against the policy which was repeatedly referred to as "divisive." The majority apparently felt that the DCCC had not only overlooked faculty in the making of the policy, but had also completely excluded the main concerns the FCC had illustrated in their Draft For Discussion.

The committee had specifically asked that the policy be light on merit with the primary portion of excess funds being divided equally. They also asked that consideration be shown to

equity and market. According to McKinney the DCCC's pay policy proposed allocating 70% of its funds to merit and 30% to equity for fiscal year 1996-'97, overlooking the major concern of the FCC.

The heart of all concerns stemmed from the large amount of funds the policy was suggesting be administered through merit pay. Professor Tim Carnie commented that it seemed no one present agreed with the policy and that "we (faculty) have no say in it at all." He then illustrated the magnitude of what he believed would happen should merit pay become such a large player in the administration of faculty salaries comparing it to a "blood bath," in reference to the merit pay offered several years ago on this campus. The two major concerns were the limited role of the faculty in the implementation and the overemphasis on merit.

Hilgenberg stated, "My two major concerns with the policy are the lack of faculty involvement in a timely process—why was the Senate ignored? A second concern is the lack of emphasis in some of the other areas such as equity and payment across the board."

In an attempt to answer some long standing questions about the implementation of a pay policy which works in conjunction with S.B. 377 *The Mercury* was granted a interview with Dr. Peterson.

"The question is erroneous," said Peterson when asked why the college had not developed a pay policy to meet the goals of 377. "The college has adopted a pay policy. We didn't have it adopted as soon as we could, or maybe should have, but it is in place and faculty did participate in the development of the policy." Peterson states that the Division Chairs are faculty members, and by having them devise a pay plan he feels faculty is being fairly represented. "Many others feel differently."

One concern of the Fac-

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# Criminal Justice Internships Available

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

The Glenville State College Criminal Justice Department, in cooperation with selected businesses, is proud to offer several new internships for interested students.

The University of Alabama, in conjunction with GSC, is recruiting student volunteers to work at the Olympics from July 17 to August 4 in Atlanta. These volunteers will work 5 to 17 hour night shifts each week, for a total of 60 hours to earn lodging, two daily meals, an Olympic pin set, Olympic uniforms, access to nonrestricted Olympic events and limited ad-

mission to Olympic events requiring tickets.

Applications require a \$50 fee for a background check. If you are rejected, the fee will be returned. If you are approved, the fee will be returned after 80 hours of labor. If you are approved and choose not to work, the \$50 fee will under no circumstances be returned. Therefore, only serious inquiries please.

In addition, Orange County, California is hiring 170 students at up to \$9.50 per hour as security guards at the county's fair. (Orange County is just south of Los Angeles, near Disneyland.) This internship will provide an interesting experience for the more adventurous stu-

dent.

A more feasible internship is available. Although not yet operational, the Intex Corp has contracted security operations at NASA in Fairmont, West Virginia. Students who are accepted for one of these positions will be financially compensated. Furthermore, the students will be "at the head of line," for a permanent security job, according to Tim Dees, visiting professor of criminal justice. Students seriously seeking a career in private security are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should contact Dees in the social science division at Ext 178 for further information.



Photo contributed.

(From Left to Right) Del. Marge Burk, Teresa McCourt-Cutlip, Dr. Mike Smith, and Del. Dale Manuel.

## Smith Visits McCourt-Cutlip at Legislature

Dr. Mike Smith, a political science professor at Glenville State College, visited the West Virginia House of Delegates on March 5, 1996, to check in on Teresa McCourt-Cutlip, a senior at GSC, who has been studying the law-making process during the 72nd Legislature.

"The Herndon Program provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how the State Legislature operates," Dr. Smith stated, "and my visit to the Capitol confirmed my belief that Teresa has taken full advantage of the opportunity."

Each year, ten top students are selected from colleges and universities across the state to participate in the Herndon Fellows Program, established in

memory of the late Judith A. Herndon, a former Delegate and Senator with the West Virginia Legislature.

"It is an invaluable experience for undergraduate students to actually participate in the legislative process," said Delegate Marge Burke, D-Braxton.

"The Herndon Fellows Program is a very meaningful internship," Delegate Dale Manuel, D-Jefferson, added. "I enjoyed meeting with Dr. Smith and discussing current legislation and Teresa's assistance during this session. As an educator myself, it is always nice to see professors such as Dr. Smith take such an interest in the success of their students."

## New Freshman Program Being Discussed

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

Since last December, an informal group of faculty and staff have been preparing a model program for first-time, first-generation freshman students entering Glenville State College.

"The purpose of the program is to provide structure and bonding to students during their first few months on campus," Dr. Charles Holt, chairperson of the social science division, explained. "An additional goal will be to increase the success rate of our freshmen."

According to Holt, a small group of 25 students will initially be targeted. All of the students in this group will have at

least one class together. The professor of this class will become the students' advisor, thus allowing closer monitoring. In addition to taking a regular class load, these students will participate in weekly comprehensive sessions on such topics as study skills, note taking, library skills and preparing for examinations.

Students will also participate in a variety of social and cultural activities, including cookouts, dances, travel, etc. The bonding experience will, hopefully, build a bridge for isolated students.

"Throughout this process, we hope to make students feel more welcome here at GSC," Holt commented. "We are a small college and we should be providing a very personal atmo-

sphere. We hope to make a more conscious effort to say 'Let's make sure you're comfortable.'"

After the first semester, students' academic and social status will be monitored. Hopefully, the project's outcome will be positive and the process be implemented.

More information will be released. Suggestions or comments can be directed to Dr. Charles Holt in the social science division.

*Self-control is at the root of all virtues.*

-Samuel Smiles

## GSC Awarded Grant Funding for Historical Facelift

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

The Archives and History Commission awarded \$4,000 to the Gilmer County Historic Landmark Commission to assist with the Fort Moore Archeological Survey on February 23.

On Wednesday, March 27 GSC representatives attended a subgrant orientation meeting at the Cultural Center in Charleston. At this meeting, subgrantee financial and reporting requirements were discussed. In addition, the project coordinator, Dr. Charles Holt, social science di-

vision chairperson, met with staff monitor, Pat Trader, to discuss project guidelines and expected results.

"Grant funding will be used for an archeological survey," Holt explained. "After the survey, we can apply for a variety of grants to explore, continue research and implement reconstruction."

Glenville State applied for the grant last fall for a restoration project. However, the Archives and History Commission replied that GSC was not eligible until the college acquired an archeological survey

Upon receiving this information, an archeologist approved through the state was sent to Glenville. After walking Fort Moore with GSC representatives, he assisted in submitting another application.

On February 26, Holt received a letter from the Archives and History Commission announcing their approval of the grant award funding for the archeological survey purpose.

"After the meeting Wednesday, we can contact the archeological firms," Holt added, "get some, in essence, bids and get started."

## Staff Council Accepting Nominations

The Staff Council is now accepting nominations for the Classified Employee of the Year. All full-time classified employees who have completed at least one year of service at GSC are eligible to be nominated. Any classified employee, faculty member, administrator, or student of GSC may nomi-

nated an eligible employee for this award. Nomination forms are available by contacting Lois Miller at Food Service or by calling Ext. 346. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, April 9, 1996. For more information, contact Lois Miller or any Staff Council representative.



## Sife Talent Contest

April 9, 1996

Administration Building Auditorium  
Glenville State College

7:00 - ?

\$10.00 Entry Fee per Act

Deadline: Noon, April 9

10 Minute Limit for Acts

Donations taken at the door. Winner receives half of donations.

Single or Group Acts!

Questions? Contact a SIFE member or Mrs. Dawkins.

## GSC Alumnus of the Year, Alumni Award Winners Selected

Dr. Barbara (Bobbi) Nicholson was recently elected by the Glenville State College Alumni Council as the 1996 Alumna of the Year. Dr. Nicholson, class of 1973, will be honored at the annual Alumni Day banquet April 27.

Dr. Nicholson was selected for her long list of accomplishments in the field of education, including countless publications. She holds a masters degree from West Virginia University and a PhD from Ohio University. She now serves as associate professor of Humanities at the West Virginia Graduate College. However, she has taught at several colleges and universities, including serving as a visiting professor in Stockholm, Sweden; Moscow; Russia and Vittoria, Brazil.

Other award winners being honored are the families of Coach Nicholas Murin and Andrew Joe Reed, posthumous award recipients; Happy Joe Parsons, Carolyn Dotson Taylor, John P. Shock, M.D., Eileen Shaver, Robert Harris, Miriam Dyer, Peggy Hawse, Carroll Staats and W. Clair Morrison, achievement awards recipients; Shelly Morris DeMarino, service award winner; Katherine Sharp Stout, outstanding teacher award winner; the Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter (Ken Davis, president), chapter award winners; and Charles Harold, community service award recipient.

Also being honored are this year's 25 and 50 year

classes--the class of 1971 and 1946, and this year's recognition class, the class of the alumnus of the year, Dr. Nicholson, 1973.

The alumni banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Heflin Student Center. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a full course prime rib or fish dinner, entertainment by the college's brass ensemble and the award presentations.

The Alumni Association and the college hope to see all

## Division of Business Meets with Board of Advisors

Marty Armentrout  
contributor

On Friday, March 22, the Division of Business had its annual meeting with its Board of Advisors. In spite of the wintry weather, ten of the fourteen members of the Board attended the meeting with Division of Business faculty and staff.

The Board of Advisors serves as a direct link to jobs in business and industry for the business programs. Its members communicate needs of the workplace, provide feedback on preparation of business graduates, and help identify anticipated trends and needs in the marketplace. The Division of Business uses feedback to strengthen its programs and better prepare students for a competitive job market.

Members of the Division of Business Board of Advisors who participated in this meeting were Martha Harold, Vice President, United National Bank of Glenville; Cindy Baker, CPA, E.I. DuPont, Wilmington, DL; Dave Riggleman, Manager, Monongahela Power Co. of Gassaway; Joe Jackman, Manager, J.C. Penny of Bridgeport; Sherry Peters, Personnel Director of Stonewall Jackson Hospital, Weston; Marcello Lalama, Manager of Meadowbrook Mall, Bridgeport; Tom Humphreys, Deputy District Director, Small Business Administration, Clarksburg; Mike Montgomery, Systems Manager, Accordia National, Charleston; Mike Miller, Manager of McDonalds, Glenville; Steve Pridemore, Manager of Bright of America, Summersville.

## Student Congress Holds Installation Banquet

Amy Jo Rowan  
staff writer

On Wednesday, March 20, at 5:00 p.m., the Glenville Student Congress held their annual installation banquet. It was held in the Verona Maple Room of the Heflin Center.

Jeremy Dean, 1995-'96 Student Congress President, gave the welcome and '95-'96 LBH Representative Jason Wible presented the invocation. A buffet dinner followed for current members, those recently elected, and all invited guests.

Following the dinner, Dean recognized invited faculty and staff and thanked Student Congress Advisor Jennifer Nottingham. He then presented the Pio-

neer Musket to this year's Pioneer mascot, Kenny Wilkins.

Nottingham then installed the '96-'97 officers. They are President, Mark Allen; Vice-President, Darrell Roane; Secretary, Norma Stewart; Treasurer, Wendy Batson; and Parliamentarian, Christopher Eastman.

The new class representatives were then installed. They are Jackie Carter, Senior; Shana Louk, Junior; and James Hurt, Sophomore. The Freshman Representative will be chosen in the fall along with the Residence Hall and Commuter Representatives.

The keys to the Student Congress room were presented to the new officers. The Sena-

tors-At-Large were installed next. They are Richard Clark, Jeremy Dean, Michelle Hanson, Amie Kouns, William Kouns and Marlan Zwoll.

Incoming President Allen then shared some of his hopes and goals for the coming year, including more student involvement in GSC life and the upcoming election year. He added, "I'm excited about the future of Student Congress next year. We plan on getting even more students involved because there is a great deal of potential here on campus." He then presented a mounted gavel to Dean as a gift from the Student Congress. In closing, Dean noted, "I hope this coming year will be as good as, if not better than the last."

## Alumni Golf Tournament to be Held April 27

In conjunction with the annual Alumni Day festivities, the Alumni Association is once again holding in Alumni Golf Tournament at the Glenville Golf Club, April 27, 1996.

The tournament will be a shotgun start 18 hole, four man scramble, and will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Participants can enter as a team or individually, teams; however, must have a combined handicap of at least 40.

The tournament entry fee is only \$25 and will go toward green fees and the Alumni Cen-

ter fund, a fund used for restoring the alumni house, registered nationally as an historical landmark.

The Alumni Association and the college hope to have a large group of alumni students, faculty, staff and friends out for the golf tournament. For an entry form or information on Alumni Day activities, please call the Alumni Center at (304) 462-4122 or send correspondence to: GSC Alumni Association, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351-1292. You may register by phone.

Hello to everyone out there! This week, instead of putting a full article in the paper, we have decided to give you all a special treat and submit an economic puzzle. See if you can find our hidden message and have fun.

Mark A. Lewis  
SIFE Secretary

### SIFE ECONOMIC PUZZLE

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## Phi Beta Lambda Excels at State Leadership Conference

Marty Armentrout  
contributor

On Friday, March 22, the Lambda Alpha Theta chapter of Phi Beta Lambda traveled from the Glenville campus to James Rumsey Technical Institute at Martinsburg, West Virginia. Ten members of the chapter, accompanied by their advisor, Mrs. Jenny Dawkins, successfully represented Glenville State College in competition with other state colleges at this annual event.

Other schools represented at the Conference were Alderson-Broadus, Bluefield State, Garnet Career Center, James Rumsey Technical Institute, Roane-Jackson Vocational Technical Institute, South Branch of Potomac State, and West Virginia Tech.

The Glenville Chapter won the coveted Gold Seal Award and also was awarded first place for its annual report. In addition, the following students placed in competitive events: Eric Illikanien, 1st place in Management and 2nd place in Accounting II; Amy Harper, 1st place in Business Law; Aaron Colebank, 1st place in Computer Concepts and 1st place in Information

Management; Marsha Humphrey, 2nd place in Economics and 5th place in Parliamentary Procedures; Marsha Huff, 1st place in Ms. Future Business Teacher; Tracy Lane, 2nd place in Management; Monica Null, 1st place in Public Speaking; Julie Hardbarger, 3rd place in Parliamentary Procedures.

Three Glenville Students were also elected to state offices. Tracy Lane was elected to the position of State Vice President. Amy Harper was elected to the position of State Secretary. Julie Hardbarger was appointed to the position of State Parliamentarian.

Monica Null was instrumental in the election of GSC students to state offices. She acted as the campaign manager, and gave an introductory speech for each Glenville candidate.

These young men and women will represent GSC and West Virginia in the national competition which will be held in July in Washington, D.C. The Division of Business is proud of these students and their achievements. They and Mrs. Jenny Dawkins are to be commended for their outstanding representation of Glenville State College.

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Look for the ridiculous in everything and you will find it.

—Jules Renard

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## Time for Friendship

John Clise  
Staff Writer

Students and teachers alike enjoyed the Japanese/American Friendship Dinner held this past Monday by several Japanese students.

Our Japanese hosts spent all of Monday afternoon preparing for the special menu of curried rice and Green Tea ice cream. Kimiko Yoshida said it was made by adding "green tea powder to vanilla ice cream." It was a special treat.

The curried rice was "very spicy," said GSC student Dawn Nolan, but she "enjoyed it very much." Dr. Barbara Tedford commented, "I really enjoy exotic cooking. I had curried rice in Rochester, New York, over

the summer, so I enjoyed having it again."

Before dinner, we said the customary *itadaki-masu*, which is thanking those who prepared the meal. As Takashi Hirose said, "It simply means 'let's eat.'"

After dinner we were instructed to say *gochiso-sama*, another thanks to those who prepared the meal. After dinner, conversation centered around

language, culture, and friendship. It also included a lesson in origami, the art of folding paper.

Kimiko Yoshida instructed our table in how to make the "little man." She said origami figures range in difficulty, depending on the shape. She went

continued to 12



(front--left to right): Niriaki Oda, Kimiko Yoshida, Takashi Hirose  
(back--left to right): Masakazu Hayashi, Yoshinobu Nakamura, Eri Hirai, Takeshi Ariyama

## Hog Wild!!!

### 16th Annual GSC Week

April 10-21, 1996

- Wednesday 4/10 \* Delta Zeta Mr. GSC Contest
- Thursday 4/11 \* Video Dance and Kickoff Party
- Friday 4/12 \* GSC Talent Show
- Saturday 4/13 \* Family Day: Picnic and Children's Games
- Sunday 4/14 \* NBA Basketball: Washington VS. Toronto (Landover, MD.)
- Monday 4/15 \* Skeet Shoot
- Tuesday 4/16 \* GSC Concert Band Spring Show
- \* Take Aim: Archery and Rod & Reel Competitions
- \* West Virginia Sumo Wrestling
- \* Laser Karaoke Show
- Wednesday 4/17 \* Award Winning Comedian Cary Long
- \* After Dark Pool Party with D.J.
- \* Bowling Party
- Thursday 4/18 \* Spring Football Game
- \* Children's Theater
- \* Dance Party With Inner Groove Collection
- Friday 4/19 \* Volleyball Tournament
- \* Casino Night
- Saturday 4/20 \* GSC Olympics, Road Rally and Scavenger Hunt
- \* Hog Wild Spring Ball Featuring Captain Cook & the Coconuts
- Sunday 4/21 \* NASCAR Goody's 500 (Martinsville, VA)



Glenville State College

To be a Part of this, the best ever GSC Week contact the Student Activities Office at X172 (462-4172). Prize donations will be gladly accepted. The next meetings of the GSC Week Committee will be Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Snack Bar.



## Percussion Ensemble Rocks the House

Teresa Clark  
staff writer

Once again, the time for the Percussion Ensemble to entertain Glenville State College and the surrounding community has arrived. The ensemble performed Thursday and Friday evenings to nearly sold-out crowds.

As the lights dimmed, the members of the ensemble stealthily moved to the stage. The group immediately erupted into their first song of the evening, the "Overture for Percussion Ensemble," by John Beck. After that number, the pieces came one after another with the only breaks coming from the fast and frequent set changes.

Music ranged from Beethoven to Billy Joel. To end the first half, the ensemble played two mambo pieces, "Largo" from "The New World Symphony," by Antonin Dvorak, "Spanish Dance No. 5," by Moskowski, and the final



Photo by Chad Samples

song of the half was "Root Beer Rag," by Billy Joel.

As intermission ended the ensemble, now on risers, began to play two songs by Phil Collins as the light show began. The soloist on these two works was Matt Schoonmaker on marimba.

This was followed by "Mexican Connection" and "This Night," by Billy Joel. To add a whimsical note to the repertoire for the younger audience members, the ensemble played a medley of cartoon themes from Batman and Merry Melodies to

Dudley Doright and the Flintstones, all the while flashing cartoon scenes on the auditorium walls.

To bring the show back to earth, so to speak, the ensemble played "Colors of the Wind," arranged by GSC student Jamie Atkins. The show picked up speed until the explosive finale of glowing drumsticks and gloves beating out a stout cadence with whipped the audience into a musical frenzy. It was truly a night of spectacular entertainment.

## Oscar Main Attractions!

\*Best Film--*Braveheart*  
\*Best Director--Mel Gibson (*Braveheart*)  
\*Best Film Score--*The Postman*  
\*Best Actor--Nicholas Cage (*Leaving Las Vegas*)  
\*Best Actress--Susan

Sarandon (*Dead Man Walking*)  
\*Best Supporting Actor--Kevin Spacey (*The Usual Suspects*)  
\*Best Supporting Actress--Mira Sorvino (*Mighty Aphrodite*)  
\*Best Cinematography--

*Braveheart*  
\*Best Original Screenplay--*The Usual Suspects*  
\*Best Screen Adaptation--*Sense and Sensibility*  
\*Best Visual Effect--*Babe*  
\*Best Sound and Film Editing--*Apollo 13*

## TRACY SMITH HITS FUNNY BONE!

ERIC WARE, staff writer

They laughed! They cried! They laughed some more!

In a show that delighted audiences, Tracy Smith poured on the comedy, giving GSC students what one described as, "The most hilarious time I've ever had!"

On March 28, Tracy Smith hit the stage with a vengeance that kept GSC audiences roaring with laughter. From relationships, to dates, to just plain mayhem, Smith had fun drawing from her own experiences to relate to the students.

"My comedy is sometimes

autobiographical," Smith said, "and people tend to learn a little about themselves".

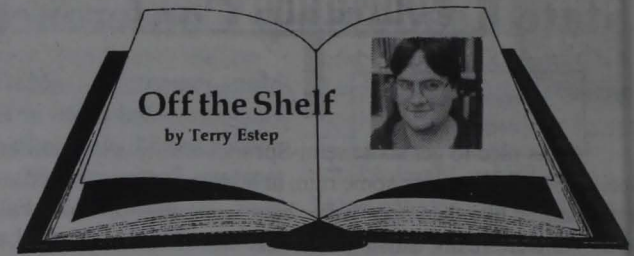
Smith was born and raised in Ontario, Canada. She went to college in Florida, majoring in psychology. Discovering comedy seven years ago, she took to the stage and has delighted audiences ever since with appearances on A&E's "Evening at the Improv", Lifetime's "Girl's Night Out", MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour", and Comedy Central's "Stand Up Stand Up".

Smith has been signed by Castle Rock Video to develop her own show. Smith is all smiles. "It's really great," she replies. "I'm so excited!"



Tracy Smith fills the room with laughter.

Photo by Carl Wilson



## Exploring the *First Frontier*

In 1975, Gene Roddenberry searched for an idea that would become *Star Trek--The Motion Picture*. Harlan Ellison (Trekkers will recognize him as the man who wrote "City on the Edge of Forever," by far one of the best episodes of the series) pitched an idea about a race of reptilian aliens on the verge of extinction. They travel back in time to the Pleistocene period before man began to evolve. The aliens would then wipe out the mammals and establish their reptilian brethren as the dominant Earth life-form. The *Enterprise* crew would then be faced with the moral dilemma of wiping out another species in order to ensure humanity's dominance.

The idea didn't fly with Paramount. Twenty years later, the novel *First Frontier*, by Diane Carey and Dr. James I. Kirkland, has taken the idea and fleshed it out. The reptilian enemies have been adapted into intelligent and impulsive velociraptors. The dino scientists travel back in time using the *Star Trek* writer's most precious tool, the Guardian of Forever. A time shift results, placing Captain Kirk and the *Enterprise* crew in a universe where the Klingons and Romulans are at war and humans and Starfleet do not exist.

Some wonderful "Star Trek in Jurassic Park" mayhem ensues, as the expendable crewmen in red shirts meet various horrible deaths. The danger is compounded by the intelligent raptor soldiers, who descend into battle frenzy at the idea of feeding on warm flesh. One dino scientist, Oya, is opposed to the mission and tries to foil the plans.

*First Frontier* is a good diversion for *Star Trek* fans. There is plenty of action, philosophical rambling, and scientific musings about what dinosaurs may have evolved into if they hadn't been wiped out 65 million years ago. The authors may claim credit for the idea, but the scowling face of Harlan Ellison hovers over it all. It's a good novel, but I'd love to see Ellison sue for plagiarism.

Nothing happens to anybody, which he is not fitted by nature to bear.

-Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

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It was nice to get some semi-Spring weather conditions last week. Though there was some rain, at least there wasn't any frigid temperatures like then ones we've been experiencing. Those temperatures were really causing me some problems this winter. The main one was the doors on my car freezing shut.

I remember my father telling me years ago that if you lined the edge of your doors with Vasoline they wouldn't freeze shut. One evening, knowing the temperature would drop that night, I frantically began rummaging through my apartment, knocking over week-old pyramids of *Pepsi House* and *Pepsi Dry* cans in pursuit of a jar of this oil-based lubricant. Unable to find any, I thought of the next best thing. Throwing mismatched socks and holey underwear in every direction, I finally got to the bottom of the top drawers of my dresser and there it was--a half-empty tube of K-Y Jelly.

I placed the tube in the pocket of my shorts, my car keys in the other, pulled on some sweat pants, and ran down the street to my Chevy. You should have seen the looks on the faces of passersby as I searched for my car keys, holding a tube of K-Y Jelly in one hand with the other down my pants, shouting "Damn it, I know it's down there somewhere!"

At any rate, I finally found the key and did one hell of a lube job. My only concern was that the door would come into the car with me when I shut the door. As some of you may know, you could fit a golfball through a tennis racket with this stuff.

I then drove home in time to catch Showtime's 18th showing of the Tyson vs. Bruno fight. I was not surprised to see it lasted only three rounds. I wish all boxers would learn a valuable lesson from Frank Bruno, a man who claimed he would knock Mike Tyson into Don King's lap and out of the sport of boxing. "Please, show us instead of telling us. It amazes me how many boxers claim Tyson is a bum before they fight him and lose.

While I was watching the fight, my mother had taken my car to the store for some milk. As I turned to Sports Center, my attention was interrupted as she came home shouting, "What is an empty tube of K-Y Jelly doing in your car?"

Had this been new to me, I might have experienced some nervousness. Luckily, I had faced this situation several times in high school. This time I was innocent of any wrongdoing. I simply said, "Dad said this stuff works great in cold weather. You can enter your ride with ease."

My parents were still fighting when I left on Sunday.  
*Editor's Note: K-Y Jelly is a water-based lubricant, and using it to prevent freezing doors would be just plain nutty.*

Aerobic Schedule 1996		
There will be high impact and low impact aerobics scheduled for the benefit of both students and staff. Everyone is encouraged to attend this wellness opportunity. There is no charge. The scheduled times for high impact will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and low impact from 4:30-5:15 p.m.		
	High Impact	Low Impact
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Tuesday	Erin Drennen	Monica Triplett
Wednesday	Erin Drennen	Monica Triplett
Thursday	low impact only	Melissa Rogers
Friday	low impact only	Melissa Rogers



Women were not allowed to compete in or even watch the ancient Greek Olympic games. Women first took part in the modern games in 1900.

# Twins Win Lawsuit

by, Bita Nikravesh  
NSNS Staff Writer

All Cindy and Karla wanted to do was play softball. The amiable twins have reason to celebrate--they've just won a battle with Louisiana State University to start a female softball team at their school, but the dream to play ball in college has been cut short for both women. Cindy and Karla will graduate before the season even starts.

"I'm very disappointed that I won't be able to play," Cindy said. "But at least we've helped out the softball teams in the future."

The lawsuit brought against LSU concerned Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, a law that prohibits sex discrimination at institutions which receive federal aid.

LSU's failure to provide adequate athletic opportunities for females led the Pineda struggle and many others. Last year, a federal court ruled that Brown University discriminates against female athletes. Similarly, in Alabama, female students sued Auburn University and won, setting a precedent for students like the Pinedas to take action.

At schools where football and basketball redeive the most funding, female athletics are often deprioritized. Cindy Pineda said she hopes that the negative publicity her school received from the lawsuit will cause other schools to restructure their athletic programs.

"(LSU) gives so much money to male sports," Cindy said. "The figures I've seen are above outrageous...That's not fair for those really talented female athletes."

According to the ruling that found LSU in violation of Title IX, women made up 49 percent of the university's student body but only 29 percent of its varsity athletes. LSU officials are appealing the federal court order to comply with Titled IX immediately or else submit a plan to do so within 20 days.

# Alice in Scholarland

Minur Ingram  
staff writer

Alice Lattea, our own Resident Assistant at Pickens, Hall received the honorable One Valley Bank Scholar Athlete Award on Friday, March 1, 1996 during the WVIAC basketball tournament.

Lattea was recommended for this award by Rich Rodriguez, our athletic director, and Kenny Osborne, volleyball coach for her outstanding work as a student-athlete.

Lattea said, "I feel this award will help me in my future endeavors." Lattea graduated from Parkersburg South High

School where she learned to value her education. She has maintained a 3.65 GPA during her senior year and is scheduled to graduate in May with a Business Administration degree, specializing in Marketing.

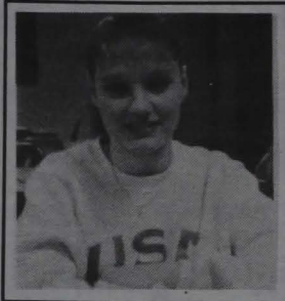


Photo by Gene Breza.

The requirements for the One Valley Bank Scholar Athlete Award are that you maintain a 3.0 GPA and be in your last year playing a sport. All student-athletes are advised to ask the athletic director about information concerning such scholar athlete awards. Remember, it never hurts to ask questions about your future.

"They are able because they think they are able."  
--Virgil



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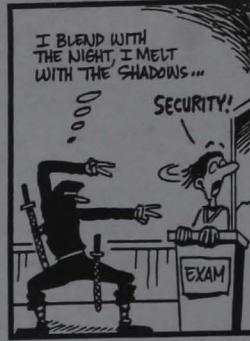
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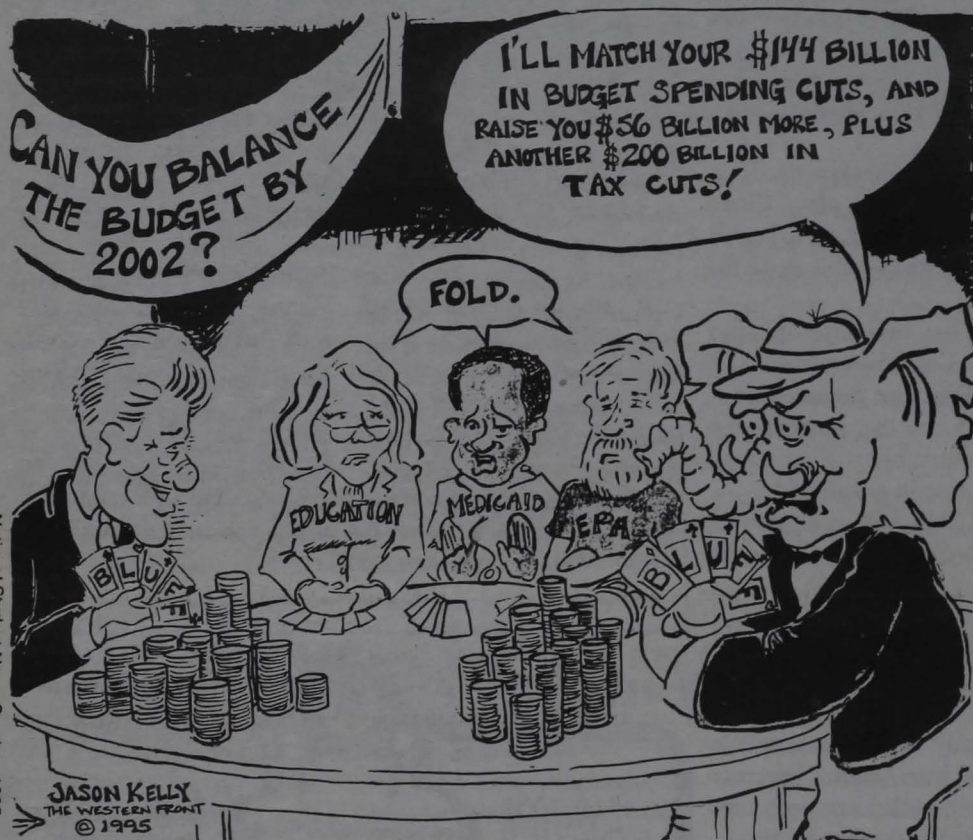
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## ARTLESS PHILOSOPHY



## "It's Spring Again"

SO, it's Spring again! How did we notice? The weather hasn't been that great, the trees aren't blooming, the flowers aren't growing too high.

Oh yeah, it must be the one true sign of Spring, people have started pairing off and wandering around campus with glazed over, half ignorant, goober grins on their faces.

These happy people are completely mindless, wandering around campus holding hands and walking in the rain or shine. It doesn't really matter because the "lovers" in question could be in the Mojave Desert and they wouldn't know any different. Why?!?!? Well, because they are in love of course.

This mental illness of Spring needs to be dealt with. The happy couples are infected, but those who are forced to watch the gigglefest of dopey grin attacks are the ones who truly suffer.

It's like being caught in the car with your Uncle Chet on a long trip. Chet starts losing his "chili and oyster" lunch about ten minutes after you start the trip and he "isn't pulling off for three hours because he travels like a real man." All the while the will to live slowly leaves you.

You "couples" need to keep this in mind as you impose your hand holding, flirting, ill advised mingling (meeting in places you think people can't see you, when actually we can), upon the unaffected portion of society.

It isn't that we don't care about your happiness. We think it is wonderful that you are happy. Just keep it to yourselves. Really, we aren't joking.

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Eric Ware  
staff writer

Maybe it's because of a full moon. Maybe it's in the water. Maybe I'm just sane working in a world of crazies. So I'm sitting behind this PCS word processor, like a good little reporter, and find myself drawn into a conversation like those B-rated horror movies where an innocent by-stander gets it.

"Well, what do you think?" They ask. I sit and make a shrugging motion.

"Think about what?"

"Do you think dead pup-

pies are much fun?"

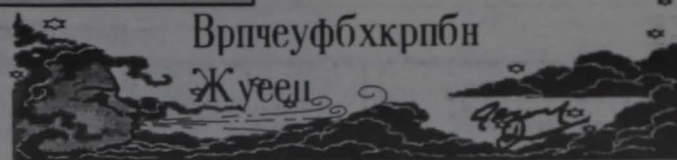
I waited for someone to laugh, to snicker, to give me an ounce of a smile.

Nothing, just blank, questioning stares as big as silver dollars.

I'm left to ponder this question, growing older with bad eyesight from sitting behind this PCS word processor.

So I'm staring at a blank screen and thinking too much about dead puppies when an idea about an article comes to mind.

I start: maybe because it's a full moon. Maybe it's in the water...



## Psalms 53:1

*The fool hath said in his heart, "There is no God". . .*

Tuesday night I went for a walk out on Mineral Road to clear my head and see the comet. I went with a pal of mine. We'll call him Ringo.

Well, Ringo and I were discussing the wonders of nature's night sky; mainly how coincidental it is that a ball of gas and ice four times the size of the earth can just casually skip through our solar system without taking out a few planets along its way.

"It seems to me," Ringo said, "that with all the order in the natural world it would be hard to argue against the existence of God."

"Yes," I agreed with my friend.

"I mean look at the stars in the sky. There is such an order to the star patterns that I can navigate a boat by them. I learned how to do that when I was in the Boy Scouts."

"The Boy Scouts teach you some neat stuff," I observed.

"Stuff like that just doesn't happen on its own. You couldn't just toss a hand full of rocks and expect to make sense out of the way they fall, now could you? So why do people think a big bang could scatter the stars that way?"

"I don't know."

Then Ringo asked me, "Do you suppose God was thinking of navigators when he put the stars in the sky?"

"I always thought he was thinking about women," I said.

"No," Ringo told me, "If he'd just been thinking about girls he probably would have just thrown them out there, and spent more time working on those ostriches."

"Yeah, you're probably right," I said.

"Man, look at that thing," he was pointing into the sky at the comet. He said, "You can see the tail all the way back to the big dipper." He was right, I could.

Neither of us said anything for awhile.

Ringo picked up with, "It seems to me scientists would be the most believing bunch of people out there."

I didn't understand him so I said, "What?" 'cause that's what I say when I don't understand someone.

"That they would believe in God."

"You think?"

"Sure, I mean any scientist knows that things don't just happen on their own, generally speaking I mean. You have to set up specific conditions and have certain elements to make anything happen."

"Oh? . . . yeah"

"Half the time they can't even set up the conditions themselves, and they expect that stuff to just accidentally happen."

"I can never get my stuff to turn out right in science lab."

"See what I mean? With that kind of logic, you could just throw the ingredients for a . . . I don't know, a cake. You could just throw it all in a bowl, and eventually it would organize itself to become a cake."

"You would need to bake it?"

"No, not with that kind of logic. If you waited around long enough the air would naturally become hot enough to cook the thing."

"No it wouldn't."

"That's what I'm saying. It just doesn't make good sense. Something or somebody has to put things together or they fall apart."

"A tree grows because some tree made a seed to started from, a baby's born because two people had sex, and a dam is in the creek because a beaver built it there. Show me one example of something that wasn't in some way made by something else."

"I can't think of anything."

"OK then, that's what I'm saying." Ringo paused for a minute, then he says to me, "You know even if you could find something that came from nothing, which you can't, you would still have to wonder what keeps it together."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, think about how much time you spend keeping the things you have nice, you know washing your car, fixing your house, cleaning your desk. Who cleans and fixes the universe if not God, you know? If it were left to its own it would fall to pieces."

"I guess it would."

"I don't know what's wrong with people, I just don't know."

## Special Services for Holy Week and Easter

The Wesley Foundation will observe a special service of Tenebrae on Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 12:40 p.m. and concluding at 1:20 p.m. This service is a recreation of the passion of Jesus Christ and dates back to the 12th century. The sanctuary is progressively darkened as scriptures are shared which recall the betrayal, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

A service of Easter celebration will take place on Tuesday, April 9, during the same time period.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



*Your eyes burned with a passion.*

*Your body turned in a fashion-*

*That wasn't your own,*

*Mixed buttons were sewn*

*On your black dress, on the floor*

*It was thrown.*

*I cried that night as you smiled.*

*Our clothes before us were piled*

*On the floor, near the door,*

*Never asking for more-*

*In our words, one another, beguiled.*

*To what if I ask all about you?*

*These questions were left to defile you.*

*And all we could see as we knelt to*

*our knees,*

*Was the hour, the power, of voodoo.*

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ulty Senate is that the Division Chairpersons are not elected and so do not truly represent the faculty.

Upon being informed of existing faculty distress over merit pay Peterson continues, "The merit policy that has been approved indicates that there will be merit but there has been no resolution of the percentage splits." He went on to say, "The procedures for implementing the pay policy are yet to really be developed. These procedures will define how the money is broken apart between merit and equity issues."

When asked what stalled the inclusion of the Faculty Senate in the administration of the

pay policy and why their proposals were supposedly ignored he answered, "Well, those guidelines are their opinion of the way it should be. It's inaccurate to say those guidelines were not followed because that distribution has not even been agreed upon, yet."

He went on to explain, "The policy is basically an overview and that there are no real specifics to it yet. It defines what the policies for the college should be. It doesn't say how... particularly the merit portion of it will be implemented. While there is a draft of that available it is just a draft and it's just kind'a put out to be discussed."

Peterson says, "I, too, am concerned about the administration of merit pay. I under-

stand that it could be the equivalent of throwing a bone out to a pack of dogs--they're going to go right after it. Merit pay is not simply a subject at this college but is something the public policy makers in West Virginia want to see as a way of encouraging faculty. That's really all that the merit aspect asks for."

He further states, "By giving merit pay to faculty members as a indefinite salary boost, GSC would be closer to meeting the salary requirements listed in Senate Bill 547."

A committee consisting of Administration, Faculty and Division Chair representatives has been formed and met on Wednesday March 27th. *The Mercury* will continue to update this story.

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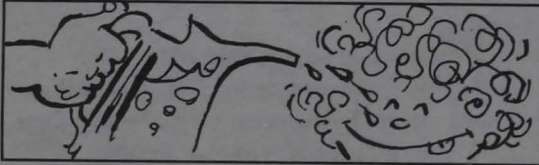
on to say the crane was the hardest to make, but that making a thousand cranes would bring good luck.

We were also welcomed to take the origami figures decorating the tables home as gifts. Nolan said, "I had no trouble making the figure at dinner." Later in her room, she stated, "I couldn't make it again."

Eri Hirai said she and the other Japanese students felt that,

"Although some of the people who signed up didn't attend, it still went very well." She also said the students would like to have the dinner again.

Eri and our dinner hosts, Kimiko Yoshida, Takashi Hirose, Yoshinobu Nakamura, Masakazu Hayashi, Takeshi Ariyama, Noriaki Oda, and Sayaka Kawakami, hope to share their culture and break down stereotypes between our two countries and build friendship instead of division.

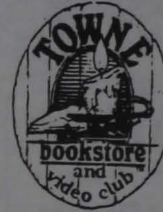


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