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The Multi-Media Approach to History-

By Lisa McCormick

History is getting a new "techno-facelift" that may be representative of how future classes will use multimedia electronics.

With Dr. Holt's encouragement, Dr. James Hilgenberg, Professor of History, started this techno-integrative class which began this semester; its subject--the Civil War. This class, titled



Photo by Carl Wilson Dr. Hilgenberg

History 399--Old War, New Technologies, uses GSC's current computerized and electronic facilities. According to Dr. Hilgenberg: "It's an advanced history course that uses different educational technologies such as video, audio, the internet, and the media center in the library to teach the Civil War."

The class is particularly specialized in that certain requirements had to be met before students were allowed to enroll in it. "We had to limit the class because the labs at Clark Hall

only had a certain amount of computer stations; this being the case, we wanted only particular students," explains Dr. Hilgenberg.

One of the main pre-requisite requirements was that the students had a Civil War course before taking the class, making only eleven students eligible.

"All of the students are history majors who are intending to go into law, and those who plan to go into graduate degrees in history-related fields," says Dr. Hilgenberg. "The key to this whole project is integrating new technologies into the subject."

Culmination of this class will be in the form of each student presenting a 60 minute presentation on a topic pertaining to the Civil War. "These presentations are during this whole month of April, and the first week of May," explains Dr. Hilgenberg. "The students have been working very hard on their projects, and we'll be having topics like John Brown and Harper's Ferry. They'll each use different medias while presenting their topics."

"I think that the students have enjoyed this experience. I know that I have," furthers Dr. Hilgenberg. "Being able to say that they've had the experience of working with these particular technologies will look good on their resumes."

Since this is the first time any class of sort has been offered, Dr. Hilgenberg comments on the experience: "I would have apportioned time more differently.

The possibilities of the students seeing this form of class in

lens.

the future is strong: "A future class of this sort wouldn't be offered again on the Civil War topic, but may be on a subject like the Vietnam War," continues Dr. Hilgenberg. "It has helped the students learn to organize their presentation, on how to structure something, and it also gives the students access to the different medias."

"I would like to thank Don Phillips (Director of the Media Center) and his assistant, Ed Messenger, for their patience in teaching my students how to use the center's technologies; they've been a great help," insists Hilgenberg. "The only problem I've had so far was that there wasn't a full-time education media guy at Clark Hall. We had one, but he's left and no one has been hired to take his place. Someone like that on campus would've been a big, big boost."

He continues: "We need more people with computer expertise. If we're going to invest into the hardware, then we are

going to need some sort of guidance personnel with it; without it, it's useless. I would also like to acknowledge Mr. Bassett's and Mr. Church's support and help with this project."

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Dr. Hilgenberg's overall reaction to the "Multi-Media Approach" to teaching a class was enthusiastic and positive, and he adds that the presentations are open to the public. The presentations are given 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library's basement.

Comet Hale-Bopp in the Night Sky!



Photo by Carl Wilson. The Hale-Bopp Comet brightened the Sunday night sky, April 1st. Seen in the south-west sky, the comet can be seen between the hours of 7p.m.-11p.m. This picture, by Carl Wilson, was taken April 1st during the brightest time this month using a Pentax K1000 camera set on f/4 for 3 seconds, with a 200 mm zoom



From the Editor's Desk Gene Breza

Parking Problem?

There is no parking problem!

The Mercury editors have just returned from the sage's convention held in St. Louis, Mo., held over to April 1 because of clement weather. The sky scowled and Mississippi got remarried. There, we learned there is no fool like someone who is afraid to be a fool.

The Mercury is opening its own psychic hotline, where you can hear etherial music and tell about your coming good fortune . Ask for Eric, 462-4133.

Everyone complains about the parking problem here at Glenville State College. In actuality, the parking situation fills the need we all have to complain. The more confusing and removed from our ability to deal with a problem, the easier it is to complain about it. It has won a place in our hearts as something reliable and steady that won't go away.

But, there is no parking problem. There is a scheduling problem not a parking problem. Therefore you will have to look elsewhere for a dependable complaint.

Let's see... if classes at GSC were spread throughout the day, say until 3 p.m., there would never be a reason for someone to park over cross hatches, hop the curb above PE or park on the sidewalk of the Heflin center except after football practice, because there would be an open space to park. mommy at the same time for three years. I decided this would be perfect for my next article. So, I interviewed her and talked to two other women in this situa-

Did you ever have a problem parking after one o'clock? If you did, it's only because you needed your fair share of abuse. You didn't look in the Heflin Center lot or the Library lot.

This is not to say there isn't space that is wasted. If the lines were painted as close as McDonalds lot, parking could be increased by one third.

What is the total number of parking spaces on campus? Subtract the number of faculty and staff, allow a generous amount for visitors, figure most commuters will drive, figure the percentage of dorm residents who are driving, and then schedule no more classes than will fill the lots people actually use.

Of course, this will mean a lesser number of classes scheduled for the four hours of the morning and more in the afternoon.

For the kicker, what is the problem with stating on parking tickets, "Third Offense"? Then there will no confusion about whether offenses are cumulative throughout a student's career; through a year; through a semester; or whether if you stay out of school a semester or four years -- two offenses are cleared off your record.

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Commentary

Dear Editor,

In today's society, it is not uncommon to see women taking on multiple and more challenging roles. Women can be found in executive offices, construction crews, at home, in the class room, and many other work sites. Now, I know that this doesn't seem extraordinary, but it really is. You see, these women really do push themselves, just like a lot of men. However, what is more extraordinary is the fact that there are more mothers in the class rooms and at the work place than ever.

One of these women--a good friend of mine whose name and identity have been changed--is Tricia Mason. She is the single mother of a three-year-old son. She is currently a third year student, a junior. So, she has been going to school and being a mommy at the same time for three years. I decided this would be perfect for my next article. So, I interviewed her and talked to two other women in this situation.

"What is it like in the morning when you are getting ready for school?"

Tricia responded," Well, I get up, feed my son, dress him, then I can tend to myself."

"Well, how do you get to do your school work?"

Tricia said," Well, I just try to get him occupied or asleep. It really isn't easy. Sometimes, he just wants to run and play. I guess you can say that I do the best I can. Once I went to school with his creative art all over my paper. Well, that happened more than once."

These mothers often suffer from little or no sleep, when their children are sick and restless. They often have trouble getting to school at times, when there is a school delay and other times when their children need them. It is often hard to find a babysitter, and often even harder to pay for one.

According, to all three of the women that I spoke to, they say that they couldn't do it without the support of friends, family, or other special people in

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What's Left? Tom Kennedy

The Mercury

We Must Believe in Magic

The economics of capitalism appears to be predicated on an ever-increasing number of consumers through growing populations, opening new markets such as China, or by developing new consumer products that people cannot (even though they did before) live without. Is it just me, or does this line of thought bring to mind the metaphor of the periodic mass suicide of lemmings? No matter how you look at it, growing world populations and selling more and more needless consumer products is going to catch up to us like a bad hangover. If we succeed in our present form of capitalism around the world, making other societies more like our own, wouldn't it be similar to taking a stiff drink to quell those not-so-pleasant feelings the morning after a good party?

Americans waste (even by conservative estimates) thousands of pounds of resources per person per year. Billions of pounds of things like carpet, polystyrene, food, chemicals, and other resources end up in landfills (if we're lucky) annually. In addition, even more waste is produced by industry in the making of all those precious items we cannot seem to live without. But when you stop and think of the VCRs, TVs, stereos, batteries, and all the other things that we discard in our lives, each of us has a very significant personal involvement in the amount of garbage and pollution produced in this country.

This seems hard for many to grasp, but, believe it or not, all the resources we waste and consume are not being continually produced by God, and the earth really does have a limit to how much pollution it can absorb and recycle. Obviously, we cannot turn back the clock, so we need a strong industrial economy to provide jobs so that people can survive; however, a balance must be struck between realistic needs, available resources, and inevitable waste production. Having everyone gainfully employed on a sinking luxury ship is only good while the party lasts. It must be remembered that all the air, water, food, shelter--everything that keeps industry and ourselves alive--is provided by the living systems of our planet, and science cannot recreate the necessities that the earth gives us. As the Biosphere II fiasco has shown us, science and 200 million dollars could not even produce a three-acre living system to keep eight people and some animals alive for two years.

If we are to rise above our lemming-inspired leap of faith, we must coordinate our hard-earned intelligence and technology toward *real* solutions. Earning money to stay alive is a concept created by human beings; and, since we created the system, we can alter it to fit the reality of the world we live in. It is time to stop trying to pull rabbits out of a hat and accept the fact that to take more than can be given goes even beyond our own laws of physics.

their lives.

My heart goes out to the women who are students and mothers; and even those who are mothers, students and workers. I wish all of you continued success and support. Congratulations and good luck to you all. Shawana L. Smith

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. Carl Wilson, Photo Editor

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Dear Editor,

I commend you on your courage and ingenuity to finally speak on behalf of all men, for addressing the plight of the male population. Too many times, men get a bad rap as players and/ or dogs. The male is always to blame for things gone wrong in relationships.

Everywhere you look, men are being slandered; females tend to blame men for their own shortcomings. The media is full of male-bashing propaganda. To prove this, turn on your television set any time after noon and watch any soap or daytime talk show. More times than not, you'll be sure to find negative publicity regarding males.

If there were programs that cut down women, it would be branded as chauvinistic and vulgar. I am truly grateful that someone had the gumption to speak up. To further illustrate your point, I would like to share a personal experience that I was forced to deal with just recently.

This past weekend, I thought it would be a nice idea to spend time with a particular female friend of mine. She had called me last Thursday, telling me that she was coming down from Maryland for a visit. Because she lived seven hours away, I thought I would try and make her trip worthwhile by planing something special. Although I would be sacrificing my Easter dinner with my family, I had a good feeling that the next few days would be worth it.

After showing up some 27 hours late, we decided to sit back and watch some movies--not too bad an idea, I thought, excluding the fact that there were six other people with her when she showed up at my trailer. Being the warmhearted guy that I am, I overlooked this. I was just glad to see her. Before she left that evening, she told me to do something special the next day--just the two of us, or so I thought.

At around five o'clock the next evening, she shows up accompanied by her younger cousin who was infatuated with the drive-thru clerk at McDonald's. Needless to say, the "golden arches" was not exactly the first place on my list of "special things to do." After sitting and eating chicken nuggets for two hours while her cousin debated whether or not to speak with the drive-thru guru, I decided it was time to leave. We drove back to my trailer and she dropped me off and left. To put it mildly, I was rather PO'd.

The next day rolled around and I found myself angry at the fact that I missed seeing my family, just so I could lay around while my "friend" carted around her cronies. My weekend had been a total disaster, I spent all of my money on food so I could make us a nice dinner, and I never got to go out because I was hoping that she might come back to see *me*!

I was a damned fool to think that I ever could have her to myself for at least one day-that's all I wanted...one day. I figured that since she drove seven hours to see me, that she might have wanted to spend some time together. I was dead wrong. When I did see her, she was never alone. I might as well have been dating her cousin and her five other friends as well! I began to doubt whether or not she could even begin to function unless her friends were with her.

To top off an already-dismal weekend, I found out she had been dating someone else back home. As for men being dogs, the only reason that is so is because they have been repeatedly dumped on by women so many times that they have been calloused by grief. All in all, the sad fact remains that if you treat a woman with respect, you are only asking to be hurt. With all due respect to the female population, though I've been burned on numerous occasions, I'd like to think that there are women out there who deviate from the norm and actually think for themselves.

Brent Gargus



Heaven's Gate--Is it So Far-fetched?

Commentary by Terry L. Estep Ever since the Heaven's

Gate cult joined Hale-Bopp in the air, I've noticed a lot of heads shaking in bewilderment. "How could they do it?" I've heard that several times. "How could smart, computer-literate people in this technological age fall for such an oddball belief? They must have been crazy!" Maybe those cult members are laughing at us from whatever realm they've headed for after they dropped their shells like peanuts in a bar. I really don't know.

I find those questions-and their underlying assumptions--very amusing. A great number of people in this nation have some beliefs that I think are pretty irrational on a daily basis. I'm not supposed to believe a UFO can take people to a higher plane, but I'm supposed to believe that a young girl who had never had intercourse in her life gave birth to a child? I'm supposed to believe that said child grew up and strolled on water, fed a multitude with a little bread and some fish, and performed a few other clear violations of physical law?

Why is it so hard to accept that 39 people could believe they would evolve to a higher plane? That's certainly in line with most religions. Bo and Peep's flock practiced castration, but genital mutilation was required by Yahweh and is still commonly practiced by religions. It is also a routine American medical procedure called circumcision.

I realize that there are many people who have absolutely no problems reconciling their religious/spiritual beliefs with the modern world. When a lady friend of mine states that there can't be life on other planets because God wouldn't put Jesus through all that unpleasantness again, I have to admire that rock-solid certainty.

I don't know all the answers; humans seek answers, and sometimes those answers tum out to be wrong and are discarded for newer theories. That's called the Scientific Method, the trial-and-error mode of exploration we use to eliminate doubt. While it may not give me 100% assurance that the universe started with a Big Bang and will end with a Big Crunch, I still trust that more than the word of a guy who brought tablets down from a hill.

There are religions that have gods with more arms than a spider, and we cluck and giggle and say "What silly pagans." I know--I've done it, too; however, I imagine that the Judeo-Christian god will eventually go the way of Zeus and Thor. I don't make that claim lightly, either. I've done enough soul-searching over the years to start my own detective agency with Casper. I recognize the value of religion as a comforting agent and explainer of the world, but I simply don't subscribe to it.

Before we marvel at the incredible stupidity of 39 people who thought they had *the answer*, let's take it as food for thought and a chance to reflect on our own culturally-ingrained spiritual beliefs.

The Problem With Cults-

Commentary by Eric Ware

Once Americans left the agricultural world with its ties to the land, people, and religion for the Industrial/Mass Production World, everything in our society has been mass produced. The Super Highway has left home owners for small houses and trailers, no land to call their own. People lost the family spirit and neighborly attitudes. And now, as a result, religion is mass produced. One fearful, mass produced "religion", or organization, is cults.

Religion, any religion, teaches us to decide upon faith. Faith, with its sidekick, belief, produces a set of morals religions teach and abide by. Hinduism, Judism, Christian, Islamic, Muslim, all these religions teaches certain lessons of life through their beliefs and cultures. These religions, once again, teaches us to decide upon faith. The problem with cults is that these organizations depend on one concept: the absence of decision. Someone, a leader, decides for you taking away personal freedom and thought.

Thought is absent, meaningless, controlled by a leader, used by a leader, and then subjected to change and brainwashing by this leader. The most fearful aspect of this is the death of those 39 people belonging to Heaven's Gate. The mass suicide of these people proves my point --cults rely on the ability to take away your personal freedom of choice and thought, and decide for you. No other religion teaches such control of personal choice. For this reason, Americans shun cults for thier seclusion, their distrust of the outer world (after all, cults are secretive and very protective, a stigma to the idea of religion where the gospel or teachings are taught to the masses) and the control of small masses and minds.

Like Jonestown, Charles Manson, and now Heaven's Gate, these products of a mass produced society and religion end with one result--death. For life and religions, unlike cults, teaches us one important lesson...to live. Evidently, these 39 followers of Heaven's Gate missed that point.

Student Life

Pianist Returns to GSC

Arielle Davisson, pianist, will be performing at the Glenville State College Fine Arts Auditorium on Monday, April 7, at 8 p.m.

Ms. Davisson began her studies in Music Education at Glenville State College. She finished her Bachelor's Degree at TCU in Fort Worth, Texas, home of the Van Cliburn Piano Competition as well as over 200 piano teachers. While working as a coach/accompanist at TCU, she became the first student to graduate with a Master's Degree in Piano Performance/Accompanying/Chamber Music.

While visiting one of her brother's at Virginia Tech, she was hired to play and direct rehearsals for The Mikado. Before that job ended, she was hired as a part-time organist at a church. She has since earned her living in the New River Valley as an accompanist/coach, rehearsal pianist, music director, organist, teacher and pianist.

Ms. Davisson has studied piano with Tamas Ungar and Teresa Ehrlich, accompanying with Fritz Berens, and opera directing with Boris Goldovsky

and Arden Hopkins. She organized the Blacksburg Master Chorale, and plays with a jazz band as backup to Catherine Breske

Arielle's music provides a setting in which to relive memories and emotions from your past. It has been compared most often to the original music of George Winston, Enva and William Ackerman. One reviewer described her as "serene with a thundering velvet hand--thunder hush music.

The performance is free and open to the public.

By Gwendolyn Harmon

end of February.

Forensics Awards-

Fourth Annual Teleconference

Living with Grief: When Illness is Prolonged

Moderator: Cokie Roberts, ABC and NPR Correspondent Panel: Betty Davis, Ph.D., University of British Columbia; Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., College of New Rochelle; Dr. Williams Lamers, Jr., founding father of the American Hospice Movement; Therese A. Rando, Ph.D., Institute for the Study and Treatment of Loss

April 16, 1997, GSC Library Media Center, 12:30-4p.m. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Dolores Mysliwiec or Mary Alltop at 462-7361 ext. 124.

This teleconference is sponsored by the Association for Death Education and Counseling, in cooperation with the American Medical Association. Supplemental funding is provided by Project on Death in America.

GSC Foundation Golf Tourney

The Glenville State College Foundation Inc. will host a golf outing on Monday, June 23, at Glenville Golf Club in Glenville, West Virginia. The tourney will be an 18-hole 4-person Scramble, no handicap event. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Monies raised from the event will go to fund scholarships for students who demonstrate both academic and athletic excellence. Last year over 50 golfers and 20 hole sponsors participated. To register or for more information contact: Ed Hamric, the Executive Vice President of the GSC Foundation, Inc. at GSC Foundation Office at (304) 462-4125.

CD-ROM Collection Available

By Eric Ware

Keeping up with the demands of the 21st century, the Robert F. Kidd Library now offers students and faculty a CD-ROM collection with an increasing amount of information, music, and games.

The collection began last year with a few added cd's and grew this year to 49 titles covering a wide range of topics: PC Karoake, Mozart, Schubert, and Beethoven, Myst, Algebra, Civil War History, a variety of educational programs, and a multimedia version of Spiegalman's Holocaust story Maus.

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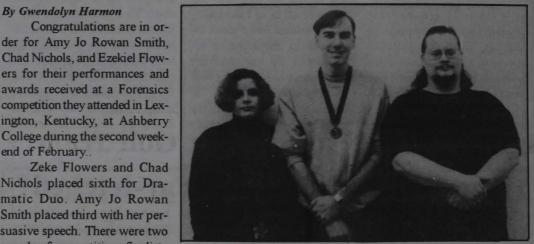
"This is an extension for Multimedia purpose, as multimedia becomes important," commented Library Staff member, Bernice Blake. "We have a broad range of educational [CD's]."

Even though the library doesn't have CD-ROM capabilities yet, there are future plans to expand and include computers with CD capabilities. Students can use personal computers or labs with CD capabilities.

Because of the limited supply, however, one disc is only permitted to be checked out at a time for the seven-day check-out period for multimedia materials.

Zeke Flowers and Chad Nichols placed sixth for Dramatic Duo. Amy Jo Rowan Smith placed third with her persuasive speech. There were two rounds of competition; finalists proceed to a third round. The participants are rated on voice quality, format, and tactics that pertain to each type of piece performed.

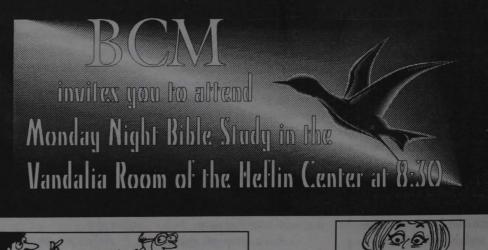
"This was my first time



Amy Jo Rowan Smith, Chad Nichols, and Ezekiel Flowers competing," Zeke Flowers com- said. "I've never competed in mented. "I was very pleased that persuasive speaking before." I actually won something."

"I was surprised to place in the top three," Rowan Smith Photo by Heather Ware

The Forensics Club will be performing pieces on April 24. It will be open to the public.





The first speeding ticket was written in 1904 at Newport, Rhode Island to a motorist going 20 mph, five mph over the speed limit.



One medium orange will yield about 1/3 to 1/2 cup juice.

Baseball Games Minutes April 12 **Charleston Alley Cats** I. Meeting opened

VS. Hagerstown Wyant Towell Park - \$8

> April 19 **Pittsburg Pirates** VS. **Cincinnatti Reds**

Three Rivers Stadium - \$12

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Odds & Ends

Theodore Allen Webb

Social science professors Lori Kepford and Willard M. iver both presented papers at 34th annual conference of the ademy of Criminal Justice inces held over Spring Break Louisville, Kentucky.

Entitled "Presentation of Slf in Prison Life," Kepford's oper was well received, accordg to GSC's social science vision's weekly newsletter. The *social Science Update* also ated that Kepford made many pofessional contacts during her ay at the four-day conference.

"This is the largest conferece in the field of criminal jusice," describes Oliver. "I met pople from all over the world, fom places like Africa, Ireland, ad Asia. By listening to all the ltest research and taking part in nuels on teaching criminal jusice at community colleges, I amed a good deal of informaton which I can apply to the



Photo by Carl Wilson Dr. Lori Kepford

GSC classroom."

Both Oliver and Kepford were kept very busy during the Academy's week of panels, workshops, and roundtables. Along with Elaine Bartgis from Fairmont State College, Oliver spoke at a panel called "Theoretical Constructs of Community Oriented Policing." His paper, "Community Oriented Policing: A Conceptual Framework," was enjoyed by the chair/discussant and the audience.

"My paper was reaching for a macro theory to try to explain why community oriented policing has become more and more popular," Oliver states.

According to Oliver, community oriented policing involves interaction between police and community citizens. The idea is that if the public becomes more involved in law enforcement, both crime and their fears will be reduced.

In addition to meeting people from throughout the world, Oliver had the opportunity to meet someone he knew, his editor from Prentice Hall publishing. During the conference, the pair discussed the release of a textbook in June along with other possible book projects for the near future.



Photo by Carl Wilson Professor Will Oliver

Oliver is very proud of GSC's students who have achieved high honors in the criminal justice field. For instance, Jason Barton recently succeeded in getting a job as a city police officer with the Parkersburg Police Department.

As vice president of the first served basis.

Criminal Justice Education Association, Oliver invites all GSC students to the Association's upcoming conference to be held April 11-12 at the Comfort Inn in Summersville. With a theme of "The Future of Criminal Justice," the conference will feature guest speakers including WV Supreme Court justice Larry Starcher, secretary to Governor Underwood's Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety Otis Cox, and state police superintendent Colonel Thomas Kirk

"GSC will be sponsoring any students who would like to go to this conference," states Oliver. "Participants would get free lodging and registration."

To attend the two day conference, students need to sign up with Oliver in groups of four. Funding has been provided for only 20 students, so participants will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

Mixed Fortunes for Pioneer Golf Team

v Stephen Fitzpatrick

The Glenville State Golf tam competed in two tournatents last week with varying egrees of success, finishing 4th nd 3rd respectively.

The first was the Concord ivitational, staged at the Pipstem State Park on March 22 nd 23. After the opening day's lay, the Pioneers found themelves in a promising position rith a score of 308. This left nem only 6 strokes behind overight leaders, the Georgetown loyas.

On the second day, the Pioeers returned a solid if unspecacular 312, resulting in an evenual 4 place finish behind the loyas, Slippery Rock and Blueield State. Irish sophomore Stephen Fitzpatrick led the Pioeers with scores of 73 and 75, series of missed short putts late in saw his chances of the indiridual title slip away. He evenually settled for 3rd place. Kevin sparks and John Moran were next in line for the Pioneers, Sparks contributing 80, 77 and Moran contributing a 79 folowed by a 78. Gilmer County's own Travis Woodford shot 82.

83, and Golf team rookie Lewis Primm followed his opening 77 with an 83.

Next stop for the Pioneers was their home tournament, held at the Oxbow Golf and Country Club. Starting the tournament as firm favorites, Glenville proceeded to play two days of uninspired golf.

After a 304 on the first day enoughed the team found themselves tied ges for the lead with Westminster, mean Pennsylvania. However, the second day saw 4 of the 5 Glenville players fail to perform at anything like their potential. Despite petra an excellent 75 from Travis Reg Woodford the team plummeted team to a disappointing 321, settling vita for an eventual 3rd place finish combehind Westminster and tial

Shawnee State.

Stephen Fitzpatrick shot 75, 77 to reach a play-off for the individual title. A par 4 at the first hole was good enough to secure victory for him. Travis Woodford shot 84, 75; John Moran returned a 175 two day total. Freshman Brian West also made the trip and produced enough encouraging form to suggest he will become a valuable member of the golf team in the coming years.

This weekend, Glenville will, set off for Speidel to compete in the conference Northerm Regional. All the top conference teams will be competing, so it is vital that the Pioneers find the consistency to match their potential

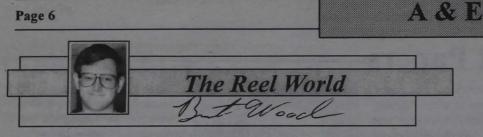
13th Annual Softball Tournament April 26-27 10 teams only!

April 26-27 10 teams only! \$100 prepaid: Deadline April 24. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place team trophies. (15) 1st place individual trophies. For more information, call Wesley at 462-4940. Everyone is welcome to participate. Tau Kappa Epsilon will not be responsible for accidents.



The Harlem All-Star's "Mr. Wiggly" performs one of his many antics during the Pioneer Athletic Club's Scholarship fundraiser last Wednesday night.

The Mercury



Hollywood's Most Beautiful

This week we will be reviewing home video and television's beautiful actresses and the films or series that made them today's biggest and brightest stars, filling the shoes of film legends like Audrey Hepburn, Donna Reed, and Marilyn Monroe. They have broken out of the stereotypical roles of mother, sex object or victim to play hard core parts.

Women are now action heroes, criminal masterminds and one even captains a starship. This is not to say the struggle is over; sleazy producers and the dark side of the superstar life still lurk around them. I want to mention some of the many actresses who have made their way to the top.

First up is the star of many action films and romantic comedies, Sandra Bullock. Her new film Speed 2: Cruise Control is scheduled for release this summer. Sandra and Jason Patrick must stop a runaway cruise ship before ramming into a populated port. If you can not wait until summer, Sandra has a large number of films already on shelves: While You Were Sleeping, The Net, and the recent A Time To Kill.

The youngest of the ladies is Alicia Silverstone, who appeals to teenage moviegoers with films such as Clueless, The Crush, and The Babysitter. Alicia will star as Batgirl in Batman and Robin with Chris O'Donnel and George Clooney.

Halle Berry has had a wide variety of roles, including the thriller The Rich Man's Wife and Set It Off, where she played one of four friends forced into a life of robbing banks. To see her in theaters try a the movie called BAPS.

English actress and past Oscar winner Emma Thompson continues a long line of award-winning films. Her last film, Sense and Sensibility, was only a moderate success in the box office but other films like In The Name of The Father, Dead Again, and Howard's End have numerous to mention? For the proven the immense talent she possess.

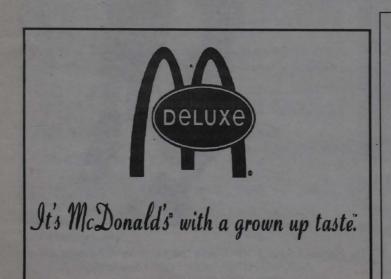
tional actresses -- Angela Bassett and pop diva Whitney Houston--as two of four friends going this reviewer anyway. through pain and trouble placed on them by men and society. Other rising stars to look for: Salma Hayek that has inspired many young (From Dusk till Dawn). Renee Zwelleger (Jerry Maguire), and Ashley Judd, daughter of country music star Naomi Judd, whose films include A Time To Kill and the tv-movie Norma Jean and Marilyn.

Let us not forget the talent and beauty that appears on the small screen. They have triumphed just as much as any other. First up is the Queen of the Prairie, Jane Seymour, whose hit series Doctor Quinn Medicine Women has yet again had another hit season even though it has been sliding in the ratings. Jane has had a career spanning nearly three decades --War and Remembrance, Somewhere in Time, and even a James Bond film. You can catch Doctor Quinn Saturday at 8 PM on CBS.

Next is star of NBC's new comedy Something So Right. Mel Harris has been in film and television since 1986, after a decade of modeling. She is best remembered as Hope on the series Thirtysomething, but had been in films like Cameron's Closet, Desperate Motives, and K-9. She has starred in dozens of made-for-tv movies and has an Emmy under her belt. Something So Right airs Tuesday 8:30 PM on NBC

The truth is out there and Gillian Anderson is the one to find it. X-Files agent Dana Scully has dealt with every bizarre person, unexplained event and government conspiracy you can think of. Plans are being made for the first X-Riles feature film. Maybe the truth will finally come out then. X-Files airs Sunday at 9 PM on FOX

Others to watch: Roma Downey as Monica the angel on Touched by an Angel, Superman's Teri Hatcher, Sheree J. Wilson of Walker, Texas Ranger, and of course the cast of Friends.



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Animal House By David Weese

Does anyone out there remember the movie Animal House? You know--it had John Belushi, Kevin Bacon, Donald Sutherland, and many others too time, and even today, it was one The film Waiting to Exhale stars two excep- of the greatest college movies ever made. Well, it was great to

> It was the kind of movie college students to do things that resulted in either large fines or a little jail time, but, it was all good fun. It was the kind of movie that said the underdogs can still come out on top. It was the kind of movie that had a great soundtrack, or so I thought.

> I had bought the soundtrack many years ago, and I loved it. Every couple of years I rewatched the movie (as I did this year) just to get my perception of how college should be. Alas, over the years the album was lost or stolen. I decided it was time

to get the album back into my life, so two weeks ago I went out and bought it. This is one of the biggest mistakes I have ever made.

Though there are some good songs on the album, it just wasn't the same ... literally. The biggest song on the album, "Louie, Louie" isn't even done by the original artist; it's done by John Belushi. Though he does a decent job, let's face it, he's not the Kingsmen.

To make a long story short, it seems someone has taken their time to make this soundtrack a little more tame for public listening. I don't know why. Maybe it's just me; I can't remember. If anyone out there has the original soundtrack recording could you please bring it to the Mercury office and prove me wrong?

As it stands now, I would have to say if you go and buy this CD, you will be in for a huge letdown, and you are just wasting your money.

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Administration's Parking Rebuttal

By Lisa McComick

Glenville's Public Representative Mark Loudin and Physical Plant Director Glen Reynolds take the "parking bull" by the horns, and gives the administration a voice to their ideas and opinions.

"I'm not saying that parking isn't a problem, but it's a difficulty the college has," exclaims Mark Loudin. "It's not an epidemic. There are alot of campuses more worse than ours."

He continues: "There are plenty of parking spaces the students could utilize, but they don't. The 'pit' is a perfect example of this." To further prove his point, Mark Loudin toured the campus parking Wednesday, April 2, at 11:40, and these are his findings: seven cars illegally parked in front of the Phys Ed Building while 30 spaces were available to park in--50, if you include the gravel parking down the hill. "I have never seen the pit brimming over the edge full," adds Mr. Loudin.

"It's not necessarily a bad thing. You have to look at it from both sides: if we had too many parking spaces then that would mean that we don't have enough students," he furthers.

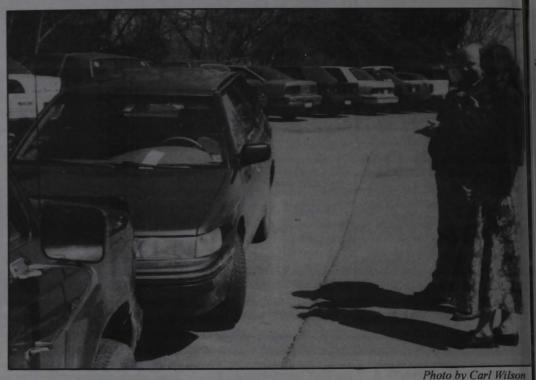
'The question still re-

mains--why park in the mud up from the PE Building when the pit has 30 empty spaces?" questions Mr. Loudin. "That's not saying that during certain days out of the week at certain times there isn't a parking situation, but it's not as bad as it's made out to be."

Solutions to the lack of parking during those particular times were also given from Mr. Loudin and Glen Reynolds.

Mr. Loudin suggests: "Fairmont does something with their parking that may be used here which are actual people in the lots to control who goes in and comes out. It would go along with issuing color-coded permits" (dorm residents being issued a particular colored permit that allows for parking in only dorm lots, thus, leaving more spaces open for off-campus students and commuters).

up a draft parking plan that would expand the existing parking spaces in the near future: "I intend to restripe the lots at the Heflin Center, Picken's Hall, Clark Hall, and the Fine Art. I'm also going to narrow the driveways, make it all one way driving, and do a little construction work.'



Mark Loudin reviews the Physical Education parking lot with Mercury reporter Lisa McCormick.

Mr. Reynolds further com-Mr. Reynolds has drawn ments: "There may be some designated lots restricting the parking for certain people at certain times, and campus maps in the handbooks given out so that students know where the campus parking is.'

> "The problem with just making new parking lots is the lack of land or property that can be used," says Mr. Reynolds. He also adds, corresponding with a long-range plan: "Properties are being acquired on High Street for parking." The brown house beside the Fine Arts Building has

already been purchased, and the college intends to buy the rest of them when they become available for the purpose of expanding parking.

When Mr. Loudin was asked about the bicycle proposal, he states: "In essence it would be a good idea, but I don't think it would work so well here at Glenville State. Considering the hill we're on, all the non-traditional students who've done passed their bike riding days, and with 30 to 40 pounds of books in a bag--I don't know if this is the most wise thing to attempt.

I always leave off the day before. As Thomas Mann advised, when the going is good, when you know exactly where you are and you are in a moment of exuberance, you stop. When I hook on the next morning, if the going was good I just go. I feel it emotionally, almost in the blood, the pulse, the excitement. -Marguerite Young

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But if there are students who would be interested in that, then absolutely." He further states: "There's

also to consider the need for bicycle paths, who would be in charge of pads and helmets, and the state, since this is a 'state' college, would have some consideration for safety and insurance purposes. But any idea given needs to be looked at."

On ticket payment, and accumulation of them, Mr. Loudin recommends: "You know, 1 don't want to sound like a babysitter, but you have three tickets, and you know you have three tickets, go pay your bill--it's as simple as that.'

He continues, "It goes without saying, if a college campus is going to have strong enrollment, as our college does, then there will be a parking situation. And people are going to try to do whatever they can to beat the system or angle the system and find a way to park that's most convenient for them.'

On the student side of it, opinions and ideas need to presented to student congress or written as editorial letters to the Mercury. Student opinions should be heard and taken seriously. Students should see the results of newly-renovated parking lots hopefully by the fall semester.

