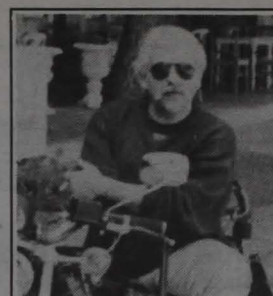




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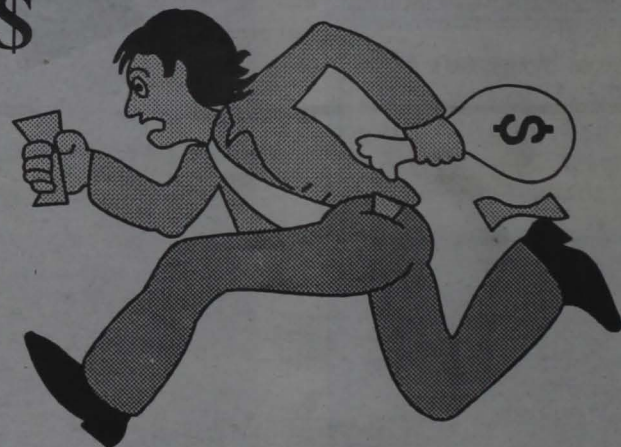


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First Chisler Scholarship Awarded

By John Clise, Staff reporter

Sherry Carder, a Glenville State College sophomore, has been awarded the first John A. Chisler Science and Math Scholarship.

This scholarship has been established in honor of the late Dr. John A. Chisler, the popular chairman of GSC's science and math division, who passed away this year after 28 years at his post.

Carder carries a 3.82 GPA and is majoring in chemistry/biology. She plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Upon receiving this new scholarship, Carder commented that she is "very pleased and honored to be the first recipient" and "looks forward to the opportunities this will give her."

This scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who excels in science or math.

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Poirier House Director

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

From Waterville, Maine, to Glenville, WV, Glenville State College's new Head Resident Assistant Eric Poirier has traveled across this interesting country to finally reside in a small office on GSC's campus. For Poirier, he says that it was the most "tremendous experience I ever had."

A resident of Maine, Poirier traveled across the US for one year in puppetry as a Master in Puppetry, doing shows before receiving his Masters in Higher Education Administration, with a major in multi-media at Goddard College.

At Goddard College, his interest was in the psychological and human perspective, with academic interests in humanistic psychology, cognitive development, cross-cultures, and puppetry.

Even though he's a long

way from home, Poirier admits that GSC reminds him very much of New England.

"It reminds me very much of the Appalachian Trail through Maine," he comments. In his Pickens Hall office, Poirier sits looking out the window commenting that this college is similar to home. "Coming home is almost like staying home," he replies. "I feel very comfortable."

As Director of Student Activities, Poirier is working close with Dr. Billips in planning activities for the year. Some of the activities include: a White-water trip at the end of September, Karaoke, and more activities for GSC Week. He also wishes to see Glenville have an active web site on the internet.

"People are now utilizing the internet," he replies. "This can promote one extra thing to peak someone's interest."

Caulfield named Outstanding Faculty Member

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College mathematics professor Dr. Michael Caulfield was honored at May 1997 commencement exercises when GSC alumni coordinator Susan Ellis presented him with the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year award.

Caulfield was nominated by his fellow professors.

"I was quite surprised to have won," remarks Caulfield. "I had no idea I'd been selected until the commencement when Susan Ellis began talking about me in front of the huge crowd!"

As part of the award, Caulfield received \$125 from the Alumni Association and \$125 from the Alumni Foundation, along with a plaque.

"Although I'm very honored by this award, I was surprised to win because I've only been here six years," Caulfield confides. "There are many professors who have been here much longer than me, and it seems as though one of them should have won."

Now in his seventh year at G S C, Caulfield is working with his colleagues, math instructor Paul Peck, to incorporate more technology into the classroom.

"This is an ongoing process," comments Peck.

To generate more interest and excitement in class, Caulfield and Peck have introduced the "Mathematical Mystery of the Month."

"The Problem of the Month is basically a math puzzle which students try to solve," shares Caulfield. "It's posted in the hallways of the

Science Hall and is open to any student wishing to test their reasoning skills.

Students who successfully solve the puzzles are recognized each month."

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Dr. Foxworthy moves from Education to Art Department

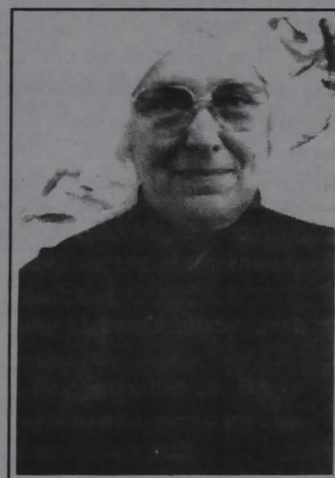
By David Weese
Staff Reporter

Dr. Deanna Foxworthy has stepped in to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. Charles Scott in the Glenville State College's Art Department.

Foxworthy, GSC's new Associate Professor of Art Education, has been teaching here for the last eight years, seven of which were spent in the education department.

Dr. Foxworthy, originally from Detroit, Michigan, moved to West Virginia about twenty-two years ago with her husband and children. "The conditions in Detroit were getting really bad and we didn't want our children growing up in that sort of environment."

As for being able to teach in the Glenville Art Department, Dr. Foxworthy is more than adequately prepared; she holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Wayne State University in Detroit, and a teaching certificate from Wayne State. She finished



Dr. Deanna Foxworthy (Heather Ware, Mercury)

with a minor in Educational Psyche.

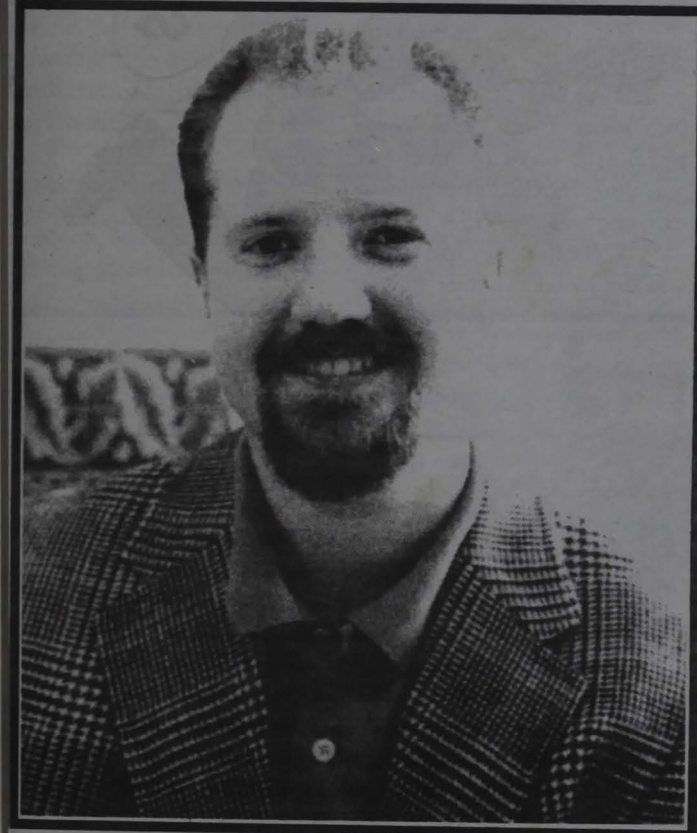
When asked if she felt a little intimidated replacing Dr. Scott, she replied, "I really don't feel intimidated at all. Most every Art teacher has their own specialties and Dr. Scott's was pottery. I'm going to be putting more emphasis on art education and photography."

"We are looking forward to big changes in the Art Education Program," she adds. "We are going to make the GSC art department as good or even better than other higher education institutions. We are nowhere near complete, and we're developing new ideas everyday. I'm really looking forward to the changes and I think they will be for the better."

"We're getting new ideas on bringing new people into the art department which will be a real challenge in itself. We are going to become a more active department, and hopefully people will begin to notice us."

"We are going to make the GSC art department as good or even better than other higher education institutions."

her Masters in Secondary Art Education with an emphasis on higher education at West Virginia University, and has a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction



Eric Poirier, House Director (Heather Ware, Mercury)

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Bellin joins language division

By Annie McCourt
Staff Reporter

Rest assured Zane fans, her leave of absence has brought a new talent to Glenville State.

Students who know Dr. Zane were dismayed to learn that she would not be here for the fall semester, but rest assured her literary shoes have been filled by Dr. Joshua David Bellin, a 32-year-old Native American Literature buff from Pittsburgh.

Dr. Bellin received his BA in English from Wesleyan University in 1987, and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995.

He has taught at several institutions including the University of Pennsylvania, Chatham College, Point Park College, and California University of PA.

Bellin landed in Glenville because he, "was tired of the exclusiveness and self-import-

tance of private schools." His interest in literature was sparked by his love of reading and writing. Being a teacher seemed a logical way to combine his interests.

"I really like my classes" said Dr. Bellin, "- the students are lively, involved, and a lot of fun. It is a good atmosphere for me to teach and learn."

He admits he was stunned by the town of Glenville.

"The size was a shock, I have to admit. But I like walking down near the golf course," Bellin said.

When asked about filling a position previously occupied by a very popular instructor, Dr. Bellin was philosophical.

"Every teacher has his or her style. You can't compare teachers, and you can't ever fill another teachers shoes. Overall, I am pleased with my teaching

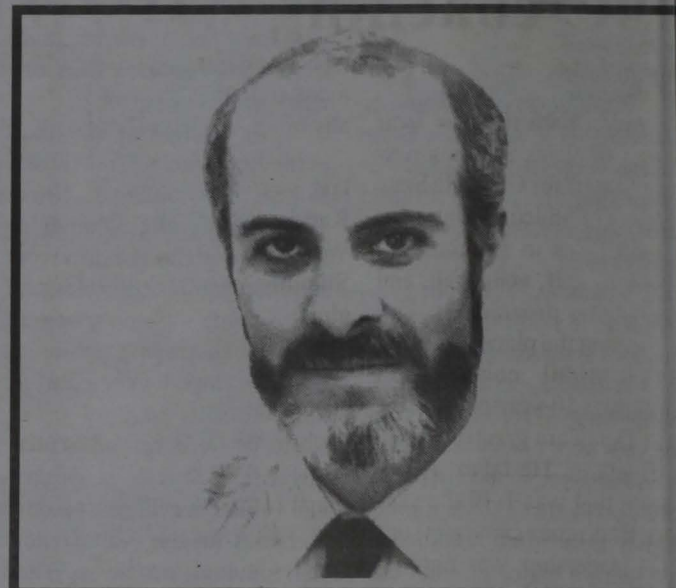
and that is all I can do."

He adds that the other teachers have been supportive, and he blends well with the English department, "By turning my skin the color of wall paper."

Dr. Bellin's position here at GSC is only for one year, and one thing he hopes to accomplish is writing more short stories.

When asked how he felt about book censorship he said, "I think it is idiotic, but at the least it confirms the importance of literature. People try to censor books because they fear the very real power of books."

A former jock, Dr. Bellin adds that he used to play several sports, including baseball, and soccer. "I played all of them capably, though none of them brilliantly. But I've slowed down in my old age. I still have the arm of a major leaguer, but the body of an English professor."



English instructor Josh Bellin. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

GSC Using Visa

By John Clise, Staff reporter

Glenville State College continues to "Pioneer into the 21st Century" and this latest step is sure to please local vendors.

The collage is making small purchases (up to \$500 and possibly as high as \$1000) from local vendors with VISA. These purchases have to meet the guidelines for GSC's purchasing card and will use VISA.

This new policy will enable vendors to collect their money

sooner and eliminate the invoice process, cutting out time-consuming red tape.

Scott Montgomery, director of purchasing for GSC, is very excited about this development. He comments, "As always, the college strives to do business with local vendors whenever possible."

The Director encourages anyone with questions or concerns to

RFK Library relocates 100,000 books

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

Over 100,000 volumes were reorganized in Glenville State College's Robert F. Kidd library under the supervision of director Rick Tubesing this past summer.

The massive reorganization effort was spearheaded by library technician Janet Lockard in order to make room for a new, state-of-the-art rare book room to be constructed in the summer.

According to Tubesing, Lockard played a significant role in the planning which accompanied the book-moving operation.

"This took an enormous amount of work," states Tubesing. "We couldn't have done it without the dedication of many people, including our staff, the GSC maintenance department, and the students working in the Governor's Summer Youth program."

With the help of GSC maintenance department supervisors, Glenn Reynolds and Joe Wilmoth, a partition was constructed which will separate the antique book room from the rest of the second floor.

"Since we had to move books this summer, we took the opportunity to reorganize the li-

brary so that only the least valuable books will be located on the third floor," director Tubesing relates. "That way, if there's ever a leak in the roof, the books which are difficult to replace will not be damaged."

"The most difficult part of this job was keeping all the books in order so our patrons could still locate books conveniently," adds library technician Lockard. "Fortunately, we were able to do this and get all the books back on the shelves by the beginning of this semester."

The book reorganization is one of several improvements scheduled to take place at the RFK library this 1997-98 academic year. According to staff member Ben Bruton, the library is slated to get new computers with Internet access.

In addition, media center director Ed Messenger is facilitating the first simultaneous cross-campus instruction via the library's distance learning room.

About four classes will be taught this semester through this technological breakthrough, including history professor Dr. Duke Talbott's African-American History class.

Through the library's new Interactive Video Connection,

students can attend class either at the main campus or at GSC's Lewis County Center at Lewis County High School in Weston.

"We're here to help the students," Tubesing and Messenger stress.



Books being moved during the reorganization. (Submitted photo)

GSC coaching staff: the new generation

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

Along with the new year and new students comes a new coaching staff for Glenville State College. The athletic department has new faces in the football, basketball, golf, volleyball, and cross-country programs.

Taking the place of former head football coach Rich Rodriguez is 30-year-old University of Delaware graduate Warren Ruggerio. He takes over a program that was 1-10 the year before Rodriguez came and, under his leadership, was fighting for back-to-back national championship titles only a few seasons later.

"I knew of his tradition," Ruggerio said of Rodriguez when asked how he had heard of Glenville State.

Coming from Clarion University in Pennsylvania where he was an offensive coordinator, Ruggerio is familiar with success as his team was sixth in the nation last year in their division.

Ruggerio brings with him this year a new young staff consisting of Ron Crook as special teams coordinator and offensive line coach, Jeff Berhman as recruit coordinator and receiving coach, Mike Snyder as running back coach, Terry Lantz as defensive coordinator and line backer coach, Kim Neidbala as strength and conditioning coordinator and secondary coach and D. Dawson as defensive line coach.

Though Ruggerio admits there is still some anxiety from the adjustments between team and new staff, he feels confident about the upcoming season. Many of last year's key players have returned as well as a good class of incoming recruits.

Former Gilmer County High School golf coach and Athletic Director Rick Simmons has moved up in the coaching world by becoming GSC's new golf coach. A former Glenville graduate as well as a former Pioneer golf team member, Simmons is very aware of what needs to be done to keep the Pioneers golf image intact.

"From the time I played in the late 70's 'til now, Glenville's

won 11 conference titles," Simmons stated. "That's more than any other school in the league."

Returning to the team from last year will be Louis Prim, Randy Ratliff, and Travis Woodford with freshman Jerry Summers and Mark Johnson along with WV State transfer Tim Blake helping out.

Simmons expressed a strong desire to take the team back to where it was, referring to the great legacy of the exceptional former coach, the legendary Tim Carney, a program which Simmons was a part of as a player in the late 70's. When Simmons played the team went to the national championships two out of three years. Simmons plans to achieve this goal by continuing to recruit the young, often-overlooked talent in West Virginia as well as expanding his recruiting pool to out of state as well.

Another man with some big shoes to fill is Bob Williams, GSC's new men's basketball coach. Like Rodriguez in football, former coach Gary Nottingham also built a big basketball tradition at Glenville. Nottingham compiled the most wins in any sport in the history of Glenville State, which was quite a feat considering the record was held by a former basketball coach who included high schools on his season schedules. Those victories may seem slightly minute when looking at some of those of Nottingham's which included, in his final season, his team's victory over the 5th ranked team in the nation in game two of the season.

However, like the new Ruggerio in football, Williams is no stranger to success in basketball. As head coach at Jefferson Community College in Watertown, New York for two seasons, Williams compiled a record of 54-14. However successful at Jefferson, a DIII Junior College, Williams is greatly aware of the challenge presented to him at Glenville, an NCAA DII college.

"It's a big jump," Williams said of the division differences. "There are bigger players, more talent, and better coaches. I'm



The next generation of coaching at Glenville State College (Heather Ware, Mercury)

fortunate to get to this level."

Williams spoke only with the utmost respect of his assistant coach Tom Flaherty. "He's a great guy with a lot of experience," he said of Flaherty. "I'm glad he stayed," he added, referring to the professionalism of Flaherty who could have easily fled Glenville when not appointed to the new head position.

The Pioneer volleyball team is also under new direction this year. Former lady spiker Tracey Fluharty has stepped in to replace Kenny Osbourne, who is now coaching basketball at Bluefield State.

Finally, the GSC's cross-country team is once again under new direction which should come as no surprise since this has been the case for the last 5 out of 7 years. This year former distance running standouts Jimmy Galloway and Daniel Edgell are stepping in as fulltime coaches/fulltime students to do the work for approximately one-fifteenth the pay in order to keep GSC eligible to be part of the NCAA. This is not much to ask of these two men, due to their love of the sport and desire to keep the much under-respected sport alive at Glenville.

The men's team, which was the conference champion last year, has a strong crew returning consisting of Daniel and Jonathan Ramezan, Mike and

David Bee, and the brotherless Brent Gargus. West Virginia 1997 1600-meter state champion Bobby Struthers, along with a tremendously overanxious 1991 1600 meter state champion runner-up Tony Ball, promise to add to the Pioneers' depth.

Something new for the women's team this year is an actual full roster consisting of Laurel Bee, Jennifer Pingley, Hanna Tsegaye, Joe Hams, and Megan Tennant. In the past the inconsistency of the cross country program has led to severe disadvantages in recruiting women runners. The weight of the load

of keeping Glenville eligible in the NCAA has always been placed on the shoulders of a few bold women basketball players in the past.

Coach Galloway is extremely pleased with the effort his ladies have been putting out thus far. "They've been working really hard," he said of the runners. "Every day they prove to themselves even more what they are capable of."

When asked if he felt the men's team could repeat as conference champs this year Edgell solemnly replied, "We have a damn good chance."

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Laying it on the Line

This is a semester of change at Glenville State College's student newspaper. We have a new advisor, a new editor, and a revitalizing sense of professionalism that will work together to create a paper that is informative, entertaining, and useful to you in your day-to-day lives.

We will strive to be professionals. *The Mercury* is a student effort and functions as a journalism laboratory. We will do our utmost to be sincere, accurate and fair in everything we do. If we make mistakes, we will admit to them and accept the consequences.

This paper belongs to the students of Glenville State College. As such, it will provide a forum for meaningful and timely debate of any topic of interest to our readers. Letters to the editor are always welcome and we actively encourage our readers to write. This paper cannot serve student needs without feedback.

To function fully in a democratic society, individuals must have accurate information to make decisions. We at *The Mercury* want to be your source.

This newspaper has not always functioned in that capacity. We have made many mistakes that have resulted in our being something of a joke on this campus--which is not so bad if we brought a smile to your face when you wondered just what we were doing there on all those late nights. Worse than that, our paper had little credibility and often failed to produce little more than opinion columns and announcements for campus events.

Does that sound harsh? Maybe it is. The only explanation we can offer is that we simply did not know any better. That may sound lame, but it is true. Prepare to see the change--our new advisor is a man with 30 years' experience as a journalist under his belt. With his help, you are going to see us produce a new *Mercury* that will raise eyebrows, make you smile, and restore a sense of purpose to the people who work here. We will once again be proud of our work here.

The end-goal, still distant as we get our bearings, is to create a newspaper that will serve not just Glenville State College, but the surrounding area as well. We will soon be connecting to the Associated Press to bring you news and features from around the globe. We will be *useful* to you again.

We will hold our reporter's to the highest scrutiny to make sure they have what it takes to train and act as professionals. We never again want to be in the position of explaining how someone got a job as a reporter because they proved they could put a noun and a verb together and that we were lucky to get them. Our paper's image and credibility will improve as you watch. Enjoy the start of this new legacy.



The Back Office

J.F. Rote

Welcome to the new Glenville State College *Mercury*!

What you are now reading has been produced in its entirety by your fellow students. Its purpose is to inform, enlighten, and entertain you with a comprehensive record of the news and events of the GSC campus, and the greater Glenville community. Now I, as the new advisor to the *Mercury*, have a more subversive agenda, and if you promise not to tell I'll let you in on it.

I believe that this newspaper has three missions that may not seem obvious to the casual observer. First, and most important, we exist to provide a training ground for potential journalists. This means that we will make mistakes, because that is part of the learning process, and we will take the heat when we blow it. But our mistakes will be of the mechanical variety--a misspelled word, the misuse of a grammatical rule, perhaps a fuzzy photograph or a buried lead. What you will not

find is a reporter using their position to make personal attacks, misrepresenting opinion as news, or being lazy with the facts.

On the mechanical side, we beg your indulgence. On matters of professionalism, we expect zero tolerance.

Secondly, I hope that the *Mercury* becomes a forum for debate on the issues you find important. I fully expect that we will run many guest columns this year, from students and faculty. I have repeatedly told our staff that there are no sacred cows, no issues that we should not fully report on. But be advised...opinions will be confined to the editorial/op-ed. pages unless they are attributed to the subject of a news story.

My third goal is to see the *Mercury* become a vehicle for building a strong sense of community on the GSC campus. Mohandas Ghandi once explained his reason for publishing a paper, to a New York Times reporter, by saying that there can be no community, without communication. Ev-

ery journalist should have this tattooed on their writing hand.

We will be going through many changes, some of which will jump right out at you, some more subtle. You will see our photography improve as we redo our darkroom. The general appearance of the paper will become cleaner, more readable, as we integrate our new pagination software and computer. In this issue you might have noticed the introduction of spot color for the first time. We hope, by the end of this year, to be printed on a press that allows for full color processing...including color photography. Within the next 30 days, we hope to be able to offer full national, and international news from the *Associated Press*.

But throughout all these changes, we still need your input. If you can think of different way we might improve our service to our community... let us know. If you're mad at us...let us know.

Of course, if you like what you see...please, let us know.

Blues plate special

By Tom Kennedy
Staff Columnist

As is usually the case, it's extremely difficult to understand the trials and tribulations, or even the joys of others by purely vicarious means. I was personally reminded of this black pearl of wisdom when I decided to find a place to stay in Glenville.

"Besides, at 46, I feel that eating what and when I want is an inalienable right and, for a school that advertises flexibility for non-traditional students, the mandatory meal plan is an affront to personal dignity."

Since frugality was an issue, I first decided to consider the dorm scene. While staying in a dorm room would, admittedly, have the added benefit of satisfying the remnants of self-persecution engendered by my Catholic childhood, I really felt that living in a small depressing cubicle, sharing communal bathroom facilities, and enduring antiquated house rules should certainly be attainable, at a reasonable cost.

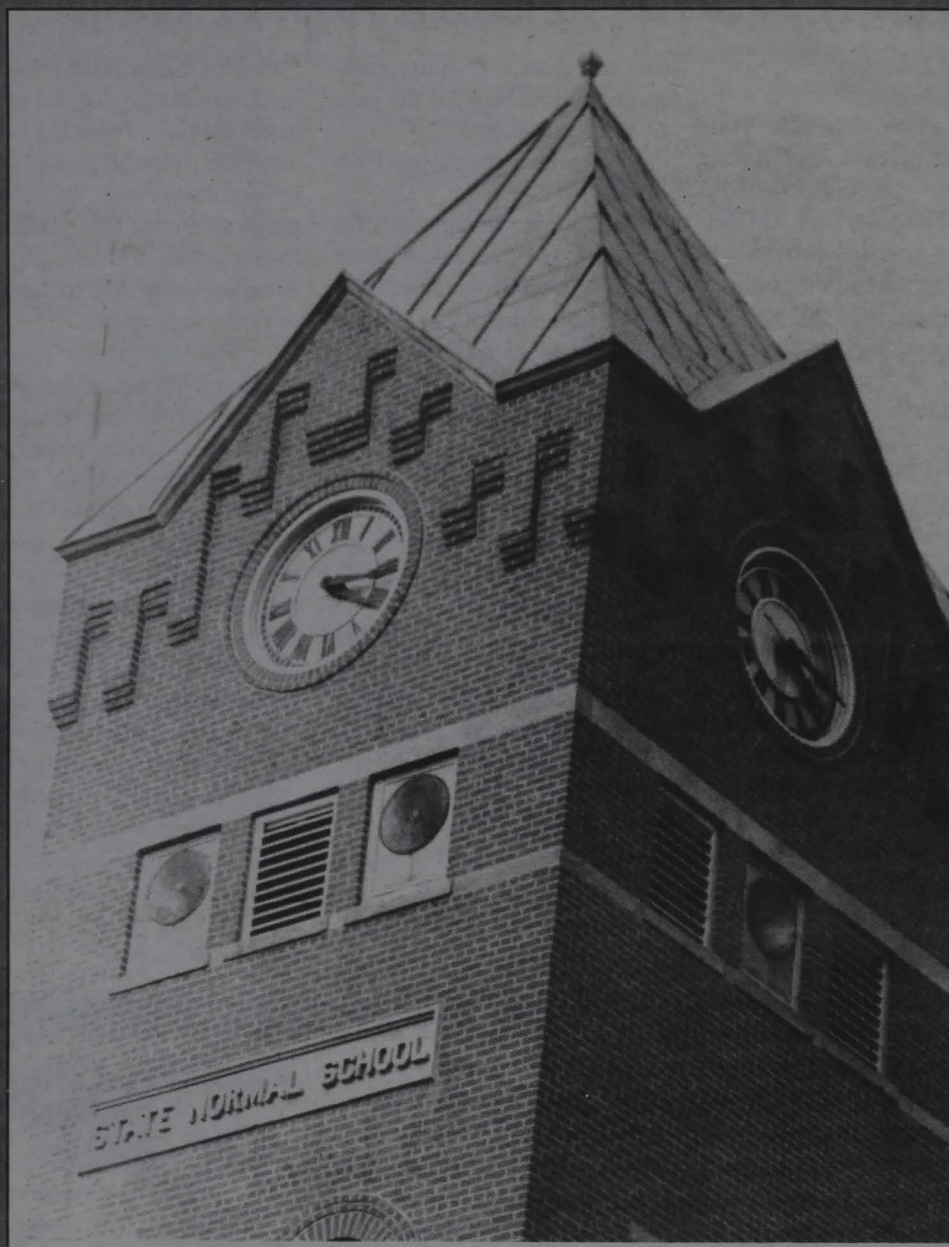
But the ignominious life style of the dorms comes at more than just the cost of personal deprecation...it's economically ludicrous! The cause of this fleecing is the mandatory meal ticket. (Ostensibly, exemptions to this forced feed bag can be made, but in reality it would be easier for a coma patient to take the feeding tube out of her arm.)

For the past 20 years I have developed a very personalized vegetarian diet, so I felt that it would be an easy task to be granted an exemption from the school meal plan. Fat chance. I was not allowed to escape this culinary extortion on the grounds that the school could provide me with adequate vegetarian meals. However, what I eat is not the result of caprice but that of many years of nutritional research which has been customized to my own personal tastes. In addition, my diet is extremely economical and can be procured at a mere fraction of the cost of a dorm meal ticket.

Besides, at 46, I feel that eating what and when I want, is an inalienable right and, for a school that advertises flexibility for non-traditional students, the mandatory meal plan is an affront to personal dignity.

My personal reasons aside, no student should be forced to pay for meal plans that they do not want. That should be the choice of the students and their parents. If the purpose of a mandatory meal plan is to make the dorms economically feasible, then there should be two rates: a package deal with the meal plan and a more expensive rate for the room alone. If the purpose of a mandatory meal plan is to make the cafeteria economically feasible, then make the meal plan a desirable commodity that students will want; don't force it down their throats.

The fact that I have found desirable housing off campus where I have personal space and freedom for less cost than I would have to pay for a dorm room reflects the need for new ideas on the part of the college. The added fact that all nearby and reasonable off-campus housing is taken by August while there are still empty dorm rooms is a further testament to the idea that college housing is not being handled logically or economically.



Glenville State College's clock tower (Staff Photo)

From the President

Welcome to campus! The faculty and administration of Glenville State College look forward to this academic year with interest and enthusiasm.

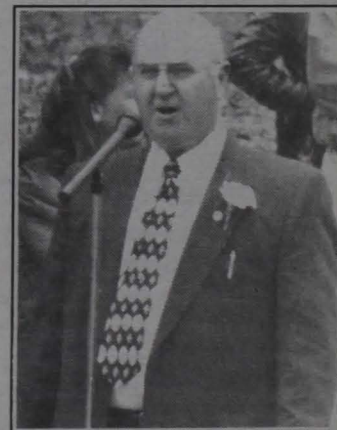
Glenville State College has a long history of preparing individuals who excel in their given fields; and, its record in public education, higher education, the professions, public service and vocational careers attests to the quality of our educational program.

By combining the best of the past with the technical inno-

vations of the future, GSC is committed to the pioneering tradition.

I take great pride in Glenville State College—its rural location, its students, its faculty, administration and staff. It is my sincere hope that as you live, work and study in the college community, you, too, will experience this same sense of pride.

Thank you for choosing Glenville State College, home of the Pioneers, and join us in making 1997-98 another exciting year!



President Simmons (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Fluharty returns to coach former team

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

A 1996 Glenville State College graduate, and former Pioneer volleyball standout Tracey Fluharty, had just finished her masters program in physical education this summer when she received a call from one of her former instructors, Steve Harold.

He informed her that the position of head volleyball coach was open, and asked if she was interested. The very next day Fluharty was interviewed, oriented, and appointed.

The fast pace of the two-day hiring process to replace Coach Kenny Osborne, who is now the women's basketball coach at Bluefield State, was nothing new for Fluharty. While obtaining her masters degree in only three semesters and one summer, she often worked from 6 a.m. till 2:30 p.m., then attended classes from 4 to 7 p.m.

"I'm not here for the fame

and the glory," Fluharty commented. "I'm here for the girls to get recognized."

Changing the subject from herself to the team, she expressed a positive outlook for the season. When asked about often nationally-ranked WV Wesleyan, whose pre-season conference ranking of Number 1 is as common as out-of-breath students on Glenville's hilly campus, Fluharty didn't hesitate to respond.

"We could easily upset all the teams in the conference, including Wesleyan," she said with total confidence.

Noting that Glenville has never been known for its excellence in volleyball, she added that this year's team was out to prove that they are just as good as anybody.

"Opinions from others should not count if you believe in yourself," she stated.

Along with returning assistant coach Chup Robinson,

Fluharty plans to make a few adjustments to the program to enhance the team's winning ways, including practices geared more toward competition. In the past much emphasis was placed on fundamentals. She also plans to designate more time to continuous play at practice.

The team roster appears strong, all but two of last year's players are returning. Along with newcomers Jessica Nutter and Allison Raper, look for Cheryl Stout with seniors Carrie Kirkpatrick and Tina Jones to stand out. Fluharty believes success relies on "leadership from all the girls, not just the seniors."

Fluharty stated that she and Robinson believe in this team. "We'll support them both ways."

With the leadership of a coach personally experienced with conference play, the presence of the ever motivational Robinson, and a solid group of hard working athletes, look for a great season.

Pioneers off to 1-1 season

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

which they did.

Two weeks ago, while most West Virginians and many people nation wide were watching the long-awaited rematch of Marshall and WVU, the GSC Pioneers were playing their own game in Pennsylvania against Geneva. Although the Mountaineers won comfortably by 14 points, the Pioneers won by 1 point.

The following week the Pioneers traveled to Virginia to take on a Division I level

team, Liberty University. Pioneer QB Wilkie Perez rushed for 40 yards on the first play, soon turned into disaster as they were forced to punt plays later, giving Liberty possession and their first opportunity to score,

Glenville was plagued by turnovers as they fumbled 4 times and suffered from one interception. Of the five turnovers, Liberty scored off of two of them.

Both weeks QB Wilkie Perez led the team in rushing as did Carlos Ferralls in receiving. Coach Ruggerio stated, "Anytime you play a DI team [Liberty] that's possible," referring to their 56-7 loss to the Virginia school.

This weekend

Glenville faces Clarion University from Pennsylvania at home. This game will be of special interest as Clarion is Coach Ruggerio's former school. This will make this game a little more personal than most.

"Anytime you face a DI team, [losing is] possible."

Lady Spikers win first home match of season

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

After opening at Fairmont two weeks ago, the lady spikers returned to Glenville last weekend for their first home competition of the season.

Returning standout Cheryl Stout wasted no time in leading her team to victory over both the College of West Virginia and West Virginia State College. Stout had sixty kills and seventeen blocks for the entirety of the day's play.

"The girls did a great job,"

head coach Tracey Fluharty stated. "We didn't do too well at Fairmont but we dominated this weekend."

Junior Julie Minigh also participated well in this small trimatch. A former all-state athlete from Lewis County, Julie appears to have finally become more than comfortable at playing at the college level.

The season is looking hopeful thus far for the lady spikers who will be competing several times this season in the comfort of the Pioneer arena.



Football	
Sept. 20	Clarion (PA)*1:00
Sept. 27	Edinboro (PA)1:00
Oct. 4	West Liberty 1:00
Oct. 11	WV Wesleyan 1:00
Oct. 18	Fairmont 1:00
Oct. 25	Concord** 1:30
Nov. 1	WV Tech 1:00
Nov. 8	Shepherd 1:00
Nov. 15	WV State 1:00

Home games in bold.

*PD - Parents Day

**HC - Homecoming

Cross Country

Sept. 13	California Univ.
Sept. 20	Davis & Elkins
Sept. 27	Bluefield State
Oct. 4	Ohio Univ.
Oct. 11	Dickenson College
Oct. 18	WV Wesleyan

Oct. 24	Pioneer Classic
Oct. 31	WVIAC
Nov 8	NCAA II East regional Volleyball

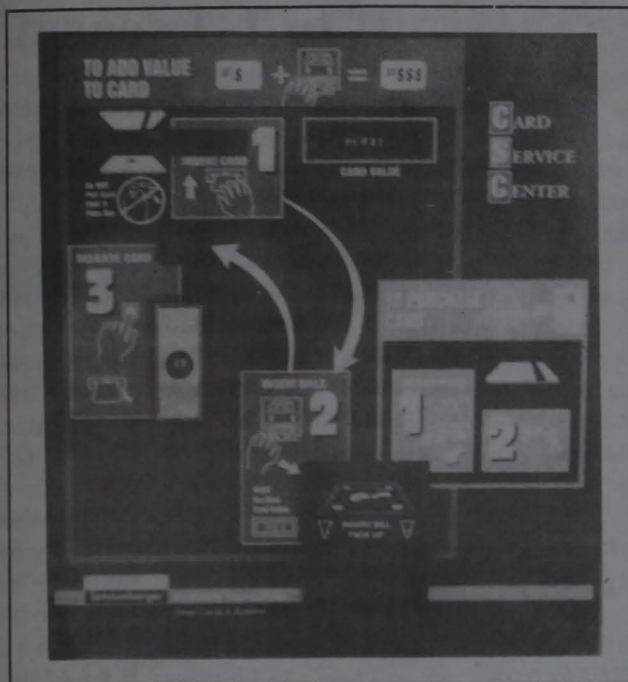
Sept 20	A-B Tournament TBA
Sept 23	Shepherd Tourney 7:00
Sept 26	WVU-Tech 7:00
Sept 29	Alderson-Broadus 7:00
Oct 3-4	Concord Tourney TBA
Oct 7	WV State 7:00

Oct 9	WV Wesleyan 7:00
Oct 10-11	Quad-Charleston
Oct 14	Ohio Valley Quad 5:30
Oct 15	U. of Charleston 7:00
Oct 18	Waynesburg Quad 9:00
Oct 21	West Liberty 6:00
Oct 23	Salem-Teikyo 7:00
Oct 28	Fairmont 7:00
Oct 30	College of WV 6:00
Nov 4	Wheeling-Jesuit 6:00

Nov 7 Concord 7:00
Home games in bold.

Come out and support the teams!

Glenville comes clean with laundry options



The Heflin Center's wash card dispenser (Heather Ware, Mercury)

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

It's 7:59 a.m. and you've got to find something to wear FAST before your eight o'clock class (you know, so the attractive person sitting beside you doesn't smell your "gland" approach).

You rummage frantically for a fresh pair of sweats, socks, slacks, whatever. All to no avail. Alas, vanity of vanities, all is dirty laundry!

Since the beginning of time (or a few years before), students at Glenville State College have pondered the age-old question of how to achieve a clean pair of underwear.

For many detergent-challenged folk, the most economical solution is to transport the foul-smelling laundry blob back

home to mom or dad's to maximize that painful family visit!

However, if your parents aren't living nearby or don't have washing machines, another, bolder answer is needed.

GSC has attempted to rectify this situation by installing sophisticated new washers and dryers in the dormitories.

"These new machines are very accessible to students because they're on every floor of Wagner wing, and there's a new laundry room in the basement of Scott," says Pickens Hall house director Eric T. Poirier.

Poirier, who just took the HD position, says he wasn't involved in the acquisition process which occurred this summer under the supervision of residence life director Jerry Burkhammer.

"I do know that these are

all excellent machines which are far more efficient than the former ones," says Poirier.

The new machines operate under a high tech card system. To use the machines, students purchase a card from a flashy box located directly beside the Careers Office on the first floor of the Heflin Center.

The box takes \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills. For the first card, a student must pay a minimum of \$10. The fee covers the three dollar charge for the card and seven dollars of credit toward laundry. After the initial purchase, the card can be renewed by chucking more money into the box.

"Some of the benefits of the card system are that you don't have to worry about digging up change," feels Poirier. "You can recharge your card anytime, but students should be careful not to lose their cards because the cards can be stolen and used by anyone."

The new machines are more expensive to use than the old ones were. When students insert their cards, \$.75 per load to wash and dry is debited from the cards' microchips.

"I like the old system better," relates resident and freshmen counselor Sherri Phillips.

"Before, it only cost fifty cents to wash and twenty-five cents to dry. Also, you can't use quarters any more and you have

to pay three dollars just to get the card."

"The old system was definitely less expensive," agrees Wagner resident Paul Jones. "Three dollars for a card without laundry credit is just too much."

Of course, there are alternatives to doing laundry in GSC's dormitories. For many students living off campus, the best option is the local laundry mat.

In Glenville, two laundry mats are easily accessible.

Washen Dry laundry is located in the Foodland plan beside Family Dollar. It operates under a token system at a cost of \$0.75 per load to wash and dry. Washen Dry has bathrooms and is supervised by an attendant, so if students have problems with the machines, they can get help.

"We've been in business about 10 years," shares Washen Dry attendant Stella Moore. "We have a very clean facility because I'm here most of the time."

In addition, Washen Dry is the only laundry in town which offers dry-cleaning and special laundry services.

"If you don't have time to do your laundry, I can wash, dry, and fold it for you," says Moore. "I've done a lot of laundry for GSC student football players and some professors. Two of the football players from Canada and California graduated re-

cently. I did their laundry for four years, and they still keep in touch. They even write us at Christmas."

Moore says there is a five dollar fee for laundry service in addition to the regular cost of washing and drying. Tramar, an independent dry-cleaning Service located in Buckhannon, operates through Washen Dry. Dry-cleaning is shipped to Buckhannon on Mondays and Thursdays and is returned in a few days.

The other laundry mat in town is located west in Glenville on Route 5, past the Pizza Hut toward Grantsville directly between Drake's Auto Sales and Western Auto. According to Moore, it is owned by June Evans, wife of GSC physical Science professor Dr. Joe Evans.

Although the laundry mat is unattended, without bathrooms, and charges \$1 per load to wash and dry, its hours are more convenient. Moreover, it is located right next to a car wash, so a person could get a shiny car in addition to clean laundry.

While the GSC dirty laundry dilemma is far from over, students do have options and can choose the system that works best for them.

For more information about the washing machines in the dorms, contact student services director Jerry Burkhammer or student services dean Dr. Al Billips at 462-7361.

Cheselka cracks up GSC students

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, Sept. 11, stand-up comedian Michael Cheselka returned to Glenville State College to prove that laughter is the best medicine for college blues.

"There's so many stupid people in this world," he riffed. "Line-dancing, what's that? Line-dancing is only the white man's attempt to take back the dance floor!"

While teaching high school at the Los Angeles Landmark West School, Cheselka used his talents in theatre and improv performing to develop a curriculum

to teach dyslexic children.

After deciding not to pursue law school, he began his stand-up comedy acts, attracting long-time and well-known Sam Kinison and his Outlaws of Comedy.

"I'll always be proud to have worked with Sam and the Outlaws," Cheselka says. "Clubs give you the chance to do hands-on comedy."

The material, Cheselka suggests, plainly comes from just "stupid people do stupid things."

"Anybody who works with the public knows that it's more like 'The customer is lucky to make it back home alive.'"



Comedian Michael Cheselka (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Elton John to play Charleston Civic Center

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

After a heart-felt performance at the funeral of Princess Diana, pop icon Elton John will still perform at the Charleston Civic Center on Oct. 17.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale Sept. 20 at the Civic Center box office, but promoters have yet to release the price.

Details about the number of tickets to be sold is still being financed; however, according to Civic Center manager John Robertson, the 13,400 concert seating will probably "expand to an end-stage show".

"We are still working on details," comments Robertson.

For information contact Civic Center Box Offices.

Graduation procedures already in motion for GSC students

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

To many Glenville State College students, graduation may seem like a vague, distant phantom of whom they've heard but never seen.

To scholars expecting to graduate soon, this distant cousin of Sis Linn, the campus ghost, has risen from the grave!

According to non-teaching programs records officer Denise Ellyson, this specter need not cause students great horror, though it regularly sends chills through her office when graduation dates approach.

"Every year there is a significant segment of students who are not prepared for graduation," remarks Ellyson. "At this time, my office is swamped with last minute work because these students have not met their graduation requirements."

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According to Ellyson, students must meet two major requirements before they can graduate, as outlined in the college catalog.

First, they must complete a graduation application form. These forms must be turned into the records office by the deadlines; otherwise, students may not be able to get their degrees.

"It's extremely important to meet the deadlines," Ellyson stresses. "For example, students who missed the deadline for December graduation application (September 12) may have to wait another semester to graduate. Students expecting to graduate this May should turn in their applications before Friday, February 6, 1998. These deadlines are on the college calendar which is available in student services."

Secondly, students must undergo a complete course work evaluation which checks credits earned and needed to complete their degrees.

"The evaluation is mandatory," says Ellyson.

"Students working on four year degrees should request an evaluation when they complete 80 hours," Ellyson advises. "Those working toward two-year degrees should get an evaluation when they complete 40 credit hours."

In addition to the graduation application, deadlines, and evaluations, students must meet a few other requirements, most notably, the graduation fee.

"The current graduation fee is \$40," relates Ellyson. "This covers the cost of the diploma, cap, gown, and tassel. This fee is the same amount

whether or not the student chooses to participate in the commencement program."

Ellyson emphasizes that the graduation fee must be paid in the GSC Cashier's Office, and it is mandatory for all students whether they graduate in August, December, or May and regardless of their participation in commencement ceremonies.

Students earning two distinct degrees pay an additional \$20 per degree fee. Students must contact the GSC bookstore to place cap and gown orders.

"If a student doesn't pay the fee, a hold is placed on his or her records," Ellyson says.

"Students who graduate in May are required by college policy to participate in commencement," confides Ellyson.

"Students graduating in August can request in writing to

participate in the earlier May commencement if they are reasonably close to graduating. Those graduating in December can also participate in May commencement ceremonies, although they don't have to attend."

"I feel disappointed having to wait for May commencement," December grad April Rector shares. "After attending GSC for four years, it's unreasonable for us to have to wait five months to be recognized in a ceremony."

"I don't know why there isn't a December ceremony," Ellyson replies. "It may be because GSC's classes are small. It might also involve the fall semester calendar which ends close to Christmas. It would be very difficult to have all the final grades evaluated in time for a ceremony before the holiday."

Campus Calendar

The Records Office asks that all students submit their local addresses as soon as possible, or mid-term grades will be sent to home addresses. Students may pick up local address forms in the records office.

A mandatory meeting for all prospective Spring 1998 student teachers will be held on Tuesday, September 23, at 12:30 in Room 201 of Clark Hall. Contact Dr. Sharon Kraus if you are unable to attend.

Student and faculty volunteers are needed to spend one hour a week conversing with Japanese students. You choose the time and place. Men are especially needed. Contact Mrs. Burkowski in the Language Division.

Career Services has organized a Time Management seminar for Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 12:15 in the Verona Mapel Room.

Any organization interested in joining the Homecoming Parade should contact ext. 321 for more info.

Parking spaces are available behind Pickens Hall, between Johnson and Howard Streets.

There will be a golf tournament on September 20. Registration is \$15 per person. Two-man teams are required. To sign up, contact Resident Assistant Josh Hutzler in Pickens Hall.

Homecoming elections will be held on September 22-23. Guidelines for nominations can be found in the student handbook.

The Wheeling Symphony will perform on September 27.

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UPS up and running once again

By Annie McCourt
Staff Reporter

Did you notice any empty shelves in the bookstore, or maybe you went to your local super market to get your favorite brand of breakfast cereal only to discover the shelves were empty?

Unless you live so far up a hollow that they pump sunlight in, or you're from another planet, you probably attributed it to the UPS strike.

UPS, an Atlanta-based company, does business in over 200 countries around the world. The largest strike in twenty years began when 185,000 UPS union drivers, loaders, and other workers walked off the job because of wages, benefits, pension funds and use of part-time workers.

The union workers belong to the well-known Teamsters union and were upset by actions taken by UPS to withdraw \$60 billion in funds from the teamsters' multi-employer pension service to a single employer pension service.

As well as the fight over pension funds, union workers were also upset because 58% of unioners are part-time workers and the teamsters wanted them to achieve full-time status because they do full-time work.

Full-time UPS workers receive an average of \$19.95 an hour while part-timers only get \$13. UPS, like many other U.S. companies use this tiered approach because it saves the company money.

Full-time workers cost the company \$70,000 while part-timers only cost \$22,000, although both receive the same basic health-care benefits, vacation time and holiday leave.

These health care benefits are high considering the average U.S. corporate health care benefits are 67% for full time workers and 15% for part timers.

A five-year union contract was reached in Washington by UPS CEO James Kelly and Teamsters Union Local 412. Critics are describing this contract as a win-win situation.

UPS agreed to create 10,000 full time jobs in the next five years, while adding 2,500 workers a year starting in 1998. UPS also agreed to raise full time pay \$3.10 over contract life, and part-time pay \$4.10 over contract life agreement was to bargain with the union before allowing a package weight increase.

This was generated from the sparse 1994 walkout when UPS tried to raise the maximum

package weight from 70 pounds to 150 pounds.

The UPS corporation further agreed not to try to get the pension plan switched from the union holders to a single employer pension service.

One drawback reported from UPS was its fear that it will have to lay off 15,000 employees to make up for the loss of \$600 million, and 5% of its customers, due to the strike.

This UPS strike formed a check to corporate America. This victory over management is viewed as a positive step for workers who have felt insecure because of downsizing, lay-offs, and firings.

The U.S. Post Office has done a record boom in business thanks to the strike.

Overnight mail is up 70%, priority mail is up 50%, and parcel post is up 20% because the post office gained 15% of UPS' customers.

They compensated for the extra work by temporarily hiring 2,700 employees, extending evening hours, stepping up package pickup and delivering priority mail on Sundays.

With the strike in the past, GSC students may eat their breakfast cereal without worry.

Liberty Meadows by Frank Cho



THATCH by Jeff Shesol



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HELL FOR BEGINNERS

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THIS CARTOON FOR NEOPHYTES AND A REMEDIAL COURSE FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T SEEN PAVING PARADISE



Horoscope expert Cris Gravely. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Cristola Ayatollah's Magical Mystical Predictions

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

-- Optimism and clarity are yours, especially in relationships. Take that trip you've always wanted. Give and take are equally important. Guilt from the past is obscuring your future.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

-- Major changes in life bring on raw emotion. Restlessness can be a source of inspiration. Fear of loss means no loss, but also no gain. Try guile and tact to get what you want.

Gemini (May 12 - June 20)

-- Prepare for a sudden change in luck. Stop trying so hard and it will come to you. Gossip abounds this week. You can make that relationship work. Family is in your thoughts.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

- You are at a crossroads; explore. A change of residence is possible.

A difficult situation is ending. A new skill may lead to new opportunities. Prepare to fall in love.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

-- A betrayal has occurred, but there is still hope. Face the situation or a decision will be made for you. Maoney is coming your way. Prepare for sudden changes and public acclaim.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

-- You're becoming more open about your emotions. Be prepared for stiff competition. Insight helps ease a difficult time, probably financial loss. Strong emotions abound this week.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

-- Rely more on intuition. A wish will come true. New goals can be achieved with hard work. Try to see things from a different point of view. Get in touch with your sensual side.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

-- Hope arises out of loss. Let go of that relationship. A good idea is worth selling to others. Conflict and strife are here this week. A difficult work decision is at hand; choose carefully.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

-- A choice in love is necessary. Unreal expectations ruin a relationship. Life is offering new opportunities; take a chance. A decision will lead to trouble either way. Get familiar with ordinary living.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

-- Conflict and struggle lead to a stronger personality. Prepare to start a love affair. You've taken on too much; back off. New experiences (and money) need to be nurtured.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

-- Seek time alone this week. A new relationship begins soon. Initial completion of a goal gets enthusiasm high. Sudden changes disrupt your life. Yes, you do have the Midas touch.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

-- Give something up to gain a better life. Giving advice to others isn't helping you. Celebrate your accomplishments; the hardest times are yet to come. One person can make a difference. Prepare for early material success.

Spotlight on...Virgo

Lucky Day: Wednesday
Lucky Numbers: 3 & 5 Colors: navy blue & gray

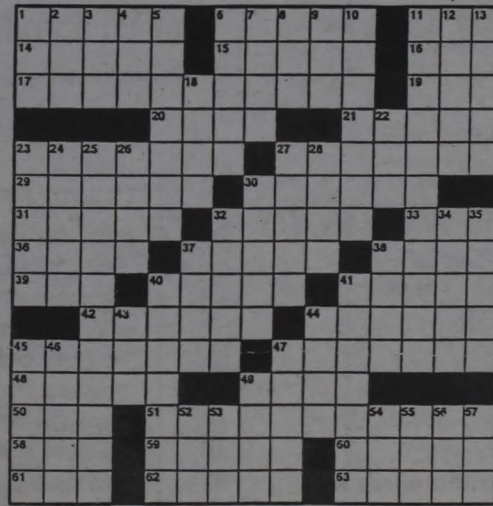
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ACROSS

- 1 Hotelier
- 6 Church platform
- 11 Egyptian snake
- 14 Bandleader
- 15 Baby grand, e.g.
- 16 Gambler's cube
- 17 Considerable amount of money
- 19 "How was ___ know?"
- 20 Slippery swimmers
- 21 Capital of Jordan
- 23 Handcuff
- 27 Assistants
- 29 Beast
- 30 Lifestyle writer
- 31 Military survey, for short
- 32 Brief incursion
- 33 i topper
- 36 Printer's needs
- 37 Assigns a value to
- 38 Got up
- 39 Keats creation
- 40 Jaguar and Cougar
- 41 Hair cutter
- 42 Moon vehicle
- 44 Flattens out
- 45 Scrubbed a mission
- 47 Award hopeful
- 48 Wheel spokes
- 49 Frat party garb
- 50 Wrath
- 51 Football VIP
- 58 In the past
- 59 Word before berth or class

DOWN

- 1 Drink like a cat
- 2 Make mistakes
- 3 Singleton
- 4 King Cole
- 5 Pertaining to Montezuma's people
- 6 Pie fruit
- 7 "My Bonnie ___ over..."
- 8 Catch some rays
- 9 Landers or Miller
- 10 Privileged class
- 11 Very common
- 12 Instrument for 38 Down
- 13 Menial workers
- 18 Holler
- 22 Speedometer abbr.
- 23 Cuomo or Puzo
- 24 Put ___ to (stop)
- 25 Kids' cable-TV network
- 26 Andy's radio pal
- 27 Rabbits' kin
- 28 Historical periods
- 30 Engine
- 32 Destined
- 34 "___ Mio"
- 35 Short in speech
- 37 None too polite
- 38 Musician
- 40 Old item
- 41 Comments
- 43 Exodus hero
- 44 Theater box
- 45 Operatic solos
- 46 Harbor craft
- 47 The Hunchback of ___ Dame
- 49 Spruce or maple
- 52 FedEx rival
- 53 Likely
- 54 "See ya!"
- 55 "___ we there yet?"
- 56 El ___ (Spanish hero)
- 57 Door opener



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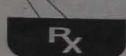
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