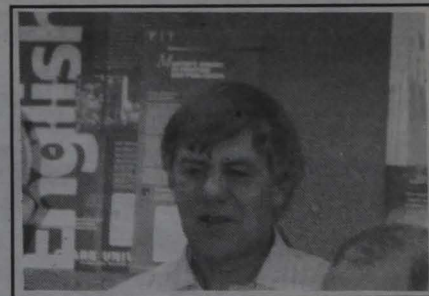




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-Kevin Lake
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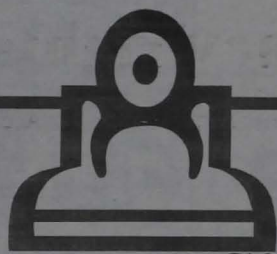
-Daphne
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TOP TEN LIST

Top Ten Ways
to Scare your
Roommate



Past Years to Remember



Campus Clips

Student Congress has an open meeting every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m., beside the campus book store.

FBI internships are available to juniors and seniors who are computer science, accounting, and math majors with a 3.0 GPA. Contact Jennifer Ruggiero at extension 118.

The Records Office asks that all students submit their local addresses as soon as possible. Students may pick up local address forms in the records office.

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.

Students interested in earning money by tutoring should contact Career Services at ext. 118.

The Chess Club meets on Mondays, 5-6:30 p.m., in Room 300 of the Science Hall.

Models are wanted for representational drawing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. If you are interested, see Duane Chapman in Room 212 of the AB Building. Ext. 184.

James Atkins and Kerri Vanhorn will perform their Senior Recital on Sunday, November 2, at 3 p.m. The recital will take place in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Respite Workers

Applications/resumes are being accepted for the position of Contracted Respite Worker to work with persons with developmental disabilities in the Gilmer County area. The Contracted Respite Worker provides relief services to clients and their families within the family home. Respite workers must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Prior experience working with people with developmental disabilities is preferred. Applications/resumes may be submitted to Human Resource Department, United Summit Center, Inc. #6 Hospital Plaza, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

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For info. call Dr. Burkowski, ext #218.

Chi Beta Phi News

The *Chi Beta Phi* would like to thank everyone who purchased delicious items from our recent bake sale. The money made will go towards funding a trip to the national *Chi Beta Phi* meeting to be held in Ashland, VA, at the Randolph-Macon College.

President B. J. Woods would like to thank all the gracious bakers who contributed to the sale. She would also like to thank Billy Kelly, Barbara Pritt and Colleen Boyle for taking the time out of their busy college schedule to help set up and work at the sale.

Chi Beta Phi would like to take this opportunity to give a very special thanks to Dr.

James G. Goll for his generous monetary donation for the bake sale.

We are planning to have a speaker come to our next meeting on October 28. We are looking forward to a very busy year and hope you will come and join us.

In case you are wondering how you can join, invitations can be sent out to all eligible science, math, or nursing majors. There is a one-time entry fee, which not only makes you a Glenville member but also a national member.

If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Peck on the third floor of the Science Hall.

Guess the weight of the pumpkin!



Eric Poirier and the Great Pumpkin (Heather Ware, Mercury) Student Activities will award this pumpkin to one lucky person. The winner will be drawn from a pool of entrants who can correctly guess the weight of the pumpkin in grams.

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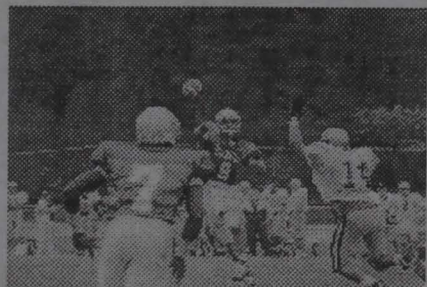
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Federal law protects GSC students' privacy rights

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

With the recent distribution of mid-terms, Glenville State College students may be concerned about the public posting of grades by faculty.

According to GSC registrar/director of enrollment management Dr. Phillip K. Cottrill and GSC dean of teacher education Dr. Catheryn J. Weitman, the public posting of student grades is not acceptable.

"Although there is no written institutional policy at GSC concerning the posting of grades, we do have a policy protecting students' confidentiality which is based on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," shares Cottrill. "I have distributed memos of this procedure to GSC faculty, informing them of what is and what is not appropriate."

"Institutions across the country have given up the practice of posting grades," agrees Weitman. "It is poor teaching practice because it violates the trust between the student and teacher. Legally, I cannot tell grades to a student's parents without the written permission of that student."

According to a publication prepared by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers entitled *Guidelines for Postsecondary Institutions for Implementation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended*, the public posting of grades either by the student's name, institutional student identification number, or social security number without the student's written permission, is a violation of federal law.

"Even with names ob-

scured, numeric student identifier numbers are considered personally identifiable information," says the AACRAO. "Therefore, the practice of posting grades by social security number or student identification number violates FERPA."

"Instructors and others who post grades should use a system that ensures FERPA requirements are met," the AACRAO recommends, "either by obtaining the student's uncoerced written permission to do so or by using code words or randomly assigned numbers that only the instructor and student know. The order of posting should not be alphabetic."

Many GSC students and professors agree with the law.

"Showing the grades of students could be embarrassing," feels junior business management major Harold Huggins of

Fairmont. "I've never had a professor post my grades."

"I think it would be okay to use social security numbers to post grades, but posting a name and grades may make students feel uncomfortable," says senior criminal justice major Sheila Ables of Glenville.

"One of my professors used the last four digits of our class's social security numbers to post our grades," confides senior psychology/ sociology major Angie Jones of Glenville. "I personally didn't feel uncomfortable in that situation because it was convenient at that time."

"I follow the procedures determined by the privacy act," asserts associate professor of business and computer science Nicholas F. Bassett. "A student's grades should only be between that student and his or her professor."

According to Dr. Weitman, GSC teaching students are given a strong education in legal issues such as confidentiality.

"These issues are covered through a combination of courses," says Weitman. "This summer, we will be offering a school law course to help students deal with the legal aspects of teaching."

"I tell my student teachers that the best practice is to be sure that the people you're sharing information with have a need and right to know," advises Weitman. "I've never posted grades even at institutions in which posting was considered acceptable. If teachers find themselves in a situation in which they must walk a fine line between common practice and proper procedure, they should use their professional judgement to determine what is appropriate."

Comedian Cary Long

Michelle Boley
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College students were treated to the comedian Cary Long on October 22. He has been a guest on Comedy Central, VH1 Stand-up with Josie O'Donnel, and a *Search* winner.

His act about girlfriends, mothers, and rednecks has received in either laughter or silence. When the audience of 70 left the AB Auditorium, the female portion of the student body enjoyed the show more than the male portion.

Cindy Cooper said, "I thought his comedy was good."

But on his style of dress, she explains, "I hated his sweater."

Matt Anderson, on the other hand, thought his jokes were tired. He states, "Parts about the women were funny, but his Jeff Foxworthy jokes were old." He further explains, "Everybody in West Virginia has already heard those jokes twenty times."

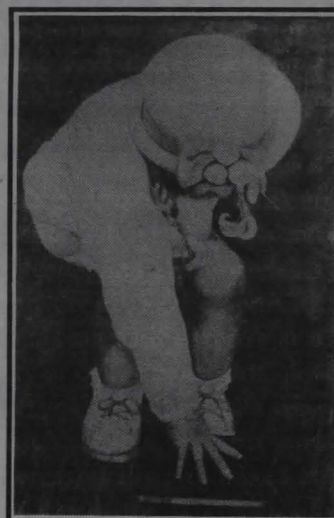
If you missed Cary Long on Wednesday evening or wish to see him again, he will be appearing on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Although Cary Long didn't score a ten with GSC students, he provided a break from their everyday college lives.

Art Beat

Six works of art by three Glenville State College students were accepted into the 1997 Mountain State Forest Festival Fine Art Exhibit presented by the Seneca Trail Artists Guild Incorporated. Keith G. Moyers of Cedarville won a Special Award for his painting titled "Watercolor #1." He also had a mixed media drawing accepted titled "Andrew Wyeth." Michele Wellings of Troy won Hon-

orable Mention with her mixed media piece titled "Holding Myself Together." She also had a watercolor titled "Flying Flame" accepted into the show.

Tim Harman of Sutton had a print titled "Untitled Woodblock" and a painting titled "Untitled Abstract" accepted in the show. These students are from the classes of GSC art professors Deanna Foxworthy, Duane Chapman, and Jim Rogers. The show was held on October 1-5 in the Paull Gallery on the campus of Davis & Elkins College.



Watercolor #1, by Keith Moyers



"Holding Myself Together," by Michele Wellings



Larry Shue's The Nerd

Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

October 29-31

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8 p.m.

Directed by Nancy Wemm

Admission free for GSC students

Think you've got what it takes?

Trillium, the GSC Literary magazine, is now accepting submissions. We want your poems, plays, short stories and photos.

Contact advisor Barbara Tedford (ext. 212) in the Language Division.

Dr. Orr edits *Film Criticism*

By Annie McCourt
Staff Reporter

Thanks to a year-long project at the hands of Dr. Christopher Orr, Glenville State College has once again made it onto the academic map.

This project concluded with the publication of the 22nd issue of the magazine *Film Criticism*. *Film Criticism* is a magazine which has showcased the work of film students and critics from the United States, Australia and England since 1975.

Dr. Orr guest edited this issue featuring articles on the topic of genre. Orr states, "I had been at a conference... and there was a paper on *The Shining* that was sort of taking a different position on genre than I was taking... and I thought it might be fun to do my own issue of *Film Criticism*." Orr further explains, "I thought it might be interesting to collect a series of essays that were all on the same topic and ideally responded to each other."

Orr started by asking the editor of *Film Criticism*, Lloyd Michaels, if he could guest edit an issue on the changing faces

of genre and how the changes in different genres reflect the cultural changes of society as well. Orr explained, "What one does as a cultural critic is try to account for the changes in our culture that make these changes in genre take place."

After talking to Michaels, Orr was instructed to write up a call for papers which really started the whole process of putting the issue together. That was last spring.

One paper Orr looked at was about the Native American Documentary as a emerging genre, written by Steven Leuthold. Orr asked then interviewee Joshua Bellin, Ph.D., Glenville's resident Native American scholar to look over the manuscript. This article is concerned with the fact that, "Here we have all of these video tapes being made by native Americans about native American life and should we treat these as a unique genre and makes the case of why we should." Orr stated.

This article, along with the one on *The Shining* titled "Toward a Post-structural Influence

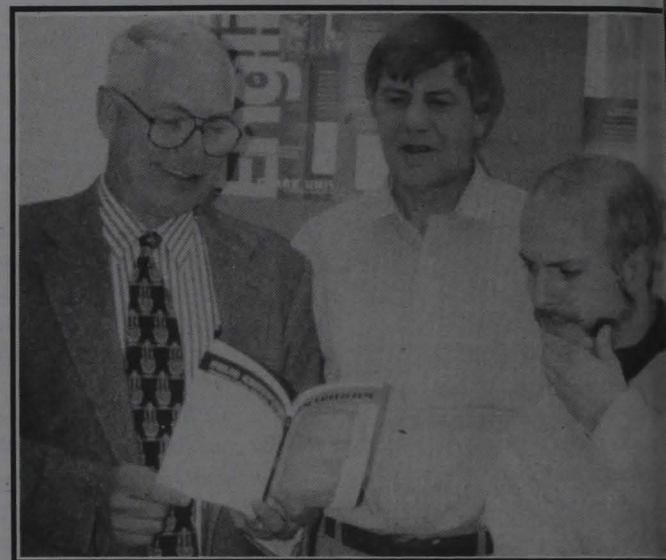
in Film Genre Study: Intertextuality and *The Shining*" by Walter Metz, and Orr's own article, which takes an opposing look to Metz's called "Genre theory in the Context of the Noir and Post-Noir Film" were then sent to Allegheny College. After that it was "just a matter of finding three or four more articles depending upon length," Orr explained.

Janet Steiger, whose article "Hybrid or Inbred: The Purity Hypothesis and Hollywood Genre History" appears first in the issue, "is a very important scholar who has written a number of books," according to Orr.

Lastly we have Tricia Welsch's article: "Yoked Together by Violence: Prizzi's Honor as a Generic Hybrid". This article, along with Metz' and Orr's all deal with genre study over periods of time and "compare the changes in that genre to how society has changed over that period of time."

Orr had help reading the papers from Palm and Bellin and a few others, but the final decisions fell unto his shoulders.

This wasn't the last time



The good doctors in action, looking at *Film Criticism*.
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

that Orr, Palm and Bellin formed an academic threesome. On October 16 through 18 the three gents participated in the 22nd Annual Colloquium on Literature and Film at West Virginia University. The power trio gave a presentation on Postmodernism which Orr organized and moderated. Orr presented "Postmodernism and Film Noir", Bellin gave "Post-Indian Poetics," and Palm presented "modernist Hero in a Postmodern Age:

Robert Stone's Ray Hicks in Fiction and Film."

They were joined by Thomas Argiro from the University of Kansas and his presentation "The Vietnam War: Racialization, and Counter-Memory: Imperialist Nostalgia in Image and Text."

Thanks to the work of the power trio Glenville State College is finding it's own place on the scholarly map and will hopefully stay there.

Larry Shue's *The Nerd*--Funny and infuriating

By Meredith Bartlett
Staff Reporter

I can describe Larry Shue's *The Nerd* in two words: hilariously entertaining. It is one funny production, but with a leading character that is a cross between Jim Carrey in *The Cable Guy* and Jerry Lewis at his worst, that can only be expected. Director Nancy Wemm put it best, "Picture the 'cable guy' walking into *Friends* and staying."

The plot seems a bit complex at first, but it is surprisingly easy to follow. Rick (Chad Nichols), the previously-mentioned idiot, comes to visit a pal from Vietnam, a chap named Willum (Drexell King). I won't elaborate on details, but things get pretty hairy when Rick makes his grand entrance. Rick has a

knack for ruining things, like Willum's 34th birthday party and any aspirations his girlfriend has for becoming a cook.

"He's a coward," Kind admitted about Willum. "He just wants everyone to be happy."

The cast is excellent with the one-liners. Most of the quirky remarks are ripped off by the "narcissistic" Axel (John Baxter). "He has a very bad ego problem," said Baxter of his character.

Other characters in the play include Willum's main squeeze, Tansy (Carol Tenney), and the Waldgrave clan (Chris Hopkins, Becky Seymour, and Alex Wemm).

The Nerd opens Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium.



The cast of *The Nerd* (l-r): Becky Seymour, Chris Hopkins, Alex Wemm, Drexell King, John Baxter, Chad Nichols. (Chuck Holcomb, Mercury).

GSC's New Weight Room Equalizes the Playing Field

by Lisa McCormick
Staff Reporter

Local business tycoon I.L. "Ike" Morris, his wife Sue Morris, and his three grandchildren helped commemorate GSC's new weight room by slicing the ribbon at a ceremony on Friday, Oct. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Financing the new weight room had been an on-going problem for the Athletic Department since former Coach Rodriguez first developed the idea, and it would still be just an unreachable goal had it not been for the combined efforts and monies of the GSC Alumni Foundation, Mr. Morris, and numerous others.

"I was in the position to do it," Morris explained, "and I wanted to see it get done."

"We've waited a long time for something like this," Coach Warren Ruggiero expressed during his speech. "Now we have

the means to equalize the playing field. This is something that not only benefits us now, but also in the long run. It'll give us an edge in our games and help with our recruiting."

Though President of the college Dr. William K. Simmons doesn't intend to use the weight room himself, he does see it as a means to bring the community and the college closer.

"This weight room symbolizes a partnership between a leader of this community and the college; its expansion not only incorporates the football team and the college, but also the community,"

Simmons expresses. "For example: the community uses the college's athletic field, and now the community is welcome to use our new weight room."

With a new weight room as equalizer, the team's future certainly look promising.



I.L. "Ike" Morris, his wife Sue Morris, and his three grandchildren cut the ribbon for the new weight room (Heather Ware, Mercury).

Paul Lanham honored with Alumni Award of Excellence



Paul Lanham receives the award. (Staff photo, Mercury)

Paul Lanham, a native of Ripley, WV, was given the Award of Excellence by the Alumni Association.

A native of Ripley, WV, Lanham graduated from Glenville State College in 1954. He worked as the running backs coach for the National Football League's St. Louis Cardinals.

After a year, he moved to Washington, D.C. and spent five seasons serving as special teams coach for the Washington Redskins. After that, he became offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach, and running backs

coach for the L.A. Rams in 1978, and saw the Rams win the NFC Championship in his second season before losing to the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XXIV.

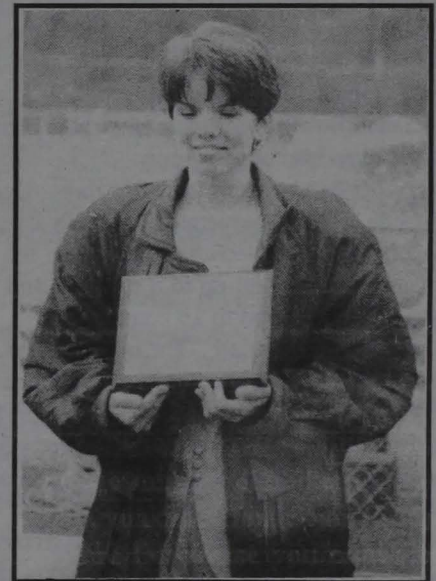
As assistant head coach and offensive coordinator of the Arizona Wranglers, Lanham helped lead the club to the USFL Championship game in 1984. He also held a coaching position with the Detroit Lions and served as a special teams consultant for the Washington Redskins.

The retired NFL coach currently lives in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Wilson, Pilant honored as top student athletes



Tracy Wilson (Heather Ware, Mercury)



Kent Pilant (Heather Ware, Mercury)

By Rick Simmons
Contributing Reporter

Tracy Wilson and Kent Pilant were selected as Glenville State College's top female and male student athletes for the past school year. They were honored during homecoming weekend.

Wilson received the women's annual Williams

Award and, Pilant, the prestigious Montrose Award for male athletes.

Balloting for the awards was recently conducted by the college's Athletic Committee.

Wilson, a Roane County native, played volleyball for three seasons and six times made the academic Dean's List. She is now office manager of Lignetics,

Inc. of Gilmer County.

Pilant was a four-year letterman on the GSC track team and played an integral part on three Pioneer conference championship squads. He earned NAIA All-American honors in the 110 meter hurdles and at this time is considered to have been the college's best all-time hurdler.

Games, games, games!

By Shawana Smith, Staff Reporter

On, Tuesday, October 21, the Sandy Sowell Entertainment Company offered Sumo Wrestling, along with other activities, in the Ball Room of the Heflin Center. There were many people in attendance at all of the activities.

The idea behind the sumo wrestling is simply where two people put on padded suits and decorated safety helmets. Then, the two opponents try to push each other outside of the ring. The opponent who wins the best out of three rounds, is the victor. The victor then gets to belly-flop on the loser.

Speed Pitch was also offered as part of the show, consisting of people competing to throw the fastest pitch or trying to guess the speed of their third pitch. The fastest pitch for the male category was about 69 miles per hour; and for the females, the fastest pitch was 58 miles per hour.

Many participated in karaoke.

Sowell's favorites included "The group that sang 'Barbie Girl' and the little girl who sang '18 Wheels and a Dozen Roses.'"

The group that sang 'Barbie Girl' was Kevin Rhodes as Barbie, and Nathan Oyler as Ken. Chris "The Hammer" Brammer and Joey Goodnite got up and sang "Just a Gigalo."

Eric Poirier graced the stage with "Chantilly Lace" and "Love Shack." Heather Bland glowed on the stage when she sang "I Love Rock-N-Roll." Six guys sang "Down On Bended Knee."

Sandy Sowell said, "I love seeing people relax together, have fun, and step slightly out of their comfort zone."

"Sandy Sowell's Karaoke is the highlight of my college career," quipped Bob Wible.

Approximately 40 people participated in the Jeopardy-style game show.

Losing players were awarded consolation prizes, including a choice of popcorn, Rice-a-roni, or Spam. Winner's chose between a pen, \$2 bill, hacky sack, pencil, and change purse.

Each game had four players, several questions were asked, and everyone walked away a winner.

The Human Bowling portion of the show consisted of a large metal ball and oversized bowling pins.

Participants had to be in teams of three. One team member would get inside of the large metal ball and get strapped inside on a chair, with a helmet to protect the head. Then, the other two team members would roll the ball up to a red line, and release the ball while hoping for a strike worth 10 points.

Neil Thunder commented, "The bowling went about the same as the sumo, no sicknesses, and only one team got the maximum number of points; which was 30 points."

Neil 'Thunder' said, "The turnout was pretty good--well pretty normal for Glenville. I'm just looking forward to coming back for GSC Week."

Sandy said that she does "approximately 100 shows per year."





Homecoming Events...

Casino Night

By Shawana Smith, Staff Reporter

Casino Night was held in the Verona Maple Room in the He-flin Center on Monday, October 20, as part of the Homecoming activities. There were several games to choose from, including Craps, Luck of the Wheel, Blackjack, Roulette, and Poker.

Among those who were there to set up and run the games were: Dennis Feazell, Kim Wright, Brandi Dawson, Ryan Crawford, Nathan Oyler, Lori Wigal, and Nathan Tanner.

"It was fun! I enjoyed myself. On the Luck of the Wheel, my lucky number was seven. I lost it all on Blackjack, though," quipped Tanner.

The students who attended the games seemed to have a lot of fun. Lora Sharp chimed, "I won \$25,000 on lucky number seven."

Amy Wyant mumbled, "I found out that I sucked at poker."

Pep rally excites crowd

By Eric Ware, Staff Writer

A wave of excitement warmed a chilly afternoon Thursday as GSC audiences were entertained at the homecoming "thuse" by the GSC Cheerleaders, Powerline, and Marching Band.

Hosting the thuse was Coach Steve Harold who recognized the players, coaches, and staff who make GSC Football happen.

"They put in a lot of hours," remarked Harold as he pointed out the marching band. "They do an excellent job! It makes my blood bubble when I hear that [school] song."

Harold introduced the coaches and staff, who, he says, "are great on and off the field. These guys pitch in and pick up the slack for me."

President William K. Simmons spoke to the crowd about the excitement of the game and the spirit of GSC.

"I think Homecoming is a special day for everyone," he replies. "It has all the nice things...and brings people together. We have an outstanding band and cheerleaders, as well as an outstanding team."

Simmons further replied that "We're a small school, but anyone who comes here can see a great amount of pride. I think that whatever we do, if we're good at it, we're successful."



Ask the Particle Man: What is a Solar Flare?

Scientists have determined that a solar flare is a suddenly occurring intense variation of brightness in a star. This variation is caused by magnetic energy that builds within the star and is rapidly released. A typical solar flare of a main sequence star, such as the sun, releases tremendous amounts of energy. This energy release is equivalent to the simultaneous detonation of millions of hydrogen bombs. This makes solar flares the greatest explosions to occur within our solar system.

The consequences of such an energy release directly affect the lives of every person on the earth. The solar flares affect the atmosphere of the earth in such a way that the upper stratum of the atmosphere becomes more ionized. This ionization interferes with radio signals and communication networks. The upper stratum of the earth's atmosphere is also expanded, this has a detrimental effect upon the orbit of satellites by increasing the drag of the satellite in the atmosphere.

The understanding of solar flares has a direct effect upon the science of cosmology. It is believed that the solar flares that occur in our solar system will lead to a better understanding of other heavenly objects because the energy release processes of these objects are similar to the solar flares of our sun. An example of some of these objects are: Black Holes, Quasars, and Pulsars.

The first recorded solar flare by man occurred on September 1, 1859 and was witnessed by Richard Hodgson and Richard Carrington. For more information on Solar Flares and other related topics, check either <http://hesperia.gsfc.nasa.gov> or <http://ispec.ucsd.edu>. Do you have a question for the particle man? Send it to: The Mercury, Box207, Glenville, WV 26351

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From the Public Relations class at Glenville State College.

Demographics of respondants

Class

Freshmen 61
Sophomore 79
Junior 80
Senior 94

Sex

Male 166
Female 184

Age

18-20 162
21-over 133

Residence

On Campus 91
Off Campus 245

Hometown

Rural 241
Urban 84

1. Do you think GSC is a "Suitcase College"?
Yes 276 No 26

2. Do you leave Glenville on the weekends?
Always 106 Sometimes 155 Never 45

3. Would more weekend events make you stay?
Yes 218 No 121

4. Have you been to any activities?
Yes 255 No 107

5. Do you realize that most activities are paid for with your activity fee?
Yes 290 No 57

6. What kind of activities do you want?
Athletic Events 291 Music recitals/concerts 129
Movies 135 Comedians 156
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7. Would you be willing to pay an extra fee for better quality entertainment?
Yes 126 No 197 Maybe 5

Rotary Club fundraiser

The Glenville Rotary Club is currently selling raffle tickets to raise money for an Academic Scholarship Fund, which will be awarded to a Gilmer County High School student who plans to attend Glenville State College. The prize is set at \$125. The winner will be chosen on Thursday during their meeting.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$1 each at the Towne Book Store.

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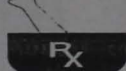


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Pioneers skin the kittens!

Perez sets conference record

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

"I love it when a plan comes together..." These are the words of Dr. Simmons during Thursday's pep rally in which he referred to the excellence of GSC's band, cheerleaders, and football team.

This weekend in the homecoming game against the Concord Kittens all three mentioned disciplines, as well as a very hyped up student cheering section, brought the plan together and annihilated Concord State College 71-26.

Pioneer quarterback Wilkie Perez broke two WVIAC records in the game by throwing the most TD passes for a game, 9, and most yards for a single game, 642. The team itself set a school record for most points in a game with 71. The old record was 70. Perez has now thrown 31 TD passes this season and has 3,026 yards.

The Pioneers scored first with a 26 yard pass from Perez to Tierre McNaire. Two minutes

later Carlos Ferralls rushed in from 4 yards out to put the Pioneers up 14-0. By the end of the first half, McNaire caught another Perez pass to score; Ferralls had two more and Justin Barnes punched in three points from 29 yards out.

At the half it was Glenville 38, Concord 14.

The second half was much the same. The Pioneers dominated. Ferralls got the ball rolling by scoring off of a 3 yard pass from Perez. He then caught two more to total 5 TD catches for the day, which combined with his rushing score earlier gave him 6 TDs for the day.

As if things could get any worse for the Kittens after the Perez/Ferralls assault, tight end Trent Sherman scored from a 5 yard pass from Perez and McNaire ended the battle he started on a huge play, a 41 yard TD reception. Two minutes later time ran out and the Pioneers were victorious yet again.

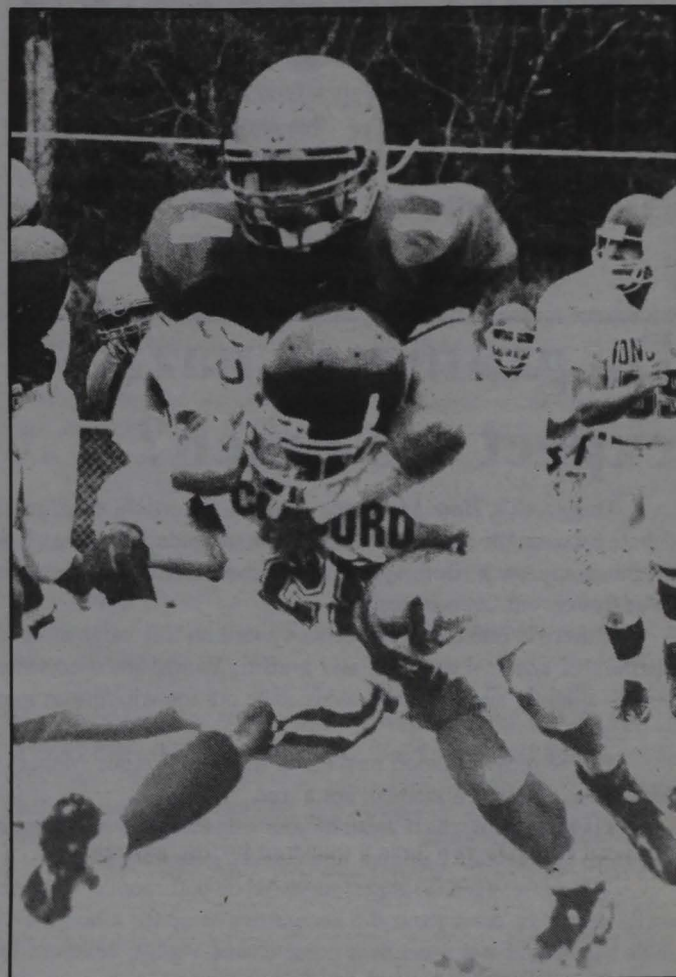
By game's end Ferralls had 188 yards receiving, McNair had

177 and Robert Talley had 115. Trent Sherman had 82. Byron Stevenson rushed for 30 yards and red shirt freshman Dwight White had 24 on only four carries. Robbie Buffington averaged 46.7 yards punting.

The offensive line, led by D.J. Williams, the big cat, chubby chubby KJ and the rest of the fat boys did an excellent job of protecting Perez, enabling him to achieve his feats. The secondary got it together and made Concord work for every yard.

Line backer Mitche Carte led the team in tackles with 9, Brian Palmer had 8, Emerson Wallace had 7, as did Blake Tasker, and Joseph Goodnight. DB Eddie King racked up a tackle for his old man in the stands.

In two weeks the Pioneers will host Shepherd in the last home game of the season. Shepherd has been defeating opponents as badly as the Pioneers this season and promise a challenge for both the game and the conference title.



The Pioneer's victory over Concord added the finishing touch to Homecoming. (Mercury Staff)

Cross-country prepares for WVIAC with Pioneer Classic

By Brent Gargus
Staff Reporter

This past Friday the men's and women's cross-country teams hosted The Pioneer Classic at Cedar Creek State Park.

In the women's race, freshman standout Laurel Bee ran away from the rest of the field in what turned out to be a close contest between the Lady Pioneers and the Battlers from Alderson-Broaddus. Other competing teams included Ohio Valley, Fairmont State, and Concord.

GSC's Laurel Bee and Kim Riffle took the lead at the start and never looked back, claiming the top two spots overall. Misty Steele, Hanna Tsegaye and Joe Harris ran together in a pack placing 15th, 16th, and 17th, respectively.

In the end, the Lady Pioneers placed 2nd overall missing first by only an 8 point deficit.

Coach Galloway seemed happy with his team's performance: "Even though we did well today, our main focus is still on next Friday's Conference Championships."

In the men's 5-mile, the Pioneers crushed the competition, scoring only 22 points. Jonathan Ramezan, Michael Bee and Daniel Ramezan led the Pioneer charge from start to finish taking the top three places. David Bee placed 6th overall, turning in his best performance this year. Freshman Tony Ball placed tenth overall with another solid performance. Sophomore Brent Gargus was forced to drop out due to a knee injury, after he lost his footing and bashed his knee against a large rock.

On Friday, both teams will travel to Shepherdstown for the WVIAC Championships, where the men are looking for a repeat as conference champs.



Runners compete in Pioneer Classic (Kevin Lake, Mercury)

Women's Results	time	place
Laurel Bee	22:10	1st
Kim Riffle	22:29	2nd
Misty Steele	28:05	15th
Hanna Tsegaye	28:32	16th
Joe Harris	39:18	17th
Men's Results		
Jonathan Ramezan	27:54	1st
Michael Bee	27:56	2nd
Daniel Ramezan	28:07	3rd
David Bee	28:21	6th
Tony Ball	29:03	10th

Mercury sports...

We're set and dedicated. If Glenville State College had a hockey team, we'd cover that, too.



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Do grammar nazis expect too much?

This week's *Time Magazine* contains an article detailing the debate between the phonics-based system of reading and the whole-language approach. Both systems have their merits, but they seem to be lost on our college students.

If there is one thing you cannot avoid on this campus, it is a plethora of signs, fliers, ads, and graffiti. Words are everywhere, but the spelling and grammar tends to be out the window on many of them.

1) The most common mistake is spelling "Verona Mapel" as M-a-p-l-e. She was a woman, not a tree.

2) Please allow the number of your subjects and verbs to agree. "Cars go fast around the loop, and one car goes very fast."

3) Because even messages scrawled on bathroom and elevator walls should be consistent, the derogatory name for a homosexual male is spelled f-a-g-g-o-t. It is not spelled f-a-g-e-t, which sounds like a foreign pastry.

4) I know what you did last summer, not what you "done."

5) Ask your English teacher to explain the differences involved in "their," "there," and "they're," and between "its" and "it's." Ditto for "your" and "you're."

That last sentence was a fragment, but I used it for effect.



We'll be back soon...

The *Mercury's* editorial staff will be attending the College Student Media Convention in Chicago this week.

We will frequent workshops on a multitude of subjects related to journalism and newspapers, photography, yearbooks, and web publishing. This will improve the overall appearance of this newspaper.

Because we will not return until very late Sunday night, next week's issue of the *Mercury* will be published on Wednesday, and may be shorter than average.

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No good deed goes unpunished...

By Kevin Lake
Guest Columnist

As most people at Glenville can tell you, for quite some time there has been a problem with school spirit at GSC.

There has always been a problem with student turn out at sporting events, plays and concerts, and those students who do go to the sporting events act as if they are at a play or concert (fine arts, not rock). The few students who do cheer and support our teams verbally are looked at by the other students as "weird" or "drunk."

During homecoming, the amount of school spirit multiplied by a phenomenal rate. Athletic Director Steve Harold led a pep rally on Thursday to excite everyone for the game. At the rally the band and the cheerleaders performed and President Simmons gave an enthusiastic

speech as did all the coaches at Glenville. Come Saturday, fewer people than usual went home to go hunting or see their underage significant others that are still in high school.

Saturday morning we had the biggest tailgate party I've ever seen at Glenville, and during the first quarter we had the loudest, most supportive student cheering section I've ever heard during my tenure as a student. For that moment in time we were at a real college.

The next thing I know, campus security is telling us to sit down and shut up. Most of us did, but knowing that as a free, 24-year-old American I had every right to cheer at my college homecoming game, I refused to sit. The next thing I knew a police officer grabbed me by the shoulder and said, "Let me see some I.D., longhair."

Not wanting to call my

father to come get me out of jail again I decided to sit down. At half time more than half of our cheering section left the game, disgusted over what had happened. They went to their homes, hid behind locked doors and cheered for the Mountaineers as they handily defeated VT on their television screens.

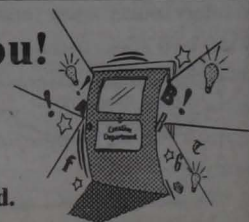
The week before, I had followed our football team to Fairmont. Fairmont was celebrating their homecoming on this particular weekend and they had the place packed and you could barely hear. Seven guys each had one of the letters to the word "Falcons" painted on their chests and with war paint on their faces would run around the track and do pushups whenever Fairmont scored.

I thought to myself, "If these people did this at Glenville they would probably be arrested." I guess I was right.

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Aries (March 21 - April 19)
— Everything must end; accept it. The future is uncertain now. Finances are settled for now. Seek time alone this week. A change of job or major is possible now.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
— A difficult work decision must be made. A new idea will change your life. Learn to be reliable. What you say about others is a reflection of yourself. Unreal expectations ruin a relationship.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
— Money problems arise this week. Seek solitude for now. Gossip is abundant. Be more impulsive. Philosophical answers are what you seek.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
— Become more warm and loyal. Money and energy are abundant this week. You feel caged in here; seek greener pastures. You've taken on too much; give something up.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
— Take a leap of faith this week. You require no one's approval; be yourself. New things are possible this week. Lack of money can cause problems. A family is in the future.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
— Love yourself, then love others. Look for stiff competition this week. A new relationship is in the air. Face conflict before it overwhelms you. Think carefully before making decisions in love.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)
— Never give up hope.

A painful situation ends this week. Watch out for betrayal in a relationship. Don't throw away dreams as impossible. A one-sided relationship is no relationship.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
— A wish comes true this week. Learn to act your age. A reward is coming your way. You're doing too much; back off. A love affair is just around the bend.

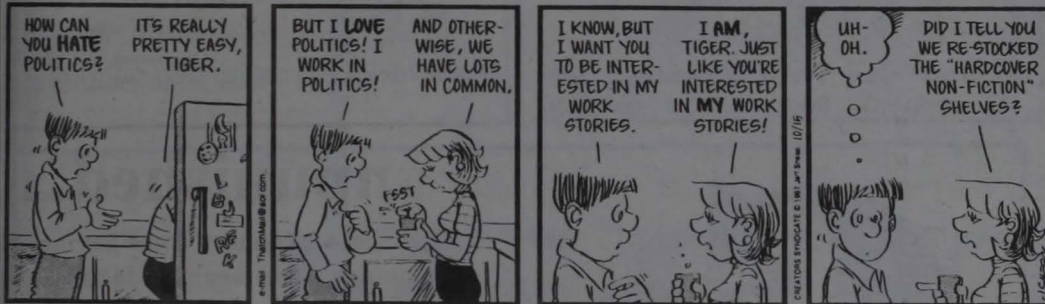
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
— Confusion and uncertainty abound this week. Be impartial when making decisions. Money becomes available soon. Learn to control your anger. A major goal is soon achieved.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)
— Travel is in your future. Follow and trust your instincts. Don't try so hard; it will come to you. A marriage or child is in the future. Rely on yourself in rough times.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)
— Prepare for sudden changes. Hope and clarity are yours this week. Open your eyes and see what's in front of you. A decision must be made despite the consequences. Family is in your thoughts.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
— Commitment is necessary in all relationships. Save money this week. Commitment cannot be one-sided. No one is perfect, not even you. Prepare to be in the spotlight.

THATCH by Jeff Shesol

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GREENING

Top Ten Ways to
Scare Your Roommate

10. Always refer to your roommate as "Sinner."
9. Leave small piles of food by the closet "for the elf."
8. During study breaks, ask for pipe bomb instructions.
7. Ask for I.D. when roomie enters...every time.
6. Fake Vietnam flashbacks when roomie's parents visit.
5. Underline meaningful passages in The Turner Diaries.
4. Try to debate Smurfette's real career during dinner.
3. Huddle in a corner with a knife and say "Oh, it's you."
2. "Duck and cover" when alarm clock goes off.
1. Read "Mein Kampf" aloud and cry at the end.

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