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-John F. Rote Page 4



"I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork."

-- Peter De Vries

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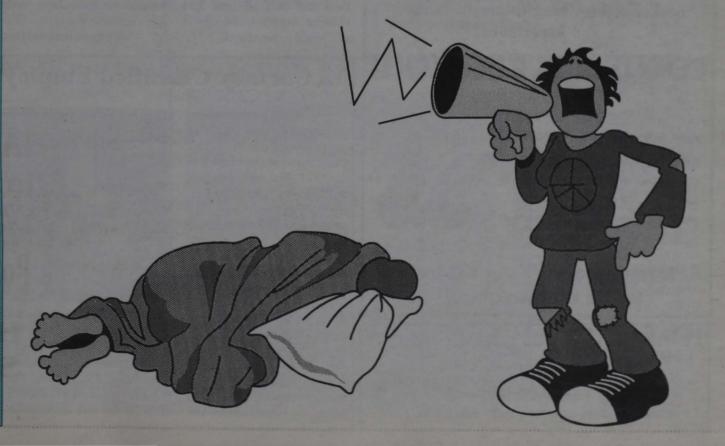


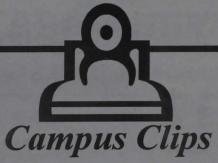
Beware of the bugs! Heinlein's Starship Troopers rockets into theaters on Friday. Page 3

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I thought this only happened to other papers.





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

Jennifer Ruggiero was in a car accident after homecoming. She is at home; anyone wishing to send a card or good wishes can do so at 903 Mineral Road, Glenville, WV 26351.

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 International Student Club will be meeting on Thursdays at 4:15 in the Administration Building. For more information, contact Dr. Gayle Burkowski, ext. 218.

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.

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#### Think you've got what it takes?

Trillium, the GSC Literary magazine, is now accepting submissions. Send poems, plays, and stories.

Contact advisor Barbara Tedford (ext. 212) in the Langauge Division, or editor Terry Estep (ext. 133).

## ACS attends regional meeting

Contributing Reporter

On Oct. 19, several members of the Glenville Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) went to the Southeast Regional meeting of the ACS in Roanoke, Virginia. The group attended various presentations in all the related fields of chemis-

The group attended a "Weird Science Demonstration" by Lee Merick, who appeared on the Dave Letterman show numerous times and moves science to new levels of fun with his antics. The group attended individual presentations dealing with crime investigation, economical experiments easily done



ACS members David Tingler, Dawn Lancaster, Jeff Lancaster, Chan Lancaster, Sherry Carder, John Mills, William Kelly, B. J. Woods, and Dr. James Goll. (Photo submitted)

at home, and other workshops in chemistry. There was a wide array of vendors set up to sell and show their wares.

The group attended a hospitality time hosted in the University, Vanderbuilt acquanting themselves with undergraduates and professors from other colleges.

Those attending were David Tingler, Dawn Lancaster. Sherry Carder, Jeff Lancaster, Chad Lancaster, John Mills, William Kelly, B.J. Woods, and Dr. James G. Goll.

### Vanhorn and Atkins have senior recital

By Meredith Bartlett Staff Reporter

Years of practice and dedication came together in the Fine Arts Recital Hall on Sunday for Kerri Vanhorn and Jamie Atkins during their senior recital.

Vanhorn, with a love for trombone and vocals, joined band 12 years ago after watching her sister. In her free time Vanhorn enjoys reading and acting in various productions with both the college and The Calhoun Actor's Guild. She is also active in her church.

As for the future, she commented: "I'm keeping a lot of options

open, maybe grad school." Although she is undecided on a career, she expressed a definite desire to keep up her instrumental and vocal talents.

Atkins, a trombone major and piano minor, also became interested in music at a young

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-- James Atkins

has been playing the piano for 14 years

Atkins com-

mented. He

and the trombone for 11 years.

Atkins plans to attend lawschool next semester.

The two seniors were calm and collected about the upcoming performance. When asked wheither they were nervous, Atkins replied, "not expecially." Vanhorn echoed the same response.

### McCartney Classified Employee of the Year

Gilmer County resident Brenda McCartney has been named Glenville State College Classified Employee of the Year for 1997. The announcement was made by Scot Montgomery, Staff Council Vice-Chairperson, at a reception on September 24

Brenda was selected for the honor by members of the GSC Classified Staff Council from a group of five nominees. Along with a plaque commemorating her honor, Brenda received cash awards from the GSC Alumni Association and the GSC Foundation, Inc., as well as a reserved parking space for her use. Brenda has worked



GSC Employee of the Year Brenda McCartney accepts a cash award from GSC Foundation Vice-president Ed Hamrick.

as a Records Officer in the Office of Records and Enrollment Management for 21 years. She is a 1976 graduate of Glenville State College with an AB in El-

ementary Education. Brenda is the daughter of Creed and Nancy Barton of Glenville. She and her husband, Jack, reside in Tanner.

## Starship Troopers will drive you buggy

## Paul Verhoeven mixes fun, satire, and violence with an extra helping of cheese

y Terry L. Estep taff Reporter

If you've been waiting for gun-totin', bug-smokin' action st with incredible special efects and less-than-incredible ting, then Paul Verhoeven's test offering, Starship Troops, is the perfect movie for you.

In the future, the price of tizenship is military service. A andful of dedicated young solers must rise to the challenge intergalactic warfare with a becies of terrifying alien insects at threaten to eliminate the huan race. Based on the 1959 obert Heinlein novel of the ame name, Starship Troopers blows the adventures of Johnny ico (Casper Van Dien) through oot camp and war on the bug anet Klendathu.

The movie boasts an imressive behind-the-scenes cretive team. Director Paul erhoeven and screenwriter Ed leumeier previously worked toether on the movie Robocop. like Robocop, Troopers contins stunning visual effects--allost 550, according to Producer lan Marshall (Cliffhanger).

"In the past, creature movs only showed the monster in glimpses," Verhoeven explains. "Digital technology has enabled us to take these creatures out of the dark and utilize them to a much greater degree as in *Jurassic Park*."

The space battles are beautiful to behold. The ships and explosions are rendered with models and computers, creating images so crisp and clear they could make a brave man weep.

Not so pretty are the main bad guys. The bugs of the planet Klendathu are an amalgam of spider, praying mantis, and other insects. "We basically took the jaws from one species and the legs from another," Verhoeven explains. "It took forever to find a bug that could spray magma but when we did it helped to inspire the Tanker Bug."

Special effects cannot carry a movie alone (witness Independence Day and the forgettable Lost World: Jurassic Park). Neumeier's script captures the cheerfully patriotic tone of World War II newsreels, describing an enemy that must be stopped at all costs. On the level of satire, Starship Troopers works well...maybe a little too well. When a cowardly general



I THINK WE MADE IT MAD-Rico (Casper Van Dien) warns the Mobile Infantry of an approaching Tanker Bug in the TriStar Pictures and Touchstone Pictures presentation Starship Troopers.

who has obviously saved his own life by deserting his men is killed by the bugs, the audience cheered loudly.

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Starship Troopers is a major testosterone-fest, and its graphic scenes of mutilation and bloody dismemberment have earned the movie an "R" rating. The violence constantly underscores the point that war is never pretty, even when it is as well-lit as this movie.

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logue. The constant stream of lameness is delivered by the young actors with all the cheerfully vacuous intensity of a *Mentos* commercial. Also, no matter how hard he may try to save the world with his scientific know-how, psychic ability, and military tactics, Neil Patrick Harris will *always* be Doogie Howser.

Watching Harris try to pull off of an air of authority is so pathetic that you almost expect the Earth's government to sign the planet over to the bugs without a fight.

The movie is a fun little cartoon excursion that tries to pull off the epic feel of a World War II movie, but it flubs the ball during some key scenes that generate laughs instead of genuine pathos.

Suspend your disbelief---although you may have to use a chain hoist when the soldiers outrun a nuclear blast--and see *Starship Troopers*. Hey, it could be a lot worse.

## Monday night fire breaks through student home

By Eric Ware Staff Reporter

The Glenville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire at 8:30 p.m. Monday at the residence of renter Becky Frashure and her roommate.

The occupants were reportedly not at home at the time of the incident, but spectators commented they were afraid the GSC students were inside. "It (the house) went up so fast," replied one of the students outside.

The rented property, owned by Charlotte Tothe, was reported on fire by area residents near the Gilmer County High School.

The fire was reported to start in one end of the house, spreading quickly into the attic and through the wooden rafters.

A smoke-filled scene, showing firefighters removing portions of the wall, was gazed upon by the residents of the homes as chilly temperatures chased only a few inside.

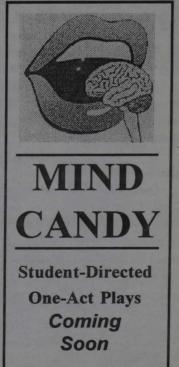
"I was worried about my niece," commented the aunt, who did not wish to be identified, of one of the students. She declined any further comments, pending more of the investigation.

"At this point of time, there is no information about the cause of the fire," commented Firechief Gerald Davis. "It looks to have stayed in one part of the house and moved through the attic."

Davis further speculated the fire looked to be in the front room, yet the investigation is still pending.



Firemen battled the blaze, which broke out Monday night.
(Heather Ware, Mercury)



## The Mercury

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### GSC's lack of service

Two points:

1) Most college students like to work on research papers and other class assignments during the weekend when they have more time.

2) Glenville State College does little to aid their weekend research efforts.

See the problem?

A simple walk around the campus can confirm this. The computer lab in the administration building is only open for seven hours during the weekend, from 2-10 p.m. on Sunday night. Those are the hours when students will be scrambling to finish that paper so it can be turned in the next morning.

The Clark Hall computer lab does not even keep weekend hours, and finding a good time during a weekday is an exercise in madness. The hours are so sporadic that it almost makes sense to keep it closed.

The Robert F. Kidd Library is open for a grand total of five hours on Saturday. That is prime research time flying straight down the drain. If you need a book, you had better get there before 4 p.m., because you will be cut off from materials. The Media Center doesn't even *open* during the weekend, so try not to think about it.

A person could make the point that if students at Glenville State College had more organizational skills, they would have the needed materials before the weekend even begins. We seldom write that way. A new area of intellectual exploration may open itself during the writing, but if you have no ability to get to the information, too bad.

This problem goes beyond simple research. Sometimes all you want to do is surf the web. There are many Saturday mornings when it would be nice to log on and see the latest rumors concerning *Babylon 5* or to look into the broader meaning of Madonna's *Like a Virgin*. It's a shame that we cannot do that with the services provided by our school.

GSC should expand the hours these services are provided in those buildings, or establish 24-hour labs in the dorms.

Quite frankly, the information superhighway is taking an inconvenient detour around Glenville State College. It's no wonder we have to bribe students to stay on this campus over the weekend; GSC is lacking basic services and access that should be provided to college students. The Pioneer of the 21th century can't get anywhere without a guide.

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## The Back Office - Fresh from Chicago

By J.F. Rote, Mercury Advisor

Up front, allow me, on behalf of the *Mercury* staff, to apologize for our tardiness. I know you expect your paper on Tuesday, and come hell or high water we do our best to make sure you get it, but this issue was unavoidably detained. The reason...the editorial staff, and myself, were in Chicago attending the National College Media Convention for the past week.

Before you blow it off as an excuse to get out of town and party for a week, let me explain exactly what the convention was about. First, the staff of *your* newspaper had the opportunity to meet and interact with over two thousand student journalists from around the nation.

They were able to share their experiences and swap ideas with colleagues from major universities and schools half as large as Glenville State. More importantly, they were given the chance to compare their work to what is being done at other colleges and universities, and got to see just how the *Mercury* stacks up against schools with many times the budget and resources that we have to work with here.

Know what they found out? We measure up pretty well.

In the "best of show" competition, where all the schools in attendance get to enter an edition of their paper for judging, your newspaper made the final cut in the category of weekly tabloids. That means that your

newspaper, in a category that included seventy percent of the entries, made it into the top 20, (actually it was a little higher than that, but we're too modest to say).

But the convention was much more than networking and competition. The staff of your newspaper spent three very intense days of training in areas than ran the gamut of journalistic procedure and ethics, design and layout, photojournalism, and newsroom management. They attended seminars on libel law, 1st amendment rights and responsibilities, concise news writing, and investigative reporting.

The Mercury's photo editor, Heather Ware, was one of twenty photojournalists, out of nearly one hundred, picked to intern for a day at the Chicago Tribune. She was given an assignment by the photo editor, then turned loose on the town to shoot it. Out of the group, only five made the cut to have their work published. Heather's pics almost ran in the Monday edition of the paper. She now believes Chicago is her kind of

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--J. F. Rote

town

Annie McCourt, your newspaper's production manager, spent three day being exposed to the latest design techniques and trends. Terry Estep, Ted Webb, Lisa McCormick, and Eric Ware all were participants in some of the most intense writing/coaching sessions I've ever seen, and Eric attended every workshop offered on year-book production and design.

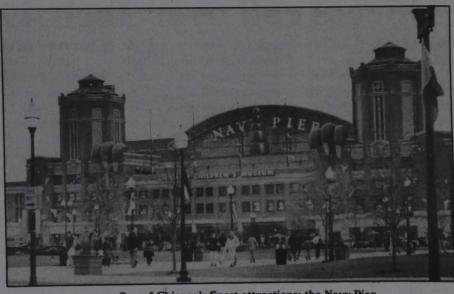
Oh, did I mention that your yearbook, the *Kanawhachen*, made the top ten in the "best of show" judging?

Think I may be blowin' our horn a little too loud? Well, it's not every day journalists get to pat themselves on the back. Face it, today's news is tomorrow's fish-wrap. You read your paper then toss it. But to those of us who report the news, edit it, and then produce it in a form that is pleasing to eyes and brain, usually you only think of us when we spell your name wrong.

So, to the editorial staff of the *Mercury*, well done. Now back to work, we have a paper to get out.



Relax with a buggy ride on Navy Pier. (Heather Ware, Mercury)



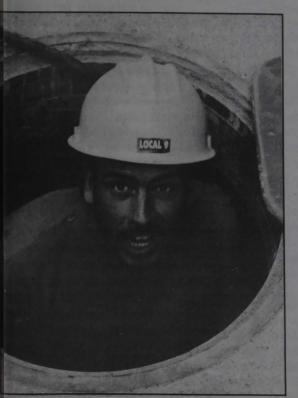
One of Chicago's finest attractions: the Navy Pier .(Heather Ware, Mercury)



Mercury Staffers: Eric Ware, Heather Ware, Ted Webb, Lisa McCormick, Terry Estep and Annie McCourt pose before leaving the "Windy City." (John Rote, Mercury)

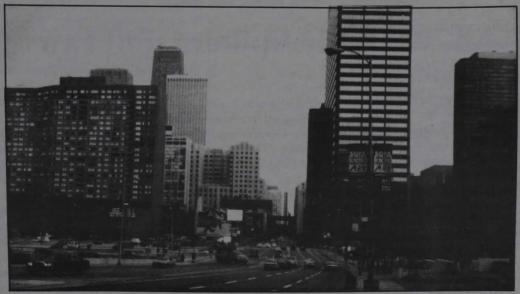


Navy Pier's Ferris Wheel, one of Chicago's favorite attractions. (Heather Ware, Mercury)



Mitch Wegner pops up from the Chicago underground. (Heather Ware, Mercury)





City life in Chicago. (Terry Estep, Mercury)

## Pioneers roll over Tech 49-10

By Kevin Lake, Staff Reporter

At Martin Field in Montgomery, WV, this past rainy Saturday afternoon the mighty Pioneer football team opened up yet another can of butt whuppin' on the tremendously-outclassed Yellow Teddy Bears of WV Tech.

The Pioneers wasted no time in opening the game up on three consecutive, unanswered first-half scores which included a 58-yard TD pass from Wilkie Perez to Robert Talley, a 37-yard interception TD return by Emerson Wallace, and a 22-yard TD reception by Tierre McNair. The Teddy Bears scored on a big pass play just before halftime. The score was at that point 21-7 in favor of the Pioneers.

In the third quarter Kenny Hinton began the assault by catching a 35-yard TD pass from Perez. Justin Barnes' kick was good to put the Pioneers up 28-7. Talley struck next with a 66yard TD reception which was

later followed by a John Stevenson aerial TD from out of the backfield to make it 42-7. Minutes later, Talley became a recurring nightmare for the Teddy Bears with another 66yard TD reception. Tech would only settle for a meager field goal later to finish the game's scoring. The Pioneers left the premises victorious once again.

Perez had another exceptional day by passing for 434 yards. He is now only 371 yards away from breaking the NCAA DII record for most passing yards in a single season. With two games remaining and Perez's high average, it is inevitable that by season's end the record will

Talley led the team in receiving with 255 yards. Trent Sherman was second with 78 and Stevenson and Haji Ingram both had 48. Senior stand-out Carlos Ferralls was suspended for having his helmet off while on the field during the game against Concord the week before.

Coach Ruggiero was happy for the win but focused mainly on the big game this weekend against the undefeated Rams of Shepherd. The winner of the match up will be conference champions and there is a good possibility that if Glenville wins, the team will go to the National Championships.

"We have to control their running game," Ruggiero says of the Rams. "They have a couple of really good running backs. Their return man, Bootsy Washington, is good too. We have to contain him."

Ruggiero also expressed pleasure in the tightening up of the once weak GSC secondary. "The secondary has vastly improved," he stated. "Tierre McNair has helped anchor things

The mighty Pioneer offense will truly be tested during the game, as Shepherd has the number one defense in the conference.



Justin Barnes perfecting his kick. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

## Pioneer basketballers preparing for season

By Kevin Lake, Staff Reporter

The Pioneer basketball team, under the new mentorship of Coach Bob Williams, has been working diligently in preparing for the upcoming season.

Williams, a former coach of Jefferson Junior College in Water Town, NY, seems hopeful for the season and plans to make some major changes with a program that has not won a conference title since 1972.

"You have to go with what wins," states Williams in regard to the style of play. "This is a fast conference. It's always been Glenville that slows down the pace.'

Williams is referring to the slow-paced, fundamental style of competition portrayed by former coach Gary Nottingham. All other teams in the league run and take high percentage shots and only play half court offense when it becomes a necessity, or when

they play Glenville.

'It's not a run and gun,' Williams states of the style he will use. "We are going to take the high percentage shots like layups on the fast breaks. You have to go with the high percentage shots but still be able to play half court offense."

After the resignation of assistant coach Tom Flerity after only three weeks into the semester, Williams called upon his former assistant coach Eric Schofield from Jefferson for help. Schofield answered and has become a future part of GSC' ever-changing coaching staff.

The Pioneers boast an impressive roster which includes IC All-American Floyd Burgher who played for Williams and Schofield at Jefferson. Burgher will be helped by Kevin Herod, Jeremy Young, Terry Clark, and Jason Shields. Tierre McNair will help out tremendously once football season is over.



Pioneers tower over ref. (Heather Ware, Mercury)



GSC students showing school spirit at a pep rally. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

## Lady Spikers split two

By Kevin Lake Staff Reporter

During Halloween week the Pioneer volleyball team won one and lost one as they managed to beat the College of West Virginia in sets of 15-5, 18-16, and 15-12. They were defeated by Fairmont in three straight by scores of 12-15, 1-15, and 11-

Cheryl Stout led the team in kills against both teams with 13 against College of WV and 11 against Fairmont. Crystal

Affolter led in blocks with 8 and 9 respectively.

Coach Fluharty gives much credit to the bench in the defeat of the College of West Virginia. She claims everyone hustled.

Fluharty accredits the Fairmont loss to a slow start as well as a lack of motivation.

We were up 10-1 in one game against Fairmont, and they came back and won," she states.

The team is now 5 and 7 in the conference.

#### LIBERTY MEADOWS By Frank Cho









#### 'HATCH by Jeff Shesol









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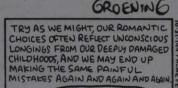


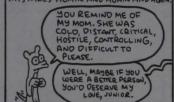
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By Criston Gravely, Staff Astrologer

Aries (March 21-April 19)
-- A difficult situation is bound to arise in matters of love. A choice is imminent, but be careful; this could mean a love triangle.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) -- The past can lead to the future, especially in love. An old love from the past returns this week and new things are possible. Love can be rekindled

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) -- Conflict helps to control your anger. By facing other's anger, you learn to control your own.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) -- To start a family is great, but you're not ready yet. Also, this week, try to rediscover your creativity and flexibility.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) -- Give something up to gain something of greater value. This requires patience and acceptance. Waiting and hoping are the only options.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) -- Use your intellect to make changes in the world. Give yourself more credit; you tend to underestimate yourself. By using intellect, you can make a difference.

Libra (September 23 - Oc-

# Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

tober 22) -- A major goal is achieved this soon. But, like all things in life, achievement is continuous. As one task ends, another begins.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) -- Emotions are raw and overwhelming this week. There is the potential to begin a relationship, so get set to embark on the journey of love.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) — You are entering a time of pleasure and satisfaction. A dream is about to come true, a reward for all of your hard work and effort.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) -- A reunion will lead to permanence and ongoing contentment, for the relationship is based on a conscious union of two loving but separate partners.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) -- Constantly remaining in control of a relationship only cheats yourself. Yes, you can avoid being hurt again, but don't let the past taint the future too much.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) -- Prepare to fall in love. Become romantic, for true love does exist. Some may call your feelings immature, but it's love, all the same.

#### Top Ten New Uses for a Dead Cat

- 10) Science Fair Project #307-A: Maggot Farm!
- 9) Family reunion conversation piece
- 8) New hairpiece for Marv Albert
- 7) Lunch
- 6) Not-quite-so-festive fuzzy slippers
- 5) Finally find use for the Mercury... as burial shroud
- 4) Scares away zombie mice
- 3) Doorstop
- 2) Exploding golf ball ballistic tests
- 1) Rubik's Kitty-Line up the vertebrae!



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