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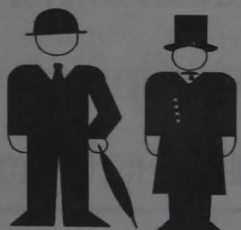
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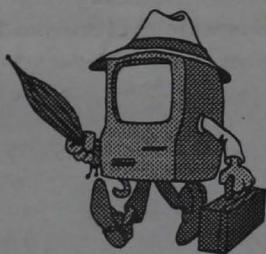


Jamie Adkins plays the part of a visually impaired person to help raise awareness for those with physical handicaps. (Photo by Chuck Holcomb, Mercury)

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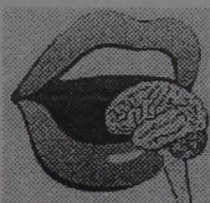
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## Think you've got what it takes?

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

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## MIND CANDY



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## ART EXHIBITION

### 1998 SNAG Juried Student Exhibition

All North American students that have produced work in a college or University metalsmithing course within the last two years, are invited to submit slides for Jurying in the 1998 SNAG student exhibition.

Conceptual and Functional work in form of jewelry, holloware, and small sculpture are eligible.

For more information, contact Duane Chapman or Dr. Foxworthy in the FA Division.

## Alpha Rho Tau organization forms

By Eric Ware  
Staff Writer

Alpha Rho Tau (APT) is reorganizing their constitution and organization for acceptance by Student Congress.

Alpha Rho Tau is an organization geared for students who are interested in art and art education.

"We are accepted by the National Art Association to be a club," commented visiting pro-

fessor Duane Chapman. "It's for members who are interested in the art field and in teaching art."

The purpose of the organization, as reported in their constitution, is to raise and maintain a quality standard of art appreciation on campus and in the community.

It further hopes to gain a greater insight and perspective about art and contemporary concepts in art appreciation, to sponsor projects, exhibits, trips and

speakers, to promote and exchange ideas and the creative expression of art in all schools, in areas of education and other areas of art.

According to Chapman the purpose of APT is to have fun. "We're like all other functions on campus," he replied. "We would promote all exhibits and school functions. There's a lot of good artists here on campus, and I would like to see them take part in this organization."

## Time to clear the dorm again...

The residence halls will be closed on Friday, November 21, at 5 p.m. and will re-open on Sunday, November 30, at 12 noon. The lunch on Friday, November 21, will be the last meal served. Dinner will be the first meal served on Sunday, November 30.

### Check-out Procedure

Before you leave the residence halls for Thanksgiving Break, please be sure that:

- 1) You have unplugged everything in your room. Refrigerators are excluded.
- 2) You have turned out all lights
- 3) Your curtains and windows are closed.
- 4) Your door and windows are locked.



## West Virginia Watercolor Society 11th State Juried Exhibition



Glenville State College Fine Arts Gallery

November 4 - December 10

Reception November 11 at 6 p.m.

Followed by GSC Brass Ensembles Concert at 8 p.m.



# Forensics team wins trophies at Marietta tournament

## Ohio makes eleven wins for best semester in new team's five-year history

By Terry L. Estep  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State's Forensics team won six trophies at the 48th Annual Ruth A. Wilcox Forensics Invitational Tournament at Marietta College in Ohio.

"This was one of our biggest competitions," stated team member Cris Gravely.

Thirteen colleges--five from West Virginia--competed in categories that included Prose Interpretation, Dramatic Duos, and persuasive speaking.

Amy Jo Rowan-Smith took second place for her persuasive speech on gay rights and an informative speech about Al-anon. Her delivery of the two pieces brought trophies at a previous tournament at West Virginia Wesleyan a few weeks ago.

Rowan-Smith paired with Gravely for a Dramatic Duo and took 3rd place with a cutting from Christopher Durang's

*Glass Menagerie* parody "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls."

"We were up against 17 other teams of duo partners," Gravely explains, "including two teams from Glenville."

Those other teams included Lisa Belknap and Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva, who performed a piece called "The Power and the Glory," about two women in a glass elevator who explore power, and Chris Kenna and Shannon Carr, who performed a piece from "The 'M' Word," about a possible romantic merger between two businesspeople.

Belknap and Tzoneva took 4th place with their piece, just behind Rowan-Smith and Gravely.

"There was no stress," Belknap says of competing against fellow classmates. "It says a lot for Glenville that we had to compete against each other."

Stress can be a major factor for dramatic duos, because the teammates are not allowed to make eye contact or touch each other. Both members must focus on an agreed-upon spot on the opposite wall.

Gestures and movement are kept to a minimum, except for the purpose of interpretation of characters.

Prose interpretation provides another challenge. Participants read a prose piece, 8-10 minutes long, featuring two or more characters. Voice characterization is used to distinguish between characters.

Belknap's piece, a cutting from Stephen King's *The Tommyknockers*, earned her a high spot in the rankings, even though she did not place.

Gravely's prose interpretation was from *Notes from a Nervous Man*, detailing the differences between men and women



The Forensics Team (l-r): Chris Kenna, Shannon Carr, Margarita Tzoneva, Lisa Belknap, Amy Jo Rowan-Smith, and Cris Gravely (Heather Ware, Mercury).

and the dangers of shopping for lingerie.

"The students performed admirably well," states Forensics advisor Nancy Wemm. "Actually, they kicked butt."

The 11 trophies earned this semester are the highest number achieved by the Forensics Team in any single semester since the group was reactivated five years

ago after an 11-year absence.

Next semester will find the team competing at a state competition in Parkersburg and then in Kentucky.

"[Kentucky is] the largest competition of the year," Gravely explains.

"Next year, we're all coming back with first-place trophies," vows Lisa Belknap.

## Student Congress to help fire victims

By Lisa McCormick,  
Staff Reporter

Student Congress decided to help two GSC students during their time of need at the meeting on November 4.

Parliamentarian James Arnold brought up Tracy Lane and Becky Frasure, whose home suffered a fire the previous Sunday. Numerous ideas for aid were discussed.

Holding a fund-raiser, by collecting donations of food and clothing, and buying school supplies was mentioned. Dr. Billips offered care-packages that are being stored in Pickens Hall. The idea of buying the two students some school items by using funds from the Congress was authorized.

At the beginning of the meeting, the minutes were read, roll call was taken, and a new member, Nathan Tanner, was sworn in as the Pickens Hall representative.

As the meeting progressed, President Lisa Belknap asked for

a list of people to send "thank-you" notes to for their help during Homecoming.

Belknap also mentioned Coach Harold's suggestion to create a student cheering section during football games to accommodate some of the more enthusiastic members of the audience. She also recommended passing out plastic baby bottles and pacifiers to the crowd as a way to arouse school spirit.

Student Representative Jason Gordon asked for any proposals to help with the fight against the college's attendance policy, which Gordon states: "Penalizes A and B students by having them thrown out of their classes because they missed three or more days of class." Gordon plans to attend a state meeting that helps students argue against college attendance policies.

It came to the attention of Student Congress that derogatory flyers are being placed all over campus commenting on the recent creation of the campus's

new gay friendly club, *Colors of Pride*.

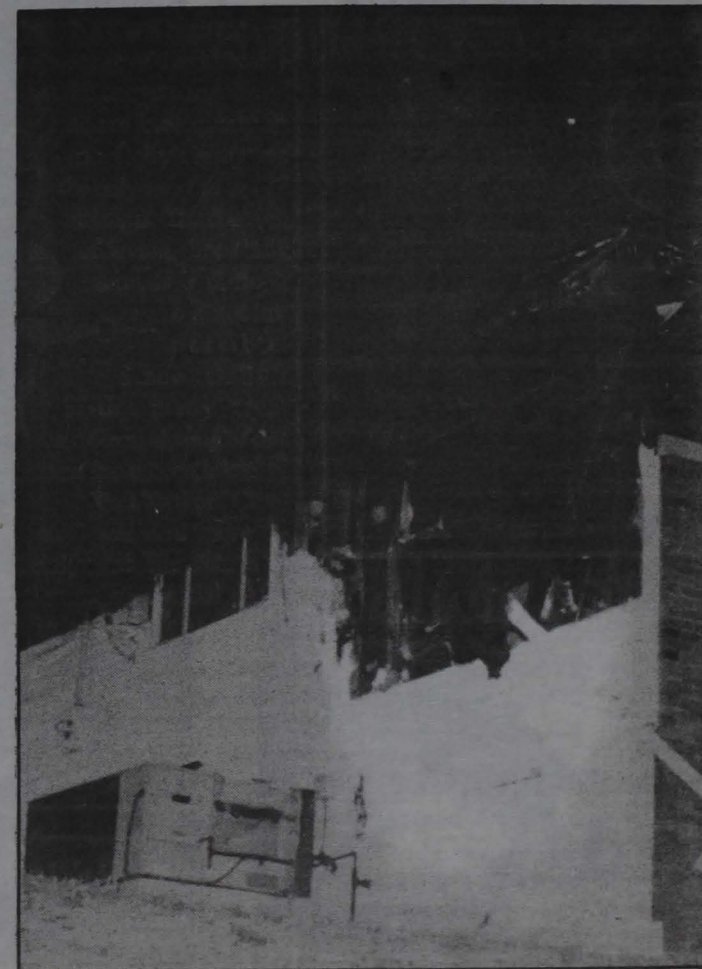
It was noted by the Student Congress that the discriminatory attitudes displayed in the flyers "...were immature and will not be tolerated on any level."

In further news ...Dr. Billips explained that the moving of occupants on the third, fourth, and fifth floors at Pickens Hall was because the floors were going to be painted. If anyone needs further information, contact Glenn Reynold at ext 112.

Near the end of the meeting, announcements for the upcoming comedian, the play *Gypsy*, and the trip to the mall were made. It was disclosed that the college's Haunted House featured during Halloween was a success.

Lisa Belknap proposed to drop all parliamentary proceedings during informal discussions at future Student Congress meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Student Congress will aid victims of last week's fire. (Heather Ware, Mercury)



# Amphitheater experiments celebrate National Chemistry Week

## ACS members use household items (and a pumpkin) to explore science

By Lisa McCormick  
Staff Reporter

In order to celebrate chemistry and its close cousins (physics, biology, etc.) Glenville State College's chapter of the American Chemical Society participated in National Chemistry Week, November 5-6.

Chemistry buffs John Mills, B.J. Woods, Jeff Lancaster, Dawn Lancaster, Stephen Houck, Sherri Carder, Matt Pletcher, William Kelley, Chad Lancaster, and Dave Tingler demonstrate what it means to be chemistry, physics, biology, pre-med and pre-pharmacist majors.

The experiments deal with atmosphere, density, and atmospheric pressure.

Each experiment uses un-

orthodox methods and equipment; for example, one experiment uses a ripe pumpkin, hydrogen peroxide, laundry detergent, and potassium iodine as a heating agent. The mixing of these chemicals in a hollowed out pumpkin causes an explosion.

Another explosive test uses a hydrogen-filled balloon and a lit match causes a fireball explosion.

Chemistry Junior, Jeff Lancaster, lead the "Jumping Flame" experiment where acid dropped into baking soda will spark a flame.

Lancaster explains the process, "What I'm doing is creating two environments: one with carbon dioxide and the other with oxygen. The carbon dioxide won't either start nor extinguish

an open flame, but it will feed an oxygen-fed flame, so, I'll stick an oxygen-fed flame [caused by acid] into baking soda, and when the flame hits the soda, it looks like it's literally jumping from one source to another."

One experiment, called "Dancing Raisins", involved using Sprite soda and raisins.

Other experiments involved density. One used water, cooking oil, corn syrup, and dish washing liquid.

"It's kind of like how oil will float on the ocean," Dave Tingler illustrates. "We're trying to see which fluid weighs more than the others, and we use food coloring in each liquid to distinguish between which one is on the bottom and which is on top."

The grand finale came

when volunteers allowed his/herself to be

wrapped in a trash bag with a vacuum's hose, then the vacuum was turned on.

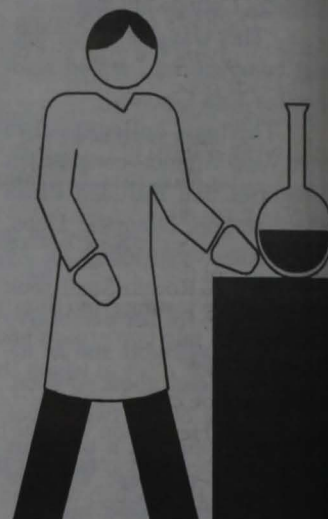
The effect of the suction made a tight trash-bag suit. The scientific term for what causes the trash bag to collapse on a person is called atmospheric pressure.

"We got a lot of these ideas from our past trip to San Francisco," Tingler says.

"We hope to take these experiments on the road next semester." He adds, "hopefully, we'll be demonstrating in some of the local schools."

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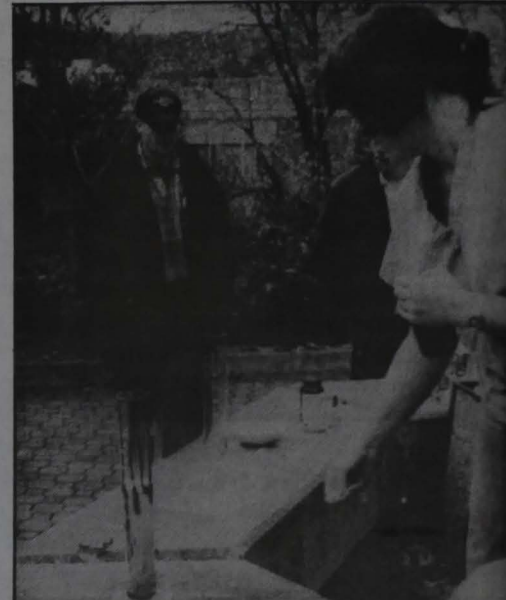
--Dave Tingler



Eric Ware gets vacuum-packed  
(Heather Ware, Mercury).



Dawn Lancaster works the "Dancing Raisins"  
(Heather Ware, Mercury).



B. J. Woods works ACS magic  
(Heather Ware, Mercury).



Jeff Lancaster jumps the flame  
(Heather Ware, Mercury).



Dave Tingler separates oil and water  
(Heather Ware, Mercury).



## DORM BOYS ENTERTAIN GIRLS OF VERONA MAPEL HALL

**Girls Impressed When Boys Serve Refreshments  
Prepared by Themselves**

The Pine Knot Hall boys, perhaps with the anticipation of getting better acquainted with some of the gentler sex, entertained the girls of Verona Mapel Hall last Saturday evening.

The guests arrived promptly at eight o'clock and entered at once into the festivities of the evening. The dining hall had been cleared of the tables and proved to be an excellent place for such an entertainment.

The hosts of the evening showed diplomacy right from the first by giving the girls an opportunity to talk—ask questions. This was done by means of a knowledge test. In most cases the questions would not have been necessary for conversation, but the hosts wanted to make it easy for even the few shy ones.

After Miss Brand had successfully proven herself the most shy of them all, the jolly group enjoyed the games of "Old Dusty Miller," "Virginia Reel," "Cross Questions and Silly Answers," and "Pig in the Parlor."

While resting from these games, the merry makers divided themselves into two groups and entered into an interesting competitive track meet in which the contestants proved themselves worthy to be called real athletes.

Cleo Henderson won the broad jump by being able to smile the broadest—that spread his mouth from ear to ear.

Lena Rohrbough won the foot dash by being the possessor of the longest foot in the house—measuring by actual measurement thirty-eight and one-half inches. Her nearest opponent was "Tuck" Waldo with a foot thirty-seven inches long.

When it came to shot putting, Claude Reip was by far the outstanding putter. He won this unquestionable victory by hitting the "Bull's Eye" with his first shot.

The boys proved themselves worthy of some time being husbands by serving edible bits of refreshment prepared by themselves.

At the close of the party the boys, even the confirmed bachelors, escorted the girls home.

The party was quite a success and perhaps will become an annual fixture on Glenville's social calendar.

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Sophomore: "Teachers are worse than immigration officers nowadays."

Alumnus: "How come?"

Sophomore: "They've swiped the slogan: They shall not pass."

# Blast from the past

During a recent cleaning spree in the *Mercury* office, we found many back issues of the paper. For your amusement and education, we present these articles, reprinted from the Friday, January 22, 1926 edition of *The Tower* (the former name of our paper).

## SHALL WE HAVE A SOCIAL PROGRAM THIS TERM?

The above was the title of a theme written by Hugh Cunningham, who served as chairman of the Social Committee last term.

In this theme, Mr. Cunningham writes that in his opinion last term's social program was not entirely successful. He points out that the students did not always join wholeheartedly in the games that were played, but insisted on amusing

themselves by sitting around conducting semi-patting parties.

"Doc" thinks the reason for such behavior is that the students have become tired of the "Grand Old Games" such as "Pig in the Parlor" and "Dusty Miller." He suggests that the students of Glenville Normal School be permitted to dance.

In defense of this suggestion he says that public attitude toward dancing has changed, and

that this is the only school in West Virginia where dancing is not permitted. [Sound familiar, kids? --Editor]

Mr. Cunningham goes on to say: "In my opinion a person's education is not complete until he has been trained to enjoy the modern form of amusement."

The opinions of other members of the social committee in regard to the matter seem to coincide with those of "Doc's."

## READING--A MEANS OF EDUCATION

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of." --Franklin

Time is money, happiness, and success. Each person is endowed with the same amount of time, and the success or failure of each person's life depends on whether or not he uses this time to advantage.

Without twenty-four hours each day we would be helpless. Within that space of time we rest, eat, work, play--and most people read some.

The youth of today has been criticized for not reading enough. This probably is justifiable but should not be so, for without modern libraries, newspapers, and magazines every one

in this land of ours most certainly has access to an unlimited supply of reading material. Then why should we idle away our time, or waste it gossiping with unthinkable idlers when we could be reading the best thoughts of the greatest thinkers of all ages?

However, as has already been said a number of times, it is not enough that we merely read, we should select what we read. We choose our companions with care; we expect much of them. The same should apply to books and other reading matter. We may choose Shakespeare or Robert W. Chambers; Emerson or Nick Carter; or we may choose the American Magazine or the True Story.

There is no law against

reading whatever one pleases but there is a law of life--that person who reads cheap literature and thinks shallow thoughts will be a shallow individual.

In choosing books they should be varied in content, the person who reads nothing but fiction soon becomes narrow-minded. The same is true with the person who reads nothing but history or chemistry. The best readers have a balanced ration, so to speak, including fiction, sports, history, biography, poetry and philosophy.

Each day should have a place for some real literature--that is thought-provoking as well as entertaining. Remember that the well-read man will not stay well-read unless he keeps at it.

### News briefs...

\* Mr. Rohrbough spent a few days last week at Charleston as a representative of the Rotary Club of this city. In that capacity, Mr. Rohrbough had a conference with Governor Gore and the State Road Commission in regard to road paving in this vicinity.

\* Among cupid's holiday victims were Marvin Miller and Virginia Smith, both of this school. Miss Smith's father was present at the wedding.

\* The basketball team returned from its trip last Sunday. [Was there doubt? --Ed.]

\* Mr. Brooks Reed has returned to school for the winter term.



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## Visitation policy leaves a lot to be desired

On page five of this newspaper, you can read an article written in 1926 stating that Glenville State College was at that time the only school in the state that did not permit dancing. That antiquated mindset still abounds at this school.

The visitation policy in the dorm needs to be changed.

The constant need to sign visitors in and out is maddeningly out of place and an invasion of privacy. The gatekeepers of the students' social life would be hard-pressed to come up with a good defense for the rule.

The number one argument used in favor of the sign-in procedure is the question of security. If anything happens, they'll need an accurate record of the people in the building. That's a faulty argument, because during any high-traffic day --like moving days or special celebrations or any other reason that fills the building--the sign-in policy is suspended. If you're worried about a security breach, that's the *very* time you would want a record.

Quite simply, the sign-in policy is only used on days when it is convenient for office workers to monitor the book. On any other day, they trust the students to behave and escort their guests. Why not extend that to *every* day?

While Glenville is not likely to haul its weary bones into the 20th century and actually officially allow students to visit the opposite sex 24 hours a day, it remains aware that the rules are broken. Resident assistants have been known to say "If you smuggle a girl into your room at night, please don't let me see it." The sight of lovers sneaking out of the building every morning is all too common to mention.

The stairs at the entrance to Scott Wing are a good case in point. If a male stands on the bottom step and isn't signed in as a guest, RA's have grounds to write him up as an intruder. That lacks common sense, and your editor (who was once the chairman of the judicial board) has ground his teeth over it more than once.

Student Congress is preparing a committee to review these policies. Let your voice be heard by attending the meetings and tell them what you think. Stand up for yourselves and tell the administration that you can be trusted with the opposite sex outside the watchful eye of Big Brother and his blue book of names and addresses.

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## Women are holding themselves back

By Lisa Belknap,  
Guest columnist

It is common knowledge that throughout time women have evolved from mere possessions which were passed from their fathers to their husbands--sometimes for profit--to legitimate parts of society. In today's world women are more liberated than ever, yet there are still obstacles we have to overcome.

There is the "glass ceiling" which prevents women from reaching the top rung of their career ladders, painful-but-popular circumstances which leave us to raise fatherless children and numerous other frustrating problems. I'm going to argue that the largest barrier woman-kind faces is its own lack of unity. Not only do we not support each other, we dog and under-cut each other. We virtually hate each other.

First, don't start interpreting me as a femi-nazi. I am not a man hater who blindly worships my womanhood. I am a female college student who is sick of hearing women say, "I just don't get along with other women."

My co-worker, we'll call her "Annie," walks into the room. She asks "Why do they have mountain men, but no mountain women?" Well, it's simple: the mountain men stood up together and said, "We are Mountain Men!" while the mountain women were too busy

fighting each other over who got to be the number one Mountain Man's woman. Women are so busy fighting over scraps that they don't stand up for themselves or for each other.

Let's dig deeper. Let's look at the social/dating environment and the dilemma it is most well known for: the double standard.

The double standard is that unwritten rule which maintains that men *can* and women *can't*. It goes something like this: Jack and Jill decide to sleep together. Some of Jack's buddies are proud, they slap him on the back, they say "way to go!" Some of them think Jack should settle down a little, but they don't really care too much. Some of Jill's girlfriends poke her with their elbows jokingly and ask for details. Some are concerned, but keep it to themselves...at first.

Then, it happens. The men and women get together. The men continue to support Jack--after all, he's their boy. Never would you hear one of them criticize Jack for his lack of virtue in front of a woman. That would be "player hating." The men maintain their position.

However, something much different happens with the women. When they merge with the men they are seized with an undying need to condemn Jill for ever being born. They talk about her, under-cut her, anything to

make sure they are not seen in the same light as she. If men call Jill a slut, well then, women will too. If men call Jack a stud (just watch) he'll soon be one. Women will still accept Jack because men do; moreover, he'll become a larger fish to catch because he has a history of being uncatchable. As for Jill, who wants a slut for a friend much less a wife? Jill is friendless and Jack is making out like a bandit.

Inadvertently women are maintaining the double standard. It isn't because women are saying what they think, it's because they are strictly looking at life FOR a male perspective.

If men suddenly decided that a sleazy Jill is what they want for a long term relationship. If men, as a rule, fell in love with women who slept around, how long before the majority of women began doing it to impress them?

I believe the change would be huge, but the situation would be just as disgusting. I'm not saying kill the double standard by releasing the sexual T-rex within. What I'm trying to say is: think for yourself and more importantly speak for yourself. If the majority of women would stand up and say "I refuse to date a man like Jack." Then, Jack and his friends would have no choice, but to conform to the standard they set for women so long ago.



Dear editor:

I am a 1997 graduate of Glenville State College. I am the assistant band director at my old high school. I was very excited to have been invited back to GSC for the Homecoming Parade and the Football game. I had been reminiscing with my band for weeks, telling them how great college was, how nice the students were, and how great the Pioneer Band was.

We arrived at the football field and sat in the roped-off section beside the Pioneer Band. My band didn't fill up the entire section, so there were quite a few bleachers left empty.

I wasn't concerned when new college students began filling up the additional space until I began to smell the alcohol. They had obviously been celebrating early. Had it been all, I could have overlooked it. Unfortunately, they brought their alcohol with them and left what common sense they had at home. A few of the students had tied baby bottles with beer

and who knows what else. They very openly passed it around

amongst themselves and even gave some to one of the game photographers. All this was taking place in front of my high school students. I kept scooting them closer and closer until we were practically on top of each other. This was *not* the kind of college experience I wanted to expose my students to.

I asked the "cheering section" to sit down or at least stop standing on the bleachers, and I thanked them then and now. The rest of the cheering section was not so conscientious. They insisted that since they were college students at a college game, they could do what they pleased. I beg to differ and so does everyone else who were sitting behind them. They blocked one entire end of the field, they were obnoxious and their language left a lot to be desired. I don't care who

**"I don't care who or what they thought they were, no one has the right to come to a sporting event and make a complete ass of themselves."**

or what they thought they were, no one has the right to come to a sporting event and make a complete ass of themselves. There were junior high students, high school students and alumni present as special guests invited by the college. We came expecting to see a good game, a great band, and old friends; instead, we were treated to an exhibition of idiocy that usually only happens at WVU. I don't know what was more embarrassing for us--the fact that the police had to babysit this group for the rest of the game or the obnoxious behavior that finally led to calling the police over.

I seriously doubt if there is any reason this group can give to justify their behavior at the game other than the obvious fact that alcohol makes you lose what little sign of intelligence you have.

Susan Hunter

## Why not ask why?

Annie McCourt,  
Staff Columnist

Readers hold unto your page, do not attempt to adjust your trendy sunglasses, you have entered the seldom-sober thoughts of Annie. Usually columns are places to force feed your opinions to others, but being the nonconformist that I like to consider myself to be, I want to ask some questions. I have great hopes that you, the loyal reader, can assist me in my soul searching.

**Numero uno on the old laugh-o-meter is:** Why is the administration at our college busy making plans to make all of the buildings on campus handicap accessible, yet they haven't noticed that WE LIVE ON A BIG HILL. Don't you think instituting a handicap bus, like the one at WVU, would be the first step toward handicap accessibility? I don't know, call me crazy, but where is OSHA when you need them?

**Number two:** Why, after all the movies, books, articles, stories, museums and other intelligent forms of mass communication, do twenty percent of the American populace question whether or not The Holocaust ever happened? This really bothers me, boys and girls. I've always thought that educating people about stuff like that is the safest way to ensure that it won't happen again. Yet I know there is a cynic out there thinking, "Wake up little girl, it happens every day!"

**Number three:** Why is our college spending \$40-plus a pop to put a new lock on every door on every floor on every building all over campus? I know, we have so much crime to deal with in the booming metropolis of Glenville.

**Number four:** Why do the campus police have a 45-second message asking you to leave your name, number, and a DETAILED message of your problem? Then, after you listen to this, they explain that if your problem is an emergency to dial 911. Geez, you'd think that after 40 bucks a lock they could pay a switch board operator.

**Number five:** Why does the back of the cafeteria resemble a cat farm? Yet, did you ever notice that there are different cats there everyday? Who is luring the cats in, and what happens to them when they're gone?

**Number six:** Why do people continually state the obvious? If I walk to school in another torrential downpour only to have someone say to me, "You're wet!" as soon as I enter the building one more time.... Or better yet: "Your clothes don't match!" Aaargh!

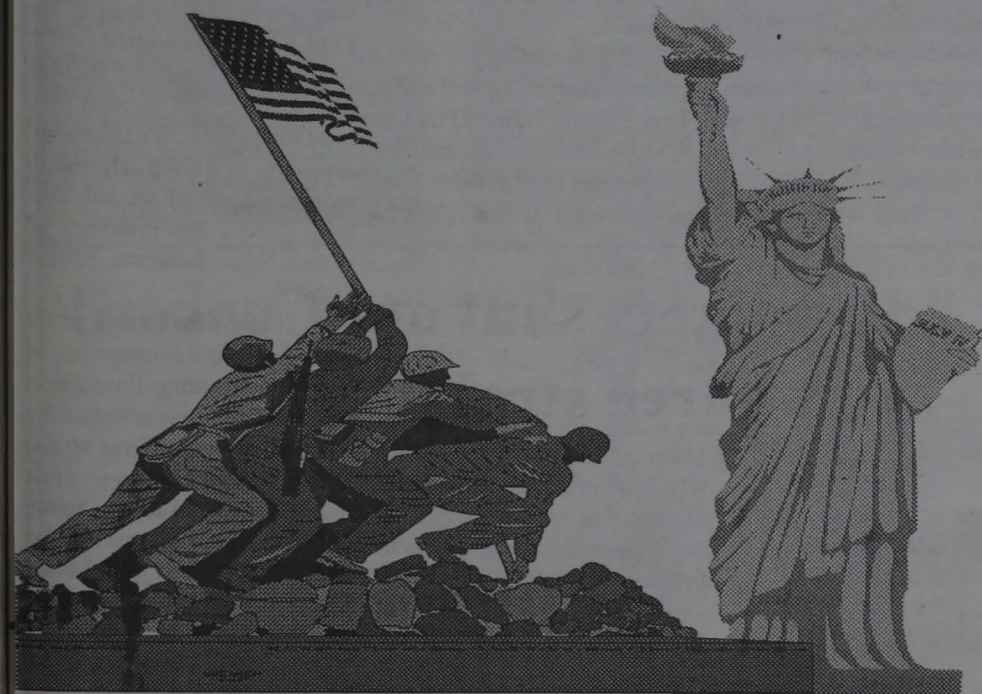
**Number seven:** Why do otherwise perfectly sane human beings apologize to inanimate objects when they bump into them?

**Number eight:** Why isn't there a cure for the common cold? I mean, come on, if it's so common why can't they do something about it?

**Number nine:** Why can some people shine an enormously high powered spotlight in a deer's eyes, thereby blinding it, kill it with no thought of mercy, and leave its rotting carcass on the side of a dirt road for the buzzards and opossum to pick at, yet they think it is unnatural to be a homosexual?

**Ten, last but not least:** Why do we give other people (teachers, administrators, parents, clergymen, total strangers) so much power over OUR lives?

## Have a good Veteran's Day!

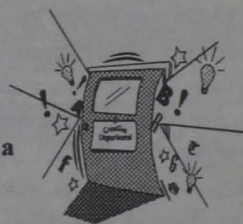


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## Steve Harold: Acting the Part

By Kevin Lake,  
Staff Reporter

Last Friday, between teaching classes, paying bills accumulated by the athletic department, advising students, and making preparations for athletic events, Acting Athletic Director (AD) Steve Harold had a few minutes to sit through an interview for a long-overdue article for the *Mercury*.

Everyone is well aware of the new coaching staff at GSC but most do not know that Harold has been designated the acting AD. The full-time position has neither been posted or offered to Harold.

For now, Harold is in charge of overseeing all sports programs, managing the budget, coaching three sports, and advising two others. Not to mention Harold and his wife Renee have recently been blessed with a second daughter, Allison, who is now three months old. Their older daughter Katie will be five this month.

Harold does not complain about being over-burdened as he is meticulously doing the work of three men. Nor does he gripe about getting to work at 8 a.m. and not getting home until 11 p.m. or later. It's not the four-to-five hours of sleep he gets each night or the one meal he eats each day that weighs heavily on his overfilled mind, but the fact that he hasn't held his new daughter an average of once a day since she has been born that would cause him to lose sleep if there was any for him to lose.

"My family is what's suffering," he states as he counts the

costs when asked how in the world he handles the load.

"I do what it takes to make GSC successful. If you like what you're doing, you're organized and you want to be successful you'll find a way to get it done. I don't do anything halfway."

Harold's job is well done when you look at the new coaching staff at GSC. In a matter of three weeks he organized and led a committee that sifted through 35 applications to choose Bob Williams as the new head basketball coach. In the matter of a few months, he leafed through 75 applicants for the head football coaching position to pick the cream of the crop in Warren Ruggiero.

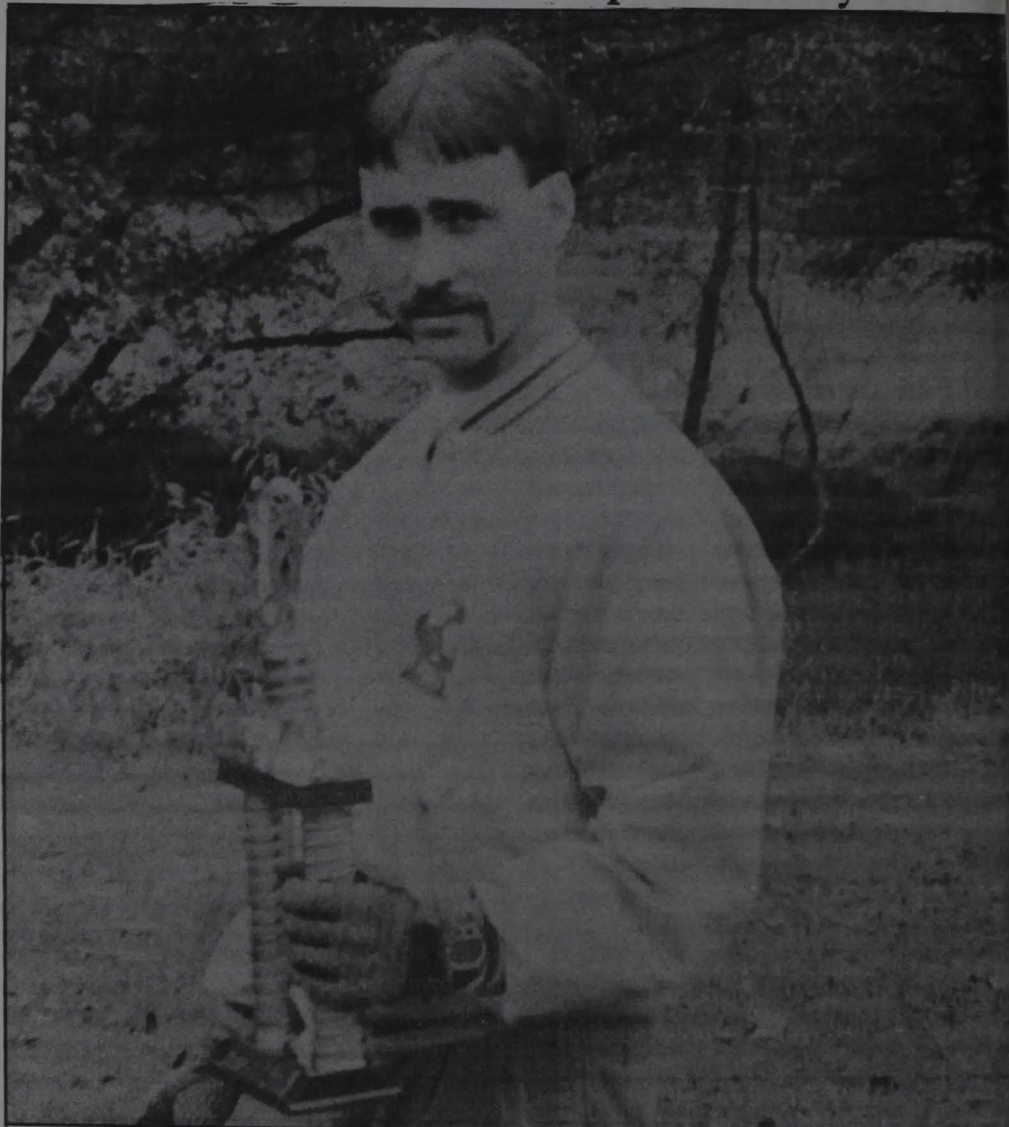
"The only person I haven't replaced is myself," he laughs as he discusses the topic. "We now have a group of people who support each other and work together," he states of the new staff that inhabits the phys. ed. building.

One major responsibility Harold quickly began taking care of is the debt created by the athletic department in the early 1990's. He hopes to have it eliminated in three years.

"It's not the fault of any one person," he states. "When we were still part of the NAIA we didn't get reimbursed for what we spent at the National Championships. During that time our football team went a couple of times as well as the golf team and a few track athletes."

Not only can Harold not find the time to complain about his many responsibilities and major lack of time, it is not in

"The only person I haven't replaced is myself..."



Coach Steve Harold seeks a balance between work and family at GSC (Heather Ware, Mercury).

his character to do so. He is a total perfectionist who many times adds to his level of stress by judging his own accomplishments more critically than anyone else ever would.

"Things do get so irritable at times because I'm such a per-

fectionist," he states to amplify the point.

Before ending the conversation to rush off to tend obligations elsewhere, Harold took the time to thank all the students, faculty and staff members who have stopped to lend a hand at

times to help lighten his load. He also expressed feelings of regret that since acquiring his new title, many students have been afraid or intimidated to knock on his door for advice or a friendly visit. He encourages people to stop by as they feel the need.

### Basketball Tournament at Braxton

By Kevin Lake,  
Staff Reporter

After this weekend's 117-84 win by the Pioneers over the West Virginia All-Stars, a team that included some of the best former players from WVU, Salem-Tekyo and other schools, the Pioneer basketball team will head to the Braxton

County Armory on Friday and Saturday to participate with Wesleyan, Ohio Valley College, and New Jersey Tech.

Admission will be \$3.00 at the door with GSC college ID. Advance tickets can be picked up the athletic department, Pizza Hut, or the Alumni Center.

## Lady Spikers shut out Concord in three straight sets

By Kevin Lake  
Staff Reporter

In a home game against Concord College, the Lady Pioneer Volleyball team beat Concord in three straight sets by scores of 15-11, 15-7, and 15-11.

The win was very fitting for the evening. The game took

place on Senior Night, during which Tina Jones and Carrie Kirkpatrick were honored for their four-year commitment to the Pioneer program.

Cheryl Stout and Crystal Affolter both had 8 points in the match up. Stout also led in kills with 11, Jones had 8 and Affolter and Christy Waller both had 7.

Stout also had 25 digs, Jones had 15 and Kirkpatrick led in blocks with 8. Julie Minigh had 33 sets.

The regular season, in which the team went 18-14, is now over and the conference tournament is scheduled for this weekend at Nicholas County High School in Summersville.



# Pioneers skin Rams in last home game of season

## Perez only six yards away from breaking NCAA DII record

by Kevin Lake  
Staff Reporter

In the last home game of the season the Pioneer football team faced off against the undefeated Rams of Shepherd College. Both teams had been handily defeating all others in the conference, except for the Pioneers' earlier loss to the Bobcats, and made it hard to predict the winner going into the game.

On the muddy field at Pioneer stadium the Rams scored first on a huge pass play in which Rams QB Chad Broadwater hooked up with wide receiver Kelvin Stevens for 52 yards to put the Rams up 6-0. The PAT was no good.

Less than two minutes later the Pioneers retaliated by driving to within the five of the Rams and scoring off a Wilkie Perez leap for 4 yards. Justin Barnes' kick was good to put the Pioneers up by one at 7-6.

The next score came from the conference's best running back, Shepherd's Damian Beane, from 2 yards out and the Rams went up again, 12-7, as the two point conversion attempt was no good.

Byron "Sleepy" Stevenson

scored next on a 31 yard reception. The Pioneer's attempt at a two point conversion likewise failed and the score was now 13-12.

The equal battle persisted through the remainder of the first half. The Pioneers were driving from deep in their own territory on their next possession when Perez was forced into the end zone and sacked for a safety which gave the Rams the lead once again at 14-13.

Barnes would make good on a 43 yard field goal with 44 seconds left in the half to send the Pioneers into the locker room up by two at 16-14.

In the second half the Pioneers took total control scoring 28 unanswered points to the Rams 0, due to the exceptional strength of the Pioneer offense and the monstrous efforts of the defense.

A third of the way through the third quarter Perez connected on a 23 yard TD pass with super standout Tierre McNaire to send the Pioneers up by nine. Barnes kicked off to the Rams afterward and the G-Fense stepped up big time. As the Rams were driving toward mid-field

defensive back Tyler Walker intercepted Broadwater's pass and took it back 40 yards the other way for another Pioneer touchdown. The Pioneers went on the board again making it 30-14.

The G-Fense forced the Rams to punt on their next possession and the Pioneer offense was able to take over and three plays later score as Perez hooked up with senior receiver Carlos Ferralls for a 29 yard TD pass. This would be the last score of the third quarter and the Pioneer's were up 37-14.

The fourth quarter was interesting yet scoreless until the final 23 seconds when Perez snuck for a one yard touchdown run to seal the victory. The Pioneers handed the Rams their only loss of the season by a score of 44-14.

At game's end, an extremely excited group of students who had supported the Pioneers tremendously through the entirety of the game charged the field to slide in the mud and congratulate the team on a job well done.

Perez passed for 366 yards in the game. He is now only 6 yards away from breaking the

NCAA DII record for most passing yards in a single season. With one game left in the regular season, next week against state, and a great possibility of post season play, the National Playoffs, Perez is likely to put the record out of reach.

Kenny Hinton, one of the most universal players on the team, led the pioneers in receiving with 143 yards. Ferralls was a close second with 133.

Stevenson led in rushing with 64 yards and Robert Talley, who has lately been dominating as a receiver racked up only

rushing yards in the game with 35.

Rick Sealey and Kenny Howell led the team in tackles with 8 a piece and Brian Palmer, McNair, and Walker all had an interception. Jerimiah Witherspoon had five tackles and broke up two passes while Larry Harvey led in sacks with 4.

The job done by the Pioneer defense cannot be awarded enough. They held Beane to only 51 yards rushing and the entire offense, supposedly the number one offense in the league to only 163 yards.

## Cross country team competes in Long Island

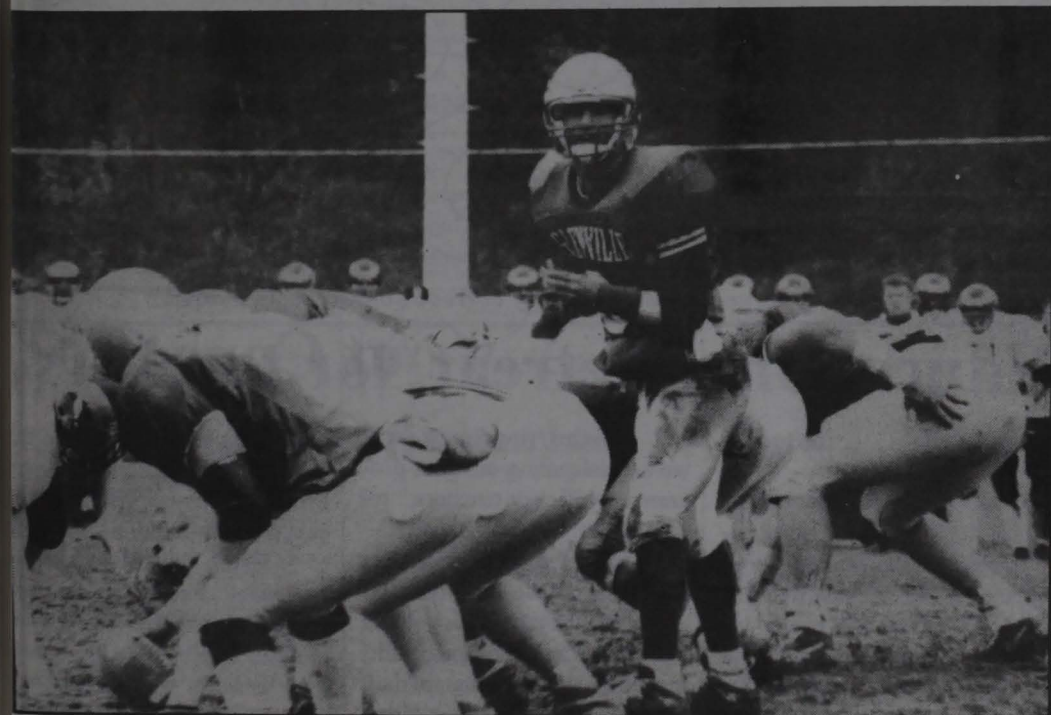
By Brent Gargus  
Staff Reporter

Long Island, New York, was the site of the 1997 NCAA division II Regional Championships; over 24 teams from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and most of New England participated in the 6.2 mile race. Representing the WVAC were Glenville State, West Virginia Wesleyan, Alderson-Broaddus, Wheeling Jesuit, Davis and Elkins, and Concord. Coming off last week's disappointing Conference loss, the Pioneers were looking to redeem themselves, and that's just what they did.

The Pioneers ran a strong race. Jonathan Ramezan, Michael Bee, and Daniel

Ramezan took out the first mile, running hard in the lead pack. David Bee and Brent Gargus also provided solid performances. Taking into consideration the rolling terrain and the adverse conditions, the GSC harriers managed to record decent times, finishing 12th overall in the region and capping off yet another good season.

The Lady Pioneers had only two runners competing in this year's regionals. Kim Riffle and Laurel Bee, both first-year runners, were the first females to represent GSC at Regionals in some years. Riffle and Bee ran competitive races, finishing in close proximity to each other.



Perez starts the count to put the play in motion (Heather Ware, Mercury).

## This just in...

It has been confirmed that the Pioneer football team will compete in the Northeast Regional National Playoffs, pending a victory against WV State this Saturday.



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## Ask the Particle Man: "What is cloning?"

By Aaron Frame,  
Staff Columnist

This week's topic was provided by Eric Goddard and deals with the subject of cloning. To explore cloning accurately, Particeman will use a two-part series. The body of this week's column will be a definition of what is meant by cloning and a background of events that began all the uproar. Part two will deal more directly with Goddard's question which deals with current events in cloning.

Cloning is a process where a genetic copy of an organism is made. Cloning can also be a natural process in that several organisms use this method of reproduction at some time in their life cycle.

The type of cloning that will be discussed here is that used for Dolly the sheep. Dolly was the first large farm animal to be cloned by man. A single cell from the udder of a six-year-old host was extracted and used by scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, England to clone and grow Dolly. The significance of the experiment's success is that the irreversibility of cellular development is not as irreversible as once believed.

The process used in the creation of Dolly the sheep is unique to cloning. There exist in agriculture many methods for the cloning of some crops, but in Dolly's case, this

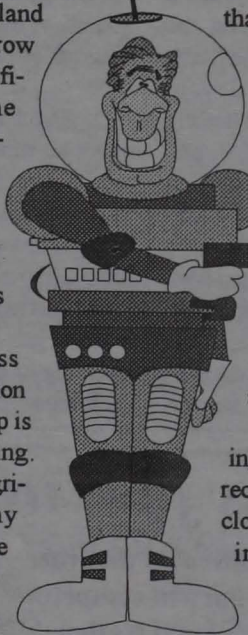
large-scale cloning of a very complex organism was without precedent. Dolly was created using two sources of organic material. First, oocytes which are unfertilized and immature egg cells, are extracted from a donor. The oocytes are found in the ovaries of this donor ewe. The original chromosomal material is removed by the scientists making them DNA free. Finally, these oocytes are combined with cells that contain the new genetic imprint. The oocytes and genetic donor cells fuse when an electric current is introduced while the two are together.

The new fused cells remain in a lab dish for approximately a week and incubate during this time. When the incubation period is complete, the fused cells will have formed into blastocyst, which are early-stage embryos. These embryos are ready for implantation into a host ewe and with luck will be born in approximately five months. There is a high rate of failure because of the difficulty

that the oocyte and donor cell are biologically in sync. Dolly's birth was the only success in 277 attempts. The copying of living, breathing animals is difficult but not impossible.

Since Dolly's birth many great strides in cloning of this sort have been taken.

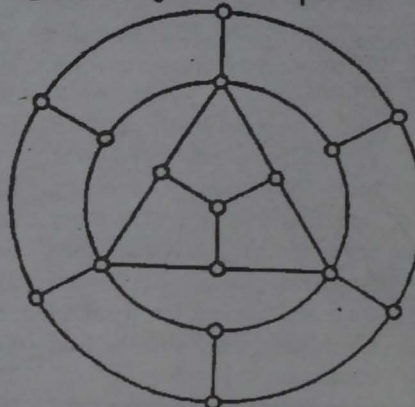
Part Two of "Cloning?" will deal more directly with the future of cloning's potential. Also included will be a overview of more recent clonings and their relevance.



Do you have a question for The Particle Man? Send it to  
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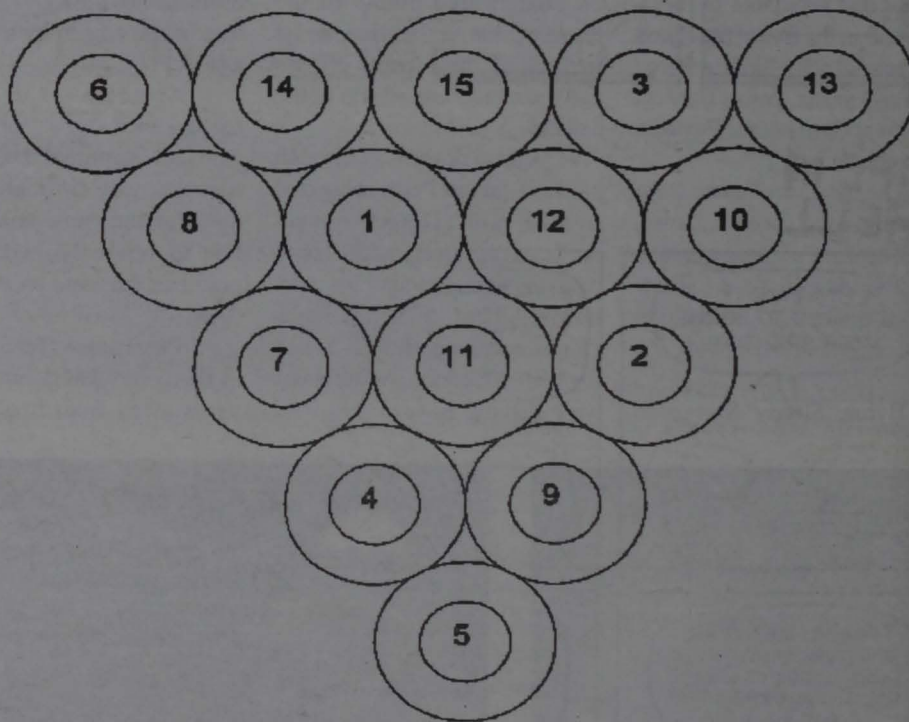
## Mathematical Mystery of the Month November 1997

Is there a path along the lines and arcs of this diagram that passes through each junction point and only once?



Solution for October:

The solution can be found by searching for combinations and certain facts. For example, 15 must occur on the top row since it can't be the difference of any other two numbers. Other facts, like a number and its double can't be adjacent on the same row, may be found. In the end, we find this or its mirror image.



Ken Osborne provided the only correct solution this month.

## Educational Retreat for teachers

By Eric Ware  
Staff Reporter

A retreat for new educators at the Recreation Center answered some questions about policies in the teaching fields.

The retreat was geared for the teacher education unit, including faculty members in teacher education as well as those teaching method's courses, public school officials, teachers, and administrators.

"We're trying to make sure we are delegating efficient programs to efficient teachers," remarked Dr. Sharon Kraus.

One issue arising in teacher education is the new NCATE guidelines, which makes policies to improve and enhance performance in the teaching field. It also makes additions in classroom lesson plans and curricula.

The new program, as regulated in NCATE, has some draw-

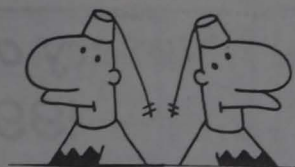
backs that look justified on the surface. One program, the Foier Process, is a new syllabus process dictating a thorough agenda for classes. This process seems reasonable, but dictates that lesson planning be up-to-the-minute, which may serve as a drawback for those professors with time limits.

"We are hoping to get new ideas back to the department," commented Kraus.

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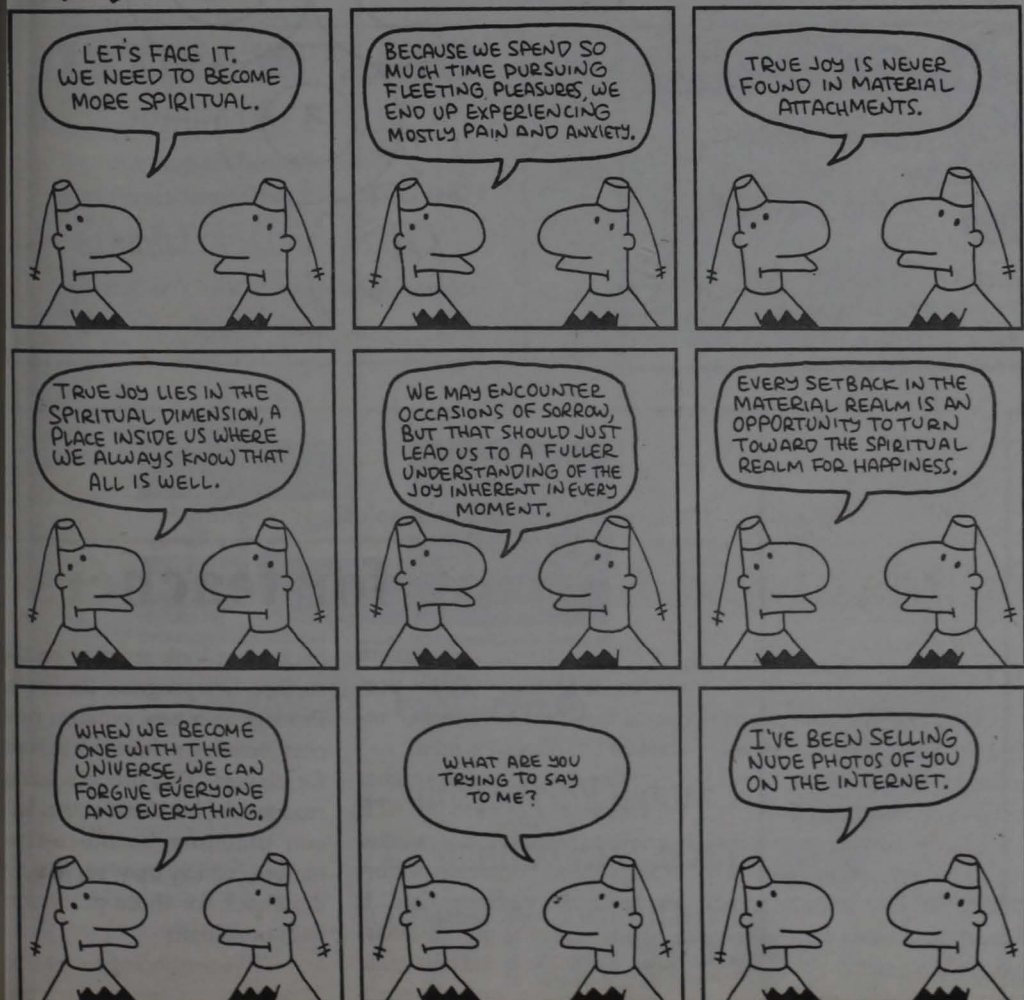


## HATCH by Jeff Shesol



## LIFE IN HELL

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## Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

By Criston Gravely,  
Staff Astrologer

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

-- Accept solitude this week. Time is needed to gather your thoughts and put order to your life. Time alone builds energy needed for other efforts.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

-- Old tactics don't work anymore; to get what you want, stop bullying and being overemotional. Now is the time for guile, tact, and diplomacy.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

-- You feel overburdened and oppressed because you've taken on too much; as a result your daring and willingness to take risks has diminished.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

-- You are in the middle of a very emotional situation. There are many possibilities, all full of potential, but you must decide which way to go.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

-- You are at a crossroads. New possibilities and opportunities await if you are willing to stray from the path and explore.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) -- It seems that the world is against you; you face obstacle after obstacle. You can reach the goal, but only after exhausting every possible resource.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) -- Philosophical answers are what you seek. Help arrives in the form of a mentor. Develop a personal philosophy and it will guide you through life.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) -- Prepare to experience early material success. A project or venture will show early success and be profitable, leading to a more permanent reward.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) -- Take action this week. There has been some delay, but act now. If anxiety and tension have been resolved, then things will work out.

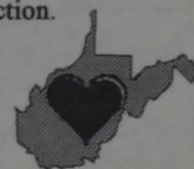
Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) -- Your ability to understand helps you through a difficult and anxiety-provoking time. In the end you will retain your dignity and self-respect.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) -- Conflict and struggle can result in a stronger personality. Face aggression in others and yourself, learn to handle contradiction and become more mature.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) -- Prepare for strife, conflict, and separation this week. This situation is necessary; you need to see what's before you. Only then can healing begin.

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- 10) The colorful splashes of roadside soda cans.
- 9) Teen pregnancy rates are higher than Alabama!
- 8) One word: CHAW!
- 7) No serious book-burning incidents since 1993!
- 6) We gave the world Barney Fife, Gilligan, Jesco White, and that kid from *Growing Pains*.
- 5) Wee spel more gooder than missississippi!
- 4) Family reunions make great dating services
- 3) In-state competitions for the most junked vehicles in a yard are a big tourist attraction.
- 2) "Squeal Like a Pig" contests
- 1) Harmonious racial integration brings out the KKKid in everyone.







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