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TOP TEN LIST

Top Ten Changes
Brought by the
Associated Press



Pioneers set for nationals!

Adopt-an-Angel Tree

Although presents are not what Christmas is truly about, giving from the heart is.

Through November and December, the Glenville State College Panhellenic Council will be working with the Gilmer Co. Community Resources Dept. to sponsor the "Adopt an Angel program."

This program allows gifts, bought by people of the community, to be handed out to families who are less fortunate or presently going through some rough times.

An "Adopt an Angel" tree is located in the Amphitheatre, between the Science building and LBH for those wishing to help. Just follow the instructions on the angel and bring the wrapped gift to student services in the AB building with the Angel attached to the gift.

"We had an excellent program last year," commented Jerry Lee Burkhammer II as he



The Angel Tree (Terry Estep, Mercury)

and others decorated the tree. "We have 84 angels this year and we will be getting plenty more." Last year, there were a reported 104 angels and 104 smiles from children and families in the program.

Special thanks goes to Ed Grafton for donating the tree, the Maintenance Dept. for the tree stand, and Rose Turner and Kelly Jarvis for helping out with the angels to hang on the tree.

Making music...



Chris Fox plays the tuba during last week's Brass Ensemble concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium (Chuck Holcomb, Mercury).



Karen Smith demonstrated her singing talent at her Senior Recital (Chuck Holcomb, Mercury).

On Campus



Name: Heather Marie Motto

Age: 20

Class: Senior

Hometown: Normantown, WV

Major: Business Education

Hobbies: PBL, reading

Occupation: Student Worker

"I have the torn up fingers to prove I work in the Records Office."

"Time is an illusion. Lunch time, doubly-so."

--Douglas Adams

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Alpha Rho Tau News

Our first meeting was held Thursday, November 6, in the Fine Arts Building. The students elected officers and collected dues from the new members.

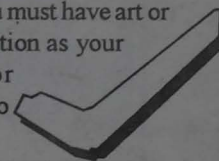
The officers elected were: Michele Wellings, president; Joe Kolosky, vice-president; Jo Lynn Powers, secretary/treasurer; John Church, publicity chairman.

With membership in Alpha Rho Tau, students inter-

ested in the world of art education will get the opportunity to travel with the club to cities outside of Glenville for further education in the art field.

Also, members receive membership in the National Art Education Association and receive all of its benefits.

You must have art or art education as your major or minor to join.



SIFE News

Students in Free Enterprise members spent the day with at-risk children during the Homecoming game. The children were given free admission to the football game, lunch, and even got their picture taken with the Pioneer.

SIFE also had a magazine sale. They sold discounted subscriptions to students and faculty. The magazine sale was a success and we plan to have another sale next semester.

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.



Prepare for "Mind Candy"

By Terry L. Estep
Staff Reporter

The Stage Direction class will bring a night of one-act plays to the AB auditorium this week.

Chris Hopkins, Jen Smith, Cris Gravely, and Lisa Belknap will present "Mind Candy," a collection of plays combining psychological, thought-provoking undertones.

"This is the largest directing class we've had in a long time," comments Stage Direction instructor Dennis Wemm. "They're working well together."

The first play, "Dentity Crisis," by Christopher Durang, is a story about Jane (Kerry Van Horn), who believes she is the sane one, while everyone else is crazy. "It's a self-examination," states director Chris Hopkins.

Smith's effort, Nena Beber's "Well Done Poets,"



Chris Hopkins and Cris Gravely prepare the stage for one-act plays (Terry Estep, Mercury).

features two college girls who discuss sex, poetry, and Sylvia Plath. "It's funny and it makes fun of feminists," Smith laughs.

Larry Cadman's "Peace in Our Time," the only drama of the night, is directed by Gravely. It's the story of a draftdodger (Jamie Atkins) who meets up with a Vietnam veteran at the Vietnam War Memorial.

Finishing out the perfor-

mance are two excerpts from *The Kathy and Mo Show*. Belknap chose them for the fun-factor, and because of the feminist themes involved.

The plays will be performed on Wednesday and Thursday nights in the AB auditorium.

"It's not who you cast, but how you direct," Gravely states. "A cast can make or break a show, but your directing guides the show."

Ask the Particle Man:

What significant use does the ability to clone headless bodies have for humans in the future?

By Aaron Frame,
Staff columnist

There is no doubt that the future of man-kind has been altered by the initial cloning of a mammal by scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland. This was the first cloning of an organism as complicated as a mammal and was without precedent in the science of cloning.

Now, due to recent experiments, cloning has changed from the copying of an organism to the reproduction of only certain parts of an organism--specifically, parts of the organism predetermined by the scientist doing the cloning.

Scientists from the Dept. of Biology and Biochemistry at University of Bath in England have successfully cloned and grown headless frog embryos of the *Xenopus* genus. The technique used to create the headless embryos is also believed to be applicable to human embryos because of similarities at this early stage of development.

The technique will allow doctors

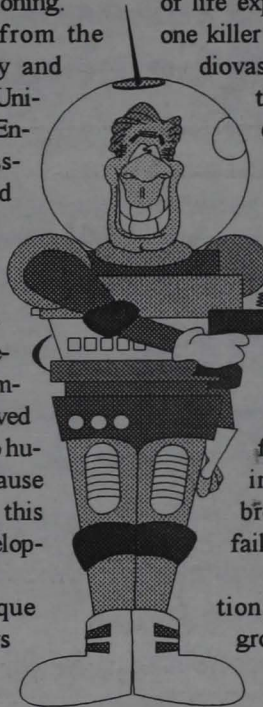
and scientists to confer on the specific organ need of any given patient and then clone the necessary organ in question without the need to clone a whole body.

This offers hope to mankind for a longer and healthier future. These new methods also offer a way out of many ethical dilemmas and legal problems which have been created with the projected cloning of a whole body. The ability to produce organs by need and design will decrease the wait for organ transplants and the risk of rejection.

To address the question of life expansion, the number one killer in the world is cardiovascular disease. If all those weak and diseased hearts could be replaced with healthy copies, then clearly life expansion would take place.

This same argument could be applied to any person suffering from a life-threatening disease that is brought about through failing organs.

For more information, visit www.fib.se/grodor.html.



Do you have a question for The Particle Man? Send it to The Mercury, Box 207, Glenville, WV 26351.

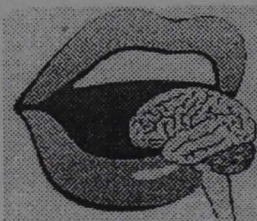
West Virginia Watercolor Society 11th State Juried Exhibition



Glenville State College Fine Arts Gallery

November 4 - December 10

"MIND CANDY"



An evening of student-directed one-act plays

'Dentity Crisis
Well-Done Poets
Peace in Our Time
The Kathy & Mo Show

Wednesday and Thursday Night - 8 p.m.

Free Admission

Administration Building Auditorium

Foreign Exchange students visit Glenville Elementary

By Lisa McCormick,
Staff Reporter

Mrs. Marilyn Peterson borrowed GSC's Japanese foreign exchange students to teach her kindergartners about Japanese culture.

This event was part of Glenville Elementary's Multi-Cultural Week.

"Each class took a different country to celebrate," Mrs. Peterson explains. "My class took Japan, and we figured that it would be great if they got first-hand experience with the Japanese culture by inviting GSC's exchange students. Our theme is 'Teaching Children To Think and Dream of Far Away Places'."

With Dr. Gayle Burkowski's aid, kindergartners at Glenville Elementary got a chance to interact with the international students. The Japanese students summed up this experience as "fun," "enjoyable," and "interesting."

To create a one-on-one atmosphere, the class was divided into four groups. Each group was considered a "station" where different tasks were performed.

One group was doing origami, which is traditional Japanese paper-folding; the Japanese students would help the children fold their paper into crane and airplane figures.

Another group taught the children how to count out loud and to write up to five in Japanese. The third group tried to teach the students how to pick up marshmallows with chopsticks.

The fourth group instructed the kindergartners on how to play the Janken, which is a rock, scissors, and paper game. This group seemed to have the most trying time, Rieko Nagai

comments: "Since the children aren't very interested in playing this game, it has been difficult to explain it to them."

Natsuyo Yamada interjects, "Children are normally so active, but today I think they may be a little shy."

Taking trips to schools for talks and demonstrations isn't something new for the International students.

"We recently went to Braxton County to visit their elementary school," Burkowski relates. "However, we did it differently during this visit: instead of having a question/answer session on Japanese culture, we planned activities for the students to do, and this seems to be more successful."

So that every student got a chance at each different station, the groups were rotated regularly.



Junko shows Dustin how to use a chopstick.
(Eric Ware, Mercury)



Japanese students show elementary children the ancient art of origami. (Eric Ware, Mercury)

Youth Celebration

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Elect a GSC Student as mayor?

Student congress discusses student voting

By Lisa McCormick,
Staff Reporter

Kevin Lake's statement, "Because students don't vote in this community, they're open to exploitations by the local government," created the discussion that opened the Nov. 11th Student Congress meeting.

Lake started this topic by commenting on the apathetic attitudes of Generation X-ers, "Most students don't vote because they don't know that they have the right to vote. Student Congress has registered students in the past. Why isn't it being done now?"

Dr. Billips suggested that a registration booth be set up to give students the option of voting, but that "...most students would assume not to vote in Gilmer County since they'd have to give up their right to vote in their home towns."

Billips also mentioned that students can register to vote when they renew their driver's licenses. To Belknap's idea of students running for mayor, Billips quipped, "The people in this community don't want to be

Mayor themselves. Shoot, they have to get someone drunk in order to get them to run."

When the meeting began at 12:30 p.m., a pledge to the flag was made, then discussion ensued about the new Policy Improvement committee and its new members: Eric Ware, Margarita Tzoneva, Kelly Jarvis, Tammy Cogar, Frank Bibbee, Kevin Lake, and Becky Frasure.

The committee's main objective is correcting problems that exist on campus; their first meeting will be Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Anybody interested in attending is welcome.

In order to bring GSC supporters to the playoffs being held in Newhaven, Connecticut, Billips requested that prearrangements for charter buses be made. Future postings will be displayed about the game's leaving times and dates.

During the middle of the meeting, Lisa Belknap opened the floor to the commuter's representative, Eric Ware. He proposed on behalf of the commuters some form of daytime entertainment such as free or reduced

bowling time at the alley. House Director, Eric Poirier interjected that the bowling alley was free for all students between the hours of 1-3 p.m.

In addition, Billips suggested bringing in musicians or comedians who will entertain during the daytime as well as at night. He also mentioned that the swimming pool was open for daytime swimming.

In further news, Jason Gordon said that an educational outreach program was slated for the month of March. The purpose of this program is to provide school-age children with a college mentor for one day. Speakers will be invited to speak. More notice on the program will be given later. Volunteers are encouraged to join, for more info. contact Jason Gordon.

The treasurer's news consisted of disclosing that \$250 in uncashed checks were being added back into the funding.

In closing, Becky Frasure gave a heartfelt "thank-you" to Student Congress for refurbishing her and Tracy Lane's school supplies and books.

Changes in teacher certification

By Lisa McCormick,
Staff Reporter

The education division intends to implement some major changes in certifications due to state related policies.

First of all, teachers graduating with a K-8 degree won't be able to teach seventh and eighth grade classes. This new guideline will be active by July 1998.

"The changes were initiated in response to the growth of middle schools," Dr. Catheryn Weitman, chairperson of GSC's education division, explains. "We don't know all the implications that will go along with this."

In addition to the exclusion of teaching 7th and 8th grade classes, teachers will no longer be able to teach one grade above or below their certification as has been allowed in the past.

To accommodate the new middle school concept which includes grades 6-8, GSC hopes to devise a new middle school

teaching specialization.

"New people coming into education can either go with the K-4 or the K-6 programs. As of right now, we don't know which program we'll adopt," Weitman states. "Also, a new certification program is being developed that will be directed toward middle schools."

Exceptions to the K-4 or K-6 certifications will be if students can complete their degrees by Sept. 1, 2001. However, because of the exclusions of teaching 7th and 8th grades, Dr. Weitman recommends students go with the K-6 or K-4 certifications instead of the K-8.

Further, both the criteria classes needed for entrance into the education division and the special education certification of K-12 have been changed.

The prerequisite classes necessary for entry will no longer include Fine Arts and Physical Education; instead, 18 hours of one content area (which could coincide with the specializations)

such as English, math, or biology will be substituted.

Special Education majors will not be able to get a K-12 creditation; the Special Education certification will be built upon the student's initial field.

"If you're an elementary teacher, the Special Education certification will only be applicable at the elementary level, and etc.," Weitman illustrates.

Weitman continues, "Those currently enrolled in the K-12 programs will have until July 1, 2000, to graduate, but the new students beginning this fall in the Special Ed. Division will be certified at the level of your initial certification."

The only specializations that will be included in the Special Education K-12 degrees will be in the areas of art, physical education, and music.

Other possible changes would have future teachers communicate via the Internet with inner-city teachers or visiting an inner-city school.

Theft in Clark Hall

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

A recent theft in Clark Hall has professors baffled.

According to Dean of Education, Dr. Catheryn Weitman the items missing aren't of major monetary worth.

The items missing from the building are a Partnership Plaque given to the division for "Excellence in Education," a bathroom rack, and a picture from the men's restroom.

The sum of these items is less than twenty or thirty dol-

lars, but the plaque's worth goes deeper than price.

"I can understand why someone would want a picture frame," stated Weitman, "but you could easily purchase one at the Dollar Store for two dollars. The document inside is irreplaceable. The signatures are worth more to me than the frame."

Weitman explains that no questions will be asked if the stolen items are replaced. Anyone having any information on the theft may contact Clark Hall or ext. 119.

Comedian Joe Matarese

November 19

9 p.m.

Fine Arts Auditorium

Come and you will leave with a smile on your face!



Fine Arts host 11th State Juried Exhibition

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

Spectators filled the Fine Arts Gallery for the West Virginia Watercolor Society's 11th State Juried Exhibition on Tuesday. The event was hosted by the Fine Arts Division of GSC. Chair Linda J.C. Turner found the event pleasing as audiences gathered at the pastel, watercolor, and other mediums displayed.

"It's good to see so many wonderful entries this year," She explains. "We are very pleased with the representation of watercolor and media...and the very broad scope in this show."

Standing by one of her entries, "Castle Moat," Turner discusses that all of the entries were hard to judge, noting the vast array of talent this year. "These shows are truly for the artists...all the entries are by amateurs and established ones alike."

The West Virginia Watercolor Society is an organization dedicated to promoting artisans

and the art of West Virginia. Through shows, galleries, museums and art centers, the public can enjoy the culture and talent offered by the artists of this state.

Slides were sent to the exhibition for submission, and a selected few were displayed for further judging.

The juror of selection is William Vrscek, signature member of the American Watercolor Society and member of the Audubon Artists. A graduate of the Ivy School of Art in Pittsburgh, he maintains a studio as a freelance designer and illustrator. His work has been featured in *Artist's Magazine* (March '89), *Splash 2*, and *Painting with Passion*. His creation "Martha #2" was used for this year's postcard announcement.

"I was honored to have been chosen to serve as juror," Vrscek states. "The works submitted were wonderfully diverse, some very traditional, describing the artist's everyday surroundings and experiences in a straightforward manner, while



"Castle Moat" by Linda J.C. Turner was one of the winners during the WV Watercolor Societies exhibition. Heather Ware, Mercury

others were very creative, expressing a very imaginative point of view."

He relates that he was first concerned with how the artist conveyed personal tradition, "be it traditional, whimsical, commentary, or totally non-objective." Meaning, as he further explains, the bringing together of one's skills as a designer and a technician to present the "concept in as clear a statement as possible."

Of the 122 submissions, 64 entries were chosen. They dealt

with representative, impressionistic, abstract, and non-representative styles in art. The winners of the exhibition were: Joan Warner Carr, "The Entrance," WVWS Award of distinction; Gloria Roth, "Odyssey of Time," Bethany College Permanent Collection Purchase Award; Linda Turner, "Castle Moat," WVWS President's Award; Fern Christian, "Following a difficult path," First Merit Award; Nancy Handlan, "Feathers with beads," United National Bank Award; Emily M. Roles, Christian Max-

well, Betty Neely, and Mary Ann Hodson, Merit Awards; George Harper, "Blue Door Geometry II"- Cheap Joe's & WVWS Award; Carolyn M. Light, "Lost in Words," Artworks Award; Dee Trent, "The Fledgling," Barry's Office Supply Award; and Irene Simmons and Linda T. Schweitzer, Cheap Joe's Awards.

"We welcome any new members," replied exhibition committee member Doris Bright. "We encourage all to take part of the shows...and enjoy the wonderful paintings."

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A whole new world...

Big changes are on the way for the *Mercury*. This week marks our voyage into the wonderful uncharted territory that is The Associated Press. Your staff can hardly contain its glee when it contemplates the sheer amount of information currently available to us as we strive to inform you of world events.

You'll notice that this week's paper has expanded coverage of football games from around the state. We're taking baby

steps at first, but you will shortly see the influence of the AP service reaching into other areas of the paper.

Having access to stories from around the world is only the beginning. Now that we no longer have to send out a dozen reporters to cover multiple events in a mad scramble to fill the paper, we can afford to pull them back a bit. We can devote more time to investigative journalism and cool features that will inform and entertain.

The days when the *Mercury* became the trumpet for every tiny event or instructor's pet project will be gone. We can focus on truly newsworthy events. Cutting the fluff has always been a not-so-secret desire of the editorial staff; we've succeeded this semester by not relying on press releases about ear mite infections or the latest in STD research masquerading as free ads. We still have a way to go.

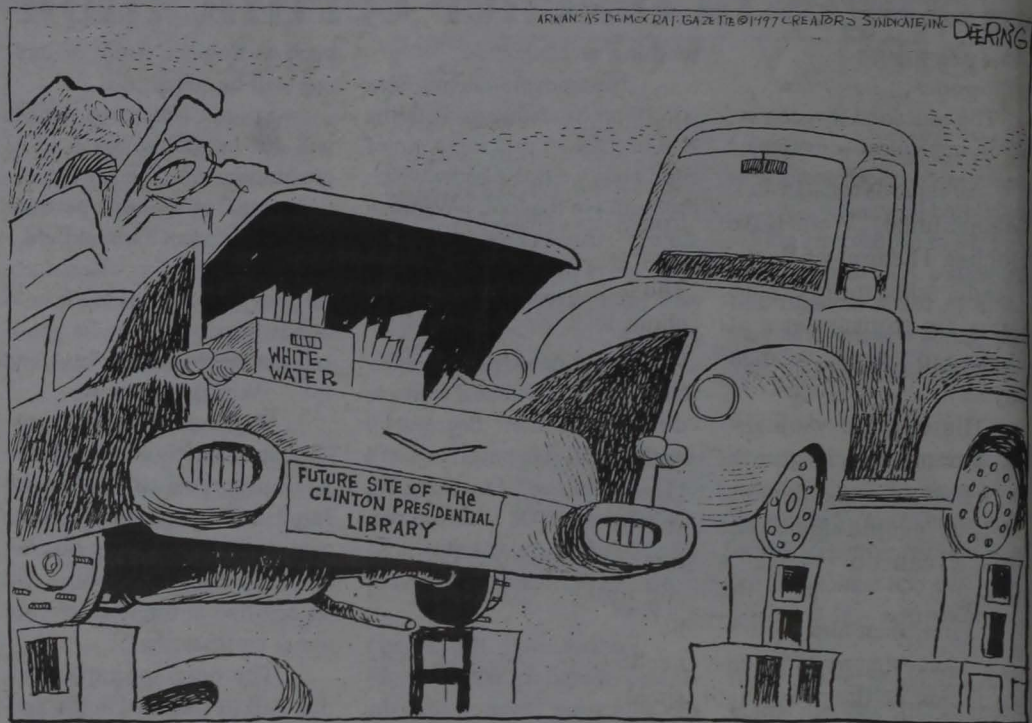
Our role in the community has just increased. Not only are we the paper that provides the surrounding areas news of the campus, but we are also the only weekly that can tell you what's happening simultaneously in Ireland, Kentucky, and the former Yugoslavia.

Before we make the Associated Press sound like the journalism messiah, keep in mind that we still have a lot to learn about choosing the *right* stories for you to read. After all, you may not care about the things happening in Ireland, Kentucky, and the former Yugoslavia.

The *Mercury* is still *your* newspaper. We can't make it work without your input. Do you want celebrity news? Want to know which transvestite Eddie Murphy picked up this week or what Quentin Tarentino did to cause an uproar? We can let you know...if you want us to do so.

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No more West Virginia stereotypes

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

I am proud to be a West Virginian.

I am appalled at last week's vulgar stereotype of West Virginia people which appeared on page 11 of the *Mercury*.

I am also curious.

What was the purpose behind this viciousness? Some of the things that were said about my friends, neighbors, and loved ones were so heinous that they would never be tolerated if they were directed at other groups.

What of open-mindedness?

What of tolerance and objectivity?

Who is responsible for this insult?

I suppose someone was trying to be funny or cute, but I take great exception to the lies that were said about our homeland and its people.

First, the majority of West Virginians do not support the Klu Klux Klan.

Secondly, I am a West Virginian and I can spell. (Guess

what? I can even write!)

Thirdly, many great and fine Americans are West Virginians.

For example, the courage of Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier. His heroism during World War II helped save our country from Nazism. The state's main airport at the capitol in Charleston is named in his honor.

Likewise, my grandfather is a veteran of WWII. He was one of 12 children who grew up poor in a Depression era coal camp. At eighteen, he was sent to Europe to fight in the Battle of the Bulge. As an American soldier, he helped liberate Jewish people from the horrors of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

I am proud of my grandfather, a West Virginia veteran.

And I wonder if the person stereotyping West Virginians has ever heard of Pearl S. Buck, a fantastic writer born in West Virginia? She lived with the Chinese people as a child and was the first

woman to win both the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes for literature. Her birthplace is a museum in Hillsboro where her masterpiece *The Good Earth* can be read.

Those are but a few noble West Virginians, who also happen to be my greatest heroes. I firmly affirm the humanity and beauty of this state and its people. We have a wonderful heritage in which I will always be proud.

However, as much as I love this state, I know some people hate it. Of course, that is their right, but they should at least have the guts to put their name on their remarks. The box of insults in the student newspaper reflects poorly on Glenville State College.

I have been a *Mercury* staff reporter for two and a half years, and, as any self-respecting journalist would, I have never supported stereotyping or labeling any group.

[Terry Estep's name will now appear on all Top Ten Lists.--Editor]

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Sleazy woman syndrome

By Lisa Belknap,
Staff Columnist

In regards to last week's column titled, "Women Are Holding Themselves Back," a reader asked me to explain, "Why are so many men attracted to 'sleazy women' anyway?"

I'm not a psychologist. So, I'm not exactly trained in the art of understanding the why people think. The most I can do is offer a theory.

First, men and women do not have that many inconsistencies in the way that they think. The differences are primarily born of our situations. According to my experience, women tend to think about long-term commitment to a man and family from the time they are young. We've been socialized that way. At the same time men tend to think along other lines. They are socialized to think about economic stability and more individualistic goals. The problem is that the goals of one sex conflict with the goals of the other.

Take college students for example. I've noticed

that my male friends are talking about where they're going to go after graduating from Glenville. They are excited and ready for anything. The future is a fabulous book about to be written. The last thing they want at this time in their life is to tie themselves down to a family, or even a girlfriend. My one friend, "Harry," says he sees no reason to invest time and emotions in someone when he is still trying to figure out who he is. "I want to do what I need to do first," he states simply.

The women on campus tend to think differently. Yes, most women also come here bright-eyed and ready for the world. They also have a fabulous book to write. However, they immediately begin their search for a co-author. While the men are primarily just looking to release tension or have a temporary monogamous partner, the women are thinking about after-grad plans. How can they stay together? Maybe she could give up going to Yale? "Hey, he's going to the University of Florida. I can just transfer down there." Maybe she

should give up pre-med and raise a family instead?

"Why are men attracted to sleazy women?" Men see promiscuous women as an easy answer, not as the woman they want to marry. They can sleep with a promiscuous woman when it pleases them to do so, and not have to worry about phone calls, relationships, emotions and other time-consuming "trivialities." Since they don't have any respect for the "sleazy woman" they won't have to lose any sleep over using her. The only way to end the attraction is to eliminate the women. The women will no doubt be eliminated when they realize what they're getting out of the deal. Either that or they'll write an angry letter to the *Mercury*.

As for those women who are upset about men who opt for "sleazy women," my advice is to forget them. They aren't yet on the same page as you anyway. Instead of sweating it, do what you need to do to make your life successful, then find a partner to enjoy it with. By then they'll be ready too.

The Portable Curmudgeon

By Annie McCourt,
Staff Columnist

Well, kiddies it's me again. I've taken time out from counting my Camel Cash to nurse my laryngitis for a while.

NUMBER ONE THIS WEEK: Why can't people leave the Princess Di crap alone for awhile? I'm having O.J. and JonBenet flashbacks already. We couldn't give this woman any peace when she was alive, now we continue to make money off of her while she is dead. We need an Elvis sighting.

NUMBER TWO: Why are the Spice Girls famous? They have no musical talent, they can't dance, and their songs suck. They must have the hardest working marketing department in the world. Whoever made them famous could sell dirt. Is there anyone else out there having a recurring New Kids on the Block nightmare? Why do I smell Maurice Starr's influence?

NUMBER THREE: Why does it have to snow? I'm not asking for a scientific answer here, I'm looking more toward the philosophical. I mean snow is like the biggest let-down of our century—It's worse than that whole Easter Bunny thing. Snow: it's brilliant when it first starts to fall, lovely little white flakes blanketing the ground everywhere you look. Then smack, January sneaks up on you, and you're stuck shoveling your way out of mounds and mounds of this disturbing white flaky crap that just keeps falling and falling and falling from the once-warm sky. Let's put a stop to this madness before it goes any further.

NUMBER FOUR: Why do people pay money to watch NASCAR? I just don't get it. Watching cars go around and around in a circle all day long—it boggles the mind. Don't these people have anything better to do with their money?

NUMBER FIVE: Why did shows like "All in the Family," "Good Times," and "The Jeffersons" succeed into shows like "Friends" and "Seinfeld." Is the American populace really that screwed up, or does anything pass for entertainment these days? I'd take Archie and Edith over Jerry and George any day of the week. Kramer could stay though, he could be J.J. Walker's new best friend; they're about the same age.

NUMBER SIX: Why, in the name of all things holy, are there plastic Christmas trees? I think this serves as another commentary on just how far the American populace has gone over the line. Are we really that much of a throwaway society, or are we really that cheap? You decide. I think either explanation is pretty horrible.

NUMBER SEVEN: Why do people always say, "Here, taste this," whenever they bite into something that doesn't taste quite right? Or, "Here drink this," with a grimace covering their face whenever they drink milk that went bad? It doesn't make any sense—do they just want someone else to join in their misery, or is it a governmental plot to closely bind together the tethers of our bad manners?

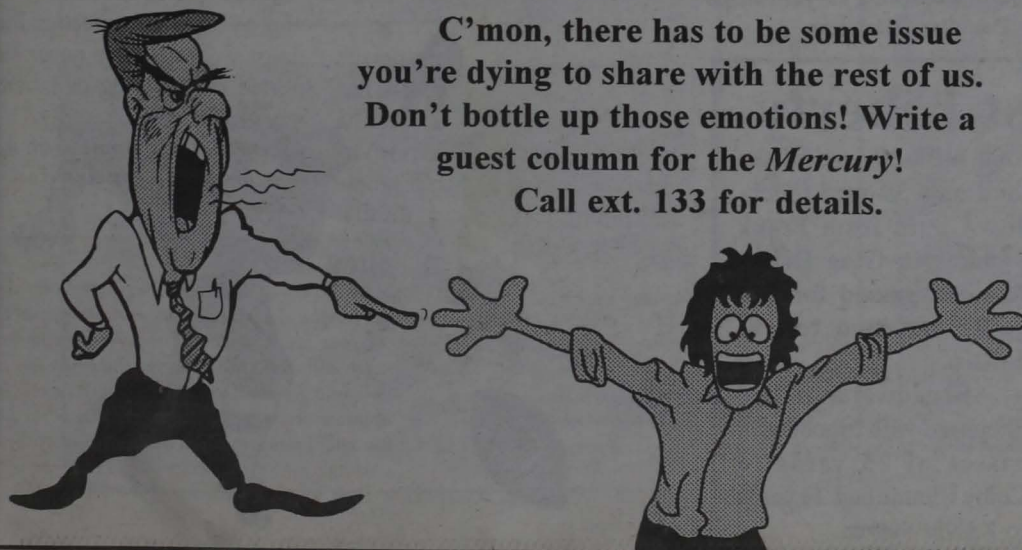
NUMBER EIGHT: Why, and this is a biggy kids, is marijuana still illegal? I don't feel that there is any further elaboration needed on this topic.

NUMBER NINE: Why do all alarm clocks have annoying buzzers? Is there some covert battalion of alarm clock makers in some third world country that have it in for our morning routines? What ever happened to a friendly beep, or a cheerful little *dong*—they're too busy making commercials?

NUMBER TEN: Why Do We Continue To Give Other People So Much Power Over OUR Lives?

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Glenville Defeats WV State



The Associated Press

INSTITUTE, W. Va. -- Wilkie Perez threw for 363 yards and four touchdowns, leading Glenville State to a 54-10 win over West Virginia State and a share of the West Virginia Conference title Saturday.

Glenville (9-2, 6-1), now in the running for an invitation to the NCAA Division II national playoffs, has won or shared the conference title five straight years. Glenville finished this season tied with Shepherd, which it beat 44-14 last week.

Perez finished the regular season with 4,189 yards passing, breaking the NCAA Division II record of 4,052 set by Perry Kline of C.W. Post in 1993.

Perez also has thrown for 45 touchdowns and has completed 66 percent of his passes this season.

The Division II record for touchdown passes in a season is

50, held by Chris Hatcher of Valdosta St.

In football, the NCAA recognizes only regular-season statistics as records.

Perez started slowly against State (5-6, 3-4), which took an early 14-10 lead on a 44-yard run by Brian Love and an 87-yard kickoff return by Donald Cunningham.

Perez gave Glenville the lead for good when he hit Tierre McNair for a 20-yard scoring pass with 9:06 left in the second quarter.

Perez also connected with Haiji Ingraham on a 9-yard scoring strike and Carlos Ferralls on TD passes of 20 and 10 yards.

Byron Stevenson led Glenville on the ground with 130 yards and two TDs. Glenville's final two touchdowns came with 2:29 and 14 seconds remaining in the game.

Win sets Marshall for Mid-American Conference East Division Title

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. -- Chad Pennington passed for two touchdowns and ran for another and Randy Moss tied the Division I-A season record for touchdown receptions as Marshall beat Ohio 27-0 Saturday to claim the Mid-American Conference East Division title.

The victory puts Marshall (9-2, 7-1) in the Mid-American conference championship game against Toledo in Huntington on Dec. 5. The winner of that game advances to the Ford Motor City Bowl Dec. 26 in Pontiac, Mich.

Marshall, last year's I-AA champion, is playing its first season in the MAC.

Moss's fourth-quarter touchdown reception gave him 22 this season, which ties the single-season record set by Houston's Manny Hazzard in 1989. Moss, a sophomore, has scored a touchdown in 26 straight games, dating back to last year. He has 50 touchdown catches in his career.

Moss could set the single-season record in the MAC title game, which the NCAA counts as a regular season game.

On a blustery day before 32,012, the third-largest crowd in Marshall Stadium history, the Thundering Herd defense held Ohio (8-3, 6-2) to two first downs, one of which came on a penalty.

Running its triple-option

offense, Ohio failed to get a first down on 11 of its 13 possessions. Ohio, which rushed for a school record 3,352 yards this season, was held to just 63 yards on the ground.

Marshall also held Ohio quarterback Kareem Wilson to 0-of-7 passing.

Marshall, which beat Bowling Green 28-0 last week, recorded its first consecutive shutouts since 1947, the last time the Thundering Herd went to a bowl.

Pennington capped Marshall's first possession, a 98-yard drive that ate up nearly eight minutes of the first quarter, with a 1-yard scoring run.

Pennington connected with wide receiver LaVorn Colclough from 12 yards out in the second quarter to give Marshall a 14-0 halftime lead.

After a scoreless third quarter, Marshall's Doug Chapman ran in from 3 yards out. Llow Turner had a game-high 146 yards on 17 carries and Chapman added 117 yards on 26 carries for Marshall.

Moss caught his record-tying touchdown with 2:24 left in the game and threw the football out of the stadium into a McDonalds parking lot.

Moss caught 7 passes for 101 yards. Pennington completed 18 of 38 passes for 209 yards and one interception.

Pennington's two touchdown passes gave him a school single-season record 36.

Fairmont State 50, Concord 15

Joseph breaks record set by GSC's Chris George

The Associated Press

FAIRMONT, W. Va. -- Quarterback Jarrod Furgason hit receiver Mike Dunsworth for 109 passing yards and five touchdowns as Fairmont cruised to a 50-15 win over Concord on Saturday.

The five scoring passes went 10, 39, 20, 24, and 16 yds.

An 85-yard kickoff return by Bill Bussey pulled Concord (5-5, 3-4) to within 14-7 early in the second quarter, but the game got no closer.

Furgason, who also found Shannon Kundla for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, finished with 6 TDs and 293 yards passing.

Furgason's last touchdown made him the second quarterback in NCAA Division II history to throw for 100 career touchdowns.

Mike Joseph ran for 208 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown in the third quarter that gave Fairmont (5-6, 3-4) a 31-15 lead.

Joseph's 8 points gave him 356 career points, which broke the previous conference record of 348 set by Glenville State's Chris George in 1994.

He also finished with 1,018, the second straight season he has broken the 1,000-yard mark. Concord gained 63 yards on the ground and was outgained overall, 503 yards to 214.

Concord quarterback Mike Lazo threw for 151 yards and one touchdown, a 29-yard strike to Cameron Fleshman.

Shepherd victory over West Liberty

The Associated Press

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va. -- Chad Broadwater passed for three touchdowns and Damian Beane ran for 218 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead Shepherd to a 32-27 victory over West Liberty on Saturday.

Shepherd (9-1, 6-1) claimed a share of the West Virginia Conference cham-

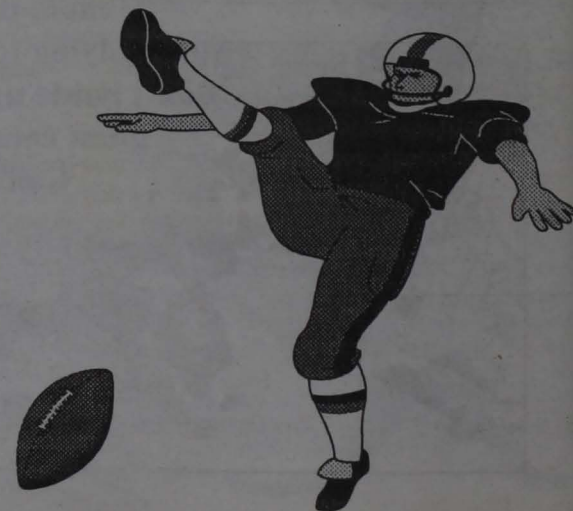
pionship along with Glenville State, which also finished the season with a 6-1 conference record.

Beane scored on an 86-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Broadwater on the last play of the first half to tie the game 20-20.

West Liberty (4-6, 2-5)

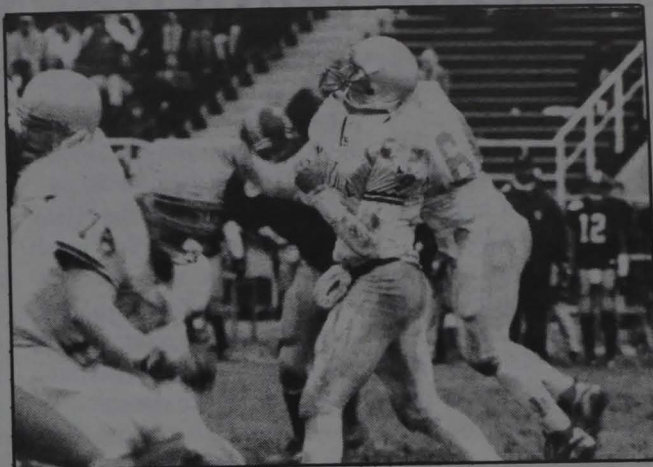
took a 27-20 lead in the third on a 39-yard touchdown pass from Frank Ramirez to Greg Dailer. Ramirez passed for 218 yards and two touchdowns.

Broadwater rallied Shepherd with touchdown passes of 25 yards to Colby Cloude and 24 yards to Kelvin Steven.

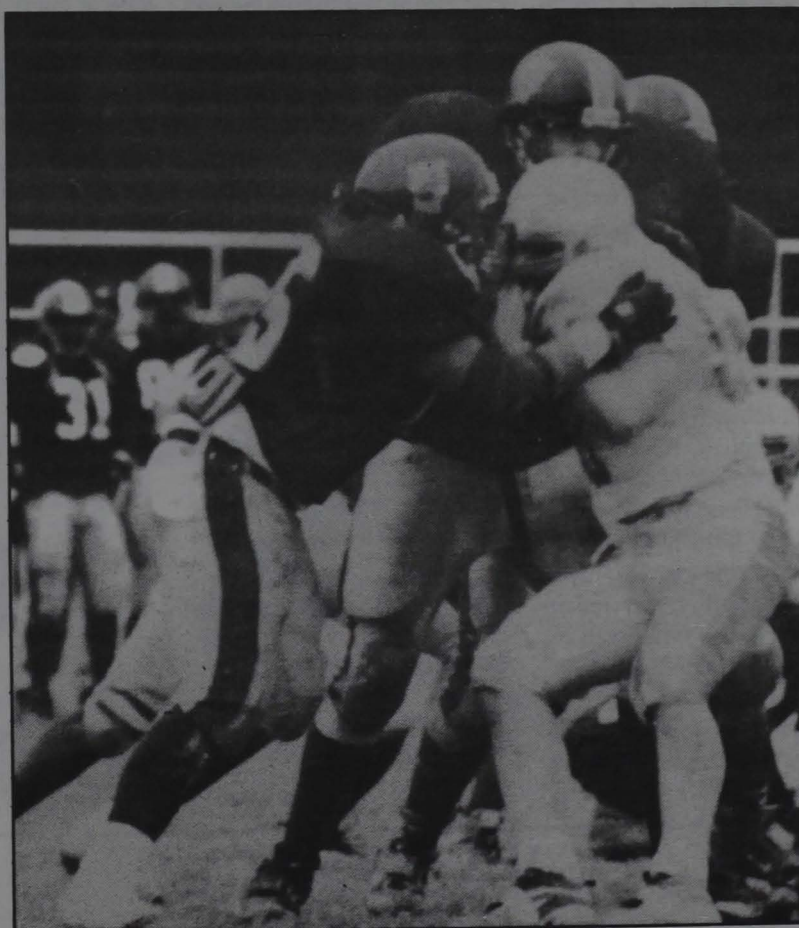




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Mountaineers defeat Temple despite Zereoue benching

Team gears up for Notre Dame, possible coaching loss

By John Raby,
Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. -- West Virginia did not miss Amos Zereoue.

With Zereoue, the nation's fifth leading rusher, on the bench because of a turf toe injury, Curtis Keaton ran for 104 yards and two touchdowns as the Mountaineers beat Temple 41-21 on Saturday.

"We realized we had to step it up because Amos was out," said reserve running back Khari Mott, who added 76 yards and a score.

"I felt comfortable with Mott and Keaton," said West Virginia coach Don Nehlen. "They looked kind of good at times. Other times, they missed some big holes. They haven't played that much, so they'll be all right."

Keaton had just 39 carries for 165 yards all season heading into Saturday's game. He had 20 carries on the day.

"I'm still trying to figure out the formula to get into a

groove," Keaton said. "It's hard to do that when you don't have a chance to play that much."

Temple's season finale may have been the last game for coach Ron Dickerson, who has an 8-47 mark in five seasons. Dickerson, whose contract is up, said after the game that he would return if given the chance.

"But that's not my decision," Dickerson said.

Dickerson is scheduled to meet Sunday with Temple Athletic Director Dave O'Brien, who did not attend the game.

"The ball is basically in their court," Dickerson said.

Despite being blown out in four of its final five games, the Owls (3-8, 3-4) had their best finish in the conference since the league's inception in 1991.

West Virginia (7-2, 4-2 Big East) set the tone early, taking just 1:38 off the clock to score three first-quarter touchdowns.

Nate Terry returned the opening kickoff 100 yards, setting a school record with his second TD kickoff return this sea-

son. Keaton scored on first-quarter runs of 20 and 15 yards.

Fullback Leroy White scored from 1 yard out in the second quarter for a 31-0 halftime lead, and Mott ran it in from 16 yards out in the third quarter.

West Virginia more than made up for Zereoue's 140-yard average. The Mountaineers carried the ball 50 times for 187 yards.

"Don's always going to have someone in the wings. There was no difference out there today," Dickerson said. "They have an offensive line that's going to blow people off the ball, and they've got good backs backing up good backs."

Nehlen said Zereoue was at about 85 to 90 percent Saturday and should be ready for next week's contest at Notre Dame.

"I let the trainer make the call. My trainer didn't want me to start him, but I didn't want him standing around and getting cold," Nehlen said. "He has the kind of injury you can re-injure easily. Then we're sunk."

Temple played an uninspired first half, gaining just two first downs and 49 yards in offense, before mounting a late comeback.

Elmarko Jackson ran for third-quarter scores of 1 and 66 yards. Kareem Gilliard caught his first career TD pass, a 4-yard toss from Pat Bonner, to pull Temple to 38-21 early in the fourth quarter.

But the Owls' momentum soon vanished. West Virginia recovered the ensuing onside kick that culminated in a 33-yard Jay Taylor field goal. Bonner then threw interceptions on Temple's next two possessions.

Temple hasn't beaten West Virginia since 1984.

"I was proud of the way they played this season through the ups and downs," Dickerson said. "They did a great job."

Temple senior wide receiver Troy Kersey, one of Dickerson's original recruits, wore a T-shirt after the game that read "Ron Dickerson Football Camp."

"He started with nothing and he built it up," Kersey said. "He came in with 25-30 freshmen, and he had to work from there."

"Ninety-five percent of the players want coach to stay. He's made it a family atmosphere," Kersey said. "It's hard to play football and go to school in North Philly with no (administrative) support."

"He had to teach kids football sense. He had to get them stronger, faster, and meanwhile you've got to worry about college life, going to classes. It's been real hard, and no one cares."

Temple wide receiver Kevin Walker, another senior, said he loved playing for Dickerson.

"He's a player's coach. You can come and talk to him with whatever problem you have. He'll help you and try to instill the positives," Walker said. "I hate to see him go out, lose his job like this."

Glenville outshoots Ohio Valley

(The Associated Press)

GASSAWAY, W.Va. (AP) Terry Clark and Floyd Burgher scored 28 and 21 respectively to lead Glenville State to a 111-95 win over Ohio Valley on Friday night.

Glenville, which led 58-44 at halftime, had four others scoring in double figures: Larry Courtney with 18, Kevin Young with 15, Jason Shields with 12 and Kevin Herod with 11.

Young hit 4-of-7 3-pointers and had nine assists.

Ohio Valley was led in scoring by Kenny White with 26, Michael Boyd with 22 and Angel Ortero with 19.

Glenville outshot Ohio Valley from the field, 64 percent to 53 percent.



GSC's Kevin Young made 15 points (Heather Ware, Mercury)

West Virginia University

prepares for basketball opener

The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, -- West Virginia coach Gale Catlett would have liked to face an easier team than East Carolina in the Mountaineers' season opener.

"This is one of the toughest opening teams we've played against in a long while," Catlett said. "They've got six of their top eight players back, and they've got the (Conference USA) preseason player of the year in Raphael Edwards."

The Pirates, who went 17-10 last season, won their only exhibition game this year, beating Next Level Sports 74-65.

West Virginia players say they are ready to start the regular season after two exhibition game victories.

"It's time to start lacing

up the shoes, getting back on the hardwood and throwing it up. The scrimmages are fun, but now it's time to start the real deal," said forward Damian Owens.

East Carolina will likely run a three-guard offense, WVU guard Jarrod West said. That could make it tougher for West Virginia's full-court press.

WVU used an up-tempo transition to win 21 games and score a Big East-best 81.1 points per game last season.

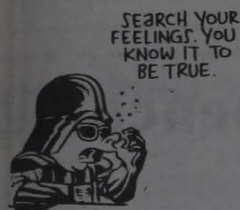
"With three guards, there's a better chance for them to have a guard bringing the ball up," West said. "The thing about the press, if you have a good trap or a lot of pressure on the ball, regardless of who's in there, it's going to bother the person."



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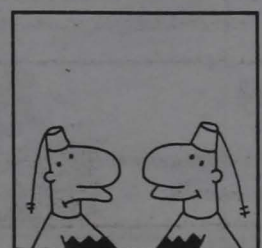
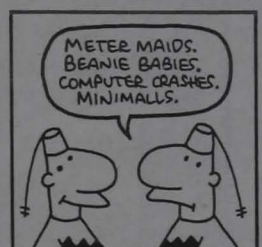
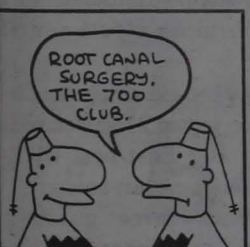
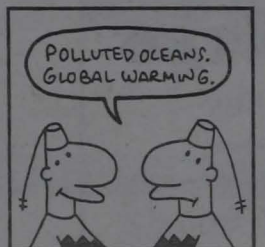
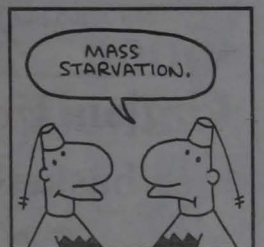


LIBERTY MEADOWS By Frank Cho



LIFE IN HELL

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By Criston Gravely,
Staff Astrologer

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

-- Something better is on the horizon; however, to get it you must give up something you have now. To gain, you first have to lose.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

-- Spiteful gossip is in store this week. Whether you start a rumor or one is started about you, it is a herald of your emerging independence.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

-- Be pleased with what you have been able to achieve. You have a strong sense of self and can appreciate your abilities without being vain.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

-- Have you tried every resource to help solve your problems? If so, the answer is on the way; if not, then try and try again.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

-- Early success is yours this week as a result of your efforts. But remember, this is only one stage on a journey that will lead to a more permanent reward.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) -- Life requires emotional gambles, but you're not willing to take them anymore. Search your past to find out when and why you're so emotionally rigid.

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Libra (September 23 - October 22) -- Prepare for confusion and uncertainty this week, but don't give up your hopes and dreams; they are all you have now.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) -- Get set to meet that tall, dark stranger; someone who's not overtly seductive, but strangely disturbing. Deep feelings will surface.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) -- Emotional openness is needed in any relationship. Honesty about feelings can improve relationships and also help develop a more balanced heart.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) -- Time alone is needed to gather energy and order in your life. With patience comes opportunity and a respect for your personal limitations.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) -- Experience the romantic dimension of love. This could be a proposal or you could be falling in love. Either way, you need to become more poetic and sensitive.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) -- Learn more about your sensuality. Be strong and self-sufficient, yet generous and indulgent. Value your body for what it can do, not what it is.

Changes Brought by the Associated Press

By Terry L. Estep

10) Disagreeable workers can be replaced by intelligent, button-pushing monkeys.

9) We can deliver up-to-the-minute reports on Jesco White's quest to replace his Elvis collection.

8) Long nights putting the paper together will be replaced by long nights of reading the wire service for kicks.

7) Readers in the Czech Republic can finally know what President Simmons did this week.

6) Parking problems in Iraq put GSC's in perspective.

5) Cristola Predicts: copyright infringement!

4) The Mercury will now be intelligent and highly informative hamster litter.

3) The paper will swell to the size of Tom Jones.

2) The women's wookiee-toss will make page seven.

1) Students have to work harder to avoid the paper!

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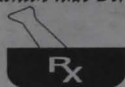
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