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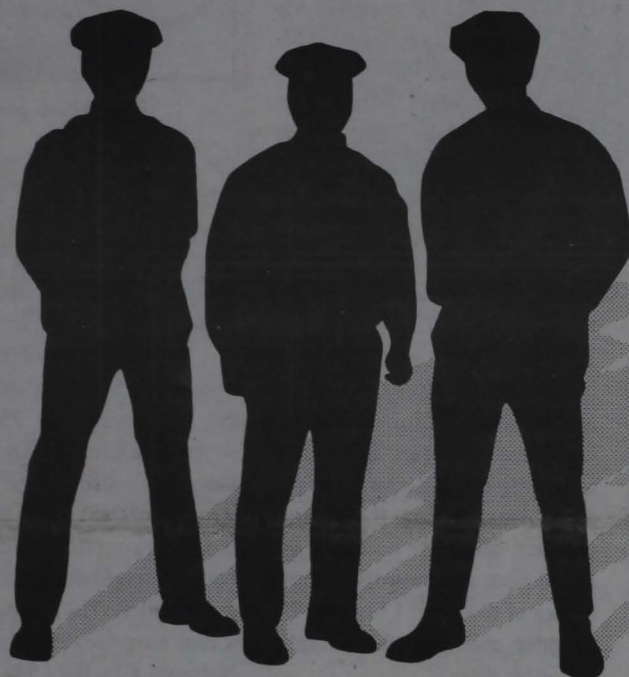
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Proposed Federal prison for Gilmer County creates concern...

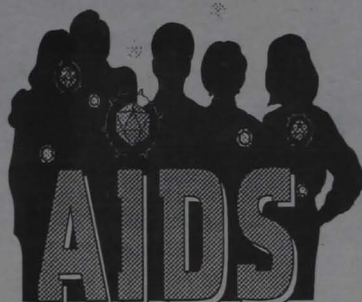


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Chi Beta Phi News

Students attend national conference

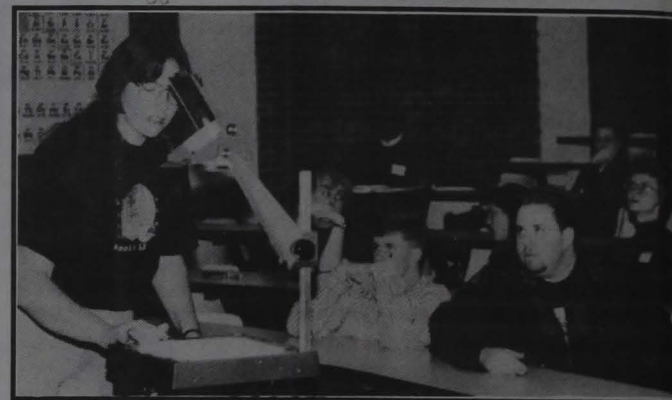
By Kelly M. Woods

On Friday, November 7, a delegation from Glenville State College left to go to Ashland, Virginia, to attend the 51st Annual National Conference of Chi Beta Phi Honorary Math & Science Fraternity, at Randolph-Macon College. The group, representing the Alpha Iota Chapter at Glenville, consisted of Ms. B.J. Woods, Billy Kelley and Mr. David Kennedy. Also in attendance, were Mrs. Holly Kennedy and Mr. Kelly Woods.

There are 17 active chapters across the United States, with 11 of these in attendance at the conference. Some of those in attendance came from as far away as South Carolina, Georgia, New York, and West Virginia. Topics discussed during the meeting included making individual chapters better and more active, how to get more students involved in their local chapter, and how to make the respective communities more aware of the local Chi Beta Phi Chapter and what that chapter can offer them.

Three students and one professor presented papers to the group. B.J. Woods presented: "Teaching Chemistry Using the movie Apollo 13."

"This is something that Dr. James G. Goll uses in his class-



B. J. Woods presents paper. (Kelly Woods, Mercury)

room, Woods stated, "and it really works. Students are more interested in a class when they can relate the subject to something they know." Woods co-authored this paper with Goll.

The highlight of the conference came Saturday evening, at the Awards Dinner. Paul Peck, Alpha Iota Chapter Advisor, had been nominated for the National Advisor of the Year. Although he did not win, it is still a great honor to have been nominated for that position. The real honor (and a real surprise) came when the National Chi Beta Phi selected the Alpha Iota Chapter at GSC, as the 'Most Active Chapter in the Nation,' for its size. Congratulations go to all the members for their dedication and hard work.

Woods stated "This is one

of our proudest moments. We've worked very hard to build our chapter, and this only goes to show everyone, our efforts were not in vain. Thanks go out to all the members, but especially to Mr. Peck. He has always been there to advise us, guide us, and always there to lend a helping hand and an encouraging smile. I would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Kennedy for taking the time out of their busy schedule to go with us. They were wonderful."

The delegation returned to West Virginia on Sunday afternoon, tired but excited. They were bringing back their award, as well as a wealth of information that will be used to make the Alpha Iota Chapter more active, more energetic, and more involved within the community and the GSC campus.

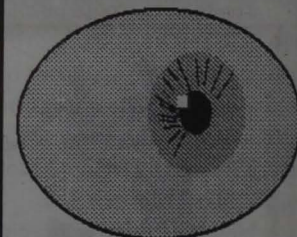
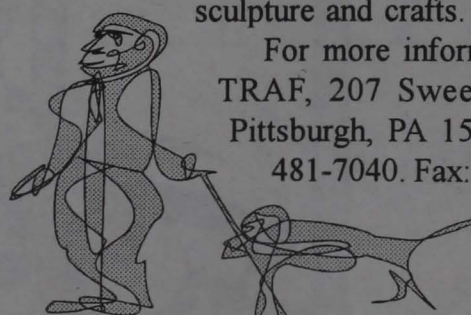
Three Rivers Arts Festival

Entries for 1998

The 39th annual Three Rivers Arts Festival will be held June 5-21 in downtown Pittsburgh.

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Public meetings provides questions, answers about prison

By Lisa McCormick
Staff Reporter

During a volatile, open-forum meeting at the Glenville Recreation Center on November 25, David J. Dorworth, a representative of the U.S. Department of Justice and of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBP), answered the community's, the community leaders', and the college's questions.

To start the meeting, Mr. Dorworth laid the proposal out: to build a federally-ran, medium security prison in WV that would hold 1,150 inmates within a four year span in Gilmer County.

The total amount needed to build this facility is 90-100 million dollars. It would employ 350 people, 40 percent of which will be brought in by the FBP and 60 percent (210 persons) will be recruited from the local communities. The average salary would be \$30,000 a year, not including health-care and benefits.

For the locals, this means that for each job created in the prison, there would be a reflective job created in the community. In other words, if the prison hires 210 locally, then 420 jobs stand to be created overall.

The estimated operating budget to run the prison will be 2.3 million dollars annually, 80 percent of which will be spent locally. The local businesses stand to see a double or triple turnover for each dollar spent in the prison.

The facility would be built in Bear Run (two miles from the college) on a 70 to 90 acres stretch of land. The land is being donated to the Federal Bureau of Prisons by Douglas Morris, I.L. "Ike" Morris's son.

However, there were some cons to the situations which some of the disgruntled audience members were quick to point out:

Will part of the infrastructure (sewer, water, and additional housing) costs be picked up by the county? To answer, Dorworth conceded that the county would foot the infrastructure costs, but that subsidies and grants can be awarded to help.

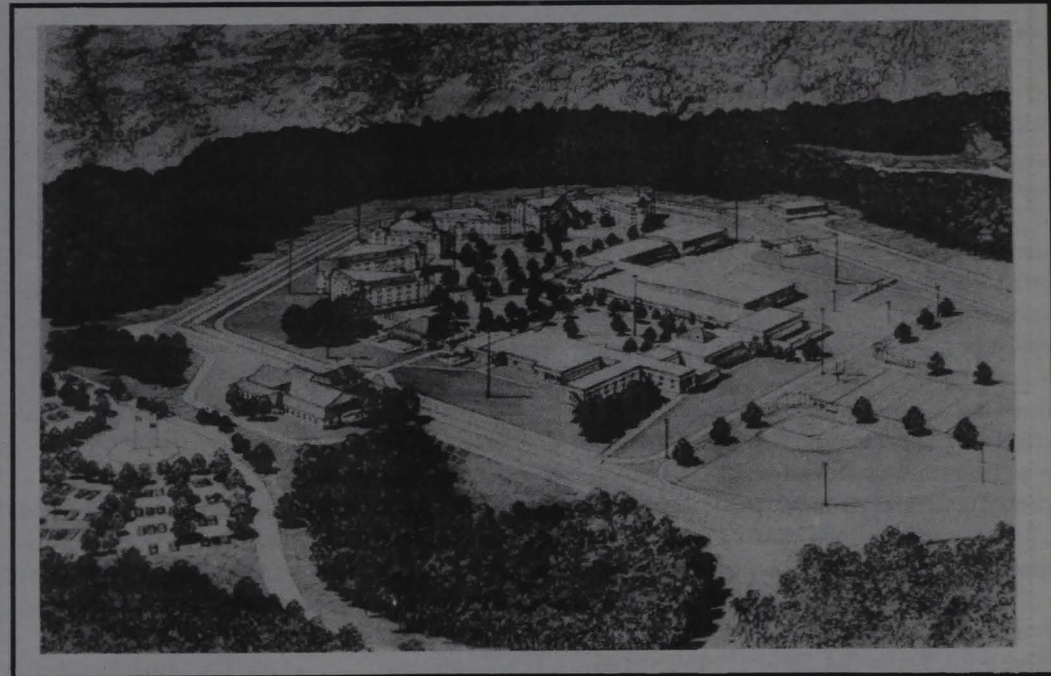
"The community needs to ask themselves if this prison, and the economic benefits that come along with it, is worth their efforts and monies," Dorworth propounds. "If it isn't, then we'll find somebody else who does."

What about the problems brought on from family members who move to where their imprisoned loved ones are incarcerated? Dorworth replies, "Girlfriends and families do move to communities to visit the inmates, but this usually occurs only on the west coast like California. However, it could happen here; anything is possible."

What about public safety from escaped convicts?—"Our primary concern is public safety, and we've doing it well for the past 100 years," Dorworth comments. "A good example of this came when Hurricane Andrew blew all our fencing down, and our correction officers got out in the storm and held hands to keep the inmates in; no one escaped."

"Furthermore, escaped convicts won't stay in the community that the prison is in," he continues. "The worst thing that could happen would be an inmate escaping during deer season; we'll probably have to get him out of a tag station."

Are we receiving the District of Columbia's inmates? "We have a total of 96 facilities throughout the states, and we will be moving a lot of prisoners from the District of Columbia prison because of a mandate and because the prison itself is falling apart," Dorworth ex-



Sketch of a typical medium-security prison (Submitted)

plains. "This facility would be built in part to absorb some of these prisoners."

Later in the discussion, Dorworth also disclosed that a lot of prisoners will be coming from the northeastern area. He also pointed out that a federal inmate is different from a state prisoner.

An overall inmate profile showed the average federally imprisoned inmate to be in for drug or liquor offenses (55.5%), arms (16.8%), robbery (13.3%), property offenses (4.9%), violent offenses (3.4%), extortion, bribery & fraud (2.7%), other (2.1%), or immigration offenses (1.3%).

When talking to the County Commissioner's President, Larry Chapman, on where their support lies, he states: "I think it goes without saying that the major percentage of the people in this room supports this prison. The county commission definitely supports it."

What does this prison mean for the college students?

"We provide our own training for our employees," Dorworth says. "As time goes on, we will develop ways for the college to plug into the prison's program, more along the lines of criminal justice. Also, we do have internships."

When questioning GSC's two existing Assistant Professors of Criminal Justice--Mr. Will Oliver and Dr. Lori Kepford--the excitement of what a new prison could mean for the college was evident.

"It'll mean that more and more students will work locally after they graduate from the college," Oliver illustrates. "It'll mean internships and a working relationship between the criminal justice division, the college, and the prison."

"Personally, I don't like the idea of this prison being in my backyard," he further states. "Professionally, however, it'll bring great benefits for my division and the college."

Dr. Kepford, who grew up around a prison and has devel-

oped three inmate pre-release programs in Ohio, expanded on a lot of Mr. Oliver's ideas:

"There will need to be programs to integrate them (prisoners) back into society; these are called pre-release programs, it's where they're taught how to budget their money, how to handle relationships, and how to proceed through an interview."

"We could make GSC the training facility for the correctional center," Kepford continues. "Our teacher Ed. Program could be used to educate the inmates. In addition, the business division could be involved, and we could use the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center to teach skills to them. The ramifications are mind-boggling"

The hardest part about this decision of whether to build or not to build will be the anticipation, since it will take a year to investigate if Gilmer County has all the necessary resources to maintain a prison.

So, for now all that's left to do is wait.

THE NUTCRACKER

Friday, December 5

GSC Student Activities will be going to see *The Nutcracker* Ballet. The bus leaves Pickens Hall at 2 p.m. See Eric Poirier for details.



Santa Claus at North Bend State Park

CAIRO, WV - Santa Claus will be stopping by North Bend State Park's Lodge Lobby from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 20. Pictures with Santa will be available.



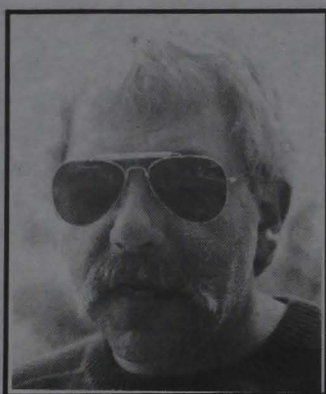
Mercury adviser John Rote beaten

Compiled from wire reports

GLENVILLE - The adviser of the Glenville State College's newspaper, *The Mercury*, was hospitalized last week, the victim of an alleged assault.

John F. Rote, 46, who was hired as adviser this semester, suffered a broken leg, a perforated left eardrum, bruised ribs, broken nose, and vision problems after the attack, which occurred last Tuesday after a basketball game. According to Rote, he was struck from behind and knocked to the ground, his jacket pulled over his head, and kicked repeatedly.

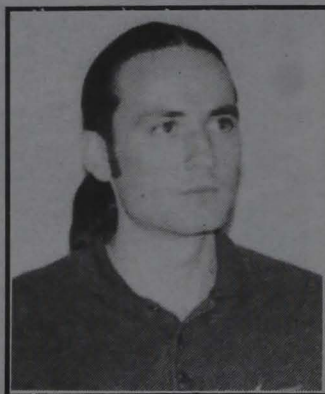
Rote spent 24 hours at Stonewall Jackson in Weston before being discharged. He was taken to Ruby Memorial's Cardiac Care Unit in Morgantown on Saturday after suffering an



John Rote (Heather Ware, Mercury)

irregular heartbeat and low pulse rate, according to Dr. Edward Palm.

The alleged assailant, former *Mercury* sportswriter Kevin Lake, 23, was arrested Wednesday on a misdemeanor charge of battery. He was released on a \$1,000. At presstime,



Kevin Lake (Heather Ware, Mercury)

the charges against Lake had been upgraded to malicious wounding, a felony offense that carries a two- to ten-year prison sentence.

Lake has been temporarily suspended from classes, pending a hearing before Student Life and Welfare.

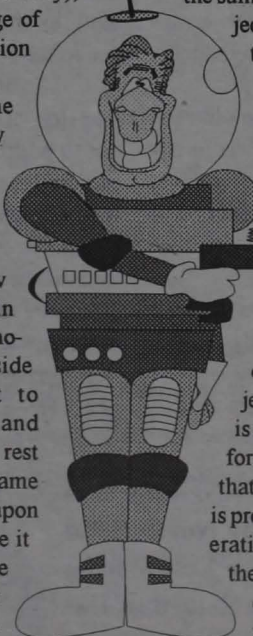
Ask the Particle Man:

What is force?

Force technically is the term applied to a pull on an object or a push on an object. Force applied to an object will cause the object's acceleration to change. There exists a necessity for a net force to be acting on an object to change its net velocity. These statements are typical of the type that led Isaac Newton to the derivation of his Laws of Motion.

Newton's Laws of Motion help us describe the obvious changes that any object undergoes in relation to its position, rate of change of position (velocity), and the rate of change of rate of change of position (acceleration).

The first of the three laws derived by Newton is in relation to a term coined by Newton himself called inertia. Newton's First Law states that an object in motion will stay in motion until some outside force acts upon it to change its motion, and similarly, an object at rest will behave in the same manner until acted upon by some force to cause it to move. Inertia is the property of matter that is resistant to accelera-



tion, and change in acceleration is what is brought about by the force that is acting upon the given object. This law will apply to an object with many forces acting upon it in which the sum of these forces is zero and to an object that has know forces at all acting upon it.

The second law formulated by Newton is that of states of motion. It says that if the sum of the forces on an object is not equal to zero, then the object will undergo an acceleration. Newton was able to express this law with the equation $F=ma$ where "F" represents

the sum of the forces on an object, "m" is the mass of the object, and "a" is the acceleration. Newton's Second Law makes it easy to determine what the acceleration of an object is if the sum of the forces is known, and determine what the sum of the forces on an object is if the acceleration is known. In its original form, the equation stated that the sum of the forces is proportional to the acceleration. This means that the sum of the forces is equal to the acceleration multiplied by

some constant. The constant is the mass of the given object and obviously does vary, but remains constant.

Newton's Third Law is that of opposite and equal forces. It states that if an object A exerts a force on object B, then B also exerts the same magnitude of force on A, but in the opposite direction as that of the force exerted on B by A. Newton termed these forces as action and reaction and this led to the popularized version of his third law. For every action, there exists an opposite and equal reaction. Action/reaction forces never cancel out because they involve forces acting on two differing objects versus those that act on one object that are opposite but equal and will cancel.

Newtonian physics helped man to build a more accurate picture of the world than existed before. It has been shown that his picture is accurate up to a degree, but still lacking in a definitive area in that his laws cannot predict the changes caused by great speeds like that of the speed of light.

Better understanding of Newton's Laws of Motion will aid one in the pursuit of higher knowledge pertaining to recent discoveries by great scientists such as Einstein.

The mouse that...ticked

The Associated Press

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. - Maybe they should hand out more homework at Austin Peay State University. It sure seems like someone's got too much time on their hands.

Enough time to sneak up a three-story tower and turn the university clock into a giant Mickey Mouse watch. "Everybody thought it was so cool," said freshman Heather Thompson.



Sometime between Wednesday night and Thursday morning, the mouse lover decorated each of the clock's four faces with a huge paper Mickey, and even added those signature white gloves to the clock hands.

Doug Neely, chief of campus police, said he suspects whoever decorated the clock probably had a building key. He said that though there was no permanent damage, the prankster could face punishment for trespassing if caught.

"The main thing is we don't want anyone to get hurt," he said.

A ban on slam dunks?

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia -- A coroner called for basketball slam dunks to be banned in the state of Victoria last week after a teenager died attempting the maneuver.

Ryan Maloney, 19, died on July 7, 1996, after the basketball pole and ring at the Mama Reserve in Dromana collapsed on him as he performed a slam dunk.

Coroner Iain West recommended the Victorian Basketball Association and the Playground and Recreation Association tell their members to prohibit slam dunks, "as the stress standards and maintenance level of equipment in use will more often than not be unknown."

West recommended that warnings be posted on backboards, highlighting the dangers.

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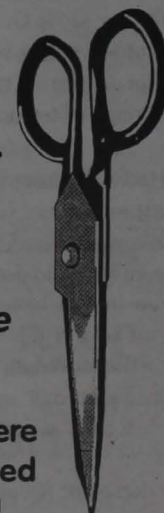
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Pioneers fall to New Haven Chargers in CT Match

Eric Ware,
Staff Reporter

After a good Pioneer attempt on Saturday 22, New Haven took the game in a 47-7 crush over Glenville State College. The reason for the loss was not a broken GSC spirit, but the massive lead and blocked passes in the hands of the University of New Haven.

What would be a normal passing offensive game for the Pioneers, with Wilkie Perez's short arm throws breaking records in past games, became GSC's pummel when New Haven blocked many of the passes. Perez completed 28-of-45 attempts for 305 yards, and ran a mere 34 yards compared to New Haven tailback Donald Dighsmith that gained 212 yards.

Even with the completed passes thrown by Perez, the fumbles and dropped balls by Glenville receivers took much of the blame at critical points of the game. The offensive line, however, tightened up at key points the game rendering some good

tries.

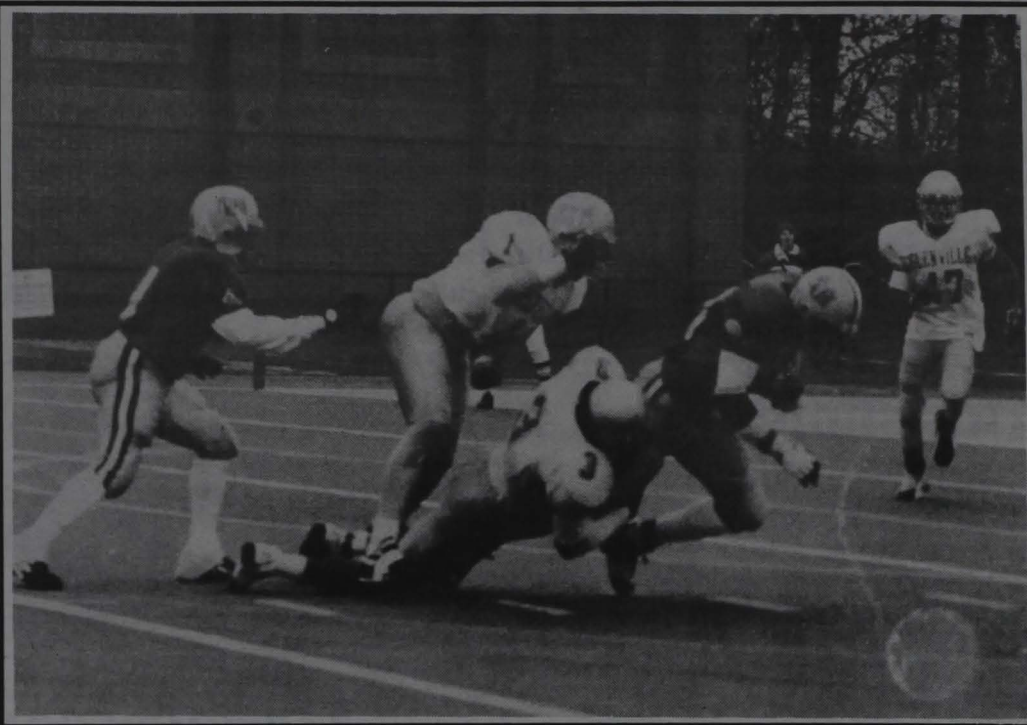
The first indication of problems in passing came in the game's opening drive down center, when Perez threw to Robert Talley at midfield, only to be dropped and recovered by Charger's quarterback Dennis Burney.

That turn of events gave New Haven its first score with a 7-yard pass from Cazzie Kosciolk to Adam Roman. Late in the quarter, Kosciolk scored on a two-yard sneak making the score 13-0, but Perez outsmarted New Haven, sending the Pioneers downfield to the eleven-yardline.

Carlos Ferrals injured his calf muscle in the first half.

Glenville was pushed back to the 27 yardline later giving kicker Justin Barnes a try at making a 45 yard field goal, the kick fell a little short.

New Haven added two touchdowns by halftime, with an overcoming second half crush when the Chargers scored with



Brian Palmer (#3) tackles Connecticut. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

a fake field attempt early in the third-quarter giving the Chargers a 34-0 lead.

Glenville made an impressive play later in the quarter

when Perez and Byron Stevenson completed a 68-yard pass and run scoring for the Pioneers. Unfortunately, the Chargers took two touchdowns in the fourth-

quarter with turnovers deep in Glenville's own zone. Overall, the Pioneers played a hard game and tried to take it back in the second half.

Board member Phil Reale demands review of GSC President Simmons

The Associated Press

A member of the State College System board wants Glenville State President William Simmons investigated for his treatment of professors.

Phil Reale, who was chief staff to former Gov. Gaston Caperton, wrote to college system Chancellor Clifford Trump describing a "reign of terror" by Simmons.

Lawyers for Simmons say did nothing wrong.

"Certain individuals that make up the core of the central West Virginia power base are now calling me on a regular basis and urging the termination of all Simmons' employment as president," Reale wrote to Trump.

"They do so not for political reasons, but because of their understanding of the effects of the lack of leadership and poor performance management" at

Glenville State, the letter said.

It was unclear which individuals Reale was referring to.

His letter also said Simmons threatened Glenville's new football coach and warned him not to attend a party hosted by Reale.

Two lawsuits are pending against Simmons and the state college system in Kanawha County Circuit Court. They were filed by professors who contend they were stripped/denied jobs because they criticized Simmons.

Among Simmons' decisions that faculty opposed was the sale of 733 acres of forest owned by the school to a mining company. The land had been donated to the college in 1976 as a teaching lab.

Professors also protested when another section of land used for forestry studies was cleared so a nearby country club could store golf carts on it.

Mind Candy: One-acts a real treat

By Terry L. Estep,
Staff Reporter

The Stage Directing class provided a night of entertainment with *Mind Candy*, and group of four student-directed one-act plays presented November 19-20 at Glenville State College.

Sporting fine performances from some of GSC's finest acting talent, the four plays were the culmination of a semester of effort.

The first play, Christopher Durang's *Identity Crisis*, weighed in as the most confusing play of the evening. Despite Chris Hopkins' directing, the play's premise—that of a young girl (Kerri Vanhorn) who believes she is sane despite the constant reality changes around her—took time to accept, and by then the play was over.

Jen Smith directed *Well Done Poets*, a play by Nena Beber. Featuring superb drunken performances by Gloria Langford and Heather Bland (who seem perfectly natural in their inebriation) and

a straight-man act from Drexell, this story of two feminists who discuss Sylvia Plath over beer was the comedic highpoint for this reviewer. The set design was equally impressive, suggesting a dark punk bar in the middle of nowhere.

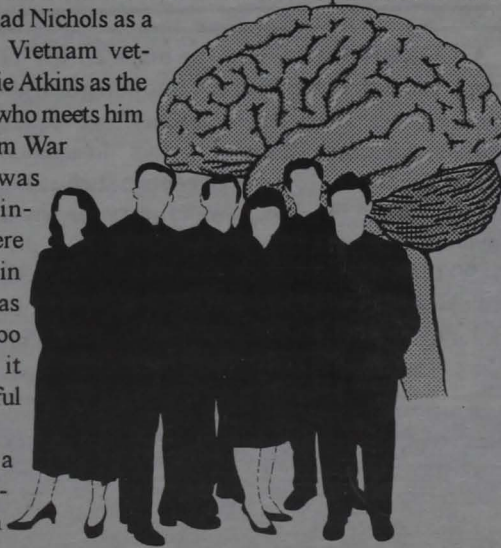
The only drama of the night came from Cris Gravely's directorial debut, Larry Cadman's *Peace in Our Time*. This play brought tears to the eyes of many an audience member. The casting coup—Chad Nichols as a discouraged Vietnam veteran and Jamie Atkins as the draft dodger who meets him at the Vietnam War Memorial—was absolutely inspired. If there was a flaw in the play, it was that it was too short; still, it was a powerful play.

Lisa Belknap concluded with two comedic

moments from *The Kathy and Mo Show*. This play elicited many laughs from the audience with its amusing pokes at feminists. Actresses Amy Jo Rowan-Smith and Dawn Lilly work well together, as do Mary Grace Batson and Kelly Ash.

Future performances can only hope to reach this level of fun. The plays reflected well on the talents involved.

If you missed it, you were cheated of prime entertainment.



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Kids should read more.

A school board in Jackson County pulled 17 books from the library shelves a few weeks ago, creating a sweet little controversy that will rage for a few more weeks. Citing the "best interests" of the kids and bowing to the complaints of one parent, the board pulled books by Tom Clancy, John Grisham, and others. The board has agreed to review the books...but they have outright banned Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* because of descriptions of rape, molestation, and lesbianism.

If high school kids are reading *The Color Purple*, that is a positive step. Kids do not read enough these days. At the risk of sounding like a small-minded liberal who refuses to take "community standards" into account, I want to point out that libraries are designed to house knowledge for public consumption. Sometimes that knowledge is offensive to some people, but that doesn't change the fact that it should be placed where everyone can access it.

The Color Purple opens with the rape of the narrator by her father, but that is not the plot of the novel, nor its theme. To reduce the entire book to that one incident in the eyes of potential readers is a slap in the face to intelligent people everywhere.

What is the great danger the school board is trying to prevent? Jean Rectenwald, the parent who made the initial complaint, cannot be allowed to thwart the purpose of a library by limiting the consumption of knowledge by others. Perhaps she should consider home schooling her children.

Ripley High School senior Kim Nies spoke at a school board meeting, saying "a book's purpose cannot be achieved if euphemisms are used in place of coarse words for the sake of appeasing society."

Censorship is never pretty. If *The Color Purple* is threatening to polite cafe society, then God help us all.

The Mercury's staff would like to apologize for the lateness of the paper, but our office's being a crime scene created a delay.

A CORRECTION is to be made on the 11-18 article "Changes in teacher certification". The paragraph about the Fine Arts and Physical Education no longer being required prerequisite classes was incorrect; it should read: "In addition to the Fine Arts and P.E. classes, 18 hours of courses such as English, math, or biology will be required." We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

NOTICE: students entering the education division is required to attend a meeting on Dec. 9th, 4 p.m. at the Robert F. Kidd library in the Media Center. For further information contact Mrs. Reynolds at Ext. 119 in the education division.

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Mercury could alienate students...

By Cris Gravely
Staff Columnist

As a member of the Mercury staff I am very happy that the paper is now a member of the Associated Press. However, the fact that the Mercury can now report on happenings around the world and nationwide does not mean that the responsibility of the paper to the students, faculty, and staff of Glenville State College is now null and void. Terry Estep claimed that "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." I, as a stu-

dent, happen to disagree with that.

The staff of the student newspaper of Glenville State College has a responsibility to campus events first. Admittedly, not everything can or will be put into the paper, but organization news, reviews of the aesthetic (theatre, art, and music), and campus information should have a certain priority in the Mercury.

Now, a new paper, the Millennium, has taken that priority. It seems the Millennium is not competing against the Mercury, but slowly becoming its replacement. If the Millennium can make good on its promise to rep-

resent the students, faculty, and staff of GSC, more power to them; however, it will be a shame to see the Mercury dying out as a student voice on campus.

Report about the world at large, but don't forget that I am still a student at Glenville State College, and what happens here on campus, in general, affects me more than anything happening elsewhere. Anything short of nuclear war should take a back seat to student, faculty, and staff concerns in the Mercury. If there is too much information for the paper, expand it, but don't forget your commitment to your readers.

Mercury advocates irresponsible sex...

Dear Editor,

I was indeed saddened to read your advocacy of irresponsible sex in the November 11 editorial ("...Glenville is not likely to...allow students to visit the opposite sex 24 hours a day").

Those of us who have been around for a few generations have woefully witnessed the moral carnage, the broken hearts and lives that such a philosophy of life brings.

Women and men (Please don't denigrate the word by calling them "lovers"!) who so easily sacrifice virginity before marriage train themselves and

their partners in the art of infidelity later within marriage with all the tragedies that result.

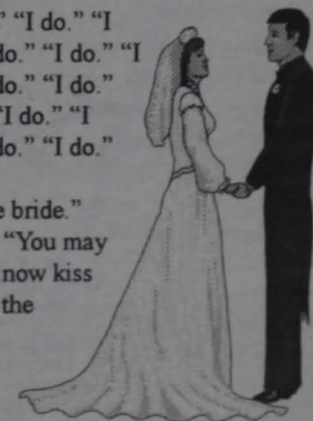
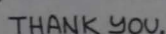
If two people can rationalize sexual intercourse with one another outside marriage, against the commonly accepted code of most religions and civil society, on the grounds that they "love each other," no vows pronounced before a priest, minister or magistrate in 10 minutes are likely to eliminate similar rationalizations for adultery after marriage.

When I come across such suggested approaches to human relationships I rejoice heartily in my Catholic faith. Based on the

teachings of Jesus, we see men and women as individuals called to responsibility - to God, to each other, and to human society. Good practicing Catholics would therefore never cheapen a love relationship with premarital promiscuity.

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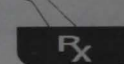
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