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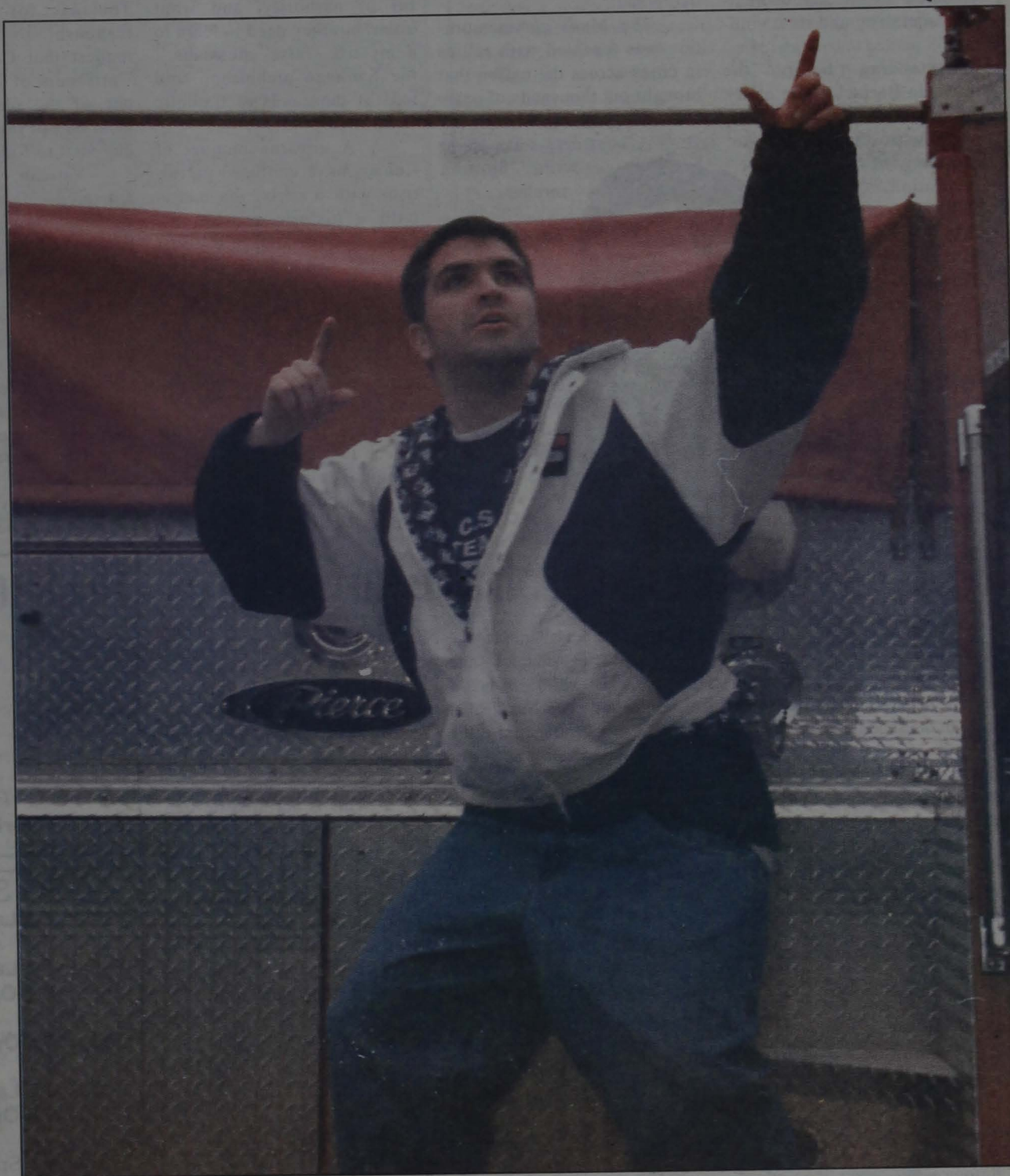
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Changes all around

Cuba praises the fruits of Pope's visit

By Anita Snow,
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA (AP) -- Days after Pope John Paul II urged greater freedoms for Cubans, the country's No. 2 Communist said Cuba remained steadfastly dedicated to socialism and its revolution.

Standing before the Moncada Barracks, site of the 1953 attack led by his brother Fidel Castro that marked the beginning of the Cuban Revolution, Raul Castro announced plans Wednesday to build a monument to heroes of the uprising and the wars of independence.

"This is a fighting people," the defense minister said in a live televised speech on the 145th anniversary

of the birth of independence hero Jose Marti. "Santiago continues to be Santiago: cradle of the revolution."

"Socialism or death! Patriotism or death!" the crowd chanted. "We will overcome!"

The Marti commemoration was repeated with rallies in cities across the nation that brought out thousands of party faithful marching through the streets at night with burning torches.

The short speech by the No. 2 man in the Communist Party appeared to be a government move to reaffirm its dominance in the city

where a speech last Saturday by Roman Catholic Archbishop Pedro Meurice Estiu during a Mass by the pope infuriated government officials.

"Our people are respectful of authority, and want order, but they need to learn to demystify false messiahs," the Santiago archbishop told tens of thousands of Catholic faithful.

"A growing number of Cubans have confused patriotism with a party, the nation with a historic process we have lived through in the past decades, and culture with an ideology," he said.

Later during the Mass, John Paul called for respect for three freedoms--of expression, initiative and association.

But it was Meurice's speech that drew the wrath of communist officials.

National Assembly president Ricardo Alarcon on

Tuesday said Meurice's speech "recalled a lamentable era at the beginning of the revolution when some clerics had an unpatriotic attitude."

Meanwhile, church officials were still waiting Thursday for a government response to John Paul's request that Cuba release its "prisoners of conscience" in one of the bluntest political messages of the pontiff's five-day visit to Cuba.

Vatican officials also appealed last week for clemency on behalf of several hundred Cuban prisoners, both political detainees and common criminals.

Alarcon suggested there could be sentence reductions or early releases on humanitarian grounds for aged or ill prisoners convicted of common crimes or other offenses.

He characterized the pope's request as an "appeal for clemency by the pope similar to those he has made in

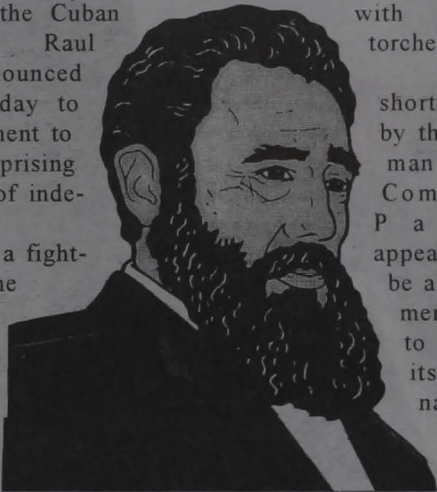
many places" on his foreign travels.

Michael E. Ranneberger, head of the Cuban Affairs Office for the U.S. State Department, told Associated Press in an interview Wednesday in Havana that he hoped -- as the pope requested -- that any inmates released would be allowed to stay in the country.

Fidel Castro's government has honored requests to release prisoners, but he always insisted that they immediately leave the country.

"The question whether they will be allowed to return to Cuban society," Ranneberger said. "If that happens, that will be a considerable change, not just window dressing."

Many Cuban prisoners this week were being allowed family visits, as an apparent concession to the pontiff, both Cuban and American officials here said.



Professor receives hate messages

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - A Washington State University professor received hate messages after he discussed his Jewish heritage in the school newspaper.

Steven Kale, an associate professor of history, found a swastika stuck in an envelope propped against his office door.

Kale and other members of the history department have also received e-mail messages from a person who challenges facts about the Holocaust. That person operates a Web site called the "Student Revisionists' Resource Site."

"There were no gas chambers and no attempt by the Germans to exterminate Jewry, expulsion being very different from extermination," an essay on the site said.

The "Student Revisionists' Resource Site" says it is edited and maintained by Lawrence Pauling, an apparent pseudonym for a WSU student.

A swastika was also posted

at WSU's Wilson Hall, directed at gays, interracial couples and Hispanics. The word "Adios!" was written on a neo-Nazi leaflet posted at the entrance to the Chicano-Latino Student Center.

Authorities don't know who is responsible for the postings.

In December, Kale was interviewed by a Daily Evergreen reporter about the Web site and the e-mail.

"After the interview, I informed the reporter that I was Jewish in order to drive home the point that these e-mailings were not simply a matter of free speech but constituted the presence of anti-Semitism in the community directed at a specific individual who was Jewish and therefore had reason to feel threatened," Kale said.

The story ran on Dec. 5. The swastika was placed on Kale's office door later that day.

School policies governing use of the university computer

system are under review by the Faculty Affairs Committee.

John Crane, chairman of the committee, said the new policy will provide for greater accountability of computer users.

"This is not to stifle free speech," Crane said.

Bill Wassmuth, executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, spoke Monday night at a forum kicking off a series of activities to fight discrimination and hate crimes.

The series is sponsored by an alliance of people from WSU, the University of Idaho and the cities of Pullman and Moscow, Idaho.

"Silence in the face of prejudice and bigotry is interpreted as approval," he said.

Community vigils in Pullman and Moscow were held last month to protest the messages.

The Career Services Corner

Operation Native Talent
Marshall University
Wednesday, February 25

Tutors Needed
Minimum GPA 2.0
Former tutors need to reapply
Workstudy, some workshop available.

GSC Swimming Pool Schedule

Feb 2: 4-5 Lap Swimming

Feb 3: 4-5 Lap Swimming
6-8 Open Swimming

Feb 4: 4-5 Open Swimming

Feb 5: 4-5 Lap Swimming
6-8 Open Swimming

Feb 9: 4-5 Special Olympic
Swimming



PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Old printing press kept going, and going, and going...

By David Sharp,
Associated Press Writer
CLARKSBURG, W.Va.

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP) -- The Clarksburg Publishing Co. got a deal on a used newspaper press back in 1928. Little did company officials know what a deal it could turn out to be.

The press outlived expectations, and many newspaper readers, over a career that spanned more than eight decades before it finally fell victim to modernization Tuesday.

When it was installed 90 years ago, it was already about midway through a typical press life span at age 13.

"That machine, we certainly got our money's worth," said Terry Horne, publisher of the Clarksburg Exponent and Telegram. "It performed admirably, and it's really a credit to the pressmen."

The press that printed the news in Clarksburg since Herbert Hoover was president has been described as the oldest in daily production in the United States. No one knows for sure, not even the Illinois-based company that built it back in 1915.

Worldwide, there was at least one older, a 1906 Foster Press seeing at a newspaper in Auckland, New Zealand, said Tom O'Rourke, spokesman for Goss Graphic Systems Inc. outside Chicago.

In Clarksburg, the Goss Straightline made its last run Tuesday when it printed 19,200 copies of the Clarksburg Telegram, the afternoon newspaper. The company switched to a brand-new press for today's morning editions of the Clarksburg Exponent.

Cecil Highland Jr., president of The Clarksburg Publishing Co., acknowledged it was a historic moment but said he expected

no tears to be shed over the demise of the press.

"I don't think the people who worked on it regarded it as a classic that deserved to be maintained forever. It was hard work," he said.

The final press run was a low key.

In fact, Horne was disappointed to miss the event. He was visiting family in Oklahoma when a last-minute decision was made to bring the new printing press on line after a 3-inch cylinder broke on the old press, disabling its color capability.

Rather than face another costly repair, newspaper officials decided Tuesday afternoon would be its last run.

The press started Tuesday with a whirring noise. Then the oil-soaked machinery began chugging and the back-and-forth vibrators started spreading ink. Soon the paper began inching its way through the mass of steel, iron and brass stacked four units high.

At full tilt, the clattering was so loud even shouts were muffled, which explains why press workers must have their hearing checked twice a year.

"Most pressmen today rely on technology. These pressmen rely on their skills, their craftsmanship," Andrew Kniceley, the newspapers' assistant publisher, shouted over the din as the newspapers came hot off the press.

The letterpress machine was state-of-the-art when it was made by Goss, then known as The Goss Printing Press Co.

Despite its age, it has been surprisingly reliable, said Joe Elam, production manager and assistant vice president.

Pressmen used skill,

determination and ingenuity to keep the gears turning on a machine for which there were no spare parts. When a part broke, it had to be crafted from scratch at a machine shop.

"In all the years I've been here we've never missed an edition because of mechanical failure," said Elam, who has 16 years under his belt at the company.

The press could manage a respectable 15,000 copies an hour but could not print full color.

The Clarksburg Publishing Co. built a production plant on adjacent property that houses its new eight-unit Goss Urbanite, which can print up to 55,000 copies an hour in full color. There is room to expand the press and to install a second press if needed.

Goss has inquired to see if anyone is interested in the old press. It would be expensive to dismantle, remove and reassemble, Horne said. He said the newspaper is toying with the idea of using it as the centerpiece for a mini-museum.

But Horne acknowledged the retired machine could go the way of most old presses: getting sold for scrap metal.

The press sat silent after its final run with oil pooling up underneath as pressmen reminisced.

Will they miss having to oil every moving part on the contraption before running it twice a day? Will they miss having to scramble to fabricate parts when something breaks? Will they miss the noise, the mess, the manual adjustments?

Earl Junkins, who worked in the press room 29 years, didn't hesitate: "I'm going to miss everything."

Disabled couple fed cat food and kept in unheated room

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) -- A mentally disabled couple was kept alive on cat food in a locked, unheated room, police said.

Dale Allman, 29, and Renee Allman, 24, of Charleston have been charged with intentionally abusing and neglecting a mentally disabled woman and for beating her husband, Lt. Jerry Pauley said Tuesday.

Police were alerted of the abuse after James Null, 55, was taken to Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston with cuts and bruises. Null told authorities he had been beaten with a belt.

Null is being treated for the wounds, hypothermia and malnutrition.

Pauley said the couple's regular diet consisted of cat food that was sometimes mixed with other foods.

The Allmans told police Null and his wife, Marietta, were kept in an unheated room with only a metal bucket to defecate in, a criminal report stated. They also admitted to putting locks on the food pantry to keep the Nulls out.

Marietta Null was removed from the house by the state Department of Health and Human Resources.

Police are investigating whether the Allmans also physically abused Marietta Null and if the mentally disabled couple's benefits checks were stolen from them.

Anonymous donation pays for new high school band uniforms

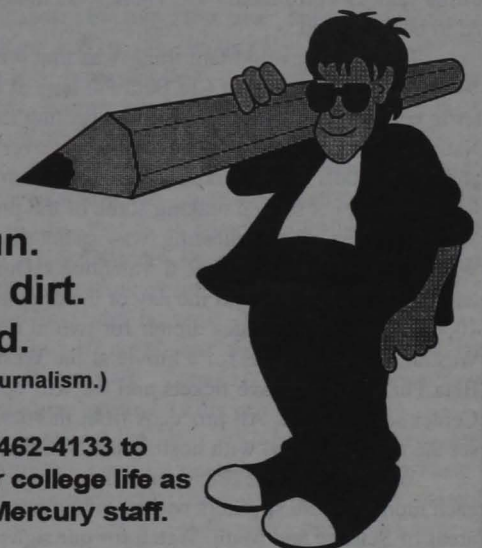
WAYNE, W.Va. (AP) -- Band students at Spring Valley High School will have new uniforms to go with their new school when it opens this fall thanks to a \$70,000 gift from an anonymous donor.

The Spring Valley Band Boosters Club had raised about \$13,000 since last fall, far short

of the amount needed, said club president Patsy Crisel. The school needs 200 uniforms at a cost of about \$350 each, Crisel said.

Spring Valley is a consolidation of Vinson, Buffalo and Ceredo-Kenova high schools. The new school opens this fall.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

Attention Campus Organizations

It's time to re-apply for financial aid for the 1998-99 school year. If any organization on campus would like to have a financial aid presentation, please contact Karen Lay, Financial Aid Administrator, at extension 103, to set up a time.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Glenville State College huddle of Fellowship of Christian athletes meets every Thursday at 12:15 in room 206 of the Physical Education Building. President: Bob Wible. Vice-president: Rashod Gillespie. Secretary: Sam Dowell. Program Coordinator: Dawn Nolan.

Delta Zeta News

Delta Zeta Sorority is now rushing members for the spring semester. We invite all persons of the female gender to come and be a part of our sisterhood. Meet new people, make new friends, see new places and have loads of fun along the way. Have questions about the sorority? Interesting in knowing what we do? Come to our rush party and all will be answered! We are having a Mexican rush party on Monday, February 2, in the Verona Maple Room at the Heflin Center. Come for the Mexican festivities and meet the sisters. We are also having a Hawaiian rush party on Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30 in the Verona Maple Room. Everyone's invited! Dress for the occasion! Sorry, guys...it's girls only.

TKE News

Are you interested in joining an organization where you can learn leadership skills and increase personal development? If so, Tau Kappa Epsilon is for you. TKE is interested in strong individuals with high GPA's who are not afraid to stand above the rest of society. If you believe you have what it takes to become a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, then RUSH!

TKE can give you an elite group of outstanding friends that will help you grow into a mature leader. The friends you make in TKE will be your friends for life.

Also, joining this organization will give you valuable contacts which can help in the future, when you are out in the work force.

The time is now, so RUSH TKE!

If interested, please consult any member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, or J. L. Lewis, the Rush Chairman.

Colors of Pride News

Colors of Pride will have a meeting on Thursday at 12:30 in the Speech Room of the Fine Arts Building.

Chi Beta Phi News

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Chi Beta Phi had their first meeting of the semester on January 13. There were many things which needed to be discussed.

The foremost important thing was that we will be hosting the 1998 National Meeting of Chi Beta Phi here at Glenville. Our chapter is very honored and excited to be hosting this meeting. The last National Meeting hosted by Glenville was over 25 years ago. There are many details to be worked on and the group thought they should go ahead and get started making some of the preparations.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing fundraising. We've decided to reaffle off a Valentine's Dinner and Movie. We will be selling tickets until the day of the drawing which is February 10. This package includes dinner for two at the Western Sizzlin in Weston and two tickets for a movie at the Weston Cinema. All Chi Beta Phi members have tickets and we will be set up in the Heflin Center selling these. All proceeds from the ticket sell will help offset the costs involved with hosting the National Meeting.

We will continue to have speakers in every fourth Tuesday of each month. These speakers will be giving presentations of different areas of Science and Math. Watch for our signs of these educational presentations.

Survey students receive \$500



(l-r): Thomas Summers, Beth Kennedy, and Bobby Delansky received \$500 scholarships.

Last fall, \$500 scholarships were given to the three students in the Land Surveying program shown above.

The scholarships were given by the Ladies Auxillary of the West Virginia Association of Land Surveyors. The ladies had several fund-raising projects and part of the money was from professional development seminars which were held at Glenville State College. Congratulations to the recipients and many thanks to the Auxillary.

Chi Beta Phi Honors World AIDS Day

By Kelly M. Woods,
Staff Reporter

Did you know there is a world-wide AIDS day? Where you aware of its passing for 1997? Rather quietly, it came and went on December 1. However, Glenville State College's Alpha Iota Chapter of Chi Beta Phi knew it was approaching and decided to honor those who are afflicted with HIV and AIDS with a presentation.

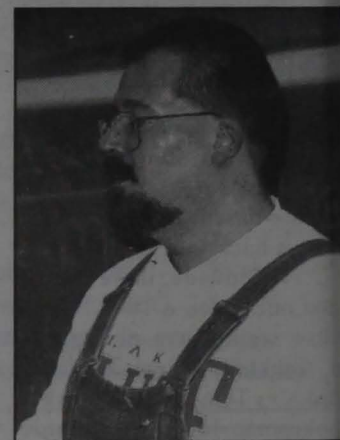
Mr. Chuck Anziulewicz, of the WV Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Div. of Public Health and the AIDS/STD Program, presented a program on December 4 in Room 207 of the Science Hall. He spoke on the clinical and microbiological aspects of the HIV/AIDS disease.

Anziulewicz gave the statistics about HIV and AIDS in West Virginia. He discussed how a person goes through the transformation from being HIV-positive

to being fully infected with AIDS.

He also talked about some of the symptoms that people with HIV or AIDS have, and the many opportunistic infections that can attack a person's body. His discussion also focused on the drugs available today for those who are infected with the virus, including the drug "cocktail." He was quick to point out that not everyone who is HIV-positive takes any of the drugs.

In addition to his lecture, Anziulewicz showed an educational video which featured many people who were HIV-positive. They described who they were, how they became infected, how they were coping with life since becoming infected, and what they were doing for themselves to prolong their lifespan. Anziulewicz took the time to answer many questions that the student in attendance posed to



Chuck Anziulewicz
(photo by B. J. Woods)

him. Chi Beta Phi was very pleased he had the opportunity to come and speak. Since this is the second year in a row Anziulewicz has come to GSC, Chi Beta Phi felt honored to have him on our campus and discuss for the students this disease of the century.

Financial Aid Info available on the World Wide Web

Financial aid information is abundantly available on the internet. Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) over the internet at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> and only mail in a signature page. Other useful starting points are <http://finaid.org> and <http://www.ed.gov>.

Foreign language program returning to GSC campus

Ideally, we will find someone who can teach both Spanish and French." --Palm

Under a plan proposed by Dr. Ed Palm, chairman of GSC's Language Division, foreign language courses will again be offered on campus beginning next fall.

In recent years, budgetary restrictions have prevented the Language Division from hiring faculty for the exclusive purpose of teaching foreign languages. That situation has not changed, but Palm has come up with at least an interim solution: hire a Ph.D. in comparative literature who can teach both English and foreign languages. The opportunity to do so will occur at the end of this academic year, with the retirement of Professor Barbara Tedford, who has taught at GSC for 22 years.

Palm wonders why this expedient before has not been considered before. "People in comparative literature programs typically must master one foreign language and demonstrate competency in a second, as well as

become familiar with English Literary history," Palm points out. At the end of this month, he and Dr. Josh Bellin, visiting assistant professor of English, will travel to the Modern Language Association (MLA) convention in Toronto, Canada, to interview a number of candidates for the job.

"The MLA convention is the main recruiting venue for colleges seeking highly qualified English and other language faculty," Palm stated. "We will be looking for a person who can emphasize Spanish, because Spanish is one of the most important languages in America today. Ideally, we will find someone who can teach both Spanish and French." The best-qualified applicants will be invited to GSC for follow-on interviews, and a hiring decision will be made by March or April.

According to Palm, completion of foreign language classes will not be required initially

for graduation, but will be highly recommended for students majoring in a variety of disciplines-including English, English Education, Marketing, Business, and Business Education. It is envisioned that students in all majors will be able to use foreign language courses as elective, regardless of their field of study.

Some faculty believe that proficiency in a foreign language should be a requirement for all students who earn a degree from Glenville State College. Robert Burkowski, assistant professor of education, says, "I think GSC definitely needs non-English language classes, and that they should become a requirement for graduation." Palm agrees that foreign languages should be made a core requirement in the General Studies curriculum. "But, first things first," He says.

Alumni interested in more information about the teaching of foreign languages at GSC may contact Dr. Palm.

Jack Woodyard scholarship established

"It is fitting that we commemorate his many years of service, while at the same time preserving GSC's rich athletic history."

--Steve Harold.

A scholarship fund to honor the memory of the late Jack Woodyard was recently established with the Glenville State College Foundation, Inc.

Pioneer Athletic Club member Philip A. Reale requested that the GSC Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors name the Academic Athletic Excellence Scholarship Fund in honor of Jack Woodyard and in return the West Virginia Foundation for Education's Future, for which he serves as chairman, would make a contribution equal to the amount existing in the fund.

The Foundation board has approved the proposal and

future scholarship recipients must not only excel academically and athletically, but be willing to devote time spent to some aspect of community service in the area of central West Virginia GSC serves.

With Reale's gift, the endowed scholarship fund presently has approximately \$25,000 in its account and Reale and others hope to double that amount in the near future.

"Jack Woodyard left a legacy of community service devoting countless hours to GSC and a long list of civic organizations. As GSC's all-time number-one fan, I know that Jack would be proud that

student athletes will be assisted by a scholarship bearing his name," said Reale.

In 1997, Athletic Director Steve Harold and Pioneer Athletic Club members approved to rename the End Zone Room at Pioneer Stadium the Jack Woodyard Room. According to Harold, the honor is well-deserved.

"It is fitting that we commemorate his many years of service, while at the same time preserving GSC's rich athletic history," said Harold.

Both Harold and Reale encourage Jack's friends, colleagues and fellow members of the organizations he served to support the fund.

Accident claims life of GSC student

Story from wire reports

An accident Wednesday afternoon claimed a 22-year-old GSC student, Shannon Collins, of Calhoun County.

The accident occurred in downtown Glenville when Collins stepped from her car into traffic and was accidentally struck by a car. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigating officers were Trooper Jeff Skidmore and Deputy Gary Rose.

Collins was a senior at Glenville State, majoring in Education K-8.



Shannon Collins, 22. Photo submitted.

Her surviving parents are Patricia and Michael Collins. Arrangements of the funeral is handled by Stump Funeral Home in Grantsville, WV.

Man gets life in prison for killing girlfriend over biscuits

RIPLEY, W.Va. (AP) -- A Jackson County man has been sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing his live-in girlfriend in an argument over biscuits she was cooking.

Marlin McClain, 31, of

Cottageville shot Ruth Hall Luckeydoo, 27, with a rifle last May as her two children looked on. McClain then called police from a neighbor's house, court records showed.

He was sentenced last Monday.

Former student wins \$1,625 in racial suit

SEATTLE (AP) -- A former college student who said she was damaged by the use of a racial slur in a test question has been awarded \$1,625 by a federal jury.

Cheryl Gray, of Lynnwood, originally asked for \$25 million in her lawsuit against Everett Community College and now-retired philosophy professor David Houghtaling, claiming she suffered embarrassment, humiliation and extreme anxiety as a result of the slur. She later lowered the demand to \$3 million.

On Monday, a U.S. District Court jury rejected eight of nine claims brought by Gray, who is black, after listening to 3 1/2 days of testimony in Seattle last week.

While agreeing the professor caused Gray's emotional distress, the jury rejected claims involving civil rights, outrage and discrimination.

The jury also found the col-

lege was not negligent in supervising Houghtaling, the author of the 1995 essay test.

In the test, Houghtaling linked Gray's name to a racial epithet in a fictional scenario involving a racist character. The same test was later administered to another class.

In court papers, assistant attorney general Janice Ellis said Houghtaling used Gray's nickname, Chere, because he knew her and he thought the name was appropriate for his character. But the character's attributes were fictitious, Ellis said.

Houghtaling used a racial and gender-biased phrase as a teaching tool about racism's evils, Ellis said.

College president Susan Carroll said she will discuss the issue with the school's teaching staff, adding that the teachers were already aware of the furor.

GSC Professor publishes grammar book

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

It took almost three years for it to happen, but after a mountain of paper work, a lot of calls, and much excitement, Professor Yvonne King sits back in her office chair holding her new grammar book *Grammatically Speaking*. She helped write the book with long-time friend Mrs. Olga T. Pashkevich of Wood County.

"We just saw a need for it," stated King. "We kept the idea alive for years and then pursued it."

Grammatically Speaking is, as King replies, simply and effective, going through all the uses and rules of grammar that can be used in school or as a reference book.

"We wanted the book to be simple and basic," she replied. Essentially, she tells, the book was written for all age groups, at any level. "Many grammar books get too involved," she suggested.

"We wanted the book to be simple and basic... Many grammar books get too involved."

--Yvonne King

"We believe we covered everything in a simple format. It's for anyone, really, and it can serve as a good desk reference book."

Grammatically Speaking is privately published by McClain Printing Co., in Parsons and is now carried by Waldenbooks stores.

Co-author, Mrs. Olga T. Pashkevich holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Glenville State College, where she served as secretary of the Student Council Body and was president of Future Teachers of America and the business organization, Alpha Delta Epsilon. Pashkevich has done graduate work at WV University.



Yvonne King and her book, "Grammatically speaking." (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Until her retirement in 1988, Pashkevich taught at a local business college and in the public school system of Wood County, on both junior high and elementary levels for 26 years. She also received recognition as Wood County Teacher of the

Year in 1979. She is a member of the National Education Association.

Yvonne King has been an English, Journalism, and Speech teacher for 40 years. A graduate of GSC, she has advised the yearbook and weekly newspaper staffs, as

well teaching advanced grammar and journalism classes. A Wood County Fellow, King received her Master's Degree in the Science of Journalism from WV in 1963 and has done additional graduate work there. A former college debate drama director, and actress, King is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and Delta Kappa Gamma, teacher's honor societies. She holds memberships in the National Council of Teachers of English and the Council of English Teachers.

Consortium discusses tech

By Amy Smith,
Staff Reporter

On Dec. 12, 1997 a Central West Virginia community and Technical college District Consortium Meeting was held in the ballroom of the Heflin Center.

Dr. Lori Kepford, Criminal Justice Professor at GSC, spoke to the consortium on Instructional Technology and the advantages of its use.

In addition to her teaching assignment at GSC, Kepford belongs to Technical Assistant Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in the development of instructional technology and chairs the Instructional Onsite Committee at GSC. The committee began in 1997.

The Instructional Technology Oversight Committee conducted a survey of GSC fac-

ulty to determine their level of technology, if they need help with the technology, and if they were comfortable with the use of technology. She discussed with the consortium the need for developing instructional technology, giving examples of its application.

Within two weeks a Police Practice and Procedures course (text-based web course) will be available on the web. Approximately 20 GSC students will be taking the class for this trial run.

A general business meeting was conducted and updates were given on Tech Prep Issues, Guidance counselor Consortium, IPSI Software training and policies related to the Early Entrance Program.

Those in attendance were: Dr. Nolan Browning, Provost-

GSC Community College; Stacy McCallister, Tech-Prep Coordinator-GSC; Bob Bailey, Director GSC-Nicholas Center; Dr. Kenna Seal, Braxton County Superintendent; Reta Kight, Gilmer Co. Rotary; Marge Burke, self-employed-Gilmer; Jane Parmer, Braxton Co. Vocational Director; Judi Coffman, Calhoun curriculum Director; Ms. Jennifer Ruggiero, Careers Office-GSC; Kenny Davidson, Director-Fred Eberle Center; Dwight Riegel, United Mine Workers; John Gumm, First National Bank, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Lewis Co STW Coordinator; and Dr. Duke Talbott, GSC-Lewis Co. Center.

The next meeting will be held at the Glenville State College, Lewis County Center in the interactive video lab on March 12, 1998.

Mercury Poll Question

"Do you think that campus clubs and organizations are visible to students and faculty?"

Out of 65 people asked,
15% responded YES,
80% responded NO,
and 5% could not decide.

Comments:

Aaron Frame, senior

"I think there is an inaction within the administration that suppresses knowledge of certain groups."

Leslie Marshall, senior

"This is my fourth semester at GSC and other than the Student Voter's Coalition, which one of my friends is involved with, I have no idea what student organizations are on this campus."

Chad A. Nichols, junior

The clubs are accesable, but as far as the individual clubs, they are not promoting and doing as much as I would like."

Geography professor receives doctorate

By Lisa McCormick
Staff Reporter

As of December 1997 Todd Nesbitt, GSC's Assistant Professor of Geography, can now be addressed as Dr. Nesbitt.

Dr. Nesbitt achieved his new status after three years of hard work at WVU. He received his doctorate in the field of Geography with specializations in the areas of Economic Geography and Regional Development.

"This means that I can work at regional planning agencies like the federal government who'll hire geographers of this field for help in urban planning and rural development," Nesbitt explains. "And, of course, this also means that I can be an academic."

While Dr. Nesbitt was being interviewed about his new doctorate status, he discloses that the subject chosen for his dissertation is focused on the changing cultural practices and the human transformations of the physical environment of Pendleton and Randolph Counties. It also addresses contemporary development issues and tries to incorporate local people into the development process.

As a native of WV and a fourth generation resident of Randolph Co., the topic chosen was one that struck a personal chord with Nesbitt. And after two years of intensive geographic field work, workshops, and interviews conducted in Pendleton and Randolph an unpleasant discovery was made about the counties' economic development:

that West Virginians are still being dictated by other states' directives.

"There is an ongoing conflict between two different user groups: the local farmers who see the land as something to try to make a living off of and the urban tourists of Washington D.C. and Baltimore who come to Randolph and Pendleton to recreate; they see the land as something that needs to be preserved and undisturbed."

Nesbitt continues, "Because of certain policies that are in place, such as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the farmers aren't allowed to modify the land in ways that would be beneficial in helping with their production. For example, the stream's banks



Dr. Nesbitt (Sheila Ables, Mercury)

agenda," he comments. "Historically, developers in West Virginia have not considered nor valued the needs of the local population, and to a large degree this is still the case."

Since receiving his doctorate, Dr. Nesbitt has turned his attention to other important matters such as spending more time with his wife who coordinates all of the study aboard programs for

can't be shifted in any way nor can the trees be cut down from around the bank's sides."

"Overall, the Natural Resource Policies are driven by the urban's environmental

WVU students and international students. Academically, he endeavors to put out an article within the next year, as well as improving his teaching methods and skills.

Clark Hall's Simon joins Ph.D crowd

By Lisa McCormick,
Staff Reporter

Can the experience of receiving a doctorate be described as anything other than momentous; one Glenville State College professor found it anything but.

GSC's Assistant Professor of Special Education, Debra Simon, in the December of 1997 received her doctorate in the field of Higher Education Administrator, with a specialization in Special Education Administration.

She describes the overall experience as anti-climatic: "When my doctorate committee asked me to come back into the room, they said 'Congratulations Dr. Simon!' I just thought 'Oh, that's it?' You'd think that after all that time and work put into it there would be fireworks or something."

The subject chosen for her dissertation can be summoned up

by the title: "Leadership Styles of Selected West Virginian Deans and Department Chairs on Faculty Job Satisfaction". It's about how certain styles of communication used by Deans affect their staff and faculty.

"I've found that the more of the Consideration Styles characterizing an immediate supervisor the higher the degree of self-reported job satisfaction by faculty," Simon explains. "Basically, my population was pulled from four-year public institutions of higher education in West Virginia."

"Most of my research was survey based," she continues. "Another interesting thing I discovered while reviewing my surveys is that out of 165 Deans in

"You'd think that after all that time and work put into it there would be fireworks or something."

--Debra Simon

West Virginia, 135 of them were male."

With caring for a husband and two young-adult sons, Dr. Simon has found that

working for her doctorate was a juggling act, but not one without rewards. "As a reward for finishing my doctorate, my husband's family will be sending us to Paris during Spring Break, and I can't wait!"

As well as working here at GSC for five years, Dr. Simon is also a 17-year veteran of public school systems and has made some interesting conclusions about higher education: "Working here for the past five years has made me more theory based; for example, when instructing future teachers on students, I have a ten-



Dr. Debra Simon and Dr. Sharon Kraus, who was part of the doctorate committee. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

lency to make generalizations about students. I forget to take into consideration the diverse child."

"When you're away from the public school systems, you forget how bad it can be with kids as well as how good it can be," she declares.

"I don't miss the public school systems, but I do miss the kids. However, I feel like I make more of a difference by helping to create future teachers."

Simon was quick to add that the education division works like a team when instructing future teachers, and how each professor has had practical teaching experience in public schools which is utilized in class.

At the present time, Dr. Simon is working on a publication that's being co-authored by Dr. Paul Leary from Marshall University Graduate College for an administration education journal.

"The play's the thing..." as *William's Window* sets up for performances

By Terry L. Estep,
Staff Reporter

The bard is set to appear at the Glenville State College campus in the form of *William's Window*, a play by Marina Stockdale.

This Children's Theater production serves as an introduction to the plays of William Shakespeare. A group of small children on the playground read sections of the book, and their imaginations take control as actors perform scenes.

The three witches from *Macbeth*, Puck from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Falstaff, and even Romeo and Juliet perform before the curious children.

"I want to educate as well as entertain," states director Cris Gravely. "I didn't want to do a piece of fluff."

Directing *William's Window* is a step up in complex-

ity for the director, who directly a cast of two in last semester's one-act play, *Peace in Our Time*. *William's Window* has a cast of over twenty.

"[Directing a large production] is a whole different game. Much more planning and energy has gone into this play than went into the one-acts," he states. "A large cast is a challenge, but, with a play like *William's Window*, you can break it down into small groups, with the kid scenes rehearsing in one room and the Shakespeare scenes in another."

Besides a larger cast, the director must also concern himself with a much shorter production time. Where most productions get 4-6 weeks of rehearsal before the first performance, a delay in delivery of the scripts have cut *William's Window* to two weeks of preparation.

Gravely is not overly con-

cerned. "I have a really good cast," he says. "There's a good mix of new faces and old favorites."

One new face is freshman Roberta Brooks, who plays the part of *A Midsummer Night's Dream's* Helena in her first on-stage performance at GSC. "I thought the language would be easy, but it's not. I didn't think it would take as long to memorize my lines and get them precisely right, but it did. You can't ad-lib Shakespeare, because people will notice."

The shorter production time may hamper the attendance of school children this year. Most children's theater productions are seen by roughly 2,000 children. This year may only see 650. "We could lose money on this show," the director maintains, "but we'll do the show."

William's Window will be performed on February 10 and



William's Window director Cris Gravely
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

11 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The college's night-time performance for GSC students and the surrounding community will be

that Wednesday night.

"It's a good play," Gravely relates. "It teaches children not to lose their imagination."

Nicholas County Spotlight: Professor Jim Sizemore

By Kelly M. Woods,
Staff Reporter

Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at the Nicholas Co. Center, Jim Sizemore, is a graduate of Valley High School in Fayette county. He has three years of undergraduate studies in English and History from Centre College of Kentucky, then went on to earn his B.S. in Criminal Justice from West Virginia State college.

Sizemore has been in law enforcement for 14 years. A 1987 graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy Institute, he is currently employed as a Deputy with the Fayette county Sheriff's Dept. Part of his duties include being the department's training officer, Assistant Team Leader on the departmental Special Response Team and the

department's grant writer. He is law enforcement instructor, certified through the WV Governor's commission on Criminal Justice and Highway Safety to teach in 12 instructional areas. Mr. Sizemore has also taught at the WV State Police Academy.

Jim lives in Mt. Hope, with his wife Denise, to whom he has been married for two and a half years. He has one daughter and two stepdaughters. His hobbies include chess, reading, teaching, and especially competitive pistol shooting. Sizemore travels to surrounding states and local areas to shoot competitively, and consistently shoots in the expert class.

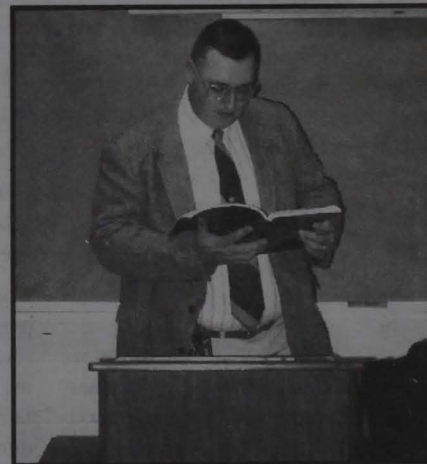
In addition to that, the teaches Firearm Safety classes for his department and for those members of the general public who are trying to

"These distance learning centers allow more people who can't go to a main campus access to education."

--Jim Sizemore

obtain their weapons permit. His personal hopes and plans for the future include: finishing his Masters and hopefully becoming Sheriff of Fayette County. Presently, he operates a law enforcement consulting and training business. He also has future plans to develop a law enforcement training center.

When asked about the future of education going into the 21st Century, especially at



Adjunct professor Jim Sizemore
(Kelly Woods, Mercury)

off campus learning sites, like the Nicholas Center, and his opinion of these centers, Sizemore stated, "I think they are great. These distance learning centers allow more people who can't go to a main campus access to education. For some, this is the only way

they can get advanced training. It makes the education process more easily available to everyone, especially those in the welfare work and retraining programs, who really want and need the education. I would also like to see more computer resource labs made available, and somewhere down the way, the availability of some post-graduate courses so people could work toward a Masters degree."

When asked what role he would like to have in education going into the next millennium, Sizemore commented, "I want to continue on the path I'm presently on. I want to finish my Masters and to teach a higher level of Criminal Justice classes. After I retire from law enforcement, I possibly would like to teach on a full-time basis."

Ask the Particle Man: Cloning Revisited

By Aaron Frame,
Staff Columnist

With the recent announcement by a Chicago scientist that he was planning to clone humans in the advancement of human fertility procedures, the issue of cloning humans has finally been brought to the forefront of social, political, and scientific discussion. Cloning is a topic that generates an intense opinion of varied type from almost anyone that it is brought to effect (which if you think about it includes everyone).

For your better understanding on what this Particleman is about, I offer this brief history of cloning and some of the craziness that has surrounded the subject:

02/97 - First clone of adult mammal is created. Worldwide ban of cloning humans is lifted by the Vatican.

03/97 - Federal funds for cloning banned by president. Funds are limited by the Chinese government. Malaysia illegalizes human cloning.

04/97 - The leaders of Australia and many join in the call with President Clinton to ban human cloning.

05/97 - Medical Associations support restraint on cloning research.

06/97 - Human cloning ban recommended by U. S. Bioethics panel. Panel outlaws human cloning. Islamic organizations support cloning ban.

07/97 - Roman Catholic scientists speak out against the rate at which governments are moving to implement cloning bans, saying that it is premature.

07/97 - Zoologist in China expresses interest in cloning Pandas.

10/97 - Human cloning ban is established upon by European Council.

Headless frog embryo is cloned and grown.

01/98 - Dr. Seed announces plans to clone humans in Chicago.

Particleman would like to now join with the more respected, and more educated, people of science in their commitment to the advancement of science. Like many who have come forth in defense of the knowledge of cloning, I feel it is important for the advancement of science to not be hindered by the ethical debate that seems to surround the subject of human cloning.

Many years ago when the knowledge that the human race possessed was somewhat less, certain religious and political factions of society wished to control the advancement of science through the persecution of those men who wished to change man's definition of reality. The attempts of these factions failed miserably with their only result being the persecution of the great minds of that era.

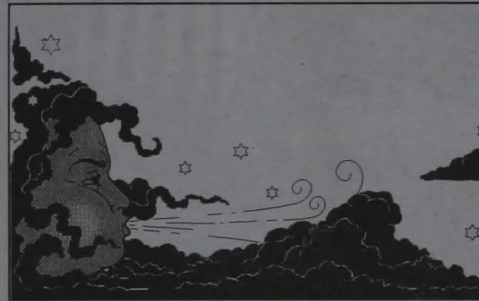
This should not be allowed to happen again. History is a lesson only if it is learned from. The grounding of the argument against human cloning in ethics is scientifically unacceptable.

The Vatican would like us all to believe that a clone would have no soul and would therefore be like an animal when compared to humans generated from the natural method in the hierarchy of life. Particleman would like for all to believe that for homo sapiens to be the only entities with souls is at best nothing more than a grandiose notion of our ego.

Please join Particleman in the support of your local cloner, and in the advancement of science. Because the advancement of science is directly proportional to the advancement of the quality of life, and in that arena, we all could use advancement.



El Nino Report



W i n t e r Outlook For The U.S. Scientists have concluded that correlations do exist between El Niño events and seasonal weather conditions.

These are typically evident in winter (though El Niños are believed to also be an inhibiting factor upon the number of tropical storms and hurricanes forming during the Atlantic hurricane season). Some correlations

between El Niño and winter weather patterns occur frequently, while others are more obscure.

After careful analysis of the current situation, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center (CPC) has some good ideas of what may be ahead for this winter. Keep in mind that since not every El Niño is the same, the absolute probability for even the regions of highest confidence may not

be much more than fifty percent.

The CPC expects a mild winter across much of the nation, especially from the northern Plains to the Great Lakes. A wet, perhaps turbulent, season is anticipated from California across the southern U.S. to the coastal Carolinas.

Relatively dry conditions are expected over the interior Pacific Northwest into Montana, and in the Ohio Valley and surrounding regions. Little snowfall is suggested over the Northeast and Midwest. However, heavy snow may blanket the mountains of the Southwest.

Oceans are making the Earth wobble

NEW YORK (AP) -- The oceans are pushing Earth around.

That's the conclusion of a study of what makes the Earth wobble a few yards as it spins on its axis.

Prior studies have blamed winds pushing on Earth's surface, and differences in air pressure on one side of mountains vs. the other side.

But most studies have also suggested something else is going on too, probably in the oceans.

The new work finds evidence that the same two processes cited in the atmosphere are happening

in the ocean too, with ocean currents and differences in water pressure contributing to the wobble.

The evidence emerged from a computer simulation of the oceans.

Rui Ponte of Atmospheric and Environmental Research Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., and scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge present their study in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The wobble has been going on "ever since the Earth was born," Ponte said.

House VII Art Show Winners

The staff and students of GSC's art department wish to announce the winners of the our tenth Annual Art Show. The winners were held in the Gallery on Monday, January 12.

The winners were chosen from a large group of student works that includes all the different medias that the students learn on campus. Represented were projects from some of the Art Education Department.

The show was judged by two members of the art community who gave out 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best of show awards and 10 honorable mentions.

The job of judging an art show of this type is a long and hard process because of the variety and style of the projects. The show

includes ceramics, paintings in oil and water color, drawings and prints of all kinds.

The judges were Dr. Gary Gillespie of Glenville State College's staff and Gary Coberly of GSC alumni.

The winners are as follows: First Place and Best of Show is Matt Basnett's painting, entitled, "Escape from Pain", Second Place in show is Michele Wellings' multi-media drawing, "untitled", and Third Place is Jolyon Powers's engraving entitled, "Glacier Rock".

The other winners of Honorable Mention are (in no particular order) Yuzuru Nagasawa, Tim Parker, Rudy Pascasio, Matt Basnett, Jolyon Powers, William Summers, Michele Wellings, Joe Kolosky, S. Harding, and Robin Burkowski.

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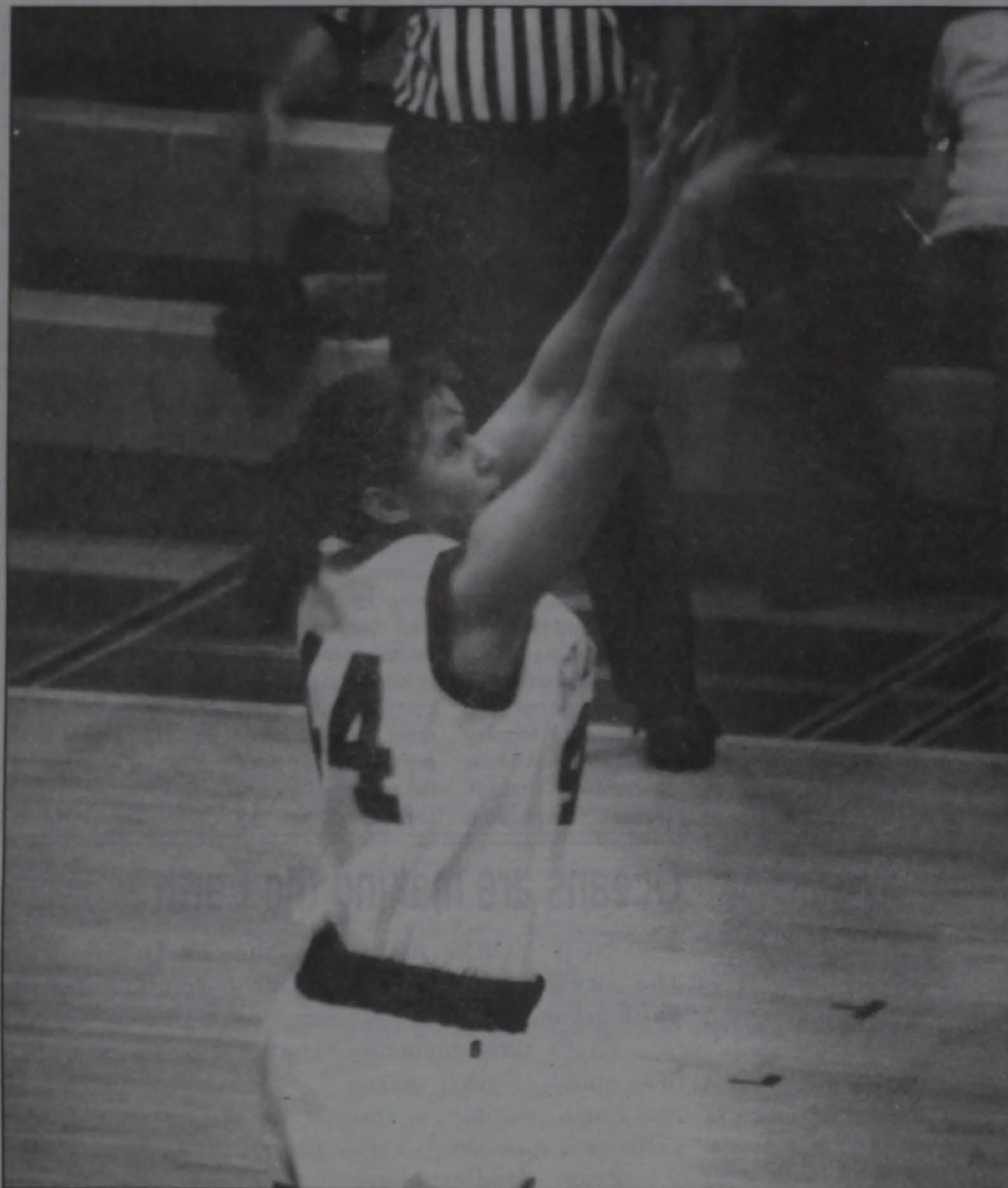
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Meanwhile, in another court...



The Lady Pioneers took on WVU/Tech
(Chuck Holcomb, Mercury)

WV Tech 98, GSC 8

GLENVILLE, W.Va. (AP) --Tim Floyd scored 21 points to lead West Virginia Tech to a 98-86 victory over Glenville State Wednesday night.

Tech (7-11, 5-6 West Virginia Conference) trailed Glenville 43-36 at the half. But Tech players shot 56 percent from the field while Glenville

shot only 42 percent.

Tony Stewart had 19 points for Tech. Jaime Riggs had 15. Tommy Orcutt added 15. Shane Newberry had 10.

Henry Hurst had 23 points to lead Glenville (6-13, 2-6 West Virginia Conference). Jason Shields had 19. Terry Burgher had 16. Floyd Burgher had 11 and Kevin Herod added 11.

Sports-writer Ray Herbat dies at 63

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) --Sportswriter Ray Herbat, who covered baseball and college athletics for The Salt Lake Tribune for 26 years, has died at 63.

Herbat died Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

Before joining The Tribune staff in 1964, Herbat worked at newspapers in his home state of Ohio.

Herbat was best known as a baseball writer. "The Sage," as he was known around the newsroom, toiled for 20 seasons

at Derks Field, covering the Lake Bees, Padres, Angels and Gulls.

After retiring in 1984, Herbat opened a baseball shop in Murray.

Herbat was born in Cleveland. He graduated from Pittsburg State College in Kansas.

He is survived by daughters Jayne Bronson and Montiel and sons Ray Jr. and Dain.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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The Mercury needs a sports writer who can attend the games, take a few pictures, and write a story. We can train you. Call us at 462-4133

AB's Sean Hampton scored 13 points

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. (AP) - Sean Hampton scored 13 points and was the lone Alderson-Broaddus player in double figures Wednesday as A-B downed West Virginia Wesleyan 72-55 Wednesday night.

Wesleyan shot a dismal 27.7 percent from the field to Alderson-Broaddus's 51 percent. Alderson-Broaddus led Wesleyan 33-13 at the half.

Cameron Mack was the only Wesleyan player in double figures. He scored 11 points.

Students attend health conference

Michelle Smith and Christie Lemley, both of Glenville State College, attended a pre-conference seminar on Promoting Health for School-Age Children held at Wheeling Jesuit University on November 12.

State-level initiatives regarding school health and technology were some of the many topics discussed during this meeting. Following the seminar, the two students accompanied Janet K. Bailey and Kay Chico to

the West Virginia Association of Health, Physical Education, and Dance Convention held at Ogleby Park in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Michelle and Christie represented the students on a panel discussion regarding sexual harassment in the workplace and in educational settings. The conference provided the students a chance to interact with State department leaders and network with health professionals throughout the state.

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2:45-3:45 Instructor Cheryl Stout
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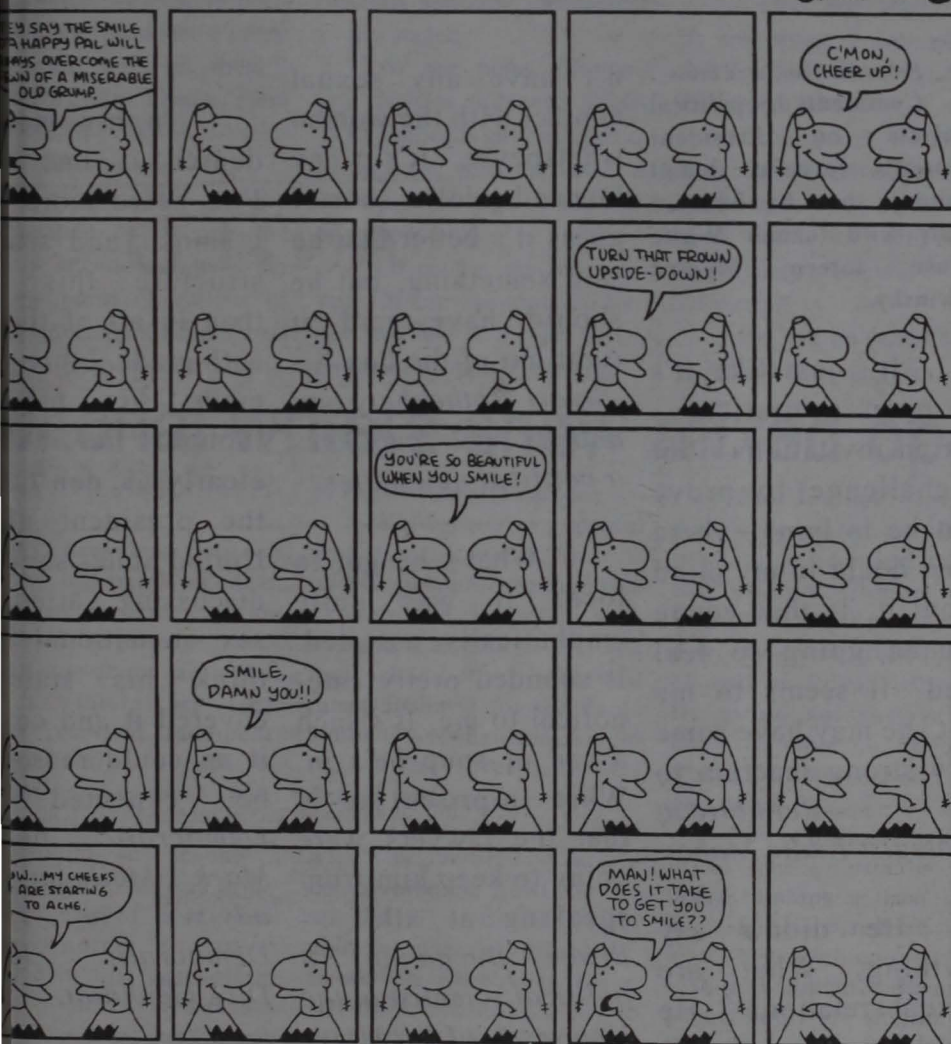


HATCH by Jeff Shesol



LIFE IN HELL

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Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Restlessness at work is a sign of emerging ideas. There is now a chance to expand your life. Fantasies and dreams are not useless; they are a source of inspiration.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- A new relationship is possible this week, or a reconciliation in an existing relationship is about to happen. Initial attraction is high and possibilities are endless.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Confusion and uncertainty are hallmarks this week. Don't give up; hold on to your faith and hope. All you can do is wait for something to happen or change.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Learn to value your body. It is a tool not only for preserving life, but also enriching it. Become strong-willed, self-sufficient, and sensual. Learn to indulge others and yourself.

Leo (July 23-August 22) -- Competition is fierce this week, especially in creative ventures. Develop your ideas and make them better. Follow your competitive instinct and ambition.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) -- Material goods can be a source of identity, but don't let them rule you. No loss means no loss, but also no gain; you may have to let go of something in order to begin again.

Libra (September 23-October 22) -- Balanced thought

and impartial decision-making are needed this week. However, there are some spheres of life where idealistic, chilly, impartial decisions can hurt rather than help.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) -- Right now you are secure and content with your place in life. This feeling will not last for a while because you feel as if you will leave a legacy. You will not be forgotten.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) -- Boredom and dissatisfaction in relationships marks this week. You may feel cheated in your relationship, but you may have cheated yourself by setting unreal expectations.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) -- Something must come to an end. How painful it is depends on your recognition of the necessity of endings. This can be an opportunity for a new life, if you let go of the old one.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) -- After a period of not being able to act, you have finally made that decision. After tensions are resolved and anxieties are overcome your imagination can flow unchecked.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) - You must give something up to gain something of greater value. It could be something material or personal, like an attitude of superiority. Do this in hope of a better life.

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It's good to be back

As the saying goes, special surprises come to those who wait. And to all the readers who waited so long, I'm glad to give you an overhauled Mercury. We have expanded this issue with a new Quark XPress system that allows us so much freedom unlike our conventional system before.

We also expanded other pages as well, with more emphasis on GSC news and features.

I hope you enjoy.

With the Mercury, expect two things to change. One is the amount of coverage of GSC activities, sports, news, and features on students and faculty. Second is the look of the paper. If you notice, the front picture will be in color with spot color on the inside. Impressed? Well, there's more. We are looking at a Monday for our release of the paper to make sure students, faculty, and the community have the Mercury at the beginning of the week so you won't miss a day of news coverage during the week.

At the Mercury office we are going to give you the news, as factual and accurate as

any professional newspaper. We are changing the way you read the paper, and we hope it works.

Because you, the students and faculty make this paper. We just make the paper look good!

Again, I hope you enjoy.



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Comments on Clinton's den

From the Associated Press
Comments by political analysts on President Clinton's forceful denial Monday that he had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"It's just like it's an open invitation -- not an invitation -- but a challenge to prove that he is lying. There is no doubt in my mind about it. Is that young woman going to feel used? It seems to me that she may have some very strong reaction to it." --Republican strategist Eddie Mahe

"He didn't say anything. What are 'sexual relations'? He could have said 'I did-

n't have any sexual contact with the woman whatsoever.' It's a day late and a dollar short. I guess it's better that he said something, but he should have said it right out of the box." --Stuart Rothenberg, an analyst who publishes a political newsletter.

"What's he got to lose? It was quite emphatically asserted. It sounded pretty categorical to me. It's such a can of soup he's in. What surprises me is that the lawyers were going to keep him from speaking at all." --Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas.

"In my mind, I've heard more grammar and sentence structure than in all of the high school English grade. I thought he made his point clearly. I don't think the president of the United States should be discussing varieties of sex on national television. I think his state covered it and covered it as could reasonably be expected." --Democratic political adviser Mark Mellman, adviser to H. Ross Perot. Dick Gephardt.

Sex allegations may weaken Clinton with GOP

By Tom Raum,
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) --

was the most important
tech of his political life.
But much of the ambi-
s agenda President Clinton
forth in his State of the
on address, originally
ended to give Democrats an
tion-year jump on
publicans, may be undercut
the sex allegations engulfing
presidency.

Despite Clinton's self-
red, policy-crammed, 72-
ute performance, he will
it hard to broker deals with
rity-party Republicans in
weakened state _ even if he
thers the accusations of
al misconduct and cover-

"While we listen respect-
to the president's ideas,
cannot wait on them,"
ate Majority Leader Trent
R-Miss., said in the tele-
d GOP response.

Clinton needed a solid
ormance to wrench the
on's attention away from
sensational allegations of
al adventures of the past
days. Scandal-weary mem-

bers of both parties seemed
more than eager to afford him
the opportunity.

"The president delivered
a very strong speech under dif-
ficult circumstances," said
Senate Minority Leader Tom
Daschle, D-S.D.

But Republicans said
afterward they still considered
Clinton's political clout to be
diminished.

While Clinton did not
mention the Monica Lewinsky
case, even indirectly, in the
nationally broadcast speech to
Congress and a TV audience of
millions, it hung darkly over his
presentation.

Republicans often
applauded grim-faced. And
some analysts suggested the
repeated Democratic standing
ovations appeared mechanical,
overly staged.

At one point, Clinton's
jaw muscles tightened briefly
as Republicans gave exaggerat-
ed applause when he said, "A
strong nation rests on the rock
of responsibility."

Of course, the real mes-
sage Clinton was trying to con-
vey was one of a chief execu-
tive on the job and in charge.

And on that level, the
speech succeeded as "one of
Clinton's better efforts," sug-
gested Wayne Fields, a profes-
sor at Washington University in
St. Louis who has written a
book on presidential addresses.

"It was important for
Clinton to show he was capable
of being president right now,"
Fields said. By contrast, he
added, Richard Nixon's 1974
State of the Union, when he
was burdened by months of
Watergate, was unfocused and
distracted.

Still, lawmakers and
strategists for both parties sug-
gested that the corrosive sex
allegations will make it harder
for the president to win passage
of many of the items he out-
lined

"He's not strengthened
by this thing, I can tell you
that," said Sen. Ernest F.
Hollings, D-S.C.

Clinton will need more
than ever to seek cooperation of
GOP leaders, and that could
spell trouble for many of the
initiatives popular with
Democrats.

He said he would submit
a balanced budget for 1999,

three years ahead of schedule,
and pledged to use any subse-
quent surpluses to "save Social
Security first."

Most Republicans want
to use surpluses for tax cuts and
to reduce the overall \$5.4 tril-
lion national debt.

The president also may
find himself undercut on win-
ning approval of tough tobacco-
settlement legislation. Instead,
legislation pushed by
Republicans--and more gener-
ous to tobacco companies--
might emerge.

Clinton is counting on a
tobacco deal for \$65 billion
over five years to pay for social
spending.

The president has called
for expansion of Medicare and
child care programs and major
spending increases for the
National Institutes of Health,
the National Science
Foundation and the National
Cancer Institute. And he called
for an increase in the minimum
wage above the current \$5.25.

Democratic pollster
Mark Mellman said the
speech enabled Clinton to
"speak in an unfiltered way"
to Americans. "It was a digni-

fied format that contrasted
with undignified allegations."

"For 40 years we've
measured the power of presi-
dents by their approval rat-
ings. And this president's
approval rating is between 55
and 60 percent even in the
white heat of these allega-
tions," Mellman said.

"If Republicans think
they can serve the interest of
big tobacco here because
Clinton is in trouble, they'll
find that in the end they have
to answer not to Bill Clinton
but to their constituents," he
added.

But Ed Goeas, a GOP
pollster, said Clinton's high
job approval ratings are offset
by low "favorability" and
"personal approval" ratings _
and that nothing in his State of
the Union speech will ease the
way for deals with the GOP
Congress.

"I think he approached
tonight as if he still had polit-
ical capital to spend. And he
doesn't," Goeas said.

Said Republican Sen.
John Warner of Virginia: "I
think we have to wait until all
the facts are out. ...Tonight is

Editorial writers show mixed opinions about allegations

BY THE ASSOCIATED
PRESS

As President Clinton
ared to visit Wisconsin,
state newspapers said
should be impeached if
ations about an affair
an intern are true.
rs reserved judgment,
g Clinton should be
imed innocent until
en guilty.

Clinton was scheduled
sit La Crosse this after-
as part of a Midwest
promoting initiatives
iled in his State of the
n address Tuesday
The trip is Clinton's
to Wisconsin since the

1996 presidential campaign.

Whitewater special
prosecutor Kenneth Starr is
investigating allegations that
Clinton had an affair with
Monica Lewinsky, 24, and
then asked her to lie about it
in an affidavit for the Paula
Jones sexual-harassment
case. The president has
denied the charges.

"If he had an affair
with (the then) 21-year-old
intern Monica Lewinsky as
alleged, his credibility as our
national leader is disabled,"
wrote The Sheboygan Press.
"If he ... encouraged her to
commit perjury, he should be
impeached."

The Journal Times in
Racine compared the allega-
tions to a fire, and said if
they are true, Clinton would
be burned. "If he committed
a felony to obstruct justice,
he will be forced to resign.
He would not survive that
fire; we have no doubt he
would be impeached," the
paper said.

The Chippewa Herald
urged the public to wait
before making a final judg-
ment. "It is essential, how-
ever, that the country not
rush to judgment," the news-
paper said. "It should nei-
ther automatically assume
Clinton guilty, nor judge

these latest charges to be
without merit."

The Daily Tribune in
Wisconsin Rapids also
advised withholding judg-
ment. "For now, it's impor-
tant to remember Clinton is
innocent until proven
guilty," the paper said. "It
would be appear that some-
one is lying, but it's too soon
to tell who that is."

Clinton's blunt denial
of the allegations Monday
after days of virtual silence
may have boosted his politi-
cal standing, The Milwaukee
Journal Sentinel wrote.

"But while the presi-
dent's hard-as-rock denial on

Monday did not in itself
absolve him of guilt, at least
he is finally on the record
with a sharp-edged state-
ment," the newspaper said.
"Dare we hope the weasel-
ing is over?"

The Wisconsin State
Journal called on Clinton to
be candid.

"For the sake of his
presidency, and for the sake
of his country, Clinton must
abandon the legal dodges. He
must speak frankly to the
American people, acknowl-
edging what is true, denying
what is false and explaining
what is unclear," the news-
paper said.

Garth Brooks nominated for Best Country Music Entertainer

By Jim Patterson,
Associated Press Writer
NASHVILLE, Tenn.

(AP) — Garth Brooks was nominated by fans today for best country music entertainer, and it was announced that the TNN Music City News Country Awards will move to a bigger venue.

Brooks, named best entertainer last fall by the Country Music Association, will compete with Billy Ray Cyrus, Alan Jackson, Neal McCoy and George Strait for the top honor in the TNN Music City News balloting.

Jackson, Strait and Cyrus are the leading nominees with six each. Brooks has two, the other for best vocal collaboration on the song "In Another's Eyes," with Trisha Yearwood.

After 20 years at the Grand Ole Opry House, the ceremony will move June 15 to the Nashville Arena. Fans were pretty much confined to the balcony of the 4,400-seat Opry House.

There will be 11,600 tickets sold for this year's show, said Brian Hughes of The Nashville Network.

"The fans are a very important part of this awards show, since they select the winners," Hughes said.



"Party on, Garth!"

"Being able to present the awards at a spectacular gala event attended by thousands of country music fans will be an experience for both the TNN viewers at home and the audience in the Nashville Arena."

The show will be promoted in conjunction with International Country Music Fan Fair, a week-long event that brings 24,000 fans to Nashville each summer.

TNN presents the awards in collaboration with Music City News, a country music fan magazine. Nominees were selected by a two-step balloting process in the December and February issues of the magazine.

Winners will be selected by fans via ballots in Music City News, at True Value hardware stores and toll telephone numbers announced on TNN.

The nominations were announced by singers Kevin Sharp and Lorrie Morgan at a news conference.

Patty Loveless, Martina McBride, Morgan, LeAnn Rimes and Yearwood were nominated for best female artist. Vince Gill and Ricky Van Shelton were nominated along with Cyrus, Jackson and Strait for best male artist.

Melrose Place star Alyssa Milano developing own TV series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Alyssa Milano is leaving the steamy TV drama *Melrose Place* to develop her own series.

Miss Milano, best known for her 11-year role on ABC's *Who's the Boss?*, has signed with Columbia TriStar Television to produce and star in comedy and drama series for fall.

"We are over the moon for her. She's really

blossomed into a wonderful actress," said Ruth-Ann Huvane, senior vice president of talent at Columbia TriStar Television.

In addition to "Melrose Place," Milano is starring in "Gold Rush!" for ABC's "The Wonderful World of Disney." She also recently starred in the movie "Hugo Pool."

Fighting *Titanic* emotions not always ea

By Brent Wood,
Staff Columnist

How can the film *Titanic* --about a sinking boat--fly? Two hundred million dollars in four weeks is sending this film soaring over all others in the all-time highest-grossing films.

This amazing piece of work has already touched the hearts of millions and is on its way to touching everyone else. I could not take the emotional responses this film caused. When it comes out on video, I will certainly buy it for my collection, but I do not think I could handle watching it again, even though I loved it so.

At first I was skeptical that James Cameron (*Aliens*, *Terminator*) could pull off a

film not based on action, but I am reminded of *The Abyss*, another Oscar-winning film by Cameron. An expensive film based in the ocean was a doubtful hit then, but with a marvelous story, incredible actors and actresses and state-of-the-art special effects, he made a splash.

In the epic film *Titanic*, Rose DeWitt, played by the beautiful and elegant actress Kate Winslet, is sailing to America with soon-to-be-husband Cal Hockley (Billy Zane). Fate, however, has something else in store for her and a third-class passenger named Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio). Love at first sight may not happen in today's world, but it did for these two. It is hard to put this

film into words. The awe it inspired was only weighed by the sheer drama and emotions of the story when you thought you had experienced the saddest possible scene in the film, another sadder one came.

This was a great movie that kept many people in their seats for the end of the credits. The scenes are backed by a score from James Horner with a love ballad by the wondrous Celine Dion.

If you show no emotion during this movie you are either a machine or a Vulcan or lacking heart and soul. Buy it for yourself, and make judgment on your own. Take a box of tissues, too; your friends will certainly need them all.

"Long Journey Home" traces Irish life in America

BOSTON (AP) — Orla O'Hanrahan, the Irish Consul General to Boston, absorbed the aura of good will permeating the room at a sneak preview for the documentary "The Irish in America: Long Journey Home."

The sounds of a harp and a fiddle filled the air as guests sampled miniature reubens, fish cakes and cookies shaped like shamrocks at a reception on Wednesday where they watched clips from the film at WGBH-TV studios.

The documentary airs at 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

"I think this evening's theme shows from historic times — such difficult periods like the famine right through to modern times — the story of the Irish is obviously a very strong one and the Irish connection is so powerful here both emotionally and in a contemporary sense," O'Hanrahan said.

Boston has long been home to many Irish both famous and unknown.

In the last census taken in 1990 the Irish population in Boston totaled 106,586 out of a total population of 574,283. In

the city's South Boston neighborhood the Irish numbered 14,627 out of 29,495 residents living in "Southie."

The film was produced by Thomas Lennon with the duo of WGBH and the Walt Disney Television Network. He says it was a labor of love and angst.

"The project took three years. What keeps you going in a project that long was the sense that I had a solo run at a great and important American story. It's an Irish story of course, but it's more than that — it's an American story," Lennon said.

Many Bostonians lend their voices to the film including Gerry Burke owner of Doyle's Cafe in the city's Jamaica Plain neighborhood.

Although only two of Burke's ancestors were born in Ireland he developed a yen for Irish history growing up in Jamaica Plain, once a predominantly Irish neighborhood.

In 1971 Burke bought Doyle's, a popular watering hole for Irish immigrants, from the Doyle family who built it in 1882.

"I just took a deep, deep interest in Irish history. I just

delved myself into it," Burke said. I had never been to Ireland until my father died and I should have gone with him.

"It reminds me of my youth in Boston. It was mostly Irish and Catholic, it's an everyday life. I just like that slowed-down activity," Burke said.

Others with Boston who appear include poet Michael Lockwood, Dave Powers friend and confidant of John Kennedy, and Boston Globe writers David Nyhan, who is Lockwood's brother, and McDonough, Jack Farrell and Robert Healy.

Boston's history is woven throughout the film, a particular focus in the first chapter.

"Boston became emblematic story for the Irish in America. There are other cities that have more Irish residents — New York, Chicago, Philadelphia. Boston is the city that symbolically carries the Irish American story," Lennon said. "The collision between Yankee and Irish was clearest and sharper in Boston than any other city."

Clinton advisor claims AOL responsible for Drudge comments

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A aide to President Clinton is ending that America Online old bear responsibility for ments made by cyberspace ip Matt Drudge because it the columnist for his orts.

AOL paid Drudge \$3,000 a month to disseminate the "Drudge Report" to its 8.6 mil- subscribers worldwide and ed the report in press releases help attract potential sub- sers, Clinton adviser Sidney mental and his wife, ueline Jordan Blumenthal, in court papers filed Tuesday heir \$30 million defamation against Drudge and AOL.

The papers were filed U.S. ict Court here in response to

otions by AOL and Drudge to dismiss the suit.

In an Aug. 10 report, Drudge alleged that Blumenthal "has a spousal abuse past that has been effectively covered up." He quoted an unnamed Republican source as saying there were court records of Blumenthal's violence against his wife. The Blumenthals denied the report and Drudge later apologized for the article.

George Vradenburg, AOL senior vice president and general counsel, said the company is not liable for Drudge's comments because it is neither his publisher nor the writer of the material. He also said the Communications Decency Act protects AOL from the lawsuit.

Sound Bytes: Audio reviews

Cadillac Blues (Cannon- Records)--Johnnie Bassett the Blues Insurgents

Clean, cool and Hammond powered, *Cadillac Blues* is of the best things to roll out etroit since they quit making

And guitarist/vocalist nie Bassett should know, use he's been playing in it since 1965.

Like so much of the non- own music Detroit has prod- d over the years, Bassett's ic runs a blurred line, cross- blues, jazz and soul. There's onsense here, just groove- n jams driven by Bassett's ow-body guitar and Chris h's organ. Codish and amer/bandleader R.J. gler supply the oh-so-tight m with horn fills from Keith inski and Dwight Adams.

Too Damn Cold (Mad- Music)--Josh Smith and The

Quick, name one thing up-and-comers Johnny Kenny Wayne Shepherd Josh Smith DON'T have in non.

Let's see. All three are g. And they're gifted musi- who play beyond their What could it be?

That's right! Lang and herd have big-label record

deals, which is why you've never heard of Josh Smith, an 18-year-old out of Pembroke Pines, Florida, by way of Stevie Ray Vaughan's soul. Lang is on A and M and Shepherd is on Revolution, which is distributed by Warner Bros. Maddog is an independent, and Smith's dad refinanced his house to produce *Too Damn Cold*, Smith's third release on the family label.

At least Smith has a big-time producer in Jim Gaines, who has worked with Vaughan, Carlos Santana, Blues Traveler, Luther Allison and Lonnie Brooks among others. Gaines brings out the best in Smith's playing on the disc's 11 cuts, all but one written by Smith and his manager-dad Joel Smith. The elder writes the lyrics and the younger supplies the music.

Smith, who got his first guitar when he was 3 years old and was playing in a Fort Lauderdale blues club by the time he was 13, is solidly in the blues-rock tradition. He filters echoes of Vaughan and Jimi Hendrix through a real appreciation for the roots of the blues. Smith can dazzle with power, as on "Hard World," or apply a supple touch of swing as on "Packing Her Bags." He puts on a power-slide showcase with the

Comedian Buzz Sutherland

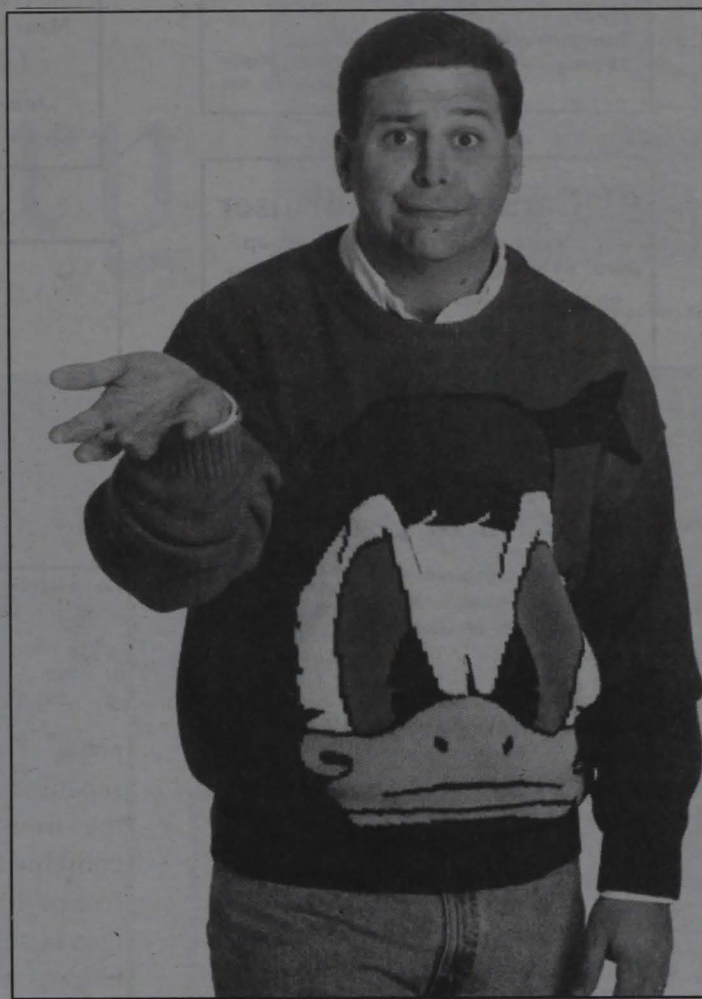
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instrumental "32 Degrees."

To be fair, Lang has the edge on vocals and Shepherd employs a lead singer. Smith is a blues shozuter with a limited range but he's working on it.

Too Damn Cold makes Smith's case as the real deal as a bluesman. Now, is anyone in big-label land listening?

Re-Load (Elektra)--Metallica

Other bands have no problem pushing out derivative work, so should Metallica be forgiven, too, for "The Unforgiven II"?

This sequel to that sip of sorrow is one of 13 songs off "Re-Load," originally intended for a double album for 1996's powerful "Load." As a deadline approached, Metallica decided to make two separate-but-equal records instead of to rush out one big album. All things aren't quite equal, but they are quite good. Metallica sounds too comfortable

with its trademark attacking guitars and moody ballads, and the delivery is more straightforward.

Yet *Re-Load* is no rehash. The layered melodies of "Low Man's Lyric" provide a classic soul-searcher. The lyrics throughout the album are every bit as sharp. In the intense "Prince Charming," they yell, "Hey ma, look it's me," as they ramble through life's seedy underside with phrases like, "I'm the filthy boy on Bourbon Street you walk on by." In the stripped-down "The Memory Remains," they speak of a faded prima donna.

As for "The Unforgiven" sequel, Metallica picked a memorable song for a double take. It shows you can't forget what Metallica can't forgive.

GO! (Revolution)--Letters to Cleo

Letters To Cleo brings its mile-a-minute pace around again

for *GO!* But the band best known for its "Here and Now" contribution to TV's "Melrose Place" doesn't advance its bubble gum snap a great deal. Much of their package can be chewed through all too quickly, with little long-lasting flavor. There are a few decent pieces, but even one of the best, "Co-Pilot," comes off as a weak reminder of "Be My Baby" by the Ronettes.



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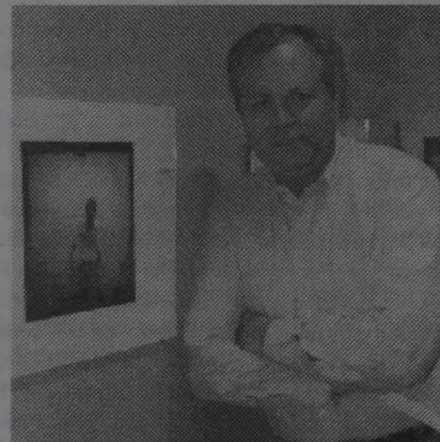


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