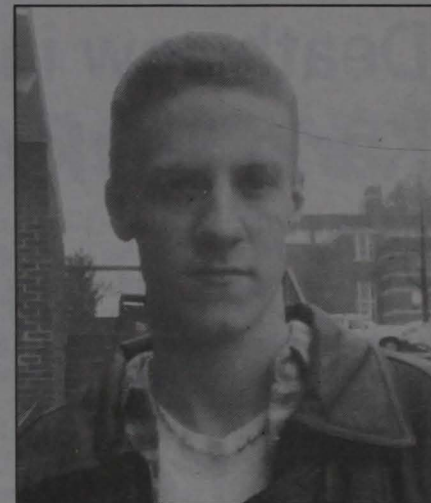




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Death row inmates considered Karla Tucker spiritual leader

GATESVILLE, Texas -- Karla Faye Tucker is being mourned on women's death row, where the six remaining inmates are taking her execution hard, a chaplain says.

"They are experiencing a lot of grief right now. There is a lot of grieving going on," George Andreason, a volunteer Protestant chaplain at the Mountain View unit at Gatesville, told the Temple Daily Telegram.

Ms. Tucker was executed last week, becoming the first woman put to death in Texas since Chipita Rodriguez was hanged in 1863 for killing a

horse trader.

As Ms. Tucker said a prayer before drawing her last breath, her fellow prison mates at the Mountain View unit were meeting and praying with prison ministers. There was no special service or memorial.

"I know she had a tremendous influence on a lot of people," said Harold Ellis, a Bell County jail chaplain who has ministered to the inmates in Gatesville, including Ms. Tucker. "A lot of people have followed what she said."

Ms. Tucker said she had been born-again during her 14

1/2 years in prison. She said she was a much different person than the teen-age prostitute and drug user who used a pickaxe to kill two people in 1983.

Ellis said he had talked with Ms. Tucker on a number of occasions and was impressed by her faith.

"I think the real question is where people are going to spend eternity--not when, or at what age they are when they die. Her life has been used, in the end, to glorify the Lord," he said.

Ellis added: "I feel without a doubt she is going to heaven."

FDA says generic drugs are as good as brand names

By Lauren Neergaard, Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- The Food and Drug Administration, frustrated with a battle over a generic version of the popular blood thinner Coumadin, has written 200 medical groups with a blunt message: Generic drugs are just as good as the brand names.

In an unusual letter faxed late last week to doctor organizations and every state board of pharmacy, the FDA insisted questions about generic drug equality are misplaced.

"There are no documented examples of a generic product manufactured to meet its approved specifications that could not be used interchangeably with the corresponding brand-name drug," wrote Dr. Stuart Nightingale, FDA associate commissioner. "Additional clinical tests or examinations by the health care provider are not needed when a generic drug product is substituted for the brand-name product."

Drug giant DuPont Merck is waging a fierce battle to protect its \$500 million-a-year Coumadin market from Barr Laboratories' new, cheaper

generic version known as warfarin, the active chemical in Coumadin.

DuPont Merck turned to state legislatures, arguing that the anti-clotting drug is part of a medical class informally called "narrow therapeutic index" drugs, meaning that slightly too high a dose can be dangerous and slightly too little is ineffective.

The idea was to persuade states to forbid pharmacies from substituting any NTI drug with a cheaper generic unless doctor and patient approved. Three states have passed such laws -- North Carolina, Texas and Virginia -- and at least nine others are considering them. Those states are California, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

"We are saying you have a chance of an adverse event when you switch products without knowing what's going on," said DuPont Merck spokeswoman Susan Pritchard. "All we're asking for is informed consent of a switch. We don't understand why people would be opposed to knowing which product you're going to be on."

The FDA says it wrote state medical groups because lawmakers are repeatedly asking the agency to clear up generic drug information. Pennsylvania officials even called the FDA late one evening as the legislature was debating an NTI bill. The bill failed.

"When the agency approves a generic product, we stand behind the interchangeability of that product," said FDA pharmacologist Tom McGinnis. It "should produce the exact same results you'd expect from the brand-name product."

DuPont Merck argues that it recently reported to FDA more than 100 cases of patient adverse events that it believes were caused by switching from Coumadin.

Responded FDA's McGinnis: "We found no documented cases of therapeutic inequivalence with the generic product in what was submitted."

FDA also examined more than 400 samples of 24 brand-name and generic drugs, and the generics met "the established standards of purity and quality," Nightingale wrote.

Researchers close to cause for turtle tumors

HONOLULU -- Scientists in Hawaii are closing in on virus they say is causing tumors to grow in green sea turtles.

Eighty percent of turtles found stranded at Kahului, Maui, and more than half found in Kaneohe Bay have the tumor disease, which often is fatal, said Yuanan Yu, a researcher at the University of Hawaii's Pacific Biomedical Research Center.

Scientists know the tumors are caused by a virus, it's not yet known which specific virus is responsible, Yu said.

It's also not known yet why the disease is limited to certain regions, said George Balazs of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Turtles along the Kona coast of the Big Island have not been found with the tumors, despite the high percentages among other island turtle populations.

U.S. soldiers may have introduced gas-sniffing to aborigines

From the Associated Press

Australians popularly blame American soldiers stationed in northern Australia during World War II for introducing gasoline sniffing to Aborigines.

The earliest known report of deliberate inhalation of gasoline fumes was in the United States in 1934, and "conventional wisdom" has it that U.S.

troops introduced the practice to Australia because of liquor was in short supply, researcher Maggie Brady says.

Aborigines supposedly took up sniffing in imitation.

Historians say there is documented proof of the link. Brady, an authority on gasoline sniffing in Australia, says only that the theory "certainly feasible."

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



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Panel okays roadkill amendment

From the Associated

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. Road kill--it's what's dinner.

A state Senate committee approved a proposal last week that would legalize immediately collecting and eating animals killed while running in front of vehicles.

Proponents said that if drivers can be encouraged to eat their road kill, the state could save paying highway workers to remove the carcasses.

People now can take possession only after they've contacted authorities, which "can take hours, and the thing's spoiled by then," said sponsoring Sen.

Leonard Anderson.

"They need to be able to pick it up and take it home immediately," he said.

The idea has drawn support in

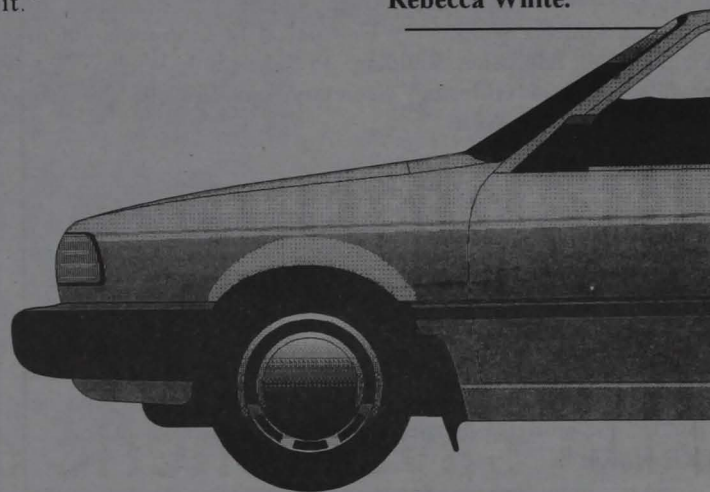
this state where wild game is widely consumed. But there are those who can't stomach the idea of carving up and cooking the carcass of an animal whose life came to an end in a failed attempt to cross a road.

"I would not like for it to be known that I voted for West Virginians eating road kill," said Sen. Rebecca White.

Sen. Walt Helmick, D-Pocahontas, was skeptical as to whether the measure would make road kill more edible. When a deer has been hit by a vehicle, he said, very little of the meat is likely to be undamaged.

"Probably, all of this discussion is for naught," he said. "You might be able to make some soup out of it."

"I would not like for it to be known that I voted for West Virginians eating road kill," said Sen. Rebecca White.



Capitol lingo can be confusing

By Jennifer Bundy, Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- If you come to the Capitol, you might need a translator.

Someone might tell you: "Tort reform supporters hope their bill eventually will be engrossed and moved to third reading for the yeas and nays before sine die, but that won't happen before it has been loved to death by at least two committees that might make it a Christmas tree."

Right. Translation: Supporters of Gov. Cecil Underwood's bill to change civil lawsuit rules hope it eventually will be moved up for a vote before the session ends. But that won't happen until at least two committees pore over every detail and make lots of amendments to make all the interest groups happy. And it may happen at all.

To the uninitiated public, and even to new legislators, the lawmaking process can be confusing. The language used can be downright confounding.

Freda Simpkins of Beech Creek, Mingo County, came to the Capitol last week to build support for a bill that would regulate "mountain-top removal," the fancy term for blowing up hills for mining.

"This is the first time I've been here. There's been stuff I didn't understand. I'll go home tonight and get a dictionary and look them up,"

she said. "They don't put things in layman's terms, so to speak."

A term Simpkins learned without the dictionary was "constituent."

"Someone set me straight on that. I knew what it was but it hadn't really registered," she said. "Then it hit me: That's common people like us."

Lobbyist Ralph Preece, who accompanied Simpkins, said, "This place is kind of scary" for people who don't follow politics, he said. "All the language is confusing. It takes a lawyer to interpret another lawyer."

Christopher Z. Mooney, an associate professor of political science at West Virginia University, agrees.

"Whenever I go down there, there are always people in the gallery and they are completely baffled by what is going on," Mooney said. "The speaker is rambling on like an auctioneer and nobody is paying any attention."

Procedure is of little importance to anyone who is not involved in the process. But to those who are involved, it is critical. It can be the difference between success and failure.

Freshmen legislators often learn that the hard way, Mooney said.

"They get on down there and they think they've got a bill moving along and before long they've lost it. That's because somebody who knew the procedure better than they did

scooted on by," Mooney said.

But once you're used to it, the jargon is second nature.

When asked if they could think of any terms the public might be confused by, the initial response from lobbyists Tom Winner and Richard Stevens was a blank stare.

They had to ponder the question for several minutes before suggesting one or two terms. But each has been lobbying for 20 years.

On the other end of the spectrum are neophyte lawmakers who are expected to know what they are doing, but often are clueless, despite a three-day orientation session.

Delegate Shelley Moore Capito, R-Kanawha, said that in her first committee meeting last year she objected when someone "moved" a bill because she thought it was a stupid bill. Then she found out "moving" a bill just means bringing it up for discussion.

After that, "I sort of laid back and watched other people," she said.

No one wants to walk around with an orientation handbook, said Delegate John Amores, D-Kanawha, in his third year in office. The first year he was "equal parts confused and scared," Amores said.

"If I did laugh about it, it was nervous laughter. Later I would say 'What in the hell was that?'"

Telemarketing jobs expected in north WV

WELLSBURG, W.Va. -- A new telemarketing center that will employ 200 people is planned for this Brooke County town, a New Jersey company announced.

Hopelawn, N.J.-based Civic Development Group is a full-service telemarketing company whose services

include direct sales and fundraising.

The center is expected to open as soon as next month, the company said.

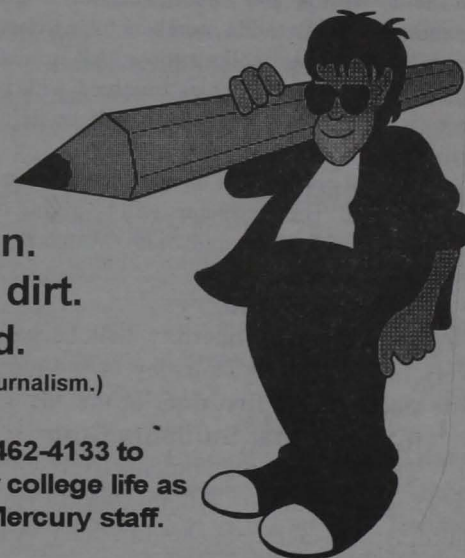
Telemarketers employ about 18,000 in West Virginia. About 30 telemarketing centers have opened in the state since 1993.

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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 would like to welcome its rushees and congratulate them on a great job they're doing. All the sisters are very proud of you and we encourage you to keep up the good work. For those of you who aren't rushing Delta Zeta, there's still time! We'll be rushing all semester and we encourage any girl interested in becoming a part of Greek life to come and see what we're all about. We currently have three girls rushing and we would love to have more of you. Our sisterhood knows no bounds...the more the merrier! Delta Zeta wants to meet you!

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 pm in the Speech Room of the Fine Arts Building.

Chi Beta Phi News

We've decided to raffle 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 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 of Chi Beta Phi, which will be held at Glenville State College.

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.

Alpha Rho Tau

The art ist's fraternity will be having our meetings every first and third Thursday of the month at 3 pm in the little studio on the first floor of the AB building.

International Students Club

The International Students Club will meet on February 12 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Administration Building. All members should attend. Anyone interested in joining may also attend the meeting.

Singing in the Rotunda...



Mr. Haan leads a group of choir students during last week's day at the legislature. (File photo)

Nicholas County spotlight Administrator Robert Bailey

By Kelly M. Woods,
Staff Reporter

Mr. Robert Bailey is the administrator for the Nicholas County Extension Center, in Summersville. Bailey earned both his B.S. and M.A. from West Virginia University. He also earned his Education degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Bailey has served in the educational field for more than 30 years. He has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant Superintendent of Schools (county level) and Superintendent of Schools in both Nicholas and Webster Counties. Currently, he is an elected member of the Nicholas County Board of Education. Bailey has also served as the Executive Director of RESA IV, in Summersville. Recently, he

was recognized by the West Virginia Community College Association, for "Outstanding contribution to community college education in West Virginia." For this, he received the "Outstanding Contributions Award" plaque.

Mr. Bailey and his wife, Mary Lou, reside in Craigsville, only 15 miles from the center. Mary Lou is also involved with GSC's Nicholas Center as an adjunct professor. Both Bailey and his wife are very committed to advancing the educational process throughout Nicholas and surrounding county areas.

"I would certainly like to advance the higher education opportunities in this area," he states. "I would also like to encourage more people to take advantage of what GSC has to offer through this center."

When asked about the

future of community college, Bailey is optimistic. "I think the efforts are being made to bring higher education out to the people, closer to where they work and live. Because we are a rural state, you'll see more of that happening here in West Virginia, and GSC has been the leader in the effort."

Through hard work, good management, and the desire to see quality education offered to all local and area students, Bailey has overseen the rapid growth of the Summersville campus, which now serves approximately 600 students representing a five to six county radius.

Those students who know Robert Bailey understand and appreciate his efforts, his guidance, and his diligence in providing "local" residents the opportunity to advance their educational goals.

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>.

RFK Library taps into the internet

By Lisa McCormick
Staff Reporter

Ben Bruton, reference librarian, explains that the Robert F. Kidd Library has been facilitated to access the Internet, which in turn means free access for students during the library's hours.

As of today there are two Internet work stations equipped with the Netscape Navigator software which links directly into the "Yahoo" search engine; however, any search engine can be used.

"Since there are only two computers that use the Internet, we are going to allow a student to use it for only an hour at a time," Bruton explains. "That way everybody gets a chance."

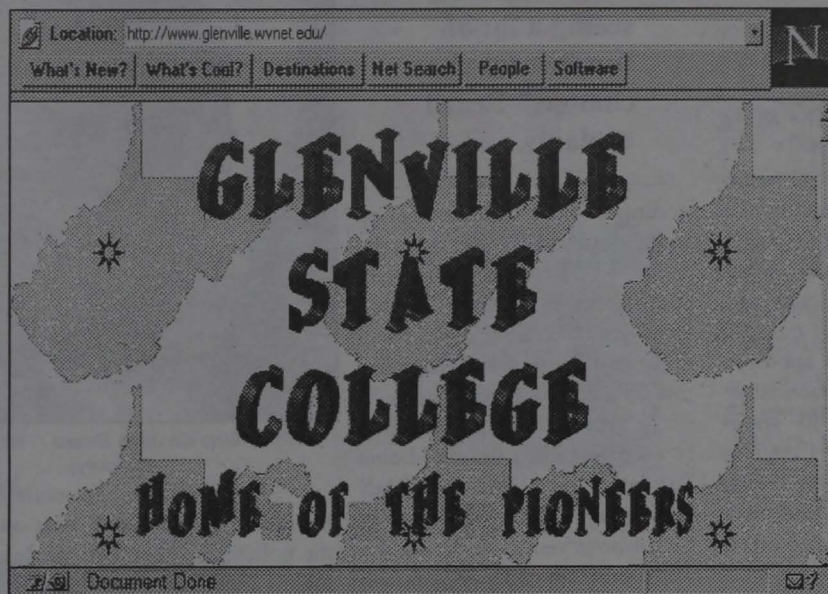
The Internet can be used for a variety of things such as finding articles for research papers, communicating with people on chat-lines or by sending E-mail, posting resumes, using it for commerce purposes (ad banners), creating your own

web-site, or getting information about television listings; the possibilities are endless.

In addition to the new Internet services, there are three EBSCO-Host work stations. This is a subscription service that provides the library access to over 700 scholarly research journals. This system allows students to print-out the full-text of journal articles for 10 cents a page.

"This isn't normally a free service and you can't access the journals from the Internet," Bruton points out. "However, if you have the Internet access outside the library, and you have a computer account with the GSC Computer Center, you can also access EBSCO-Host in your own home or dorm room for free."

For the students who are Internet illiterate, there is an CD-Rom Internet coach that helps explain how to use the Internet and how to maneuver



Greater access lets more students visit sites like this one... or Bianca's Smut Shack (if no one is looking).

from topic to topic.

"The Internet coach is real user friendly," Bruton exclaims. "Also, I'm available to answer questions or for those who need instruction. Now, there is no excuse for being

Internet illiterate!"

The overall installation--including each computer--was \$1,500, and that's not including the laser printers. There are plans to purchase additional computers in the future.

up.

The library's hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2-10 p.m. on Sunday.

Parent accused of biting principal, teacher, and teacher's aide

Associated Press

WEST MONROE, La. — A West Monroe woman accused of biting a principal, teacher and a teacher's aide was arrested Monday.

Effie Sturgis, 35, was charged with three counts of simple battery after an altercation in her child's classroom.

Highland Elementary Principal Patricia Valentine was called to Debra Fitzgerald's classroom around noon and saw

Ms. Sturgis scratching and fighting the teacher, according to the police report.

When Ms. Valentine attempted to restrain her, the mother bit Ms. Valentine's right hand, the report said.

The teacher was scratched on her chest and had a bite on her left hand palm, the report said.

The mother also encouraged her 6-year-old child to bite the teacher on her forearm, the report

said.

Ms. Sturgis then bit a teachers' aide on the inside of the left wrist, the report said. The aide's name was unavailable.

Ms. Valentine and Ms. Fitzgerald refused to comment on the incident.

All three victims were treated and released at Glenwood Regional Medical Center.

Ms. Sturgis was released from the West Monroe Correctional Center on a \$2,250 bond.

Student Congress Update

During the Student Congress meeting held on February 3, 1998, a possible change in the meal plan was discussed. This plan would give students an opportunity to purchase a meal plan that does not include breakfasts, a meal which some students never go to.

Jack Beard, of the Committee on Policy Improvement, gave an update on the 24-hour visitation policy. The voting for the policy will be Wednesday night, when the dorm governing boards meet.

Dr. Talbott sent a pro-

positional that would take time from the evening class schedule and allocate it for daytime student. This would benefit students who take classes at one of GSC's extensions.

The following alternates were chosen for committees: Academic Affairs, Jack Beard; Buildings and Ground, Clinton Bennett; Community College Curriculum, Christina Brown and Mark Williamson; Cultural Affairs, Jason Hayner; Legislative Affairs, Shannon Carr and Jeremiah Witherspoon; Student Life and Welfare, Will Dotson.

A Public Service Announcement from The Mercury...

If your college experience involves staying up late at night, looking for large amounts of fun, don't forget to take a nap later.



Chairman working to change policy

By Terry L. Estep
Staff Reporter

Spear-heading a campaign for a policy change in Glenville State College's dormitories is not the easiest job in the world, but someone is doing it.

Jack Beard, a GSC junior, currently runs the Committee on Policy Improvement (COPI). The committee's task is to review student policies and determine the pros and cons, as well as to recommend appropriate actions and their practicality.

"He's not just the chairman," states Student Congress representative Eric Ware. "Jack is the committee. He's the man. He's put a lot of time and effort into this."

"We tried a couple of evening meetings, but it didn't work out," Beard explains.

Since then, COPI has become almost a one-man show, as Beard solicits feedback from students about his current goal:

"I've been seeing a lot of support for the change," Beard explains.

getting 24-hour visitation set up in the dorm.

"I've been seeing a lot of support for the change," Beard explains. "I haven't seen so many students band together toward a common goal before."

The visitation policy COPI is recommending to the Louis Bennett and Pickens Hall Governing Boards would allow for 24-hour visitation during the weekends. "A person could be signed in normally on Friday morning, and not need to be signed out until Sunday night," he explains.

One petition for the policy, intended to gauge student support, brought in 265 signatures.



COPI Chairmain Jack Beard (Terry L. Estep, Mercury)

The dorm governing boards are scheduled to vote on the policy change at Wednesday night's meeting. "Floor reps are supposed to be talking to the students on their floors."

If approved by the governing boards, the policy would then be sent to Student Life and Welfare's Jerry Burkhammer,

then to Alfred Billips, and then to President William K. Simmons for final approval.

Changing the visitation policy has been attempted before. A few years ago, Pickens Hall Head Resident Assistant Kenny Wilkins worked toward the same goal without success. Beard is not concerned about past failures.

Another policy coming under COPI scrutiny is the dorm sign-in policy. All guests' names and addresses are recorded in a logbook upon entry. The photo I.D.'s of the guest and host are held by the office workers until the guest is signed out.

"Pickens Hall has a suggestion box," Beard explains. "One student called for more respect, saying that it's ridicu-

lous for us to parade our guests before the office workers."

Do not expect to see COPI going after that policy anytime soon. "That's in the future," Beard states. "We need the momentum of 24-hour visitation before we go after the sign-in policy."

"We want students to come to the Governing Board meeting on Wednesday to show their support for the change," Beard adds.

COPI member Eric Ware adds that other goals for the committee include setting daycare facilities, and improvements in parking. "We want to improve conditions for students," Ware states. "Jack works well on this job. He really knows how to pull people together."

COPI provides regular reports to Student Congress, which meets every Tuesday 12:30 p.m. in the Heflin Center.

Changes in teacher ed program

Teacher ed department now places student in classes

By Lisa McCormick,
Staff Reporter

For the student teachers who need to do observations, new criteria based on the new NCATE standards is being used for placements.

Most students who are education majors must observe from 10 to 20 to 40 hours, depending upon the class they are taking. In the past, most students were allowed to pick and choose the classes and the teachers they wished to observe; now, the Teacher Education Division does the choosing.

Dr. Sharon Kraus, the Director of Field Experience and a professor of reading, explains another reason for the change. "We were finding that students were going to classes back in their home counties; some were even observing in classes that their relatives taught. We want to avoid this. The way we figure it: those

students already know what's going on in that county or classroom."

"Also, we want to be able to coordinate what students are actually seeing in the classroom in regards to curriculum, human growth and development, and behavior modification," she further illustrates.

Other changes in field experiences involve using the surrounding five counties for teachers to observe in, including: Calhoun, Gilmer, Lewis, Braxton, and Nicholas Counties. This broadening of schools offers a much wider range of classes. This also makes it easier for students who are taking classes on campus by saving commuting time.

In spite of the numerous counties for students to choose

"[We] want the education majors to be active participants in the class; it's to help them get a feeling of involvement."

--Dr. Sharon Kraus

from, most of them will be placed into Gilmer County schools. This is because of a four-year-old agreement GSC has with them that allows students to do their field experiences and student teaching in the county. It also helps with commuting.

The conditions taken into consideration when scheduling the field experiences are:

*The expectations for the



Dr. Sharon Kraus (Heather Ware, Mercury)

field experience. This whatever area a particular class focuses on; for example, Education 205 (Education Psychology) requires the students to watch the children's development over a school semester.

*The student's own situation with work and class schedules.

*The student will be placed in classrooms that coincide with their major or specialization.

Dr. Kraus points out a change in the definition of field experience: "When students were

in public classrooms, they were told to just 'observe' the children. Now, we want the education majors to be active participants in the class; it's to help them get a feeling of involvement."

"Also, we're no longer allowing students to observe more or less than two hours at a time. We do this for a couple of reasons," Dr. Kraus explains. "One reason is so that they can watch a child's gradual change over the range of a semester. Another reason is to make accommodations for the public school new block system which is where the classes last for an hour and 5 minutes. The students observing would disturb the class, if they got up and left in the middle of a lesson."

Dr. Kraus sums up the new scheduling for field experiences as successful and accommodating to the student's needs.

Eric Ware

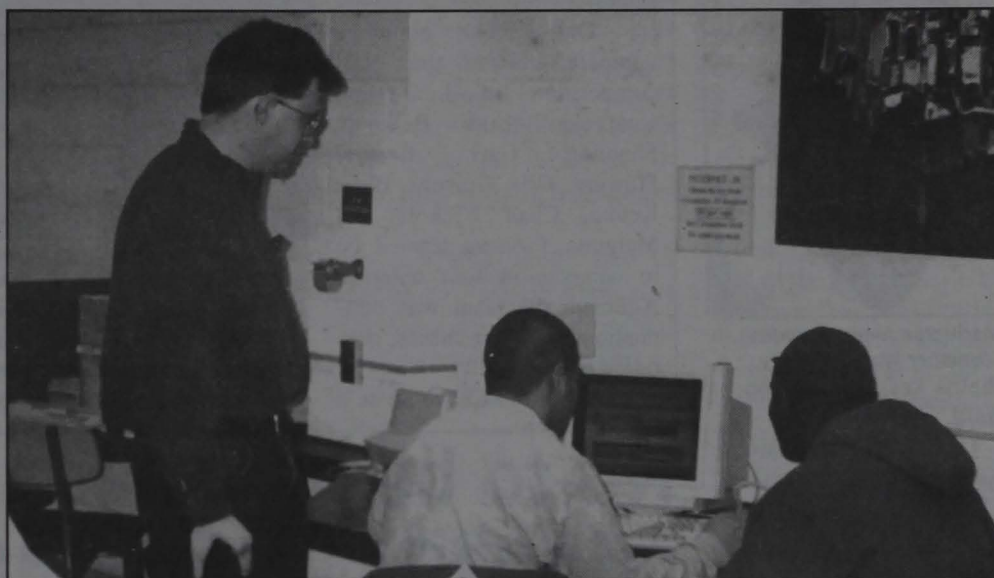
Researching the web for materials is a popular trend for college students around the nation as more and more information is available at our fingertips. It's an information highway with the speed sign reading 105 miles and no law — except for the occasional filters — is in sight. With students behind the computer, it could seem that all the information the net would be enough for any search paper, however, as Ben Bruton, RFK Library Technician replies, "The internet is not a virtual library, but a virtual jungle."

"What students need to understand is that the internet is a tool," Bruton comments. Behind us, two students are working on the new Cosco-Host work station that has increased the number of research materials. "Students should start searching other materials first before attempting to find everything on the internet. Because, not all the information on the web could be reliable, so students should use some discretion too."

Going 105 miles-per hour in stroke of a key.

"The internet is a vast research vessel containing enough information to fill 100 or more libraries," according to the web page of the Rice University Foundren Library. The web contains billions of information

Getting to know the 'net



Ben Bruton shows one of the RFK's Library internet access stations to two students. (Sheila Ables, Mercury.)

key phrases, and other on-line pictures. So what lures students to the internet?

"It's so easy to get into," replied some students working in the lab at the library. On-line seekers claim that it's easy to get lost in all the information available, but find the hours of searching sometimes gratify-

There is a large number of search engines students could use to get into the net. However, in reality, there is no single online search tool which has an index to the entire contents of the internet, according to Paul Gilster, author of *Finding it on the Internet: The Essential Guide*.

"So first and foremost," Gilster writes, "after connecting to each

search tool for the first time, always read the tool's description, search options, and rules and restrictions before trying to perform a search."

By keeping this in mind, suggests Bruton, "You should have a balance with both...the internet and other sources. It pays to use sources outside of the internet. There's plenty of search

engines all over the net. We (RFK Library) use Netscape software that has a lot of accessible links to other servers."

"What we try to do here," Bruton commented further, "is to allow the students all the access they want." He also explains that while some internet stations use filters on the web, the RFK Library doesn't use any filters because they believe in free access to any information as long as the student is responsible and uses discretion.

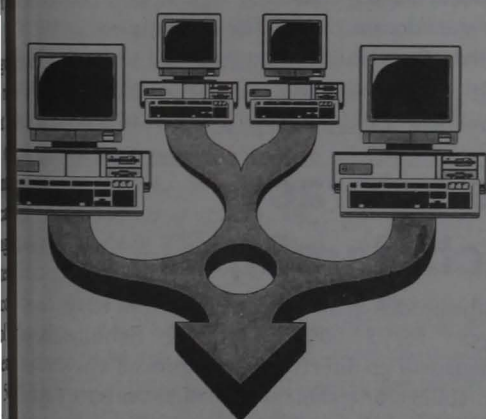
"Besides," Bruton comments, "filters are not really effective anyways. Anyone could find a way around them."

In a recent poll taken in labs across campus, the search engines Yahoo!, All-in-one search page, Argus Music searcher, and WebCrawler are the most popular with a great amount of information to link almost anywhere.

Glenville State College offers internet access with all these search engines using Netscape software that could be easily set up for a users fee of \$15 for 80 hours, with a two-dollar deposit for the disk and information.

However, Glenville also offers three styles of internet accounts for access: true modem access, digital or VAX account, and a housed account that is free on campus with free e-mail. Programming students could use this access as well.

"It's like throwing a big net into the ocean," replied Bruton. "There's no way of telling what you might find."



What's your favorite web pages? Here are a few sites for searching.

www.X-Files.com: For fans of the X-Files, this simple web page has everything! On-line pictures of the characters, a brief description of each character and episode, and a list of other sites puts any user behind the computer for hours.

www.HTML.com This site gives viewers all the information on web page creation and some hints in using web pages. Users can download the program for their computers.

www.glenville.wvnet.edu/other/rfkidd.htm This accesses the Glenville State College RFK Library Web Page. From here, you can access the RFK research materials.

www.rossetta.com "Ask Sister Rossetta." The Lavender Nun herself, sort of like the Saturday Night Live's Church Lady, answers questions for the hell-bound.

www.nolalive.com/bourbocam The Bourbon Street Camera shows you what's happening every four minutes on one street corner in New Orleans. Just for fun.

www.midwinter.com/lurk/lurker.html The Lurker's Guide to *Babylon 5* provides plot synopses and notes for every episode of this Hugo-winning series.

www.angelfire.com/wv/kewljudy The site of the Mercury's Production Manager. He put it here because he can.

Hint & Tips for Searching the World Wide Web

1. Adopt a strategy based on what you know about the topic; all general information, specific name, and other related topic help the process.
2. Use different search keywords. The kind of data an index possess is overwhelming. A particular keyword can greatly reduce the search.
3. Use more than one engine.
4. Have materials ready before using the net. Research the library and other sources before using the net.

Faculty Spotlight: Jenny Dawkins

By Amy Smith,
Staff Reporter

Jenny Dawkins has been teaching at Glenville State College for the last seven years.

Dawkins is a computer programming instructor and previously taught at West Virginia Wesleyan.

She originally started as a physical education teacher, but had a change of heart and has stuck it out with computers. Dawkins attended West Liberty and is a West Virginia graduate; her degree is in Computer Science and Management II.

Although she tries to take it as easy as possible during the summer vacation, last summer Dawkins participated in the Elderhostle program.

The Elderhostle program is designed to offer senior citizens instruction in new fields and technologies. She instructed senior citizens in general computer classes. She also does work on the side as a computer consultant.

"[Consulting] is an interesting way to meet people



Instructor Jenny Dawkins (Heather Ware, Mercury) and helps keep me on top of my field," she says.

The Business Department, with the aid of Ms. Dawkins, is keeping up with the times. There are a high percentage of students pursuing degrees from the Business Department that have job requests and guarantees before they even graduate.

Dawkins said "It feels really good when businesses seek information about our students, with intentions to hire based on our reputation."

GSC Ambassador Program

By Amy Smith,
Staff Reporter

The Ambassador program currently consists of fifteen students. The students must have good public relations and must also be able to answer various questions about campus life.

Glenville's Ambassadors have the responsibility of guiding tours for potential students and their parents. They also are present at open houses, which present our campus to large groups of high school students.

The next open house is for high school juniors and will be on March 28, 1998. Ambassadors also serve as guides for elemen-

tary school visits.

It is preferred that students applying for the position of Ambassador have at least one semester under their belt. The Ambassador's Program is a great way for students to familiarize themselves with campus and to get to know students, faculty and staff. Participation in the program will look great on resumes as well. Any student interested in joining should pick up an application from either Jill Harmon or Kim Bennett, in the Admissions/Records office. In addition to the written application there will be a face-to-face interview.

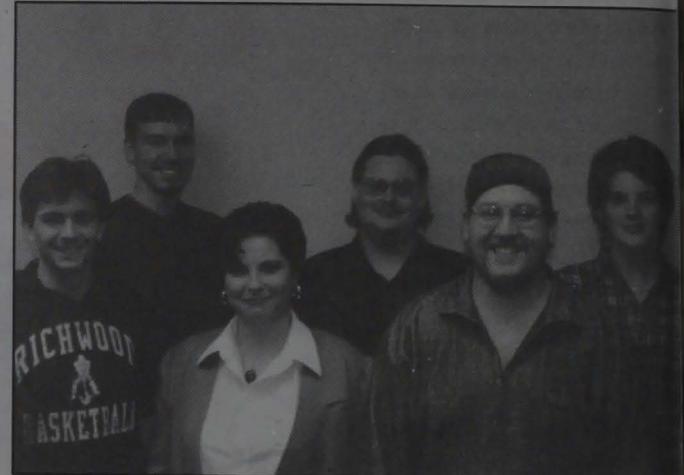
GSC Forensics: Greater strength in numbers

By Amy Smith,
Staff Reporter

Nancy Wemm is advising the largest Forensics team she has ever seen at Glenville State College. There is a total of thirteen members this semester.

Only seven members competed during their last competition in Lexington, Kentucky: Lisa Belknap, Shannon Carr, Ezekial Flowers, Cris Gravely, Chris Kenna, Chad Nichols and Marguitta Tzoneva teamed up to compete in four enteries. Although the team was optimistic about their chances, they failed to place.

"You don't have to be a



(L-R): Chris Kenna, Chad Nichols, Margarita Tzoneva, Ezekiel Flowers, Cris Gravely, Lisa Belknap (Eric Ware, Mercury)

communications major to join the Forensics team." Mrs. Wemm wants to point out. "Our club is represented by almost all departments." The next completion is a Parkersburg on February 28. The whole team will compete.

NC to be model for increasing minority sciences

RALEIGH, NC -- A national group working to improve minority representation in math, science and engineering has chosen North Carolina's higher education system as a model.

The Quality Education for Minorities Network on Friday will issue a 103-page report at its national conference in Washington that focuses on North Carolina's success. The network hopes to increase the number of underrepresented minorities earning degrees in math, science and engineering.

Across the nation, black, Indian and Hispanic participation in those fields is significantly lower than their overall numbers. While the groups together make up about 22 percent of the U.S. population, they earned only 12 percent of the math, science and engineering bachelor's degrees and only 6 percent of the doctoral degrees in 1993.

The network used North Carolina for its national model because it found the state does a better job than all the other 18 states in which minority students make up at least 25 percent of all

high school graduates.

North Carolina's success was attributed in part to its high number of colleges and universities, and also to the strength of its historically black college and universities.

Still, Statewide last year not one underrepresented minority earned a doctoral degree in math. Only three earned Ph.D. in engineering, and 13 in science.

The committee advised other universities to study N.C. A&T and N.C. State University's successful pro-

West Virginia Literacy Foundation Scholarship

The West Virginia Literacy Foundation, in cooperation with the Governor's Council on Literacy, is offering a scholarship program for state residents who have completed/passed the General Educational Development (GED) test or the External Diploma Program (EDP).

The Foundation wants to help West Virginians become lifelong learners and prepare for jobs in the 21st Century.

Adults passing the GED with a score of 250 or above or those completing the

Advanced Academic Program of the EDP can apply for \$1,000 scholarship. Scholarship funds will go directly to the approved university, college or technical education center of the winner's choice in \$500 per semester amounts.

Applications must be submitted by March 1 to the West Virginia Literacy Foundation, P.O. Box 2987, Charleston, WV 25330.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid office.

Ask the Particle Man: What is a mixture?

This week's question was provided by Leslie Marshall, who is a senior here at Glenville State College. She inquired of the difference between mixtures and compounds. To answer the question, we must first supply some information about exactly what mixtures and compounds

Compounds will be the first. A compound is a substance that is comprised of two or more elements that have bonded together to form a molecule of the substance. The compound does not exhibit the same chemical properties as that of the elements with which it is comprised, but it has new properties that are its own and unique to the compound.

Mixtures are usually a combination of compounds or other mixtures. They come in two forms. One is that of a heterogeneous mixture. An example

of a heterogeneous mixture is sand and water. When these two compounds are mixed, they clearly do not combine readily. The other type of mixture is a homogeneous mixture. It exhibits the properties of a pure compound, but is not. A good example to illustrate this is Koolaid. Koolaid is a mixture of water which is a compound, sugar also a compound, and Koolaid flavoring which is a type of homogeneous mixture. These three combined form a substance that is uniform in appearance thus making it homogeneous.

If anyone else would like to send a question to Particle Man, just drop it by the Mercury office or e-mail me at a_frame@hotmail.com. This is Particle Man saying, "Support your local cloner."



The Virtual Librarian

By Ben Bruton,
Guest Columnist

The Internet has finally arrived at the Robert Kidd Library. "It's about time," you're probably saying, and you'd be right. After many months of reparation, two new internet workstations are finally available in the reference area for anyone who cares to explore the cyber-universe.

Is there a cost? No, unless you wish to print something out (we charge ten cents a page). All you need to do in order to use the workstations is present your student I.D. at the circulation desk, and we hand you a key that is good for one hour of internet search each time. The key unlocks the keyboard to the Internet workstation, and then you are free to surf the 'Net.

"Just one hour?!" you ask? Well, you always have the option of renewing the key for another hour if you want to keep surfing (providing there is no one ahead of you waiting to use it).

"Why all of these stupid rules?" you ask again. "Why not just make it unlimited use for everyone? After all, we pay tuition to come here!"

That's true. In fact, your tuition is what paid for these Internet computers. But the thing is, there are at least 2,500 students and only two Internet workstations in the library. To ensure that everyone gets a chance to explore the Internet (and that goes for the general public as well as GSC students), we have to check out the keys and impose a one hour

search limit.

"Gee whiz, Ben," you persist, "I suppose you are going to look over our shoulders and monitor what we look at on the Internet, huh?"

Nope. Truth be told, I really don't want to know what some of you guys look at on the Internet. As most of you should know the Internet is the last wild frontier. You can find anything and everything out there in cyberspace, whether it be useful research for a paper topic or the lowest form of pornography.

There is not absolute way of policing the "net and blocking out all the sites that most of us would consider inappropriate. Of course, we librarians like to stress that the Internet workstations are intended for research use only, but ultimately you have the right to view whatever you want on the Internet, whether it is research-oriented or just plain smut.

I don't want to discourage students from their freedom to explore the online world of chat-lines and websites, but at the same time I don't wish to encourage students to turn the Internet workstations into a Times Square peer show booth.

The Internet is all about free exchange of information—and ultimately that applies to all kinds of information. What kind of library would we have if we didn't support the unlimited access to this vast electronic world?

It's your Internet. Use it.

Surfin' the web gets easier at GSC

By Aaron Frame,
Staff Columnist

Access to the Internet is coming to all offices, classrooms, and labs.

I was glad to hear this because the Internet is one of the most useful tools for learning that one can be supplied with. Access in the classroom could do nothing more than aid the learning process at Glenville State College.

In the search for more information, I was put on the trail of the one responsible for directing of this task. Mr. Sidney Jack is the Director of Computer Services at GSC and was very helpful in opening my eyes as to what exactly is taking place with the Internet access.

Jack explained that in December of 1996, the plans were drawn and approved for submission to Maintenance for the installation of CAT 5+ Cable all over campus to bring the Internet to everyone. Jack said that the process of wiring

all the buildings was lengthy and that this project has been on going since its approval in the winter of 1996. I was informed that the Robert F. Kidd Library was 100% complete, Louis Bennett Hall was 95% complete, the Administration Building was 90% complete, and that Clark Hall was 70% complete.

Plans were in the works for the beginning of the Science Hall and that eventually, the Internet will go to the rest of the campus. This includes the Physical Education Building, the Heflin Center, Game Room, the Snack bar, the dorms, and—with a possible microwave hookup—Eberle Hall.

When I came to Glenville in 1992, there was only one computer lab. I've at least got to see the improvement of what has already been done and can testify that it has been an improvement. As for the Internet, look for it soon in a classroom near you.

Ernest Smith Technology Lab Hours

Sunday 2-10	Wed 1-10
Monday 5:30-10	Thur 12:30-10
Tues 12:30-10	Fri 10-12; 1-4

Satellite designed by students

BOULDER, Colo. -- A research satellite that University of Colorado students helped design is scheduled for launch Wednesday from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

The \$5 million satellite will monitor nitric oxide emissions, which deplete the ozone layer. The device will become the first of its kind launched into orbit.

It was developed by CU students, faculty and engineers at the university's atmospheric and physics lab

and will be monitored there 24 hours a day.

CU students have experience in controlling satellites. Students and CU faculty monitored a NASA satellite launched in 1981 for eight years, the first time a university was allowed to control one.

A total of 110 CU students were involved in developing and building the new satellite, one of three selected for flight as part of the NASA's Student Explorer Demonstration Initiative.

Lady Pioneers pull Yellowjacket stingers

By Mike Vernatt,
Sports Reporter

In the game against Institute WV, Tricia Swink scored 18 Wednesday night at the Fleming Hall Arena. The 5'7" guard was seven for 13 FG three-six on three-pointers, 12 rebounds and five assists. Kelly Osborn scored 12 points. Carey Friel had 11 by hitting three big three-pointers in the second half. Tanisha Brown also added 10 points.

The Lady Pioneers were 10-29 34.4% with FG% and 28.5% two to seven for three-pointers in the first half and would come out in the second half to increase those numbers while shooting 13-28 46.4% FG% and five to 10 50% three-pointers. The Lady 'Eers shot

40.4% 23 to 57 FG 41.2% seven to 17 for the night.

"I thought we played flat in the first half," Coach Steve Harold said. "I was very pleased the way we came out in the second half, we played with great intensity." Harold added, "I was also very pleased with the way our defense helped us win the ball game." Defense held the Lady Yellowjackets to only 23 points in the second half.

Harold commented, "I thought we played great as a team. We are making improvements every day. We hope to get better with tournament time coming up." Harold said proudly about his team's win, "Again I am very pleased. Its a great win!"



Lady Pioneers (File Photo)

The Lady Pioneers lead the conference in defense. The Lady 'Eers hold a record of 10-11 seven to seven. The Lady pioneers play again this coming Saturday when they play Salem-Teykio at 5:15.

Glenville Student Claims the I.S.J.A. World Super Heavy Weight Title

By Mike Vernatt,
Sports Reporter

The echo currently running through Nitro, WV, "Let's gets ready to rumble!!!!!!"

Move over Ken Shamrock and Tank Abbot, meet 20 year old George Randolph from Glenville State College, the 6'8" 285 pound monster claimed the I.S.J.A. Superheavyweight World Championship on January 31, by choking out 6'5" 265 pound Bob Stynes in the fifth round at Super Fight six in Nitro WV.

"I would like to thank my trainer Leon Ramsy, my training partners Cam Perry and KJ Kopress. I would like to give a special thanks to Mike Sheperd, Butch Hiles and Wes Peters." The undefeated World Heavy weight champ has always had a love for martial arts and boxing. He has had seven years of martial arts and two years of boxing under his championship belt.

When the champ is not fighting or pumping iron on the



George Randolph
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

gym you will see number 7 blowing defensive linemen away and opening holes for Glenville State College running backs as he plays offensive tackle. "I would like to continue fighting for as long as I can and hopefully hold onto the title."

The champ said, "I really enjoy it because it keeps me in shape for the off-season for football." Randolph's next fight will be held sometime in May as he defends his title against the number one contender from Great Britain.

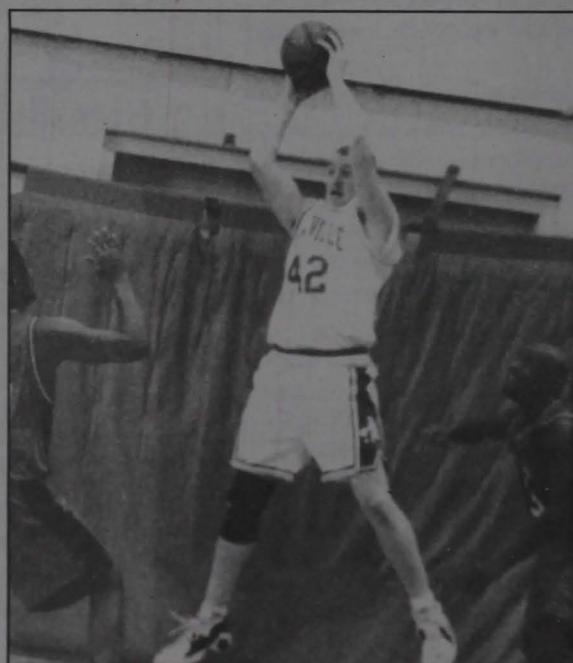
Wheeling Jesuit 91, Glenville State 90

GLENVILLE, W.Va. -- Danny Sancomb hit a running 3-pointer from 35 feet away at the end of regulation and Wheeling Jesuit forged ahead in overtime for a 91-90 victory over Glenville State.

Sancomb led Wheeling Jesuit (12-10, 10-3 West Virginia Conference) with 38 points Saturday night, followed by Carlos Turner with 19. Jimmy Little and James Greczek added 11 apiece for Wheeling, which led 50-48 at halftime.

Terry Clark led Glenville (6-14, 2-11) with 21 points. Floyd Burgher added 19 points and 13 rebounds, while Jason Shields had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Kevin Herod had 18 points for Glenville, which outshot Wheeling from the floor 50 percent to 43 percent. But Glenville turned the ball over 22 times, while Wheeling committed 13 turnovers.



Glenville vs. Wheeling Jesuit (Eric Ware, Mercury)

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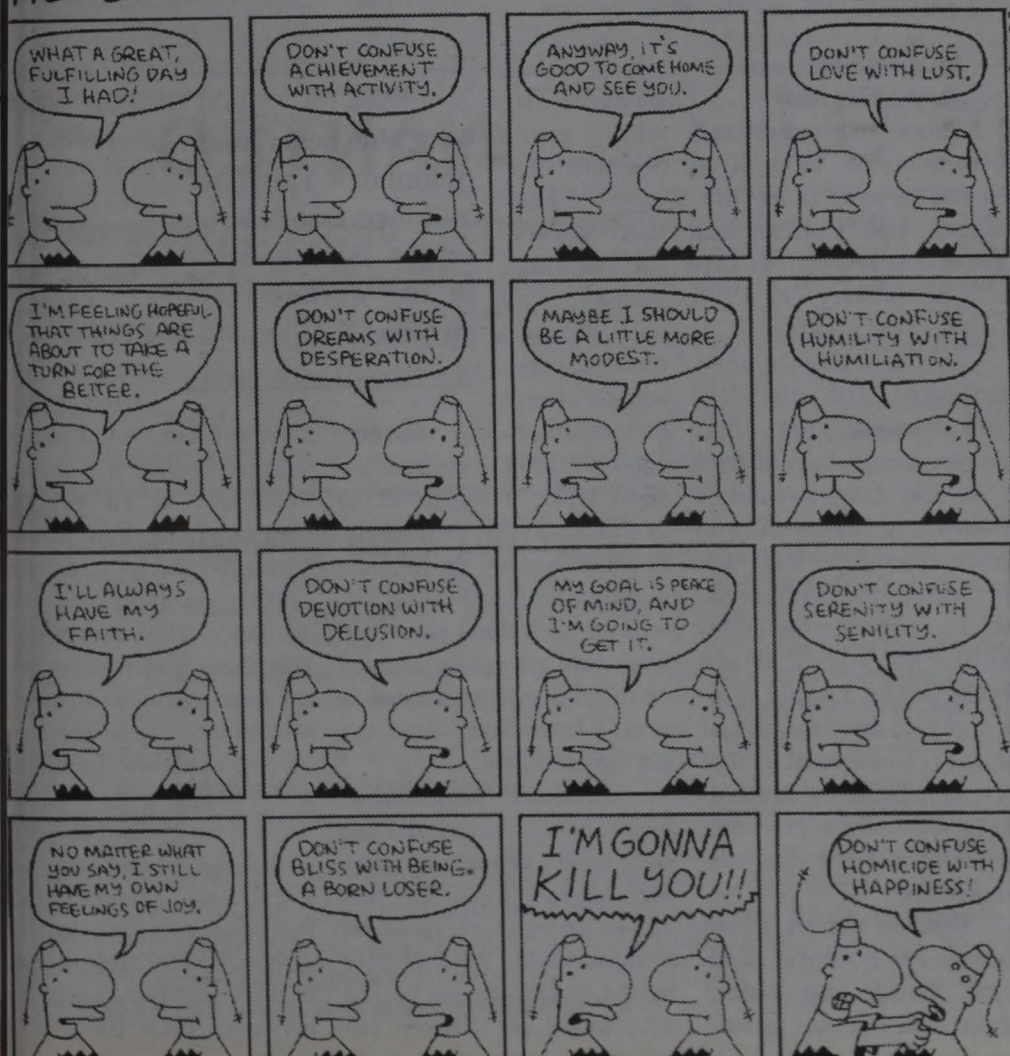
BERTY MEADOWS by Frank Chow



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Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Don't use your head so much; your heart has a lot to say. In order to gain, you must first give, and this may mean the voluntary sacrifice of something dear to you. For now, just wait.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — There is a necessity to take risks. You are about to begin a new journey, and that requires a leap of faith. Every journey in life begins in excitement and fear. Take that first step.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — You must learn to sustain and preserve money and material goods. Try to hold conditions stable and save money. Be generous, but protect what is yours.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — You have in idea, a framework, and already the rewards are evident. However, do not let this early success fool you; there is hard work in store and the idea has many changes to be made.

Leo (July 23-August 22) — Sometimes conflict can lead to a stronger personality. By facing not only your own, but other's aggression, you learn to handle your anger. You cannot avoid this conflict; face it.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) — Your long commitment will finally be validated, especially in affairs of the heart. Prepare for a time of pleasure, for a wish is coming true. But remember, true love is not all happy.

Libra (September 23-

October 22) — People are talking this week, and not all of it is good. Gossip spreads quickly, whether about you or started by you. Irritability and difficulty mark this week.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) — You need to face your own limits. Realize that life needs to be lived within the confines of your capabilities. You've taken on too much; swallow your pride and back off.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) — You have a sense of security, like you've made your mark and will be remembered. This may be a family, a material endeavor (like a book), or wealth and property.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) — How hard are you willing to fight for your achievements? Competition from the outside forces you to improve your ideas and goals. No one consoles a loser because he had a good idea.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) — Paradoxes and contradictions in yourself help bring hidden feelings to the forefront. Personal contradiction may fly in the face of morality, but you answer to no one but yourself.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) — Don't fight for the sake of fighting; fight to preserve the truth. Be impartial when making decisions, but don't become coldly rational. Cold rationality may harm personal relationships.

Let's Ask Cristola...

Q. What do you think of the recent bankrupt status of the Psychic Friends Network?

A. Well, of course, I knew this would happen. I phoned Dionne Warwick and told her, but she was on the other line with Gary Coleman. I then phoned the network and my Psychic Friend, Paul, said, "I knew you would say that." Obviously, he didn't.

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Stepping up to bat without a pitcher

In a game of baseball, the pitcher can't expect to throw curve balls into an empty cage and the batter can't expect to hit homeruns without a pitcher throwing fast balls from the pitcher's mound. It seems at GSC this problem exists in many of the clubs and organizations. A campus club or organization exists with a few understandings in mind. One is to show the college campus that your club has activities involving the campus. Whether it's having a booth in the Heflin Center or going on a trip, a club can show school spirit in any way. Second is to have an agenda with your club or organization. But most importantly, and certainly not last, a club or organization should have members, which is what makes everything above possible. It seems that some of the clubs and organizations don't have enough active members.

This just proves that GSC students are somewhat spoiled. Spoiled? Well, let's look at it this way.

If you really don't need to be at the Heflin Center but know a movie is to be shown, will you trudge up the hill to see your movie, even if it's free? Well some students won't. Are you the type of person that wants things changed on campus but don't want to be in the process? Are you signed up for a club but only show up three times in a year?

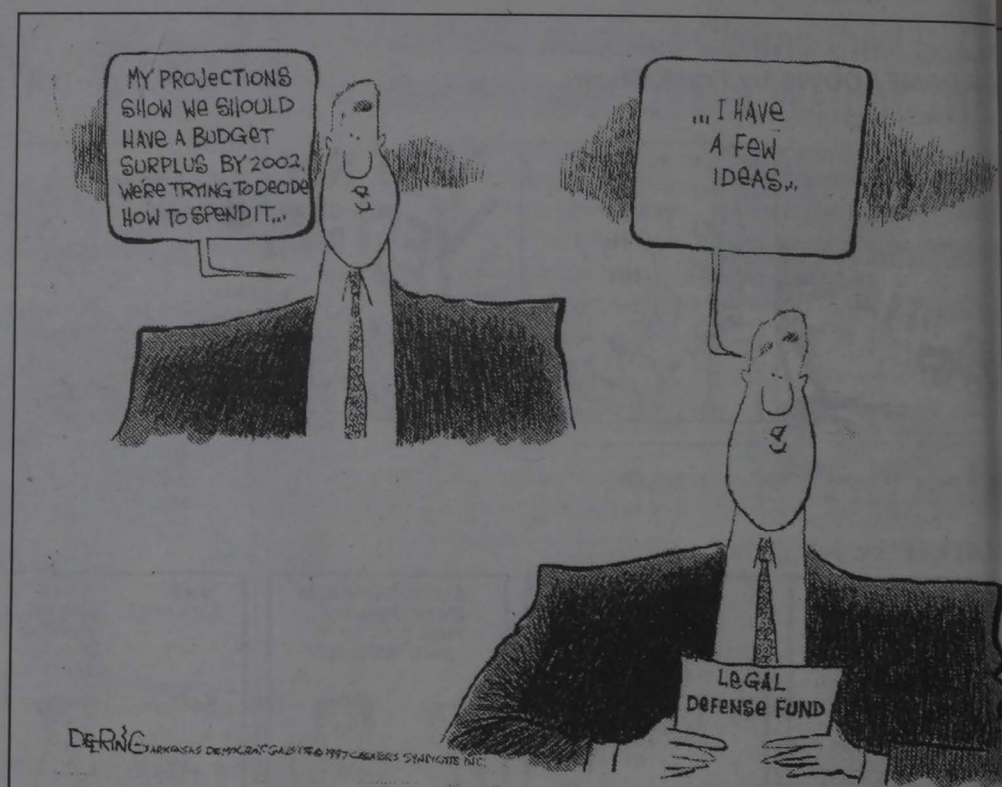
This is the legacy of GSC. Our campus clubs offer great deals with a lot of interesting activities, but a lot of students just don't want to be active. They want to belong without the responsibility.

Campus life is about participation. It's about belonging to a part of campus one could be proud of. A wise professor once told me that college is the best time in your life. Embrace it and remember. This is a fact we could all share. College is not just about classwork, courses, and papers, it's about taking advantage of campus life to its fullest extent and embrace it, and remember.

Because the game can't be played without any players.



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A good soul taken too soon In memory of Shannon Collins

By Annie McCourt,
Staff Columnist

This is the hardest and most important thing I've ever had to write in my life. Shannon Lea Collins was taken too quickly from this world on January 28, 1998 in a tragic car accident.

February 3rd marked Shannon's 23rd Birthday. Some people say that Shannon would have turned 23 on that date, but didn't make it because of the untimely accident that took this precious person from us. Yet, I hold onto the belief that Shannon's spirit is and forever will be a bright shining light in the darkness of our lives. To those of us that knew her, February 3rd will forever be a day to celebrate the life of this one in a million person.

Shannon's spirit is kept alive by her beautiful mom Trish, her loving sisters Sabrina and Jen, her goodly mamaw Sims, many rela-

tives and those of us who were blessed to have had this cheerful, smiling woman a part of our lives. I personally first

met Shannon four summers ago on a HOT August afternoon when a bunch of us decided to go swimming. Shannon had me smiling and giggling within the first fifteen minutes that I knew her. She could always be counted on to bring you up, or just to say, "I Love You," -and she always meant it.

Shannon sang songs when she was happy and she sang them even louder when she was sad. I can still feel her amazing voice shine on through Wild Wild Horses by the Stones. Every person who knew her closely can associate some song with

"Yet, I hold onto the belief that Shannon's spirit is and forever will be a bright shining light in the darkness of our lives."

her power voice. It was Freedom some, Closer to F by the Ind Girls for other Shanno dream was teach kind garten so

day, and she would of ma a great teacher, but she re ly taught us all everyd She taught us how to lau through tears, to rea enjoy a good romance nov to dance like there was tomorrow, the true meani of quiet time and how constantly reinvent ou selves until we found th truly happy person lurkin down deep in each one of u

Like everyone wh knew her I deeply moun the loss of this brillia girl, but I feel truly blesse to have had her as a part my life, even for a sho while.

Dear Editor,

I've heard many complaints around campus about "all that AP stuff" in the Mercury.

Well, I would just like to say that I really enjoyed reading a lot of that AP stuff. I feel that it's about time students on this campus were exposed to news and events that don't occur in Glenville. It's very easy to get caught up in schoolwork and other things on campus and forget

about the rest of the world.

Being as isolated as we are here in Glenville doesn't help matters much, either. There were some really good articles about state and world news in last week's paper. The wider news coverage not only keeps us informed of what's going on in the outside world, but it helps put our own daily struggles into perspective.

So, I would like all the people on campus that were

complaining about all the AP articles in last week's paper to ask themselves this: do we want a newspaper on campus or do we want a campus newspaper? Please keep in mind that this is not a high school newspaper, this is a college newspaper and should cover everything that affects our lives, not just what happens on campus.

Sincerely,
Greg Richmond

Would bombing chasten Iraq?

By Donald M. Rothberg,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Out of defiance with Saddam Hussein, the Clinton administration is leaving no doubt of its intention to use military force if Iraq continues to deny U.N. inspectors access to potential weapons sites. Less clear is what air strikes would accomplish.

Do not expect too much, as the word from Defense Secretary William Cohen over the weekend. He said air attacks could not topple Saddam or destroy his arsenal of weapons of mass destruction--an arsenal the Iraqis insist does not exist.

What is the point then?

The simplest answer is that from the U.S. standpoint, Saddam's continued defiance of the United Nations cannot go unanswered. To ignore him is to allow him to move ahead with his weapons program and threaten every nation within range of his missiles.

Secondly, an attack in Iraq has no political downside in the United States.

Even Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and one of Clinton's most vociferous critics, said Saturday on CNN that he would endorse bombing Iraq.

Another possibility is that a credible threat of force would persuade Saddam to back down, at least long enough to defuse the current crisis.

"The threat of military force is often one of the most useful ways to get diplomatic action," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told CNN on Sunday.

Eliot Cohen, a Johns Hopkins professor who directed the Pentagon study of the effectiveness of the air war against Iraq after it invaded Kuwait, said the U.S. military has some advantages it did not have seven years ago.

"We've been in Iraq for a long time now," he said. "They (the Iraqis) are not as wealthy as they used to be and there are probably more people who are willing to cooperate with us."

When U.S. and allied air forces were pummeling Iraq in 1991, Pentagon briefers gave upbeat assessments of the raids. However, Cohen's study of the air campaign found the results were far more mixed.

The study concluded that the air strikes played a significant role in the swift defeat of the Iraqi military, but that it took ground forces to dislodge them from Kuwait. The study also found no evidence that air strikes destroyed Scud missiles on the ground.

Cohen said an air campaign

aimed at Iraq's infrastructure could shake Saddam's hold on power. "If you were to take out all the television stations and telecommunications so that he finds it hard to communicate with the Republican Guard or the police, I could imagine it having a serious effect," he said.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III advocated a similar approach on "Fox News Sunday."

"The one thing that I'm convinced would bring (Saddam) to heel is to take out his infrastructure, pretty much the way we did during the Gulf War," Baker said.

He suggested the primary

targets should be the bridges and power grid along with the presidential palaces that Saddam has placed off-limits to U.N. inspectors.

Baker, who was secretary of state during the war, said most of Iraq's ability to develop nuclear or chemical weapons was sharply diminished. However, he said it would be "damn hard to find biological weapons facilities," which can be set up in a single room.

Cohen said the United States must recognize "that the problem is Saddam, and the truth of the matter is we can't let up on the Iraqis until he's gone."

But how to achieve that goal is another question.

Baker said it would be a mistake to think American troops could go into Iraq and capture Saddam. He said an attempt to occupy Iraq would turn the confrontation into "a U.S.-Israel-versus-the-Arab-world-type war, and we don't want that."

Cohen said today's precision-guided weapons are more effective than the ones used in the Gulf War. But even with those improved weapons, he said, "that doesn't necessarily say you hit all the targets you want to hit when you want to hit them."

The Johns Hopkins professor warned against thinking that a few air strikes would accomplish anything.

"You have to go back and revisit them and you have to hit them with a lot of stuff," Cohen said. "The idea that you just have a few artfully placed shots and that does it, I think we learned in the Gulf War it doesn't work that way."

"Starr-You-Are"

A newly-discovered tale by Dr. Seuss

I'm here to ask
As you'll soon see--
Did you grope
Miss Lewinsky?

Did you grope her
In your house?
Did you grope her
Beneath her blouse?

"I did not do that
Here or far.
I did not do that
Starr-you-are."

Did you smile?
Did you flirt?
Did you peek
Beneath her skirt?

And did you tell
The girl to lie?
When I called her
To testify?

"I do not like you
Starr-You-Are.
I think that you
Have gone too far.

"I will not answer
Any more--
Perhaps I will go
Start a war!

"The public's easy
To distract--
When bombs are
Falling on Iraq!"

Taken from the World Wide Web

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Our lives could use some spicing up.

By Brent Wood,
Staff Columnist

This week's review is the film (if I can call it a film) *SpiceWorld* based on the latest music sensation the Spice Girls. My friend and I were very early for the film, so we sat back and drank some soda. It was a few minutes later that I noticed that everyone entering the theatre were children.

At first I thought we my have gone into the wrong theater. Then I remembered something I heard once. The majority of Spice Girls fans are children, especially females, ranging from eight to fourteen years of age and young, lonely men ages eighteen to twenty-five.

More and more children entered, a few parents mixed in. Sinking in our seats, we felt like we were doing something wrong. With a few muttered curse words we decided, "Dammit. We like the Spice Girls and we're going

to enjoy this movie." We did enjoy the movie along with forty or so children and one strange looking solitary man behind us, and enough people to buy twenty-million-dollars-worth of tickets in two weeks.

As for the movie, it is hard to be biased when five such lovely ladies are singing and dancing in short skirts and tight pants. I'll try to be honest. From the artistic point of view, this film needed to be taken outside and shot behind the ear. If you can call it one, the plot didn't start until the very end and then it had no real point to it. The acting was on the level of a grade school Christmas pageant. No. Sorry, it was below that. How can you be so terrible when acting like yourself? You may have trouble understanding some of the jokes due to the British accents.

On the other hand, there were some good things about



(L-R) Sporty Spice, Ginger Spice, Baby Spice, Scary Spice, and Posh Spice.
Hey, wouldn't you give them their own movie?

it. There were many guest stars like Elton John and Meatloaf, corny jokes and picking on the celebrities of the world. And my favorite reason to see it-- Baby Spice.

In my opinion anyone

that goes to see this movie is either a young female eight to fourteen, a lonely young man eighteen to twenty-five with a thing for a pretty face, (Which I am), or a child molester looking for an easy

score. I would go see it again just for the sheer fun of it. But I fit the demographics. Do you? Here's a GSC question. Who is your favorite Spice? Or maybe...the one that you hate the least?

Resident Evil 2: A zombie nightmare

By Terry L. Estep,
Staff Columnist

I can die now.

I have finally found the one game that has filled my hours with incredible joy since I first hit the *START* button.

Resident Evil 2 is without a doubt the best horror adventure game I have ever plugged into my Sony Playstation.

Taking up two months after the events of the first *Resident Evil*, this game has the streets of Raccoon City filled with the living dead. The zombies in this game are straight out of George Romero's central casting--they shamble, they lurch, they grab through boarded-up windows when you walk by.

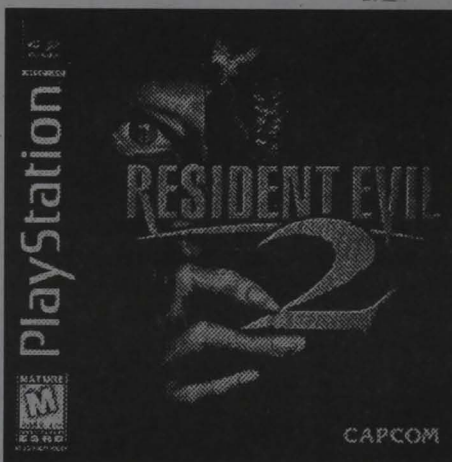
Playing as either Claire Redfield or Leon Kennedy, you search for survivors and try to piece together a way to stop the

Umbrella Corporation from continuing its deadly biological weapons research.

This game contains many malicious weapons for you to find, including flame-throwers, grenade launchers, and even a gatling gun for the true maniacal playing experience.

The controls are virtually identical to the first game's, but now includes a "lock on" feature that cuts down on wasted ammo.

In terms of replay value, *Resident Evil 2* is designed for the player to complete the mission first as Claire or Leon, and then to play the opposite mission as Leon or Claire. Actions taken in the first mission determine the



variables in the second. Capcom has lauded this "zapping technology" as the next interactive step for this type game.

There are fewer puzzles than the first game, but playing the game through four times for all the endings makes up for it in the long run. Buy it...NOW.

Big Wreck has big impact

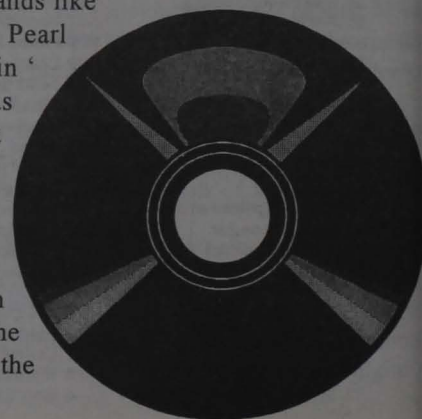
Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

Taking the charts in January by storm, the new band "Big Wreck" is breaking new ground with their debut hit "The Oaf", sending this band to the top of alternative top ten charts.

This bluesy-rock-groove band is a refresher with the same hit bands like Soundgarden and Pearl Jam gave to charts in '91. Big Wreck has the makings of a fresh beginning in the alternative music area with hits "The Oaf", "Blown Open Wide", and "By the Way", making into the singles.

Hailing from Oregon, Big Wreck is made up of Ian Thornley, lead guitar, vocals and mando guitar, and keyboards; Forrest Williams, drums; David Henning, bass; and Brian Doherty, guitar.

For a sample song from Big Wreck, their website is: www.bigwreck.com.



Comedian Buzz Sutherland

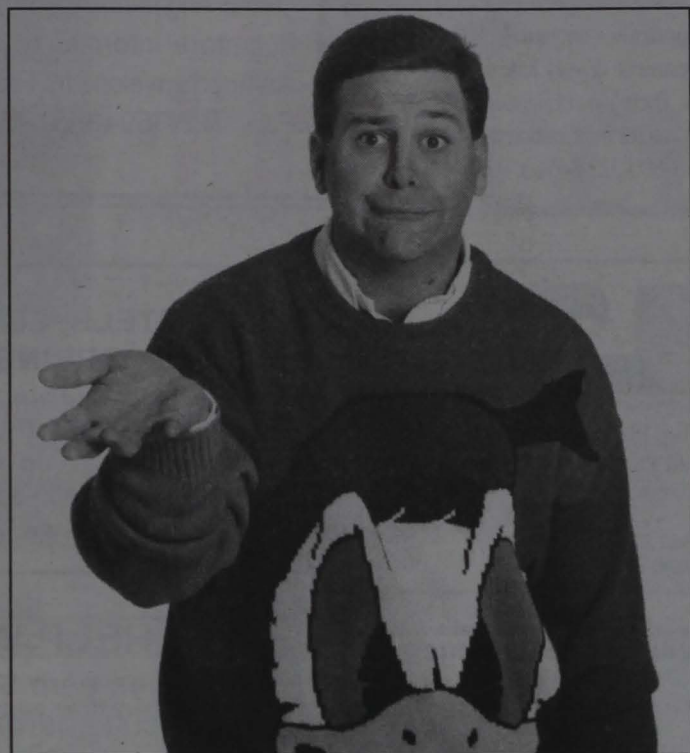
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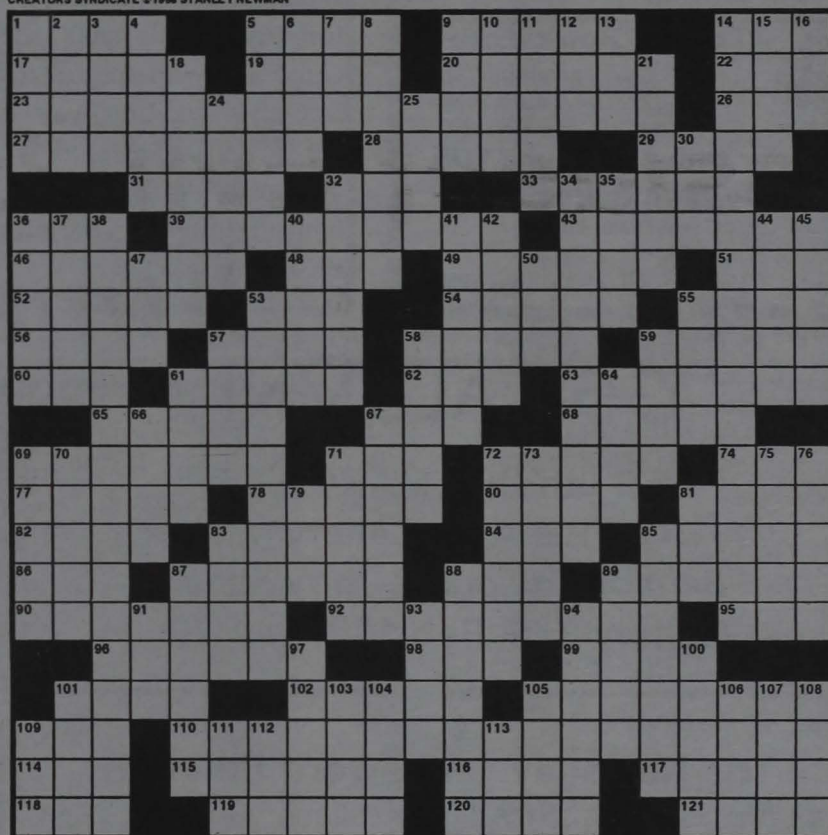
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