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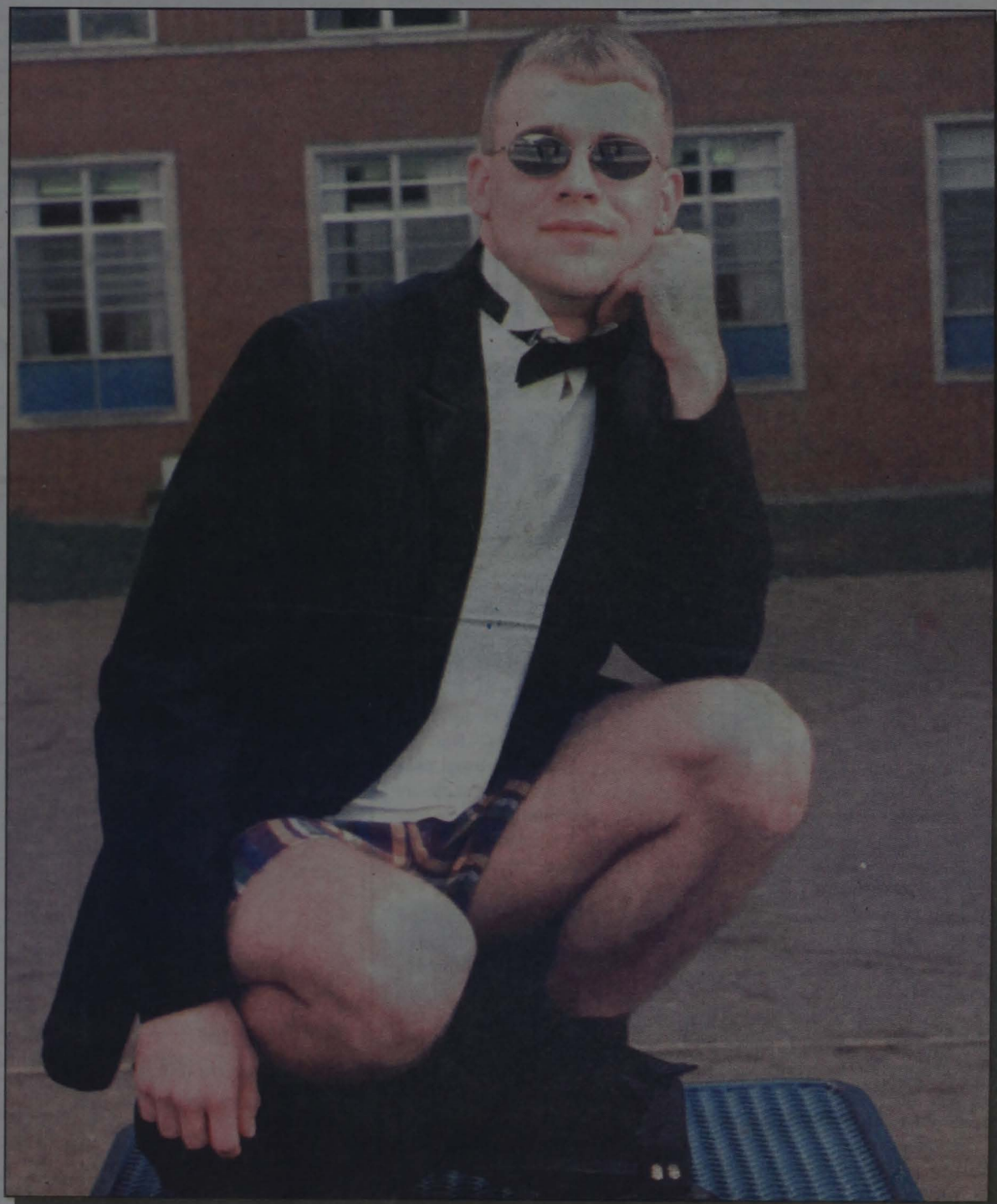
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Hail to the Chief!

Underwood plans trail workshops

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Recreational trails in the works throughout West Virginia have the potential to pump millions of dollars into economies, and now is the time for small businesses to get involved, Gov. Cecil Underwood said.

Planning workshops for a statewide system of trails will be held in the coming months, he said.

The West Virginia Trails Coalition wants comment on what types of trails the state needs and where, and how to link them, Underwood said.

"The input of the people of this state is critical to the suc-

cess of the plan," he said.

Kent Spellman, chairman of the statewide trail plan committee, said an economic-impact study of the proposed North Bend Rail Trail in Ritchie County showed it could generate about \$4.9 million for the economy of West Union and the surrounding area.

"West Virginia is in the process of recreating itself through recreation," Spellman said. "We have an opportunity here that to date has not been fully recognized. We have the potential to be the Utah or the Colorado of the eastern U.S."

January jobless rate rises to 7.5%

CHARLESTON --

West Virginia's unemployment rate rose 1 percentage point to 7.5 percent in January, the steepest climb in a year, due to across-the-board winter slowdowns, according to the state Bureau of Employment Programs.

The rate was the highest since April 1997 but was the lowest for any January since 1979, the agency said.

"There's just a general slowdown in activity this time of year," said Ed Merrifield, director of labor and economic research for the state Bureau of Employment Programs.

Look to black history for role models, says Kareem

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. Children should look to the men and women who made their mark in black history as role models instead of athletes and entertainers at WVU's Festival of Ideas. "I believe it is simply doing what is right when easier choices may be available to you."

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[Kennedy] termed courage as the most admirable of human virtues..."

—Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Wise can help European hunters get deer in WV

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Rep. Bob Wise believes he can help European hunters to bag deer in West Virginia by using a mouse.

Wise, D-W.Va., has included a page about hunting and fishing in West Virginia on his World Wide Web site as part of his effort to promote business between the state and Europe.

Also, Wise announced the formation of a committee that will try to develop ways to market the state as an outdoors vacation spot for Europeans. The group will be led by former Division of Natural Resources Director Ed Hamrick.

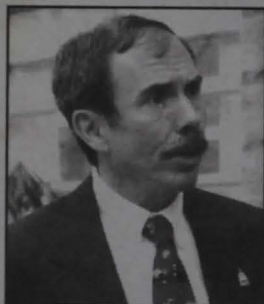
"One thing we've got in West Virginia, we've got hunting licenses, we've got game and we've got lots of opportunities," said Wise, flanked by

committee members and an array of camouflage and blaze orange props.

Wise said the committee will look at expediting the process so European hunters can begin spending their tourism dollars as soon as they get to West Virginia. But he said the usual procedures, such as hunting safety classes, will not be sacrificed.

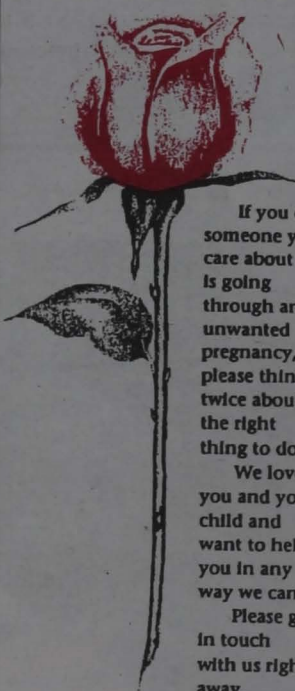
Wise's Project Europe effort includes the development of a trade office in Germany to boost investment in West Virginia and exports from the state to Europe. Wise and several state government and business representatives visited Germany in December.

The state development office last year hired a staff member to handle European trade operations.



Bob Wise (Heather Ware, Mercury)

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Submissions taken February 25 through March 23.

The winning entrant will receive \$25.

Faculty Brass Recital

Tuesday, March 3

8 p.m. - Fine Arts Auditorium

Admission is free.

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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Alpha Rho Tau's milk bugs

By B. J. Woods,
Contributing Writer

Did you know that there are "bugs" in milk?

Are you aware that these "bugs" are actually good for you? Joe Yurkiewicz, secretary of the Glenville State College English Department, was the guest speaker for the January meeting of the Alpha Rho Tau chapter of Chi Beta Phi.

Yurkiewicz and his wife live on a working farm, where some of the many things they do is make their own cheese. He presented a very informative and educational program on milk and cheese making.

Yurkiewicz told some of the theories behind how cheese making came to be. He explained the difference between pasteurized and "raw" milk, as well as explaining that milk is made up of 9% water and six percent solids. These solids are the necessary ingredients for mak-



Joe Yurkiewicz gives his presentation to Alpha Rho Tau and explains about the "milk bugs." (Photo submitted).

ing cheese.

Yurkiewicz made all of the biologists in attendance very happy when he explained that it is the bacteria that actually makes the cheese. He also explained that the different types of bacteria give each cheese its own distinct flavoring and texture.

He enlightened us about the different diseases associated with "raw" milk, and how many

cases of illnesses have been eliminated by simply pasteurizing this "raw" milk.

Yurkiewicz gave a very good presentation that was both enlightening and educational about milk and the cheese making process. We would like to extend our sincere THANKS to Yurkiewicz for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and speak to our group.

Richmond Recital



Interdisciplinary majors Allegra and Gregory Richmond pause for a fan's picture after their senior recital on Sunday, February 22. (Terry Estep, Mercury).

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>.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

Students in Free Enterprise

S.I.F.E. is an organization that helps teach others about the free enterprise system. Members of S.I.F.E. also engage in community service such as the Adopt-a-Highway program, a food and clothing drive (which took place before Christmas), and Make-a-Difference Day, which consisted of hosting at-risk children to a GSC football game. S.I.F.E. currently meets every Thursday at 12:30 in room 101 in the Administration Building and welcomes people from all majors.

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.

Alpha Rho Tau

GSC's artist fraternity needs your help. We are planning a fund-raising car wash to help pay expenses on a trip to New York City. The car wash will be held at the Weston Walmart on Saturday March 22nd and another one is planned for March 29th from 12 noon until about 4 pm. We are asking for donations only, and we hope to raise enough money so that anyone who helps out at the car wash will have their travel expenses covered by the club. This trip is tentatively planned for the weekend of April 12th.

Also discussed was the idea of making up a logo for the fraternity and selling T-shirts in the school co-op. We would like to have the input of all Alpha Rho Tau members on any design ideas. We would like to have the ideas ready for discussion at the meetings in March.

We also have several members going on a Washington D.C. trip this weekend with Dr. Gillespie's art history class. They have invited us along to the National Gallery on a space-available basis. The officers are excited about spending a weekend with some of our nation's best art. We also want to say thank you to Dr. Gillespie for this opportunity.

We would also like to invite any new freshman who are art education majors to come to our meetings and join the fraternity. The meetings are held every first and third Thursday of every month in room 213 of the AB building (the painting/sculpture room) at 3pm to about 3:40 pm. Our next meeting is March 5th at 3pm.

Kappa Delta Pi News

Kappa Delta Pi met on Tuesday, February 24, with nine members in attendance. The winner of the drawing for the Department of Education Jacket was Lee Ann Starret. Way to go, Lee Ann!

Kappa Delta Pi is an honorary society for education. Our initiation for this semester will be March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vandalia Room. Those who receive invitations must RSVP to the Dept. of Education (by ext 119) by 4 p.m. on March 17.

The next Kappa Delta Pi meeting will be by March 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the curriculum lab. We are now selling chances for an Indian Afghan. \$1/ticket, or \$5/six tickets. The drawing will be held April 14, 1998.

Delta Zeta News

The Delta Zeta sorority recently held their pinning ceremony. That is where rushees officially put in their bid to join the sisters and become an initiate. We would like to welcome and congratulate Lee Ann and Dawna on the outstanding job they are doing. You've been working hard to become a part of our sisterhood and we commend you for your efforts. For all of you who are wondering if you can still rush the answer is YES you can. We rush all semester, all year round. Soon we will be having our Big Sis ceremony, where our new members choose an initiate member of the sorority and pretty much become their best friend. Big Sis' and L'il Sis' do all sorts of things together, from hanging out to helping each other study, to being there when you need somebody to listen to your problems. Anyone interested in being a part of a close knit group of friends, having fun and learning responsibility to come and rush Delta Zeta. If you have any ques-

Treasurer Tingler takes chess tournament trophy

By David Kennedy,
Contributing Writer

For chess club treasure Ernie Tingler, three is a charm. In his third GSC chess tournament, he claimed the title of champion which had eluded him until now.

Tuesday night's tournament was held in the Heflin Center. It was the inaugural contest at GSC for "bughouse," which is partner chess. As teams of two do battle, the rules of 'bughouse' allow a player to pass a captured piece to his/her partner, who can then place it on their board.

The result is a wide-open game full of ups and downs. In one match, the team of Jay Kearns and President Brandon Riffle pulled one out of the fire when Riffle battled back against his opponent's four queens. This Houdini act, together with solid technical play from Kearns, propelled that duo to a second-place finish.

J.C. McDonald teamed with local legend Peter Mauk to provide a true threat to every

team they met. Bughouse newcomer James Leake proved that it did not take him long to master the game. He and defensive-minded person Lacy Lafferty proved to be a surprisingly strong combination and handed the eventual champs their only loss of the night.

In the end the evening belonged to Tingler and his partner, Chess Club Advisor, Mr. Kennedy. This slow-starting team shrugged off an opening game loss, and reeled off five straight victories. In the decisive final game, they used the clocks as their allies, managing to stay alive long enough for their opponents time to expire.

The chess club sponsors



Ernest Tingler won the Chess Tournament.
(File Photo)

two tournaments each semester. With bughouse now out of the way, reigning individual champion Brandon Riffle will be defending his title later this semester.

The chess club meets every Monday this semester from 5-8pm in Science Hall 300 for informal games.

Catchin' some (eclipsed) rays



George Randolph looks through a welder's glass to see the partial eclipse on Thursday at 1 p.m.

Photo by Eric Ware, Mercury

Students named finalists in Photographer's Forum Contest

By Lee Ann Moore,
Staff Reporter

Two Glenville State College students were selected as finalists in the 18th Annual College Photo Contest.

Sandra Harding and June Proctor will be published for honorable mention in a book called *Best of College Photography Annual: 1998*.

The contest, sponsored by the Photographer's Forum Magazine and Nikon, received 21,048 entries. The top 6%

were selected.

Sandra is a freshman at GSC. After attending Deanna Foxworthy's photography class and spending long hours in the dark room, she submitted three photos. She has not yet been informed which photo caught the judge's eye.

June Proctor took the summer of 1997 photography course to broaden her general knowledge of the photography process and to learn how to set up her own dark room.

Bailey retiring after years of food service at GSC

By Eric Ware,
Staff Reporter

After almost 30 years working in the Food Service Department at Glenville State College, Shannon Bailey looks forward to her time off as a time to catch up with her family and friends.

"After retirement I'm going to spend some time with my grandchildren and children," she explains.

Bailey has been working in the cafeteria at GSC since September 9, 1969 and witnessed many changes over the

years. One of the changes, she recalls is the number of students eating in the cafeteria.

"This place used to be filled," she recalled. "The cafeteria feed thousands of students

once, and the rooms were all filled." The Vandellia Room she went on, was part of the cafeteria with long lines every day.

Bailey moved to GSC from Lewis County with her husband and children and worked

at GSC after two years. She now holds the position as Food Assistant #1.



Food Service Assistant #1
Shannon Bailey (file photo)

Students watch partial eclipse of sun

By Amy Smith,
Staff Reporter

On February 26, not only was Glenville blessed with a beautiful day, but students and faculty had the rare opportunity to see a partial solar eclipse.

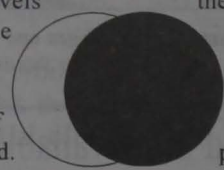
A solar eclipse occurs when the moon travels between the Earth and the sun, blocking out the sun's rays. This eclipse was partial, so only part of the sun's light was blocked.

The eclipse started around 12:30 p.m. and reached its visible height at about 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Bame, a science

instructor at G.S.C. set up a telescope that would reflect a shadow of the sun and the eclipse on white cardboard, and with close observation sun spots could also be viewed. There were safety visors provided so that one could directly look at the sun and see the moon slowly block part of the sun's rays. Between twenty and thirty students participated.

Mr. Bame often coordinates activities that allow students to participate in natural phenomenon.



U.S. 12-graders lag world in math, science achievement

By Robert Greene,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Even America's top high school seniors -- those taking the toughest math and science courses -- performed far worse on an international test than similar students in most other countries.

"This is unacceptable," Education Secretary Richard Riley said today of America's showing among the lowest of 21 nations on the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, administered at Boston College.

Not only did typical American seniors do poorly, but those who took physics and advanced math courses such as calculus and analytical geometry also performed at or near the bottom when compared with students in other countries who took similar courses.

"Our best students in mathematics and science are simply not 'world class,'" said William H. Schmidt, a Michigan State University professor and national research coordinator for the federally supported project. "Even the very small percentage of students taking Advanced Placement courses are not among the world's best."

Riley and others blamed a dearth of qualified teachers and easy graduation requirements.

About half of physics teachers lack a major or minor in that subject. Likewise, about half of college-bound seniors have not taken four years of science.

Others, like Schmidt, said that students in other countries begin learning elements of algebra, geometry, physics and chemistry in middle school while science and math teaching in this country often is repetitive and unchallenging. Previously reported results for fourth- and eighth-graders found the relative U.S. performance was stronger in those grades.

Teaching here usually is done layer-cake fashion, devoted to one subject per year, while the curriculum elsewhere blends disciplines, he says.

Kristin Schulte, a visiting 16-year-old junior from Wichita, Kan., said that she had switched from a Catholic school to a public school in the ninth grade, and repeated much of what she had learned in the eighth.

"Biology is like a basic review of seventh- or eighth-grade stuff," she said. "I should have gone to something harder."

She plans to take physics as a senior after her PSAT scores showed the price for not taking chemistry or physics.

The international tests, given in the 1994-1995 school

year, measured general math and science knowledge, defined as the knowledge needed "to function effectively in society."

In general math knowledge, the U.S. students were below the international average and closest in performance to students in the Czech Republic, Italy, Lithuania and the Russian Federation. Americans scored significantly lower than students in 14 other countries, mostly European, but including Australia and Canada. Asian countries did not take part in the 12th-grade study.

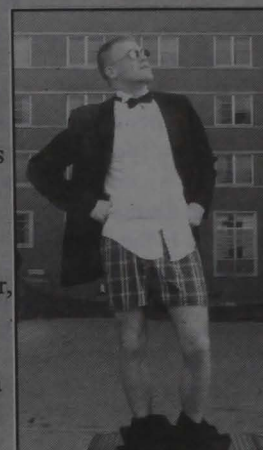
In general science, U.S. students also scored below the international average alongside the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania and the Russian Federation. Eleven countries scored significantly higher.

Only 42 percent of U.S. students could answer why spike heels might cause more damage to floors than might ordinary heels. Sixty percent of international students knew the answer -- that more energy is concentrated in a smaller area.

American students who took advanced mathematics scored far below the international average, along with students from Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany and Italy.

Your new Student Congress

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President James Arnold
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

How do you feel about the situation with Saddam in the Middle East?

By Ann Williams

"I think we should mind our own business." Stacey Smalley-freshman

"I think we need to get a hold on biological weapons."

J. Hibner-senior

"Nuke the Bastards!!!" Paul Ryan-senior

"If they would have solved this problem the first time, we wouldn't have this problem." Matt Hagner-senior

"They should have taken him out the first time." Paige Kyle-senior

"I'm just tired of it. It just seems like a big game played between politicians." Anonymous senior

"I don't have any worries about it." Anonymous junior

AEROBICS:

MON. 2:45-3:45 Instructor Cheryl Stout

4:00-5:00 Instructor J. K. Bailey

TUES. 4:00-5:00 Instructor Erica Dierkes

WED 4:00-5:00 Instructor Cheryl Stout

THURS. 2:45-3:45 Instructor Erica Dierkes

4:00-5:00 Instructor J. K. Bailey

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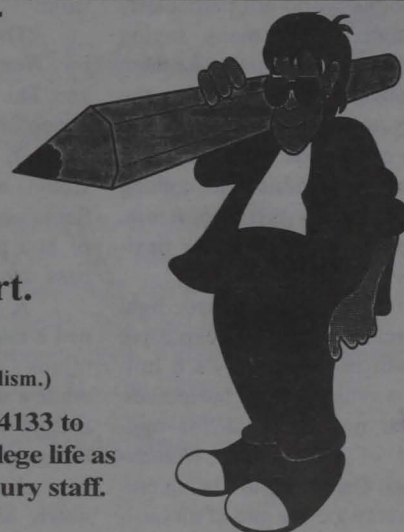
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Prospective Music Student Day

By Terry L. Estep,
Staff Reporter

For 17-year-old Keith Collins, Glenville State College's Prospective Music Student Day is a mix of the comfortable and the nerve-wracking.

"This is the worst day to miss school," he states while browsing through sweat shirts in the campus bookstore. "Trig tests, English classes... Yesterday we reviewed for all the stuff they're doing today." He pauses to try one of the pens on a piece of scratch paper. "I've got to leave my mark," he says.

Collins spent the day at Glenville in order to take part in a day of tours, informative lectures, and auditions organized by Department Chair Keith Haan to introduce high school juniors and seniors to the GSC Music Department. The program has been in place for five

years.

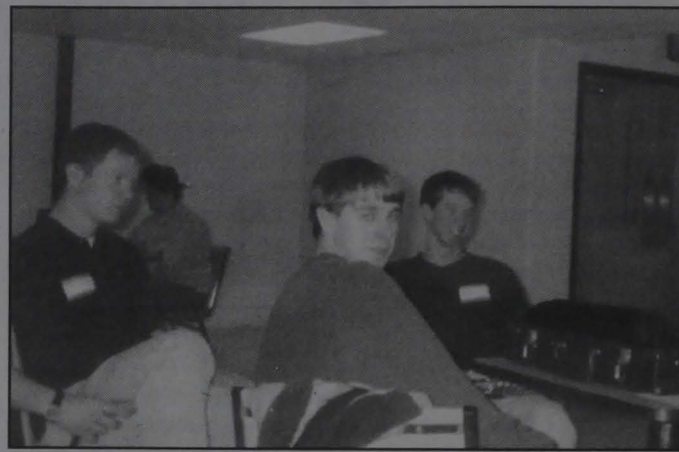
Eighteen students took part in the day-long event, which also included performances from the various ensembles in the department.

Keith and the others began the day with registration in the Fine Arts Building lobby, taking time to mingle and sample donuts and other snacks.

Keith and his mother were part of a tour group that puffed its way along the stairs and hills of GSC. "You won't even notice the uphill walks after a year of this," tour-guide Becky Seymour consoles the group.

After tours, the group heard Financial Aid information from Karen Lay in the Fine Arts Auditorium. "The most important information I can give is to apply early," Lay states.

Presentations from instructors were followed by lunch in



Keith Collins, 17 (far left), waits for his turn to audition during GSC's Prospective Music Student Day. (Terry Estep, Mercury)

the Heflin Center cafeteria.

Keith and the others then waited for their turn to play for instructors in auditions.

"I'm really nervous about it," Keith admits, fearing making a mistake. "Like, if they gave me something really hard

to sight read," he laughs.

When one student returns, he is asked about the difficulty of auditions. When he reports positive comments, tension doubles. "If they say you suck, you get the full scholarship. Praise means they don't want you to

feel bad," Collins jokes.

The appeal of GSC's campus is evident for Collins. "It's small, like Wirt County. I'd be afraid of a bigger school, like Marshall."

Auditions out of the way without a scratch, Collins and the others were invited to hear performances from the choir, chamber singers, jazz band, percussion, woodwind, and brass ensembles, as well as the concert band. The group of students and their parents were rotated to different rooms for the performances.

"It's easier to move the audience than all this equipment," Haan explains.

With its taste of GSC's campus and the professionalism of the students and staff, Prospective Music Student Day has made a believer--and potential student--of Keith Collins.

Many women starting businesses after hitting glass ceiling

By Maggie Jackson,
Associated Press

NEW YORK -- A significant number of women business owners take the risky step of starting businesses because they run into a "glass ceiling" or feel unchallenged in their work, a study revealed today.

Women coming from the corporate world are particularly frustrated, with many saying their employers didn't take them seriously or value them, the study reported. Nearly 60 percent of women who had come from corporations said nothing would induce them to return, including more money or flexibility.

The research casts light on reasons for the explosive growth in the country's 8 million women-owned businesses, which now account for one-third of U.S. firms. Women-owned businesses are being created at twice the rate of all busi-

nesses.

"Frustration with the work environment has pushed a significant number of women into entrepreneurship," said Sheila Wellington, president of Catalyst, one of the groups involved in the study. "They leave to get more flexibility and because they feel their advancement opportunities are not valid."

The National Foundation for Women Business Owners and The Committee of 200, a group for women business leaders, also released the study, which was based on September telephone surveys of 800 men and women business owners.

A survey of 650 women had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points, while a survey of 150 men had a margin of error of plus or minus 8 percentage points.

As might be expected, nearly half of women business

owners started their companies because they had a winning business idea or they wanted to turn their skills into a business.

But 16 percent of all women business owners cited a glass ceiling--an invisible barrier to advancement--as a significant motivation for becoming entrepreneurs, while 11 percent of women owners said they hadn't been challenged in past careers.

Such frustrations were particularly evident in the 60 percent of women surveyed who'd come from the private sector. Nearly a third of these women cited glass ceilings as a prime rea-

son they started a business.

Helen Hodges, a Houston-based entrepreneur since 1989, said she left the corporate world because she didn't feel that she'd ever get very far at the large company where she worked.

"I felt like the politics were too much against me," said Hodges, who now owns Separation

Systems Consultants, a small hazardous waste disposal firm. "If you want to get where you want to go, do it the way that works."

Interestingly, 22 percent of men business owners cited a "glass ceiling" as a reason for starting their own company, a slightly higher percentage than women.

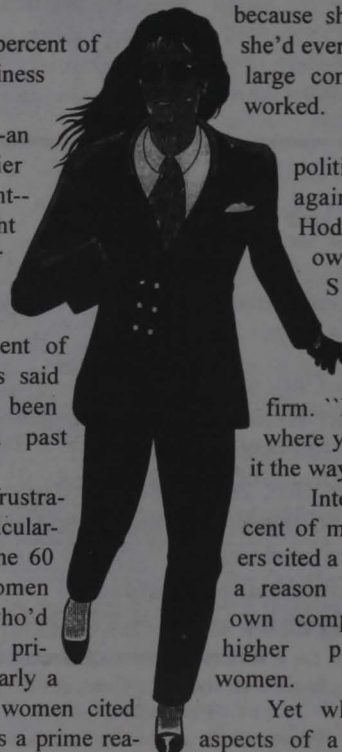
Yet when asked what aspects of a "glass ceiling"

they had experienced, women reported much stronger barriers. A third of women owners said that they had strongly experienced not being taken seriously by their employer, compared with only 18 percent of men.

Women also are seeking flexibility when they leave the corporate world. Half of women business owners who came from the private sector cited a desire for more flexibility as a major reason for starting their own business.

Carolee Friedlander started her successful costume jewelry business 25 years ago from her home in order to spend more time with her three young children. And her yearning for flexibility was satisfied, she said.

"Women are realizing that there are ways to have it all," she said. "And it's much more doable if you're managing your own company."



Student Congress buys TV for dorm

By Eric Ware,
Staff Reporter

Coming to the Student Congress two weeks ago, Eric Poirier related that the television in the dorms needed fixed or replaced. After reviewing this action, the Student Congress voted unanimously for buying a 52" RCA Television for \$1529.

"Others were cheaper, but this TV has a service plan that is more reliable," stated Poirier at the meeting. Filling in for President Lisa Belknap, Parliamentarian James Arnold was happy with the vote and the choice to buy the students at GSC another television.

"A lot of people were missing TV," he said, "this is a part of the nightlife here at college."

However, some members of the Congress mentioned that the missing television wasn't really missed at all. "It seems more

people were doing things," one member replied. "Dorm life took off once the TV was broken."

In other news, the banquet dinner for the Student Congress is well under way this year, with Dr. Al Billips helping out with the details of the dinner. This Installation Dinner is to welcome all students who were elected into offices by the student body. Elections were on February 23 and 24th. Billips noted that Tammy Cogar worked hard on the elections, putting in a lot of hours.

"Don't worry about election votes, we've always had a good turnout every year," replied Billips. He further praised the efforts of the Student Congress for their hard work during the year. "I would like to applaud those in Student Congress. You are the movers

and the shakers!"

The Pickens Hall representative came forward at the meeting to question the policy on parents not staying with children over night in the dorms. Billips and members mentioned that it's always been policy that parents aren't allowed into dorm rooms due to the "lack of space" and "noise some parents wouldn't agree with."

"We never allowed them (parents) to stay in the dorms, but they really didn't care anyway," Billips further replied.

Some however disagreed and a motion was made to carry the conversation on into the next meeting.

The minutes were read with old business and new business addressed. Eric Poirier announced that the Nascar Trip was sold out and another trip is scheduled for April.

Book examines hopes, fears of '90s college students

By Karen Matthews,
Associated Press

NEW YORK --

College students have high hopes for personal success even while they distrust the government and fear crime and economic insecurity, says a new book based on surveys and interviews with thousands of students.

When Hope and Fear Collide: A Portrait of Today's College Student paints an often contradictory portrait of a generation that has such high hopes for attaining the American dream while being so fearful of the country's powerful institutions.

Authors Arthur Levine, the president of Teachers College at Columbia University, and Jeanette S. Cureton, an independent scholar, based their study on a 1993 survey of 9,100 undergraduates as well as hundreds of interviews with individual students, campus newspaper editors, student body presidents and student affairs officers.

"Belief in the American dream is stronger than ever," the authors write.

"Students want good jobs, financial success, meaningful relationships, and a family. Although they are optimistic, they are also scared--everything seems to be falling apart. They worry that they will be unable to find jobs, afford a

family, be able to pay back their student loans, or even avoid moving back home with their parents."

The 1993 survey that is the basis of much of the book's statistical information was based on a random sample of 9,100 undergraduates at public and private colleges around the United States. Among the book's findings:

*Students do not trust social institutions, with large majorities agreeing that "Private corporations are too concerned with profits and not enough with public responsibility" and "Newspaper and TV journalists provide biased accounts of news events," while 57 percent agreed that "meaningful social change cannot be achieved through traditional American politics."

At the same time, 73 percent believe that an individual can bring about change in our society. When asked how they could be so negative about social institutions and yet so positive about the possibilities for change, they said things like, "Our generation is getting more involved" and "Our generation will be able to fix the problem."

* Students in the 1990s are confused and divided over race. In focus groups, students described campus race relations as "scary," "angry," "embattled," "divided," "heated," "explosive" and "a mess."

"And the winner is..."



Mary Radabough won a new Intel Pentium 200 MMX computer system (donated by XTra Computers) in a raffle to benefit the Ginny Grottendiek Scholarship Fund. The raffle earned \$1,750 for the fund.
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

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Lady Pioneers play tough in Charleston

By James Arnold,
Staff Reporter

The seventh seeded Lady Pioneers played the second seeded U. of Charleston Wednesday night in the second round of the WVIAC championship in Charleston. The Pioneers advanced to the second round by beating-up on Concord College Monday night in Glenville.

The Lady Pioneers started the game off with a bang, jumping out to an early lead. In fact, just a few minutes into the game, U. C.'s coach was forced to take an early time out.

The girls were everywhere, they shot well, rebounded great, and seemed to be coming up with all the loose balls. Things looked great for Glenville! The Lady Pioneers took a three point lead into half time.

The second half didn't go quite as well. The hustle and desire was there, but there was a lid on the basket and nothing seemed to go in. However, it was just the opposite for the Eagles of Charleston.

They shot the lights out in the second half, and jumped out quickly to an eight point lead. The Lady Pioneers continued to struggle, but they didn't manage to put together a run.

Down only three, Glenville made a costly turnover and was forced to foul. U.C. made their free throws down the stretch and forced Glenville to hoist up the three point attempts. The Lady Pioneers fought to the end, but came up short 70 - 64.

The Lady Pioneers were led by Tara McHenry and Kelly Osbourne down low.

Lady Pioneers advance 70-47 against Concord

TANISHA BROWN SCORES 1,000TH CAREER POINT

By James Arnold,
Staff Reporter

The lady Pioneers put on a basketball clinic Monday night versus Concord college. The Pioneers, a seven seed, had home court advantage versus the Mountain Lions.

From the beginning the lady Pioneers seemed to be too much. Behind sharp ball handling and passing of Sabrina Stout. The lady Pioneers got lay-up after lay-up off the weak Concord press. Also causing major damage was the group under the basket for the 'Neers.

Tanisha Brown scored a game high 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Kelly Osborne also poured in 17 and Tara McHenry played very



Tanisha Brown pulls down one of 11 rebounds (James Arnold)

strong in reserve. Trisha Swink added nine points.

With the victory, 70 - 47,

the Pioneers advance to the second round of the WVIAC playoffs in Charleston for the first time since 1994. They face the University of Charleston at the Charleston Civic Center Wednesday night.

Tanisha Brown also reached a milestone in her 24 point performance scoring her 1,000th career point. A great performance for her final game at the Glenville State College gymnasium.

After the game, in response to her achievement she stated, "It's no big thing, as long as we were going to Charleston." Great job lady Pioneers and Tanisha Brown.

Pioneers little short at AB, but not for lack of effort

By James Arnold,
Staff Reporter

The Pioneers a 13 seed traveled to Alderson-Broadus to play the 4th seeded Battlers in the first round of the WVIAC tournament.

Behind the sharpshooting of Tom Ewing, the team jumped out to an early lead. A.B. used their size and home court to battle and take control of most of the first half. The Pioneers stayed close with hustling defense, good ball movement, and continued great outside shooting by guard

Tom Ewing. They closed within three at halftime thanks to a last second three point field goal by Floyd Burgher.

Second half wasn't much different than the first. The Battlers used their outside shooting in good balance with thier size downlow to take a nine point advantage. The lead stayed around nine and looked to be the way the game would end. With about 2:45 left in the game, with an A.B. technical foul the Pioneers got a break. A seven point swing, four big free throws

by Larry Courtney, and a strong three point play by Jason Shields.

The rest of the way was tough, everything was contestet and close. But the Battlers proved to be just a little too much down low in the late stages.

With time ticking down, the Pioneers had to foul to stop the clock and unfortunately the Battlers made their free throws. Final score 101-93.

The Pioneers were led by Tom Ewing who played an outstanding game with a career high 31 points.

Outlook good for track team

By James Arnold,
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College track has begun. The men's team has five returning members: Daniel Ramezan, Jonathan Ramezan, Brent Gargus, Mitch Carte, and Lavon Floyd. Also joining them this year are some new faces: Mark Parsons, Randy Friel, Anthony Steele, Wes Karns (PANHANDLE), Greg Harper, and Dwight White.

The womens team has five returning members, Tina Mallow, Jenifer Pingley, Becky Andrew, Amy Thomas, and Carla Curran.

New faces for the Lady Pioneers are Sarah Weadon, and Abby Weikart.

Both men and women are expecting to have a great season. With their returning members, and the new faces, the Pioneer track team should be successful.

NASCAR - Winston Cup Top 20

DAYTONA BEACH Fla. - The top 20 in the NASCAR Winston Cup points and money standings through February 22.

1. Rusty Wallace, 335.
2. Dale Earnhardt, 302.
3. Jeff Gordon, 300.
4. Jeremy Mayfield, 291.
5. Bill Elliott, 289.
6. Jimmy Spencer, 278.
7. Terry Labonte, 271.
8. Bobby Hamilton, 270.
9. Ricky Craven, 260.
10. Ernie Irvan, 256.
11. Ken Schrader, 254.
12. Chad Little, 246.
13. Bobby Labonte, 239.
14. John Andretti, 233.
15. Geoff Bodine, 230.
16. Mark Martin, 224.
17. Kyle Petty, 221.
18. Ward Burton, 218.
19. Mike Skinner, 214.
20. Dale Jarrett, 212.

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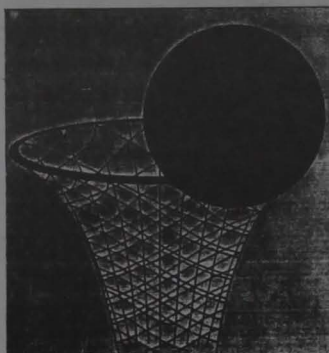
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Deaf player's eligibility challenged too late

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — An appeal to bar a deaf Huntington High School student from playing basketball because he is too old likely has come too late in the season to make him ineligible, said the player's attorney.

West Virginia high school athletics officials filed an appeal in state Supreme Court on Wednesday challenging a circuit court ruling allowing Huntington senior J.R. Traylor to play.

Traylor's 19th birthday was 13 days before the cutoff date that would have allowed him to play this season, but Kanawha County Circuit Court Judge Tod Kaufman granted an injunction December 23 that made Traylor eligible.

"I think they're pretty well resigned he's going to play this season," Bill Byrne, a Morgantown attorney representing Traylor, said of the Secondary School Activities Commission officials who filed the appeal.

"At the stage we're at in the season, I don't believe this case will mature in time to affect J.R.'s season," Byrne said.

The organization's executive secretary, Warren Carter, said the primary purpose of the appeal is to clarify the rules and lessen the possibility of future conflicts.

"He was declared eligible by a circuit court, but we don't want this to come up again and again," Carter said.

But Carter maintains Traylor should not be playing this season.

"The rule says that in order to play during the year you have to turn 19 after August 1. We don't want 19-year-old adults playing with 15- and 16-year-old kids," said Carter.

"It's not like he hadn't had an equal opportunity. He's already played four years. In essence, this is his fifth year of eligibility."

But Byrne said the com-

mission has ignored what makes Traylor's case unique.

"He lost a year because of his disability, and they never addressed that," Byrne said.

"As far as being more mature, he's 6-foot-3 and he weighs about 170 pounds. I saw J.R. play at Fairmont a few weeks ago and he played against a kid that was 6-6 and weighed at least 260," Byrne said. "Nobody could do anything with the Fairmont player. It was pretty ironic. If you're going to remove somebody from the game out of safety concerns, then which player would you take out?"

The Supreme Court has not indicated whether it would take the case.

After sitting out the first part of the season, Traylor has worked his way into the starting lineup. He recently scored 25 points against Cabell Midland, and he's helped Huntington to a 13-7 record.

Huntington Coach Pat McKee said he was aware the commission had appealed the eligibility ruling.

"We didn't plan our season around J.R. being here or not being here. I know the intention of the SSAC," McKee said.

"But one thing we did is make sure we would not be penalized as a team based on the court's decision," McKee said. "We got it cleared in the beginning that if the court decided he was eligible we could play him, but then if another ruling came down we wouldn't find ourselves in trouble because we did play him."

McKee said his team is playing well, and he feels it has the capability to go far in the state tournament. He hopes to have Traylor around.

"He's a good kid and he plays hard. If we have him in the state tournament, it would certainly be good," McKee said. "But if we don't have him, we'll abide by that decision, and it will be okay."

Reality checks for Marshall at Akron

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Sometimes a simple reality check makes all the difference.

With his club down 42-34 during halftime at Marshall on Wednesday night, Akron coach Dan Hipsher told cold-shooting guard Jimmal Ball, "If you are (shooting) 0-5, you're not going to win."

Ball promptly found his stroke, scoring 15 second-half points, including Akron's final eight points, to spearhead a 65-62 comeback victory.

"It was a good challenge for our kids. I told them they were making silly decisions," Hipsher said of his halftime speech.

Marshall could have guaranteed itself a berth in the Mid-American Conference tournament with a victory. But a 61-52 Miami of Ohio victory over Bowling Green allowed the Herd to sneak into the tournament as the eighth and final seed nonetheless.

Akron (17-9, 13-5 Mid-American) finishes the regular season on a seven-game winning streak and is 10-0 in the

conference's East Division.

And Wednesday night's victory came with Akron's leading scorer, Jami Bosley, out with a hip injury. Bosley, who is averaging 16.3 points, was listed as questionable for Saturday's first-round home game against Kent.

Marshall (11-15, 7-11) backs into the tournament in the midst of a three-game losing skid and will play at top-seeded Ball State on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Still, Herd coach Greg White was upbeat.

"We played ourselves into the tournament," White said. "We were 1-5 (in the conference) coming in."

"I want to praise our team for getting in," White added. "The most positive thing is, you can sell the team on a new season. Four teams don't have a chance and eight still do."

Akron trailed 58-57 with 4:31 remaining when Ball hit a 3-pointer from the top of the circle to give the Zips a lead they would not relinquish.

Ball then hit a shot from the left corner and rounded out

Akron's scoring with another 3-pointer from straight away.

A pair of Carlton King foul shots brought Marshall to within 65-62, but King missed a 3-pointer with 7 seconds left and VonDale Morton missed the Herd's final chance to tie at the buzzer.

Akron's George Phillips led all scorers with 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Bruce Weinkein added 12 points and Ryan Andrick 11. Andrick also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Derrick Wright and Travis Young led Marshall, which shot 39 percent, with 12 points apiece.

Marshall dominated the first half, leading by as much as 28-14 and 42-34 at halftime.

But the Herd shot only 29 percent in the second half.

"We had a nice lead in the first half and then didn't finish the game off," said Marshall's Deon Dobbs, who finished with nine points. "They were a good team and fought back and we lost our intensity. We didn't get a good look at the basket."

High school basketball scores

Boys' Scores

Bluefield 76, Mount View 75
Braxton County 57, Tygarts Valley 51
Bridgeport 68, South Harrison 47
Charleston Catholic 60, Parkersburg Catholic 67
Fairmont Senior 66, University 50
Franklin 75, Harman 51
Gilmer County 66, Doddridge County 59
Greenbrier West 57, Nicholas County 55 (OT)
Hamlin 72, Hannan 58
Hampshire 78, Frankfort 58
Hedgesville 63, Berkeley Springs 52
Independence 59, Mount Hope 42
Liberty Harrison 71, Tucker County 69
Liberty Raleigh 91, Baileysville 81
Moorefield 72, Bishop Walsh, Md. 68
Morgantown 54, Buckhannon-Upshur 35
Mullens 90, Big Creek 57
North Marion 54, Elkins 51
Petersburg 77, East Hardy 58
Philip Barbour 67, Lewis County 52
Richwood 70, Webster County 56
Ritchie County 67, Wirt County 54
Robert C. Byrd 77, Lincoln 43
St. Marys 70, Grafton 52
Tolsia 68, Buffalo Wayne 67

Union 74, Old Town, Md. 61
Wahama 60, Buffalo Putnam 36
Wheeling Central 48, Tyler Consolidated 43

Girls' Scores

Bluefield 54, James Monroe 50 (OT)
Buffalo Wayne 49, Wayne 44
Burch 60, Jaeger 37
Cabell Midland 75, Huntington 67 (OT)
Circleville 73, Harman 46
Clay-Battelle 66, Hundred 21
Fayetteville 68, Gauley Bridge 40
Martinsburg 62, Hedgesville 41
Nitro 54, Hurricane 49
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PikeView 63, Montcalm 37
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Making the most out of text books

Yesterday, I heard complaints from a student about how they purchased a new text book for a course and then found that the textbook will not be used the following semester. "What will I do?" she fretted. I listened to this very interesting dilemma and came up with a top ten list of uses for an unwanted textbook. For the student I overheard, I hope this comes in handy.

1. Can be used to balance an unlevel table. I've found that smaller textbooks, like some novels, are just the right size to balance an unlevel desk in the Mercury office. I would suggest any Western World Literature books, A Fielding Novel (and this would be my first choice), or any 100 to 150 page novels since students mostly read Cliff Notes.

2. A heavy throwing weapon for your roommate or the drunk singing in the alley beside your apartment.

3. Bird Cage litter.

4. Chew Toy for your dog, I find physiology books to be the best source of entertainment for my pets.

5. You can make nice finger puppets out of the pictures.

6. Fuel for fire when the heat gets turned off in the dorms this winter.

7. T.P.

8. A stack makes a nice coffee table.

9. You can earn extra cred-

it in science by testing Galilaeo's theory on gravity. I would suggest the top of LBH, they get blamed for everything anyway when something happens.

10. Last, but not least, gain extra money by recycling the paper. Hey, need cash, paper brings in a lot of money per pound.



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The Portable Curmudgeon laments the death of civility

By Annie McCourt,
Staff Columnist

Last week I was walking across campus from the AB building to the Heflin Center when something strange happened. Someone from LBH decided to take time out from his Super Nintendo playing, Dorito eating, Slurpee guzzling evening to yell hateful slanders at me and my fellow Shakespearean scholars.

Of course, I felt blessed that this individual would deem me and my fellow companions worthy of his time (sarcasm), it's not every day that I get called a, "D#ck-sucking queer," let alone three times in one evening. This evening was made an even more jolly occasion considering I am not male, nor am I an homosexual. I guess the joke is on Sluggo, the LBH prankster.

Why do people feel it is

their duty to degrade and harass other human beings? We were doing nothing more than leaving Shakespeare class to go on about our personal lives.

What was the point of this insult? Does he feel that he is doing a service to heterosexual men everywhere? If he does, then let me point out his folly.

Men, *real men*, don't feel this blatant need to make themselves feel macho by putting others down. Real men, or even adults in general, carry their confidence with them. They don't possess this subconscious need to validate themselves as individuals by putting others down.

This personality disorder goes back to the gradeschool playground where stronger

children would frequently surround the weaker children with taunts, slanders and the occasional thrown stone. Fortunately, though, most of us left these disorders when we belonged- in childhood. Does this individual, (we'll call him psuedo He-man), understand how bad he made himself, not those he was yelling at, look to anyone with half a brain? Does he even understand all the words in this editorial?

I'd just like to send a big thank you to 'psuedo He-man' for his ignorant approach toward getting his opinion heard. For without the Dorito munching 'psuedo He-mans' of this world editorialists like me would be flipping burgers. Thanks!

"Men, real men, don't feel this blatant need to make themselves feel macho by putting others down."

--Annie McCourt

MERCURY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All articles submitted for publication in *The Mercury* must be typed and double-spaced. Stories and announcements should be addressed to Annie McCourt, News Editor. The deadline for stories and announcements is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for publication in the next week's paper. All photographs should be submitted to Heather Ware, photo editor.

Something's rotten in the state of Glenville

Dear editor,

One night last week, I was sitting in my dorm room reflecting upon various issues that have come to my attention. As I sat pondering I began to realize that not only are the needs of individuals changing, but the ideals of the American society as a whole are changing as well.

My theory about the changes in society can be easily illustrated through a comparison of Glenville State College to America. Technically speaking, GSC is not an accurate statistical representation, but I believe it will suffice.

One of the biggest changes here on campus is the spirit and charisma of the student body. I am sincerely concerned about the lack of pride in our school. I am not just talking about pride in the athletics, but simply the name of "Glenville State College."

The reason behind the uninterested students might be a mixture of the disinterest of faculty and staff, the constant extinguishment of the freedom of students, and all the red-tape that is involved in making even the most minor changes on campus.

The last few weeks of the fall semester, I heard many students make a comment similar to this one, "Why do I even bother showing up for class, he (she) does not want to be there either. All he (she) cares about is the pay check." The sad thing is that even I am beginning to believe it too.

All of us here at GSC, stu-

dents and faculty, are aware of the parking situation on campus. If someone can explain to me why the faculty feels they have more of a right to complain about the parking than the students do, please take the time to explain it to me. I guess I am crazy because I believe the students pay to come to class, and the faculty get paid to come to class. Quite a difference!

Above and beyond that, why does Glenville State College not have a parking garage? Not only would that help prevent the current parking problem; but it would also allow Glenville to have long-term revenue (once the garage was paid off). I do not believe that the state would not give Glenville at least a small grant for this purpose.

I would also like to know what happened to the constitution and the judicial system. The last time I checked, freedom was granted to all Americans. What do we have to do to guarantee our freedom, make an amendment to the Constitution that says, "regardless of race, color, creed, sex, handicap, or enrollment in college?" Every Thursday night, campus police park their vehicles in the courthouse parking lot, (usually in the handicapped parking spot) so that they can see intoxicated individuals entering the building, just waiting for their first victim. I think that they should not punish those students who are responsible enough to walk to the local establishments. I per-

sonally see the action of the local police as an infringement against our rights against entrapment. However, they still keep parking there Thursday after Thursday. I thought they were hired to protect us, not punish us.

Another reason students have lost the fire they once had for GSC is very evident. As some of you know, this is my second year of holding an office on the Pickens Hall Governing Board. If I have learned anything about GSC during these past two years, it is simply how easy it is for the faculty to make a decision about the lives of students, and how hard it is for the students to overrule the decision.

For example, last year the Governing Board of Pickens Hall and LBH got together and requested a meeting with the Food Service Director. He was thrilled to meet with us; however, a problem arose when nothing that was suggested actually came through. Not only do I feel that we wasted our time, but we wasted his as well.

Another classic example is the Cashier's office and the Financial Aid office. Since my freshman year it has become

increasingly clear that if the school owes you a refund, you might as well consider it as a graduation present (because of the red-tape they

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must go through just to give you what they owe you). However, as students, we need to keep a pretty penny in our piggy banks, because if we owe them, we might have two weeks to generate the needed funds.

One additional reason students feel so discouraged about life here at GSC is the book store's monopoly. I am quite sure that both the bookstore and the business department would argue that this is not so, but I would like to give you an example as to why I am frustrated as a student.

Last year, I purchased an income tax accounting book (brand new because the book had changed). I paid \$75 for the book and received \$8 when I sold it back. It was not being used again... Talk about a rip-off!

I have one more thought. It is directed toward Student Congress members, officers, and the student body in general. I feel that not giving this issue a slight introduction would be slight on my part. I ask you to keep in mind that I am addressing

one issue and not my personal opinion on the underlying issue.

Last semester, Student Congress agreed to the formation of a new organization on campus, *Colors of Pride*. I remind you that the only issue I am discussing in this letter is the creation of the organization, not the individuals involved in the organization. I guess my basic thought is that this organization is inappropriate in a state-funded college.

If we were attending a private college, my opinion would probably be quite the opposite, but I feel that any organization based on the foundation of sexual preference is inappropriate in a state-funded institution. What would happen if I decided to create an organization dedicated to heterosexuals (and those who support them)? I think we would all consider that discriminatory. Myself included!

I realize that Student Congress was considering those directly involved. Unfortunately, I was unaware that any such item was even on the agenda. Regardless, I ask all members and officers to reconsider the creation of this organization. I would like to mention that according to Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, the motion is reconsiderable.

I hope I have not offended anyone with my theories and opinions. Ask yourself, how can changes take place if someone does not step forward with their opinion.

Sincerely concerned,
Julie Ann Hardbarger

Underwood and bad planning cause jail ills

Dear Editor:

Doddridge County is a small community located in West Virginia. I have lived in Doddridge for 18 years. It is a community with small businesses and a shut-down jail. The Doddridge County jail has been shut-down for four years, because of unstable security and protection of the community. Our jail was old and unsanitary. For the past four years our prisoners have been transferred to either Ritchie or Harrison County jails, which are becoming overcrowded.

In a front page article titled "Money Trouble Could Delay Jail," in the *Clarksburg Telegram* (3 February, 1998), Troy Graham explains the situation. The state is ordered by the court to build jails to reduce overcrowding.

Because of this order the state has formed a Regional Jail Authority to handle the expense and construction. The legislature passed a bill that gives the jail authority to borrow up to \$137 million from the investment board, but the money

must be paid back annually from the general revenue fund, according to Regional Jail Authority executive Director, Steve Canterbury.

Doddridge county has the advantage over the other counties, by being approved to get the Regional Jail in our area. Governor Underwood came to our county for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Regional Jail, which was to offer the community new jobs and new businesses, and will be built in Central Station, just three miles away from Doddridge's county seat, West Union.

Magistrate Jamie Moran said, "It will be a relief or us working in the courthouse, because we won't have to worry about transferring prisoners and calling other jails to see if they have any prisoners."

However as reported in the *Clarksburg Telegram* Monday, February 2, the West Virginia Investment Management Board voted not to loan funds to the Regional Jail Authority. The board said that \$10 million of the loan is to

be used to pay contractors for work already completed.

However, the authority must find an alternative funding source within five to seven days, or all work on the regional jail will have to be stopped. The investment management board will meet again to find a fund to support the jail.

The *Clarksburg Telegram* quoted auditor Glen Gainer as saying, "Loaning them money to the Regional Jail Authority would have been legally and morally wrong. The constitution says the state cannot incur debt with money from the general revenue without voter approval. Using general revenue funds to make the loan would be like spending the same money twice and hoping the checks don't cross in the mail (10A)."

According to the *Clarksburg Telegram*, Gainer believes the blame should be put on the Underwood administration for not planning ahead to meet the crisis, and forcing the investment board to

bail out the authority, and that all of the contracts were awarded after Underwood became governor.

I asked Magistrate Moran if she thought it was all for publicity and she said, "No, I believe we will get the jail. It just upsets the community that we have to worry about money and loans that were already approved by the board. It really puts things on a standstill."

Several contractors have already begun to work on the jail. Thrasher engineering has been working for several weeks trying to get deeds and records done to approve water and sewage pipes. I asked the supervisor Sammy Moran if he felt like it was a useless effort and he said, "Not really, I have been putting a lot of hours on this jail. However, it would really upset me if we didn't get the jail after it has been approved, and so much work and thought has already gone into getting it ready for construction."

The friendly community I have been raised in for eighteen

years seems to be "sitting on the edge of their seat" waiting for a response from the Regional Jail Authority. I asked a lot of people what they thought about the issue of the money and they seemed very uptight and upset about the issue, that our state governor would promise our county a jail and then take it away.

In my opinion, we will get the Regional Jail, but the fact that the money and loans seem to have disappeared really upsets me. It seems like our governor lied to us and used us. It puts a hold on new business coming in and people looking forward to new jobs.

If Underwood had planned ahead better we would not be in this controversy over million-dollar loans. I think that this is a prime example to plan ahead before making a big decision--especially a million dollar decision that effects everyone in a community such as Central Station, Doddridge County.

Laurel Bee

Ask the Particle Man: WHAT IS THE BIOLOGICAL INTEGRITY OF SPECIES?

By Aaron Frame,
Staff Columnist

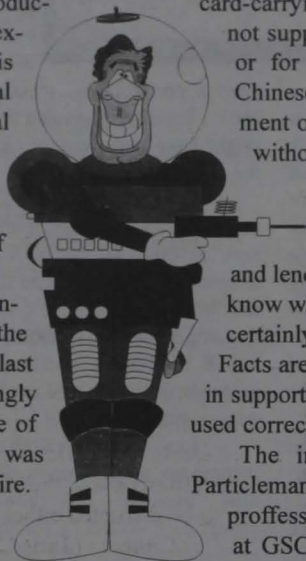
The biological integrity of the species is not, as some would like to believe, the fruit of billions of years of evolution. It is instead something which cannot exist without sexual reproduction. As many know, *homo sapiens* use sexual reproduction. What is lost on a few is that there is no way in the act of sexual reproduction to preserve the biological integrity of the species. In fact, it is the very act of sexual reproduction that *homo sapiens* are fond of that is monkeying around with the fruit of billions of years of evolution.

Mary Wildfire attacked my opinion about the government's efforts to prevent the cloning of humans in the Op-ed section of last week's paper. Cloning is something I strongly support for the benefits it will bring. One of these benefits that I did not know about was brought to my attention by Mary Wildfire. Cloning is asexual reproduction and it is asexual reproduction that preserves the biological integrity of the species. I have never before considered this a benefit to the sur-

vival of the race *homo sapiens*, but clearly there are those who consider it important.

I would like to defend myself personally. I am a card-carrying American citizen, and by card-carrying member, I mean a voter's registration card-carrying member. I am not nor do not support being lumped in any way or for any reason with the Nazis, Chinese, or the American government of the past. Anything these did without my knowledge or consent of birth for that matter. I am also offended by Mary Wildfire doing this to try and lend support to her claim. I do not know where she learned to do this, but certainly was not in the Science Hall. Facts are facts and when you use them in support of an argument, they must be used correctly.

The information for this week's Particleman came from consulting with professors of the Science Department at GSC. As always, mail any questions or comments to the Mercury office or e-mail them to a_frame@hotmail.com.



The Virtual Librarian

By Ben Bruton,
Guest Columnist

Currently, there are an estimated 80 million web sites on the internet. In order to find the sites that pertain to your topic, you need a search engine.

Just as a dog fetches a stick when you throw it (assuming it's not a dumb dog), an internet search engine will fetch the web sites that relate to your chosen subject. You simply type in a few keywords or a phrase, and the search engine combs through the internet, picking out the sites that contain those words. It then lists all the sites and ranks them by the number of times a keyword appears. You select a site from the list, point, click, and poof! Instant search.

Easy, yes? Well, not always. First, you have to select a search engine to use, and there are plenty to choose from: Yahoo, Webcrawler, Infoseek, Lycos, Excite, Magellan, HotBot, AltaVista—so many search engines, so little time. Each one is different, and each one will produce a completely different list of sites.

Yahoo is one of the most popular search engines on the 'net. We use Yahoo a lot here in the library. It functions as a search directory; that is, it works in much the same way as a card catalog. Type in a subject, and you get a list of subject categories. For instance,

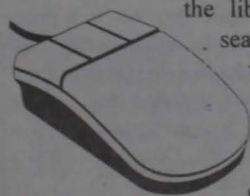
to find information on the Spice Girls, one must look under the general category of Entertainment: Music: Rock and Pop to find sites on the group. To find facts on roadkill, you must look under Gourmet Cuisine: West Virginia. Sorry. Bad joke.

People often ask me which is the best search engine to use. It all depends on how thoroughly you wish to search the internet. If you just want some general information on a topic, Yahoo is a fine place to start.

If you really want to canvas the internet and do a more comprehensive search, you should try bigger, more powerful search engines like AltaVista or Infoseek. Unlike directories like Yahoo, these engines use software programs called spiders or bots to scan web pages for any occurrence of the word you type in. A search on AltaVista for Glenville State College produced 60,006 individual sites, whereas the same search on Yahoo only yielded on search category and two sites.

Is AltaVista better than Yahoo? No, just more powerful. Different search engines serve different needs, and relying solely on just one would be a big mistake. I recommend trying more than one and then comparing results. Use Yahoo as a starting off point, to get some idea of what's out there on your topic. Then try an index like AltaVista for more detailed searching. Search engines are like tools, and we all know that sometimes it takes more than one tool to get the job done.

Got internet questions? E-mail the virtual librarian at brutonb@mars.wvnet.edu.



Science Briefs Hillary Clinton unveils site devoted first ladies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton has launched a Web site devoted to the history and legacy of America's first ladies.

Sitting at a computer terminal Monday, Mrs. Clinton became the first person to "hit" on the site when she accessed a bibliographic database on her tenure as first lady.

The web site, www.first-ladies.org, contains 40,000 selected books, manuscripts, journals, newspaper articles and other materials for each first lady.

"Today's ceremony will help us change forever our understanding of the roles of

women who have been here before us," Mrs. Clinton told the 125 people assembled in the East Room.

Students and teachers from four satellite sites around the world witnessed the event via video-conferencing: Stark State College of Technology in Canton, Ohio; a school in Lakenheath, England; Baylor University in Waco, Texas; and Gallaudet University in Washington.

Joining Mrs. Clinton at the computer were Marshall and Walker Bush, grandchildren of President Bush, who accessed information on their grandmother, former first lady Barbara Bush.

Pope condemns abortion of malformed embryos

VATICAN CITY -- Pope John Paul II condemned what he called a growing practice of screening embryos for malformations and then aborting them.

"It is not right to discriminate against human beings according to genetic defects revealed before or after birth," said the pope in a speech to the Pontifical Academy for Life, a body formed to discuss ethical issues in line with Roman Catholic church

opposition to abortion.

John Paul said there was a "serious discrepancy" between the expanding capabilities to diagnose malformations in embryos and the scarcity of treatments to cure them.

"This poses serious ethical problems to families who need moral support to accept a new life even when it is affected by a defect or malformation," the pope said.

Antarctica could be used for Mars training

HOBART, Australia -- The first travellers to Mars could use Australian-controlled Antarctica to prepare for the rigors of the freezing and isolated planet, a NASA scientist said last week.

"The Antarctic is probably the best analogue on earth for Mars," said Marc Shepanek, a behaviour performance and environmental health specialist in NASA's Life Sciences Division.

Shepanek and Duane Pierson, chief microbiologist at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas, have just returned after a month in the Antarctic. The scientists went to see how useful the Australian stations could be to help prepare Mars travellers.

He said there was no time frame yet for putting people on Mars, but he expected it would be around 2015.

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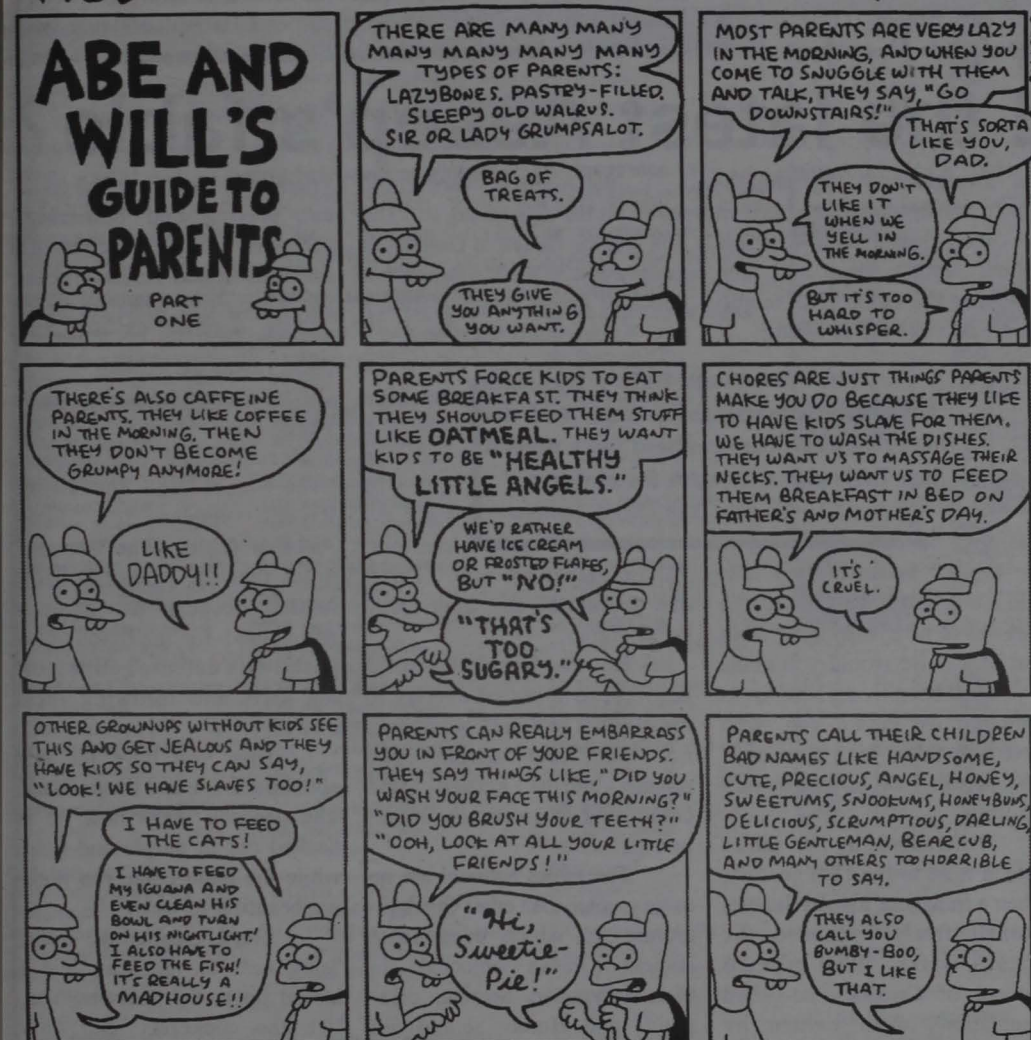
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LIFE IN HELL



Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Fluctuation and uncertainty mark this week. You can do nothing but watch and wait. Do not despair; after this is over, a better future is on the horizon.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Just asking for what you want is not going to get results. Neither is using strong-armed, bullying tactics. Guile, wit, and diplomacy are the best roads to take in this case.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — There is tension this week, brought about by your refusing to face an impending situation of conflict. Face what is in front of you; the status quo will be disrupted either way.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — An important decision arises this week. Use impartial thinking to make this decision. A balance of emotion and intellect is needed; too much of one tips the scales.

Leo (July 23-August 22) — Prepare to be in the public spotlight soon. Public acclaim and acknowledgement comes this week, either through a promotion or a qualification. Make the best of it.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) — As a friend, you are the counselor, always giving advice. However, you seldom take advice. No one wants to be hurt, but remaining in control all the time isn't the answer.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) — If you've

always wanted to take that special trip, start planning. Tension and anxiety are lessened this week and opportunity is just around the bend, literally. Travel opens doors.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) — A difficult situation ends this week. Endings are often painful, but at last you've faced the situation truthfully, and a new future with less conflict can begin.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) — You feel unable to act out of fear of the consequences of your actions. Either choice will lead to trouble because you've made the dilemma yourself, probably to avoid hurting someone.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) — To generate change in your life, you must make ideas and sell them to others. Become a leader; be more fiery and impulsive. Your ideas are powerful. Use them.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) — Money matters are resolved this week. You have the gift of making your ideas come to life, the "Midas touch." Use it to help build your material self-confidence.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) — A new chapter of life is opening for you. But, before it can begin, you must take a risk, a leap of faith. With excitement, fear, and ambiguity you start a new journey of life.

Let's Ask Cristola...

Q. Do you think last week's eclipse, along with El Nino, spell the end for the world?

A. Almost. There a couple of other signs to watch out for, though. One is the Eternal Bachelor getting married. The other is the Eternal Student graduating. Look out, world.

Watch out, Luke Skywalker. *Titanic* speeding ahead to highest-grossing movie

By John Horn,
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- *Titanic* is now at the top of the worldwide box office list, producers announced.

Titanic passed *Jurassic Park* last week as the highest-grossing film in Hollywood history, with estimated worldwide receipts of \$914 million, 20th Century Fox said. *Jurassic Park* took in \$913.1 million after its release in 1993.

Analysts predict worldwide theatrical sales for *Titanic* could exceed \$1.2 billion. The film's worldwide theatrical totals include domestic returns of \$402.6 million and international sales of \$511.4 million.

Domestically, *Titanic* has risen to No. 2 on the box office list. Counting its original 1977 release and subsequent re-releases, *Star Wars* grossed \$461 million in North American theaters.

Titanic has benefited from higher ticket prices. But because of its three-hour, 14-minute running time, the movie can be shown only once an evening. A large percentage of the film's patrons are teen-age girls, some of whom have seen the movie as many as 10 times.

The other top films on the all-time worldwide charts are *Independence Day* (\$807.7 million), *Star Wars* (\$780.1 million) and *The Lion King* (\$772.3 million).

Directed by James Cameron and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, the retelling of the infamous 1912 sinking of the *Titanic* was nominated for 14 Academy Awards, tying the record for the most nominations ever.

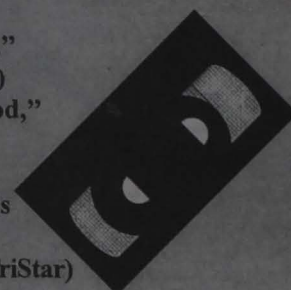
Analysts say *Titanic* could pass *Star Wars* on the domestic list around the time the Academy Awards are given out March 23.

Top Ten Video Rentals

As reported in Billboard Magazine, 1998 Billboard Publications.

1. "The Game," (PolyGram)
2. "Contact," (Warner)
3. "Conspiracy Theory," (Warner)
4. "Event Horizon," (Paramount)
5. "G.I. Jane," (Hollywood)
6. "Face/Off," (Paramount)
7. "Nothing to Lose," (Touchstone)

8. "Con Air," (Touchstone)
9. "Soul Food," (Fox)
10. "My Best Friend's Wedding," (Columbia TriStar)



Sphere shows true depth

By Brent Wood,
Staff Columnist

Buried at the bottom of a one thousand feet of water lies a new meaning of fear.

The film *Sphere* stars Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone, and Samuel L. Jackson as a psychologist, a molecular biologist and a mathematician. Along with a physicist and three military personnel, they embark on a journey to the bottom of the sea to investigate a crashed alien ship. What waits for them no one can fathom. Their smooth sailing ends when they discover

they aren't alone in the ship.

How did a dead American astronaut end up inside an alien spacecraft buried for 300 years? That is just one mystery, but the next is even more frightening.

Locked in a cargo hold, a shimmering object illuminates the drab interior--the sphere. A huge golden ball, a perfect sphere, that reflects everything around it. Except for the people looking at it.

Only fear and death

emerge from it, to torment the humans below. The cast is plagued by killer jellyfish, mythical sea creatures and the fear created by their own subconscious.

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With

incredible special effects, marvelous actors, and a story keeping with Michael Crichton's original novel, Barry Levenson directed a guess-who thriller for the most avid of science fiction, suspense fans. This is a great film for mature adults.

So, heh-heh, heard the latest Aesop's fable?

By Hillel Italie,
Associated Press

NEW YORK -- So you know the fables about the tortoise who outlasts the hare and the mouse who pulls the thorn from the paw of the lion. Heard the one about the camel who relieves himself in the river?

A new translation of *Aesop's Fables* reveals the quaint children's tales were, in the original Greek, considerably rawer and racier. The new book features gender-switching hyenas, hard-hearted frogs and a crane with a taste for double entendres.

"The ones we're familiar with have been tampered with through the ages," said co-translator Olivia Temple, who collaborated on the book with her husband, Robert Temple.

"The Victorians didn't translate any of the slightly rude ones. And the ones we have known about were turned into little morality tales for children."

Penguin Classics published *Aesop: The Complete*

Fables in England last month. The book isn't due in U.S. stores until Tuesday, but it's already received attention in some expected places. Rush Limbaugh mentioned them on his radio show, wondering if they were fit for children, and they were lampooned on TV's Comedy Central as "Lust in Translation."

Little is known about Aesop, who apparently lived in Greece in the sixth century B.C. He's referred to in the writings of Aristophanes, Plato and Aristotle, among others, and he was said to have used his stories to make points in courtrooms and negotiations. It was supposedly a sign of status to quote him at drinking parties.

The new edition of the fables includes 358 entries, some 100 of which have never before appeared in English. The fables define a pagan world, the moral less that good is stronger than evil but rather that you do what you need to do to survive.

In "The Shut-In Lion and

the Ploughman," the ploughman's attempt to trap the lion in his shed leads to the lion's killing all the sheep and then attacking the cattle. The moral: Don't provoke the powerful.

A hard lesson also is learned in "The Ass and

the Frogs." When the ass falls into a bog and begins to cry, the frogs have no sympathy: "What sort of a noise would you make if you had been living here for as long we we have? You, who have only fallen for a moment?" The moral: Life is tough; quit whining.

Alterations in the fables date at least to the 18th century, when a translator named Samuel Croxall freely expanded the original works. "Well over 50 percent of Croxall's so-called translations were written by Croxall," Robert Temple said.

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--Co-translator Olivia Temple

Just a single word could make all the difference. In "The Fox and the Bunch of Grapes," a hungry fox is unable to reach a bunch of grapes hanging from a tree. As originally translated, the

fox walks away and, to save face, mutters, "Those grapes are sour." That's the source of the expression "sour grapes."

But the Temples' translation reveals a sexual overlay to the story. The Greek word was not "sour," but "unripe." The phrase "unripe grapes" also could refer to a sexually immature girl.

The fables actually are no more graphic than other Greek literature, to which even some ancient Greeks objected. In Plato's *Republic*, Socrates complains that Homer should not have shown the Trojan king

Priam, "the kinsman of the gods," as "praying and beseeching, rolling in the dung." Socrates also criticizes Hesiod's creation poem, the "Theogony," which includes a son who castrates his father and throws away the genitals.

Some of the fables clearly were too strong for the Victorians. The title of one, "The Camel Who Shat in the River," speaks for itself. Another fable, "The Beaver," notes that the beaver is often hunted because his genitals are valued for medicinal purposes. His defense? Biting off his parts and throwing them away.

Then you have the one about the crane and the peacock. The peacock brags how he is decked out in purple and gold, while the plain crane has nothing beautiful to wear.

"But I," replied the crane, "sing near to the stars and I mount up to the heavens. You, like the cockerels, can only mount the hens down below."

Chimps no chumps in claymation game

By William Schiffmann, Associated Press

Claymation is an interesting way to whip up a video game. Everything is created from clay, and the figures have a herky-jerky motion that's kind of cute.

Their latest appearance is in the strange *Skullmonkeys*, a product of Electronics Arts which fits neatly in your PlayStation.

Skullmonkeys plops you, as Klaymen, into a sidescrolling battle to save Idznak, the home of the Skullmonkeys, who look basically like monkeys with their heads shaved. They lead an idyllic life, playing with useless gadgets and hitting each other.

Suddenly, into their other-

wise peaceful existence hurtles Klogg, Klaymen's evil twin. He quickly disguises himself as a Skullmonkey. and takes the name Kloggmonkey. Then, he

begins to build the killer machine Evil Engine Number Nine and gathers the Skullmonkeys to attack The Neverhood, where our hero Klaymen passes his time.

Fortunately, a Skullmonkey named Jerry-O keeps his cool, overhears Klogg's plans and passes them on to Klaymen.

The battle is joined.

Skullmonkeys will take you back to a distant past when

many games we were offered were of this genre, the 2-D sidescroller where the hero has access to some weapons and also could defeat enemies by bouncing on them, a la Nintendo's pioneering Mario series.

The graphics are the best part of *Skullmonkeys*. The creatures, the backgrounds, the weird little weapons, all are fashioned creatively of clay and give the

game a wonderfully funky character sometimes lost when everything is made of polygons.

Control is also good. As in most sidescrollers, jumping is perhaps the most important skill to learn, and learn quickly. I

don't recall ever missing a jump when I was really trying. Butt-bouncing the opposition also is pretty easy.

Sound effects are pretty good, as is the musical background. Nothing special, but not intrusive or obnoxious, as is the case with some recent releases.

The game is littered with power-ups, including extra lives; "green bullets," which can be used to dispatch enemies, treasure balls, which usually contain something useful, and "1970s"-collect three and you get to visit an extra level complete with lava lamps and plush carpet.

Enemies include

Skullmonkeys of every variety, from the simplest Clay Keeper, who guards clay balls (collect 100 balls and get an extra life) to the JX1137 Test Pilot, who tests Klogg's newest weapons, to the elite Evil Engine Royal Guard, recruited to protect Evil Engine Number Nine.

There are passwords, so you don't have to wade through the whole game to get back to where you were.

And there are bosses, although most are pretty easy to dispatch.

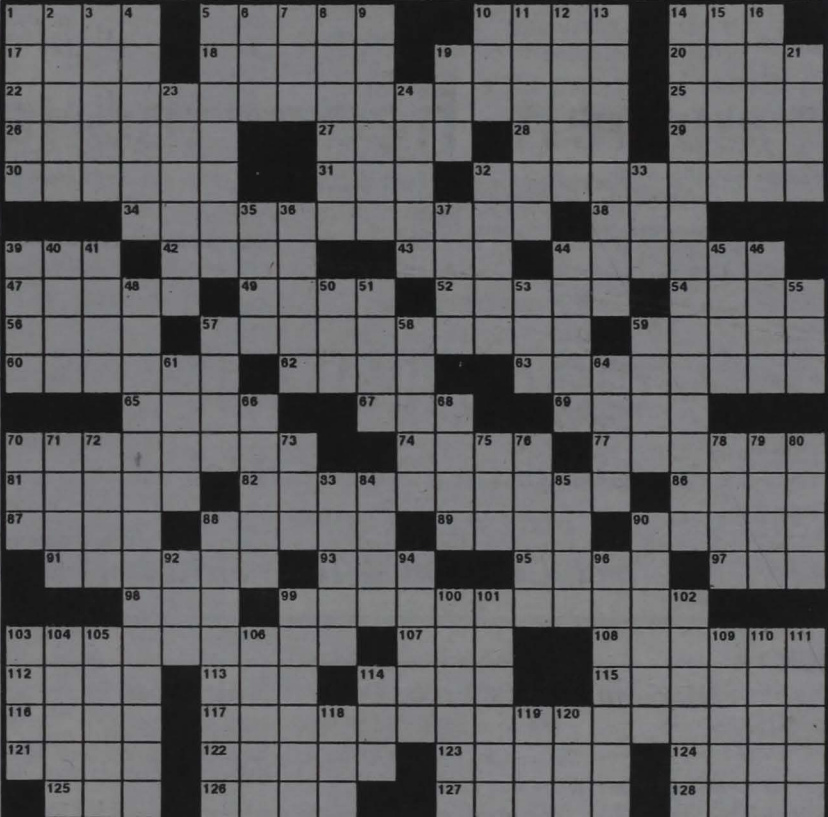
In fact, that may be *Skullmonkeys*' biggest downfall. It's just too easy. I enjoyed playing, but when you can just march through a game with only a few minor setbacks, the difficulty needs to be ratcheted up a few notches.

Skullmonkeys is rated T, for ages 13 and up.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman
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You may contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at:
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