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Byrd rebukes Clinton over Lewinsky scandal

By Jennifer Bundy,
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Congress should be deliberate and not rush to judge President Clinton, even though he has created a "sorrowful spectacle," Sen. Robert C. Byrd says.

In a Senate speech Wednesday, Byrd said the Senate should wait for the House of Representatives to consider Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr's report on impeachable offenses before judging Clinton.

"There is a constitution-

al process in place. We should all let it work," Byrd said. "The events of recent months at least should have taught us the essential importance of restraint."

"The nation will look to us for leadership," he said.

The public will be quick to criticize Congress if Clinton is "driven from office for what they may perceive to be political reasons," Byrd said in his first public remarks about Clinton's relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"I urge everyone in this town to calm down for a little while and contemplate with seriousness the impact that our actions may have on the well-being of the nation and the paralysis which we may be spawning if we continue to be mesmerized with each new rumor, and each new titillating whisper," Byrd said.

Byrd, West Virginia's senior Democrat in Congress, criticized the relationship and Clinton's nationally televised apology.

"What a sorrowful spec-

tacle!" he said.

Clinton cannot claim a right of privacy for an affair that occurred in the Oval Office and not in the president's living quarters, Byrd said.

"The Oval Office of the White House is not a private office; it is where the business of the nation is conducted daily," he said.

Clinton spoke to the nation Aug. 17, hours after he testified before a federal grand jury investigating the matter.

"His words were ill-timed, ill-formed and ill-

advised," Byrd said.

"The president himself, has, by his own actions and words, thrown the first stone at himself and thus made himself vulnerable to the stoning by others.

Clinton's strategy of delaying the investigation and attacking the investigators is similar to President Richard M. Nixon's strategy during Watergate in the 1970s, Byrd said.

"Many of the mistakes that President Nixon made are being made all over again," Byrd said.

Starr's investigation timetable

--Jan. 12, 1998: Linda Tripp provides Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office with taped conversations between her and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

--Jan. 13: Mrs. Tripp wears a hidden microphone for the FBI and records a conversation with Ms. Lewinsky.

--Jan. 14: Ms. Lewinsky hands Mrs. Tripp a three-page document of talking points in the last contact between the two women.

--Jan. 16: Prosecutors confront Ms. Lewinsky and unsuc-

cessfully seek her cooperation.

--Jan. 17: President Clinton testifies in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit and denies a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

--Jan. 21: First news stories appear that Starr has expanded his investigation to look at whether Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky had an affair and tried to cover it up.

--Jan. 26: During a White House news conference, Clinton states, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman. ... I never told any-

body to lie."

--Jan. 27: Starr opens a grand jury inquiry.

--March 15: Former Clinton aide Kathleen Willey appears on CBS' "60 Minutes," saying that Clinton made unwelcome sexual advances to her in a room adjacent to the Oval Office in 1993.

--March 21: Clinton invokes executive privilege in an effort to limit grand jury questioning of aides Bruce Lindsey and Sidney Blumenthal.

--April 1: In Arkansas, U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright dismisses the Jones lawsuit against Clinton.

--May 4: In Washington, U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson denies the White House executive privilege claim.

--May 22: Johnson rules that Secret Service agents can be

compelled to testify before a grand jury.

--June 2: Ms. Lewinsky replaces her attorney, William Ginsburg, with two Washington lawyers, Jacob Stein and Plato Cacheris.

--July 7: A federal appeals court rules that Secret Service employees must tell the grand jury what they observed while guarding the president.

--July 17: After Chief Justice William Rehnquist refuses to block the order on Secret Service testimony, the agents report to the grand jury. Prosecutors issue a historic subpoena ordering Clinton's testimony.

--July 27: A federal appeals court rules that Lindsey's testimony is not shielded by attorney-client privilege. Ms. Lewinsky talks with prosecutors.

--July 28: Ms. Lewinsky is given immunity from prosecution in exchange for her agreement to testify.

--July 29: Clinton agrees to testify from the White House, and prosecutors withdraw their subpoena.

--July 31: Clinton says he is anxious to testify "completely and truthfully."

--Aug. 6: Ms. Lewinsky testifies for six hours; a spokeswoman says she answered questions "truthfully, completely and honestly."

--Aug. 17: Clinton undergoes more than four hours of questioning before a federal grand jury. He says in a nationally broadcast speech, "I did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate. ... It constituted a critical lapse in judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible. ... I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that."

--Aug. 20: Ms. Lewinsky testifies again before the grand jury.

--Sept. 4: During a trip to Dublin, Ireland, Clinton says, "I made a bad mistake, it was indefensible and I'm sorry about it."

--Sept. 9: Starr notifies House leaders that he has found "substantial and credible information ... that may constitute grounds for impeachment." His office delivers to the House of Representatives 36 boxes holding two copies of his report and the supporting evidence.

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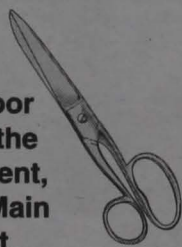
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Process could give new life to state's high-sulfur coal fields

By Steve Myers,
Charleston Daily Mail

MORGANTOWN--
The key to restoring the lost
pits of the state's north central
coalfields may lie in a
pile of dirty coffee mugs at
West Virginia University.

The misprinted and left-
over mugs stacked in a
WVU chemical engineering
lab are molds for carbon
bam, a strange material that
can be made into just about
anything that metal can be
and plenty of things it can't.

And the foam is made
out of high-sulfur coal, the
state's largest casualty of the
Clean Air Act.

"Here's a state that has a
tremendous resource of

coal," said Al Stiller, a pro-
fessor in the chemical engi-
neering department at
WVU's College of
Engineering and Mineral
Resources. "We have to find
something else to do with
the coal than using it as a
fossil fuel."

Stiller's solution is to
use coal rather than petrole-
um to make carbon prod-
ucts, which are used as
ingredients in countless
industries. Carbon products
sell for about a dollar a
pound compared to the one
cent a pound that high-sulfur
coal fetches, he said.

Stiller, John Zondlo and
Pete Stansberry, also profes-
sors at the school, can't

think of any petroleum-
based carbon product that
they can't make cheaper
with junk coal.

The crown jewel of their
collection of carbon prod-
ucts is carbon foam, a dense,
black material that absorbs
shock and won't catch fire.

When Stiller placed the
foam between a piece of alu-
minum and a piece of glass
and hit it with a hammer, the
foam disintegrated--but the
glass was undamaged.

When he heated the foam to
about 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit
with an acetylene torch, he held
it an inch and a half away with-
out getting warm.

"If you tried that with a
piece of aluminum, you'd be

a crispy critter," Stiller said.

The carbon foam is an
evolution of coal research
Stiller and his colleagues
were doing in the 1980s.

Faculty at the college
essentially hit a home run on
their first at-bat in 1989
when the U.S. Department
of Energy asked them to
make nuclear-grade
graphite, a crystallized form
of carbon that expands
equally in all directions.

It took researchers just
months to create the graphite
out of coal, rather than the
years government officials
expected, Stiller said.

He shocked a govern-
ment official when he
flicked a piece of the

graphite across the table
rather than showing him
slides of data.

"To put it bluntly,
we're kicking ass," Stiller
said with the enthusiasm of
an inventor who has devel-
oped a more efficient com-
bustion engine and a better
bicycle.

Since then, the team of
researchers has created car-
bon products with a bit of
West Virginia inventiveness,
using old coffee mugs as
cake molds and a beer keg as
a reactor.

West Virginians often
have to be inventive out of
necessity, said Stiller, a 52-
year-old transplanted
Pennsylvanian.

**Writers
are
a
curious
breed.**

**Time to share
your pedigree.**

The *Trillium* is now accepting submis-
sions for the Spring issue. If you have
short stories, plays, poems, screen-
plays, photos or drawings (all that cre-
ative stuff), submit copies to Prof. Gayle
Burkowski in the Language Division or
Terry Estep at the *Mercury* office.

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The parking problem: Will it go away?

By Jade Dewal,
Staff Reporter

A recent opinion poll offers some fresh ideas concerning how Glenville State College can improve its parking epidemic.

1) Greg Williams: "I think they should level off the area near the pit (lower parking area on the other side of Clark Hall) and use all the dirt to fill it in. We could buy a piece of land away from campus and provide a shuttle bus for the students. Another solution would be to not allow freshmen dorm students to have automobiles."

2) Julie McCormick: "I don't even try to park on

campus. I have a spot downtown that is actually designated for an eating establishment."

3) Sam Stevens: "I think we should expand the parking lots by using the land available more wisely. People who park illegally should be issued parking tickets and lots should be assigned."

4) Lakita Chambers: "Glenville State sells more parking passes than there are available spots. Trying to find a parking spot causes students to be late to class, and some professors count that as an absentee. The administration should park in their designated area."

Poster sale on campus

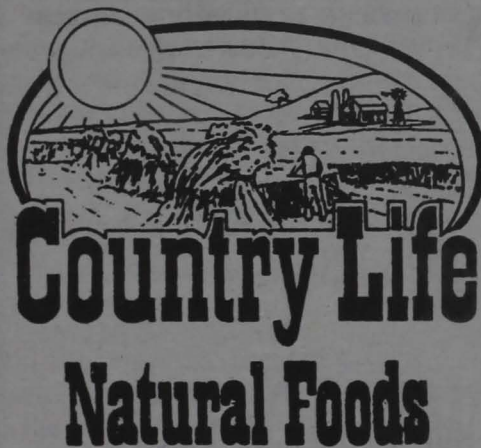
"Hey, a Spice Girls poster! That's what I really really want!"

On Thursday and Friday, GSC students searched through hundreds of posters and prints.

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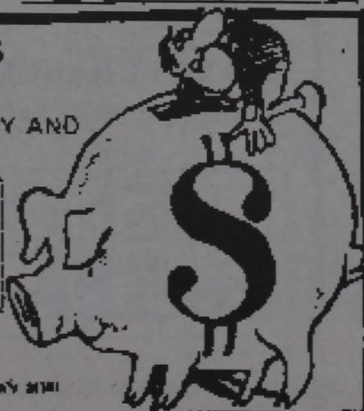
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Fellow of infinite jest

Josh Bellin was well-liked by his students and the faculty. Why isn't he here now?

By Amy Smith,
Staff Reporter

Dr. Josh Bellin made a great impression on students and coworkers during this year-long stay.

This year, however, he is nowhere to be seen. What happened?

Bellin, an American Literature professor was hired by the Language Division on a one-year contract as a visiting assistant professor to replace American Lit Dr. Nancy Zane, who had taken a one year sabbatical.

At the mid-point of the last school, professor Barbara Tedford announced her retirement, and Zane was unsure of her return to GSC. This meant that there was a possibility of hiring Dr. Bellin as a full-time professor.

Bellin was not retained by the college, leading to several questions. The language department has since hired three new staff members for this semester.

The three new members are Ximena Gallardo, the

Spanish teacher that will be joining us in October. Adjunct professors Amy Williams and Norma Myers will cover Gallardo's classes until she can join us, as well as covering their own classes.

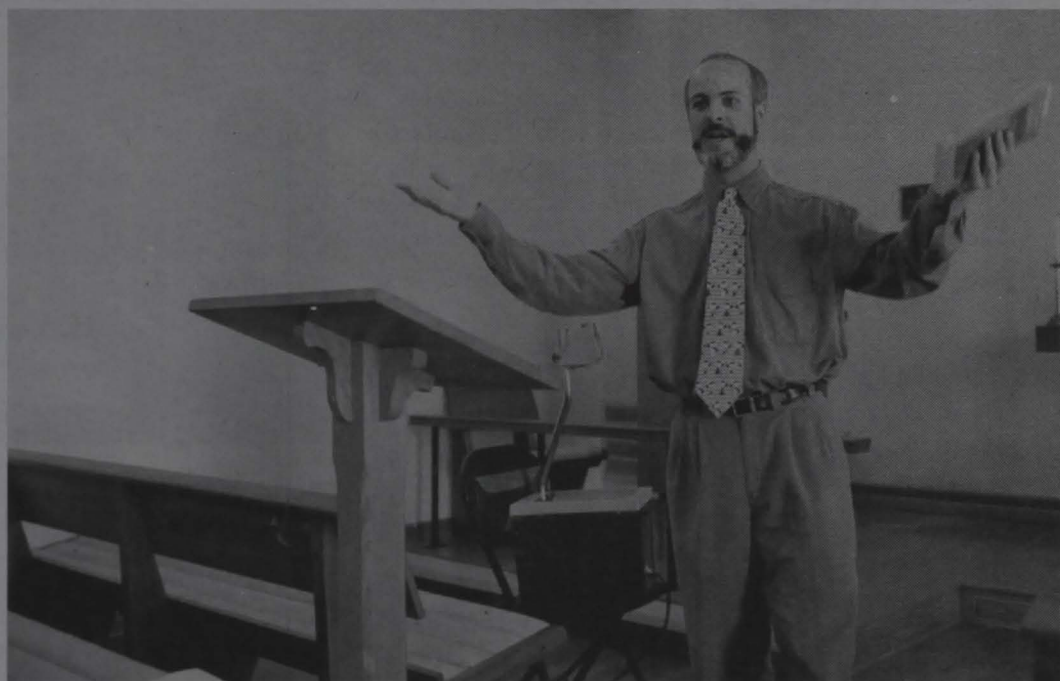
They are in part taking over the positions of Carol Holt and Mandy Wasserman, both former adjunct professors in the language division.

Zane has returned and due to funds and enrollment size there is not room for two American Literature specialists in the Language Division.

An attempt was made to retain Dr. Bellin. He was extremely well liked by his colleagues and students.

"We as colleagues not only liked and respected Josh as a teacher but as a friend as well," stated Language Division Chairman Edward Palm.

Bellin offered to teach and advise at the Nicholas County branch, in addition to maintaining classes and an office



DR. JOSH BELLIN: SAVING SOULS ONE TEXT AT A TIME. Bellin joined GSC's staff while Dr. Zane spent a year on sabbatical. Students who liked his teaching style wonder why he was not retained. (Photo donated by Edward Palm)

on campus. The overall decision was made by former President Simmons, who felt it was not financially feasible to hire Bellin as a permanent staff member.

Bellin received excellent evaluations from his students, even though he had a reputation as being a tough teacher.

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Nicholas County Center sees new improvements

By B. J. Woods,
Staff Reporter

Students returning to the Nicholas County Center this fall were the first to get an education in the new-and-improved facility.

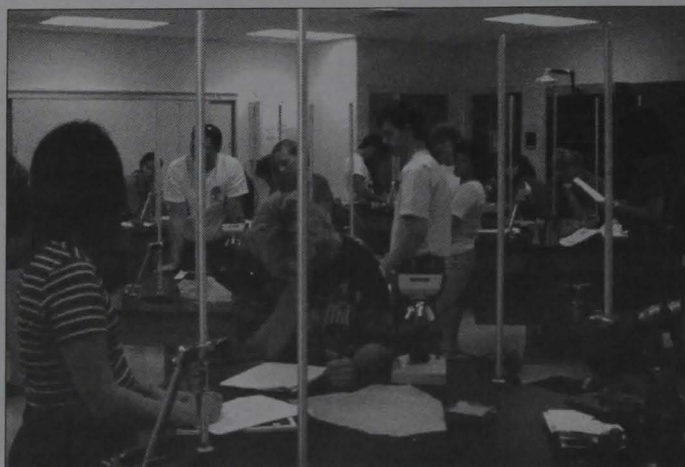
The new addition--completed this summer--covers almost 10,000 square feet. This more than doubles the original building's size.

The new area houses a large and windowed commons area, a new biology and chemistry lab, bookstore, conference room, new offices and new classrooms. There is even a classroom designed solely for the pur-

pose of distance learning.

This eliminates the need for more professors and yet allows for the students to interact with the professor, who is usually on the main campus teaching the same class. There has been a professor lounge incorporated into the building as well as more restroom facilities.

One the second day of classes, I went to the Nicholas County Center to see all the fuss for myself. I asked some of the students, what they thought of the new facilities. I heard comments like, "I love it!", "Will this allow for more classes?"



B. J. Woods, Mercury

THE MORE THE MERRIER. Improvements to the Nicholas County Center include this biology lab where students can experiment.

"The computer lab is so big," and "This is such a more big and relaxed area, it has to be good for learning." The bookstore addition allows non-traditional stu-

dents greater flexibility--they can now purchase books and apparel without missing work for a trip to Glenville.

The students at the Nicholas County Center appear to enjoy the new addition. It allows for more students to gain an education while at the same time, allows for relaxation.

A more diverse range of classes can now be taught at the center. The center provides more options for non-traditional students who can not easily go back to college if they had to travel to Glenville everyday.

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Colors of Pride

Glenville State College's Gay-Straight Alliance will be having an organizational meeting for the 1998 school year on Tuesday, September 15.

We will discuss dues, elect officers, and discuss our involvement in this year's Multicultural Fair.

Our meetings are open to all interested parties. Contact an officer for the time and location, or visit our website:

www.geocities.com/westhollywood/heights/8399/

Wilson's discipline analysis published

By Jade Dewal,
Staff Reporter

Upon entering Brenda Wilson's office the air is thick with the scent of education.

The floor, bookshelves, desk and attache' case are brimming with educational literature.

In August, while working on her doctorate, Wilson and fellow educators published an article in *The Journal Of Special Education*.

The article, entitled "A Statewide Study of FAPE and School Discipline Policies," discusses how the Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) act is being implemented by administrators, general education, and special education

teachers.

Wilson, a professor of Special Education and an academic advisor, has been employed at Glenville State College for seven years.

In the article, questions were asked about how children were being reprimanded and encouraged and how it effects the general education and special education student safety laws.

The question concerned whether students with behavioral disorders and learning disabilities should be reprimanded in the same manner as mainstream students.

According to the study, most principals argued that they should, feeling it is not fair to mainstream, students.

Individualized

Education Plans (IEP) were implemented to protect and address academic concerns of special education students. The study revealed that most school boards did not take special education students into consideration while making disciplinary rules.

According to the study, IEP's were not even being referred to when taking disciplinary action against these special education students.

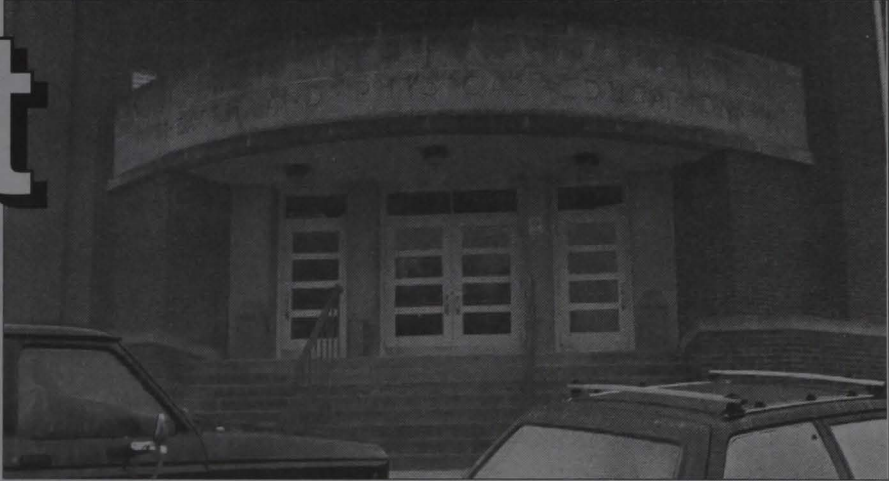
Wilson argues that IEP can be used in a positive manner that could help prevent out-breaks that lead to disciplinary action.

The article can be found in *The Journal of Special Education*, and is available in the Robert F. Kidd library.

Facelift



"It shines up pretty nice, don't it?" The basketball court has been given in cosmetic overhaul. New paint, new scoreboard, and new attitude. Sherrie Hardman, Mercury)



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Getting it together

Community group's "Welcome Back" party meant to solidify long relationship

By Amy Smith,
Staff Reporter

A team approach to Community Development Sub-Committee sponsored the Pioneer Daze Block Party in order to welcome students back to Glenville.

Thursday night's party filled the streets of Glenville with the smells of food and the sound of Karaoke.

Dinner that consisted of ribs, fish, baked beans rolls, and a three bean salad was provided by the Glenville State College food service.

The community-based organization felt that it would be a good idea to reconcile students with the local community and its businesses.

The streets between the Post Office and *Crafter's in the Glen* to the alley between Go-Mart and the Common Place were blocked off to make room

for the gathering.

"Tonight is just the beginning," stated Jim Fealy, one of the community organizers. "It would be nice if we could build on this for next year and continue to make it bigger and better for times to come."

Raffle Drawings were held by several business, including the chance for a TV/VCR combo by the Community Development. Josh VanHorn was the lucky winner of the TV.

The Welcome Back GSC Students signs placed in several locations in town were also sponsored by the Community Development Committee, which consists of members Reta Kight, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Jim Fealy, Nolan Browning, Jerry Burkhamer, Steve Harold, Al Billips and Joe Evans.

Karaoke was provided by Dick Harrison and spon-

sored by the Pub, one of Glenville's two bars. Students and community members both joined in the fun with Karoke.

Jason Swagher won a six-month subscription to the local weekly newspaper.

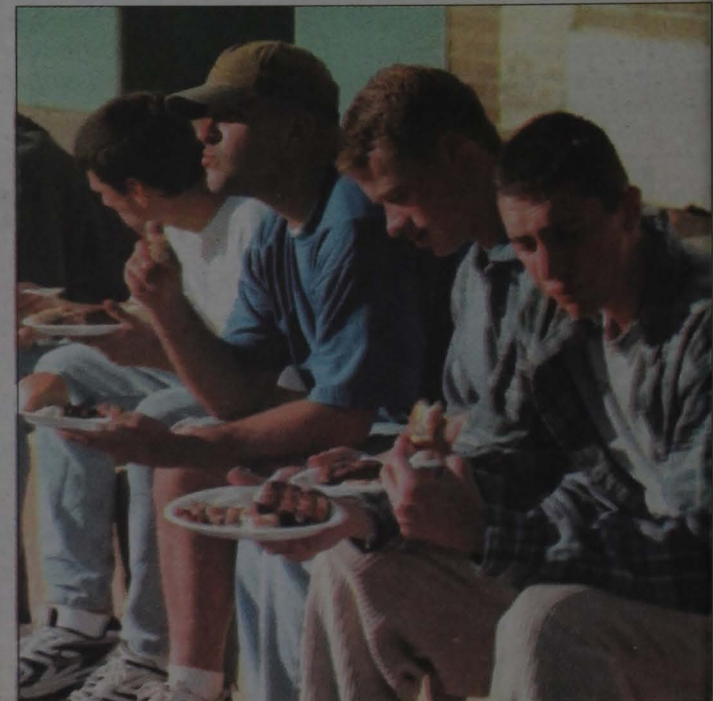
To Your Health, Glenville's fitness center, gave away one free month membership.

The Gilmer Arts and Heritage Council Inc. was raffled a handwoven basket. The drawing will be held September 26, 1998.

HOPE inc., a domestic violence, and sexual assault task force were also present offering valuable help and information on domestic violence and sexual assault.

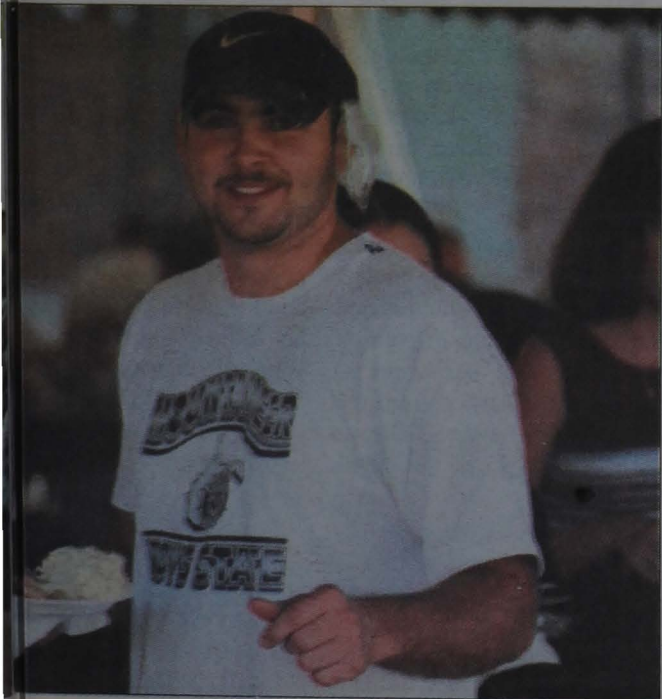
The success of the Pioneer Daze Block Party may well lead to more interaction between the campus community and the local community.

JOINING IN THE FUN. The Pioneer Daze Block Party brought students and community members together. Bottom (l-r): (1) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (2) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (3) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (4) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (5) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (6) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (7) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (8) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. (9) Dennis Fitzpatrick gives Jeremiah Johnson and Josh Simons eat ribs provided by Food Service. 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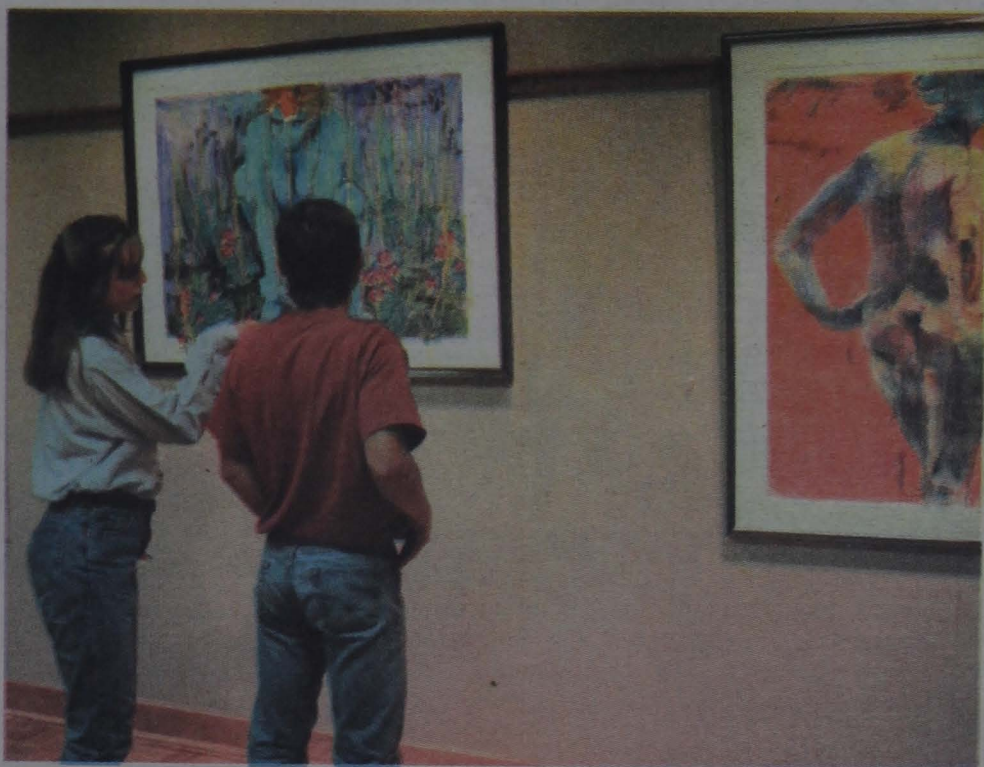
Desposito's determination

While the Pioneer Daze Block Party roared its way through town, the reception for Pittsburgh artist Martha Desposito took place in the Fine Arts gallery. Over two dozen works for sale and view were displayed. Visitors had a chance to speak with the artist about her work, or to just walk around and look at the colors.

The artist's show included many works containing a variety of materials and textures. Here, the artist stands beside a painting titled "Angel Among Cats."

Below:
Michelle Wellings and Jeremy Grogg admire Desposito's handiwork.

(Terry Estep,
Mercury)



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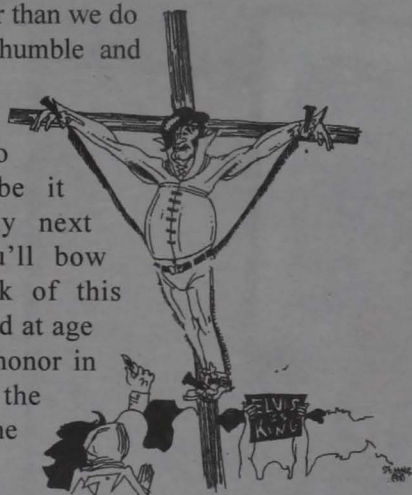
The one year anniversary of Mother Teresa's death was September fifth. No large vigils or special news broadcasts were made. It seemed to pass by like any other day. This woman, whose works for the good of humanity are comparable to Jesus Christ and Ghandi only, was not even remembered by most a mere year after her passing.

Are we a culture that cares more about its pop idols than this woman who championed mercy, love and affection for the poorest of the poor and the sickest of our populations? Elvis' birthday and death anniversary are met every year with nighttime vigils and special marches through Graceland and other major cities; Princess Di's death anniversary was all the rage this year among the fashion elite and news people alike. Yet, Mother Teresa's death anniversary passed by like so many Saturdays.

This editorial is not meant to bum you out, or make you feel shallow and apathetic, but there is a need to call attention to what our culture is about and the fact that the things we value as important really aren't.

Mother Teresa melded the world's elite with the downtrodden, anonymous and undesirable. She was quite possibly the greatest woman that ever lived, yet Elton John wrote no song about her. What does a person have to do in our society to deserve notoriety? We know more about the life of the latest serial killer than we do about society's most humble and caring human being.

Maybe this will mean something to some of you, maybe it won't, but hopefully next September fifth you'll bow your head and think of this small woman who died at age 87 seeing value and honor in society's cast-offs, the poor, the sick and the unwanted.



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Wreck-less pursuits

By Chris Hopkins,
Staff Columnist

Have you ever thought that you're the best driver on the road and everyone else should just go back to driver's education and leave you sane, safe drivers be?

I have. More than once. And I tell you I have to wonder how some of these goofballs ever got a state license.

We all have some idea of left side and right side and that we should stay on either or while on the road so as to avoid those nasty little collisions with other moving or in some cases non-moving vehicles.

I personally have never been in an auto accident other than when I ran down a dear, darling four-legged creature that looked like a bambi wannabe and still to this day I say it was his fault for playing follow the leader with the one I missed.

The most profound driving experience I've ever had happened recently over this past Labor Day weekend when I was on my way to Raleigh, NC

to see my brother. I was on I-40 east heading through some construction and traffic for a football game and let me tell you it was horizon-to-horizon lines of traffic.

Normally this road would be a four lane road but with the construction and detours it was only three. I was in the middle lane surrounded by a bunch of other cars and to my right (passenger side) there was a small car something like mine or a camry and out of nowhere this minivan blasted into to the back of this stopped car.

The car's back was busted up and bent up, while the minivans hood crumpled and bent like a triangle also busting its headlights and not to mention the internal damage done to both vehicles and their drivers.

While I was not in the wreck itself I was close enough to hear the metal crumple and see the expressions of pain on the drivers face beside me as her head whiplashed from the impact. I felt for her as I drove on by. Because of the negli-

gence of another driver she could've been seriously injured or worse.

The reason this bothers me so is that we all have the same driving rights as the ne NASCAR wannabe or Mach impersonator and we all put our lives on the line by just getting behind the wheel to go to the store to get some bread.

It boils my blood that we have to fear getting in my car because some jerk feels the need to get somewhere fast. I don't understand the mentality of speeding and other reckless habits.

Another driving quirk is driving while intoxicated. you think that you need to take a chance at killing a family four or ruining someones life just because you're too damn cheap to get a cab, call a friend or to proud of being embarrassed just give me a quick ride and I'll call in Uncle Vinny and his hitman squad to bust on your knee caps so that you can feel a minute bit of the pain you can cause a person by careless driving.

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The stock answer isn't the best

by Molly Ivins,
syndicated Columnist
Austin, Texas— Say,
a dandy idea: Let's pri-
vate Social Security and have
everybody put their retirement
money in the stock market,
so it will be so safe and
stable, eh?

It just seems like a good
idea to remind people why
privatization was a good idea and
that it will be a good idea. And
to remind us who is pushing
the scheme and why.

The combination of Wall
Street fund managers and bro-
kers (for whom such a plan
will be an unending gusher
of money) and right-wing ide-
ologues like our Sen. Phil
Graham have pushed privatiza-
tion until even some
liberals, who should know
better, have doodled around
with at least partial privatiza-
tion of the system. Suppose
you were on the verge of retire-
ment and watched 15 percent
of your income you had counted
on disappear since July?

Just a blip in the market?
The market has been known to
have more than a blip. According
to Dan Baker, a economist
with the Economic Policy
Institute, it lost more than 41
percent of its value between
the end of 1929 and 1932. Put that in your
privatization pipe and smoke it.
Don't try to retire on it.

Even with the grimmest of
forecasts, Social Security will



be just fine for the next 34
years, and with only the
mildest adjustments, it will be
just fine after that as well. The
numbers are simple enough:
According to Baker, from 1923
to 1998, the economy grew at
an average rate of three percent
a year. Even if we assume, as
the Social Security trustees are
wont to do, that it will grow at
less than 1.5 percent during the
next 75 years, the system is not
in big trouble.

In the St. Louis Post-
Dispatch, Baker observed: "If
in the future the economy
grows at less than half the rate
it did in the past, how can the
stock market provide the same
return as it did in the past? The
privatizers don't have an
answer to this question.

"The projected slow
growth of the economy means
we can expect returns in the
stock market, on average, of
about 3.5 percent annually, not
the seven percent claimed by
privatization advocates. This

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cuts their promised bonanza by
nearly 60 percent. After sub-
tracting administrative costs,
the returns on private accounts
compare poorly with Social
Security, even before taking
account of the stock market."

As long as our attention
has been temporarily diverted
toward economy from the
always-absorbing topic of the
president's sex life, the
Northwest Airlines strike
offers us several instructive
lessons. One useful hint to
management: when you break
promises to your workers, they
are most likely to go on strike.

When Northwest was in
financial trouble a few years
ago, its pilots gave back \$350
million in concessions to help
keep it afloat, according to CBS
news. Northwest has now been
running record profits for the
past five years, but the pilots
haven't gotten their cut. Instead,
Northwest's former Co-chair-
man Al Checchi took enough
out of the company to go to
California and waste around \$40
million of it in a bootless run for
governor. Now, management
folks, this is the kind of thing
that will chap your workers.

Also, two years of talks in
which you fail to come to an
agreement do not build trust;
that kind of thing leaves workers
thinking they have no option
but to strike. Also, according to
the Minneapolis Star Tribune,
current Northwest CEO John
Dasburg sold more than \$20
million in company stock this
year at a time Northwest was
claiming it could not afford
Union demands. You do see,
don't you, where this might
create just a small bump of
resentment?

All of which brings us to
the larger issue of the great rise
in inequality in America: the
pay gap. James K. Galbraith of
the University of Texas, who
has been so right for so long
that I don't see how he can
restrain himself from saying, "I
told you so" (but he is a better
person than I am), wrote in the
Boston Globe: "Some econo-
mists entertain the reassuring
illusion that personal comput-
ers had caused rising wage
inequality and that the condi-
tion would be self-correcting
as diligent workers learned
new skills... But in fact,
inequality corrodes the work

ethic and devalues the acqui-
sition of real skills. A society
where the rich are obsessed by
stocks and everyone else buys
lottery tickets can never be a
productive, happy place. It will
never be a place where hard
work is the main value or
where people make sensible
educational choices.

"The great inequality crisis
was brought on not by comput-
ers but by mass unemployment
and high interest rates in the
70's and 80's. It has been
slightly eased by full employ-
ment these last few years, but it
would take many more years to
undo the damage. Unless the
Fed, the administration and
Congress drop their illusions
and act, we won't get them.
Lower interest rates and a high-
er minimum wage are needed
now: A program to bring the
government back into the
economy—heresy of heresies
—should follow quickly."

Galbraith and other liberals
won't say, "I told you so," So
I'll say it for them. What is sud-
denly conventional wisdom is
just what they've been saying
for years now: the problem is
deflation, not inflation; demand,
not supply; inequity, not capital
gains taxes. Unless you push the
benefits of economic good
times down toward the bottom,
you wind up with a big mess.

Maybe we can get this
right yet. Your mama always
told you to share didn't she?

The newest lunch ordeal



My Two Cents Commentary by Terry Estep

My friends accuse me of
being an insane college stu-
dent every time I try to eat
lunch on Thursday.

Trying to get through the
over-crowded line is an
ordeal--so many students
come in at once that the
kitchen staff seems over-
whelmed, even though they
regularly open a second
serving line just to keep up.

The cafeteria is one loud
roar of noise that makes it

difficult to hear your own
thoughts or the "Why I
should skip class today" jus-
tifications of my friends.

Some Thursdays, you're
better off taking your tray
over to the Vandalia Room
(a great undiscovered secret
for the Glenville student's
Thursday dining experi-
ence).

The fact that I try to eat
lunch on Thursday is not
why my friends think I'm
insane.

No, they think I'm
insane because I *enjoy* see-
ing the crowd.

I love having that many
students crammed in there
together. It creates a greater
sense of just how many stu-
dents we have now.

I love it that total
strangers are forced to min-
gle with each other because
two people at a table does
not an exclusive club make.

While I don't under-
stand what quirk of schedul-
ing brings them all in
together on Thursday, it
affirms my hope that
Glenville State College is
moving in the right direction
at long last.

THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: www.im_addicted.com

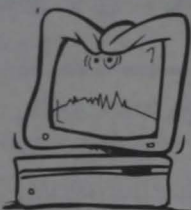
By Ben Bruton,
Guest Columnist

Do you average between 38-40 hours on the Internet per week?

Do you neglect your homework, loved ones, meals, sleep, and personal hygiene in favor of chatting endlessly with total strangers online?

Do you suffer feeling of anxiety, stress, or extreme depression if you are away from your beloved computer for hours at a time?

If so, then congratulations, you are an Internet addict! According to recent psychological research, the Internet--just like television, sex and shopping--is now actually



"Let's not blame the Internet because a mother can't take care of her own children..."

considered a full fledged addiction.

A 1994 study conducted at the University of Pittsburgh revealed that there are two types of Internet users: dependant users, who spend at least 38 hours a week online, and nondependent users who surf an average of five hours a week.

Dependent users were found to be victims of Internet Adicition Syndrome, a behavioral disorder much like binge-eating or compul-

sive gambling.

It would be real easy to dismiss this study as a lot of pop-psychological bullstuff, were it not for the fact that there are so many documented cases of this so-called addiction. Just last year, in Lake County, Florida, a woman lost custody of her two children after a judge ruled that she was Internet-addicted and did not tend to their needs.

Doctors at Harvard University created Computer Addiction Services in Fall

1996, a treatment center for people who just can't put down their modems.

Is it just me or does all of this sound just the tiniest bit absurd? Should the Internet be blamed for the misfortunes of these people? Of course not! The problem here doesn't lie in the Internet, but rather in the mental instability of these people.

The fact is, a person who exhibits compulsive behavior can find anything to be addictive, whether it's the Internet or television or even chocolate. The inability of these people to take charge of their own lives is of greater significance than the outlet they choose for their vice.

Let's not blame the Internet because a mother can't take care of her children, or presume that the Internet is a social ill that leads people away from real-life duties.

Researchers attribute Internet addiction to loneliness and boredom. To use the Internet as a temporary escape from these things is understandable, but not as a replacement for everyday life.

The Internet can be a very seductive place for those who seek immediate social interaction and instant gratification, but let's face it, it won't cure your ills.

Remember, your computer does have an off switch. Use it.

House panel gives U.S. government a "D" for Y2K

By Ted Bridis,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- A congressional panel gave the U.S. government a "D" grade Wednesday for its efforts to fix the Year 2000 computer problem, predicting more than one-third the most important systems won't be fixed in time.

It also predicted the government will spend \$6.3 billion on the problem, much higher than a \$5.4 billion estimate that the Office of Management and Budget made last week.

Five agencies criticized in the past for their lack of progress earned individual failing grades, although the Defense and Transportation departments improved slightly since June to a "D." The Justice Department fell to an "F" for failing.

"This is not a grade you take home to your parents, and it is definitely not a grade to take back to the voters and taxpayers," said Rep.

Stephen Horn, who is chairman of the technology subcommittee for the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

Other agencies earning an "F" from Horn's subcommittee included Health and Human Services, Energy, State, Education and the Agency for International Development.

Three agencies earned the highest mark, an "A": Social Security, the National Science Foundation and the Small Business Administration.

Republicans have accused the Clinton administration of failing to push hard enough to prevent potential Year 2000 problems, which could affect electricity, water supplies, cash registers and even traffic lights.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year won't work properly after Jan. 1, 2000, when machines will assume it is 1900.

Ask the Particle Lady: "Men have to take care"

By B. J. Woods,
Staff Columnist

As many young people enter college they don't often think of how their behavior now, will continue to effect the rest of their lives. The old adage, "Live for today," doesn't necessarily hold true today. Men have to take care of themselves today for the rest of their lives. A few tidbits to get you thinking about your habits of today:

-College males are three times more likely as college females to be heavy drinkers.

-Twice as many college-aged males as females drink alcohol once a week or more.

-Smoking causes 90% of male lung cancer.

-Men's greater use of alcohol and tobacco is the main cause of their higher rates of cancer and heart disease.

-Nine out of ten drunk

driving arrests are males.

-Nearly twice as many college-aged males as females have used cocaine.

-Nearly three times more college-aged males than females use marijuana once a week or more.

-Far more males than females use, abuse, and are dependent upon substances.

-Nearly one million males have used steroids inappropriately for body building.

-College-age males use much more alcohol and other drugs than females

-More than one out of five college males use smokeless tobacco.(eleven times the number of females.)

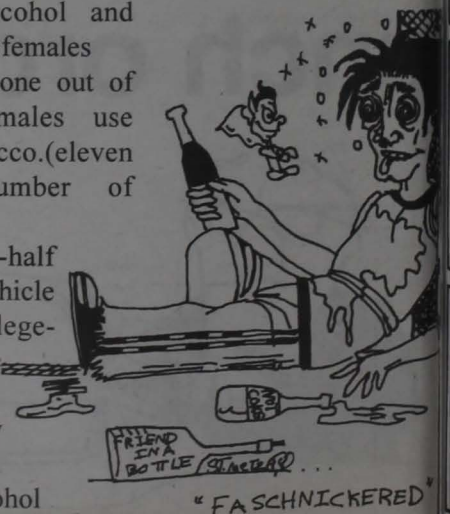
-Nearly one-half of all motor vehicle deaths of college-aged males are alcohol related. Every day, nearly 12 college-aged males die n alcohol

related motor-vehicle accidents. This is three times the number of females.

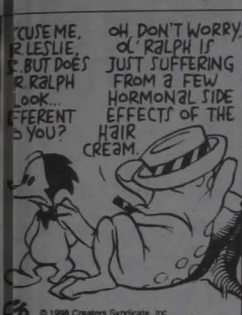
These tidbits have been presented to you courtesy of the Men's Health Organization.

Many of the behaviors that one learns for the future does indeed come from their habits in college. Think about it!

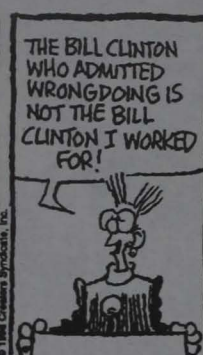
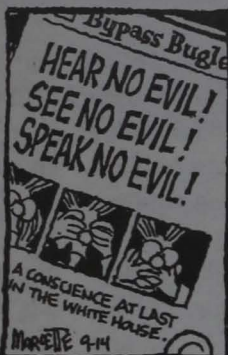
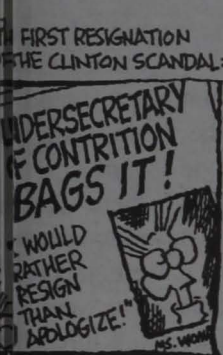
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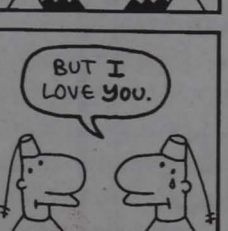
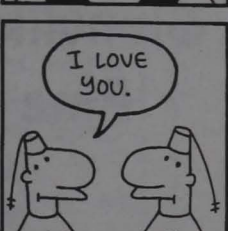
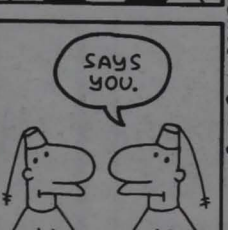
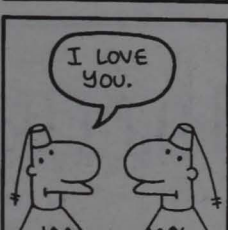
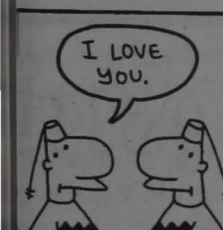
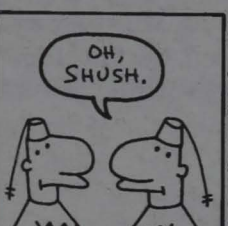
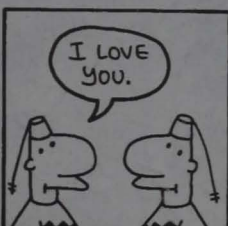
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Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Horoscope by Cris Gravelly

Aries (March 21 - April 19) - Look to others for help in developing your personal philosophy. What you do now will follow you for a lifetime.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) - You're approaching a crossroads in your life. take time to explore all possibilities before making a decision about what road to travel.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) - Learning a new skill is both rewarding and tiring. What you learn now may lead to a career in the future. Maintain enthusiasm and it will work out.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) - Be prepared for sudden changes this week. Life will be disrupted by somebody new coming into your life. Learn to move with changes and turbulence.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) - Pressure is building, from outside sources, to settle down. Take a stand and fight for what you believe is right. Live life by your own ethics.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) - Money and energy are available this week, so start aiming for that new goal. It could lead to a more rewarding future. Learn to take risks.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) - Honesty, especially with yourself, is never easy. There are things about your personali-

ty you don't like; now is the time to change, if you can.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) - Becoming independent and free-thinking is bound to ruffle someone's feathers. Gossip has a habit of popping up; careful how you respond.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) - The difficulties and trials of the week seem to be overwhelming, but there is still a ray of hope. Hang on tight.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) - Conflict arises this week, but don't worry. Learn to control your own anger and rage and you'll trust yourself more than ever.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) - All eyes are on you this week. Your actions have gotten the response you have (or haven't) wanted. Face the music.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) - Boredom in a relationship can be a dangerous thing. It can lead to resentment if not dealt with right away.



BLADE - Creatures of the night beware

By Brent Wood,
Staff Columnist

Straight from the dark pages of the comic books comes the immortal superhero Blade. The new action packed film from NewLine Cinemas stars Wesley Snipes as the half human half vampire Blade.

Born after his pregnant mother has been bitten by a vampire, Blade is the best of both worlds. He has the strength and reflexes of the vampire but can walk freely in the world of the living. The most difficult problem he faces is a thirst for blood he fights everyday.

Blade's mission to eradicate the plague of vampires that prey on the unsuspecting humans. His partner in battle and the man searching for the vampire cure is Kris Kristoferson. A master in technology and medicine, Kristoferson designs advanced weapons to battle the scourge.

Meanwhile in the ranks



NOT YOUR AVERAGE VAMPIRE SLAYER. - Wesley Snipes does battle with the undead in the NewLine Cinema release *Blade*.

of the vampire kingdom, a half-breed named Deacon (Stephen Dorff) begins a campaign to overthrow the vampire leaders and through an ancient ritual take their rightful place as ruler of the human world.

This film is filled with special effects and lightning-fast action scenes. There are numerous sword fighting scenes

with dazzling effects and moves. Despite having a several gory blood bath scenes and gruesome disfigured creature, Blade is a very intense movie. Fans of action, vampires or comics will be very entertained by this film. As a fellow patron put it, "After getting out of that movie I felt like jump kicking somebody."

Music and electrical tap impersonations highlight comedian's visit

By Brent Wood,
Staff Columnist

Tuesday evening, musical-comedian Mark Anzalone performed for the students of GSC in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The New York born comedian brought his unique blend of musical knowledge and humorous takes on life.

Anzalone began with holds-barred renditions of yesterday and today's most popular music, ranging from the BackStreet Boys and Spice Girls, to The Who and Led Zeppelin.

He opened with a very funny bit involving electrical tape. By sticking small pieces of electrical tape about his face he was able to mimic many modern rockers along with some obscure sixties bands.

Next in the show were impersonations of how Johnny Cash would sound in different countries. Such as Johnny Peso in Mexico, John Yen in China, and Johnny Monet in France.

Other observations

included the differences between Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder. Ray Charles weaves his head left to right while Stevie Wonder does a figure eight.

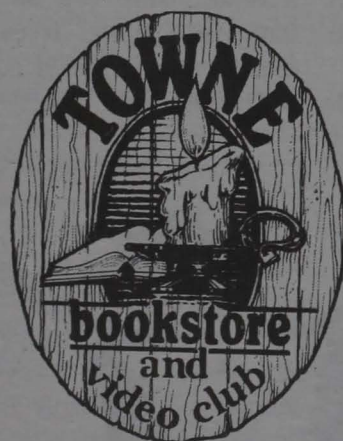
The comic also joked that Cumbawamus "Tubthumping" should have been the theme song to hit movie Titanic.

Though there were several silent moments where the jokes were too old for this audience or were just bad taste, Mark turned them into a laugh all their own.

He responded to audience members requests and shared remarks with wit and fun.

The funniest moment of the evening was the technical difficulty he had trying to perform an Alanis Morissette parody, which--after minutes of struggling with a tape recorder--was assisted by student James Arnold. The agony he suffered before was better than the skit itself.

Mark Anzalone gave a fifty member audience show worth spending Tuesday night watching.



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Imagine football without rules

By William Schiffmann,
Associated Press

Picture your favorite football team, with half players and no rules.

Picture the National Football League as run by Darth Vader.

That's a quick description of an interesting new game called *NFL Xtreme* on 989 Sports for the PlayStation. It's a game that can't take itself too seriously, and for good reason.

Unlike the *Madden* or *Pro Day* series, this isn't really about football. It's more like a five-on-five fight with a deadly weapon, late hits, clothesline tackles, flips and flying jerseys take the place of intricate plays and measured-to-the-yard pass patterns.

It may sound simple, but *NFL Xtreme* doesn't skip. There are dozens of plays, all your favorite teams, players and



IT'S EXTREME, BABY! -- *NFL Xtreme* brings great graphics and unrestricted gridiron mahem to the Playstation. It's time for a good, clean fight for yardage. Happy hunting.

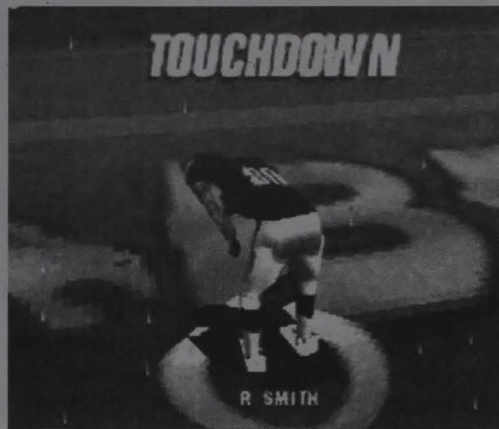
even stadiums, along with drafting and trades.

Graphics are a major strong point with *Xtreme*--they are excellent. The players are big and beefy with tons of detail and fluid moves, maybe the best I've seen so far this season (*Madden 99* hasn't arrived yet). The stadiums are also looking good.

Control is the usual with football games--good and

pretty easy to learn. The player you control goes pretty much where you want him to, and with the addition of a Turbo feature--hit a button for a burst of speed--you can gain a lot of yardage with some deft moves.

Sound is adequate; the announcers do a decent job, but I hated the crowd noise. The trash talking is fun, although there isn't enough variety.



sidelines to stay in bounds--there's no out-of-bounds. Don't worry about being ejected for head-hunting--take a shot and see if you can knock the other guy's helmet off.

You can play an exhibition game to get the hang of things, then move on into a full season of action. You can also go directly to the playoffs--unless you're the New Orleans Saints.

There is a playbook from which to choose, but it's smaller than most football games. And with 20 yards needed for a first down instead of 10, running plays are usually ignored in favor of passing for long gains.

The fun quotient is way up in *NFL Xtreme*, and it should be a treat for both football experts and novices who just want to catch a bomb and run over somebody.

Arts Council to Sponsor Painting Workshop Series

Have you always wanted to learn how to paint?

Are you an amateur artist who would like to learn new techniques?

Sign up for the painting workshop that will be offered by the Gilmer Arts and Heritage Council this fall. The workshop, taught by Saxton County artist Charles Aulffo, will be held on three consecutive Saturdays: September 9, September 26, and October 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All classes will take place at *Crafters in the Glen*.

The instructor has

been an artist for over twenty years and taught adult education classes for the Board of Education in Charleston for nine years.

The classes will be individualized and are for students of all levels. Students must provide their own brushes, acrylic paints, canvas or canvas board, and a photo or picture to be painted.

These supplies can be purchased in Glenville at *The Crafters Patch*.

Interested people can sign up at *Crafters in the Glen*. A deposit will be required. For more information call *Crafters in the Glen* at 462-8819.

Audition Notice

Ken Ludwig's

"Lend me a Tenor"

GSC Theatre announces auditions for the first show of the 1998-1999 school year.

Nancy Wemm will be directing Ken Ludwig's **Lend Me A Tenor**. Auditions, which are open to all GSC students, faculty, and members of the community, will be held on September 14 and 15 from 6-9pm in the Fine Arts Building Recital Hall (FA 105).

All roles and technical positions are open at this time. If you are interested in working with GSC Theatre either on-stage or backstage, please come to the auditions.

There are roles for four (4) men: a world-famous tenor (think Caruso or Pavarotti), a young aspiring tenor (think Matthew Broderick), a desperate General Manager and a singing bellhop.

There are roles for four (4) women:

a hot-blooded, fiery spit-fire who is married to the tenor (think Catherine Zeta-Jones), a beautiful, aspiring, and conniving soprano, an innocent romantic (think Julia Roberts), and a rich, powerful society matron.

