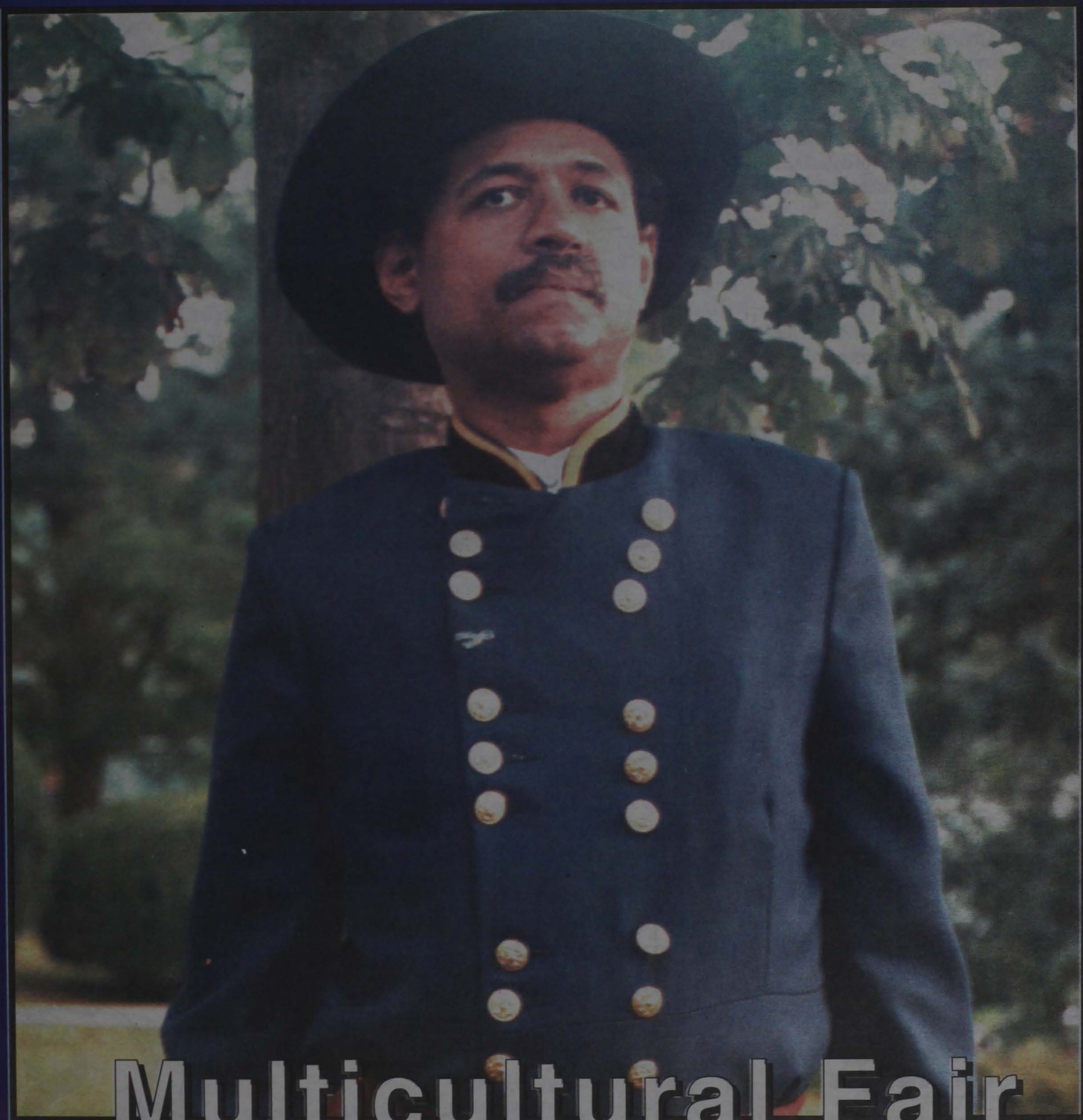


The Mercury



Joseph Bundy portraying abolitionist orator Martin Delaney as part of Multicultural Fair

GSC Foundation projecting over \$100,000 awards for 1999

By Amanda Conley,
Contributing Reporter

The Glenville State College Foundation, Inc. has had a wonderful year. It has awarded approximately \$75,000 in scholarships in 1998. The Foundation estimates that over \$100,000 will be available in 1999. The Foundation manages a wide variety of funds which are used for scholarships and awards.

Over the last four years, the Foundation's assets have grown significantly. In 1994, the Foundation had \$847,643. This year the assets grew to \$2,318,000. The projection for 1999 is \$2,800,000. These are significant and dependable funds for the college that will never diminish. The Foundation will always have these funds or

more to benefit GSC students.

In the past, the Foundation was run by volunteers. However, when it was decided to hire a permanent staff to do the day-to-day work, the Foundation's assets grew considerably. Tom McPherson, President of the Foundation said, "When the Board of Directors elected to hire someone full-time, we began to receive the level of donations that enables us to attract some high caliber students."

Amazingly, the competent and qualified staff is comprised of only two people, Ed Hamrick, the Executive Vice President, and his secretary, Joanne Rutherford. They do the "lion's share," McPherson said.

In addition to the staff and

Board of Directors, the Foundation is comprised of several committees which meet regularly. They include the Scholarship Committee, the Executive Committee, Investment Committee and the Budget Committee. Each of these groups plays a vital part in the collection and distribution of funds. McPherson said, "The thing we strive to do is to create the impression that we are organized and accounted for. This is an organization that is managed properly."

Promotion is another reason for the Foundation's success. The Foundation releases information regularly to the media when it receives new gifts or when it updates its new campaign. On September 20, 1998,

Ed Hamrick addressed the Faculty Senate during its evening meeting. He presented them with a packet of information regarding the Foundation's past performance, its projections for 1999, and its future goals as an active and important organization of the college.

One aspect which the foundation has worked very hard on is deferred gifts. These are donation that are promised to or bequeathed to the Foundation. However, they are not actually received yet; therefore, these gifts are not recorded as assets nor can they be distributed. They are what McPherson calls the "pipeline." Furthermore, the names of the donors are not released to the media, until the gifts are received, in order to protect the dignity of the

families.

Hamrick said, "We do everything we can to accommodate the wishes and needs of individual donors. We want more and more students applying for scholarships with varying requirements and restrictions such as field of study, extracurricular activities and geographic specifications."

Both McPherson and Hamrick stress the importance of The Foundation to the college institution and the students. "We feel we have a very positive role to play," McPherson said. "Our ultimate goal is to provide a quality education for more people. When we do that, we make Glen State a stronger institution."



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SIFE Update

Submitted by Jennifer Lydick,
SIFE Public Relations Officer

PROJECTS

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V. President—Wendy Cutright
Secretary—Christy Waller
Treasurer—Tara Rutherford
Public Relations—Jennifer Lydick

We would like to announce some of our upcoming projects for October.

October 17 - Leadership Conference/
Homecoming Parade
October 24 - Adopt-a-Highway 10a.m.-1 p.m.
Senior Citizens 2p.m.-4p.m. (Make
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Homecoming Who's Who

By Allison Tant,
Staff Reporter

This year's homecoming court is made up of five ladies with many different interests and hobbies. The Senior Homecoming Queen, Hiedi Cowan, comes from Hedgesville, West Virginia and graduated from Hedgeswood High School. She is to be escorted by Matt Puccio on October 17 during the coronation, parade, and football game. Hiedi is a Music Education Major and is the president of the CMENC chapter. This year's Senior Princess is Margarita (Moe) Tzoneva who comes to us from Plovdiv, Bulgaria.



(Back, l-r): Brandi Sandy, Margarita Tzoneva, Jennifer Stinnett.
(Front, l-r): Samara Watt, Heidi Cowan (Terry Estep, Mercury)

Her escort will be Christopher Birkhimer. Moe is an accounting major and involved in a long list of organizations. She is in Student Congress, the president of the International

Student Club, on the Governing Board and the Forensics Team, in Student Accounting Society, is a Freshman Counselor and is involved in Theatre.

This year's Junior

Princess is Jennifer Stinnett. She is from Tioga in Nicholas County, West Virginia. Jennifer is an accounting and management major and involved in Student Accounting Society.

The Sophomore Princess this year, Brandi Sandy, is to be escorted by Matthew Chambers. She is from Harrison County, West Virginia near Clarksburg. Brandi's long term goals are to finish out her Behavioral Science degree with a minor in Business and go on to Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. She is involved with Governing Board, Senator at Large in

the Student Congress, 4H Collegiate Club, and an Ambassador for GSC. Off campus she is involved with the Merrile Chapel in Mineral Wells, a Methodist Church in Quietdell, and is the 1998-99 West Virginia State Dairy Princess.

Samara Watt is this year's Freshman Princess. She is a Hedgesville High graduate from Berkley County, West Virginia. She will be escorted by her father, Joe Watt. Samara is at GSC majoring in Music Education with a concentration in voice and is involved in activities such as band, chamber choir, CMENC, and is rushing Delta Zeta.

Greek plans for Homecoming

By Shannon Martin,
Contributing Reporter

It is Homecoming again and everyone is getting their banners ready for the Main Street parade.

Homecoming is for everyone, college students and community alike, to enjoy. Nearly every organization on campus participates in a parade through a band and/or a float.

Two organizations that rarely fail to show their GSC pride are the Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Delta Zeta sorority.

For this year's homecoming the Delta Zeta's are already working diligently on their banner. On October 17 the sorority will carry the banner in the parade and can be in attendance at

the Pioneer football game.

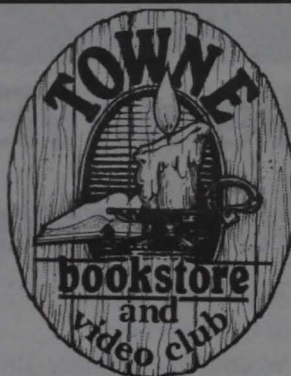
Those in attendance always know the TKEs are coming down Main Street when they hear the TKE bell ringing.

The bell will also be in attendance at the game where it is always rung every time the Pioneer football team scores.

During halftime TKE members will escort the bell around the track, ringing it to show their school spirit.

The TKE organization would not comment on the theme of this year's banner although in the past their banners have been known to be controversial.

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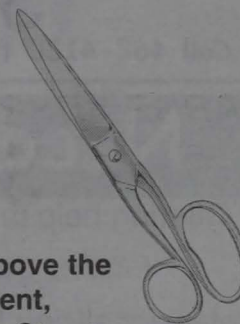
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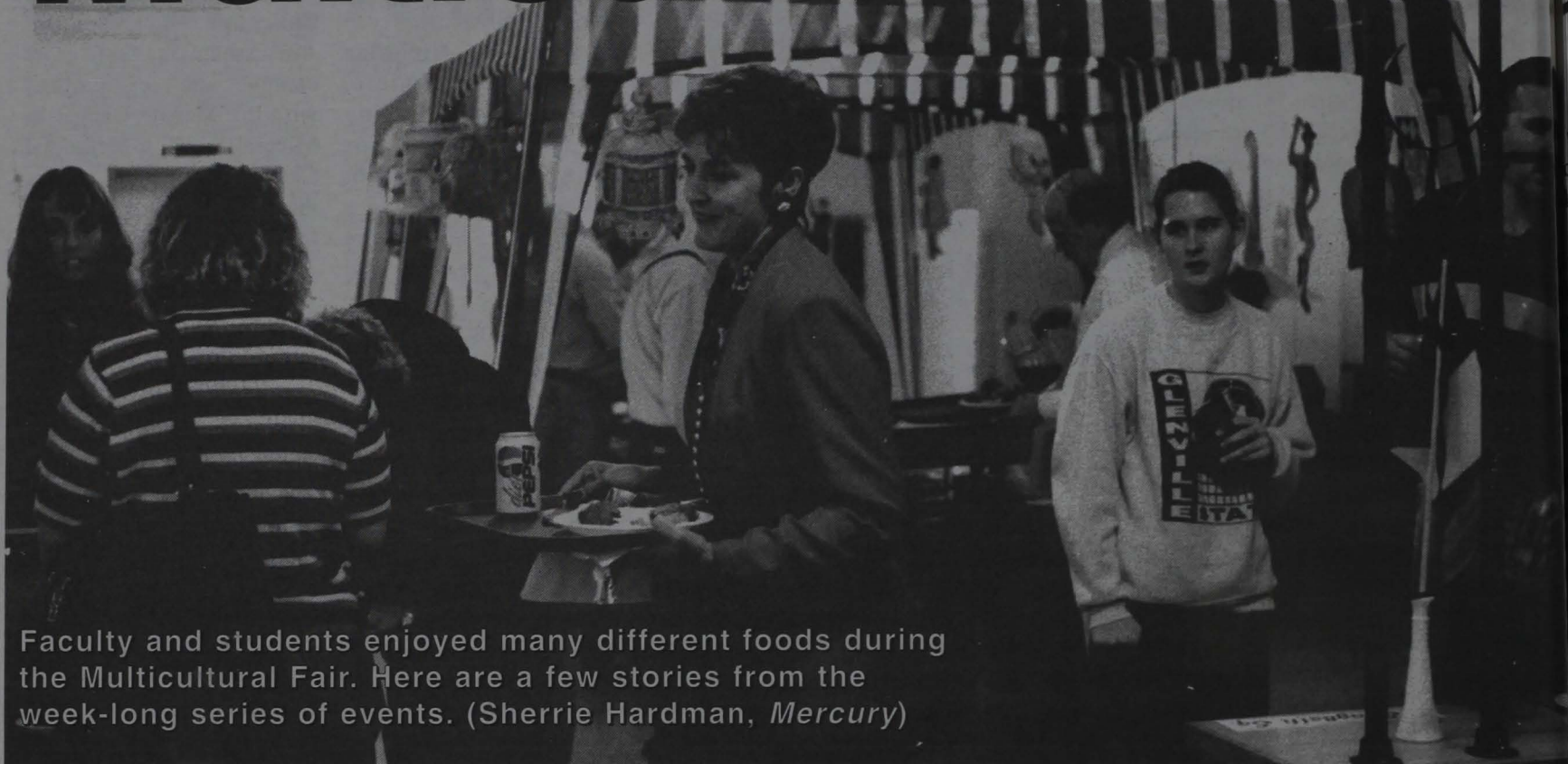
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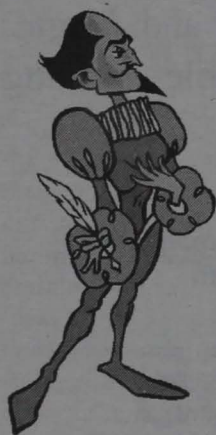


Multicultural Fair



Faculty and students enjoyed many different foods during the Multicultural Fair. Here are a few stories from the week-long series of events. (Sherrie Hardman, *Mercury*)

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Wemm/Burkowski Gender Roles presentation a success

By Allison Tant,
Staff Reporter

Wednesday, October 7th at 4 pm, students gathered in the Fine Arts Recital Hall for a presentation on gender roles in communication and conversation.

Gayle Burkowski with her concentration in Linguistics and Nancy Wemm with her concentration in Oral Communications put together this hour long presentation.

They started things off by defining gender as a person's sexual orientation then went into a forensics piece by Drexell King and Shannon Carr called "The Rape of Emma Bunche." This was a humorous piece showing the miscommunication between a man and a woman concerning a sexual relation.

Burkowski and Wemm put up a chart showing the differences between conversation techniques in males and females. They used Deborah Tannen's book, *You Just Don't Understand: Men and Women in Conversation*, as a reference.

It said that men tend to lecture, give opinions, interrupt, try to control the topic, and attempt to "win" the conversation whereas women tend to be listeners. They usually support others opinions, want to be liked, have a goal to try and help communicate, and ask questions to show that they're listening.

Lisa Belknap and Cris Gravely did an impromptu skit showing a couple trying to decide what color to paint a den. It illustrated the fact that a woman will weave back and forth weighing all

the options before making a decision while a man will make a decision and that's they don't typically think any more about it.

Another chart was put up on the overhead showing the proxemic differences between men and women. Women will approach a person closely and interact side by side. On the other hand, men approach people less closely and interact face to face. This was demonstrated in another impromptu skit by Becky Seymour and John Barton, playing the parts of two students who had seen each other around in classes.

This presentation had a lot of crowd interaction. Members of the audience all got in on the conversation and added to the presentation.

Brazil

Cultural, Economic, Environmental Changes

By Debra Berry-Cline,
Contributing Reporter

Mike Smith of GSC gave a very informative presentation about the Brazilian people and their diversities.

Along with film slides, Smith passed around snapshots that he had taken in Brazil this summer. Smith and 14 colleagues went to Brazil and visited six different cities.

While in Brazil, Smith talked to environmental and economic experts. Brazil is, in itself, larger than the continental United States, has a population of 160 million people, and has distinct cultural regions.

Transportation is not easy, because of the lack of proper roads.

There are three racial groups living in Brazil. The major nationality is Portuguese, who settled in Brazil in the 15th century and colonized in the 1630's.

The second racial group is Africans, who were imported as slaves into Brazil. There were two and a half more African slaves imported to Brazil than to America.

The foods, as well as the music, of Brazil are influenced by the Africans. The third racial group is the Indians. After the Africans were brought over as slaves, the Indians were brought over for slavery. Many of the Indian population have died off, but some still live

in remote areas. Since there are many different races, there are a lot of interracial marriages in Brazil.

In a 1980 survey, it was revealed that 40% of the population was brown-skinned, 55% white, with a remaining 5% being black.

Brazilians have a racial democracy. This fact is a major pride in the Brazilian people.

In the past there was a rapid population growth. Much of the population has large families and young people account for the majority of the population. This growth left the young in poverty.

History Alive

By Heather Bland,
Contributing Reporter

Joseph Bundy, as Martin Delaney, walked onstage in the AB Auditorium and proceeded to tell the audience about his historical self.

Martin Delaney was an African American Major in the Union army during the Civil War, a Major of the 104th Regiment of Colored Troops.

The audience learned of his life as the son of a free mother and enslaved father growing up in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia.

They learned of his trials and tribulations of teaching himself to read, attending the School for Colored Gentlemen in Pittsburgh, PA, running his own newspaper from 1843-



Joseph Bundy

47, and overcoming enormous obstacles to become a medical doctor.

Joseph Bundy did a wonderful job of portraying this historical figure and answered questions from the audience while still in character.

Bundy works for the Afro-Appalachian Performance Company. He performs four other historical characters and has taken part in past Multicultural Fairs.

At-risk students in the schools

By Aimee Mathis,
Contributing Reporter

"At Risk Students in the schools," was the topic examined on Wednesday, 10 in the Heflin Center ballroom as part of the Multicultural Fair.

Rico Tyler of Fairmont State College (former middle school teacher of WVU) presented this topic to a group of twenty-four attendees.

The animated Tyler discussed the importance of realizing the many different factors that put students in the "at risk" category.

Those factors he considered to be the most determinant were poverty, minority, pregnancy, child abuse, substance abuse, loss of loved ones, and juvenile delinquency. Tyler discussed how chil-

dren with these shadows looming over them do not see the benefits of education as being relevant to their own lives.

Tyler mentioned some ways in which people and/or communities are trying to combat these factors. Among the strategies were alternative schooling, after school programs for parents, starting in the elementary levels, and mentoring (an "at risk" student paired with a person of professional status.)

According to Tyler, there aren't enough advocates for programs and funding is limited.

Ultimately, Mr. Tyler's aim for his presentation was to encourage people to be "better able to interact with people different than you."

African American History on the 'Net suffers low attendance at Fair

By Carla Rae Garrett,
Contributing Reporter

There were twenty seats reserved in the Clark Hall Computer Lab for participants with African American History on the 'Net, hosted by Brenda Wilson and Lakita Chambers. However, there was only one participant.

Lakita expressed her disappointment by saying, "I'm

outraged. Why should this school take notice of them if they don't take notice of themselves?"

A list of web sites were provided that deal with African American History. Some are general and cover a broad range of topics, such as:

The African American History Homepage (www.tri-adntr.net/~rdavis/) and The

Library of Congress Black History Site (lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html).

Other sites that deal with a particular person include but are not limited to: The Buffalo Soldiers Site (learning.turner.com/Buffalo/buffalo.html) and a Martin Luther King Site (www.stanford.edu/group/king/).

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Jumpshots: GSC vs. Fairmont

By James Arnold,
Staff Reporter

BASEBALL. The baseball pennant race is nearing an end, and so far I was right. Yankees versus the Indians, and Braves versus the Padres. (Yes, that's right, the Padres). The Yankees jumped out with a one game lead, and I don't think the Indians can bounce back from that. Yankees win the American League pennant in five, maybe six games.

As far as the National League goes, the Braves will most likely beat the Padres in four games. The Padres have had a great year, but

the pitching of Atlanta is unbelievable. That puts New York against Atlanta, and it really should be that way. They're arguably the best two teams in baseball. It will be a tough series if they actually meet in the championship. I have to lean toward New York though; I think they can wear down the outstanding Braves' pitching staff. We'll have to see.

FOOTBALL. Randy Moss, Randy Moss, Randy Moss!!! Against the Green Bay Packers he had 190 yards receiving and two touchdowns. He currently leads the league, yes the

entire league, in yards receiving and touchdowns. Randy Moss Rookie of the Year. ENOUGH SAID.

PIONEER VOLLEYBALL. I just want to give a quick apology to Coach Fluharty and the ladies on the Glenville State College volleyball team. They've been outstanding thus far, and I haven't been giving them the publicity they deserve.

The volleyball team is putting up outstanding numbers. Keep up the great work and effort, it is not going unnoticed. The Pioneer Volleyball

plays here Wednesday, October 14 versus the Univ. of Charleston. Try to get out and see them.

PIONEER FOOTBALL. Big homecoming game this weekend versus the Fairmont Falcons. Glenville knows playing conference teams will be exciting to watch. Be sure to get out and cheer for them and help the Pioneers scalp the Falcons. Game time is 1:00 pm on October 17th.

NBA LOCKOUT. I hope to goodness that the NBA doesn't lock out. The word is though that the players and owners can't

and aren't even close coming to an agreement. You would think that the NBA would learn from baseball's big mistake striking a couple of years back, but they haven't. They don't start basketball season on time, they'll have a lot of problems. Hopefully, greed will subside and we fans can enjoy another great year of professional basketball.

NHL. Just for those of you who don't know, NHL stands for the National Hockey League. NHL has opened up their season. I know, WHO CARES??

Pickens Hall Dorm Bowl Fever

By James Arnold,
Staff Reporter

Pickens Hall is being swept with the excitement of DORM BOWL.

Dorm Bowl is a battle of the six different floors of Wagner wing. Each floor gets together their team and goes to battle with another.

The games are played to ten, with each touchdown counting as one. First downs are earned by completing two passes for positive yards.

The games are designed for enjoyment, but they can get pretty rough at times. Everyone in the end knows, though, that it is all for fun!

Tom Young, a junior who has participated in dorm bowl now for three years said, "It's a great way for the guys to bond with each other, and it is a lot of fun, too."

Matt Cottrill who has also been an active partic-

ipant for the past few years says, "It's just another chance to show my skills!"

Dorm Bowl was won last year by fifth floor, who was captained by their RA Joshua Hutzler. This year though, the field seems to be wide open. Each floor has shown signs of winning football.

The Pickens Hall football games are played weekly and if you get the chance, take a peek; you're sure to have lots of laughs and fun.

Last week there were some great action shots in the paper of the games. The tournaments games are played on two separate fields near the Gilmer Co. Rec Center.

As the pictures showed, not only are the players excited about playing, but many other students have gathered around to watch and cheer for their friends.

Maxwell returns, brings new blood to Cross Country team

By James Arnold,
Staff Reporter

After a three year absence, Coach Randy Maxwell returns to the Pioneer Cross country team. "It's good to have someone who's actually qualified for the job for once," replied junior Brent Gargus.

So far, the men's squad has enjoyed some early success, (1st place at Bluefield Invite, 3rd at Rio Grande) as well as some new faces. Returning to the team is senior long-distance phenomenon Jonathan Ranezan. Other hard running veterans such as Michael and David

Bee will be looking for another conference title, as this is their last season with the Pioneers. Rounding out the top five are Daniel Ramezon and Brent Gargus, both of which are expected to be in the mix on October 30th at the WVIAC Championship meet.

Newcomers to the GSC Cross country crew are middle-distance stars Brad Sponaule and Randy Friel, both former high school state champions. Mark Stoke from Williamstown, also a former state champ, will add some needed depth. Rookie Danny Sharp will be getting his feet wet as he is only in

his second year of running.

The GSC women are also looking strong "stronger than they have in a couple of years" commented Gargus. The all-new revamped girls team, with the exception of captain Laurel Bee, had a second place finish at Bluefield and will more than likely crack the top five at the Conference Championships. The girls team consists of Freshman Tosha Combs, a former 2-time state champion in the 1600 and 3200 meters. The team also includes Laurel Bee, Lisa Belknap, Christina Akers and Julia Derby.

Chess Tourney

There will be a chess tournament on Wednesday, October 14, at 6 p.m.

Pickens Hall Main Lounge
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Chess club meets Wednesdays at noon in
Science Hall Room 300.

4-H Club

There will be a Collegiate 4-H meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 1998. The meeting will be at 6:15 in Room 216 in the Fine Arts Building.

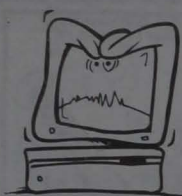
THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Computer urban legends

By Ben Bruton,
Guest Columnist

Crime is rampant on the Internet. The total cost of the crime is estimated at about \$8 billion nationally. This figure covers a variety of crimes, including everything from sophisticated hacking to software stealing, credit card fraud, and child pornography.

To enforce these high-tech crimes, there is a growing need for a new kind of law enforcement officer: the cybercop.

No, I'm not talking about some half-human, half-machine Terminator in an Austrian accent. These are real men and women who are trained to



"Currently, there are well over a hundred cybercops patrolling the Internet nationwide."

track down online perpetrators by using computers.

Currently, there are well over a hundred cybercops patrolling the Internet nationwide. Some work for state police departments, like the recently-formed Internet Criminal Activity Unit in Illinois. Others work at the federal level, employed by the FBI, U.S. Customs, or the Postal Service.

Cybercops often follow the same procedures as conventional police officers,

fielding calls and complaints from local residents, tracking down names and addresses of probable suspects. The only difference is that they use the Internet as their "beat," often assuming fictitious identities and working undercover to catch offenders.

It's easy to see how the Internet can be susceptible to a wide array of criminal activity. The anonymity of the Internet works to the criminal's advantage, making it harder for authorities

to track down names and addresses. The Internet is also non-jurisdictional, meaning that someone halfway around the world can visit an American website, commit an illegal act, but can't be prosecuted in this country.

One of the more common types of Internet crime is child pornography. Child porn is big business on the Internet; pedophiles often disguise their identities and use chatrooms and websites to meet with unsuspecting teenagers or sell pornographic pictures of underage children.

Cybercops have managed to stop some of these

sexual predators. Just last year, federal agents made roughly 300 arrests for Internet-based child porn. By creating their own child-porn sites, federal agents have been able to track down and prosecute sex offenders. Sometimes cybercops have to pose as adolescents (usually young girls) to lure offenders into sending illegal materials.

As the Internet grows, so will the rate of Internet crime. If you're a criminal justice major, you may want to think about how computers will affect your future in law enforcement.

You may become the cybercop of tomorrow.

Science with the Particle Lady: Running rings around Saturn

By BJ Woods,
Staff Columnist

Saturn, in Roman mythology, means the god of agriculture. In English, Saturn is the god of Saturday.

Saturn is the sixth planet from the sun. It also has the distinction of being the second-largest planet. Saturn is made up of approximately 75% hydrogen and 25% helium with traces of water, methane, and a rock (similar to that of the composition of the protoplanetary Solar Nebula. Our Nebula was what the protoplanetary system was formed from.

Saturn's interior is made of a rocky core and a liquid metallic hydrogen layer. This is followed by a layer of molecular hydrogen. The interior has a temperature of approximately 12,000 kelvin. It radiates more energy into space than it actually receives from the sun.

What makes Saturn so unique? Saturn has rings similar

to those of Jupiter. Here on Earth, we can see rings A and B clearly. Ring C is much fainter. Scientific studies, such as those done by Voyager 1 and 2, have confirmed that there are four additional rings. All of Saturn's rings are brighter than those of other planets.

What are these rings made of and what makes them so unique? As we see the rings from here on Earth, they appear to be continuous when in fact they are composed of innumerable small particles.

Many of these particles are nothing more than water ice particles. When one states that these particles are small, they are referring to the fact that the size ranges from a centimeter to a few kilometers in diameter.

One must realize that these rings are not completely circular. These rings are extremely thin. If one were to compress the material in these rings, they would get enough material to

make a ring no more than 100 kilometers wide. Not much material, when you are making rings to cover a planet with a diameter of 120,536 kilometers at its equator.

How do the rings stay in place? Scientists don't understand this completely. They do believe that it has something to do with the magnetic forces of Saturn and Saturn's moons.

This is one of those questions that scientists are working on and hope to have more answers when Cassini reaches the planet on July 1, 2004. Cassini was launched on Oct. 15, 1997.

Cassini will be sending computer images and scientific data back to Earth. Scientists hope to better understand this elusive planet then.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to e-mail me at gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu. Thanks to Blaine Cook for giving me the idea to do research and write on the planet, Saturn.

Chi Beta Phi Meeting

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Injustice all around

Let's start the column this week by stating the simple fact that The Mercury is the STUDENT newspaper of Glenville State College. Not the faculty newspaper, not the administrative newspaper. Our foremost responsibility is to the students of Glenville State College, they are the ones that we must make happy. Now that that is out of the way, let's move on to other topics.

It stands to reason that the defining controversy of last week's paper should have been Jeremy Burkes' letter to the editor concerning the spectre of rape at Glenville State College. Burkes raised the all too often heard fact that rapes do take place on GSC's campus, but quite often are swept under the rug so as to not disrupt the happy, cozy atmosphere of Gilmer County.

No one knows for sure who is to blame in this sad saga.

Is it the town police force?

The campus cops?

The lack of a rape hotline at GSC?

Or the victims themselves who do not come forward with this most horrifying claim for fear of retribution?

The only thing we really know is that something needs to be done about it.

In other news, is there anyone else out there in happy reader land that doesn't enjoy the salty taste of ketchup on their McDonald's fries? Personally, hot mustard sauce outweighs ketchup anyday on the french fry condiment scale. You can imagine the dismay filling the car last week when an average trip through the McDonald's drive-thru window turned sorrowful upon hearing that any addition requested sauce would cost the purchasee the unheard of sum of 11 cents a packet.

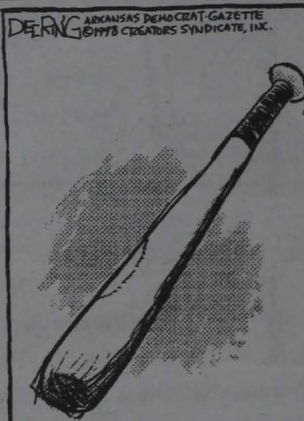
When did this travesty of condiment justice take place? Is McDonald's losing money so quickly in the happy hamlet of Glenville that it must charge its customers 11 cents per sauce? Why is ketchup still free? I'm urging you readers, liberate the hot mustard sauce before it is too late.

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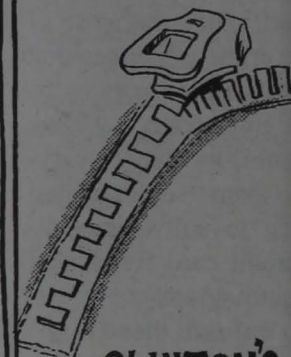
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Hey, don't mind me.

By Chris Hopkins,
Staff Columnist

Have you ever wondered how much you've learned out of life and if it will do any good in the future?

Well I'm here to set your mind at ease and to give you a hopeful amount of comfort, to tell you that you haven't learned anything and that you have no mind.

I have recently been exposed to some new ideas and theories. Up until this semester I believed that our minds were little areas in our brains that remembered things and told us how to act. I've discovered that what I thought was our mind is just an idea or concept made up so that we as people could understand explanations of psychological development and personal growth.

The closest definition of "mind" I've found is that a mind is all those nerves and brain functions going on in

your body and head that cooperate with each to make your CNS (central nervous system)--just your brain and a bunch of nerve fibers.

As for learning, I have now come to a conclusion that you never learn, know, and/or think for yourself; you either react or behave in a certain manner that is in accordance to the stimuli that you encounter during your life span.

From what I gathered, the things you supposedly learn are stored in your mind and that your reaction to life events are just habits. But these points are wrong and have no ground because, according to this, you have to have a mind to learn--I've established that you don't have a mind-- and what people are saying are habits closely resembling behaviors. There is a reason for doing what we do--survival value, not a little voice saying "do this or do that."

Now that I've had a little scientific brain fart I'd like pose a question: if all that said is true (and I believe it is) why do some people behave like they do and what is the action's survival value?

I swear that sometimes people will do some of the stupidest things in the world. I know that one friend relative that keeps everyone surprised and never has a rational reason for doing anything and is always saying about doing crazy things?

I have to think what survival value the actions serve or are the nerves just tweaked a little much and there is no rational explanation, figure. Maybe someday when I get a chance I'll talk to Particle Lady about it. Hopefully the divine white light knowledge will hit me and enlighten this poor soul to the ways of behaving.

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My point, and we did have one...

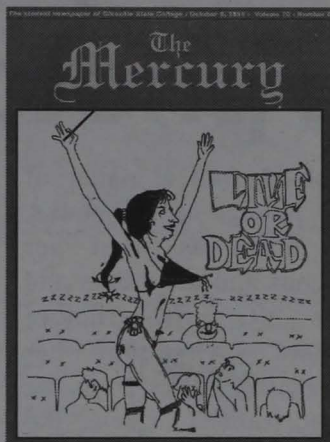


My Two Cents Commentary by Terry Estep

There seems to be a great deal of confusion about the cover of last week's *Mercury*, which depicted Wheeling Symphony Orchestra conductor Rachael Worby as an exotic dancer that has managed to put the audience to sleep.

Most of the confusion is of the "Who is that supposed to be?" variety. After I had been asked that a third time, I realized we had a problem.

We ran into a similar



problem with our "Party Time" cover, which depicted Glenville resident Carol Ross, but which failed to identify her. Again, we had questions of the "Who is that?" variety.

Realizing we had a problem, it's been solved. That is why this issue's cover shot identifies the subject as Joseph Bundy, one of the participants in this year's

Multicultural Fair.

The purpose of the Worby caricature was not to insult the woman or to see who we could offend by running it boldly on the cover. We weren't even trying to make ourselves look like crazy, irreverent kids free from administrative control.

The purpose of the caricature was to illustrate the review of the Sypmhony written by Cris Gravely, a review which dovetailed nicely with Annie McCourt's editorial.

The choice of a cartoon as a cover was no more controversial to us than cartoons of Bill Clinton and Gorbachev in bed together with the slogan "Strange Bedfellows" that we've seen on the covers of *Time* or *Newsweek* or *US News and*

World Report.

Those are magazine examples and *The Mercury* is a newspaper, it is true. We were experimenting with "blurring the line" between the two publication styles. We started that experiment the previous week with a parody of a famous *National Lampoon* cover that threatened a dog's life. It didn't work, so we're moving on.

Again, if we made a mistake, it was in not placing Rachael Worby's name at the bottom of the cartoon to link the story to inside content. We're students and we make mistakes, then we correct them.

Let me make something clear: we were perfectly within our rights to run that cover. Sorry if we didn't take the proper steps to make sure it was understood.

Good old-fashioned Christian politics

By Molly Ivins,
Syndicated Columnist

Election alert! Heads up, folks. There are some down-ballot races that could make us major embarrassment, not to mention putting public schools at risk.

The State Board of Education—one of those obscure entities that we notice only when its members do something impressively foolish—is in real danger of being completely taken over by theocratic right. Five candidates backed by Christian conservative organizations are running for the board; if they win—and the Christian Coalition will be distributing millions of leaflets in their behalf—they will join the Christian right-wingers already on the board, giving them a heavy-duty presence on the 5-member body.

These are pretty much our basic pro-voucher, water-in-the-schools, teach-



creationism-instead-of-evolution, no-sex-ed-of-any-kind, post-the-Ten-Commandments, teach-only-phonics and get-rid-of-the-school-to-work-program folks. All that comes straight off an Eagle Forum questionnaire for board of education candidates.

You may be confused by some of this. How in the world phonics and the-school-to-work-program became issues for the Christian right is not readily apparent, but there is an increasingly long list of

issues that the Christian right has taken up that have no bearing whatsoever on religion or morality. For some reason, it has decided that the Goals 2000 program, a program to set higher academic standards, is a tool of creeping socialism.

The Christian Coalition strategy on down-ballot races like the State Board of Education is tried and true, and it works. According to the coalition's own strategy manuals, their goal is to find low-turnout races, preferably as low as 15 percent, which they can win with just eight percent. When the public is indifferent or ignorant about these "minor" races, it's quite easy for a motivated, well-disciplined minority to win.

It seems to me that Republicans in particular have reasons to vote against these candidates; it is their party that will be embarrassed

by their behavior and platform, and their governor whose programs and ideas to improve the schools that will be under attack.

A major player in these elections is James Leininger, a San Antonio multimillionaire who funds efforts to get vouchers for religious education. Not only are vouchers in violation of the Texas constitution, but they are also a rotten idea on their face. Taking money out of the public schools and putting it into religious schools instead will damage the the public schools; one would think anyone could see that.

One group who backs these candidates is called Texans for Governmental Integrity. In Ballard's 1994 race, the group sent out a direct mail piece that showed two men kissing and stated that Ballard'd opponent favored textbooks that promote abortion and homo-

sexuality. Such a Christian level of campaigning. Since 1992, Leininger has given \$35,000 to Texans for Governmental Integrity, according to the Texas Freedom Network.

It may be that the State Board of education does not have much impact, but it does select school texts and influence the curriculum. True, if it becomes outrageous, the Lege can always abolish it. But it is depressing to think that we will have to listen to these people carry on abortion, homosexuality, creationism and federal conspiracies to take over the schools.

Our schools need all the help they can get, and in particular, the movement to raise standards in the schools has had an important and positive impact in other states. Couldn't we get some people on the board who are concerned about education?

Palm and Morrissey share visions of Vietnam in a photo exhibit

By W.E. Owens,
Contributing Reporter

Through October 9th, 1998, the display room of Glenville State College's Fine Arts Center boasted a compelling photo-journalistic memoir, an alternative expression of America's Vietnam legacy.

A photographic collaboration by Vietnam veterans Dr. Edward F. Palm, ex-Marine and chairman of Glenville's Language Division, and former Army helicopter pilot Professor Thomas F. Morrissey of Rhode Island College, guides visitors through a series of images systematically evoking a sense of empathy and dis-

orienting wonderment.

More than one trip through is required to grasp and appreciate the exhibit's intent.

Asked which photos in the collection were his particular favorites, Dr. Palm went immediately to exhibit photo #10, "The Teacher," for which he eventually intends a complete photo essay.

"We forced those textbooks on her via the Saigon government; called (upon her) without any advance notice or appointment. You can rather tell by looking at her that she's not all that happy." When asked if she did not like the books, Palm stated, "Well, it's

probably not a matter of the quality of the books, so much as what her friends and neighbors and the VC infrastructure might say about her accepting books from the Americans... Even the kids were nervous."

During the interview Palm was continually drawn by the photos of the children, which form the bulk of his contribution to the exhibit. One could not help but lean toward the conclusion that these children were the fundamental reprieve of Palm's Vietnam experience.

"The 'Slingshot' I like because it just kinda' looks.... almost like dislocation. You don't

expect to find a little Vietnamese kid playing with a slingshot," he said. "You tend to think of that as 'Western.'" Comparing this photo to the one in which the Vietnamese children all have cigarettes made Palm chuckle.

Professor Morrissey's half of the exhibition is completely untitled, extracted from his forthcoming publication, "Between The Lines," soon available from Syracuse University Press. This work concentrates upon visitors to the Washington Vietnam Memorial from 1983 to present and the memorabilia they bestow the site.

At presstime, a reception with readings was scheduled for the evening of October 8. Palm's memoir, "Tiger Paper Three," is Internet accessible

at www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Quarters/4493/

When asked which one of Morrissey's photos most compelled him, Dr. Palm approached photo #37, pointed and said. "If you look closely, you see this woman in the background who looks really apprehensive and scared of this guy. He looks like somebody who, in a very real sense, very profound sense, has just... never come home."

Soundbytes: Audio Reviews

Associated Press

The Rolling Stone Women in Rock Collection --Various Artists

As an intellectual exercise, these compilations are as ridiculous as writers who trot out the hoary "women in rock" articles every time a new generation invades the charts. How about men in rock? Or left-handers in rock?

And with licensing rules being what they are, it's almost impossible to fashion a complete collection. There will always be deserving favorites left out because the artists--or their record companies--decided not to participate. Joni Mitchell's an obvious omission here. So is Blondie.

Better to judge this compilation on a nonintellectual basis: How do these three discs sound when you put them into a CD player and press shuffle? On that level, it's a slam dunk.

At the risk of sounding like a complete snob, this col-

lection is far more challenging and satisfying because it is programmed by rock critics instead of someone who looked only at chart positions. It allows the set to include a song like Lucinda Williams' "Side of the Road," which not only wasn't a hit but was out of print at the time this compilation was put together.

Its definition of rock is refreshingly broad, from Big Mama Thornton's rendition of "Hound Dog" to Patsy Cline's "Crazy" to Queen Latifah and Monie Love's "Ladies First." By no means are big hits avoided: Anyone can argue about the quality of Jewel's "Who Will Save Your Soul," but there's no denying it's a benchmark that deserves its place here.

If you listen closely, without the shuffle play, a story emerges about assertiveness and the role of women in society over the last 50 years.

Better not to get intellectual about it, though. Just enjoy.

What Dreams May Come is a emotional roller coaster

By Brent Wood,
Staff Columnist

What would you do to be with your soul mate?

In *What Dreams May Come* Robin Williams leaves Heaven and travels to Hell to be reunited with his one true love.

It begins in the Swiss Alps many years ago, when Williams and Annabella Sciorra meet at a beautiful mountain lake. It is an act of fate that they meet again and fall in love instantly.

Children are born and they have a wonderful life. Tragedy strikes as both children are killed in a car wreck, sending their mother into an abyss of despair. When Robin Williams is killed a few years later Sciorra's character hits the bottom.

Williams now finds himself in Heaven--or at least his version of it. His wife was an Artist and now he lives inside her paintings which have become his new home for eternity.

Cuba Gooding Jr. plays Williams' guide to the new world and begins teaching him of the surroundings. But Williams' everlasting bond with his wife troubles his world and he must learn to accept it.

Things worsen when it is revealed to him that his wife has committed suicide and has been sent to Hell forever. Along with Cuba Gooding Jr. and a tracker played by Max Von Sydow, Williams must brave the depths of Hell and attempt to save her soul by risking his own.

What Dreams May Come is a roller coaster of emotions. Bringing you to the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. Williams does an marvelous job that could result in another Oscar nomination.

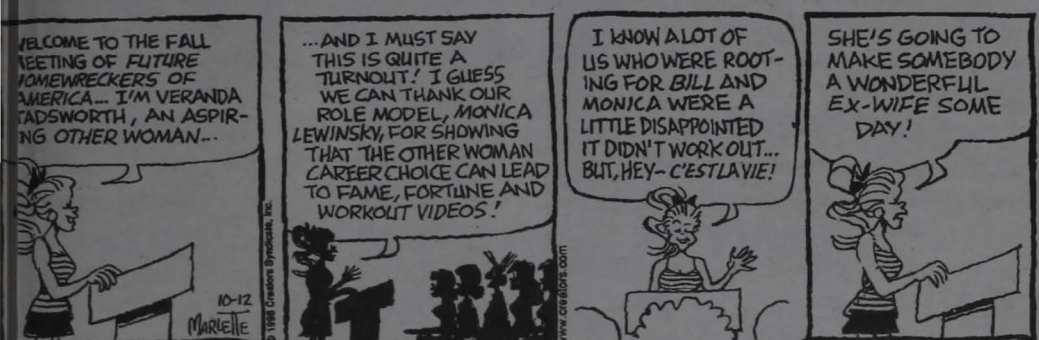
Special effect images of Heaven's bliss and Hell's insanity are incredible. Nothing is exactly what it seems, as will be revealed by characters and effects.

There are many thought provoking ideas in this film. How have you lived your life? What happens in the afterlife? But, more importantly, does true love really exist even in this day and age? This film will make you laugh, cry, shudder, think, and hopefully dream.

LIBERTY MEADOWS by Frank Chow



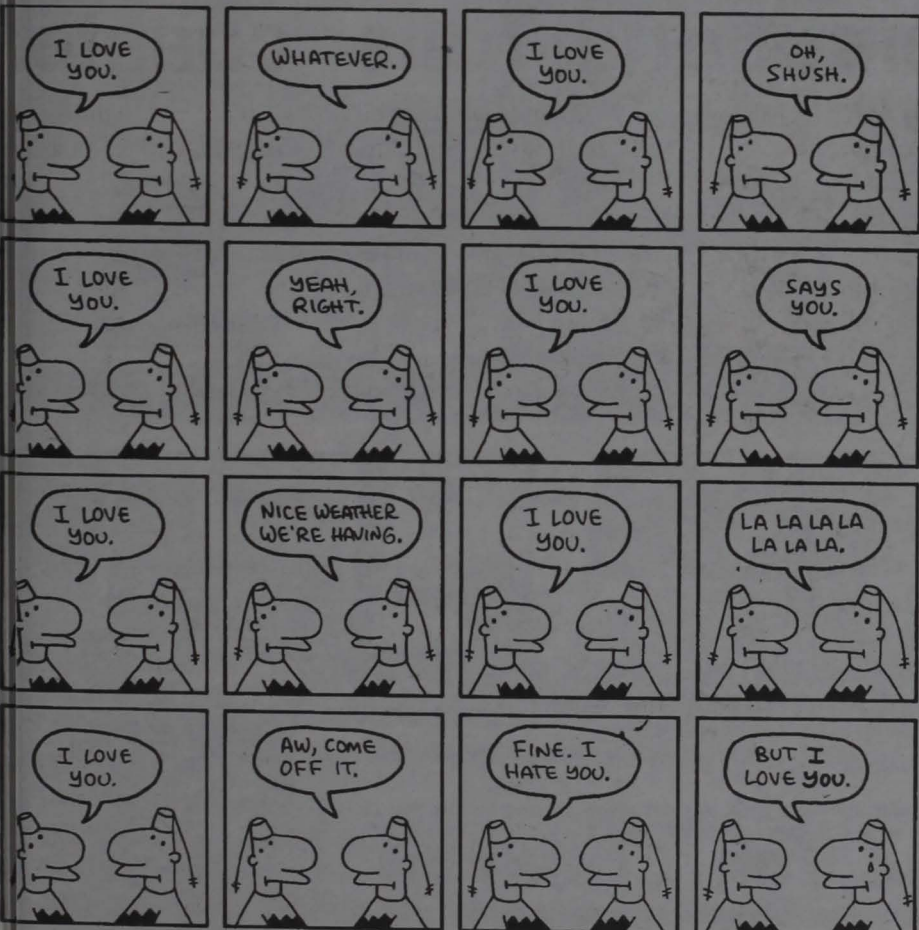
KIDZU by Doug Marlette



BIG HAPPY by Rick Detorie



LIFE IN HELL by Matt Groening



Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Horoscope by Cris Gravely

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Change is the keyword for this week. Prepare for sudden changes in your life whether you want them or not. Roll with the punches.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — If you're feeling unsure about your future, maybe you should look at your past and see why you're feeling guilty.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — This is the week for early material success if you've already started a project. If you haven't, this is the time to start.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Stop procrastinating! This is the week to take action. After you've become active, tension will start to decrease. Of course, a good vacation would be nice now, too.

Leo (July 23-August 22) — Learn to handle your "dark side," or else get rid of it. Facing yourself honestly has sent more than one person running, but it must be done if you want to succeed.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) — Love is more than romance. It is a commitment to

your own feelings and values, making love an inner as well as an outer commitment.

Libra (September 23-October 22) — We all want to leave our mark on the world, and this is your week to do it. These feelings of contentment and well-being should have a tangible outlet.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) — If you've been feeling that all your efforts have been in vain, don't give in. This is the week that you and your accomplishments get noticed.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) — If you've had your eye on that someone special, now is the time to make a move. This is the one for you and it could last a lifetime.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) — Material things do not define who you are unless you let them. Don't let what you own decide who you are.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) — Nostalgia about the past is not to be dealt with lightly this week. Why? Because the dreams of the past can

be the reality of the future if you take the time to remember.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) — For one who sometimes sees themselves "above" the ordinary world, this week will be a trial. You must learn to be humble and industrious. So, get your hands dirty and do some work.



