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# Both sides experiment with ads exploiting Lewinsky affair

By Ron Fournier,  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON--Though voters say they've had enough of the Monica Lewinsky affair, they may soon get a lot more: Republicans and Democrats alike are experimenting with TV ads that exploit the controversy.

The Republican House campaign committee is airing ads reaching 39 congressional districts that accuse President Clinton of "double-talk" on the federal budget. The ads, part of a new \$4 million to \$5 million campaign, seek to capitalize on voters' low opinion of Clinton's character, said two senior GOP strategists.

They do not directly raise the Monica Lewinsky scandal, but Republicans are wrestling with a way to make the controversy a bigger part of the campaign dynamic. A more direct approach

alluding to the president's troubles could be a part of Republican advertising as early as next week, both party officials said.

While the president's job approval numbers have remained strong, almost two-thirds of Americans tell pollsters that Clinton does not share their moral values.

In Washington state, Democratic candidate Jay Inslee has run a TV ad that attacks his Republican opponent, Rep. Rick White, for voting for an impeachment inquiry against Clinton. Democratic strategists in Washington have expected other House candidates in Clinton's party to adopt a similar strategy, but a similar ad has yet to emerge.

There is disagreement in both parties over whether raising the Lewinsky scandal in ads would help or hurt their candidates.

The new National Republican Campaign Committee ad opens with the word "Remember" spread across the screen. The announcer says, "Remember the double-talk?"

Next comes old videotape of Clinton discussing how long it would take to balance the budget. "We should balance the budget ... in seven years ... in 10 years ... in eight years. ... So we're between seven and nine now ..."

It's the same footage used in the 1996 campaign to attack Clinton. The budget has since been balanced, and both Clinton and Congress are trying to take credit. "It took this Republican Congress just four years to balance the budget," the ad says.

One of the GOP strategists said the ad was designed to "introduce Clinton to the (advertising) debate," using the double-

talk language as a veiled reference to his denials of an affair with Ms. Lewinsky. "He lied. We don't want one voter for forget that," said the other strategist.

Republican officials want to gauge the impact of the ad before deciding whether to use a more direct approach. The decision could be made this weekend, officials said. Some GOP campaign operatives inside and outside Washington are privately arguing against the approach, fearing that raising the Lewinsky issue will inflame die-hard Democratic voters and increase turnout in competitive House and Senate races.

Democratic campaign committee spokesman Dan Sallick said the GOP strategy won't work.

"The president has a high job approval. People give him credit for improving the economy and balancing the budget and the ad

probably won't ring true," said. "Voters are smart and know a political ad that is leading when they see it."

"This ad introduces the president into the political debate on issues that matter to the voters. It does it using his own words to point out his shortcoming," GOP House committee spokeswoman Mary Crawford.

The Clinton ad is part of a new batch of GOP spots that promote the party's education record and tailor various messages to specific districts.

In Florida, viewers are told that Democratic Rep. Corrine Brown missed 187 votes in Congress. Shelley Berkley, a Democratic candidate in an open Nevada district, "tried to get away with billing taxpayer for travel she got for free," another ad says.



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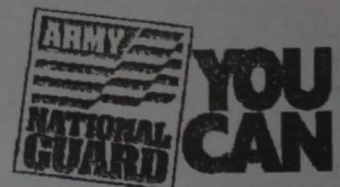
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# Skidder provides boost to the forestry department

Equipment  
ny (LEC) has given a  
needed boost to the  
le State College Forest  
logy program with the  
a new John Deere 640 G  
John Deere skidder,  
retails for about  
00, will provide hands-  
experience to students in  
estry program, accord-  
Division Chair Ed



his will allow us to  
the basics of timber har-  
equipment operation  
all allow our students to  
understand what loggers  
experience in field operations.  
SC Forest Technology

program is one of only twen-  
ty-two recognized programs  
in the nation and the opportu-  
nity to use equipment like the  
640 G skidder puts in a posi-  
tion to serve a strong and  
growing wood products indus-

try," said Grafton.

Grafton hopes to find other  
companies willing to help the  
program in a similar fashion.

"We still need a loader and  
bulldozer and we're trying to  
locate these now," notes

Grafton.

The donation is the result  
of forestry student Amy Self's  
discussion of the needs of the  
program with LEC Sales  
Representative Gary Williams.  
Williams shared those needs  
with John Leslie, President of  
LEC, who then donated the  
equipment.

Over the past twenty  
years, John Leslie has pushed  
his company to a leadership  
position in the logging and  
construction industry, with  
stores in Cowen, Elkins, and  
Beckley.

Williams, who was on  
hand to present the skidder  
keys to GSC Interim President  
Bruce Flack, believes the

wood products industry will  
continue to grow in West  
Virginia.

"The wood products  
industry is vital to our econo-  
my and is becoming the most  
important economic asset in  
many areas of West Virginia,"  
said Williams.

President Flack, who  
took a test drive on the new  
skidder, was thankful for the  
company's assistance to  
Glenville State.

"The partnership we have  
developed with LEC is vital to  
our forestry program and we  
are grateful to John Leslie for  
allowing us to use this equip-  
ment in our instructional  
process," said Flack.

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# Lab accident creates change in Science Hall

By BJ Woods,  
Staff Reporter

An accident in an Organic Chemistry lab has created a greater focus on safety in Glenville State College's Science Hall.

On Thursday, October 8, GSC student Ruth Balcourt was completing a flame test on an unknown and went to put out the flame in the sink.

There had been acetone in the sink from students cleaning their glassware causing, with the heat of the flame, a fireball.

The fireball not only scared Ruth but did burn her. None of her burns were very bad, but some of them did require burn gel.

Accidents can happen at

any time and any place. Learning from accidents and taking precautions to prevent them from occurring again has become the goal of the Math and Science Division's Ralph Bame.

As of October 14, Professor Ralph Bame has been named Safety Officer for the division. While some of his objectives are already in place, there is a list of other items for him to look at.

Professor Bame will be checking all the laboratories to make sure they include all the safety equipment necessary, including first aid kits.

Bame will be letting the other professors know the placement of these safety



Professor Ralph Bame has been appointed Safety Officer for the Science Division. A recent accident in an Organic Chemistry lab has created a greater need for safety measures.



items so, in case of an emergency, the professors will have emergency supplies at their disposal.

Bame will be setting up a record keeping system for the division so that when

someone does have an accident it can be recorded and further preventative measures taken.

Dr. Carl Armour, Chairperson of Math and Science, said "This accident

provided an opportunity for us to evaluate our safety concerns. There is still a liability that needs to be checked into but, we need to make sure all these labs are safe."

## Meet the Presidential Candidates

Charleston -- The State College System of West Virginia announced Wednesday that the four candidates for president of Glenville State College will visit the Glenville campus November 2-5.

The public is invited to an open meeting each day, November 2-5, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Ballroom at the college's Heflin Center. A reception will follow from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the same location.

A different candidate will be on campus each day for a variety of activities including meetings with faculty, staff, students and administrators.

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2	Candidate 3	Candidate 4
	Monday, November 2	Tuesday, November 3	Wednesday, November 4	Thursday, November 5
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Non-Classified (Verona Mapel Room)	Non-Classified (Verona Mapel Room)	Non-Classified (Verona Mapel Room)	Non-Classified (Verona Mapel Room)
9:00-9:45 a.m.	Faculty (Verona Mapel Room)			
10:00-10:45 a.m.		Faculty (Verona Mapel Room)	Faculty (Verona Mapel Room)	Classified Staff (Verona Mapel Room)
12:00-12:45 p.m.	Students (Verona Mapel Room)	Students (Verona Mapel Room)	Students (Verona Mapel Room)	Students (Verona Mapel Room)
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Classified Staff (Verona Mapel Room)	Classified Staff (Verona Mapel Room)	Classified Staff (Verona Mapel Room)	Faculty (Verona Mapel Room)
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Open Meeting with Community, Alumni, Students, Faculty, Classified Staff, and Administration (Ballroom)	Open Meeting with Community, Alumni, Students, Faculty, Classified Staff, and Administration (Ballroom)	Open Meeting with Community, Alumni, Students, Faculty, Classified Staff, and Administration (Ballroom)	Open Meeting with Community, Alumni, Students, Faculty, Classified Staff, and Administration (Ballroom)
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Reception (Ballroom)	Reception (Ballroom)	Reception (Ballroom)	Reception (Ballroom)



# New funds allow Pickens Hall new renovations

By Anne Williams,  
Staff Reporter

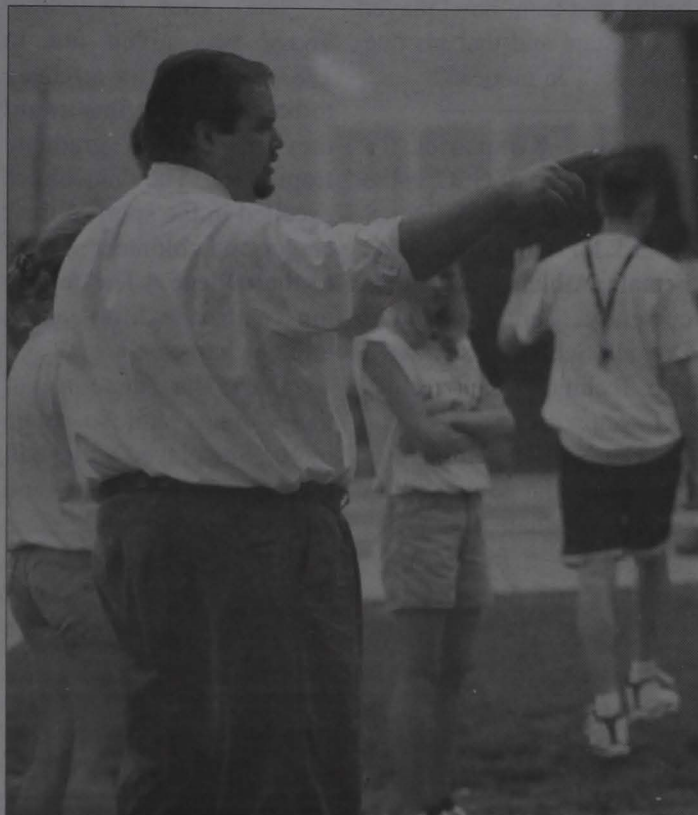
An estimated five to six million dollars will be spent renovating Pickens Hall in the next year.

New furniture will be purchased for the dorms and the Main Lounge. Rooms that do not currently have air conditioning will have it installed in them, all locks will be replaced. There is discussion of replacing the old locks with an electronic locking system.

There is also discussion regarding the installation of computers in every dorm room, and adding more phone lines to make the computers Internet accessible. If this occurs, it will be in place next year.

Another renovation plan is the installation of acoustic tiles in hallways to absorb sound, and Mr. Poirier has stated that "estimates have already been given for that."

New furniture, tiles, air



**Jerry Burkhammer and others will renovate Pickens Hall thanks to new funds. (File Photo).**

conditioning and the possibility of Internet access will most likely be a welcome change for those who already reside in Pickens Hall.

"The existing furniture is definitely in need of replacement," Poirier states. "For incoming freshman next year these renovations could be very welcome."

# Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week

By Anne Williams,  
Staff Reporter

The week of October 24 marked the Intercollegiate Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week.

There was not much information and/or material handed, due to the wrap-up of Homecoming.

Posters were put up and pamphlets were available in residence halls and the clinic center. These pamphlets dealt with binge drinking and Rohypnol, the date rape drug.

"While alcohol consumption has dropped on campuses in the last couple of years, binge drinking has taken over," stated Residence Life Director Jerry Burkhammer.

Binge drinking has become a major problem because of alcohol poisoning and alcohol related accidents and deaths.

"More people were killed last year by drunk drivers than were people killed in the entire Vietnam War," Burkhammer

explained.

There will be a more intensive Intercollegiate Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week occurring in March.

Presentations from the State Troopers Association and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) are being planned for the weeklong event.

There are between 2-4 presentations being planned, and these presentations should prove eye-opening and informative.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### No trick-or-treat patrol from GSC this year

By W. E. Owens,  
Contributing Reporter  
Glenville State's Criminal Justice department will not be organizing Halloween courtesy patrols this year.

The courtesy patrols, comprised of Criminal Justice students in cohesion with local law enforcement and neighborhood watch programs, were effected in the past

to deter such contingencies as Halloween vandalism, theivery, and general public nuisance.

According to Professor Lori Kepford, current chairperson of GSC's Criminal Justice division, "Things have been rather hectic lately. There just wasn't a chance to put it together this year."

### Homecoming streaker thwarted by police

By W. E. Owens,  
Contributing Reporter  
Glenville's half-time crowd at the Homecoming game against Fairmont State College was effectively precluded from a startling half-time display of athletic prowess.

A man poised at one end of the field, clad in a bathrobe and with a paper

bag from a fast-food establishment over his head, was deterred by local law enforcement as he prepared to divest the robe and sprint the length of the field in the nude.

"No-one's ever done it before," he shrugged.

In retrospect, he concedes the bathrobe may have given him away.

### Students attend conference in Canaan Valley

By Sherrie Hardman,  
Staff Reporter

Twelve Glenville State College students spent two days at Canaan Valley, participating in the West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrator (WVASPA) conference.

"This conference gave the students the opportunity to exchange information and to get involved in the say of what changes they would like on campus," stated Jerry Burkhammer.

The conference was held on October 18-20 at

the Canaan Valley resort and conference center.

The students scheduled to participate were Brandi Sandy, Libby Hudkins, James Arnold, Brian Jeffries, Chad Nichols, Wes Karns, Amy Nichols, Roberta Rogers, Sonya Blackhurst, Pam Boyd, Frank Bibbee and Mark Parsons.

The students were to be accompanied by seven GSC faculty members, Dr. Billips, Jerry Burkhammer, Jenny Ruggiero, Debbie Simon, Mike Newell, Jeanne Finn and Eric Poirier.



# Spotlight on Math and Science Students

## Ryan Moss and Carrie Kirkpatrick shine

By BJ Woods,  
Staff Reporter

Two math and science students are making great strides at Glenville State College this year. Ryan Moss and Carrie Kirkpatrick are making their mark.

Ryan is a nineteen year old sophomore. He lives in Cedarville with his parents and his major is Chemistry.

In a questionnaire, Ryan writes that he chose GSC because, "my family went here and I can stay home and go to college."

Ryan also writes that he feels that GSC is one of the best schools in the state but he knows that 90% of the students hate Glenville and just want to get out.

He doesn't feel that he is one of those people. He likes Glenville and the people.

When asked what his one wish for the students on the Math and Science Division at GSC was, he replied, "Someday that the building will still be standing."

Ryan was also asked, if he could change one thing about the Math and Science Division to make it better, what would it be. Ryan replied, "I would like to have them build a shrine to Dr. Goll in front of the Science Hall."

Ryan says that he would like to be single in ten years and have a small business, along with a spot at the sports center. He claims to

be the best team bowl player in the state and that his one fault is, "I'm modest."

Carrie Kirkpatrick, a 1998 graduate of GSC, is the recipient of the Williams' Award for the Outstanding Female Athlete. Carrie is currently employed at Dowell Schlumberger as a Lab Technician and resides in Fayetteville.

The Williams' Award is given to the outstanding female graduate, who has graduated in May, December or August. This award is named after Clarissa K. Williams, who was a physical education instructor from 1947 to her retirement in 1964.

The first Williams' award was given out in 1983. In order for a female to be eligible for this award they must be a graduate from GSC. They must have excelled in the sport of their choice and volunteer service to the college. The female must also exhibit good morale character.

Carrie has done all of these things and so much more. She played volleyball for GSC for four years and ran track in her sophomore year at GSC and she was a tutor in the Math and Science division where she worked closely with Dr. Armour. She was able to participate in a trip to Costa Rica with Ms. Romeo to

study the bio-diversity of tropical rain forest. When the group got back to Glenville, she and the rest of the group gave presentations to various schools as well as the Math and Science Division.

Carrie showed in college that being an athlete didn't have to take away from her studies as she was able to graduate with a 3.5 GPA and a bachelor's Science Degree. She was able to balance out her love for sports with her love for the sciences and yet not forgetting that it was the community that helped her make it, so she also found time to give back to the community.

## West Virginia's spiritual colony focus of lecture

By Chris Kenna,  
Staff Reporter

Did you know....

-- that there is a Buddhist colony in WV?

-- about the snake handlers church?

-- about a spiritual colony in Fayette County?

Well, it seems there was.

GSC professor Daniel Wright, who teaches mainly at the Nicholas County center, visited the main campus on Wednesday, October 7, to speak about the Mountain Cove Spiritualist Colony that resided in Fayette County in the 1850s.

According to Professor Wright, James Scott, a seven-day Baptist minister, and Thomas Harris, a Unitarian minister, began to dabble in spiritualism, a belief that one can transcend the human body by means of prayer, thought and meditation.

Scott and Harris recruited approximately 100 fellow New Englanders and eastern New Yorkers who were willing to follow them and their teachings.

In 1850 they moved along a path that led them past Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, down the Ohio River, and up what is now Route 60 to a place between present day Ansted and Hico in Fayette County.

Once settled, the colonists then began to build, under Scott's and Harris's leadership, a utopian society based in Christian beliefs supplemented with spiritual teachings.

In the time they were there, the colonists built their own community and even published their own paper, the *Mountain Cove Journal and Spiritual Harbinger*. In it they wrote about their teachings and the

things they learned during their spiritual journeys through trances and meditation. The colony was short lived, however.

According to Professor Wright, the early demise of the colony (which lasted from 1850 to 1853) was due to internal rumblings and financial failure. It seems that the colony was not self-sustaining.

When asked what he thought was the most interesting characteristic of the colony, Wright replied that he was fascinated by how well organized and educated they were. Wright went on to say that he is continuing to research the colony and what led up to its creation.

Wright has located and preserved the only existing complete set of the *Mountain Cove Journal* for posterity.

## Student teacher update

By Carla Rae Garrett,  
Contributing Reporter

There are only eleven student teachers this fall, a small number compared to previous semesters.

The decline could possibly be the result of few teaching jobs available in the mid-90's when these students entered the program.

However, on Sept. 22 at the Prospective Student Teaching meeting, there were 30 applicants for Spring 1999.

The student teachers started August 31 and will conclude the program December 10.

Each student teacher will have two or three school placements,

depending on their content specialization.

Teacher education is still a four year program here at GSC, but as Dr. Krauss said, "It's a pretty intense program."

Because of the extreme amount of hours required for the program, such as field experience and student teaching itself, Dr. Krauss added, "We're finding more and more students taking longer to finish."

Anyone interested in the teacher education program should contact either Dr. Sharon Krauss or Mrs. Brenda Wilson in the Education Department in Clark Hall.



# Regents Degree Program converts work experience into college credit

by W.E. Owens,  
Contributing Reporter  
Approaching its 25th  
the Regents Bachelor  
arts program provides  
the opportunity to  
bond their professional  
life experience to col-  
lege credit.

According to Dr. James  
Bell Peterson, routing  
director for Glenville State's  
Regents program and vice  
president of Academic  
Affairs, anywhere from 100-  
150 GSC students are  
enrolled in the program at  
any given time.

The typical Regents  
student will start in one kind  
of academic program, drop  
out of school, then go to  
work in something that may  
be closely related to their  
original field of study; for  
example, a history major who

"I thought it incredibly buoyant to find my  
experience counted academically. I worked  
my butt off, yet absolutely cannot say  
enough about this program!"

--Beverly Hines-Brown,  
mother and student

is now in business," said  
Dr. Peterson. "In essence, they  
would have had to start over  
in order to complete a busi-  
ness degree."

The Regents program  
offers a viable recourse to  
such a perplexing scenario.

For a \$200 one-time fee,  
portfolios of Regents appli-  
cants are evaluated by the  
faculty of respective college  
departments to determine the  
amount of college credit  
assigned, and what courses  
must be subsequently under-  
taken to fill in the gaps.

Though the process of

building documentation to  
create the portfolio itself is  
commonly daunting to  
applicants, the only actual  
prerequisite for Regents  
consideration is that one  
must have been out of high-  
school for five years.

All West Virginia public  
colleges offer the Regents  
program, many types of pro-  
fessional and academic life  
experiences being applica-  
ble to portfolio inclusion; to  
include resident nursing and  
government training pro-  
grams, military service, and  
correspondence courses

from accredited colleges and  
universities.

According to  
Dr. Peterson, GSC averages 3-5  
Regents applicants a week  
with a perpetual 8-10 portfo-  
lios under evaluation. He  
says it is not uncommon for  
Regents students to spend up  
to 8 years in the program  
before actual completion.  
The key is to just do it.

Beverly Hines-Brown,  
mother of 2 and adjunct  
Behavioral Science profes-  
sor at GSC's Lewis County  
extension, attended  
Clarksburg Practical  
Nursing School to then  
begin on-staff work at the  
State Hospital in 1967. She  
was awarded the Regents  
Degree in 1980, then went  
on to achieve her Masters at  
WVU in 1983.

Speaking to her, it is not

at all difficult to see that she  
regards her Regents Degree  
as a significant turning-point in  
her life.

Now, with a private  
counseling practice in Jane  
Lew at the Professional  
Counseling Center, she says,  
"I thought it incredibly  
buoyant to find my experi-  
ence counted academically.  
I worked my butt off, yet  
absolutely cannot say  
enough about this program!"

Financial aid is available  
for qualified applicants of  
the Regents program.  
Further information may be  
obtained by contacting GSC  
at (304) 462-4137 or 1-800-  
924-2010.

Asking Mrs. Hines-  
Brown what advice she had  
to offer would-be Regents  
applicants, she declared,  
"Don't be afraid to start!"

## Osmose rep is coming to recruit

by Jade DeWall,  
Staff Reporter

Saving Americas trees  
one pole at a time," states  
Osmose logo.

Representatives of  
Osmose come to Glenville  
State College annually to lec-  
ture and recruit graduates for  
the forestry industry. The focus is  
on forestry students but is  
limited to them.

Requirements include a  
degree in business man-  
agement or forestry and/or  
environmental health.

There are several levels  
of supervisory positions,  
from field management, and  
even corporate.

The work is likeable,"  
said Glenville grad Kevin  
Brown. "You have the oppor-

tunity to be your own boss and  
work from home. The pay and  
benefits are good and there is a  
slim chance of lay offs."

Osmose District  
Manager Kevin Marion--  
also a GSC graduate--adds  
"There are so many jobs we  
don't have enough man-  
power to fill them all. We  
are so flexible."

Recruitment from  
Glenville State College aver-  
ages three to five graduates  
per year. The turn over in  
West Virginia equals 10% as  
where in the city it is 85%.

Being that Osmose is an  
international company there  
are hundreds of jobs, relo-  
cation the opportunity to stay  
local and to be strategically  
placed.

"Gimme a 'G!'  
"Gimme an 'S!'  
"Gimme a 'C!"



## Cheerleading squad setting sights high for WVIAC competition

By Aimee Mathess,  
Contributing Reporter

A dedicated group of  
young ladies began their  
1998-99 cheerleading sea-  
son four days before the  
first home football game  
against Edinboro,  
Pennsylvania. Due to con-  
flicting schedules, the girls  
had to meet at 6:30 each  
morning in preparation for  
game day.

The members of this  
spirited group are Misty  
Tomblin, Katrina Hamrick,  
Carol Tenney, Melinda  
Powers, Shawntae Ford,

Breanna White, and Jane  
Wilkinson. This year's  
cheerleading coach is  
Nancy McVane, a long-  
time resident of Glenville.

McVane has seventeen  
years of experience with  
leading cheer squads of all  
ages. She has worked with  
grade school, Jr. High, high  
school, and now college  
level teams.

The Pioneer cheerleaders  
will soon be organizing a  
"Little Miss Pioneer" contest  
as a fundraiser for new uni-  
forms.

The cheer squad has

plans of participating in the  
WVIAC cheerleading com-  
petition in late February.

The girls hope to have  
several male cheerleaders  
for the upcoming basketball  
season, as well as accompa-  
nying them in competition.

"The squad is looking  
forward to a great first year  
together," comments Mrs.  
McVane.

The cheerleaders  
expressed, "We really  
appreciate the support of  
our fans, our Pioneer  
(James Duffield), and espe-  
cially the GSC Band!"



# GSC's financial aides help find financial aid for students \$\$\$

*By Ann Williams,  
Staff Reporter*

Roughly seventy-five percent of GSC students receive Financial Aid. Have you wondered who the people who work so hard for you are?

Karen Lay is the Financial Aid Administrator. She began her employment at GSC as a student worker in the Registrar's office and then nine months as a full-time employee. She also worked at Fairmont State as Assistant Registrar for three years.

She came back to GSC and worked for two years as a secretary in the Placement Office before moving to

Financial Aid in 1988 and has been the Director since 1995. Her responsibilities include state and federal reporting, reconciling funds, answering questions, and problem solving.

Carla Conley also started as a student worker. After she graduated, she started working here full-time in 1981. In 1988 she started working with federal loans.

Her responsibilities include counseling for student/parent loans, everything that deals with direct loans, aid eligibility, entrance and exit interviews, and promissory notes. Her official title is Financial Aid Assistant.

Mendi Radcliff is the Financial Aid Counselor. She too started as a student worker. She started working in the Financial Aid Office in December 1995. Her responsibilities include verifying files, counseling students and parents, and handling the award letters.

Susie Persinger, 1998 Employee of the Year, started working at GSC in the Bookstore as a clerk. She stayed there for eleven months in 1981.

In 1982 she moved to the Business Office and worked as an Accounting Clerk. Five years later she became a secretary in Financial Aid, while still working in the Business

Office as an Accounting Clerk and later became full time Financial Aid Assistant. Her duties include emergency loans, off-campus scholarships, and dealing with collection agencies.

Often students do not get their paperwork done on time. Karen Lay would like to remind students to "follow through on their paperwork. Ask questions and be informed consumers."

Often the Financial Aid Office cannot help if students turn in their paperwork late; their hands are tied by state and federal regulations. Therefore, getting paperwork done on time is crucial.

**Financial Aid  
on the  
World Wide  
Web**

Financial Applications can now be completed through the Internet. A list of useful home pages are shown below:

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
[www.glenville.wvnet.edu](http://www.glenville.wvnet.edu)  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)  
[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

## David Jeffrey's boost Psychology instructor's hobbies include being president of the United States Powerlifting Federation

*By Jade DeWall,  
Staff Reporter*

When David Jeffrey enters the classroom he is well dressed, prepared to lecture and full of invigorating energy that invites the student to want to learn.

Jeffrey has signed a nine-month contract here at Glenville State College. He has a masters in clinical psychology and has had a practice for ten years.

Jeffrey's teaching experience stems back to the 1970's where he worked at Parkersburg Community College and later was an adjunct professor at University of West Virginia. When a fellow college heard

about the position at Glenville State, she called Jeffrey and informed him about it. He was very interested in landing the position.

Jeffrey finds teaching to be challenging. He has stated that his challenge is, "getting the message to the students teaching them how psychology applies to their everyday living skills and their life. It is real important if people understand more about psychology and how it applies to their lives and makes them a better person or at least gives them the skills to understand life better."

Jeffrey's energies are spent not only as a practicing clinical psychologist, an

instructor but also as president of United States Powerlifting Federation. Jeffrey has a keen interest in most sports and enjoys powerlifting and physical fitness.

He was the U.S powerlifting team coach for ten years seven of which were training women in powerlifting.

When asked if he would like to stay, Jeffrey said, "Yes, Glenville State College offers a great working environment, it has a friendly atmosphere, everyone has been very helpful, the student's are great and it is a refreshing welcome change."

## Central West Virginia Tech-Prep Consortium Meeting

The Central West Virginia Tech-Prep Consortium held their monthly meeting on October 13, 1998 at 10 a.m. in the Vandalia Room, Heflin Center.

The Consortium was provided information concerning the FY98 Tech-Prep Management plan focusing on Seamless Curriculum and Seamless Advising.

The Central West Virginia tech-Prep Consortium was awarded \$110,000 to help implement Tech-Prep Initiatives in Central West Virginia (Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Lewis, Nicholas, Webster and Upshur). Members explained ideas and the Consortium approved the Management Plan for this upcoming year. Members from this Consortium are High School Guidance Counselors, Vocational Counselors and some Middle School Counselors. GSC Career Office Director chairs this Consortium. The goal of the Counselor's meeting was to determine what activities need to be initiated for FY99 to develop a Seamless Advising Model. For more information, questions, concerns or you would like to join us on this Tech-Prep Band Wagon, please contact Stacey McCallister at GSC Community and Technical College, 462-4120.



# Quarterback Wilkie Perez quits Pioneer football team

Associated Press

GLENVILLE, W.Va. --  
Glenville State quarterback  
Wilkie Perez, who led  
Division II in passing last  
season and the Pioneers to  
CAA playoff berth, has  
quit the team after being  
injured to a backup role.  
Perez left the team  
after last week's 14-0 loss  
to Fairmont State.

Glenville State coach  
John Ruggiero said Perez  
lost his job to junior-col-  
lege transfer Jayce Goree  
while recovering from a  
knee injury.

"I don't really under-  
stand or know why (Wilkie)  
quit, but all of the sudden he

decided to leave Friday  
night," Ruggiero told The  
Clarksburg *Exponent-  
Telegram*. "Obviously it had  
something to do with him  
not playing, but everything  
seemed to be fine when I  
had talked to him before.

"We had been playing  
Goree the last couple of  
weeks and he's done well for  
us," Ruggiero said.

Perez disputed  
Ruggiero's account of why  
he had been benched.

"There was never any  
injury," Perez said. "Last  
year, I had a pelvic injury and  
I couldn't even walk in prac-  
tice. I took a cortisone shot  
and played anyway. That

would never be a factor.

"I was picked off early  
against West Liberty, and  
never saw the field again,"  
said Perez.

Perez, who transferred to  
Glenville from West  
Virginia, led Division II in  
1997 with 4,494 yards pass-  
ing and 46 touchdowns.  
Behind Perez, Glenville  
State won a share of its fifth  
consecutive West Virginia  
Conference title and the  
league's first NCAA playoff  
berth.

Although his numbers  
were down this year, Perez  
was leading the West Virginia  
Conference in total offense  
with 191 yards per game.

Since taking over for  
Perez three weeks ago,  
Goree has thrown for 727  
yards and four touchdowns  
for Glenville State (4-3, 2-1).

"I worked hard for this  
team, and I feel I deserve to  
be the starter," Perez said.

Ruggiero said he wasn't  
sure how the loss of Perez  
would affect the Pioneers.

"If you look at the way  
we played (Saturday), obvi-  
ously something was the  
matter. Whether it was him  
or not I really don't know,"  
Ruggiero said.

Perez said he intends to  
stay at Glenville and finish  
his degree by next fall.

Ruggiero said Perez will

be missed and eventually  
would have played back into  
the lineup.

"There are a lot of  
guys on this team that  
really like Wilkie," said  
Ruggiero. "He's done an  
awful lot for this program  
and probably would've  
done even more.

"We felt the right  
decision was to go with  
Jayce Goree because of  
his recent play. Would  
Wilkie have played  
today? ... I don't know.  
Maybe he would've, but  
that's something that  
we'll never know and  
something that Wilkie  
will never know now."

## WVU Linebacker aching to get back on the field

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. --  
After seven weeks West Virginia  
linebacker Gary Stills has waited to  
return to playing football, even as  
team doctors said his broken  
kneecap couldn't handle it.

With his return scheduled for  
Saturday's game against Miami,  
Stills' relatives would be  
pleased to stay clear of him.

"If I can get past the front  
door, it doesn't matter who's  
at there. My grandmother  
could be sitting there with the  
cat. I'm going to take her  
out," Stills said.

"She's got to be taken  
care of. I probably wouldn't  
touch her arm, but I'd take her  
out and say 'Grandma, you  
get out of here.'"

Stills will not be easing his  
way into No. 13 West Virginia's  
linebacker. Saturday will be Stills' first  
in action since breaking his  
kneecap in a season-opening loss  
to Ohio State. Before his injury  
he received early-season atten-  
tion as a Butkus Award contender.

"I've got a lot of making up to  
do as far as my stats, as far as get-

ting back with my teammates, and  
hopefully getting my draft status  
back up to where I want it to be,"  
Stills said.

Stills, a senior, had 12 sacks  
in 1997 and two more against  
Ohio State before the knee  
injury. It was the same kneecap  
that sidelined Stills at the end of  
the 1997 regular season.

Stills says he reads scouting  
reports on the Internet that question  
his 235-pound frame and durability.  
Along with the fractured  
kneecaps, Stills also has suffered a  
strained knee and a compound  
fracture of the thumb in his career.

NFL teams should look at his  
productivity after his injuries when  
evaluating his potential, Stills said.

"I'd ask them 'Did I per-  
form like I always have or did I  
slack off?' Everytime I've been  
hurt, I've come back and per-  
formed the same way I always  
have," Stills said.

Stills says he'll play the last  
few games of his college career  
with a fury and perhaps break  
into the ranks of a first-round  
draft choice.

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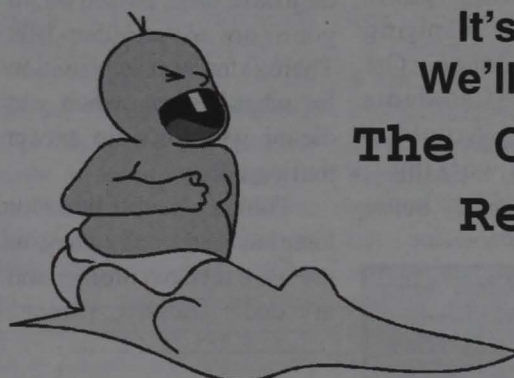
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## GSC life is pretty good right now

Hello out there to all in happy reader land. Hopefully, by now all of you have noticed that every hour on the hour a lovely sound emanates from above. No, silly reader, not the voices in your head-- the lovely sounds of the GSC bell tower. Regardless, of the fact that we have no hunchback as of yet, the bell tower, newly restored to perfect working order, has been a lovely and refreshing addition to the Glenville State campus, and not just because it informs us of the status of the ending of class. The noon hour is so spirited and calming with the lovely sounds of neo-classical music in the back ground.

Further good news can be found in several other new placements at GSC. The dawning of a new era in the GSC family has been brought about by the addition of the new Spanish and comprehensive literature teacher, Ximena Gallardo. Gallardo brings us one step further to becoming a real part of the global family by offering foreign language classes at GSC.

The GSC Powerline dance team, although not a new addition, has really come a long way this year. Their spirited performances are quickly becoming a staple of the GSC football economy. Not a very strong point with fans in the past, the dance team is really coming into its own this year.

In further football news, although we sadly lost to Fairmont State College, it was nice to see such a wonderful turnout for the Homecoming game parade and kudos to Student Congress for inspiring such a wonderful turnout at this year's dance. The dance has not been a big winner with GSC students in the past few years, so, whatever James Arnold is doing as far as publicity is concerned is working.

This has been a good semester for GSC so far; hopefully, with luck, it will just keep getting better.

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## Enjoy the time you have with your loved ones

By Chris Hopkins,  
Staff Columnist

The loss of a loved one is never really easy to get over and sometimes people never make it back to a normal way of life--it is just so unbearably painful your emotions never really recover from the shock. Losing someone that you care for is one of the few constants in life that you can depend on. That and taxes.

I can't really describe the pain you feel when you realize that you won't ever see someone again because they have died, passed on, or gone on to another life. There is no real explanation for what happens when you die or why you die except that you do.

The only people that I've lost that were really close to me were my step brother and my dad's adoptive parents.

Though these people were not my blood relatives it still hurt because I lived most of my life knowing these people and not being able to see them ever again almost brings me to tears.

Most people just take family for granted and think that they're going to be around forever. They ignore or mistreat them and apologize later because family is thought to be around forever. Well, think again because they can die and go away forever at any age.

I can't really fathom living without my mother or father because they make my life complete and have made me who I am. Right now both of my parents are facing medical problems and they could very serious if not dealt with. Even if I try to prepare myself for the eventual loss of my parents

it will sadden me greatly never hug my mother now the grass with my father again. Even though my parents are responsible for my existence, the person I couldn't live without is my brother.

We may argue and drive each other nuts but let me tell you when I lost my step brother a few years ago I have never felt a pain like that all my life. It hurt a through my body just to lose a step sibling. I can't imagine what hell it will be like to lose a blood relative especially my mom, dad, or brother.

All I ask of people is just to realize what you have and to care for the people around you because they can't, and won't, be around forever and when they're gone even the deepest regret can't bring them back.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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# Sadly, truancy affects us all

**The Leader-Telegram,  
Euclaire, Wisconsin**

A few years back, our newsroom got a letter from a young man protesting a state law prohibiting quitting school before age 18. He argued he was sick of sitting in classes listening to boring lessons. He said he would rather be out working and earning money.

At least that's what we think he said. His grammar, spelling, punctuation and sentence structure were so atrocious it was hard to say for sure what thoughts he was trying to put down on paper. The young man raised a legitimate issue about whether he and

society would be better served if he were out learning a job rather than sitting in a classroom where he obviously wasn't retaining much of what he was being told.

The issue of forcing students to sit in school when they have no interest surfaced again in a Page 1 story about a new state law tightening the definition of habitual truancy. Local school officials say the new law will make truancy look worse because students who miss five days in a semester without permission will be considered habitual truants. That's down from the previous standard of 10 unexcused

absences in a semester.

The law also calls for school officials to meet with habitual truants and their parents to discuss the problem. Parents who don't attend those meetings can be prosecuted. The law also allows judges to order students to go to school and hold them in contempt of court if they don't.

Getting students to go to class certainly is a laudable goal and one that deserves our support. But after a while, society should stop feeling guilty if truancy numbers aren't zero. As the young letter-writer said, some people just don't want to go to school, period.

If a 16- or 17-year-old is flat-out convinced school is not for him, do we really want to devote limited resources to forcing him into class like you push the rear end of a mule into a barn?

But just taking up space at a desk isn't enough. You have to be willing to learn and be motivated enough to take the opportunity seriously. Getting good grades is more than an ability to memorize facts.

We want our teachers to teach, not baby sit. We want our administrators to look at the big picture to make our schools better, not to chase habitual truants around town.

Part of us says don't worry about the truants, and if they flunk, let them flunk. If they don't want to be in class, why worry about them?

The other part of us, the practical part, knows in a few years we'll be back picking up the pieces again with our tax dollars. It may be in the form of more police, prisons, judges or whatever, but we'll keep paying for their bad decisions. That's why, difficult as it is, we have to keep working to save as many young people as possible from their lack of vision and hope they wise up before it's too late for them, and for us.

## Education/contraception debates

**By Molly Ivins,  
Syndicated Columnist**

Still futzing around in D.C., doing nothing done. Hung up on education, the census and contraception. Let's see if we can help these folks out here—a citizen-legislature exercise.

Here's the state of play: President Clinton has been pushing education issues, and lo and behold, it turns out to be something that people actually care about. Amazing, isn't it? Clinton can't get his scheme to rebuild dilapidated schools passed, but is sticking to his plan to hire 10,000 more teachers across the country.

The goal is to reduce class size around the nation to 18 students, as there is a general agreement by educators of all stripes that class size is a crucial element in learning. (There is a debate about whether class size is more important than high standards or better teacher training, but at least there is agreement on the premise.)

For political reasons involving the upcoming elections, the Republicans—who normally oppose federal initiatives on education—do not want to look tough though they don't care about education, so they have agreed to spend \$1 billion. (Quite a bit less than advanced fighter planes, but who's counting?) But they want the money to go to



local school districts with no strings so the districts can use it for whatever they want to.

Good arguments on both sides. The Rs claim that "Bellway bureaucrats" shouldn't be deciding how to spend the money—the districts may want computers instead, for example. Personally, I'm not that big a fan of local control, the sacred mantra of many conservatives when it comes to education. It's a matter of experience.

In Texas, where the best route to becoming a high-school principal is still to be the football coach, I have known many an example over the years of money that should have gone to educating kids going to the football parking lot and paint nice, neat stripes on it instead. (If you don't believe me, check with Ross Perot on this one.)

Many years of covering school issues have also con-

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vinced me that locally elected school board members are not necessarily wise and just. If a local school board decides to buy computers instead of hiring teachers, the first thing you should do is find out how big a kickback from the computer companies some board members may be getting. Or whose brother-in-law got the supply contract. Sorry, that's experience.

Although we may want to be wary of federalizing the school system in other regards—communities do differ in their values and needs, and schools need to be tailored accordingly—I'd say this is an easy call.

The census: A very inside baseball fistfight. The census helps determine how political power is apportioned because congressional and legislative districts are based on population. With reapportionment coming up in 2001, both parties want it their way. It's a fact that the census as it is now run undercounts by a considerable margin, and because the margins tend to be in poor sections of big cities, where most citizens vote Democratic, you see the problem.

The Ds want to make up for the annual undercount by using statistical methods to estimate how many people have been missed. The statistical projections are universally accepted in the field as accurate, perhaps even close to infallible, and certainly more accurate than the current method. So the Ds are right, but the Rs have the majority in both chambers of Congress.

Best bet? Postpone the fight until January by funding the Commerce Department, which runs the census, short term until then. See how easy this is?

Contraception: Now there's a lulu. The Ds want federal health insurance policies to cover contraception; the Republican red-hots are opposed. This became an issue last summer when people noticed that health insurance policies cover Viagra (the Pentagon will be spending \$60 million a year to cover Viagra for soldiers, current and former) but not birth control. As the New York Times headlined at this time, in what we must assume to be a rare moment of humor,

"Even Legislators Note Inequity."

Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is dead set against allowing two specific methods of birth control—Depo-Provera and IUDs—because he claims they are abortifacients. Great—here's a party so sensitive to local control that it doesn't want to tell school districts to hire desperately needed teachers, but it's willing to tell women what kind of birth control they can use. Since many women can't take the pill for assorted health reasons, how about we leave this up to the women and their doctors?

Coburn's other problem is that he wants health insurance companies to be able to refuse to cover birth control on moral grounds. Both chambers of Congress have already passed amendments to allow health plans with religious affiliations to decline to cover birth control if they want to. Coburn insists that "moral" as well as religious grounds be included. This caused Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., to observe that health plans base their decisions about what to offer on profits, not morals.

Solution? Tell Coburn to go soak his head, and the rest of you to do the right thing.

Isn't this simple? Now they can all go home and start bombing us with negative ads about one another.



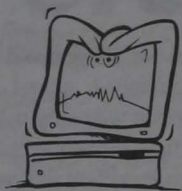
# THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Attending virtual college

By Ben Bruton,  
Guest Columnist

Little by little, the Internet is slowly becoming a part of traditional classroom learning. Case in point: Lori Kepford's Criminal Justice classes, taught here at GSC, require students to use e-mail to send in assignments and communicate with their instructor.

Does this mean that we are to expect a "Virtual College" in the future?

It's highly possible. Over 300 colleges and universities around the country are currently offering "virtual degrees" in many fields, allowing students the opportunity to earn



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undergraduate or graduate-level degrees without leaving home.

Of course, the Internet is only one means of distance education; classes can be taught by satellite or on videotape as well as by Internet. Students on the Internet use chat rooms, bulletin boards, and e-mail to communicate with each other, and go to a predesignated Web site to download assignments, syllabi, or class readings. While it may seem a rather imper-

sonal way to learn, online courses may prove to be one of the most convenient ways for non-traditional students to earn their degrees.

Recently, the Southern Regional Electronic Campus was formed. This Web site (<http://www.srec.sreb.org>) serves as a directory of 1,000 online college courses in 16 states, including West Virginia.

So is it really possible to gain a legitimate professional degree by merely pointing,

clicking, and downloading?

Well obviously, a lot of institutions would like you to think that. But the fact is, a lot of things are "assumed" when you enroll in an online course. It is assumed that you are computer literate, for one thing.

Most of these courses are geared to busy working individuals who have computers and the know-how to use them. The ability to download documents, send e-mail, and run various software programs is required.

In short, people with no Internet/PC skills aren't likely to benefit from this type of learning.

It's also assumed that

you have lots of money. Online courses are cheap—in fact, sometimes the online version of a course costs substantially less than the same class offered at a campus location.

Many people scoff at the concept of online teaching, that it is less effective than a traditional classroom experience. Well, it certainly isn't an easy way out for people seeking a college degree, but with improved technology and high-speed video and sound connections, it could conceivably become a worthy alternative to being there in person.

For the time being, however, it still has a ways to go.

## Medical Students!

A representative from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine will visit Glenville State College at Glenville, Tuesday, October 27.

The informal walk-in session will be held in the Heflin Center between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, contact David Bradford, Pre-med Advisor, at extension 230.

## Collegiate 4-H

There will be a collegiate 4-H meeting on Wednesday, October 28. The meeting will be at 6:15 p.m., in Room 216 (Theory Room) in the Fine Arts Building. You do not need to have been in 4-H previously to participate in this service-based organization.

## Counseling Services Available

A Graduate Student at Marshall University, will be on campus to offer individual and group counseling to students, faculty, and staff on the following dates:

**November 5, 6, 19, 20    December 3, 4**

Office hours are from 9-12 and 1-3 in the Student Development Center - Heflin Center, Room 202

Appointments can be made in advance by calling the Career Services Office at Ext. 118

## Science with the Particle Lady Kepler and the Mars dream

By BJ Woods,  
Staff Columnist

I think at one time or another all children have dreamed of traveling to outer space.

Myself, growing up when there were what seemed like a zillion movies about Mars and Martians, I dreamed of what it would be like to travel to Mars.

Thankfully, I wasn't the only person to think of this. In the late 1500's to mid 1600's a German astronomer, Johannes Kepler, was thinking along the same lines. He wanted to determine the exact orbit of Mars. This he knew would take very accurate precision, and that he had to have a perfect picture of the Earth's orbit.

Kepler had been an assistant to Tycho Brache. Brache himself was an astronomer who had spent over twenty years studying the solar system. Kepler took the information Brache had collected and expanded it to develop what is known as "Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion."

Law number one states, "The planets move in elliptical

orbits with the sun at one focus." What this means is that even in the 1400's astronomers were able to deduce that the planets rotated around the sun and the sun was the center that held all in line. This also tells one that the distance from the sun to the planets is constantly changing.

Law number two states, "In their orbits around the sun, the planets sweep out in equal areas in equal times." This is another rather simple law to explain.

This law means that if one were to draw a line from the sun to a specific planet and then draw a line in a specific time period to that same planet, we would be able to find the area of the planet.

This can be seen with Haley's Comet. We see it for approximately six months out of the total 75 years that it takes the comet to make a complete cycle in its orbit.

Law number three states, "The square of the time to complete one orbit is proportional to the cube of the average distance from the sun." This law is a bit more compli-

cated to explain. One must realize that there is a gravitational pull that is factored into this law. This is used to calculate the mass of the sun and planets. Newton's Law describing the attractive pull of gravity has since explained Kepler's Laws.

Kepler had long thought that the sun had invisible spokes poking out from it that held the planets in place. This third law destroyed that idea but led to Sir Isaac Newton's laws of gravity. Kepler was considered the "Legislator of the Heavens."

The next time you think of traveling to outer space or another planet just remember it takes not only science but physics and the hardest part of doing the calculations has already been completed for us, by the great scientists of the past.

Until next week, take care and have a great journey through the halls of science. For ideas and comments please feel free to contact me at [gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu)



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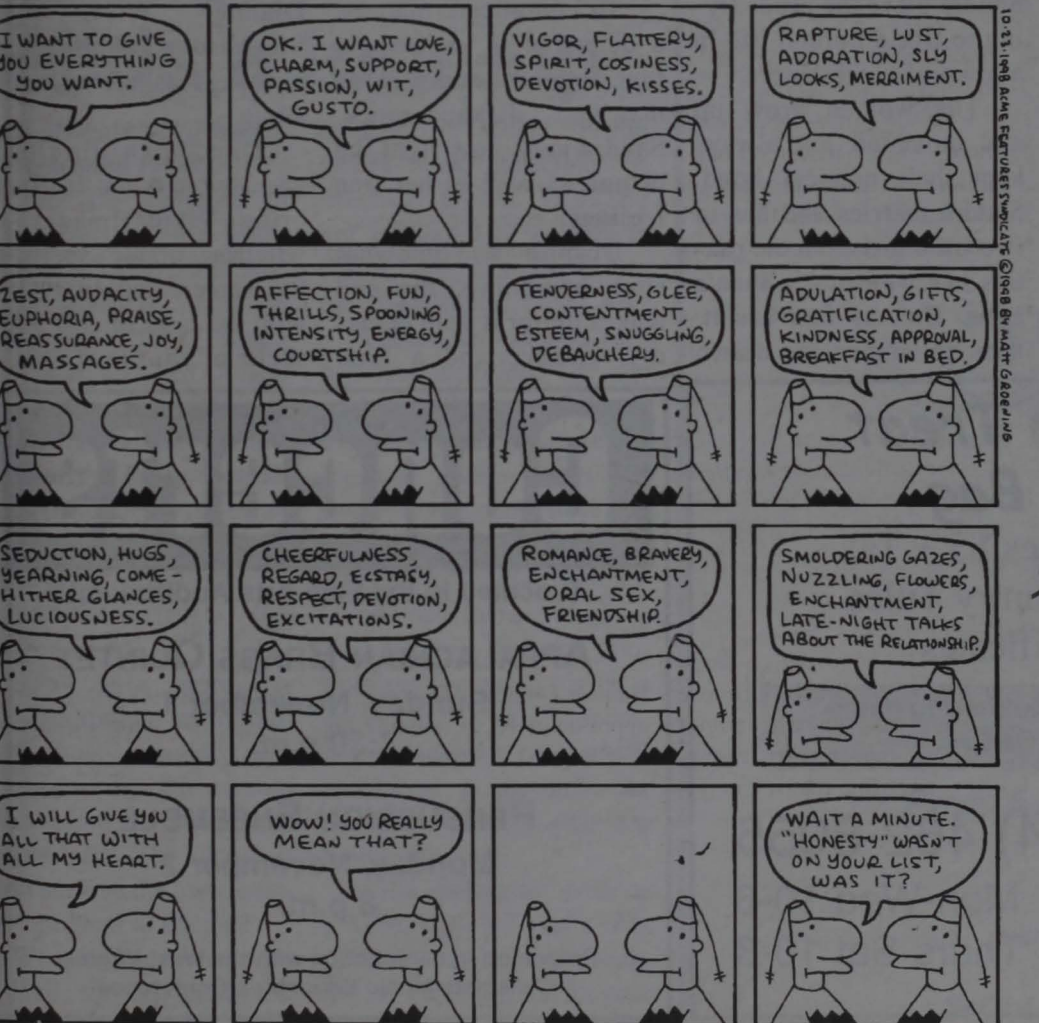
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# Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Horoscope by Cris Gravely

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Restlessness at work is a sign that you need a change of pace. You need a little more prodding to actually make a change, but the idea has been planted. Expand your horizons.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Strife and conflict mark this week. This situation is necessary, however, because you must see the truth; you cannot blind yourself to it any longer. Face it, then you can heal.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Greed is not the way to go. If you have something that someone needs, lend it. The reverse is also true: if you need something, don't be afraid to ask. That is the challenge this week.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Concrete, scientific, reasoned answers are not what you seek. You need answers of a philosophical kind, so look to a mentor (a priest or therapist) for help in this situation.

**Leo (July 23-August 22)** — Time to face up to the "bad" side of your personality. All those things in yourself that you don't like, get rid of them. It will be difficult, but you must let go if you want to become a better person.

**Virgo (August 23-September 22)** — When you start to think for yourself, others will naturally be threatened. This causes conflict this week, but you will better be able to see others' points of view because of it.

**Libra (September 23-October 22)** — Obstacles have been removed this week, so get set for a clear stretch of activity with no hitches. Also, if you feel the need to travel, this is the time. Imagination is the key.

**Scorpio (October 23-November 21)** — A conflict is coming to an end. This may be painful, but at least you have faced the situation truthfully and a new future, with less conflict, can begin.

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** — This week is a time of pleasure and satisfaction. A wish may even come true. You are being rewarded for your efforts and your commitment is validated.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** — Patience and nurturing are needed this week. Discover that you are a person not only of body but also of spirit. Be more down to earth and things will begin to work out.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** — If you know how to "play with money," this is the week for you. Money becomes available and, if put to good use and used effectively, you could be set for life.

**Pisces (February 19-March 20)** — A new relationship is on the horizon, or a past relationship could return. Either way, you are seeking your "other half." This could be it, so look carefully around you.





## Soundbites: Audio Reviews

By John Pacenti,  
Associated Press

"The Globe Sessions" (A&M) -- Sheryl Crow

She was panned on her debut as the lucky benefactor of some great--male--session musicians, and derided on her second album for making a geographical mistake in a song.

With her third disc, "The Globe Sessions," Sheryl Crow emerges as an accomplished singer of undeniable strength and depth. Crow has come of age in this mature, indelibly textured work that should finally shut up the naysayers.

In many ways, "The Globe Sessions" weaves its way like a John Haibt album, exploring all kinds of nooks and crannies of rock. Crow's influences are many: the obligatory Rolling Stones, but also Don Henley, Bonnie Raitt, and Fleetwood Mac. She

sings Bob Dylan's unreleased "Mississippi."

Crow's vocals can portray the country sweetness of Linda Ronstadt, the wearied wisdom of Raitt and then blast you with the diva rock of Stevie Nicks. She also continues to forge her own mark, especially with her wry observations of Los Angeles.

Employing a Henley-beat (circa "Building the Perfect Beast"), the song stands as one of Crow's best. From there, "The Globe Sessions" peels into a different direction with each tune--including a hidden track filled with classic Crow lyrics and surefire hit, "Anything But Down."

Instrumentation here is exquisite and full of surprises. Crow handles much of it, playing guitar, keyboards, clarinet and percussion, violins, pedal steel, and a Moog synthesizer. Truly one of the year's best.



## Bullock's *Practical Magic* will put a spell on you

By Brent Wood,  
Staff Columnist

Have you ever wanted to have someone fall in love with you? Have you ever wanted to see that ex-boyfriend get what he deserves?

In the film *Practical Magic*, Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman are two sisters born into a long line of witches, but the women in this family have been cursed to never find love.

When their father is killed by the curse and their mother dies of a broken heart, the two sisters move in with their aunts, played by Dianne Wiest and Stockard Channing.

Nicole Kidman plays the wild child, using her powers for mischief while Sandra plays the prude trying to live a normal life in a town of witch haters.

The women grow up and move on but always kept their magical bond. Sandra marries and has to two little girls. Nicole parties her way into a man's arms. But, as fate has it, the two women are drawn



I put a spell on you. -- Kidman and Bullock shine in *Practical Magic*, a Warner Bros. movie based on the novel by Alice Hoffman.

together by tragedy.

In their attempt to cover up a murder they conjure a demon they were ill-prepared to handle.

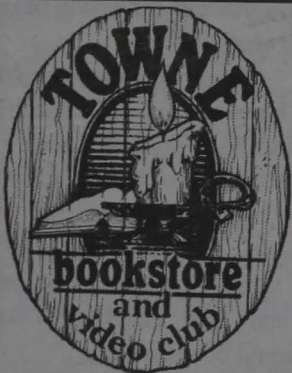
To complicate matters, a detective is in town to investigate the murdered man's disappearance. Sandra must now fight the demon as well as her true feelings.

Despite a somewhat slow beginning, the end makes up for it with comedy, romance and a final

fight for the souls of two bewitching women.

Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock work well together as witchy sisters. Dianne Wiest and Stockard Channing are excellent as the eccentric aunts.

Director Griffin Dunn and writer Alice Hoffman bring vivid images of witches' magic spells to the screen and leave you with the urge to cast a few spells of your own.



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# Halloween Horrors and *Bag of Bones* -- Five Questions with author Stephen King

By Ted Anthony,  
Associated Press  
NEW YORK--Stephen King is back.

That in itself is not surprising, because he's always been back; he is more prolific than just about any other modern American author.

But his newest book, *Bag of Bones* (Scribner, \$24.95), represents an interesting turn for the topmost writer of terrifying tales. For years, King wrote about the interaction of the supernatural with the real world. In recent years he has focused on plots more on earthly horrors -- domestic violence, psychosexual interaction, celebrity stalking. *"Bag of Bones"* syn-

thesizes the earthly and unearthly in an engaging, if somewhat long, Gothic yarn full of lurid twists and turns so intricate that the very fact the ending works is sort of a surprise.

King remains full of surprises. On a recent day, in the throes of the kind of publicity tour he disdains, he took a moment to talk about his writing and how it fits into the jigsaw puzzle of modern American angst.

## 1. What's different about *"Bag of Bones"*?

King: I think that people sense it's a real novel in a way that some of my novels are not. I set out to make it a Gothic, but I wasn't consciously writing a departure from other things. Nobody

sets out to write a departure. If they do, they totally screw it up. What you do is what turns your dials, what juices you up. The bowlers say, 'If you work the spares, the strikes will take care of themselves.'

## 2. Does the cult of personality still surprise you?

King: I should not have to go out on these tours and sell Stephen King. People want to know what you look like, what you think about Clinton, whether I was abused as a child, and that's why I write such scary stories. That's self-indulgent.

## 3. You've said before that you wonder about the shelf life of your work. Do you think it will endure?

King: A lot of writers, they die and their books are gone. It could well happen to me. If anything would help me stay around, it's horror. It's the strontium 90 of literature. It has a hell of a half-life.

## 4. Some of the movies and TV movies made from your books seem to work (*Stand By Me*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Carrie*) and some don't (*Pet Sematary*, *The Tommyknockers*). Any accounting for why?

King: I call it the bladder factor. People squirm at 'Saving Private Ryan' because it's two hours and 50 minutes long. The limiting factor is your bladder. The most successful movies that have been made out of

my books have been about the shorter books. That's the bladder factor. ... 'Apt Pupil' is from a novella. It's shorter. And I really like it. I think you're going to like it.

## 5. *"Bag of Bones"* has a lot of history in it. Is this something that's lacking in modern fiction?

King: There aren't a lot of historical novelists in our generation. Maybe, because of television, maybe it's all about now. (With *'Bag of Bones'*) I wasn't interested in history per se. I was interested in Mike Noonan. But Gothics are always about buried history, about secrets that are covered up. So it had to be historical. I read a fair amount of local history.

# Race game *GT64* needs a tune-up

By William Schiffmann,  
Associated Press

There are a number of excellent racing games available for the video game fan.

Unfortunately, most of them are for Sony's PlayStation. So when Ocean's *GT64: Championship Edition* showed up, I got excited. Would it be a fitting companion to NASCAR '99, an excellent game for the N64 and the subject of last week's tirade?

Unfortunately, the answer is no.

*GT64* is a promising idea--incorporate one of racing's most popular new series, touring car racing, into a game for Nintendo's up platform. The idea just didn't survive the translation from the road to the cart.

What's wrong here?

Well, for one thing--and it seems to be a trend with a

number of recent racing games--track selection is extremely limited. There are just a handful of courses to choose from. Compare that to the 17 available in NASCAR.

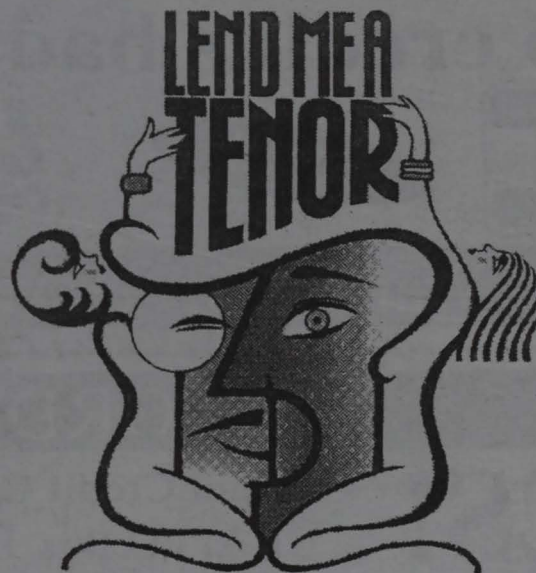
I found the steering controls hard to master. The cars don't actually steer--sliding is the preferred mode of cornering--and adding even the smallest amount of power in a turn will send your car skidding all over the place, no matter how delicate your touch.

Combine difficult controls and a greased pig for a car and this is what happens: The computer's cars, which handle as if glued to the pavement, vanish after the first corner.

I did manage to smash up a lot of cars, but that's only fun for so long. If you're looking for a racing game for your N64, I'd look elsewhere.

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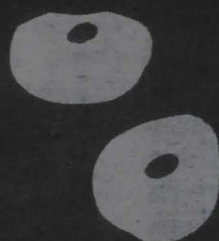
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