

The Mercury

Fire in the dorm



George Lochman (left) helps Johnathan Acres clean up after a fire in the dormitory destroyed Acres' television and VCR. See page 3 for the full story.

Renovations add new atmosphere to library

By Chris Kenna,
Staff Reporter

There's something new at the Robert F. Kidd Library. Major renovations have been taking place.

Over the past few weeks, the old heating/air conditioning unit has been removed and a new energy efficient system is being installed.

According to Library Director Rick Tubesing the new system will allow for more control, making conditions in the library more desirable. There will be separate controls on

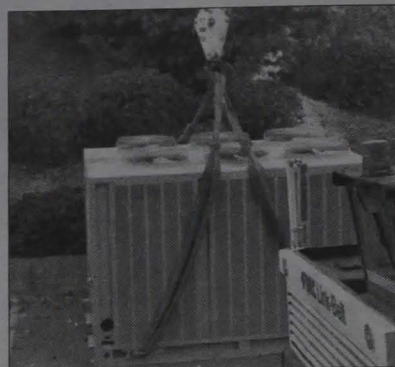
each floor controlling both temperature and humidity to better preserve materials and make it more comfortable for patrons.

"The building is a test subject for cost savings and energy savings," Tubesing explains, "not only for this campus, but for the whole state."

He went on to say that in addition to the new air conditioning/heating unit there will also be a new lighting system and energy-efficient roof installed.

The total cost of the renovations reaches just over

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the old,
in with
the
new...



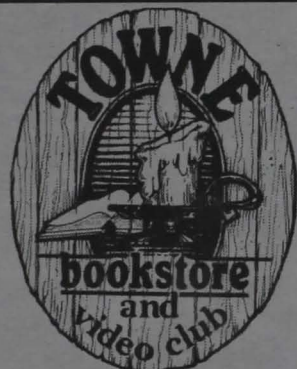
Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

A new heating/cooling system in the Robert F. Kidd Library will help preserve books and create greater comfort for patrons.

\$450,000, but with the use of other endowments, over \$10,000 has been saved thus far that can be used for other projects.

After the renovations are complete, the new systems and roof will have saved the amount used to install them in a few years time.

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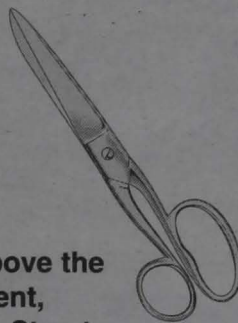
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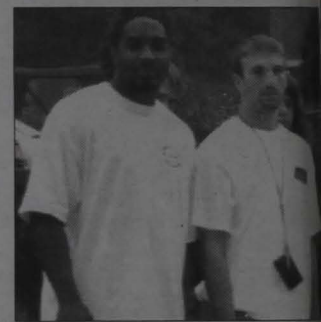
Fellowship of Christian Athletes: At play in the fields of the Lord

By Ann Williams,
Staff Reporter

According to their mission statement, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is an opportunity "to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in their fellowships of the church."

FCA statistics show that approximately 100,000 athletes meet on a regular basis in over 4000 school based huddles. Glenville State College's chapter of the FCA currently has around 10-15 members. The FCA is student-lead and not necessarily geared towards athletes. Every one is welcome to come. Meetings are held every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation.

GSC's Fellowship of Christian Athletes president is Rashad Gillespie. Vice President is Samantha Dowell. The Secretary is Shelly Sheets.



FCA President Rashad Gillespie and Brett Pettinger.

Lance Linden holds the title of Treasurer, and the Huddle Coach is Janet Kay James Bailey.

The FCA is active in volunteer work. The members perform community services such as unloading CRI resources to be given to the needy in the community. The FCA members also made shoeboxes for "Samaritan's Purse", an operation that sends Christmas gifts overseas for disadvantaged children. Some of the gifts that were sent include candy, writing utensils, and crayons.

Fire in the dorm

**Terry L. Estep,
Staff Reporter**

Residents of the Pickens dormitory were amazed one night when the alarm sounded an actual fire.

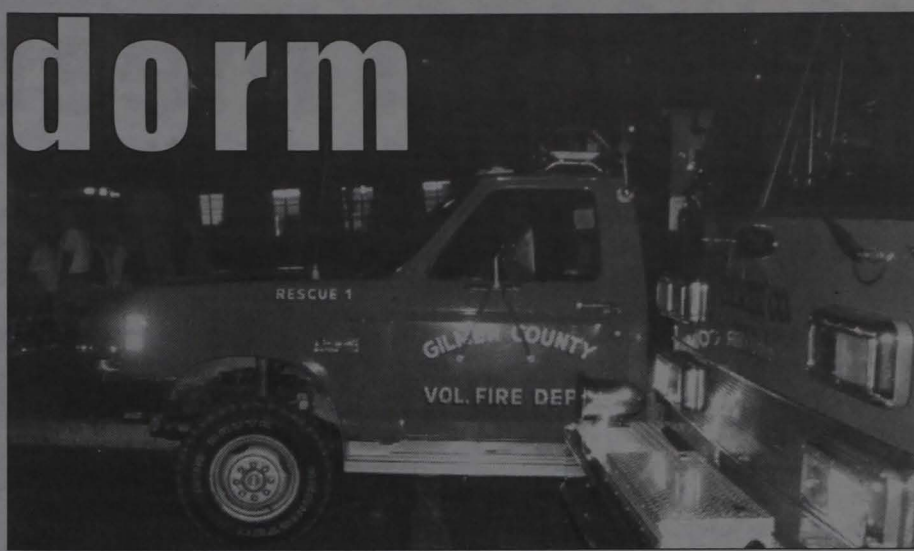
The fire occurred at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the floor room of Johnathan Acres and David Beam, buying a television and belonging to Acres.

Firefighters called to the building believe the blaze was caused when a lit candle melted its way through the television's plastic casing.

Resident Assistants Jack Adams and Brian Jeffries, along with fifth floor student Ed Beam, extinguished the fire before the firefighters arrived. The

The small fire destroyed a television and VCR owned by Jonathan Acres (at right).

The Gilmer Co. Fire Department was called to assure the safety of the building.



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Gilmer County Fire Department cleared the smoke and checked the safety of the building.

The fire did not damage anything else in the room, although dust from the fire extinguisher covered every surface.

"I thought I put the candle out before I went to class," Acres stated as he cleaned the dust.

Dorm policy does not allow open flames or heat generating devices in rooms.

"I didn't know we weren't supposed to have candles," Acres added. "I've been burning them all year."

Students evacuated the building, believing it to be a false alarm, and were surprised

to discover that an actual fire had broken out. Students craned their necks to watch the smoke billowing out of the window.

Early in October, several students were punished for failing to evacuate during an alarm.

"We were eating spaghetti," notes Josh Simons, one of the students. "The alarm had

gone off twice that day, and so we said 'Piss on it!'"

Jeanne Finn, the House Director, hopes that this incident will restate the need to evacuate during any alarm.

"After this, if students don't evacuate the building in three minutes, I'll hunt them down like dogs," she said.

Glenville's presidential candidates Candidate histories and credentials

**Compiled By Will Owen,
Contributing Reporter**

The Glenville State College Presidential Search Committee has rapidly dwindled the number of applicants for the position of GSC President to four viable candidates.

These candidates were available on campus to answer questions from students, faculty, and administrators. What follows is an academic and professional history of each candidate.

JOEL M. RODNEY

Joel M. Rodney is currently Campus Executive Director and Dean at the University of Wisconsin, and Associate Professor of History with tenure. With a "Who's Who" listing in both "American" and "American Education" editions, Dr. Rodney was bestowed a Cum Laude Bachelor's degree from Massachusetts University in 1959; his Ph.D. from Cornell University, New York, 1965.

Author of 25 scholarly articles and boasting more than \$4,000,000 in institutional grants and fundraising, Rodney's community involvement extends to current membership in nine organizations; ranging from Vice Presidency of The Threshold (a facility for the mentally challenged), to the West Bend Chamber of Commerce, to President of the board of directors for Welcome Home, Inc.

RICHARD E. BOYD

Richard E. Boyd received his Bachelor's in Education from Northern State University in South Dakota, 1968; Master's in Education from South Dakota State University, and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. His professional experience includes Athens State Dean of Academic Affairs and Planning Coordinator, and Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities where he was also professor of Speech Communications.

Active participant over the years in academic work-

shops nation-wide, Dr. Boyd has written grants in excess of a quarter-million dollars and assisted in grants totaling \$1,000,000 more. Professional recognition includes presidency of such organizations as Black Hills State College Faculty Senate, corresponding chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and the Athens/Limestone County Boys and Girls Club.

THOMAS H. POWELL

Thomas H. Powell, father of three, Dean of, and Professor of Education at, the College of Education at Winthrop University has to his academic credit a Bachelor's in special Education from Montana State University-Billings, 1976; Master's from same, 1979; Ed.D. in Special Education from the George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, 1981. Other professional experience includes multiple Associate and Assistant professor positions, as well as President and Chief Executive Officer at the

Institute for Human Resource Development, Glastonbury, CT. He has published three books and thirty-two journal articles, having served on the editorial board of seven journals and two professional newsletters.

Dr. Powell is an active member of several professional associations, and adorns the Board of Directors for Arc of the United States. His financial portfolio commands seventeen funded grants at over \$4,000,000. He currently serves on five community service boards, having headed several of these, and made 85 keynote presentations in 46 states since 1984. Hobbies include woodwork, fly-fishing, and archery.

STEVEN K. PONTIUS

Steven K. Pontius, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Geography at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, lists in his educational repertoire a Bachelor's from Indiana University, Master's from the same, and Ph.D.

from the University of Minnesota, 1977. Dr. Pontius is also a geography professor at Radford University. He has held chairs in Radford's Department of Geography, Search committees Provost of New College Global Studies and Academic Computing, and was Coordinator of the Virginia Geographic Alliance. His fund raising consists of 22 grants totalling \$662,000.

Recent awards include the Leadership Award from the American Association of Colleges and Universities (1997), Scholar Award from The Virginia Social Science Association, and Outstanding Faculty Award from the Virginia State Council of Higher Education.

Over 70 published works are to his credit, spanning a variety of books, journals, articles, maps and professional presentations.

The presidential search committee will review the candidates further and determine a suitable president for Glenville State College.

National meeting held on Glenville's main campus

By BJ Woods,
Staff Reporter

The 52nd National Chi Beta Phi Conference was held at Glenville on November 7 and 8th.

Five chapters were represented with another seven sending voting proxies.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, after BJ Woods, president of Glenville's Alpha Iota Chapter, and Dr. Joe Evans, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, welcomed everyone to Glenville.

The afternoon brought many honors for the Alpha Iota Chapter.

The Outstanding Advisor Award for 1998-99 was Mr. Paul Peck, Glenville State College.

The Ashby C. Blackwell Award for longest distance traveled went to William and



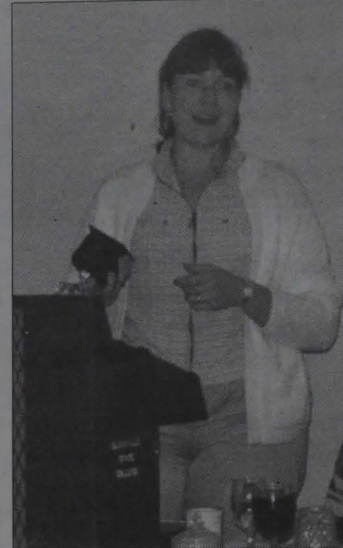
SCIENCE FRONTIERS: Chi Beta Phi got the award for most active chapter. Activities included a banquet. At right, BJ Woods accepts an award.

Mary College, Fredericksburg, Virginia. The most improved chapter was Epsilon, University of Charleston. There were three most active chapter awards given out: Alpha Iota, Glenville State College; Kappa Sigma, William and Mary College;

and Alpha Delta, University of Franklin, Indiana.

Two scientific papers were presented—one by Dr. Judith Crissom of William and Mary College, and one by GSC student Dave Tingler.

The banquet on Saturday evening was a bit of old mixed



with the new. Dr. Michael Caulfield presented the Alpha Iota Chapter with the best scrapbook award.

"Choosing this was a hard decision as the two judges didn't want to appear to be biased," Caulfield stated. "Based on the scrapbook itself,

Alpha Iota did a superb job. Carolyn Groves and Carl Armour, charter members of the Alpha Iota chapter, were awarded certificates of appreciation.

Dr. C.T. Meadors then presented the Alpha Iota Chapter a certificate of appreciation for hosting the 52nd Annual National Conference.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Houston Miller, George Washington University. Dr. Miller gave a presentation on environmental chemistry dealing with the burning of fuels such as coal, wood, and natural gas.

Saturday morning brought with it a group of not-so-energetic members who were determined to finish up their business. All left the meeting with a feeling of accomplishment and that all had made some new friends.

Updated labs for students

By BJ Woods,
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College was able to update and to remodel the microbiology lab for the students.

This project was started in the spring of 1998 and had been in the decision making stages for a couple of years when the administration gave the go ahead.

The maintenance personnel removed asbestos, put in a new sprinkler system, remodeled the laboratory setup and put in a new lighting system over a period of six months.

Dr. Carl Armour, Chairman of the Math and Science Division, stated,

"Completion of this lab is a perfect example of the high quality work our campus maintenance staff performs.

"All of us appreciate the good job and several students have commented about the improved appearance and usefulness of the lab."

When asked about the hardest part of the project, one of the maintenance personnel spoke up and stated, "The work was hard, but getting the funding and the final decision was the hardest. We all have specific areas that we can do well with, but the administrative part was the hardest."

Wolfe offers counseling services to those in need

By Ann Williams,
Staff Reporter

Counseling services are being offered by Carol Wolfe in the Student Development Center.

Wolfe, a graduate student from Marshall University, is working within a Practicum to acquire field experience in counseling. She is training to work in a community agency setting by coordinating with the Student Development Center.

There are currently no licensed counselors on Glenville State College's campus to perform personal counseling.

"Carol has been a major asset to students who need some type of personal counseling," explains Jennifer Ruggiero of the Career Development Department.

Wolfe offers counseling on many issues, including work problems, relationships, abuse, and any other topic an individual may need to discuss.

Her services are not limited to students, however; she also works with faculty and staff. In addition, she offers group counseling.

Individuals who need

counseling services do not need to make an appointment, but it is advised so that each person may speak with her privately.

To schedule an appointment, call extension 118. These services are offered to anyone who may benefit from counseling.

Wolfe's services are available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on November 19 and 20, and December 3, and 4.

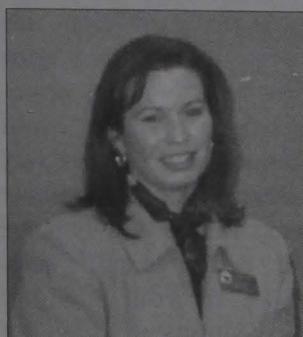
She can be found in the Student Development Center, located in Room 202 of the Heflin Student Center.

Presentation offers overview of osteopathic medicine program

By BJ Woods,
Staff Reporter

Ms. Shannon Warren of Lewisburg Osteopathic School of Medicine was at Glenville State College recently to speak with the ACS. She spent two hours in the Coffin Center answering questions to those who were seeking advice on the Osteopathic School or Osteopathic medicine in general.

Warren described osteopathic medicine as a type of medicine that often stresses the overall health of the patients. "It is often termed holistic," she explained. "There is a large emphasis on the musculoskeletal system and muscular skeletal manipulation therapy as an



B.J. Woods, Mercury

Shannon Warren

alternative to medication."

Warren gave the background of osteopathic medicine as beginning in the late 1880's. The program offered at Lewisburg is a four-year program, with two of those years being on campus. Each

semester on campus is the equivalent to 30-35 hours for a normal college student.

The students start with a broad explanation of the sciences and then they go back and go over each of the systems.

During the third and fourth years the clinical starts. This is the time that the students basically get to choose where they wish to work at. The only requirements is that each student owns their own lap top computer and they do three months in an undeserved area.

Once the student completes all of this then they come back to Lewisburg to graduate and then off they go to take their National board

examinations. Once they pass the National examinations, they then can get paid while they work as a physician. These students will then do one year of internship and two to six years of residency.

There are only nineteen

osteopathic medical schools in the United States, and the competition is extremely tough. The school is offering an open house on November 24, 1998. Call the Osteopathic School by November 17 to attend.

Basketball "Skills for Kids" Clinic

The Glenville State College Men's Basketball coaching staff and players will conduct a skills clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-10, Saturday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the college gymnasium. Shooting, passing, and ball handling will be emphasized with contests including a 3 point shoot-out, foul shooting, and knockout. Each student will receive a "Skills to Improve" workout booklet. Plus, the Glenville State Pioneers will put on a *Slam Dunk Show*. Cost of the clinic is \$15. For an application or further information, contact Coach Bob Williams at (304) 462-7361 (ext. 285)

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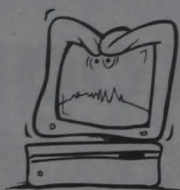
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THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Get your space on the web

Online banking services are starting to become prominent on the Internet, offering customers the ability to view their checking or savings accounts from home, and pay bills online without ever having to lick a single stamp.

Big-name corporate banks like Wells Fargo, Citibank, and NationsBank are all hopping on the online banking bandwagon, having created interactive websites from which their customers can access their accounts via password.

Of course, the idea of banking on the 'Net has met with much resistance. The principle fear is: how safe is it? How can you ensure pri-



"No matter how safe online banking is, there will always be those folks who prefer to bury their money in an old fruit jar in the backyard."

vacy, and how can you guarantee that some nefarious computer hacker won't break into your account and rob you blind?

Relax. Using the Internet to access your bank account is not any riskier than using the local ATM machine for some quick cash. Online banks use a process called encryption that scrambles passwords and vital account data, blocking out everyone but the account holder. While it's true that

no security system gives 100% protection, you could just as easily say the same thing about your local bank. There isn't a bank that can't be broken into, online or otherwise.

Look at it this way, the online banks are at greater risk than their customers. Your money is insured; banks like Wells Fargo guarantee to cover any losses in the event that someone breaks in. No major bank goes online before ensuring that it can

cover its own ass...er, I mean assets.

Once you get past the security issue, online banking is so convenient it's almost scary. Imagine being able to keep up-to-the-second track of your account balance—this way you can catch those rubber checks before they bounce. Even better, imagine paying all of your monthly bills electronically; you tell the bank who to pay, and they generate and issue a check on your behalf.

Pretty cool, huh? And this isn't some futuristic scenario either.

Wells Fargo reported some 320,000 online customers in 1997, with an

additional 6,000 new customers a week. NationsBank reported 600,000 online accounts.

So why are people so uncomfortable with the idea of online banking?

I think it's because they can't visualize their money in an online setting. Let's face it, there's just nothing like the feel of a crisp new twenty-dollar bill in your hand. But on the Internet, greenbacks turn into virtual dollars, which can't be seen or touched.

No matter how safe online banking is, there will always be those folks who prefer to bury their money in an old fruit jar in the backyard.

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

Science with the Particle Lady: Hurricanes: A Water Killer

*By BJ Woods,
Staff Columnist*

Over the past few days as I watched the television and read the newspaper, I realized how lucky I was to live in West Virginia.

Here in West Virginia, we don't have to deal with hurricanes. Sure, we may have the backlash rains, but we don't get the high waves, pelting rains, and moveable winds.

A hurricane starts when warm water meets cooler air. This starts a storm and as the storm moves it gains wind speed over the warm waters.

In the Northern Hemisphere east of the International Dateline to the Greenwich Meridian the term "hurricane" is used. The term typhoon is used for cyclones in the Pacific north of the equator and west of the International Dateline. For a cyclone to be coined the names of hurricanes

or typhoons they must have a wind speed of 74 miles per hour.

At the various National Weather Bureaus all over the world, dedicated men and women work to analyze and determine a hurricane's next move. Hurricanes are given human names, in alphabetical order. At one time these were all women names, but over the past few years this practice has changed to the rotation of male and female names.

Most weather meteorologists use the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane scale to label hurricanes. A category one hurricane is that which has winds 74-95 miles per hour.

A category two hurricane is one that has winds of 96-110 miles per hour. The storm surge is usually 6-8 feet above normal.

A category three hurricane is one that has winds of 111-130 miles per hour. The storm surge is usually

9-12 feet above normal.

A category four hurricane is one that has winds of 131-155 miles per hour. The storm surge is normally 13-18 feet above normal.

A category five hurricane is one with winds greater than 155 miles per hour. The storm surge will be greater than 18 feet.

As some of the people here in Glenville complain of a little rain and water, we all need to realize that a little rain is fine.

The rain from hurricane Mitch, that has destroyed Honduras and Nicaragua, was more than just a little rain. Mitch as not only destroyed homes and villages, it has destroyed whole families.

Until next week, have a safe journey through the halls of science. For comments and article suggestions, please e-mail the Particle Woman at gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu.

Shepherd's Damian Beane prepares for end of season

Running back satisfied about winning conference title at Glenville

By John Raby,
Associated Press

CHARLESTON -- For
Shepherd's Damian Beane,
this season seems to be
the better.

The record-setting
running back from
Glenville State was
one of 24 candidates nomi-
nated for the 1998 Harlon
Phillips Trophy as the Division
II college football player of
the year.

Beane, the winner of the
Harlon Phillips Trophy, named
after the small-college play-
er from Killen, Ala., will be
announced Dec. 11 in
Tomball, Ala., where the
Division II championship
game will be played the fol-
lowing day.

It would be a fitting end
to a fabulous year if

Beane's name were heard
on both days.

But individual honors
and piling up big numbers
don't weigh heavily on
Beane's mind. Winning the
league title and getting to
the postseason do.

When he learned of
his nomination for the
award, "I was real happy
about it," he said. "But
it's one thing I don't have
any control over. It would
be nice to be recognized--
for myself and for my
teammates."

Of all the attention he
and his team have received,
Beane said what has given
him the most satisfaction is
winning the conference title
outright at Glenville State.

"Last year we were co-
champions," he said. "You

don't really want to share
the conference title. That
was the main goal, to win
the conference."

Consensus among West
Virginia Conference coach-
es has been that one confer-
ence loss would eliminate a
team from playoff con-
tention because the confer-
ence does not have a strong
national reputation.

Beane has rushed for
more than 200 yards
three times this season
and missed his fourth by
one yard against
Glenville State.

He has set Shepherd
and West Virginia
Conference career rushing
marks with 4,560 yards. He
also has the Shepherd sin-
gle-season rushing record
with 1,612 yards.

Former quarterback Perez charged with sexual assault

Associated Press

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. --
Former Glenville State
record-setting quarterback
Wilkie Perez has been
indicted on second-degree
sexual assault charges by a
Gilmer County grand jury,
prosecutors say.

The indictment comes
three weeks after Perez quit
the team in an apparent dis-
agreement with his coach
over playing time.

It was unclear when the
alleged assault occurred, or
if it took place while Perez
was a member of the team.

Rick Simmons, with the
Glenville athletic depart-
ment, said the assault
occurred "the week he was

leaving the team."

Prosecutor Shelly
DeMarino would not com-
ment on the case, except to
say Perez could face up to 25
years in prison if convicted.

Perez, who transferred
to Glenville from West
Virginia, led Division II in
1997 with 4,494 yards
passing and 46 touch-
downs. Behind Perez,
Glenville State won a
share of its fifth consecu-
tive West Virginia
Conference title and the
league's first NCAA play-
off berth.

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records with nine touchdown
passes and 642 yards passing
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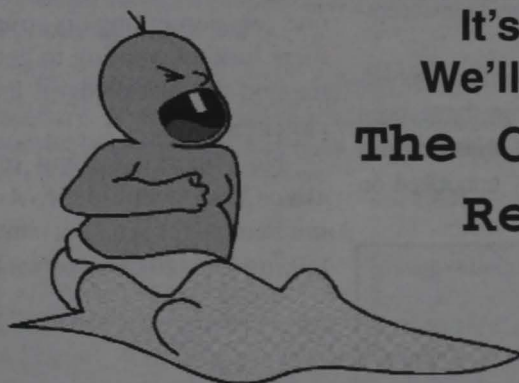
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GSC's failure to honor veterans is truly sad

Hello to everyone out there in happy reader land. The Mercury staff is back from our trip to Missouri refreshed and basking in the glow of journalistic prowess. Special thanks to Joe Yurkiewicz, Dr. Edward Palm and all those who made it possible for us to attend the College Media Convention in Kansas City.

It was quite odd, however, to realize, upon returning to campus, that classes were being held on November 11, also known as Veteran's Day.

Veteran's Day is a legal holiday in the United States set aside to show honor to all the brave veterans of the United State's armed forces. It is observed on November 11, which is Armistice Day, in remembrance of the Armistice of WWI in 1918.

Increasingly alarming is the fact that elementary and high schools in the state of West Virginia had the foresight to close their doors in remembrance of this day. Yet, Glenville State College--which not only has armed forces veterans in attendance on the faculty, but has veterans as students as well--chose to keep its doors open and function as an institution instead of shutting down for one day in honor of the memory of the brave men and women who have fought for the preservation of freedom in this country, many of whom lost their lives in these battles.

Further, when talking to many students on campus, some were not even aware that last Wednesday was Veteran's Day, or better yet, what Veteran's Day truly stood for. This is unacceptable in an institution of higher learning.

It is understandable that because of curriculum and scheduling restraints an entire day of inoperation may have been unfeasible, yet with the absence of any type of observation it seems as if Veteran's Day passed by completely unnoticed on GSC campus this year.

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"MASTER JEFFERSON, A KENNETH STARR TO SEE YOU ABOUT SALLY HEMINGS"

Being paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you

By Chris Hopkins,
Staff Columnist

Have you ever been worried about being followed by an evil presence in the dark or scared that you might get attacked at any moment by a lurking figure that you never did anything to? Well, I have.

These days you just can't trust anyone because everybody is out to help themselves, get their own, be as self serving as possible, and to hell with the rest.

Over the past few weeks I've been feeling an even weirder feeling that someone or something is out there lurking, waiting to get me and the rest of us in its clutches.

No I'm not talking of aliens (but it could be, its not been disproven yet) but talking of stalkers, terror-

ist, and other government conspirators.

I'm constantly thinking that we could be at risk because we just move around our own little worlds and are completely unaware of people's motives around us. You could walk past an unsuspecting citizen and not even be aware of them and the next moment they could be attacking you just for personal gain or because they felt the need to make someone feel as bad as they do.

We've gotten to the point where we can't even feel safe in our own homes for fear of them being broken into. I'm just waiting for the day when you can't even walk out your own front door for fear of being violated by an attacker.

I feel terrible that we

have to become paranoid all people because it is no longer safe to trust anyone. But just think for a moment of all the people around and how truly well you do. How can you be safe with that lack of knowledge?

I don't mean to make anyone paranoid by bringing these things to light, I'm concerned for all of us and think that there is more going on out there than we know.

We should at least try to make ourselves aware of what is going on in our world and put the ignorance by the wayside because it isn't as sugar coated as some people would like to think and conspiracies are more than just elaborate betrayals.

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THE VIEW FROM KANSAS CITY

*By Terry L. Estep,
Staff Columnist*

Last week, the *Mercury's* editorial staff returned from the National College Media convention in Kansas City.

This was the second-largest gathering in the convention's history--2,480 delegates from schools across the nation attended workshops, networking sessions, and hit went out on the town to socialize.

Although we failed to return with the Best of Show award in the Four Year College Weekly Tabloid category, we brought back a renewed sense of energy for our work here in Glenville.

I focused primarily on layout and design; Annie chose workshops dealing with management and legal issues involved in journal-

ism. Cris Gravely's interests lay in the A&E reporting and copy editing areas.

It was also very refreshing to talk to student journalists who face the same daily headaches that we thought were unique to our situation.

In addition to learning about journalism, we had a great deal of fun. A special preview allowed us to see *I*

Still Know What You Did Last Summer almost three weeks before the rest of the country. We even sampled the local jazz club scene.

All in all, it was a good trip. We hope that the things we learned will serve us (and you, the readers) well in the coming months.

As for the competition, better luck next year!

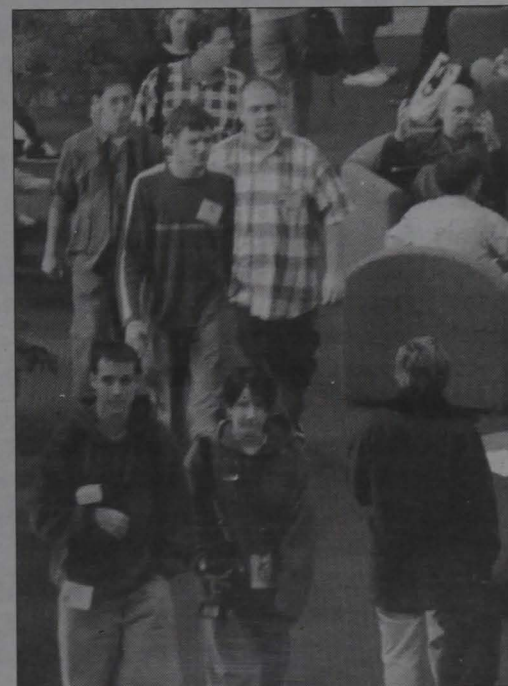
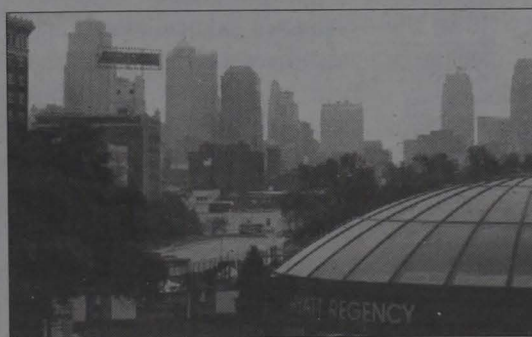


Counter-clockwise from top-left:

(1) Cris Gravely takes in the view of the city.

(2) Annie McCourt prepares Jeanne Finn for an evening on the town.

(3) The Hyatt served as convention headquarters, where (4) students wandered about, attending workshops and took in (5) local attractions like this art show.



Russell proves old soldiers never die

By Brent Wood,
Staff Reporter

In the future there is an elite group of soldiers selected from birth, raised by the government and used in the worst wars in history. They have no fear, no remorse, and no emotions.

In *Soldier*, Kurt Russell plays Sergeant Todd, the leader of the elite force and veteran of countless battles. At thirty-eight, Sergeant Todd has proven himself to be the best, but now an arrogant Colonel brings out a new model of soldier genetically engineered before birth. Jason Scott Lee plays the new model, Caine.

The New models beat the veterans in every field:

strength, stamina and fighting skill. In a one-on-three contest between Caine and three veterans, including Todd.

The Vets are defeated and the bodies sent on a garbage ship to be disposed of on an inhospitable planet. But, Todd isn't dead and finds himself deserted on a mountain of scrap.

While *Soldier* will not be winning any awards for acting, screenwriting or overall quality, this is no mark against Kurt Russell and his great acting ability.

This is the second time Russell has played a sci-fi soldier with a mission and a dark outlook. In *Stargate*, his gruff character mourned the accidental death of his

son. His mission to save the world was a shot at redemption. We won't go into his character in *Escape from New York*.

To say that this was a dialogue-heavy film would be an overstatement. Russell had no more than fifty words throughout the film. Rumor has it Russell was paid \$200,000 per word for this film. So for the phrase "I'm going to kill them all.", Russell made \$1,200,000.

This is a good sci-fi/western where the lone hero must save the small town from the outnumbering enemies. The moral of this film is: Old soldiers never die, they just come back to kill you later.

Appalachian Brass Quintet: a good mix

By Allison Tant,
Staff Reporter

Music Majors from colleges all over the state gathered in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on November 1 to hear the Appalachian Brass Quintet.

These five individuals played several selections. The first was *Colchester Fantasy* by Eric Ewazen.

Every year they work on a piece they have never played before as a challenge and this was the piece they chose this year.

Another piece they played was *The Fairest of the Fair* by John Phillip Sousa.

The members of the quintet are from all

around. John Scho on the tuba, teacher Fairmont. Andy Sec teacher in Upshur Co played the french Elaine Chapman, trombone player, freelance private teacher in Morgantown.

Robyn Kard on trumpet is an employee Kerr's Music World. Harry Rich, also on trumpet reigns from right as a teacher in Glen State's music department.

The crowd seemed to enjoy and appreciate the night's music.

Student Ance Harper commended "The performance was very enlightening and entertaining."

Game Review: Second version of Bushido Blade better, worse

By William Schiffmann,
Associated Press

I loved the first version of *Bushido Blade*.

A classic ninja slash epic, it was dark and menacing, with each movement vital to your survival. The PlayStation CPU capitalized on every lapse in concentration and judgment, and rash attacks were rewarded with a quick and usually lethal response.

So of course, Squaresoft fixed it.

My only complaint with the first version was that the combatants were a little on the small side. The latest version has taken care of that problem. The fighters are now a perfect size--and

in excellent 3-D, to boot.

Like the original, the game provides a good selection of fighters, this time with a quixotic storyline. In BB2, two families which have been feuding for so long they can't remember what started the dispute finally decide to wrap it up.

So the members of the Shainto school head for Meikyokan, the headquarters of their rivals, the Narikagami, to finish them off once and for all.

The game provides a training mode--which I recommend--and a vs. mode, in which you fight all the other characters, ably represented by the CPU. But the story mode

tells the tale of the two families and is by far the most fun.

You can choose a champion from either school and then fight through a series of ninjas and a boss. You must play as every member of that school and defeat all enemies thrown in your path to see the entire story.

An interesting aspect is that at some point in each character's journey, a "support" character comes along and takes over the fighting for the next stage. If he dies, your character takes over.

As in the original, there are a number of weapons to choose from. Each character can select any of the weapons--and each weapon has unique

attacks, summoned by a series of button pushes and dependent on the stance you take for your attack.

Yes, there are a bunch of those complicated, finger-twisting moves that drive fighting game fans either crazy or into paroxysms of joy. But as with BB1, you don't need to snarl your hands into knots to be a winner, even on the hard setting. Concentration, counterattack and speed are the most important skills to develop.

The game is normally played in the side-by-side mode, where you and your opponent are both on the screen. However, there is a point-of-view choice, where

you look at your opponent through the eyes of your character. Interesting, but I like the two-character view better.

The one-strike kill remains, making the game very realistic.

Graphics are very good for fighting games, with large, crisp characters and a somber, detailed but not intrusive background. Control is spot-on, with no lag and easy-to-aim attacks. Sound is good--nothing special but it fits the mood.

This is not the best fighting game ever created, but it's very good. The original was a game I played for fun, but more. That slot has been taken by *Bushido Blade 2*.

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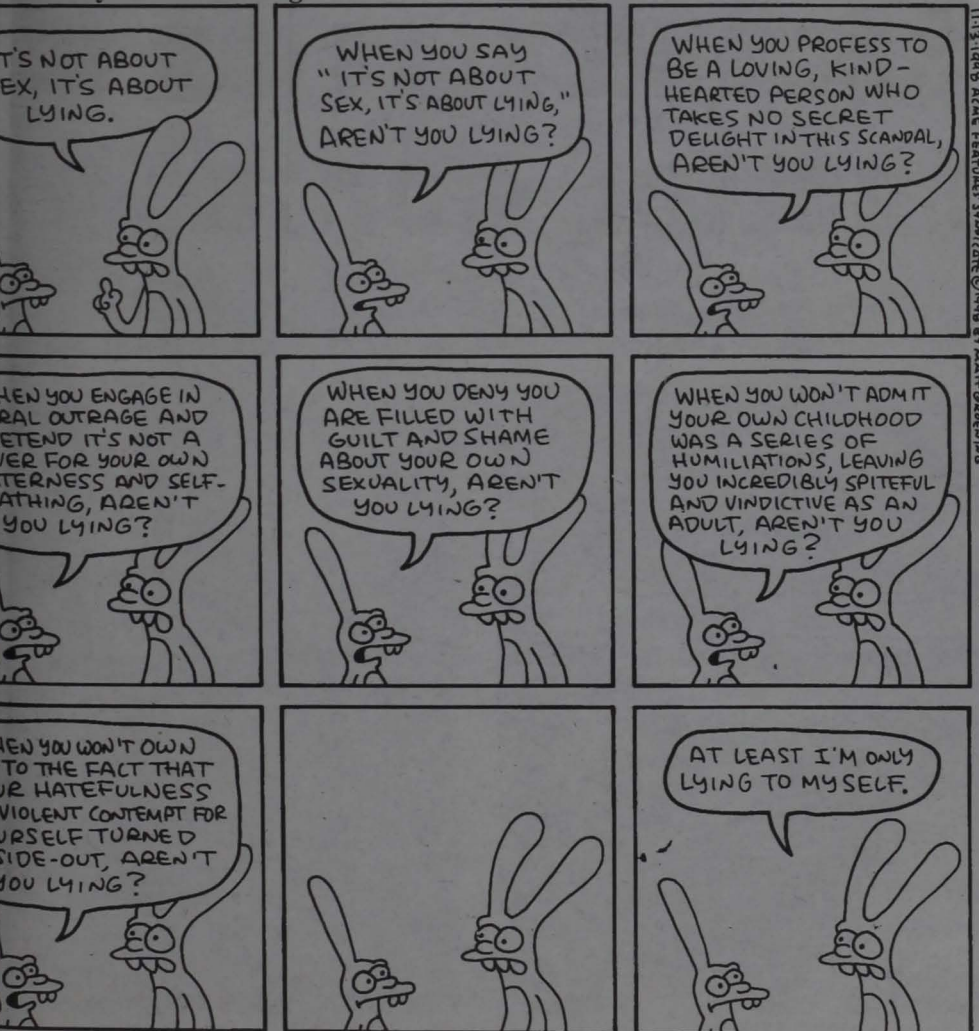
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Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Horoscope by Cris Gravely

Aries (March 21-April 19) — This is a week to learn more about your body and the expression of your sensuality, especially you women out there. Also, take care of money matters.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Be an apprentice this week. Pay attention to your hobbies and classes; you may find a career option you'd never thought of. It will take time, but this opportunity should be taken.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Have you been more than hard on people lately? Look to yourself to find out why. Take a stand and be effective; leave your legacy in the world.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Celebrate a marriage this week. It may be your own, a proposal, or someone else's anniversary. In any case, it is a situation filled with hope and love, a symbol to hold onto this week.

Leo (July 23-August 22) — Your lack of imagination is not your fault, but it can be made up for by learning to be more gentle and reliable. Look to someone in your life with these qualities and learn.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) — A goal is almost in reach, but

don't let your initiative slide. There is still a lot of hard work to come if you want to reach the goal. Keep up your spirits and work hard. That is how to get what you want in this life.

Libra (September 23-October 22) — This is the defining week of your year. There is much hope and love in your life now and you can see your future clearly. You have a plan and are able to move ahead.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) — A difficult work decision must be made this week. Should you quit and start over, or continue with what you've started? Think carefully before deciding.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) — Be pleased with what you've been able to achieve this week. There may be those who disapprove, but you know that you've done your best.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) — There is a decision to be made, but either way will lead to trouble. You need to see that you've created this situation yourself. Have fun with the consequences.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) — A feeling of nostalgia pervades this week because an old dream or person from your past has returned. There is a possibility for a better future if you learn from mistakes.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) — Small sums of money become available to you this week and will be a source of income for a long time if you take care and don't waste it. Invest if you know how; it's a good time.



Chi Beta Phi

The national meeting of Chi Beta Phi chapters was held on the Glenville State College main campus. GSC'S Alpha Iota chapter took honors and served as hosts to other members. (Photos by BJ Woods)

