

# The Mercury

Ready for  
Spring?

A spirit of  
change in  
the air...

## A Message from GSC's President

To the Students of Glenville State College:

Recent events have shaken the nation's political and social foundations.

Questionable, and perhaps illegal actions of a president, members of Congress motivated more by partisan political considerations than by concern for the welfare of the country, and unsavory behavior by representatives of the International Olympic Committee give us reason to wonder about the soundness of our social foundations and value systems. Despite the battering they may have received, I believe that they are still essentially firm and will so remain.

For us to deal with these types of issues, we must hold high the importance of high ethical stan-

dards, fair play, and canons of decency. These are the values we associate with a liberal education—the kind of education available to us at Glenville State College.

It is vital that we learn the importance of respect for others, ethical behavior, and good-spirited give-and-take that are basic to the functioning of a democratic society. These are all values that we can acquire through college-level study. We should aspire to achieve them.

I welcome you back to the Glenville State College campus from the holiday break, and hope that you will have a productive and intellectually challenging semester.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Flack

Interim President

## "Great things are happening in the Forestry Division," declares chairman

By Rudy Pascasio,  
Staff Reporter

During the holiday break, eight new computer desks were added to the Forestry Division's computer lab.

Dr. Rick Sypolt hopes to have eight more added this summer, along with upgrading their computer mapping system.

A heavily utilized system will enhance the images from computer screen to the over-head projector in front of the class.

"It is a highly affective teaching instrument," states Dr. Sypolt. "Great things are happening in the Forestry Division."

Computers are not the only expenditures, however.

Three new scholarships were awarded in the Forestry Division this semester.

The recipients were Jerry Woods, Jonathan White and Robert Roth. All three winners are Land Surveying majors and are in their second year in the program.

Jerry is from Webster Springs, WV, and enjoys hunting, fishing and four-wheeling. He eventually wants to become an engineer and a licensed land surveyor.

Jonathan is from Stumptown, here in Gilmer County. He also enjoys outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, and four-wheeling. He likewise plans to become a licensed land surveyor.

Robert is from Reedsville, WV, in Gilmer County. In keeping with his hobby, Robert enjoys outdoor activities like hunting and fishing, but still enjoys following auto racing. In addition to becoming a licensed land surveyor, he would like to work for the United States Geological Survey.

All three students will participate in the Professional Decisions Class which involves retracement surveying in Gilmer County. This involves locating Gilmer City boundaries and ties, topographical and construction projects with other public entities as other projects.

## Money for School!

Apply now for Federal Financial Aid for the 1999-2000 School Year!

Pick up forms in the Financial Aid Office

or

Use the renewal form received in the mail

or

Visit the FAFSA on the web at  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Apply by mid-February for early processing!**

## Pope to appear in music video, CD

Associated Press

ROME -- Pope John Paul II is about to star in a music video.

Sony Classical and Vatican Radio announced plans this week for the video, saying it will be a spin-off of their joint release of a music CD entitled *Abba Pater*.

*Abba Pater* will combine "original compositions and arrangements of contemporary musical forms with live recordings of Pope John Paul II delivering prayers, homilies and chants in five languages," Sony said.

The CD is scheduled for release in March, ahead of Holy Week and Easter,

according to the Vatican.

The papal recordings--in Latin, Italian, French, English and Spanish--were chosen from Vatican Radio's exhaustive archives of John Paul's 20-year papacy.

One of the 11 tracks, which features the pope chanting the *Pater Noster* (Our Father), will also be produced as a music video. The video will be featured on the Vatican Web site and Sony Classical's Web site.

The CD cover will be adorned with pictures of the pope, according to Sony. It will come with a booklet that includes the papal texts and



more pictures of the pope.

Royalties from the CD of *Abba Pater* will be donated to the Vatican Radio and Audiovisivi San Paolo, the producer of the CD, one of the world's largest publishers of religious and periodicals.

# Murphy's new *PJ's* raises questions about TV's comic boundaries

Ann Elber,  
United Press

ANGELES — The set-  
mostly black inner-city  
project afflicted with  
s and poverty.

main character is bum-  
dedicated superintendent  
Stubbs, whose world  
is loving wife, Muriel,  
ants and a pack of scruffy  
ho drink oversized bot-  
One character is a crack  
dict. An elderly tenant  
ood.

part of a new Fox ani-  
medy series, "The PJs,"  
gh many of the creators-  
Eddie Murphy—are  
ne critics such as film-  
ke Lee are raising ques-  
t whether some laughs

are off limits.

"I'm not saying we're above  
being made fun of ... but it's really  
hateful, I think, towards black peo-  
ple. Plain and simple," Lee said.

Larry Wilmore, co-creator of  
"The PJs," sees a double standard  
in the entertainment field. He point-  
ed out that Lee made dramatic hay  
out of black crack addicts in his  
film "Jungle Fever."

"Why can't a satire be given  
the same respect a drama's given?"  
Wilmore said. "How come a rap-  
per can say 'Hey, I'm just keeping  
it real, this is my art?' Why can't we  
say that in comedy?"

Murphy had no comment on  
Lee's criticism, a spokeswoman  
said.

"The PJs" is the second TV  
satire to come under fire this sea-

son. UPN's "The Secret Diary of  
Desmond Pfeiffer," which attempt-  
ed to mine slavery and the Civil  
War for humor, was pounded by a  
number of critics, including the  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People.  
The low-rated show was quickly  
canceled.

Some of the stories on "The  
PJs" revolve around themes that  
could take place in any setting,  
urban or suburban: Stubbs catching  
young tenant Calvin and a friend  
trying to ditch school, Muriel acting  
as diet police for her chubby hus-  
band.

But "The PJs" weaves in  
harsh reality. In one episode, Stubbs  
and his tenants test a new security  
door with gunfire. Another time,  
Stubbs carries a TV set out onto the

street knowing police immediately  
will suspect him of theft.

Lee, who has criticized other  
TV comedies for fostering stereo-  
types, white film directors for mak-  
ing what he considers poor films  
about slavery and Quentin  
Tarantino for racial epithets in  
"Jackie Brown," is not alone in  
criticizing "The PJs."

Several Los Angeles-area  
black groups came out against the

show before it aired, although  
NAACP officials have reserved  
judgment, saying they are review-  
ing the program.

"I don't think it painted a very  
salutary picture of African-  
American culture," said Jesse  
Rhines, assistant professor of polit-  
ical economy at Rutgers University  
and author of "Black Film-White  
Money," a history of blacks in  
movies.

## Missing inflatable Coors light Beer can recovered

ETTEVILLE, Ark.  
mystery involving a  
20-foot-by-10-foot  
the replica of a Coors  
beer can has been

September, a local  
sorted the disappear-  
the giant inflatable  
the towering silver  
n was displayed on  
of Phi Delta Theta  
ty House, and  
ity of Arkansas

police pulled the plug on the  
inflatable can Monday.

Phi Delta Theta chapter  
adviser James A. Penix  
would not say how the sign  
ended up at the fraternity  
house. He said fraternity  
members only assisted  
police in recovering the sign.

Chris Walters, a sales  
executive for Coors of  
Western Arkansas, said, "It  
(the inflatable balloon sign)  
actually belongs to the brew-

ery. I had about given up on  
getting it back. We were  
about to pay \$3,500 to  
replace it."

Sgt. Gary Crain, a  
spokesman for the campus  
police, said no arrests were  
made.

Johnetta Brazzell Cross,  
the UA vice chancellor of  
student affairs, said the  
matter would be referred to  
the school's judiciary com-  
mittee.

## Yearbook Pictures

Yearbook Photos will be taken on February 1st by  
appointment. The photographer will also be on the main  
campus in the Ballroom in the Heflin Center, February 4th,  
between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also February 5  
between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pictures will also be taken at the  
Weston campus branch on February 8th, from 2:30 to 7  
p.m., and also at the Nicholas County Extension Center on  
February 10th, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There will be packages available for purchase, and  
students who wish to have additional poses can buy four  
proofs for \$3. Students who wish to have their photos  
retouched, may do so for an additional ten dollars to the  
package price. Individual pictures or add-on picture will  
also be available. A makeup or retake day will be sched-  
uled for flawed or missed pictures. The package rates are:

PACKAGE A	PACKAGE B	PACKAGE C
1 8x10	48 wallets	1 11x14
2 5x7		2 8x10
16 wallets		2 5x7
\$30 plus tax	\$35 plus tax	\$60 plus tax

## Seniors

The last day to apply for May graduation is  
day, February 12.

You must have had an official degree eval-  
uation before you will be eligible to graduate.  
Graduation applications are available in the  
Records Office.

## "All that and a bag of chips"

The  
Quic Shop  
Convenience  
Store

This coupon is redeemable for  
one (1) Hunger Buster-sized  
Snyder chips product.  
(Limit 1 per customer)

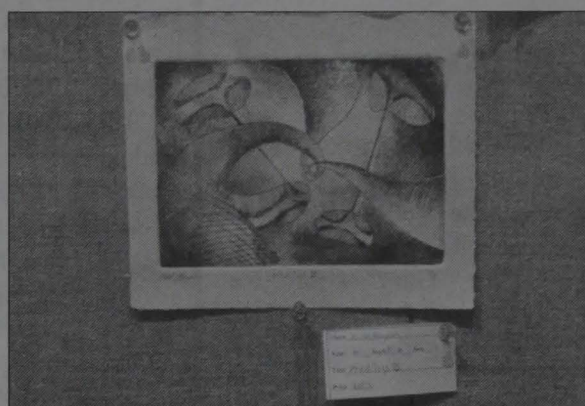
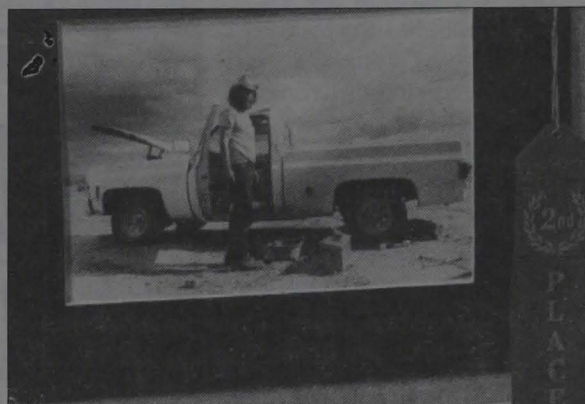
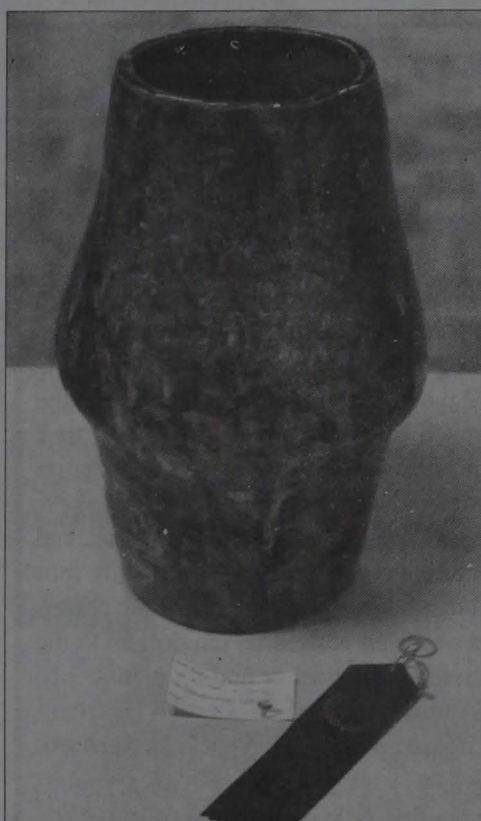
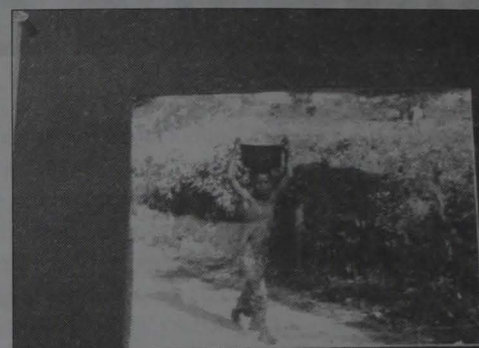
Coupon is only redeemable at the Quic Shop Convenience  
Store, located in the Heflin Student Center.

# In-House Art Show Winners

Congratulations to all who participated in the In-House Art Show this year. The following entries recieved awards:

Top-right: First Place Photography - Sandra Harding  
 Second-row center: Second Place Photography - Sandra Harding  
 Second-row right: Third Place Photography - Sonya Blackhurst  
 Honorable Mention: Christina Keith

Bottom-left: Second Place Art - Yuki Takayanbi  
 Second-row bottom: Third Place Art - Keith Moyer  
 Bottom-row right: First Place Art - Michelle Wellings  
 Honorable Mention: Doug Kraus



## GSC COMPUTING LABS: HOURS OF OPERATION FOR GENERAL STUDENT USE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 1999

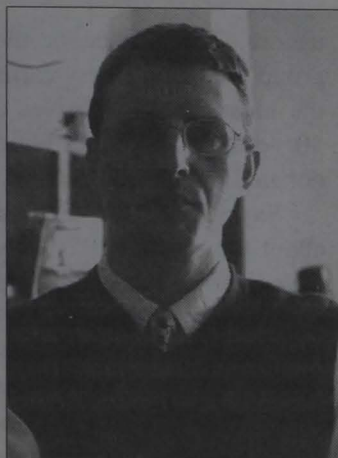
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TOTAL
1) Ernest Smith Lab (27 PC's)	2:00 - 10:00	2:00 - 10:00	12:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 1:00 2:00 - 10:00	12:30 - 10:00	11:00 - 1:00 2:00 - 4:00	50
2) Teacher Education (20 PC's)	CLOSED	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00	40
3) Office Simulation (16 PC's)	CLOSED	12:00 - 5:00	12:30 - 5:00	12:00 - 5:00	12:30 - 5:00	12:00 - 2:00	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	8	21	22	24	22	14	111

# Study Abroad Program offers international course of study

By Marianne Gelsi,  
Staff Reporter

Why Study Abroad? Some persons would be to gain first hand knowledge of another culture, learn another language, enrich personal and academic backgrounds, and strengthen the competitive edge in the global marketplace. In lieu of the academic reasons for studying abroad, a self-advancement and renowned perspective of life can be achieved.

Todd Nesbitt, Assistant Professor of Geography, is now Glenville State's Study Abroad Representative. Helping students access and understand the resources and tools necessary for international study, Nesbitt is establishing an institutional relationship between Glenville State and West Virginia University. This will enable GSC students to study abroad.



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**Todd Nesbitt is in charge of the Study Abroad Program.**

Nesbitt's wife, Tammy, is the Study Abroad Advisor at WVU and the Coordinator of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) for West Virginia. There are currently no GSC students studying abroad.

Selection of a program must be well suited to the individual, matching their goals and values as closely as possible. A number of low-cost options are available, in addition to most forms of scholarship and financial aid.

Three primary types of WVU-affiliated Study Abroad programs exist. The first Study Abroad Exchange Program is administered by the Office of International Programs.

There are faculty liaisons for promotion, advising, selecting students, and corresponding with host institution contacts. It will offer life experience and transient credit to mature students available to stay abroad for a semester year.

Students pay WVU regular tuition and fees, and possible room and board, depending upon the participating school's contract.

The next option is the Faculty-Led Study Abroad curriculum, where students receive WVU credit and grades (unlike the transient credit for which students receive none) while paying WVU tuition plus program costs.

With more than 100 exchange universities involved, the final plan is the International Student Exchange Program. More options are offered through ISEP. Students are screened through a competitive process: application, essay, interview, and letters of recommendation. Applicants must be sophomores, have a 2.5 GPA minimum, and demonstrate language proficiency.

This program offers exchanges for a semester, a year, and sometimes a summer. There are about 45 universities in 15

countries offering programs in English, thus making ISEP accessible to all interested students. Fluency in a second language is not a requirement to study abroad.

Some non-English speaking countries having ISEP courses taught in English are Estonia, Fiji, and Finland. In addition, about 90 universities have programs offered in languages other than English.

For more information on these or other programs visit [www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com), check with The Office of International Programs regarding program availability, or contact Dr. Nesbitt at 462-7361 ext. 174. The application deadline for first round placements had expired at presstime, but is August 15th for placements in the Southern Hemisphere.

## Student Education Association sets new goals for the coming year

By John Barton,  
Staff Reporter

"SEA," states Misty Wine, President of the Student Education Association, "is about giving students in education experience with a professional organization."

It focuses updating in the field of education by discussing law, new legislation, and current events shaping education.

"Education changes every day. New things happen," is Wine's philosophy behind the organization. She also has a strong belief in volunteering in local schools. "We use the money we raise to buy children's books, which we then transfer to audio tapes. Afterwards we donate both area elementary schools." Members are also look-

ing into working with the Lighted Schools Project, an on-going program in Gilmer County public schools. The program provides after-hours educational opportunities for students and the community.

Keeping up with technology, SEA is also working on a web page, giving its members valuable experience in Internet publishing for the classroom.

As money for these activities is rather hard to come by, the organization relies on fund-raisers.

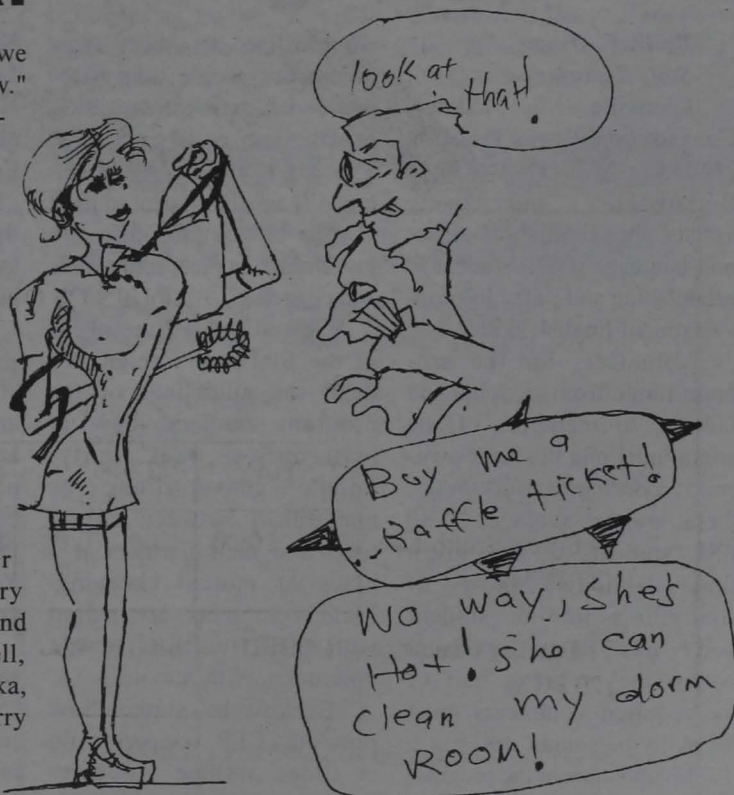
"We were very successful with bake sales at Pioneer football games," stated Becky Neal, Assistant Activity Chair.

Current projects include a raffle to have your house or dorm room cleaned by the SEA. "But no bedrooms," says Neal with a smile.

"There are some things we just don't want to know." Raffle tickets may be purchased from any SEA member.

The organization, which has been inactive for several years, has been reborn this past Fall via the efforts of Brenda Wilson, the then advisor, and its current officers. This includes President Misty Wine, Activity Chair Michelle Martin, Assistant Activity Chair Becky Neal, Treasurer Carol Tenney, Secretary Marianne "Jade" Gelsi, and members Melissa Chadwell, Jason Fletcher, Tina Garska, Christina Brown, and Sherry Petrey.

The next SEA meeting will be held Wednesday, February 4 in Clark Hall, Room 001, at 4 p.m.



# SIFE's agenda preparations

## Advisor Cinda Echard outlines goals, guests for semester

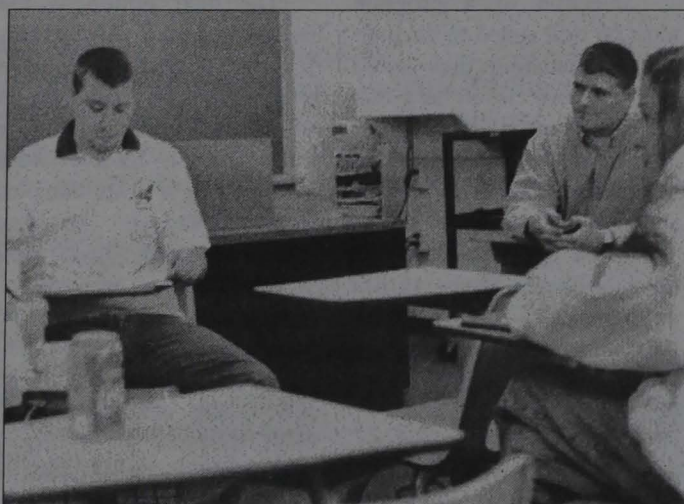
By Chris Vannoy,  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), met last Tuesday to discuss plans for the upcoming semester.

On agenda were the organization's service and speaking programs, as well as this semester's competitions.

SIFE's goal is to further the mission of the free enterprise system, while giving something back to the community.

To this end, members are planning on tutoring both the children of Glenville Elementary and adults wishing to earn their GED. The adults will be tutored at Glenville Community



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**Service with a Smile** — SIFE President Drexell W. King III (left) plans the semester's activities with members.

Resource Center.

"Also, we do a Learn and Earn program," elaborated Cinda Echard, SIFE's faculty advisor. For this pro-

gram, the SIFE organization goes into local elementary schools and helps the students create their own mock businesses within their

classes. The winner, or the group whose business earns the most money, receives a 50 dollar savings bond donated by a local bank.

Says Professor Echard about the program, "...They have learned and they are earning that 50 dollar savings bond." Due to the success of this program last year, the organization plans to continue it for possible expansion this semester.

SIFE also hosts a series of speakers each semester. "One of our main emphases in that area is ethics, and we are planning an ethics seminar," states Echard. This seminar is tentatively scheduled for later this semester.

The Glenville State chap-

ter of SIFE has also been successful in competitions; last few years, winning year's regional SIFE competition, and earning the spot in the International petition.

Part of Tuesday's meeting was devoted to gearing up for this semester's competition season. "We have to look forward," explained Echard, "but a little pressure in trying to win."

SIFE is happy to accept members from any major college within the College. To contact Professor Echard, call ext. 244, or attend the scheduled meeting on February 1 at 12:30 PM in room 10 of the Administration Building.

## Like to talk? Conversation Partner Program wants you.

By W. E. Owens,  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State's

Conversation/Partner Program, headed by Dr. Gayle Burkowski, interactively assists the English-as-a-second-language (ESL) student in establishing and polishing conversational English skills.

Volunteers for the program range from students and faculty, to members of the community and business owners. According to Burkowski, there are an average 20-30 ESL students at any given time; although most of Glenville's foreign student body now boast sponsors within the program, half of the required volunteers must normally be sought out.

Involvement in the program is as easy as this, says Burkowski: "Contact me. I will give you the name of a student, then ask them where they

would like to meet you. Sometimes people want to be introduced, maybe in my office, or at the dorm or the cafeteria. If a faculty member is the volunteer, I'll ask the student to meet in their office. After that, you just arrange to meet somewhere and converse."

Geared toward the needs of the first-year foreign student, the guidelines of the program emmend how at least once a week, thirty-minute conversations be undertaken between volunteers and their partners at a place of mutual choosing. Male volunteers are paired with male students, female volunteers with females.

Burkowski stated how previous CPP recipients do at times assume volunteer roles, but smiled while arbitrating the concept. For instance, Glenville's current CPP/ESL amalgamation con-

sists almost entirely of Japanese students.

"When Japanese students are together, they don't speak English," noted Burkowski. "They hang out primarily with their Japanese friends. And so, everyday English conversation is minimal."

"They need to get used to speaking and hearing English at a normal pace; like, 'How are you this week?' or 'What are you writing your English paper on?'; 'Have you called home recently?'; or, 'How's the food in the cafeteria?' You know, just... normal conversation."

"It's not a teaching thing," says Dr. Burkowski. "Sometimes it develops into friendships and people will meet every day. Students are often invited to homes and to go on trips. Things like that. However far you want to develop it is up to you."

## 1999 Student Photo Competition

The Glenville State College Photo Competition is an opportunity to have your creative photographic judged by a panel of experienced faculty/staff.

The top five winners in each of the two categories, color and black & white, will receive a certificate of recognition and may have their photos used in publications promoting the college. Top winners in each category will receive a First Place certificate and a \$500 award. Winners will be recognized in the *Mercury*, and any photos used in GSC publications will be credited to the entrant by name.

### RULES

1. Open to all GSC spring 1999 students.
2. Two categories: color and black & white.
3. All photos must be submitted as prints and must have been taken by the student.
4. Photos must be of GSC students doing or attending things related to college life. For example, classroom scenes, college sponsored events, GSC student academic, entertainment or recreational activities (either on or off campus), GSC buildings or facilities, field trips, or residence hall life.
5. Submissions must be made to the GSC Public Relations Office, 303 Administration Building, by 4 p.m. April 2, 1999.
6. The decisions of the judges are final.
7. The student will share copyrights with the college and, upon request, will supply negatives (which will be returned). GSC will have free use of all submissions for GSC publications and other use promoting the college. The student may enter the photographs into other competitions, and use or sell the photographs or negative with the only stipulation being that they will not be supplied, loaned or sold to any other institution of higher education or used in a non-GSC publication promoting higher education without the prior written permission of Glenville State College.

# Student Spotlight: Charles Helmick

By BJ Woods,  
Staff Reporter

Charles Helmick, better known as Charlie, is a twenty-year old junior from Holden, West Virginia. He enrolled in the pre-pharmacy program here at Glenville. His future plans include entering the pharmaceutical program at WVU and becoming a pharmacist working with a company involved in some type of pharmaceutical research.

In a questionnaire, Charlie writes that he chose this because of, "the location and small class sizes." Why pharmacy? Charlie



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Charlie Helmick

writes, "It is the combination of my two favorite subjects: math and chemistry."

Charlie is involved with the Students Affiliates of the

American Chemistry Society, and Alpha Iota Chapter of Chi Beta Phi at GSC. In his spare time, Charlie likes playing basketball and going hunting.

In an interview, Charlie was asked what his one wish is for the future of the students in the Math and Science Division at GSC? "I wish that all those who apply to professional school get in." He was also asked that if he could change one thing about the Math. and Science Division to make it better, what would it be? Charlie stated, "No Monday morning tests.

# West Virginia Literacy Foundation Scholarship

By Chris Vannoy,  
Staff Reporter

West Virginia Literacy Foundation Scholarship

The West Virginia Literacy Foundation is sponsoring a scholarship for these West Virginia students attending college that have completed an External Diploma Program (EDP) or General Educational Development (GED) pro-

gram. To qualify, GED graduates must have a minimum score of 250 points, while EDP graduates must have completed the Advanced Academic

Program. Also, applicants must have completed the program or passed the test by January 31,

1999. The scholarship is open only to West Virginia residents who are currently attending an institution of higher learning, which has a

reciprocity agreement with the West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program. Applicants are required to complete and return the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by March 1.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Kathi Polis (304) 558-6318 or

Pam Abston at 1-800-642-2670 or (304) 558-6315.

# Student Congress Elections

**Nominations are open!**

**Deadline for Nominations**  
Friday, February 12 at 4 p.m.

**Election Days and Times - February 22-23**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Heflin Center Lobby  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Residence Halls (22nd only)

See pages 35 and 36 of the Glenville State College Student Handbook for Qualifications and Responsibilities.

Accumulative GPA of 2.5 required for Officers and Accumulative GPA of 2.2 required for Representatives.

Self-nominations are acceptable.

# Calhoun County Scholarship

By Allison Tant,  
Staff Reporter

Leonard B. Marshall of Grantsville, Calhoun County, has made a contribution of \$30,000 to the Glenville State College Foundation, Inc., in order to establish a scholarship fund.

Recipients of this scholarship will be granted financial assistance for their schooling at GSC. The requirements are that the student must be a graduate of Calhoun County High School who shows academic promise and the need for financial assistance.

Mr. Marshall retired in 1972, after 31 years of work at Consolidated Natural Gas, at the age of 63. He was married to the late Gladys Trippett, also from Calhoun County. She died October 23, 1977, after 66 years of marriage.

The motive behind Mr. Marshall's contribution was "his family's strong relationship with GSC." Both of his brothers, Charles E. Marshall (1911) and Cecil Marshall (1903), attended GSC. Leonard's uncle, Thomas Marcellus Marshall, was the principal of the Glenville



Leonard and Gladys Marshall

State Normal School between 1875 and 1881, having previously served as first assistant to Louis Bennett.

"I think it is an awful good college and I want to help students from Calhoun County" said Mr. Marshall. The present GSC President, Dr. Bruce Flack stated, "This is a tremendous gift which will boost our efforts to help Calhoun County students and we are grateful to Mr. Marshall."

If anyone has questions or needs additional information you can contact the GSC Foundation, Inc.' Executive Vice President, Ed Hamrick at (304) 462-4125.

# Women's Overseas Service League Scholarship

By Chris Vannoy,  
Staff Reporter

The Women's Overseas Service League is sponsoring a \$500 to \$1000 annual scholarship. This scholarship is open to female applicants who are committed to advancement in military or other public service fields, and have demonstrated such commitment through their life experiences.

Applicants are also required to have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of post-secondary study

with a minimum grade point average of 2.5. If awarded the scholarship, recipients are expected to enroll in at least six semester hours of study each academic period, while maintaining a suitable GPA. Deadline for consideration for the next academic year is March 1st.

For more information, send inquiries to: Scholarship Committee Women's Overseas Service League P.O. Box 7124 Washington, D.C. 20044-7124.

# Dr. Phillip Cottrill sees growth for Nicholas County Center

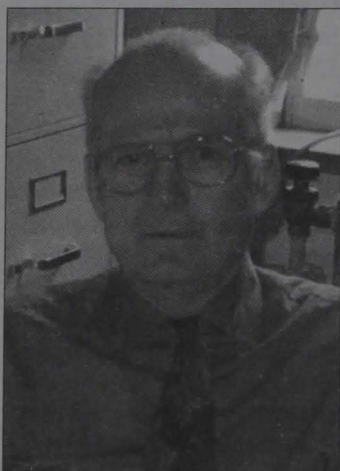
By BJ Woods,  
Staff Reporter

Dr. Phillip Cottrill is a man of many hats at Glenville State College.

He began his career in 1987 as a visiting adjunct professor in chemistry, mathematics, biology and science methods. He has worked very diligently over the years and is now teaching Math 002, Math 101, Earth and Physical Sciences and chemistry lab.

He has served as Register/Director of Enrollment Management, and on a host of various other college committees. He is not only known for his educational style, but for his management style as well.

Currently, Cottrill is travel-



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## Dr. Phillip Cottrill

ing to the Nicholas County Center to teach classes and to observe the professors at that site.

He is working with the Nicholas County Center to get

"[Dr. Cottrill] has made a major contribution in upgrading the instructional lab equipment used at the center to the make it a showpiece in Central West Virginia."

-- Dr. Carl Armour,  
Math and Sciences

some new classes offered there.

"I have helped during construction of the new lab and ordered new materials," he explains. "I have worked closely with Mr. Bob Bailey, the administrator at Nicholas County Center, to make sure all is right and up to par."

His views for the future of the Nicholas County Center are optimistic.

"I see the Nicholas County Center continuing to

grow faster than the main campus. But, they have so many students, that they should be able to offer more of a variety of classes to accommodate the students' needs. These classes should be what the students need to get their degrees."

Cottrill's work off campus is not limited to just the Nicholas County Center. He has observed every adjunct professor at every off campus site for Glenville State College.

This in itself has been a challenge. It has required hours of traveling.

Dr. Cottrill is married to Sue Bonnett Cottrill and has three children and 2 grandchildren. He is active in church and his hobbies include old cars, fishing and photography.

Dr. Carl Armour, Science and Math Division Chairperson, states, "Cottrill has made a contribution in teaching courses at the Nicholas County Center serving as a liaison between the Science and Math Division and the Center. He has made a major contribution in upgrading the instructional equipment used at the center to the make it a showpiece in Central West Virginia."

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## Chi Beta Phi Report

By BJ Woods,  
Staff Reporter

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Chi Beta Phi held their monthly meeting on 1-26-99 at 12:30 p.m. in room 302. The meeting was called to order by President, BJ Woods.

Many items were discussed. It was decided that there would be a bake sale on Feb 9 and 10 in the Helfin Center. The money raised will

be for the 1999 National Conference. We discussed our next scientific speaker for February.

Once there are some hard plans made, then posters will be put up.

We will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt on March 27, 1999 for the children of Glenville and surrounding areas. This has always been a big hit and we hope that this

year would be no exception. We also discussed bringing a piece of the AIDS Memorial Quilt for display. This will be in conjunction with the World Wide Aids Celebrations.

The Alpha Iota Chapter have many events going on and hope that everyone that attends these events do. We will have posters around campus with information in the Mercury.

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# Pioneers fall to Concord in second half

By Brent Gargus,  
Staff Reporter

Nothing seemed to go right for the Pioneers Monday night.

Concord managed to top the GSC men in the second half. Senior Terry Clark scored 17 points, despite early foultrouble.

Davis turned out a pretty good performance, scoring 13 points, along with Saleem Lazreg who scored 11 points, with six assists, and three steals.

The two things that hurt them was that Concord pulled down more boards than the



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

Pioneers (Burgher led GSC with six def) and the fact that Glenville was 0% on 3-pointers in the second half helped Concord to hang on in the end.

## Lady Pioneers shut down Concord in match 77-56

By Brent Gargus,  
Sports Writer

Lady Pioneers shut down Concord, 77 - 56.

The GSC Women's basketball team defeated the Mountain Lions of Concord by a 21-point margin at last Monday's home game.

With the victory, the Lady Pioneers extend their overall record to 9-9, despite the loss of veteran players Tricia Swink, Shakita Chambers, and Tara Lutherford to injuries.

Four players scored double digits in an impressive offensive attack. Leading the Pioneer offense was Kelly Osborne

with 24 points and 8 boards.

Freshman Christy Crow racked up a double-double, scoring 16 points while pulling down 16 rebounds, (8 offensive), and 5 blocked shots, along with 5 steals; a big night for the 6' 9" center.

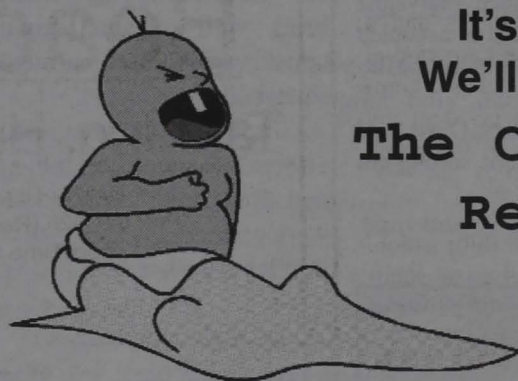
Tammy Spence also got into double digits shooting 4-10 and scoring 15 points. Colleen McBrien contributed to the victory with 10 points and 7 assists; Sabrina Stout also had 7 assists.

Overall the GSC women shot 43% from the field, while Concord was held to a meager 29% shooting average.



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## Under New Management

So— we're back. Some of us more literally than others.

Quite a few significant changes have occurred in regard to staffing and management of *The Mercury*, and this will become more pronounced in our overall publication as the semester progresses. Allow me to outline some of these.

First, please note *The Mercury* now boasts a faculty advisor. Yes, Christopher Orr now graces our clan. Though Dr. Orr was originally willing to deem his advisorship a Selective Service action, we all sense him becoming somewhat excited in spite of himself. And, no; as some have voiced concern, I do not recall a motion tabled for renaming *The Mercury* to *Pravda*.

Next, only four faces from last semester adorn *The Mercury's* staff, one of these also preparing to depart. Secret: It's Terry; his presence and experience will be missed. Most of us are new around here and we still need people. Anyone boasting valid writing, advertising, and/or office organizational inclination is welcome to stop by. We have a slot for you.

Last, *The Mercury* is our, Glenville State College's, newspaper. It is our voice. This means it is your voice. If you have something to say, do so. We are listening.

We are also speaking with validity. Honestly. With the curious exception of the infamous and magically disappearing Rachel Worby pot-shot issue, it was impossible to not notice the numerous stray and untouched newspapers occupying campus last semester.

And, by all means, letters, articles and advice from college faculty are certainly welcome in our pages.

Several people requite special thanks in regard to our present level of up-and-runningness. Thank you very much Maryanne Gelsi (AKA "Jade") and Amy L. Smith, both of whom occupied this office with me New Year's day scrubbing walls. Allison: I'm certain your heart was in the right place...

BIG grats to renowned computer gurus Kelley Davis and Chris Jones, who volunteered valuable weekend time sorting out our prevalent computer anomalies.

About all left to say for now is, do not just watch us; participate. Oh, incidentally, I'm Will. How ya doin'?

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## Student efforts finally rewarded in dorm policy

By Terry L. Estep,  
Staff Columnist

*"I doubt Glenville will drag its mouldering bones into the 20th century and give us 24-hour visitation."*

I wrote similar words over a year ago in a *Mercury* editorial, complaining about the lack of trust in the maturity and common sense exhibited by students at Glenville State College.

Students had lobbied for changes in the system for years, but the perceived brick wall of small-town conservatism had almost squashed the effort.

Thanks to the continued efforts Jack Beard, a student and Resident Advisor, we were granted 24-hour visitation last semester.

Adding to the mix were the efforts of Libby Hudkins, who gathered extensive feedback from students and presented her findings to Student Services.

As a result, we have a "trial run" semester. We no longer need to be escorted every second we want to visit friends. Better yet, we no longer have our privacy invaded by signing our names to a log book.

Signs have appeared around the dorms, reminding students that violators jeopardize the policy.

Violations will occur in any policy, and I hope the decision-makers for the college will recognize this fact. Do not shuttle us back into the horse-and-buggy days of 1800's ice cream socials

when it was all very nice and very, very chaste.

I received criticism for my editorial from Christian conservatives who believed I advocated sexual activity among the student body.

I remain steadfast in my claim that it was never about sex. It's about free association. Some people just want to get together and watch television or study. Are they having sex, too? Of course! At least now we don't have to worry about the dreaded knock at the door and the equally-dreaded "R.A!"

I'll admit I didn't expect to see Glenville State College's administration change its stripes during my stay here. I'm more than happy to say I was wrong.

Please don't screw it up. The students need it.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

# WWJD? Testament of faith or hokey capitalist ploy?

Dear Editor:  
It has recently come to attention that Christianity is becoming extremely commercialized, shallow, and mindless. Starting in the Eighties, with organizations like PTL [raise the Lord] and other evangelists competing in "dollars-for-Jesus" type of marketing, it has continued to the late Nineties.

The most outrageous event, however, has to be the "What Would Jesus Do?" fad I see into today's sales.

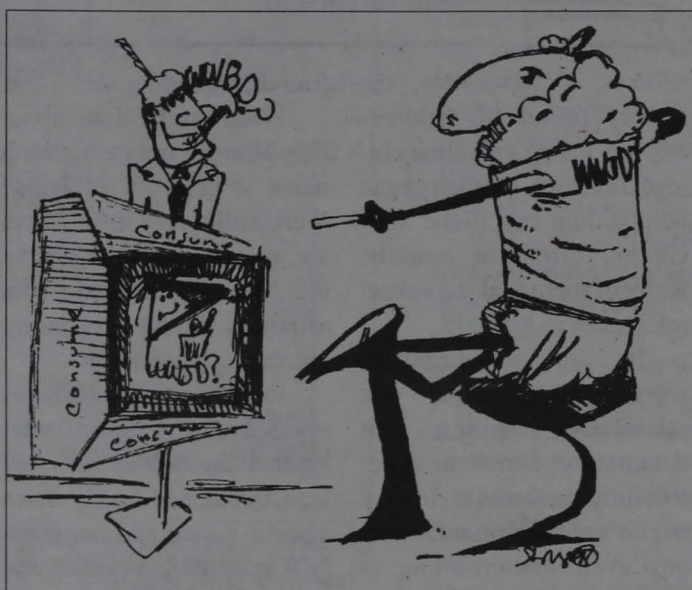
It seems as though I cannot go down the street without seeing "WWJD" in all capitals and bright letters emblazoned on a T-shirt or bracelet or necklace. I see it and I can't help but think out loud "Well he sure as hell wouldn't have bought that." Would Jesus go in for the

greed that these capitalists are disguising as religion? I doubt it! Are there religious leaders behind this propaganda? I would say so. Do they receive kickbacks? Probably. Is that a good thing?

Probably not. Jesus threw the moneylenders and such out of the temple for less, so do the people behind the "WWJD" phenomenon think they'll receive a lesser punishment from their God?

Also, as a non-believer, I find it extremely presumptuous of the people who make, buy, and wear these articles that I would care what Jesus would do.

I understand that it is a reminder to the wearer to act as Jesus would, but if you need a shirt to remind you of the Golden Rule then there is a deeper problem. I have yet to see a shirt that says



"What Would Mohammed Do", so why do these people need shirts to remind them of their Savior? It shows a disturbing lack of principal and dedication to Christianity, in my opinion.

Another thing that I think it shows is the lack of thinking for yourself. Yes, remember what Jesus did

and follow the Golden Rule; but if you need to ask yourself how someone else would react in a given situation then you have a problem. None of us is Jesus and it is ridiculous to think that any of us could emulate him, even if we tried. We are all individuals and we act differently. We can't be expect-

ed to do as Jesus would do, simply due to the fact that none of us will probably ever be put in the same situations that Jesus faced in the Bible. Hmmm... Raise Grandpa from the dead or let him rot? Not likely to happen.

In today's society, people need religion more than ever, no matter what religion they choose. However, using a sappy slogan that annoys people is not the way to gain followers.

The "What Would Jesus Do" line of products is backed by greed, bought by people who only claim to be Christians, and followed by people who cannot think for themselves.

Of course, that's just what I think. What would Jesus do in response to my letter? Agree.

Cris Gravely

## Commentary from other newspapers

**The Daily News of Los Angeles:** Pope's Mexico message in LA terms...

Pope John Paul II's plea to the bishops of North and South America to take care of the poor and rich alike is a message that can transcend religion and region. It could even apply to secular Los Angeles.

The pope, fearful that wealthier people are ignoring their Catholic roots and are being ignored by the church, is trying to lure them back into the fold. He wants the church to take care of the poor, and take steps to minister to the rich and estranged.

The goal, of course, is to find common ground that brings us all together as people, instead of increasing the

separation between us based on class, race and other issues.

His point should be taken to heart in Los Angeles, where our leaders so often find ways to divide us rather than taking the more difficult road of adopting policies and goals that unify.

Great lip service is paid to the needs of the impoverished but so many actions leave the middle class disconnected.

Los Angeles' political and educational leaders ought to be paying more attention to middle-class residents--who own homes, shop for clothes, buy cars and send their kids to public schools in the city--as they are to businesses, the homeless and the rich.

What the middle class wants is better streets, sidewalks and schools. They want to take pride in their city, raise families and live comfortably. ... There is a need for unity and our leaders must seize upon it.

**The Blade, Toledo, Ohio,** on English-only law:

A Supreme Court decision ... not to reinstate an English-only law in Arizona is only a brief interruption in the ongoing march toward making English the official language in states across the country.

In fact the court's ruling can be seen in a positive light in that it allows some perimeters to be discerned within

which proponents of English-only should operate.

There are English-only laws in effect in 25 states right now, and proponents of such measures are pushing to add Utah to the list. A new proposal also is under consideration for Arizona. So the issue isn't going to go away.

Toledo is an example of how the diversity of citizens' cultural and ethnic backgrounds is not adversely impacted by the conducting of all public business in English. The rich tapestry of languages spoken in homes around the city and region, from Spanish to Hungarian, is not harmed or demeaned by the use of English in official interaction.

News from all over

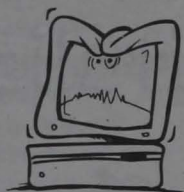
# THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Beware of cyberstalkers!

By Ben Bruton,  
Guest Columnist

About a year ago, a friend of mine started receiving disturbing e-mail messages from a colleague who apparently had nothing better to do than harass him online.

This is how cyberstalking begins. What starts off as a few offensive e-mail messages, soon grows into a form of private terrorism, as stalkers use their computers to find more personal information about their victims; such as phone numbers and home addresses.

Having recently moved, my friend was cautious to guard against this creep by not giving out his new e-mail



**"What starts off as a few offensive e-mail messages, soon grows into a form of private terrorism..."**

address. Unfortunately, the stalker found his address anyway, using an online college directory. He then began bombarding my friend with creepy, offensive e-mails; many of them making sexual references to his wife.

It got progressively worse. The stalker was relentless, sending out defamatory e-mail to other teaching assistants in my friend's department. The guy even sent insulting e-mail to my friend's other

friends, including me!

What can be done about this kind of online stalking when it gets out of hand? Well, sadly, very little. There are no real laws regarding this type of online-terrorism, although it is becoming increasingly common.

In 1996, a judge in Texas granted a restraining order against an online assailant who threatened bodily harm against a man and his family. The restraining order was posted online, since the

police could not track down the stalker's home address.

The Internet is a perfect place for diseased, predatory minds because it cloaks the lunatic fringe in anonymity. Stalkers can disguise their true identities in chat-rooms and news groups, then single out individual users and subject them to their twisted fantasies.

Even worse, most police departments can't or don't know how to trace e-mail stalkers. You can call them and file a report, but more often than not, the police can't do anything without evidence of a "credible threat"—some written or verbal indica-

tion that the assailant intent on causing the victim bodily harm.

In our case, there was a "credible threat"—the stalker was just being creep and a pervert, and apparently there's nothing illegal about that.

Since we did actually know who the stalker was and where he lived, we were eventually able to call the FBI and have an agent pay a visit on him. Unfortunately, this did little to deter our stalker. He continues to send us e-mail to this very day.

Be careful. Sometimes the Internet brings out the monster in some people.

## Late-night research made EZ 4 U

Rob Kerns,  
Staff Reporter

Have you ever needed an article from some publication such as *New York Times*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, or *Chronicle of Higher Education*?

Have you ever realized at 11:00 at night that you needed to have at least one article by the next morning? If so, then you were caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place because the library closes at 10 p.m.

The Glenville State College Computer Center will provide anyone, not just off-campus students or faculty, a private Internet account for a fee.

At the Robert F. Kidd homepage, there is a link to an on-line version of the EBSCOhost which is

available to anyone on the first floor of the library during its business hours. There are also links to other research/reference-oriented sites: Newsbank, ERIC, and VTLS.

The library's homepage also links to pages that describe library services, various library policies (such as Internet and circulation policies), and links to webpages of other libraries.

However, as with most things in life, there's a catch. In order to be able to access EBSCOhost and Newsbank over the Internet, the person(s) must be using an Internet account that is provided by the Computer Center.

**The Robert F. Kidd homepage can be found on the college's website [www.glenville.wvnet.edu](http://www.glenville.wvnet.edu).**

## Science with the Particle Lady Mercury extremely dense

By BJ Woods,  
Staff Columnist

When one hears of Mercury, one thinks of this newspaper, Roman mythology, and then probably the planet.

Mercury is the closest planet to the sun and has the eighth largest mass. It got its name because it travels so fast across the sky. This reflects back upon Roman mythology, where Mercury is the god of commerce, travel, and thievery.

Mercury is similar to our moon. It has a surface that is very heavily cratered and appears to be very old.

It is second only to Earth in its density. Its dense iron core is relatively larger than the Earth's and comprises most of the planet.

Mercury has the most extreme temperature variations in the solar system.

They range from 90 Kelvin to 700 Kelvin. The planet Venus is actually hotter and more stable than that of Mercury.

Mercury has a thin atmosphere that consists of atoms sucked off its surface by the solar wind. These atoms escape into space because of the extreme temperatures. This leads to the fact that Mercury's atmosphere is constantly being replenished.

Mercury has a very unique orbit. It's perihelion, --its nearest point of orbit to the sun--is only 46 million kilometers from it. It's aphelion--the farthest point of orbit from the sun--is 70 million kilometers. The perihelion of the orbit travels at a very slow rate, which puzzled 19th century scientists who had made very careful and precise observations of the orbit.

Mercury has been visit-

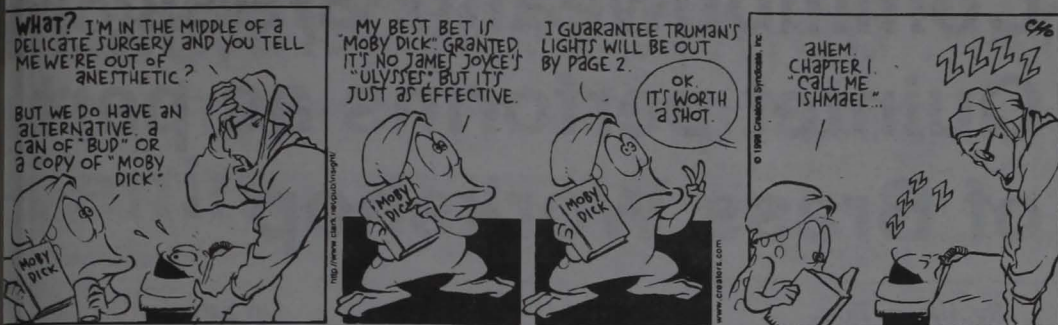
ed only by spacecraft. The spacecraft was Mariner 10 in 1973 and 1974. It flew by three times and was unable to photograph 45% of the surface, as it was too close to the Sun for the safety of the equipment.

Further analysis of the Mariner data shows some preliminary evidence of recent volcanic activity.

Mercury can be seen with the naked eye or binoculars. The drawback to viewing Mercury is that it is near the sun and is extremely difficult to see in the twilight sky. However, it is worth this to see the planet. It is very unique. One can even enjoy Mercury from here on Earth.

Til next week, be safe and take care as you travel through the halls of science. For comments or suggestions, please e-mail the Particle Lady at [gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu).

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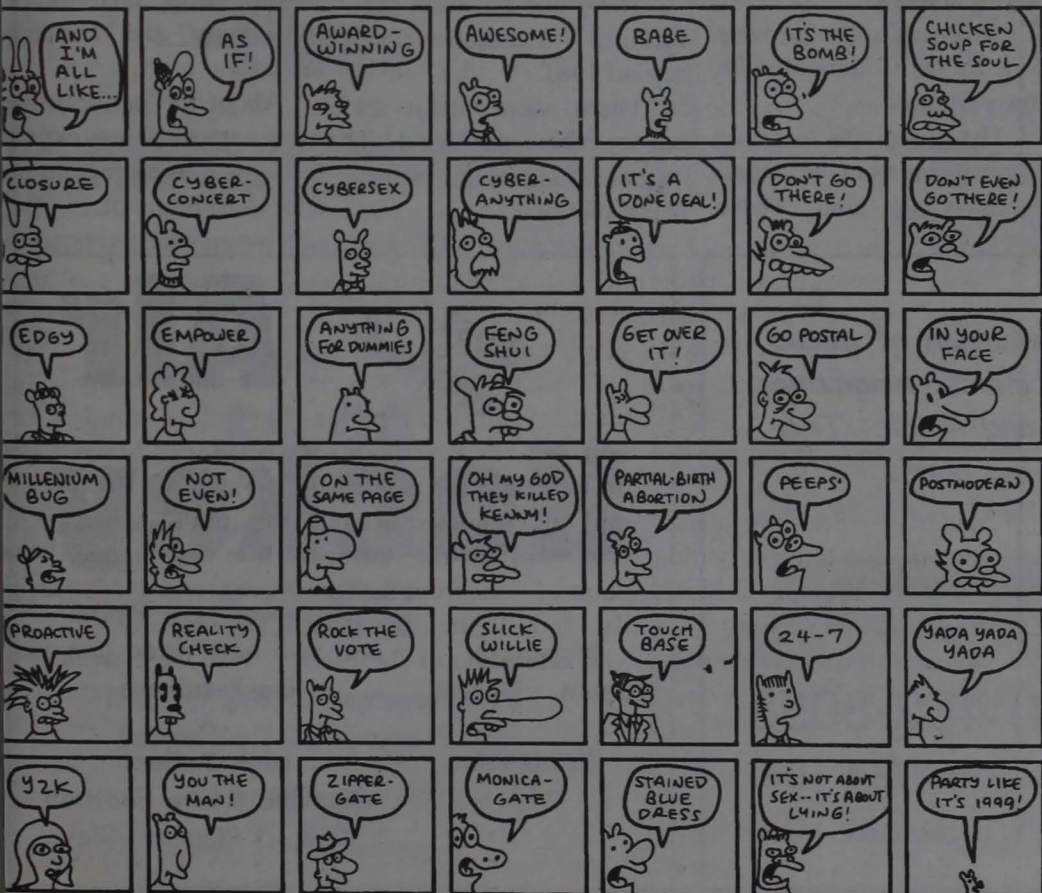


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# FORBIDDEN WORDS 1999



# Mistress Anna

## Horoscope from The Associated Press

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 20) - Your manner is quite pleasing and others see you as being accepting -- don't let them down. This week will probably showcase your determined spirit; when you have something to fight for you win. A close friend needs advice without criticism.

**TAURUS:** (April 21-May 21) -- Follow your hunches regarding money matters, especially those situations you have no real experience with. Be candid in your relationships, it looks as if the lines of communications are a bit snagged. It's time to discuss your plans for the future.

**GEMINI:** (May 22-June 21) -- You tend to worry about money and would be better off being careful how you spend discretionary income. Think big this week. Your charming self will open new doors for you - everyone wants you around, because everyone likes to feel good. You'll accomplish a lot.

**CANCER:** (June 22-July 23) -- You need to get things done, but nobody else seems to want to go along with the program - looks like you're on your own. Pay attention to a close friend who gives you some truly constructive suggestions on how to handle your finances. Home is your refuge - you'll be spending more time there.

**LEO:** (July 24-August 23) -- Your ability to be objective will help you to resolve a fairly sticky situation between two co-workers. Romance is in the air - your love life couldn't be any better. Guard against intense feelings of jealousy, there really is no cause for such strong reactions.

**VIRGO:** (August 24-September 23) -- Disappointments in your love life are painful, but you realize that you are not at fault for what happened. Don't drive yourself too hard at work week, because you won't receive the credit due. You are indecisive by nature, and tend to go along with plans already made.

**LIBRA:** (September 24

- October 23) -- Keep yourself busy this week and don't think about depressing things. A change is coming in the near future. Concentrate on maintaining harmonious relations with those you love - try to spend more quality time with them. Your sense of humor is infectious to others.

**SCORPIO:** (October 24-November 22) -- However hard it may be, try to be charitable to those who give you a hard time. Your warm and understanding personality will shine through, and those around you will respond favorably. You have a flow of creative energy that needs to be channeled into a worthwhile project.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23-December 21) - Finish up old projects at home and in the workplace, before starting new ones - or everything will catch up with you. You'll accomplish a lot and people will be caught up in your enthusiasm. If you have been quarreling with family members, it's time to set things straight.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22-January 20) - There will be plenty of variety, so there's little chance of being bored. Both friendship and group endeavors will dominate - your ability to cooperate comes in handy. Any goals you set will be achieved. Are your expectations in romance realistic?

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21-February 19) -- Spend time working on routine matters, and you will be surprised how well the week will go. It's possible that you may be under pressure in the workplace, but that never slows you down; continue at your own pace. Ask a close friend for financial advice.

**PISCES:** (February 20-March 20) -- Family issues are most on your mind. Older people depend on you for certain feedback. Your thinking maybe just a bit fuzzy, and you are inclined to go off on flights of fancy - it's okay to do so. Your jealousy of a mate is tacky, keep your cool.

## Varsity Blues not average play-by-play football flick

By Brent Woods,  
Staff Columnist

In Texas the most important thing in life is high school football. On game day, the small town shuts down as they flock to the stadiums to cheer their boys on.

In the new film *Varsity Blues*, James Van Der Beek (*Dawson's Creek*) plays John Moxon, a second string quarterback for the West Canaan Coyotes.

Jon Voight is head coach Bud Kilmer, trying to lead his team to their 23rd division title. When the star quarterback suffers a long-term leg injury, they are forced to rely upon the questionable leadership of Moxon and his slightly irreverent approach to the game.

Moxon is a bookworm whose most coveted goal is getting into Brown University and never playing football again. Everything changes when he's forced into becoming a hero. Naturally, adversity occurs both on the field and

off, causing friction between Moxon, the coach, his washout father, a sexy cheerleader, and his football-hating love interest.

Other players include three hundred pound line man Billy Bob, injured quarterback Lance, the rowdy wide-receiver Tweeder, and Evans, the running back being kept from his fame by the bigoted head coach.

*Varsity Blues* sucks you into the world of football and puts you in the stands cheering with everyone else. Jon Voight creates a truly despicable character, while the rest of the cast worked well making you feel like a teammate.

If you weren't one of the dozens of Glenville students that flocked to Clarksburg to see it Saturday, it is definitely worth the trip. Also check out the heart-pounding soundtrack featuring Van Halen, a remake of an AC/DC classic, and many, many more.

## Commonwealth Brass Quintet performs as part of Brass Workshop

By Allison Tant,  
Staff Reporter

January 23rd and 24th marked the twelfth annual Glenville State College Music Department's Brass Workshop.

Originally this workshop was set up for GSC brass majors, consisting of two days of workshops with approximately five guest faculty from high schools and colleges who show expertise in brass instruments. These guests gave a fresh voice on things such as teaching techniques and instruction.

For the past three years, the list of people to attend these brass workshops has included not only the GSC brass majors, but about ten West Virginia high school students who are picked due to their promising playing abilities.

This year's clinics were done by the Commonwealth Brass Quintet.

The group was made up of musicians from the central Pennsylvania area. These



musicians were Victor Rislow and Michael Trego on trumpet, William Kenney on horn, Robert LaBarca on trombone, and Donald Stanley on the tuba.

The group has been performing together since around 1981.

There were about 21 brass majors and nine high school students in attendance this year.

On Saturday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m., the Commonwealth Brass Quintet gave a performance presenting music from the Baroque and Romantic periods, plus pieces from the twentieth century.

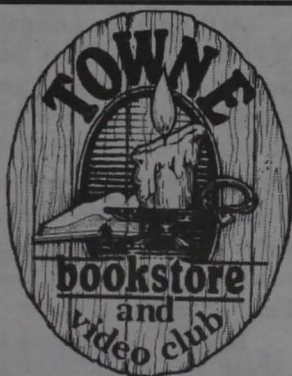
On Sunday, January 24 at 2:45 p.m., there was another performance given by all of the ensemble put together during the workshops.

The Trumpet Ensemble performed pieces such as "Festival Prelude" and "Toccata." The Horn Trio played "La Chasse" and "Allegro." The Rhapsody Brass Quintet played "Danny Boy" and "A Closer Walk With Thee."

The Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble played "Lyric Poem" and "Serenade" from *Eine Kleine Nacht Music*.

The Trombone Quartet played songs such as "T-Bone Party" and "Beautiful River."

All of the performances went very well, proving that the GSC music program has a lot to be proud of.



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# Wheeling Symphony provides entertaining evening of music

By Amy Smith,  
Staff Reporter

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community filled the Fine Arts auditorium on Wednesday, January 20, for a performance by the Wheeling Symphony.

The Wheeling Symphony, directed by Maestro Rachel Worby is celebrating its 70th anniversary season this year. The symphony has been under the direction of Rachel Worby for the past twelve years.

The Symphony began with Shaker Loops by Adams, a piece for the string orchestra. Shaker Loops was divided into four move-

ments "Shaking and Trembling," "Hymning Saws," "Loops and Verses" and "A Final Shaking."

The next set was a collection of Old American Songs all by Aaron Copland and were quite a bit more lively. The full orchestra was joined by mezzo-soprano, Barbara Rearick. This collection of songs were fun, uplifting and recognizable even to the children in the audience. It included traditional pieces such as "At the River," "I Bought Me a Cat" and "Long Time Ago."

After a brief intermission the Wheeling Symphony finished with a flawless performance of Beethoven's Symphony No.

7 in a Major, OP. 92.

Rachel Worby turned an evening at the symphony into a fun-filled learning experience; she entered into the audience answering questions and asking their opinions.

The performance began with a brief lesson on movements in music history; including examples from a violinist. A small reception followed afterwards in the lobby.

Glennville State College receives financial assistance through an Arts & Humanities Grant through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, a division of Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, in order to help sponsor the Wheeling Symphony.

# GSC takes on Pippin

By Heather Eberly,  
Staff Reporter

On February 17, 18, and 19, the GSC Theatre, under the theatrical direction of Dennis Wemm and the musical direction of Mr. Charles Miller, will perform *Pippin*.

A musical comedy by Roger O. Hirson and Stephen Schwartz, *Pippin* is the story of a traveling band of performers. In every town they visit, the lead role of their show is played by a local citizen of that town.

As the story commences, the audience is entertained by magic, choreographed violence, great musical numbers, and, of course, a little sex. Don't worry, it's tastefully presented.

Keeping with previous performances, the GSC theatre will undoubtedly pull off an extremely competent and pleasing performance.

The cast is made up of some familiar faces and newcomers. Leading roles will be played by Joelle Harris, Criston B. Gravely, Craig Worl, Chad A. Nichols, Lisa Belknap, Emily M. Jones, and Samara L. Watt.

The supporting cast and chorus will be made up of James E. Squires, Alex Wemm, Chris Hopkins, Aaron Casto, Tim Dillon, Julie Derby/Triplett, Carol Tenney, Heidi M. Cowan, Heather Eberly, Sarah Weadon, Marijke Wildermuth.



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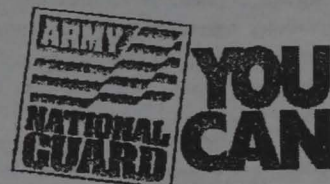
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# The Mercury - Proposed Charter

At its January 26 meeting, the Faculty Senate endorsed the following draft charter for *The Mercury*, which--if adopted by the College Council and approved by the President of the College--would set guidelines for the operation of the paper and add a standing committee to the campus governance structure.

Faculty, staff, and students have until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 1999, to request a formal hearing concerning the proposed charter. The procedure for requesting a formal hearing is as follows:

a. Within ten working days following the publication of the proposed charter, any of the three constituent groups may request a formal hearing.

b. To request the hearing, a minimum of ten members from one constituent group must sign a petition requesting such a hearing and present it to the chair of their campus organization.

c. Upon receipt of the petition, the president or chair of that organization must call a special meeting within 14 working days to hear the concerns.

d. If the campus organization, by majority vote, supports the concerns expressed by its members, this constitutes a challenge to the proposed charter and requires a written account or summary of the group's objections. This summary will be submitted to the President of the College.

## Proposed Mercury Charter 13 January 1999

**Purpose.** *The Mercury* is chartered to serve, first and foremost, as the professional capstone experience for students pursuing the academic minor in journalism. The paper's primary function is to provide students with practical experience in the editorial, business, and ethical responsibilities of producing a weekly newspaper. *The Mercury* will be prepared and published under the supervision of a faculty or staff advisor, who will be responsible for representing the

interests of the owner and publisher of the paper, Glenville State College. The advisor, in turn, will hold the student editor and his or her staff responsible for adhering to the established canons, legal restrictions, and highest ideals of the journalistic profession.

**Publisher.** *The Mercury* is published by Glenville State College, which as an academic institution is fully committed to freedom of expression and freedom of inquiry. In the manner of all responsible publishers, Glenville State College expects that *The Mercury* staff will uphold the highest journalistic ideals of fairness and accuracy in both reporting and editorial writing. The college further expects that the layout and design will be attractive and that all illustrations, whether photographs or drawings, will be in good taste and will serve a demonstrable editorial purpose. The college reserves the right to withdraw support and sponsorship at any time, but will entertain such action only in response to persistent, flagrant violations of the accepted standards of responsible journalism involving intentional libel and/or careless disregard for factual accuracy.

**Readership and Functions.** The readership or target audience of *The Mercury* is the entire Glenville State College Community, consisting of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The advisor and the student editor will work together to ensure that *The Mercury*--in emulation of leading daily newspapers--performs the following journalistic functions:

(1) Informs its readership about newsworthy incidents, events, activities, or developments affecting members of the Glenville State College community.

(2) Entertains its readership through the inclusion of lively human interest and entertainment features.

(3) Educates its readership

about significant issues confronting the college community at large or any of its constituent groups and encourages thoughtful analysis and discussion of such issues.

*The Mercury* will further provide a forum for the responsible expression of criticism, personal opinion, recommendations, or dissent regarding matters of official policy or institutional direction. In keeping with established journalistic practices, it is expected that all such issues will be addressed in a civil tone and in a non-defamatory manner and that the general sensitivities and sensibility of the community will be respected. The student editor will have primary responsibility for ensuring that the paper's content conforms to the fundamental principles for writers and editors, particularly with regard to avoiding libel. The student editor should consult regularly with the advisor, as the representative of the publisher, regarding the appropriateness of news stories, feature articles, editorials, illustrations, photographs, and ads.

**Masthead.** The masthead of each issue of *The Mercury* will identify the advisor and each member of the editorial staff by name. The masthead will further bear the following disclaimer:

*The Mercury* is the production of the student staff and any contributing writers, photographers, and artists. The opinions and editorial positions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the opinions or official positions of the administration, faculty, staff, or Board of Advisors of Glenville State College.

The masthead will further specify the frequency of publication and the guidelines for submission of letters and opinion pieces. These guidelines, at a minimum, will preclude the publication of unsigned letters or articles and will address the editor's right to print or not print submissions and to edit them for clarity and conciseness.

**Campus Publication Committee.** *The Mercury* will operate under the oversight of the Campus Publication Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to set overall editorial, personnel, and business policies for *The Mercury* and to ensure that the publication adheres to accepted standards and practices of professional journalism, particularly with regard to objectivity, fairness, and accuracy. The Committee will further have the right to remove from office, by majority vote, any editor or staff member who persists in flagrant violations of the standards of professional journalism.

The Committee will be chaired by the Chair of the Language Division and will be constituted as follows:

One other division chair or the Dean of Teacher Education (appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs)

One member of the faculty at large (elected by the Faculty Senate)

One member of the Classified Staff (elected by the Classified Staff Council)

One student member (elected by the Student Congress)

The Public Relations Director  
The Mercury Advisor (non-voting)

The journalism professor (if he or she is not the advisor)

The Committee chair will vote only in the case of a tie. The Committee will meet at least once each semester and as deemed necessary by the chair.

The appointment of the Editor-in-Chief shall be the sole province of the Campus Publications Committee. The Editor-in-Chief will serve for a one-semester term with a possibility of renewal for one additional semester. Under no circumstances will a student serve as Editor-in-Chief for more than two consecutive semesters.

To be eligible for the position of Editor-in-Chief, a student must meet the following requirements:

(1) Have completed at least two semesters of full-time study in residence at Glenville State College, not counting summer sessions.

(2) Have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 or better.

(3) Have completed both Journalism 321 and Journalism 322 with final grades of "C" or better.

The Committee may opt to waive the first and/or third requirement(s) in the case of a candidate it deems to have some comparable experience or compensating merit. Candidates for the position of Editor-in-Chief should appear before and undergo a personal interview with the Committee.

All other *Mercury* staff members will be appointed by the advisor in consultation with the Editor-in-Chief.

**Role of the Advisor.** The advisor will be a faculty or staff member with academic credentials and/or significant professional experience in the field of journalism. The advisor is charged with overseeing the efforts of the student staff and with ensuring that their efforts conform to established practices and standards of professional journalism. The advisor is further responsible for monitoring the budget and with overseeing all purchases. If academically qualified, the advisor should also teach academic courses in journalism. Failing that, the advisor will coordinate closely with the Chair of the Language Division and with the instructional staff to ensure that *The Mercury* remains a viable laboratory for the academic program in journalism.

No tenure or right of continuing employment accrues as the result of serving as *The Mercury* advisor per se. The advisor serves in this capacity, excluding any rights or privileges pertaining to faculty appointment, strictly at the will and pleasure of the Chair of the Language Division.