

The Mercury

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Laughs



Stand-up comedian Randy Lubas performed for the students of Glenville State College. See A&E for details.

Proposed new state scholarship programs

By Jennifer Bundy
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. The state may soon have four programs instead of two to help people go to college.

On Thursday Senate Education Chairman Lloyd Jackson introduced a bill that would lead to the establishment of Promise scholarships for West Virginia students with a "B" average and a good score on college entrance exams. They could get free tuition, fees and books for four years of college from a new scholarship program proposed Thursday.

Promise is an acronym standing for Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-State Student Excellence Scholarship Program.

Scholarships could be used only at instate schools. "Part

of the program is to get our best and our brightest to stay here," he said.

"The day when a high school diploma guaranteed you a good job in the mines, mills and factories of our state is over. That is the minimum requirement for entry into the workplace. Most of our workers will need more," Jackson said in a speech to the Senate.

"The average income of Americans is directly related to their educational attainment. If we are to secure the quality of life we want in our state, we must raise our education level," said Jackson, D-Lincoln.

Scholarships should be tied to college entrance test scores as well as high school grades because "one of the real dangers of a program like this is grade inflation," Jackson said.

Jackson said the program is needed because West Virginia has one of the lowest college-going rates in the nation and the lowest percentage of college graduates among its population - 14.2 percent.

The program, which he expects to cost about \$25 million a year when fully implemented, could be funded with lottery money or money from a sales tax soon to be enforced on video poker machines, Jackson said.

Jackson's bill would set up a board that would make recommendations on how to run the program that the Legislature would have to approve next year.

Gov. Cecil Underwood in his State of the State address proposed spending \$6 million to beef up the Higher Education Grant program.

Senate honors King Hussein

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Senate voted unanimously on Monday to praise Jordan's King Hussein for his "enlightened leadership" and to underscore U.S. support for the new government of his son, King Abdullah.

"King Hussein contributed to the cause of peace with tireless energy," the resolution said. The measure is also expected to be approved by the House and signed by President Clinton, after which a copy will be sent to the late king's family.

Congress "extends its deepest sympathy and con-

dolences to the family of King Hussein and to the people of Jordan in this difficult time," said the resolution, taken up after the Senate finished a day of work in its impeachment trial of Clinton.

The resolution expresses "support and best wishes for the new government of Jordan under King Abdullah" and reiterates U.S. commitment to strengthening the relationship between our governments and people.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., introduced the measure on behalf of himself and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle.

West Virginia Women's Day: Education, Leadership, and Advocacy

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Over four hundred women of all ages joined on February 11, 1999 at the state capital for the West Virginia Women's Day in the Legislature. This annual event is coordinated by the West Virginia Women's Commission, a branch of the Department of Health and Human Resources.

The Women's Day in the Legislature is a day set aside for women of all ages to actively participate in their state government, celebrating the progress of the rights and responsibilities of West Virginia women.

The morning began with a welcome from The West Virginia Women's Commission Chair, Sally Riley; she was followed

with motivating speeches from the Cabinet Secretary for Department of Health and Human Resources, Joan Ohl and the First Lady Hovah Underwood.

A panel discussion followed, featuring four prominent women lobbyists: Ruth Lemon representing the West Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, Cheri Heflin Montgomery from the Hyperion Creative Group, Susan Sobkoviak representing the national chapter of social workers and Jan Lilly Stewart who represented the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

The panel discussion focused on timely issues that are affecting West Virginia women, such as economic self-sufficiency, health care, domestic violence, work and family. The panelists offered

suggestions on communicating with their elected officials in order to gather support for issues and bills that they felt important.

Susan Sobkoviak emphasized the importance of voting and reminded women to support each other when pursuing an elected office. Participants were given free time and were encouraged to speak with their representatives about legislation concerning women's issues.

Carrie Weber, a Glenville State College participant, felt, "Women's Day in the Legislature is a good idea; it is nice being celebrated. However, I would have liked to have seen more specific information on actual legislation." She added, "There are a lot of young women here, and yet there

was nothing that specifically related to us, the future generation." According to the Women's Commission, a little less than half of the participants were between the ages of ten and twenty-five.

Informational workshops were held in the after-

noon on various different topics ranging from technology seminars to childre family court issues. The was finished with a reception hosted by The Lady and Gov Underwood in Governor's Mansion.

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C police riddle innocent man with 41 pistol rounds

Associated Press

NEW YORK - In a matter of seconds, four white police officers from New York's elite Street Crime Unit fired 41 rounds at an unarmed man, a West African immigrant with no police record and a stutter.

Mamadou Diallo, a street peddler described as religious and working, was hit 19 times and instantly Thursday in the Bronx.

The officers' lawyer says he gestured with his hands, and the police to think he was reaching for a gun.

At the officers' themselves were the only witnesses and now Amnesty International is demanding an

explanation, and U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White says federal prosecutors are reviewing the case for possible civil rights violations.

The shooting has also brought renewed scrutiny to the Street Crime Unit, which has been criticized before for its aggressive tactics. The unit is assigned to seek out and stop crime before it happens. Its motto is "We Own the Night."

Neither New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani nor Police Commissioner Howard Safir will say anything substantial about the case, which is under investigation by the Police Department.

Outraged residents held a rally on Sunday.

"We are not anti-police," said the Rev. Al Sharpton. "We are anti-police brutality."

Critics of the police force also cited the alleged torture of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima at a police station in 1997. Four white officers have been charged with attacking the black man, who was sodomized with the handle of a toilet plunger.

The plainclothes officers who shot Diallo had been looking for a rape-murder suspect when they encountered the 22-year-old immigrant in the early hours of the morning.

"There are some similarities between this individual and the sketch we have," the police commissioner said. "But beyond that — what was in their minds, whether they thought this was that individual — I really don't know, and it would be unfair to speculate at this point."

Two of the officers fired 16 bullets each, emptying their 9 mm, semiautomatic handguns in less than five seconds. The others fired their similar guns four and five times. They were standing about 15 feet (4.5 meters) from Diallo.

"They clearly believed he was in possession of a gun," said the officers' attorney, Stephen Worth. Worth said Diallo moved his hands, and may not have understood the officers' commands. Family and friends said Diallo spoke English well but slowly, with a stutter.

The officers were placed on administrative duty, a routine step in shooting investigations.

Within the Police Department itself, a group of officers called 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care

has demanded the unit be disbanded.

"Something is wrong with our street crime behavior and the Street Crime Unit," said Lt. Eric Adams, president of the group. "And if it is not examined, we will continue to have episodes such as this."

Diallo's friends and relatives described him as a devout Muslim, a hard-working man who did not smoke or drink and loved Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls.

"He never had any trouble back in our country with the police," said his uncle, Mamadou Diallo. "Never! He should not have been killed here by police — he was a hard-working, nice, honest man."

Suspended student sues school district

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Westerly School District is paying \$45 per hour for a consultant to listen to the testimony of Satanism in heavy-metal music.

The Providence Journal reported Saturday that the district hopes the testimony of a retired police consultant, a retired police officer, bolsters its case in a code dispute.

Senior Robert Parker is suing rules that barred him from wearing a T-shirt with the heavy-metal band White Zombie.

Parker was suspended for wearing the faded T-shirt with the band's name on the front and sometimes a numbingly the devil —

written on the back.

The American Civil Liberties Union has taken up Parker's cause on the grounds that the school's ban violates his free speech rights. The group contends that other students have worn shirts that read "Praise Jesus" and "I will serve the Lord" without any problems.

After 20 hours of research, consultant Edmund Pierce found that White Zombie did, indeed, promote devil worship, school attorney Thomas Grady said Friday, when school officials held a five-hour hearing on the dress-code dispute.

At an earlier hearing, Grady said that cult activities, including Satanism, can be dangerous. Therefore, he said, it behooves school

officials to ban things — such as White Zombie merchandise — that they believe promote cults.

Most of Friday's hearing was taken up by a dispute over whether Pierce, who claims to have worked to solve about 200 "ritual crimes," can testify. John Dineen, a lawyer for the ACLU, argued that Pierce's testimony might turn the case into "a violent cult crime case."

School officials are also researching whether Parker can continue the dispute, despite the fact that he has left Westerly High School for Chariho Regional High School in Richmond.

The school has incurred \$11,600 in legal fees fighting Parker's challenge.

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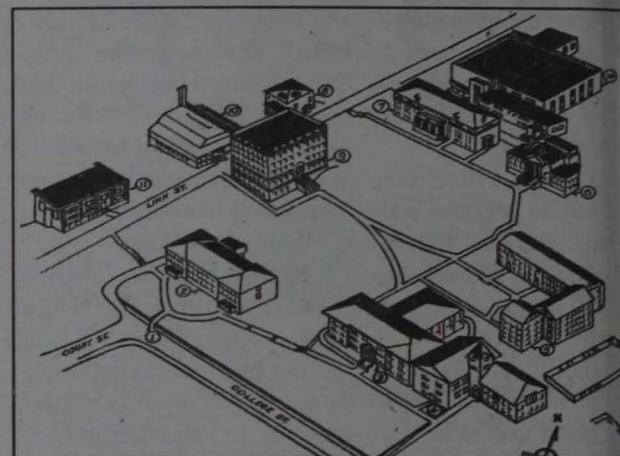
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Heflin history

By Rob Kerns
Staff Reporter

For the past several years, Glenville State College has had the Heflin Center as its Student Center. However, it was not always so. From 1872 (when the college was founded) until 1947, there was no such thing as a student center on campus. In 1947, the Girls' locker rooms in the old gym were remodeled and made into the first Student Center. As a result of a student contest, the center was named the "Pine-Ear."

Then, the old gym was torn down to make way for the new Pioneer Center. Completed in 1957, the Pioneer Center housed a dining hall, two motel rooms for guests, and offices. Seven years later, in 1964, a major addition was made to Pioneer



Map of Glenville State College circa 1947. Numbered circles indicate the current location of the Heflin Center.

Center.

The new addition gave Pioneer Center the Ballroom on the top floor, the bookstore, student council offices, alumni offices on the middle floor; and a recreation center and bowling alley on the lower floor.

Finally, in 1990, the Pioneer Center was renamed in honor of Dr. Harry Heflin, President of

Glenville State from 1964 to 1964.

The Heflin Center we are all familiar with houses several services. Among them are the Career Services, Student Development, Snack Bar, Quic-Shot cafeteria, the Ballroom, bookstore, the bowling alley, Student Council offices, and finally the Mercury office.

Why don't you get a job? GSC Career Services can help

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

The career services center is an active office with multiple responsibilities. Jennifer Ruggerio, director of career services and coordinator of student disabilities, oversees GSC main campus and all extensions.

This office provides students who are undecided about their career path with information about options. Career Services also works with graduating students in their career search, writing resumes and cover letters. The office provides lists of

job openings, job fairs, and on campus recruiting throughout the year. Resumes can be typed for a small fee. In addition to all of these options, the office is equipped with a career library that ranges from employment information and How To books to computer and video materials. Annually, the career center will send out surveys to establish its success rate. According to Ruggerio, "of the surveys actually returned, 85% are employed after graduation."

Another function of this office is management or

accommodation of students with documented disabilities. Accommodations, such as accessible housing, adaptive equipment, testing accommodations, and peer assistance on various levels are just a few of the services provided. Currently, Glenville State has sixty self identified challenged students in attendance. "At this time we accommodate learning disabled, blind, low vision, ADHD, and physically challenged students, although we are limited [in helping] the physically challenged because of the terrain on the Glenville

campus," explained Ruggerio.

Services are also offered through the tutoring program. Students who are qualified and recommended by an instructor and division chair can have the opportunity to be employed through work study or work ship. Students seeking tutors are able to obtain qualified assistance with no cost to them. "More students are choosing to work closer with their professors and it is being encouraged more," added Ruggerio.

The final service offered is the testing center. The

office can provide the TOEFL (English as a foreign language) for international students, and the CLT test for credit accumulation. The limitation in testing services offered is due to lack of faculty employment in this division. This office offers all the above services and personal/emotional counseling.

Ruggerio states that the most rewarding attribute of her job is "helping a variety of students in a variety of different capacities. There is never a dull moment at here."

GSC counseling or lack thereof

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

As there are no counselors at Glenville State College, Dolores Mysliwiec has been offering assistance to those who desire counseling. Most students have heard the word about Dolores Mysliwiec's open, understanding nature, as well as their confidence that she will provide anonymity. Concerning the lack of counseling on campus, Mysliwiec said, "the length has been in the faculty that has taken the time to establish a rapport with students." The problem lies at the level of professional

help a regular faculty member can offer a student.

For the first time, Glenville State College has a qualified staff member that can offer some assistance to the students. The dilemma lies in faculty realizing that there is need for on campus counseling services. Mysliwiec believes, "with the current new administration, the possibility is here."

Students can help remedy this problem. "If the students feel a need and let that need be known, the faculty will understand that need," states Mysliwiec. "Students have a variety of problems ranging from test anxiety, domestic violence, and sex-



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Dolores Mysliwiec

ual abuse...." These are some of the issues Mysliwiec finds herself dealing with.

Last semester, GSC offered a student seeking her master's degree the chance to complete an internship here. This could be a possible option because the college would be relieved of the

financial burden of hiring a full time employee.

Mysliwiec states, "I see at least ten [students] per semester with personal problems. Students with real problems tend to come more often. I credit these people so much, because they are so strong to be able to acknowledge their problems."

Mysliwiec was shocked to here that her name actually circles around campus as the "sympathetic ear". She responded, "I feel humbled. Sometimes I wish I were a professional counselor so I could give them more, but all I can do is give a kind ear."

Campus Crime

Campus Police log for the week from Jan. 31 through Feb. 6, 1999.

There were 62 parking tickets written, three locked vehicles, and one act of assistance to another law enforcement agency.

**"Power, equality
And we're out to get it
I know some of you ain't wit it
This party started right in 66
With a pro-Black radical mix
Then at the hour of twelve
Some force cut the power"**

**-Chuck D
"Party for Your Right to Fight"**

Heflin Center Game Room

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

The Heflin Center game room, located in the basement of the Heflin Center edition has recently acquired a few new games including air hockey and pool.

All games except the coin operated machines are free to any full time student, weekdays between 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. After free time bowling is \$1.50 for students plus shoe rental and pool is \$2.40 per hour to students. Jess McVaney, the game room director has noted that only around one hundred students per week take advantage of these great deals.

The game room closes at 10:00 p.m. every night and opens at noon on weekdays and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The game room is also open to the community; bowling costs are \$1.75, plus shoe rental for non students. Group discounts and special arrangements are available for both student and community organizations. The game room is part of the Heflin Center so food can be provided for groups through the cafeteria.

The Heflin Center Game Room has been under the direction of Jess McVaney since September of 1995 and he likes it, "I really enjoy working on things mechanical, so I enjoy it very much here."

Osteopathic Medicine Admissions

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Shannon Warren, an Admissions counselor from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, will be at Glenville State College, Wednesday, Feb.

17, 1999.

Students interested in a career in medicine will be able to meet with her in the Heflin Center between 11:00 a.m. and 1 p.m..

Warren will be meeting with prospective students on an informal, walk up

basis. She will have information on admission policies, financial aid and osteopathic medicine. Students who would like more information should contact Dr. Bradford in the science hall at Glenville State College.

Library facts...er...fax

By Sherry Hardman
Staff Reporter

Need a fax sent? Visit the Robert F. Kidd Library. They have fax available at a charge of \$1.00 per page for instate, \$2.00 for out of state (within the United States), and \$3.00 for out of the country.

Fax can only be sent during office hours, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday, due to the fax machine being located in

the office.

The person working the circulation desk, located on the main floor of the library, will be happy to help assist you as you send your fax.

This faxing capability can come in very handy. One instance of helpful faxing, resulted in a career. When checking her email at the library, Frances Schmetzer found that her daughter, Peggy,

was in dire need of having her resume sent to her as quickly as possible. Her mother faxed the document and as a result, Peggy landed a job at Universal Studios as the secretary and personal assistant of Angela Lansbury.

If you every have an emergency situation, be sure to check out the library. They would be more than happy to help.

Student Congress news: Straight from the source

Brian Jefferies
President

Everyone wants to know what Student Congress is up to. Here are some of the things that are currently on our agenda or have been in the recent past.

First, elections for Student Congress are coming up soon. You can go to Student Services and sign up. For the past several years, there haven't been very many students running or interested in doing so.

With the new Glenville State College president about to come into office and the administration's willingness to listen to our concerns, change is in the air. GSC needs a few good students to help with that

change. To be an officer on Student Congress, you must have a 2.5 GPA; to fill any of the other positions, you must have a 2.3 GPA. I challenge everyone - GET INVOLVED!

February is African-American History Month. We do have some activities in the works. A few African-American students are going to the local public schools to expose area children to the diversity of our society. Other activities will be announced.

Student Congress has planned a Spring Dance on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, between 8 P.M. and midnight. We are negotiating a contract with a live band.

Congress members Jack Beard, Matt Chambers,

Brandi Sandy, and myself, attended College Day in Charleston, Tuesday, January 26. We were able to meet new people, learn about other colleges, and observe the West Virginia House of Delegates in action. Brent Boggs, our area delegate, formally introduced our group from GSC when the House was in session. Our choir and jazz band performed in the lower rotunda of the Capitol. Needless to say, they were able to blow the dome off of the building.

On February 19 and 20, several Congress members will be attending a student leadership conference at Fairmont State College.

Stay tuned for further news.

ACS Notes

By B.J. Woods
Staff Reporter

The Glenville Chapter of the American Chemical Society had their monthly meeting on Feb. 2, 1999, at 12:30 p.m. in the Science Hall, room 400.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Tingler. Tingler went over the list of speakers for the rest of the semester.

Tingler showed the group the information that he has put onto the ACS web page through Glenville. It should be up and running in about two weeks.

There is now an ACS announcement board,

located on the four floor of the science hall. It will contain upcoming dates of conference meetings, speakers, pictures, and even some fun chemical jokes for all to enjoy.

It was decided to do chemical experiments at the GSC open house at Glenville Elementary. The social events for the semester will include picnic, in cooperation with Chi Beta Phi,

April and various pizza parties on Wednesday afternoons with Dr. Gold.

The meeting was ended with Dr. Peterson taking group pictures for the web site. The next scheduled meeting will be posted.

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 \$25 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 uses promoting the college. The student may enter the photographs into other competitions, and use or sell the photographs or negatives with the only stipulation being that they will not be supplied, loaned or sold to any other institution of higher education or used in any non-GSC publication promoting higher education without the prior written permission of Glenville State College.

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Peterson

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

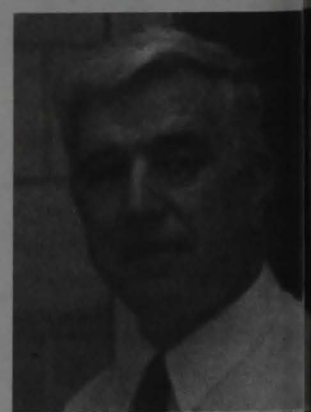
Dr. James L. Peterson has been teaching at Glenville State College for the past twenty-nine years. Over these years he has taught every Chemistry class that's offered. He has also been the Vice-President of Academic Affairs and is currently the advisor for the Board of Regents Program. He spent 15 years in administration and has taught at all the off campus sites. Peterson came back to the Science and Math Department last fall and has fallen back into step with all the other Science and Math professors without problem. In an interview, Peterson was asked if he was glad to be back in the Science and

Math Department. His response was, "Yes. It is certainly a pleasant change." In filling out a questionnaire, Peterson was asked what his one change for the Science and Math Department would be. His written reply was, "I would like to see improved facilities and laboratory equipment."

Peterson is teaching Chemistry 102 this semester, along with a host of chemistry labs.

Peterson wrote that over the past twenty-nine years, he has seen some changes here at GSC, the biggest being the number of non-traditional students, followed by the expansion of the two and four year non-teaching degrees and the number of commuting students.

Dr. Carl Armour, chair-



BJ Woods, Member

Dr. James L. Peterson person of Science and Math stated, "Dr. Peterson was welcomed addition to the division. His expertise in chemistry and his outstanding teaching skills have strengthened the Glenville State Chemistry program. A native of West Virginia, Peterson received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Mercury charter debate rages

By W.E. Owens
Staff Reporter

With the proposed Mercury charter already having been approved by the Glenville State College's constituent legislative committees, Mercury staff members are preparing to contest the document by requesting a formal hearing.

The charter occupied the back cover of the Feb. 1, 1999 issue of The Mercury, and was also published in GSC's Faculty/Staff Bulletin as directed by the Faculty Senate.

GSC's interim President, Bruce C. Flack, directed the charter's creation following unsuccessful attempts by GSC's Language Division to find an existing one. This happened shortly after an Oct. 8, 1998, Mercury issue was published, portraying a controversial editorial caricature of Wheeling Symphony conductor Rachel Worby on the front cover.

The cartoon and the editorials and comments in the subsequent issue inspired controversies which included Professor Yvonne King's resignation as Mercury advisor, rumors of potential lawsuits, and the threatened withdrawal of support by prominent GSC constituents.

"It [the charter] may look like, to some people, something of an overreaction to the Rachel Worby plot; I

would agree with Dr. Bruce Flack that we are not just reacting to that," states Edward F. Palm, GSC's Language Division Chair, and also interim Mercury advisor following said Mercury issue. "For a long time now, the college just hasn't paid enough attention to The Mercury."

According to Palm, the charter is simply a means of effecting the time-tested 'with freedom comes responsibility' adage. "Even though The Mercury is a college newspaper intended to provide a journalistic learning environment, no Mercury editor or advisor is lawsuit exempt," he says. "And Glenville State College, as the paper's publisher, can obviously not deny its responsibility in that regard."

Palm is quick to voice how the proposed charter is not an attempt at censorship or editorial control.

"As the charter now stands," continued Palm, "It offers little in the way of actual college lawsuit protection; angry plaintiffs tend to look for deep pockets, which in this case is the college, not The Mercury. We had to effect a document which shows we, as faculty, students and adults, are both aware and caring of what becomes included in the college newspaper."

But the charter has not been compiled without potential pitfalls. Because

of no available precedent for chartering an already-existing organization, the charter posed interesting problems while researched then walked through proper channels and committees. For example, the document in its original draft offered potential breach of First Amendment boundaries.

Following the draft charter's official appearance Dec. 15, 1998, Terry L. Estep, Mercury Production Manager and former Mercury Chief Editor, voiced several concerns in a Dec. 17 letter distributed to thirteen staff and faculty members. One concern focused upon a portion of the charter stating, "The advisor, as the representative of the publisher, has the right of final determination as to the appropriateness of any news story, feature article, editorial, illustration, photograph, or ad."

"This is simply not true," he rebutted, proceeding with, "The advisor can form an opinion about the appropriateness of anything he/she chooses and can give advice accordingly before the paper goes to press if students ask for such advice, but that advice is non-binding."

GSC's State systems counselor noticed also, suggesting the passage be revised. It was reworded, "The student editor should consult regularly with the



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

GSC Student Congress debates the proposed Mercury charter.

advisor, as the representative of the publisher, regarding the appropriateness..."

Estep's letter addressed the lack of safeguards for the advisor from professional harm by both students and faculty. Estep also objected to the provision whereby the advisor appoints staff members "in consultation with the editor-in-chief." Instead, Estep argued that the editor-in-chief is responsible for appointing staff.

The possibility of a Student Congress member on the Publications Committee was addressed, and the need for safeguards against the Committee potentially withholding Mercury funding "...in retaliation or in anticipation of content it deems inappropriate."

The charter's petition/

challenge, primarily engineered by Estep, addresses seven primary issues, to include limiting the advisor's capacity to retaliate for editorial decisions, and the college's unconstitutional ability to withhold Mercury funding based on content. Also of concern is the charter's lack of an explicit statement concerning the advisor's ability to dictate newspaper content.

Says Palm concerning the charter's petition, "If they find pitfalls in there that we hadn't anticipated, we'll go back to the drawing board; we'll change it; we'll fix it, so we'll have a solid charter we can all live with."

Estep states, "Everyone agrees that a charter is necessary, but we can avoid future conflicts by making these changes now."

Student Spotlight: Bill Kelly

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

William Kelley, better known around campus as Billy, is a 21 year old junior. Billy lives on campus in Pickens Hall. Billy is a double majoring in Chemistry and Biology. He plans on graduating in May of 2000, with honors. After graduation, Billy is planning to go to the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

In a questionnaire, Billy was asked why he chose

Glenville State College. He wrote that GSC is close to his home town and has the same basics as most of the other schools in the state, including the large ones. Since he has always excelled in math and science, choosing a major was an easy choice. He is happy that GSC is preparing him for the real world and that the students from here are just as competitive as students from different schools.

Billy is extremely busy, not only with his school work, but with many other social activi-



BJ Woods, Mercury

ties. He is the secretary for the Glenville Chapter of the American Chemical Society, treasurer for the Alpha Iota

Chapter of Chi Beta Phi, recording secretary for the Pickens Hall Judicial Board, a Freshman Counselor, and treasurer for the Pickens Hall Governing Board. Billy is also a winner of the Mary Jo Pribble scholarship for outstanding sophomore in chemistry.

When asked what changes he would like to see in the Science and Math Department, Billy responded, "I think we should have better lab equipment and instrumentation. I also think that Science and Math could use more up-to-

date computers with faster Internet access." Other aspirations for GSC included, "a higher rate of acceptance levels into graduate and professional schools to give Glenville State College a 'name.' I would also like for GSC to be known as a science and math school."

Billy shows that one can come to college, excel in studies, and keep an extremely busy schedule, all at one time. This may be unbelievable for many people, but Billy has made it work.

Your campus bookstore

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State College Bookstore has many functions. It adds school spirit, and is a place for students to purchase, or order books, supplies, and other things that you want.

Did you know, not only can you pick up the books you need for class at the bookstore, but you can order the book you've been diligently searching the world over for?

If you want a trade book, or maybe the latest Stephen King novel, it can be ordered through the bookstore, as long as the distributor has it in stock.

Your printer runs out of ink and you can only

use a special kind made from the rarest octopus in the sea. Look no further! It can be ordered at the bookstore through a number of suppliers.

Debbie Nagy, the head of the bookstore, states, "if the supplier doesn't require a quantity order, we can have what you need in two or three days."

Nagy also explains, "Each college by state statute has permission to have its own bookstore, as long as the bookstore is self supporting and doesn't depend upon the state for money."

The bookstore has to make its own money in order to survive. It doesn't get tax money, student fees, or any part of the



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Ms. Debbie Nagy

tuition. Nagy wants to make sure that it is understood that just because the bookstore doesn't receive college money, it is still a part of the college. The only difference is that it is a self supporting auxiliary service.

The biggest tip that can be given in regard to buying books at the beginning of the semester is-

WAIT! Nagy commented that people should, "Go to class first, make sure you need the book, and don't want to change your schedule."

Nagy continued, "Our return policy is the way it is because if you take the plastic wrap off the book, the publisher won't give us credit."

Everyone complains about the price of textbooks. Nagy offers a good way to think of this. You've bought the book; you've gone through the semester, you've made your passing grade, retained all the knowledge you can from the book, and then you get to sell it back.

Not only that, but of all the colleges in America, only two percent

of them have lower bookstore prices than GS. The bookstore only makes the books up by two percent, and is therefore not making a killing on the books.

The bookstore makes the money they need to stay in operation through supplies.

The bookstore adds school spirit because anyone who comes to the campus can purchase Glenville-wear. Guess parents, and alumni visit the campus and want to show off the spirit of the school, but it is also advertising for the college.

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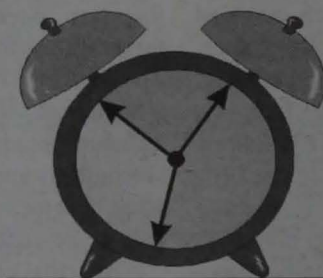
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Thought for the week:

"A person who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else."

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UpTop Activities

By John Barton
Staff Reporter

The following activities will be held during the Spring semester:

March 2nd Comedian in Knight

April 19th Hypnotist in Bresedola

April 20th GSC Week activities (including Human where and Velcro Wall)

April 23rd Ego Imaging

All activities, except those during GSC week, will be held in the UPTOP! In the works are a ski trip for March and possibly an NBA game. Anyone with ideas/suggestions for more trips and activities should contact Student Activities Director Eric Poirier at ext. 269 or ext. 172.

Randy Lubas gets edgy

By John Barton
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, February 9th, GSC was visited by comedian Randy Lubas. Lubas entertained over twenty students comfortably lounged in the UpTop.

Lubas has appeared on seventeen different television spots, including Comedy Central. He has also made a record, Lubasonic, with radio-satirist Dr. Demento. Lubas jokes, "If people start having more sex, I want them to name that after me."

Although the first half of Lubas's act seemed to focus solely on bashing West Virginia ("I stopped by Weirton's Wife-Beating Festival on my way here"), the remainder of the evening was hilarious.



Terry Estep, Mercury

"A rooftop in West Virginia... That's a career dream come true!" - Comedian Randy Lubas brings his irreverent style to entertain GSC students at the UpTop.

Whether he was encouraging dating couples to have more passionate sex, insulting political figures who had more hair than himself, or having freshman coeds assure the male audience it was perfectly acceptable to masturbate when the need

arises, the laughter from the audience was non-stop.

From take-offs on TV appliances to the "40 Funniest One-Liners", Lubas's material fit right in with the college crowd.

As a finale to the evening, Lubas performed his two hit



songs, "The Monica Lewinsky Christmas Song" (Let her blow, let her blow, let her blow) and the aforementioned "Lubasonic".

The next comedian, John Knight will perform on Tuesday, March 2nd, in the Uptop.

Oscar nominees announced Tuesday

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced the nominees for its 71st annual Oscar awards. Kevin Spacey, of "Seven" and "The Negotiator" presented the nominees.

In the Best Picture category, "Elizabeth", "Life is Beautiful",

"Saving Private Ryan", "Shakespeare in Love", and "The Thin Red Line" all recieved nominations.

"Shakespeare", "Ryan", "Life is Beautiful", and "Red Line" were joined by "The Truman Show" in nominees for the Best Directing award.

Actor in a Leading Role nominations went to Tom Hanks for "Ryan", Nick Nolte for

"Affliction", Roberto Benigni for "Life is Beautiful", Ian McKellen in "Gods and Monsters", and in a surprise, Edward Norton in "American History X"

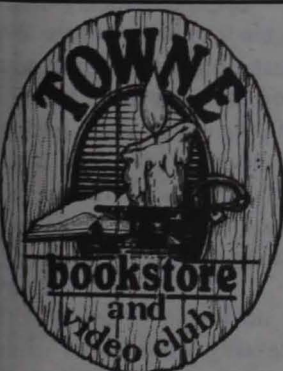
Cate Blanchett led the Actress in a Leading Role category for her role as the title character of "Elizabeth." Joining her were Fernanda Montenegro for "Central Station", Gwyneth Paltrow in "Shakespeare", Meryl

Streep in "One True Thing", and Emily Watson for "Hilary and Jackie."

James Coburn picked up his first Oscar nomination in the Supporting Actor classification for his work in "Affliction". Also nominated were Robert Duval in "A Civil Action", Ed Harris in "Truman", Geoffery Rush in "Shakespeare", and Billy Bob Thornton in "A Simple Plan."

Kathy Bates picked up a nomination for her work in "Primary Colors", as did Brenda Blethyn in "Little Voice". Judi Dench in "Shakespeare", Rachel Griffiths in "Hilary and Jackie", and Lynn Redgrave in "Gods and Monsters" were also nominated.

"Shakespeare in Love" picked up a total of 13 nominations, with "Saving Private Ryan" picking up 11.



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Hail of Bullets; Mish & Mash

Do you remember a coupla' weeks ago, when The Mercury had not the courtesy to run its trademark photo-work on the back page, instead replacing it with that mountain of tiny text proclaiming itself The Proposed Charter? Remember? The one nobody read? Glance through this issue in various places and you'll find the issue still much in evidence.

Another policy of interest to many is the altered summer school schedule, whereby the usual twin, four-week sessions are being replaced with one, six-week curriculum. Nothing in writing on this one yet as we go to press, but expect me to be asking around campus during the week to gain a viable handle on the various viewpoints involved. Me? I'll be here all summer anyway!

Cast a glance toward the adjacent page, and you'll find people really do write the editor...

Last week was Terry Estep's official, final week at The Mercury. From here on-out, we eke by on our own.

Oh, yeah! We told you already.

One thing curiously eluding collective GSC consciousness, is February being Black History Month. Could this be due to the lack of black faculty? The way I see it, if you're a black student, please, this is your chance to educate the rest of us. Hurry! The month's half gone!

Less than a month to Spring Break!

Bet I can come up with four cops and 41 reasons to not be an unarmed West African street bum in New York.

Incidentally, The Mercury staff has been working very hard to improve our efficiency and image, and I am willing to declare this work evident in our publication. Still a few things left to iron-out, but I sincerely thank the entire staff for their tenacity and support.



Input on our output

By Heather Eberly
Staff Columnist

Greetings fellow GSCers! I am writing this editorial on behalf of you, the reader. As the new copy editor for the Mercury, I have taken a greater interest in the reception of our paper.

From what I've been hearing, it's not so good. I've overheard numerous opinions regarding the paper: it's boring;

it never contains anything anyone wants to read, and somebody needs to change it.

Well, readers, this is where you come in. If you don't like something that is printed within this paper, tell us about it! Feel free to write to us. We will accept all complaints, suggestions, and practically anything else you'd like to send in.

You see, we need your feedback to better this publication.

We are willing to make changes to accommodate your needs. At all, this is your newspaper.

If you don't want to read it, then we don't have a job. I hear everyone complaining about the paper, yet no one writes us a letter. It seems like no one wants to take the initiative. Well, I wish to motivate you. WRITE US!! PLEASE!!!!!! We want to make your newspaper better. Honest.

Oscars - What about *The Truman Show*?

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

On Tuesday, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences released the nominees for the 71st annual Oscars. Glaringly missing from the nominees for Best Picture was "The Truman Show." Jim Carrey, who turned in a career-turning performance as the title character, Truman Burbank, was conspicuously omitted.

Why is this? If you ask me, the Academy just has

problems with actors and films that cannot be easily categorized. The nominees for Best Picture can all be easily and neatly pigeonholed.

"The Truman Show" just cannot be categorized as easily. Sure, it stars Carrey, but it's not really a comedy. Sure, it skewers our fascination with voyeurism, but it's not really satire either.

It succeeds in being probably the most honest film of the past few years, both emotionally and the-

matically. Carrey brought to his character a genuine warmth and wide-eyed innocence.

Yet, the academy didn't deem it to be one of the five best films of the past year nor Carrey to have had one of the five best performances of the past year. Instead, it went for the old standbys, war films and period pieces.

I'm afraid the academy is no longer in touch with the art portion of its name anymore.

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Letters to the editor

Former editor speaks on Mercury Charter

Dear editor,

This letter is by no means intended to demean anyone currently or previously working for The Mercury, including the advisor.

The Mercury charter is being proposed as if there were no [previous] charter for it. Could it be that an existing campus organization doesn't have a charter? There is a charter! Student organization charters are kept where they apply for one. Right? And they approve them? Maybe the Rote [previous Mercury editor] cleaned the office up as well. He threw out the Webster's Third New International Dictionary. I never knew we had!

I do know that before his time, every editor, including myself, was given a copy of a manual which outlined, in minute detail, every aspect of the Mercury's operation. Advisor Alecha Cauffman copyrighted this manual in 1965. This, if not a charter, necessarily reflects the charter in which it came. How can we lose a charter?

The GSC Faculty Senate, some student body, should have a hearing to delay the passage of what may cause more trouble than it is worth. The new named manual specifies the pay rate as prevailing locally in accordance with wage and hour laws. Is the '97 staff owed some back pay? Has the charter been lost to some things, or to ease the adoption of a new one? Is a new set of publications going to be made for The Hawhachen? Has the charter been "lost" because it specifies publications under the pub-

lic relations department?

Ten days is a mighty short time for a campus not versed in student press law to know what to challenge. It looks as if you are ramming it [the charter] through. After a summary of a challenge is submitted to the president, then what?

The West Virginia Board of Education adopted what was called a Student's Bill of Rights Nov. 25, 1968. Printed in the January 14, 1968 issue of The Mercury in clear and concise language, the sixth paragraph delineates a student free-press and does not even tie it to student fees; "The value of a free and independent student press is recognized. Student editors and managers have the freedom to report factual matters and to express editorial viewpoints, which need not reflect the viewpoints of the faculty or administration. The freedom of expression necessitates adherence to the canons of responsible journalism, including avoidance of libel, indecency, undocumented allegations, attacks on personal integrity, and techniques of harassment and innuendo. Editors and managers shall be subject to removal only for proper and stated causes and only through orderly and prescribed procedures."

When GSC expects the highest journalistic ideals, does it mean The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Charleston Gazette, or The Glenville Democrat? When the college expects illustrations to be in good taste, does it mean like Cosmopolitan or The Traders Guide? Or does it mean like the Nov. 4, 1996 edition of The Charleston Gazette? The one that pictures Charlotte Pritt kissing a dog on the left of the front page, while now Gov. Cecil Underwood is teaching a Sunday school class on the right? Taste is a matter

of opinion that can be arbitrarily shifted according to whim. The Gazette pictures were not very civil, and could be construed to be defamatory considering the context, which was the day of the election. No major professional newspaper or magazine clutters its masthead in such a manner [described in the charter]. Such information is reserved for the editorial page, as is any disclaimer.

The requirements of the editor's position are vague and rather low. They are not tied to any experience in the Mercury office (most editors know how to manage the office by working there). You would think someone capable of understanding the highest ideals of journalism would have at least a 3.0 grade average. The option to waive the first and/or third requirements means someone could swoop-in to become editor, insulting people who have been "earning their stripes", doing the groundwork of reporting etc; and [such a person] may not be conducive to a co-operative effort. Does "compensating merit" mean any type of military experience?

In my opinion, the [charter] proposal is a pastiche of vague authoritative strictures, thinly veiled to insure the chairman of the language division (by the way, "chairman of the language division" is only capitalized when prefacing a name) can have complete control of The Mercury, while simultaneously ignoring it by placing all responsibility upon the editor and the advisor. The language chair, not the advisor, should be responsible for representing the interests of GSC. The language of this proposal is perfectly set up for abuse. I fear that, instead of being an honor, the editorship will be burdensome because of the

monkey on its back.

-Eugene Breza

Wesley Center Parking

I know that parking on campus is a problem. I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in refraining from parking in the lot behind the Wesley Center. However, it seems there are still a few who have not received the word. The lot behind in this lot will be towed. I hope you will work with me in resolving this problem the "easy" way. Thanks a bunch.

- Mike Ford
Wesley Center Director

WWJD? Response

Dear Editor,

I have realized now that the WWJD(What Would Jesus Do) articles of faith are working! The WWJD phenomena started a few years back; its purpose being to help the distracted people of America take a moment to critically analyze the destructive direction in which our culture is heading. Christianity is fulfilling and enlightening. Those who choose to acknowledge a higher power than themselves delight in the fact that they are in search of the Truth. WWJD articles of faith are of low cost to the purchaser, and beneficial to the proletariat (working class).

If a GOD revolution must start as a fad, so to speak, then so be it. Salvation goes to those who believe and honor the ways of the Lord. Jesus also said to his apostles, "Go out and spread the good news to all that will listen." Is this not what wearers of WWJD articles do, in the least offensive

way possible? Yes, they made you, my brother, think enough to write a letter

to refute the new way of life that could begin by one small reminder of faith. There is not only one 'golden rule', but ten commandments to live by. Jesus was brought to earth to die for our sins; sins that usually occur as a result of "thinking for ourselves."

Humanity models past generational thinking. Every thing is circular. Most people do not stand alone in modes of belief, so trends are born. If you believe in creation, man was created in the likeness of God, therefore, Jesus was created in the same essence. We will never be as perfect as the Lord, yet it leaves the common man with something to strive for! We as Christians have a moral, faithful, and ethical obligation to follow the Lord as closely as human ability allows. Every day a man dies, everyday a person is faced with problems to solve. Is this not what happened to Jesus?

Yes, today people need God more than ever. If a t-shirt or some accessory reminds a person of the most perfect man ever created, or brings them back to worship, may the proponents of industry keep producing these harmless reminders of Christ.

I hope I have represented, not only the Christian community fairly in this letter, but also my savior, Jesus Christ. What would he do? Forgive!

God Bless,
M.Gelsi

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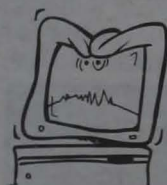
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By Ben Bruton
Staff Columnist

Let's turn our attention to a tiny string of islands in the South Pacific. I'm speaking of Tuvalu, nine little islands located some 2000 miles northeast of Australia.

Tuvalu doesn't have much to offer besides sand, surf, and sun (but hey, isn't that enough?).

The groundwater isn't fit for drinking, the farmland is poor, and there's almost no mineral resources. The population averages about 10,000, and there's not a whole lot in the way of career opportunities. What else can be said for a country



I just wonder who is going to teach the Tuvalu natives how to check their e-mail.

whose chief export is dried coconut meat?

One thing Tuvalu does have is an Internet domain name, thanks to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority. A domain name is the part of an Internet address that tells the user who the web page belongs to. All domain names end in a two or three letter suffix.

The domain name for Glenville State College, for instance, is .edu, which stands for educational institution.

Commercial businesses are assigned .com as their domain name, such as hotmail.com.

Since just about all of the cool-sounding domain names ending in .com are either already owned, registered, or being sold to the highest bidder, many companies are now opting to buy out the domain names of small underdeveloped countries.

All of a sudden, Tuvalu and other strange places you've never heard of like Tonga (.to), Niue (.nu),

Oman (.om), and St. Helena (.sh), are all in demand for their nifty-sounding two-letter suffixes.

Tuvalu's domain suffix is .tv, and is highly marketable since those two letters are instantly recognizable to anyone who owns or watches television. As a result, many television-related businesses are interested in adopting the Tuvalu domain name as their own.

Recently, Tuvalu's Prime Minister, Bikenibeu Paeniu (care to pronounce, anyone?), signed a deal with a Canadian company that will be responsible for selling the .tv domain name to broadcasting companies in the United

States.

What does this mean for the people of Tuvalu? Well, try a \$50 million dollar advance just signing, plus yearly royalties of \$60 million—that's a whole lot of money for a country that has a yearly per capita income of less than \$800. Prime Minister Paeniu calls the money "a gift from God" and hopes to use it to improve Tuvalu's infrastructure, build better housing, and establish the country's first Internet service provider.

Don't you just love happy endings? I just wonder who is going to teach the Tuvalu natives how to check their e-mail.

Science with the Particle Lady: NASA starts comet chasing

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

Stardust, a 848 pound robot, is about the size of a phone booth. This is NASA's newest creation. Stardust was launched on Sunday, hurtling through the universe on its seven year mission to go and capture bits and pieces of a comet's cloud and return these particles to Earth. A last minute radar problem caused the Saturday delay of Stardust.

What makes this mission so unique? This is the first time NASA has sent a robot on a particle gathering mission from beyond our moon. The last such NASA expedition was Apollo 17 in 1972. Apollo 17 was also the last

manned lunar landing. Scientists feel that the extra work, money, and effort put forth will be well worth it. Stardust is the first mission for the United States totally devoted to a comet. Over the next four years, NASA plans to launch three more spacecraft. Out of these, NASA hopes to land two.

Comets are often referred to as frozen time capsules. They are icy, rocky bodies thought to be some of the original building blocks of our solar system. They may have various compounds that will show us how life was formed. Scientists believe that 4 billion years ago, Earth was continually bombarded with comets. Scientists believe that the

comet particles will tell us of the beginnings of our solar system.

Other features of Stardust will be beneficial to scientists. The thick shields covering it will protect it from the pelting particles it will travel through as it nears the comet. An onboard camera will give the scientists a close-up view of the comet.

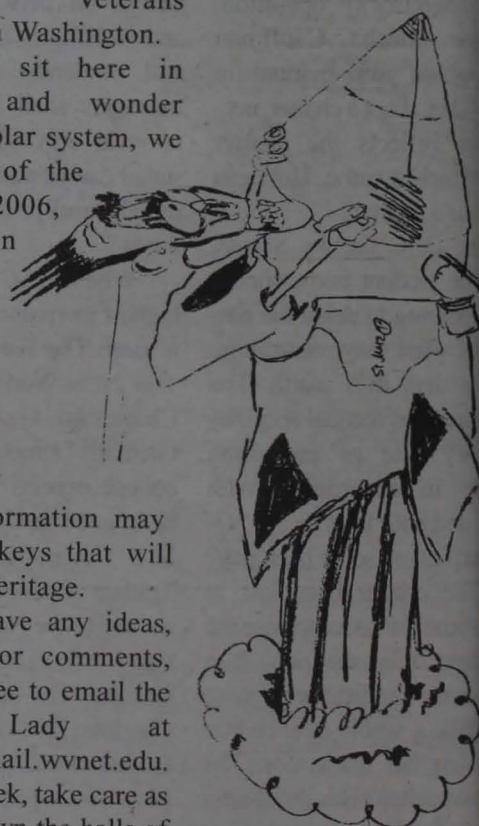
Other notables from Earth aboard Stardust are a pair of silicon chips containing more than one million names of individuals from around the world. These names were submitted via the Internet, just for this expedition. Included on these chips are the 58,200 names of men and women etched on the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

As we sit here in Glenville and wonder about our solar system, we can dream of the day in 2006, when Stardust returns with all the information it gathered. Who knows?

That information may contain the keys that will unlock our heritage.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please feel free to email the Particle Lady at gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu. Until next week, take care as you travel down the halls of science.



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WHERE ARE YOU?

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) - This week promises to be full of fun, laughter and friendship. All you need to do is be yourself. You may be feeling that everything is against you at work - the obstacles are only temporary. If you accept a new challenge, you can increase your income.

GSC scores WVIAC Player of the Week

Associated Press

PRINCETON, W.Va. — Salem-Teikyo's Frank McQueen and Glenville State's Kelly Osborn are the West Virginia Conference men's and women's basketball players of the week beginning on February 1.

McQueen, a 6-foot-4 junior guard from Washington, D.C., averaged 13.5 points and eight rebounds in two victories last week.

Osborn, a 5-9 sophomore forward from Sand Fork, averaged 31.5 points and nine rebounds in two victories. She hit 60 percent of her field goals and 90 percent of her free throws.

The players were named on February 8.

GSC Men Getting Primed for Conference Tournament

*By Craig Lovejoy
Staff Reporter*

The Glenville State College men's basketball team just finished a two game home-stand where they hung tough with two quality teams. The first game pitted GSC against the West Virginia State Yellowjackets in a key conference showdown. Led by the hot shooting of Terry Clark and Floyd Burgher, the Pioneers took a commanding 49-36 lead into the locker room.

Good foul shooting and tough defense helped the Pioneers hold off the charging Yellowjackets 86-73. The Pioneers had a very balanced scoring attack with four play-

ers scoring in double figures. Leading the way was Clark with 26, Burgher with 16, Salim Lazreg with 13, and Tom Ewing with 10.

The Pioneers also crashed the boards very well out-rebounding the Jackets 54-37. Leading the way in rebounds were Clark and Isiah Carter, both with 11, and David Davis with 9.

Two days later, Salem Teikyo Tigers, ranked second nationally, invaded the Pioneer gymnasium. They carried with them a record of 20-1 with a 14-0 record in conference play. After an all Tiger first half which saw them hold a 49-29 halftime lead, the Pioneers stormed back in the second half, only to lose 90-77. The Pioneers

were led by Salim Lazreg with 25 points, Terry Clark with 23, and Floyd Burgher with 13. Lazreg proved his prowess with a perfect shooting game of 8-8, including 5-5 from 3 point land.

The Pioneers have shown improvement lately and could

be a very tough team to contend with in the WVIAC tournament. With a record of 8-14(6-10 in conference), the Pioneers can easily shock some

higher ranked teams. The young talent keeping coming through for the Pioneers, they could go further than a lot of people expected them to.



Chris Vannoy, Merc

Cash vs. Parity

*By Craig Lovejoy
Staff Columnist*

In the world of professional sports, money rules. The larger cities have all the money, and the top-notch players are consistently signing bigger and bigger contracts. While this is all understandable considering the incredible amount of money that professional sports has generated in the last twenty years, one disturbing trend has developed: the top players sign only with the richest teams. In the last few years, the owners of professional sports teams have tried to remedy this problem with something called a salary cap.

A salary cap is basically a set amount of money that each team's total player salary cannot exceed. This way, small markets will be on even ground with big markets when signing top players. This idea, hated by players and usually a main focal point in contract negotia-

tions, has led to strikes and lockouts (i.e. the recent basketball lockout). The players' main argument is that with a cap on their salaries, the owners get the bulk of the money that the players generate.

The NFL's installed salary cap system allows teams with smart front offices to compete against teams backed by big money. Smaller market teams like the Buffalo Bills and Green Bay Packers would have little chance of getting top players if there were no salary cap.

I personally believe that salary caps are necessary in sports today. Having one enables small market teams like the Montreal Expos and the Dallas Mavericks to protect their top draftees and minor-leaguers in free agency from teams like the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Lakers. Hopefully, all sports will operate under a salary cap. Then we can get away from the hype and back to the game.

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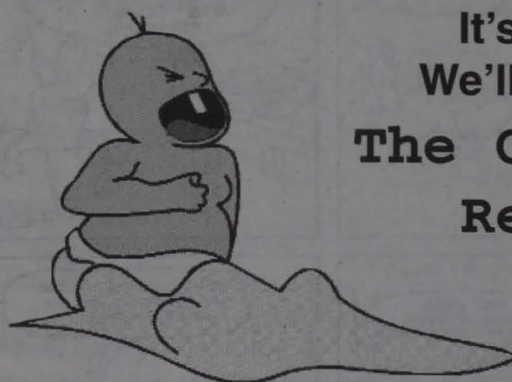
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GSC's Carla Curran (52) helps set the offense in action against West Virginia State.

Lady Pioneers win three conference games in a week

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Reporter

In three critical games over the last week, the Lady Pioneers tuned up for the upcoming conference tournament. With impressive wins over the West Virginia State Yellowjackets, the Salem-Teikyo Tigers, and the West Virginia Wesleyan Tigers, the team is beginning to come together as a force to be reckoned with come tourney time.

On Feb. 4, the squad took on State in a home contest. After going into the locker room with a 42-36 advantage, GSC staved off the scoring clinic put on by State's Shannon Henderson to carry the game by a 79-68 final. On her way to capturing conference player of week honors, GSC's Kelly

Osborne poured in 29 points, but was held in check for most of the second half, with only 11 points coming in the half.

The Saturday, Feb. 6 game versus Salem - Teikyo, 7-14 overall, 6-8 and in conference, was another matter entirely. After shooting an abysmal 35 percent from the floor in the first half of action, the team came out of halftime with the score tied at 31. Then the Lady Pioneers poured on the offense while holding Salem's offense to just 37 percent shooting, as compared to the 43 percent they shot in the first half. The Lady Pioneers blew open the game and went on to win by the final of 75 to 57.

Osbourne once again lead all scorers with a fantastic 34 point performance. She also nabbed six rebounds and made

off with three steals. Collen McBrien pitched in with a solid 11 points of her own.

Last Thursday, the Lady Pioneers took on Wesleyan at Buckhannon with similar results. A cold start again haunted the squad, with a 21 shooting percentage to open the game. Come second half, their shooting improved to 32 percent as they began to distance themselves from the Tigers, finally winning by a 57-45 score.

Tammy Spence lead all scorers with 13, leading four GSC players that scored in double digits. Osome had 12, while Sabrina Stout and Christy Crow each contributed with 10 GSC points.

The Lady Pioneers have three more tune-ups next week before entering the conference tourney.



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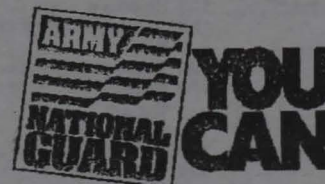
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West Virginia Women's Commission Chair, Sally Riley chats with attendees;

GSC student Carrie Weber browses the displays;

First Lady Hovah Underwood addresses the participants



"It is nice being celebrated"
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GSC Student

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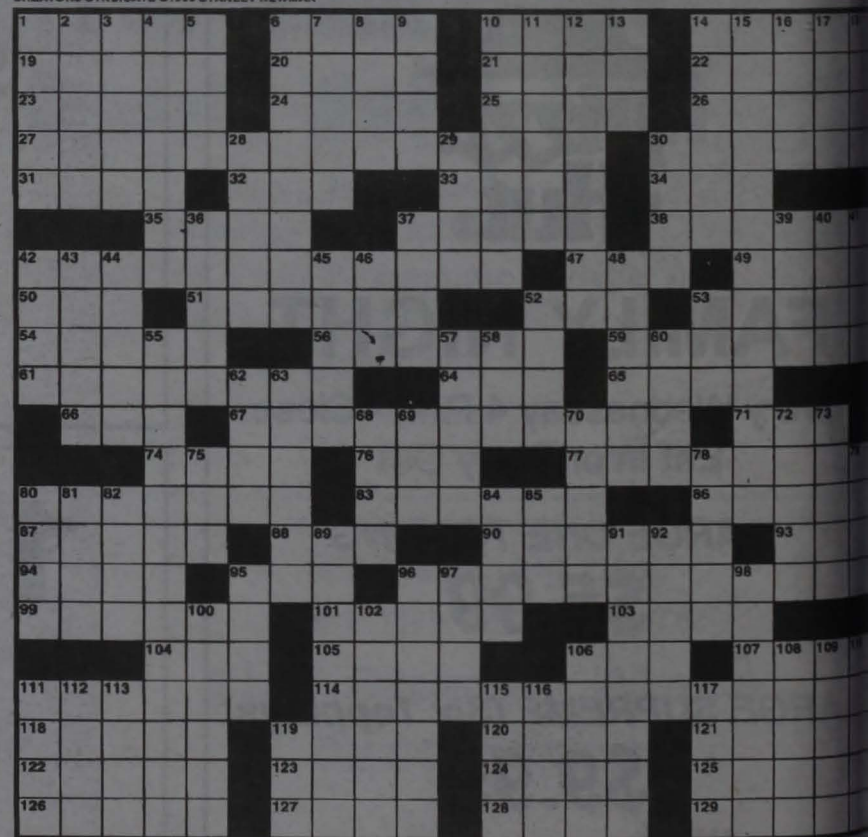
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- 10 I Remember
- 14 Pains' partners
- 19 Like sheep
- 20 Auto make, familiarly
- 21 "the Mood for Love"
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- 23 Pocahontas' husband
- 24 False god
- 25 Follows persistently
- 26 Air-race marker
- 27 Kelly/Milland movie of '54
- 30 Most ignoble
- 31 Author Ferber
- 32 Dolt
- 33 "...ere I saw"
- 34 Height: Abbr.
- 35 Gymnast's needs
- 37 "What to say is..."
- 38 Explosions
- 42 Own up
- 47 Mao -tung
- 49 Reuben's mother
- 50 broche (cooked on a skewer)
- 51 Most uncommon
- 52 Recipe amt.
- 53 Playing marble
- 54 Singer Mel
- 56 Horn blower
- 59 Some cigars
- 61 Discontinue
- 64 Kimono closer
- 65 Part of QEII
- 66 Cozy retreat
- 67 Pool installation
- 71 Exiled Amin
- 74 Church area
- 76 Meadow call

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- 77 "The of You" ('40 tune)
- 80 Pep up
- 83 Magazine extra
- 86 Shocked
- 87 All-stops train
- 88 German article
- 90 Paused
- 93 Director Spike
- 94 Roman road
- 95 Swindle
- 96 Ski turn
- 99 Add fizz to
- 101 Appetizer spreads
- 103 Fence component
- 104 Mateo, CA
- 105 Julia Roberts' brother
- 106 Chow down
- 107 Writer LeShan et al.
- 111 Chess opening
- 114 Ship call
- 118 Northwest highway
- 119 Pitcher Hershiser
- 120 Sound of regret
- 121 "There is Nothing Like"
- 122 Work with oils
- 123 Hawaii's state bird
- 124 -slapper (something funny)
- 125 Taylor of The Nanny
- 126 Writers Bagnold and Blyton
- 127 German river
- 128 Rolls out a lawn
- 129 Coat of arms

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