

The Mercury



GSC student arrested for fraud

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Kristina M. Williams, a Glenville State College student from Falls Mills, WV, was arrested last week in connection with Internet fraud.

Williams allegedly used G.S.C. computers to apply for a loan and to purchase a Gateway computer with false information.

An Ohio woman contacted the West Virginia State Police reporting that her name, date of birth and social security number had been used without her consent. This lead Trooper Bonazzo of the Sutton

Detachment of the West Virginia State Police to a Burnsville address, where the computer was delivered.

The warrant for arrest was issued February 8 and led to the confiscation of a computer, drugs, fraudulent checks, and mail from the complainant in Ohio.

Charges are pending in Gilmer County. Williams was also charged in Braxton County Magistrate Court with obtaining goods under false pretense, two counts of conducting a fraudulent scheme, possession with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana, more than 15 grams.

Former GSC President now employed by college

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Former Glenville State College President William Simmons is earning \$79,000 a year to teach three English classes and prepare a report on the last 30 years of the state's higher education system, a college spokesman says.

The teaching assignment and salary are part of the Mountain State Professor program, which lets former state college presidents teach full-time and keep 80 percent of their salaries.

Both the salary and teaching duties were agreed to before Simmons retired last July 1 after 23 years as Glenville's president. The

Mountain State Professor program was created by the former state Board of Regents in 1983 when Simmons served as acting board director.

Simmons final years as Glenville president were marked by controversy as staff and faculty complained about operations at the Gilmer County college.

In 1994, 55 of the college's 76 faculty members approved a "no confidence" vote against Simmons' leadership.

Several faculty members later sued claiming Simmons retaliated against them after the vote, by either removing them as department chairmen or denying them full professorships. The state will pay

about \$500,000 in back pay and damages related to the lawsuits.

Simmons took a month sabbatical before returning to the classroom this semester.

He is teaching a composition course, introduction to literature and survey of English literature at Nicholas County Center in Summersville, said Glenville State spokesman Jack Bar

Simmons is also writing an analysis of the major turning points in West Virginia higher education over the past 30 years.

The average professor salary at Glenville State was less than \$38,000 in 1994, according to the state Higher Education Report Card.

West Virginia median household incomes rank last in nation

By John Raby
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Census Bureau estimates released today show one in five West Virginians lived in poverty in 1995.

And the median household income of \$25,354 in West Virginia ranked last among the states and \$8,700 below the national average, the report found. Half the families have incomes above the median level and half have incomes below.

Like nearly every other state, West Virginia's poverty rate dropped between 1993 and 1995, to 19.9 percent.

But only Mississippi, Louisiana, New Mexico and the District of Columbia had higher rates than West Virginia. Thirteen states — mostly in the Northeast and

Midwest — had poverty rates below 10 percent.

Nationally, 13.8 percent of Americans lived in poverty in 1995. In 1995, a family of four was considered poor if its income was below \$15,569 per year. For a family of three, it was \$12,158.

The report also found a wide disparity of income among West Virginia's counties.

Putnam County, the state's fastest-growing county in the 1990, is also the richest. It had the state's highest median household income at \$39,619 and the lowest poverty rate, 11.4 percent.

Putnam County is conveniently bisected by Interstate 64, making it easy for two-earner families to divide the difference when commuting between

Charleston and Huntington.

By contrast, McDowell County, remote even by West Virginia standards, had the lowest median household income at \$17,706. It also had the highest poverty rate among counties at 36.8 percent, and the highest rate of children living in poverty, 56.3 percent.

McDowell, which has lost the greatest percentage of its residents than any other county since 1980, has relied almost exclusively on the extraction of natural resources for its employment base. Those problems are compounded by its isolation from major highways and its rugged terrain, which does not lend itself to building new roads.

Four Eastern Panhandle counties ranked among the top seven for the lowest

poverty rates: Jefferson, 11.9 percent; Berkeley, 13.4; Hardy, 13.8; and Morgan, 13.9. The others were in the Northern Panhandle: Brooke, 13.7; and Hancock, 13.8.

Jefferson ranked second in highest median income, \$36,711; followed by Berkeley, \$33,425; Wood,

\$32,652; and Brooke, \$31,280.

Besides McDowell, five counties had poverty rates of higher than 30 percent: Webster, 35.6; Clay, 33.5; Calhoun, 31.5; Gilmer, 31.2; Lincoln, 30.5. Webster, Calhoun and Clay also were among the lowest median household income

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Pepper spray: Not just for stalkers

Associated Press

LINDEN, N.J. (AP) - The head of the FBI's New York criminal division was arrested for drunken driving and subdued with pepper spray when he refused to get out of his car, state police said.

Victor Gonzalez, 48, of Wood Bridge, was driving north on the New Jersey Turnpike to pick up his daughter at Newark International Airport at about 4 p.m. Monday when he was stopped by police, state Police Lt. Dan Cosgrove said.

A motorist had called a cellular phone to say a driver appeared to be drunk and had almost hit a car on the side of the highway, Cosgrove said.

Troopers soon saw the man driving erratically in the turnpike's outer roadway, activated their sirens and pulled him over three miles later, Cosgrove said.

Gonzalez refused to get out of his car or identify himself, then locked his hands around the steering wheel and wrapped his legs under the car seat to make it harder for officers to remove him, police said. The troopers squirted Gonzalez with pepper spray, then three officers removed him from the car.

Gonzalez appeared to be drunk but refused to take a breath test, police said. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, obstruction of justice and failure to take an alcohol test.

Giuliani slipping in wake of Diallo shooting

By Michael Blood
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's popularity has nose-dived at a time when many New Yorkers are outraged over the police killing of an unarmed street peddler at his Bronx home, a poll found Wednesday.

And residents pinpoint brutality and racism within the nation's largest police force as among the top problems facing the city, said the poll by the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute.

The survey of 881 city voters, conducted Feb. 10 through Feb. 15, provides a snapshot of a city unsettled by the death of African immigrant Amadou Diallo, who was hit 19 times in a fusillade of 41 bullets fired by four officers at close range.

Over the past 15 months, as the city benefited from

lower crime and a sound economy, Giuliani's approval rating in polls soared as high as 85 percent, and he was easily re-elected to a second term in 1997. But the Quinnipiac survey found that in the days following the Feb. 4 Diallo shooting, only 44 percent of New Yorkers said they like the way the mayor is doing his job.

Forty-seven percent said they disapproved of Giuliani's job performance.

His approval rating dropped 16 percentage points from a similar poll conducted by the Hamden, Conn., college in November. The sharp decline coincides with the Republican mayor's fundraising for a possible run at the U.S. Senate in 2000, a seat also being eyed by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Polling institute director Maurice Carroll said the mayor

was suffering from a deluge of unfavorable publicity - the result of the Diallo controversy, tension with the City Council and his administration's decision to virtually close City Hall to public access.

"Day in and day out you read about some poor guy who's standing in a doorway in the Bronx and he gets 41 bullets pumped into him? That has to have an effect," Carroll said.

Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone questioned Giuliani's reluctance to fault police in Diallo's death, which he suggested damaged his standing with the public. After initially saying little about the victim, the mayor has said he's troubled by the shooting but would withhold judgment until the investigation is completed by the Bronx district attorney.

The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points.

Convicted murderer not immune to lethal injection

Associated Press

VARNER, Ark. (AP) - A triple-murderer who claimed that he might be immune to the poisons used to kill death row inmates was executed by lethal injection Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, a police officer convicted of killing three people in a murder-for-hire plot was executed in Texas.

In Arkansas, Johnie Michael Cox, 42, admitted killing his step-grandmother and two distant relatives on Nov. 1 - All Saints Day - 1989. He told police that Marie Sullens would go to heaven if she died that day.

Cox's spiritual adviser said Cox believed the execution "may just be a show" and that it was possible to survive poisons

Victims:

- Marie Sullens, 68
- Margaret Brown, 34
- Billy Brown, 32
- Gene Summers, 64
- Helen Summers, 64
- Billy Mack Summers, 60

that shut down the heart and lungs.

Asked if he had any final words, Cox replied, "Yes. I'm anxious. Please release me and let me go."

Cox was convicted of killing Mrs. Sullens, 68; Margaret Brown, 34; and Billy Brown, 32. They were tied at the hands and feet with wire and tape and had been shot, stabbed and strangled before their

home was set on fire.

In Texas, Andrew Cantu was executed for the 1990 stabbing deaths of Gene Summers and his wife Helen, both 64, and Summers' mentally retarded brother, Billy Mack Summers, 60. All were attacked at home as they slept.

Cantu, 31, declined to make a final statement.

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GSC distance learning network expands

\$100,000 grant to start Roane County center

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College has expanded its Distance Learning Programs to include Roane County. Thanks in part to a \$100,000 grant used to purchase the necessary video equipment, the Roane County extension now has an up and running, state-of-the-art technology classroom.

Like the extensions in Lewis, Braxton, and Nicholas counties, the Roane center will be interactive on a twenty-four hour basis. During classroom instruction, interaction between faculty and students is both verbal and visual.

According to Senator William R. Sharpe, Jr., the addition of the Roane extension will increase

access to educational opportunities for all who live in central West Virginia.

"In rural, central West Virginia, long trips over secondary roads are the only means of access for a majority of today's students, many of whom hold full or part-time jobs. The potential educational opportunities this new center will bring to our area are limitless," said Sharpe.

Roane County Superintendent, Steve Goffreda, shares Senator Sharpe's enthusiasm for the project. "This is an historic event for Roane County schools and it demonstrates our board of education's sincere commitment to the education of our students and our entire community. This is probably



(L to R) Del. Otis Leggett, Sen. Walt Helmick, Del. William Stemple, Del. Brent Boggs, Sen. William Sharpe, President Bruce Flack, Superintendent Steve Goffreda, Sen. Oshel Craig, Sen. Joseph Minard, Del. Oscar Hines, Sen. Mike Ross

one of the most exciting endeavors we've embarked upon in recent years and it has tremendous potential," explained Goffreda.

GSC President, Dr. Bruce Flack, believes the partnership

with Roane County High School is a natural.

"Glenville State College has a long-standing, positive affiliation with Roane County educators and the community at large. Many of Roane's

teachers have their educational degrees from Glenville State and the creation of a Distance Learning Center is a fitting way to formalize our strong relationship," said President Flack.

Student Congress and the Mercury Charter

By Natalie Gaughan
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 16, Mercury Chief Editor William E. Owens requested that Student Congress hold a public hearing during which proposed changes to The Mercury's charter could be discussed.

The proposed changes are outlined in a petition written by former Mercury Production Manager Terry Estep, operating under advisory from the Student

dated Feb. 11 and signed by 11 Mercury staff members.

Addressing possible First Amendment violations, the petition states that neither the advisor nor the publisher may attempt to control or edit a student publication. S

Student Congress officials denied the requested hearing and stated repeatedly that they were completely powerless in this situation.

The hearing was scheduled through the Language Division, and will be held Mar. 2, 1999.

We, the undersigned, believe that the proposed Mercury charter adopted by the Faculty Senate and appearing in the Mercury on February 1, 1999, raises concerns which must be addressed before it can be formally adopted by the College Council. These concerns are arranged by section:

PURPOSE.

1 - The advisor, while serving as a role model and reminding newspaper staffers of professional behavior, journalistic ideals, practices and legal obligations in the realms of privacy, libel and copyright law, does not represent the interests of the college and may not punish students for editorial decisions he/she feels fall outside the "established canons, legal restrictions, and highest ideals of the journalistic profession."

PUBLISHER.

2 - The college, while expecting appropriateness and good taste in articles, illustrations and photographs, may not require it. That content-based decision is to be left in the hands of the student editors.

3 - The college, by threatening to withdraw support at any time for content-based decisions, is in violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution. Censorship by "power of the purse" is still censorship. Legal responsibility for libel or invasion of privacy falls on the shoulders of the student editors.

MASTHEAD.

4 - The charter cannot require student editors to print a staff box or any disclaimer the student editors do not wish to print, nor may it preclude the printing of unsigned letters or articles. Those decisions belong to the student editors.

CAMPUS PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

5 - The Campus Publication Committee does not set overall editorial policy for the Mercury, nor is it granted the power to punish or remove student editors and staffers for content or content-based decisions.

ROLE OF THE ADVISOR.

6 - The advisor should encourage students to formulate and follow a code of ethics and to help student staffers avoid situations which would jeopardize the public's trust in and reliance on the Mercury as a fair and balanced source of news and analysis, but may not dictate content.

7 - The charter provides little protection for the advisor's job. The advisor, who is charged with aiding the students under his care, is often at odds with the college's "best interests." The charter does not safeguard against summary dismissal by the head of the Language Division.

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Michael Belmear expounds on Black History Month

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Students in Ms. Mysliwiec's Cultural Minorities class were given tools and ammunition in fighting prejudice and insecurities on Feb. 18.

Michael Belmear, the assistant vice-president of Student affairs for Fairmont State College, was invited to speak in celebration of Black History month. Although he feels that the idea of Black History month is a form of racism, he says that he will take it if it's all he gets. He stated, "If I teach a history class, I

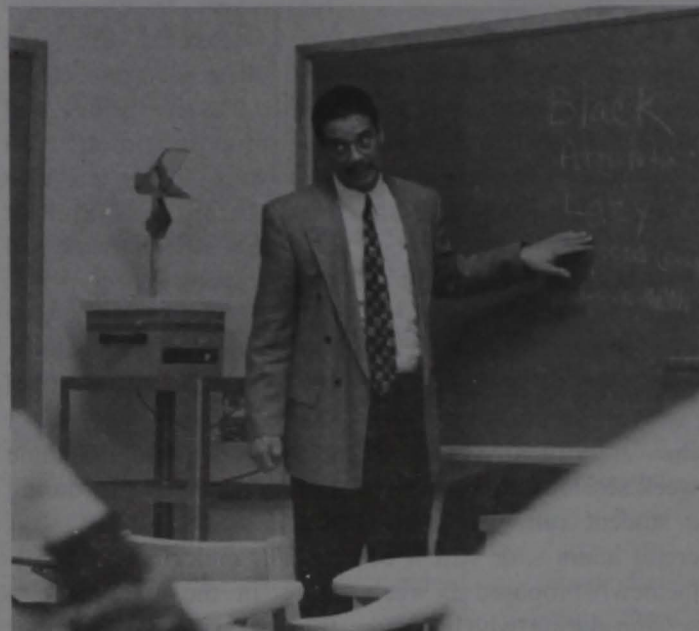
need to put all people in it: women, blacks, Native Americans, everyone. We, not just the white folks, are responsible for our history."

He stressed in his speech that prejudices really are insecurities running wild. Fighting insecurity is simple. He explains, "You all need to find out who you are and be happy with yourselves in order to end prejudice and to open your mind."

Belmear also pointed out that what affects one of us reflects all of us. He used the example of violence and drugs spreading from the inner cities to the suburbs to illustrate this

point. He attributed it to negligence and stated, "Neglect promotes violence and violence is everyone's problem." He described our society as, "passionate, but without compassion."

Belmear encouraged GSC students to take part in their world and make a positive change because, "we are all living in this thing [world] together." The key to changing the world is self-motivation. The aged pass on the future to the next generation in a never-ending cycle. He adds as a word of warning, "It is just being passed. Nobody is taking care of it."



Amy Smith, Mercury

Michael Belmear, the assistant vice-president of Student affairs for Fairmont State College, educates GSC students about the history of Black History Month.

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Beware the stars of March

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

March is the month of spring, plus a month of some great star gazing. It is usually warm enough to stay out at night, looking up at the heavens and seeing all that our universe has to offer us. For those of you who do not have a telescope, there are many things which can be seen with only the naked eye.

On March 5 and 6, the planets of Mercury and Jupiter will be visible. From March 6-10, Jupiter and Mercury fall together perfectly; however, at this time you will not be able to see Mercury as it is mostly hidden behind Jupiter. March 15 brings Jupiter 20 degrees lower to the right of Venus. This event occurs about one hour after sunset and will not be seen again for a couple of weeks.

The evening of March 8 is a great evening for planet sightings as Saturn, Venus, Mercury, and Jupiter will be

bright and shiny.

March 10 leads to the complete separation of Mercury and Jupiter. By the end of the month, Mars will be rising as Venus sets. Mars isn't as bright and colorful as Venus, but it does make for great star gazing.

March is also the month of two full moons. There will be a full moon on March 2 and another on March 31. The second moon is often referred to as a blue moon. The phrase, "once in a blue moon" stems from the fact that two full moons within one month is a rare occurrence.

The Ursa Major Cluster of stars will also be prominent during the month of March. Included in this cluster are the stars of the Big Dipper (the core), Gemma in Corona Borealis, Zosma in Leo, Menkalinan in Auriga, Cursa in Eridanus and even Sirius.

March is a great month for star gazing; just take a couple of hours out of your busy schedule and go enjoy it.

Summer school to be altered

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

While most students on campus, looking beyond spring break and final exams at a blissful summer of doing whatever, could give a fig about college from mid-May through the end of August, there are those of us who will be attending summer school. A new concern lies ahead.

Will summer school be the traditional two-four week sessions during which a student can gain twelve credit hours ...or will it be the newly proposed six week session during which a student can take a total of nine hours?

Joseph Evans, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs, confirmed that the new six

week summer school plan has officially been approved for this year. Dr. Evans himself initiated the discussion with other academic chairs on the Faculty Senate and his proposal met with approval. Evans has also been before the Student Congress at least twice and met no opposition.

When asked about why the change had come about, Dr. Evans said, "I've taught summer school and I didn't feel that we had the same quality that we had during the academic year".

The majority of the colleges in the state have a five or six week summer school program, with only a few schools using the two-four week sessions. According to Evans, during the academic year, a stu-

dent who takes classes on Tuesday and Thursday receive thirty days of instruction per semester. With the new plan, students meet for the same number of class sessions; the only difference being that they attend during the summer.

Summer school will begin in mid-June, with registration for classes on the 14th and 15th. Classes start on June 16th. Each class will be one hour and fifteen minutes in duration. The reasoning behind this is instructors are accustomed to teaching fifty minute or seventy-five minute classes. This way, they won't have to reformat their materials.

Work is being done on the summer schedule and should be completed by early March.

Students will be permitted to take up to nine credit hours. However, special concessions may possibly be made for those students needing twelve hours for graduation. Evans stated that a reduction in credit hours wasn't a real concern, for the majority of students attending summer school carry ten hours or less, with only a small percentage taking twelve credit hours.

He also said that most of the administration offices approve of the new summer school agenda including Karen Lay, Financial Aid Director. Lay was a major proponent of the change, citing that financial aid access would be improved.

Dr. Evans said that the only question he really wrestled with was when to

start summer school. Public school will be closed by June 15th, and incoming freshmen, as well as public school teachers, would be available to take classes. The curriculum should end around the same time as it has traditionally...possibly one or two days earlier.

Previously, a student could choose to attend on a four week session of summer school and not the other.

Six weeks of continuous summer school seems like a long time (practically the whole summer). Asked if he thought there would be a drop in summer enrollment due to this precedent, Evans replied, "I'm not anticipating any reduction in our summer's going rate".

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.

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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.

Library Cooperation

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

The Robert F. Kidd Library and Gilmer Public Library are joining forces in hopes of providing better services for Glenville residents and college students. The goal is to learn what each library has to offer so

that it can refer the patrons to the library that contains the information needed. Mr. Rick Tubsing of Robert F. Kidd Library stated that all of the patrons from the Gilmer Public Library are welcome and can obtain a non-student patron card at no charge.

The hours of the Gilmer

Public Library are 9 to 11 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Additional hours are Tuesday from 9 to 7, and Saturday from 9 to 1. Mrs. Galenza and Mr. Tubsing will be working closely with Ben Bruton, the reference librarian of the Robert F. Kidd Library.

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Internship Opportunity

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Reporter

As nearly every employment guide screams, "Internship!", what's a slacker college student to do? Try the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. This summer, it is offering an internship in its office of communications for a

student studying communications, journalism, or public relations.

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Multicultural diversity in the classroom: "...Its about you," says Todd Minney

By John Barton
Staff Reporter

"This is about diversity." says Todd Minney, "It's not reading about another person, it's about you."

Mr. Minney spoke Tuesday evening, February 23rd, in the Fine Arts Recital Hall on multicultural diversity and his experiences teaching English in Japan for five years, in a place with the frozen seas and a little bit of tundra." Minney is currently teaching the English as a Second Language course at GSC.

Over forty students and professors attended the seminar which focused mainly on looking at cultural misunderstanding as a result of differing reali-

ties. "A person's reality consists of one's thoughts, beliefs, practices, and ways of thinking," says Minney, "Each person has a certain system of beliefs and practices based upon his/her experience...And whether it be language differences, cultural views, or educational systems, any one of these can cause misunderstanding."

At one point, Minney instructed the audience in French to answer a questionnaire that required translating in order to illustrate the difficulty caused by misunderstanding another cultures language. Minney, and the co-presenter Shanda Leather, formerly an international environmental

lobbyist, both spoke concerning cultural myths and stereotypes and the difficulty people had adapting to other cultures.

The audience offered several "truths" about society as they viewed it while Minney and Leather recorded each. Afterwards, both presentors discussed the presence, or lack thereof, of those "truths" in other cultures. One that came up in many cultures outside of the US was the prevalence of a caste system. "In the United States, we believe that anyone can improve their present situation, anyone can succeed," says Leather, but in other cultures, especially Asia, South Pacific, and Indonesia, a caste system



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

Todd Minney and Shanda Leather lecture on the effect of cultural diversity in the classroom.

exists which doesn't allow upward mobility.

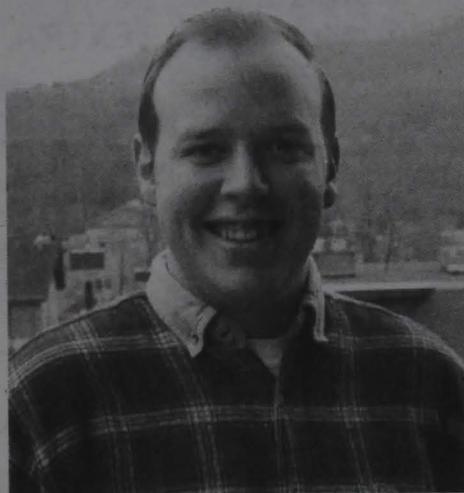
In closing, Minney added, "It's not about skin, it's about culture." To illustrate his point, he described his experiences as a graduate

student in Great Britain where he thought, "the cultures would be similar because we spoke the same language. I had more difficulty adapting to English culture than I did Japanese."

Ernest R. Tinglor For President

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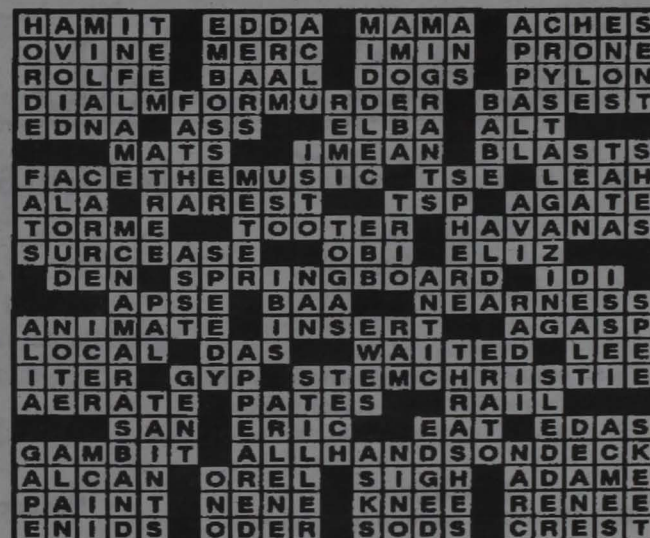
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Ask Eleanor: Sage advice

Dear Eleanor,

I can be a reserved person and take a while to get to know people. Because of this, I am sometimes viewed as unfriendly. What can I do about this?

A question to ponder...

Dear Question,

Taking your time to judge a person's character is a mature decision, yet it is understandable that most people would view you as "unfriendly." A possible solution would be to spend more time with these people. By doing this you can get to know them better and give them the opportunity to see who you are. Remember while you are discerning what kind of relationship to have with them, they may be doing the same with you.

Dear Eleanor,

I recently ran into a childhood friend whom I had not seen in ten to twelve years. I was very excited to see him; we were neighbors and he was the only other kid on the block that was close to my age. I was very shocked and surprised upon seeing him; he is now a paraplegic with only partial use of one of his arms. He seems to be coping well with his loss and is very fortunate

that money was and is available for his rehabilitation. After the latest news of our families was shared, conversation kind of came to a stand still. I felt that everything I said was a painful reminder of what he will never have again. He seemed to think that nothing in his life would be interesting or exciting for me to hear, or that maybe I wouldn't care to hear it. This is not the case. How can the both of us move past his disability into a healthy, positive friendship?

Signed,

Disconnected Friend

Dear Disconnected,

This disconnection is common occurrence among people who change over the years. The best way to handle this is with support and action. Show him that you are genuinely interested in being his friend no matter what. You may want to plan activities you can do together; have a certain night of the week you can eat dinner or watch movies. You may even offer to attend a rehabilitation appointment with him. By establishing a true and faithful relationship the disability will no longer be at the forefront of your interaction with one another.

Dear Eleanor,

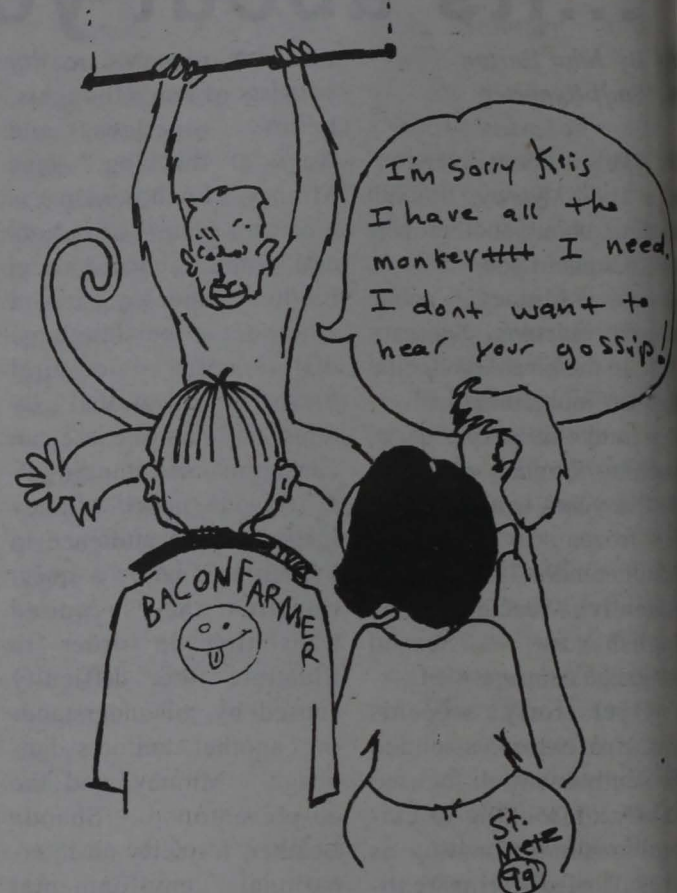
Normally I don't listen to gossip, but when I hear something that can hurt someone, when or do you think I should help?

Signed,

Listener

Dear Listener,

I believe the first step would be to investigate the rumor. Find out where it came from and how reliable the source is. If you find the information relevant you may want to present the issue in a delicate reaffirming manner. You should also be willing to back up your friend and the information you are delivering. If you do not want to listen to rumors tell the gossip you're not interested in hearing it!!!!



Ask Eleanor

submission guidelines

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Thought for the week:

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And the crowd goes wild... "Pippin" scores

Pippin
Allison Tant

ings have been busy
Fine Arts Building for
at few weeks. All of the
work has paid off,
GSC Theatre's ren-
of the musical/ come-
Pippin" has survived
ing night.

talented array of
and actresses graced
stage February 17-19.
Harris as the Leading
it did a wonderful job
inging, introducing the
acters, and dancing in
ammy Davis Junior-
character. She really
the play together and
ing smoothly. Cris
ely, as Pippin gives a
g performance as the
lead character of the

show. Pippin's father, Charlamagne, played by Craig Worl, took the stage with his overpowering voice and boisterous attitude. Chad Nichols as Lewis, Pippin's spoiled brother, did a great job at showing off and being obnoxious. Fastrada, Charlamagne's wife, was a plotting, scheming woman who loved her son Lewis in an unconventional way. Lisa Belknap did a good job at portraying her character. By far one of the most talented singers on the stage was Emily Jones. She played Pippin's sassy grandma, Berthe, with a performance that took the house. Emily belted out the lyrics like a natural diva. Samara Watt played the part of Catherine, Pippin's girl-

friend. Samara has the voice of an angel. She and Cris gave a stunning performance on their duet, "Love Song."

Some of the scenes took the stage by surprise. There were acts of sex, magic, and holy war. The crowd went wild with the sex scenes. Aaron Casto and Sarah Weadon did a superb job at demonstrating the trials and tribulations of human nature. Heather Eberly did a competent job of choreography.

The crowd gasped in admiration during the finale as a man was set on fire in a box. The whole cast and crew worked really hard to put together the show. It couldn't have been done without everyone's time and energy.



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

Charlemagne (right, Craig Worl) and Pippin (Criston B. Gravely) do a little father-son bonding.

Search Engines: Good, Better, Best

by Rob Kerns
Staff Reporter

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puter with a mission from
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nation, but you're not
where to look. At some
you decide to search the
net. Then, the realization
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dozens of search engines
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Which one do you use?
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o, Excite, Magellan
gellan.excite.com),
eek, Dogpile, Alta Vista,
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...or are they?

Depending upon what
of information a person is
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mation, Yahoo
w.yahoo.com) is probably

better suited because it is
geared towards education.
M e t a c r a w l e r
(www.metacrawler.com) is
unique in that it searches data-
bases of several engines at the
same time: Lycos
(www.lycos.com), Excite
(www.excite.com),
W e b c r a w l e r
(www.webcrawler.com),
Yahoo, Alta Vista
(www.altavista.com), Infoseek
(www.infoseek.com), Look
Smart (www.looksmart.com),
and a couple others.
Metacrawler I think performs
better than average, almost on
the order of noteworthy.

Another search engine that
searches multiple databases is
Dogpile (www.dogpile.com).
And, no, you won't leave the
computer with a foul smell on
your fingers after using this
site. Dogpile searches several
more sites than Metacrawler
and performs better than aver-
age, most of the time. Besides
regular searches, Dogpile can

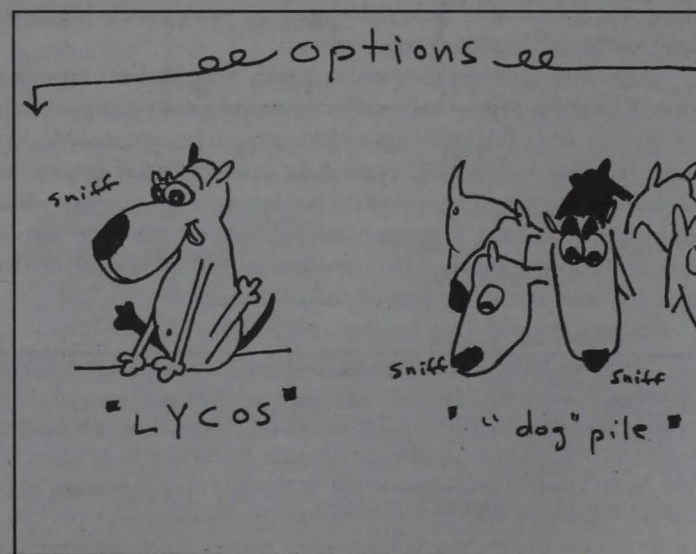
also search File Transfer
Protocol (FTP) databases,
Usenet, and newswires.
Overall, it's a good site.

One of the last two search
engines I intend to discuss is
Ask Jeeves
(www.askjeeves.com). The
neat thing about Ask Jeeves is
that you don't enter the subject
for which you are looking.
You enter a question related to
your topic of interest. For
example, let's say I had to
write a summary of the service
record for USS Constitution,
known as "Old Ironsides", for
an American History course. I
could go to Ask Jeeves and
type "Where can I find infor-
mation about the navy frigate
USS Constitution?" and the
search engine would soon dis-
play a list of *possible*
answers to my question, some
other questions *possibly*
related to my original question,
and some sites it found with
information regarding the
words: 'navy,' 'frigate,'

'USS,' 'Constitution,' and
'USS Constitution.' Ask
Jeeves gives average results.
No search engine is perfect,
though. I'll get to why later.

The last search engine I
wish to discuss is one I only
discovered recently, and by
accident I might add. 37.com
is the name of the site, and the
address is—if you haven't
already guessed—
www.37.com. This search

engine was worthy of a seper-
ate paragraph simply because
it searches the databases of
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which you can select a particu-
lar search engine, if you have
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I've found, gives better than
average results.



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Dumbfounded

Well, once again I've resorted to some head-scratching. It seems as though, in spite of genuine attempts to voice and clarify issues surrounding the proposed Mercury charter, people are still not getting it.

Take, for instance, the faculty member accosting me in the hallway, insisting the word "punishment", as used in the petition contesting the charter, is somehow not correlatable to the charter's wording of, "The college reserves the right to withdraw support and sponsorship at any time..."

Then, we have GSC's Dean of Student Services, Alfred Billips, convinced not only that Student Congress does not possess the authority to preside a public hearing designed to address contested charter issues, but also that none commanded enough actual law-knowledge to determine whether or not our concerns, as petitioners, were valid.

Student Congress.

I'm not picking on Student Congress. True, when again confronted with this issue at their Feb. 16 meeting, some of the membership might possibly have been confused to find me, the guy who had spoken to them two weeks prior in support of the charter, now in the position of contesting it. I also concede that only so much can be addressed at an hour-long meeting.

Still, the fact remains that The Mercury, as a petitioning constituency, was not asking Student Congress to support our position, offer judgement, or decide whether or not a hearing was warranted. We, as a student organization, simply requested a hearing be scheduled as per established and published college governance procedures.

Bottom line, there is absolutely no legislative gray area as to whether or not the hearing must be scheduled, and it was refused due to nothing more than someone being able to say they didn't know any better.

Let me make a few things perfectly clear. All involved in effecting the new charter, including me, support its existence and recognize its significance. It is a necessary document. It is also a new document for which there is apparently no available precedent. As such, it just makes sense that everything it contains should be devoid of legal ambiguities as possible.

The student press has rights; the college has rights; students have rights. Until we can decide exactly which rights are properly allocated to whom, and the extent of these rights, we have every right to dig in our heels, and college legislative policy says so.

So, before I again hear of "mending fences" with Student Congress in lieu of their ability to potentially reallocate student activity fees away from The Mercury, and while Dr. Billips remains smug in the contested Mercury charter returning to its point of creation for amendment and revision, ten people including myself have signed a document raising questions which demand answers. And I, in charge of this publication, vehemently support the right of our organization to have an active voice in the adoption of what could very well turn into an item of national focus.

Student Congress? They had their chance.

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Reader's Corner

By Heather Eberly
Staff Columnist

Hello, readers.

I am writing you a brief letter of thanks. I was very happy to see so many letters to the editor last week. Keep it up. The paper was so much more interesting to read.

As per suggestion, we now have an advice column. Be sure to keep up with Eleanor and the trials and tribulations of your fellow GSC students. If you have a question or need advice, feel free to write...you don't have to sign your name. If you have any

other suggestions for new columns or coverage, be sure to drop us a line...we are very open to new ideas.

On another topic, we've been looking for dorm and commuter liaisons to keep us updated on life in those areas. If you're interested, why not stop by the Mercury office. We're located in the basement of the Heflin Center. It's not that hard to find.

Oh, I almost forgot. We're between sports writers, yet again. It seems as soon as we get somebody to write for us that shows promise, they

neglect to turn in stories want to assure the sports fans out there the Mercury doesn't neglect sports features. We like sports as well as the next person. We assign stories every day to be covered, the sports just don't seem to be getting written. We apologize for any inconvenience you are interested in writing for us (yes, you get paid) we'd love to have you.

Well, readers, I'll move on to other articles in the paper. Don't forget to write to us. We're always happy to hear from you.

Letters to the Editor Guidelines

All letters to the editor should be mailed to or dropped off at the Mercury office. We do not print unsigned letters and reserve the right to edit for length, relevant content and language. Have a nice day.

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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 Will Owens. The deadline for stories and announcements is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for publication in the week's paper. All photographs should be submitted to Sherrie Hardman, photo editor.

Letters to the Editor

Mercury Charter Debate Continued

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Breza's recent letter giving the motives of us who have collaborated in drafting a proposed charter for The Mercury. Mr. Breza insinuates a number of things that simply are not true which need to be cleared up. Before beginning the task of drafting a Mercury charter, I met with the Office of Student Life and with Professor Yvonne King, whose name is on the paper dated 1966. Professor King stated that there never was a "Bill of Rights" in the sense that we were trying to create one. It is, in fact, an official document ratified by students, staff, faculty and duly incorporated into the campus government structure.

The document Mr. Breza refers to is a style guide and set of operating procedures developed by a former advisor. It was her responsibility, insofar as we can tell, to have had the tacit approval of the college administration but certainly was not included in any formally drafted document. Again, as Professor King can attest, no one on this campus has made an effort to suppress or destroy any documents relating to the operation of The Mercury.

In my one contribution Mr. Breza has made is to call to our attention the West Virginia Code of Education's "Bill of Rights," dated Nov. 25, 1968. While I would remind Mr. Breza that it is not under that government body—GSC falls under the West Virginia College and University System of West Virginia—I much like the way that "Bill of Rights" is worded and will recommend that it be incorporated into the charter. I

would also point out that what we have already written is perfectly consistent with this "Bill of Rights." Mr. Breza conveniently ignores the provision of the draft charter affirming that Glenville State College, "as an academic institution," "is fully committed to freedom of expression and freedom of inquiry." To my mind, that affirmation governs all the rest of the document.

How can Mr. Breza, for instance, accuse us of trying to ensure the selection of a "co-operative" editor when we are proposing that this power henceforth be vested in the hands of a committee? Anyone reading the draft carefully, moreover, will see that we have taken pains to make this committee truly representative of the campus at large. This is clearly a significant step forward from the days when one individual, at one time the director of public affairs and later the advisor, could unilaterally select and appoint an editor.

As to Mr. Breza's other quibble in this regard, we are simply trying to give the committee, in the manner of professional organizations everywhere, the ability to appoint the best possible person to the job. In many cases, that will no doubt be someone who has come up through the ranks of The Mercury. In others, it may be someone who comes to us with fresh ideas and with relevant experience from some other campus or in some other field of endeavor. But in any case, I would argue, the determining factors should be talent and ability and not simply seniority on the paper. And again, the appointment would now rest in the hands of seven people representing all three constituent groups on this campus and no longer in the hands of a single person.

Mr. Breza further engages in deliberate obfuscation regarding "the highest journalistic ideals." As I believe we have made clear in the draft

document, those ideals boil down to a commitment to accuracy and fairness. It is as simple as that. I would further point out that, while we have set certain deliberately vague expectations regarding good taste and sensitivity to community standards, we are proposing that the Campus Publications Committee have the power to remove an editor or staff member only in the case of persistent "flagrant violations of the standards of professional journalism." This would certainly seem to be consistent with the "Bill of Rights" that Mr. Breza himself extols, particularly the provision stating that "editors and managers shall be subject to removal only for proper and stated causes and only through orderly and prescribed procedures."

The problem with The Mercury to date is that we have had no such "orderly and prescribed procedures," at least none that derived from the common consent of the people governed by them or, more importantly, by the community the paper professes to serve. I would remind everyone concerned that the draft charter has been openly debated and endorsed by all three constituent groups on this campus—Student Congress, the Staff Council, and the Faculty Senate—and has also received tentative approval from the College Council. Still, this does not mean that the draft charter is perfect and could not be improved upon in any way. That is what this ten-day period is for.

Those of us who have had a hand in drafting and revising the charter thus far stand ready to consider any and all suggestions toward its improvement. Terry Estep, who has already contributed to its amendment, can testify that we are operating in good faith and are in no way trying to assume "complete control" of The Mercury. We are merely trying to reach a *modus vivendi* of sorts, a

means of ensuring that the administration and the paper can live and work together to create a viable capstone experience in journalism for our students. What unites our academic program in journalism and the paper is, or should be, a shared commitment to the basic canons of journalism—once again, accuracy and fairness. That is finally all we are trying to achieve with the draft charter.

Contrary to another of Mr. Breza's charges, the masthead already appears on the editorial page of the paper. I am not sure what he is confusing it with—the front page or the information appearing above the paper's title? As any dictionary will indicate, a "masthead" is "a box or section of a newspaper or magazine, giving the publishers, owners, and editors, the location of the offices, subscription rates, etc." It is not at all unusual to include a disclaimer in such a box.

In closing, I would also like to thank Mr. Breza for pointing out that we had lapsed into some eccentric capitalization. However, I should point out that capitalization rules hardly reflect consensus and that many institutions reserve to themselves the right to decide which of their titles denote high distinction and therefore warrant capitalization. I would urge Mr. Breza to pay more attention to the uses of the semicolon, about which there is more nearly universal agreement.

- Edward F. Palm
Professor of English
Chair, Language Division

Counseling Alternatives

Dear Editor,

I was very glad to read about Professor Mysliwiec's efforts to provide counseling for GSC students. I would also like to let the students know

that I am available for counseling as well. Aside from being the Residence Director at Pickens Hall, I hold a Master's degree in Counseling. I am available on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. at the Student Development Office, located inside the lobby of the Heflin Center. During those hours, I can be reached at extension 191.

You can also drop by Scott Wing Office and ask for me at any time. While I may not be a full-time professional, I am here to help in any way I can. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at extension 250. Thank you.

- Jeanne M. Finn

Mercury Charter Debate Continued

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that elections for student government are to take place on February 22 & 23. I have not heard what any of these candidates believe in, who they are representing, and why I should even vote for them. I am a reporter for the Mercury, and as far as I know we have pursued the candidates to advertise for FREE as stated in Rob Kern's article Electoral College, yet we received nothing.

I believe these candidates have not done their job to allow students to knowledgeably vote for them. In my opinion election day should be postponed until these candidates state their cause. There are many student issues that need to be covered and dealt with. I am perfectly willing to vote for someone who has the expertise and can represent the student body fairly, but only under the condition of knowing them comfortably. After all isn't that what campaigning is all about?

Ready to support,

- M.Gelsi

THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Cyber-cons and cop

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist

Recently, a felony was committed in the library. I'm speaking of Internet fraud.

Using one of the library's Internet workstations, a female student ordered a Gateway computer using another woman's name and credit card number.

The computer was later seized from her residence, and by checking the history file in the computer's memory, the State Police and the GSC Computer Center were able to track down the precise time the transaction occurred.

It's serious business,



*"Ya pays ya money and
ya takes ya chances."*

and with the continued growth of online ordering, it's becoming easier than ever to commit a crime. Anonymity reigns supreme on the Internet, and since online ordering does not require a customer's signature, there's almost no way that a scam-artist can be held accountable (apparently this student was not too good at covering her tracks).

Large online merchants like Gateway aren't likely to detect any wrongdoing, since they probably

process thousands of orders a day, but there are tell-tale details that sometimes give scam-artists away.

Free e-mail services like Hotmail and Yahoo permit users to use any name they want without I.D. verification. In this case, the student used a Hotmail account under another's name when placing the order.

Another tip-off is a credit-card billing address that doesn't match the shipping address.

Scammers sometimes have items shipped to addresses other than their own that they know will be unoccupied during the week. For example, a scam-artist may have a package delivered to a church or an empty house, wait until the package is dropped off, then pick it up—this way, they avoid having to sign for anything.

Some merchants are beginning to wise-up to fraudulent tricks and use credit-card verification systems when processing orders.

A new system called SET (Secure Electronic Transaction) has been developed by Visa and Mastercard that cre-

ates an encrypted credit card data, called an electronic "wallet", stored on your computer. This "wallet" is controlled by your bank and is accessible by password, making online transactions safe.

Ordering merchandise online is a safe and relatively secure process. Just make sure the online merchant you choose from has a "secure" server that encrypts the digits of your credit card number before it's transmitted.

Is it foolproof? Probably not, but what is? As the saying goes, "Ya pays ya money and ya takes ya chances."

Science with the Particle Lady Stress stinks, but this works

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

Everyone has stress in their lives, from the infant who has an empty tummy to the college student who is about to take a test. Stress doesn't leave once you graduate from college; it continues on through-out your life. Stress can be put into two different categories: Good Stress and Bad Stress. In this column, I want to show these two types of stress and some ideas on how to deal with it. As there are two types of stress there are two different types of stress management, "good stress" management and "bad stress" management.

Our bodies have an automatic system of reacting when we feel stress. The breathing rate, heart rate, and

metabolism speed up. This is termed as the fight or flight response. Good stress is that which we automatically react to. Some examples are swerving to avoid hitting a deer or excitement of an upcoming holiday. Bad stress is where we, as humans, feel grief, anxiety, and/or belief. This can be anything from breaking up with your significant other to taking that midterm in Pharmacology.

How do we react to stress? People react differently. The people who react in what we call good stress management are those who maintain a healthy lifestyle of exercise and proper diet. These people usually take up a recreational activity to work out their frustrations. They also have control over their lives and take responsibility for their actions instead of

coming up with excuses or passing off the blame.

Others react to stress by smoking or drinking. There are people who make excuses for stress in their lives. Others overeat, or actually try to sleep the problems away. Some people react to stress by having sexual flings or one night stands. Others pop a few pills to calm their nerves.

How can I manage my stress better? There are some simple techniques. The first is something that all can do. When you start to feel stressed, take a deep breathe and hold it for 5 seconds. Release and take another deep breathe and hold it for 5 seconds. This helps to relax the body and calm the mind.

What to do about the feeling that there is never enough time? The best thing to do is take a look at your

life and set priorities. What is truly important in your life? What is it that you cannot live without? Once you have written all of these things down, simply eliminate the unimportant things from your life. I know that this sounds hard and in the beginning it is. (I never said this was going to be easy.) But once you have gotten rid of all the unimportant things, it will become easier.

Another approach to take in handling stress is called AAAbc. This stands for alter, avoid, accept, build, and change. The first step is to alter. This means finding a way to get around the stressor. Avoid, a big one, is a preventative measure. It means to simply avoid the stressor. Acceptance of stress is a process people have to work

at and usually implying assistance with coping with an uncomfortable stressor. Build is meant to help a person to take care of themselves and build up a tolerance to certain types of stressors. The last step is change. The person needs to change how the stress is perceived. By doing this, the person can feel more comfortable when faced with additional stressors in the future.

I hope this article given you a grasp on stress. Remember we all have stress in our lives and the key is how we react to it.

For any suggestions, comments, or questions, please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at gsc01293@mail.wvu.edu. Til next week, take care as you travel the halls of science.

ERTY MEADOWS by Frank Cho



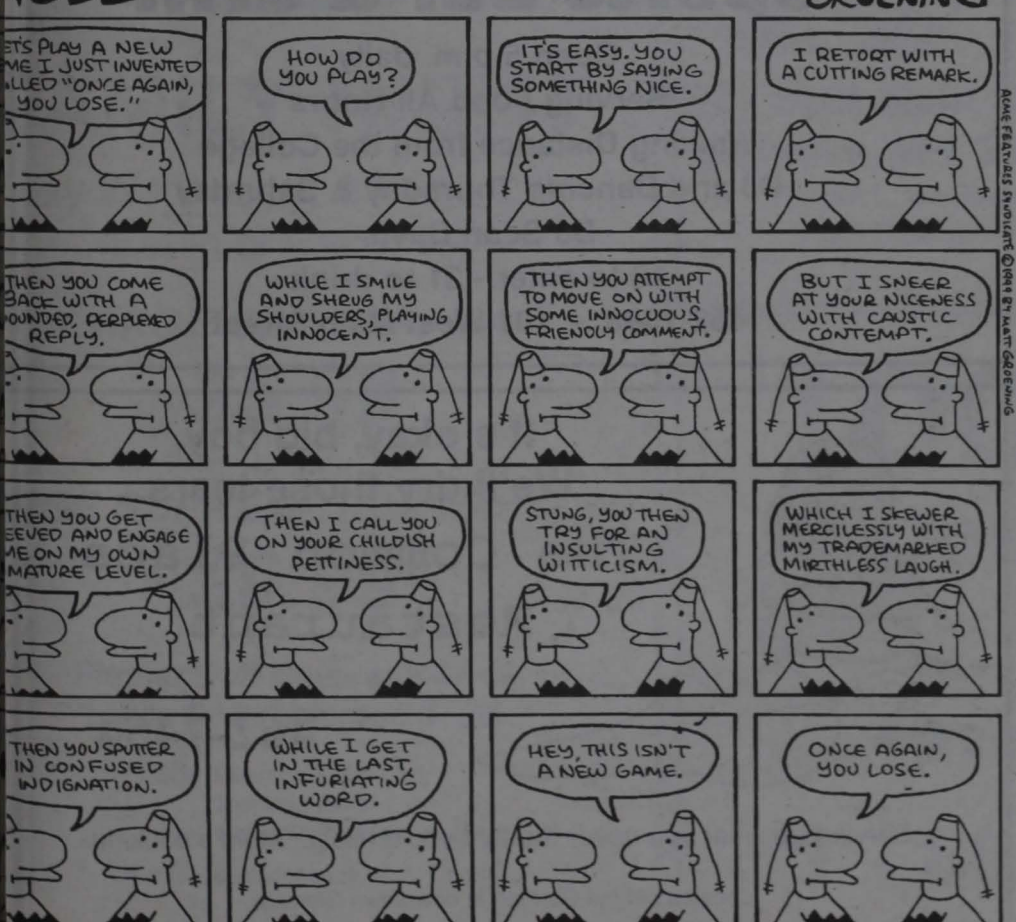
by Doug Marlette



BIG HAPPY by Rick Detorie



LIFE IN HELL



Mistress Anna

Horoscope from The Associated Press

ARIES: (March 21 - April 20) - Focus your energies on personal challenges, instead of expecting too much from others. Your career is heading on an upward climb, and a promotion or more fulfilling position is possible. Your intimate relationships need more quality time now.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) - Take direct actions to improve your relationships and career goals. There will be progress at work if you can get your ideas across successfully. Keep taking steps forward, no matter how small, to bring you closer to your goal at work.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) - You will be able to accomplish anything you set your heart and mind to. This is one of your best times at home - harmony is everywhere. It's time to take a personal inventory and start a self improvement program for yourself. Go it alone and stay focused at work.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) - Avoid making any promises, especially if it concerns money - you may not be able to keep those promises, no matter how hard you try. There are challenges in front of you at work, so make sure to do your personal best. Re-examine your goals and opportunities.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) - Go after your highest goal in the workplace, and you will be amazed at how close to this cherished goal you can get. You are in a serious mood, lost in thought... so go it alone. Be wary of your self-absorption, which makes you less sensitive to others.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) - There finally will be an end in sight concerning the problems and obstacles regarding money. Be on your guard, for you may encounter someone who likes to surprise you with head games and power plays. Make decisions about important purchases - find the bargain.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) - Any issues with

your mate that have previously caused conflict will be resolved. If you are feeling restless, it may be time to take an impromptu pleasure trip. You've earned the right to be lazy, so explore at a leisurely pace. Your friendships are emphasized.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) - This week will find you starting new activities and making new friends. If you are in a strong relationship, it may possibly move towards marriage, and if you are married, you may start having children. It will be a challenging work week, pace yourself.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) - Take time alone to sort out conflicts that may be hampering your closest relationships. A great number of things can be accomplished in the workplace if you get cooperation from others. Your friends need to rely on you for emotional support and advice.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) - Fireworks are likely at work. Take care of your own responsibilities and sidestep any arguments with co-workers. You are learning from your past mistakes, so there may be a clash with a close friend. Remember you can disagree without being disagreeable.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) - You will make rapid progress with projects, and come up with fresh ideas for existing projects. There may be a relative who needs your help. There is great financial news in the near future for you and your family. Enjoy the company of good friends.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) - Your priorities need to be straightened out, for both career and household responsibilities are competing for your attention. Taking on additional responsibilities at work - will mean more money coming your way. Your household is filled with affection and cooperation.

WVIAC Men's Basketball Roundup

Associated Press

It's a two-team race to the finish as the West Virginia Conference regular season enters its final week.

Both Salem-Teikyo (21-2) and Fairmont State (20-3) have 15-1 conference marks. Fairmont State handed Salem-Teikyo its only conference loss on Thursday.

Salem-Teikyo has games left this week against Shepherd, Charleston and Wheeling Jesuit. Fairmont, the preseason coaches' favorite, has remaining games with West Virginia State, Wheeling Jesuit and West Liberty.

Charleston (19-4, 14-3) still has a slim chance of finishing on top but must win both its remaining games and hope Salem-Teikyo and Fairmont lose all of theirs.

The conference tourna-

ment begins Feb. 23 with first-round games at campus sites. The rest of the tournament will be held Feb. 25 through Feb. 27 at the Charleston Civic Center. The top two teams will earn first-round byes.

On Saturday, Salem-Teikyo brushed aside the three-point loss to Fairmont State and beat up on West Liberty, 112-75.

Frank McQueen had 28 points as six Salem-Teikyo players scored in double figures. Salem-Teikyo hit a school-record 67 percent of its shots.

Ariko Jackson scored 21 to lead West Liberty (15-8, 11-5).

In other conference action Saturday, Fairmont State whipped Shepherd, 97-72; Charleston beat Concord, 98-87; West Virginia Tech defeated West Virginia State, 68-54; Alderson-Broadus dumped Wheeling Jesuit, 61-

51; Davis & Elkins beat Glenville State, 85-81; and West Virginia Wesleyan belted Bluefield State, 93-72.

In Fairmont, Damian Powell scored 17 points as Fairmont State took the lead for good early and cruised past Shepherd.

Duane Harris scored 26 to lead Shepherd (8-15, 6-10).

In Athens, Ajamu Gaines scored 33 points and Shawn Thigpen had 20 points and 15 rebounds for Charleston, which outscored Concord 58-47 in the second half to pull away.

Sterling Tate scored 22 to lead Concord (8-16, 6-11).

In Montgomery, Jamie Riggs scored 22 points and West Virginia Tech (13-10, 10-6) outscored West Virginia State 43-28 in the second half.

Harold Howard scored 18 to lead State (9-14, 7-9).



Chris Vannoy, Me

Senior Terry Clark (33) slams one home as a Davis and Elkins player can only watch

In Philippi, Courtney Tolliver had 22 points and 12 rebounds as Alderson-Broadus (15-8, 9-7) won despite making just 39 percent of its shots.

Nick Brown scored 11 to lead Wheeling Jesuit (7-17, 5-12).

In Glenville, Rolc Hall scored 25 points and Taylor had 19 in the victory for Davis & Elkins (8-15, 13 WVIAC).

For Glenville State (8-6-11), Terry Clark scored 26 points and 17 rebounds.

Conference News

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Conference is studying whether to limit the number of basketball scholarships allowed to help bridge the gap of reimbursements between its public and private schools.

The league's eight public schools are reimbursed \$4,000 by the state for each scholarship athlete. The six private schools receive nothing. As costs rise, so does the disparity.

A committee consisting of the presidents of four conference schools has been formed to study the issue.

"We're trying to find some way to limit investment in athletics," said Ed Welch, president of the University of Charleston. He heads the committee.

The Charleston Daily Mail, citing unnamed

sources, reported Friday one proposal would cap the number of basketball scholarships per school at 8.5, the Division II national average. Some schools are expected to vehemently oppose that proposal, the newspaper said.

"This is the bottom line," Welch said. "Can we as a conference develop a shared approach to athletic aid, so the conference can have a level playing field and hold together? If we can do that, it's the first option."

"If we can't, we've got schools looking at other alternatives."

That includes some private schools possibly jumping to Division III, perhaps to the Pennsylvania-based Presidents' Conference, which includes Bethany, the Daily Mail reported. Nearly all Division III schools are private and do not offer athletic scholarships.

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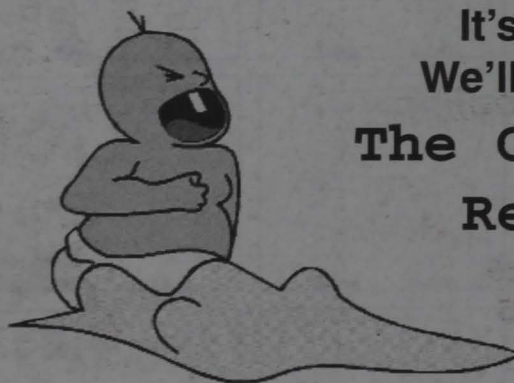
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Reds pitcher battles multiple sclerosis

Associated Press

PARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - Battling opposing hitters is one thing, reliever Stan Belinda says. Fighting a partially crippling disease is another.

In August, the Cincinnati Reds pitcher was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Now he is just to be in spring training with his Reds teammates. "This has put everything in perspective," he said.

For years, Belinda had dreamed about a bad pitch he hit in 1992 while with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In Game 7 of the 1992 National League

Championship Series, he gave up the run-scoring hit by Atlanta pinch hitter Francisco Cabrera that sent the Braves to the World Series instead of Belinda's Pirates.

Belinda, who is still booed in Pittsburgh, was later traded to Kansas City before winding up with the Reds.

His medical diagnosis last year makes his past problems on the baseball field pale by comparison.

"For this to happen was devastating," said Belinda, 32. "My career has been a roller coaster with a lot of low points. People bring up that hit Cabrera got, but it doesn't even compare now. That

haunted me for years, but I turned my career around in Cincinnati, and I was starting to realize my potential.

"There's nothing to prepare you for something like this," he said. "It's your health. It's your life. I knew I'd get another chance to get back on the mound after giving up bad hits or losing games. With this, I didn't know, and that was hard to accept."

He hugged coaches and other players when he reported to camp on Tuesday.

Belinda had a difficult time coping with what awaits him; the disease weakens muscles, affects coordination, disturbs vision

and speech. He still occasionally gets emotional discussing his plight.

But thanks to early diagnosis and the use of a drug the government approved last year, Belinda has been able to attack the disease.

He gives himself daily injections of the medicine and has restructured his diet, avoiding red meat and dairy products in hopes he can stay strong to battle the disease.

"It's like attacking hitters," Belinda said. "You also have to have a game plan to attack this. The toughest thing is dealing with it mentally. I've dealt with sore muscles, groin pulls and biceps tendinitis every year for the last five years, but I knew time would heal them. This is something that's going to take time and faith. I'm in God's hands now."

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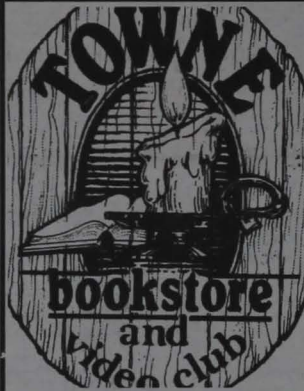
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Charlemagne (Craig Worl), *Lewis*, and *Pippin* pray for victory...and glory

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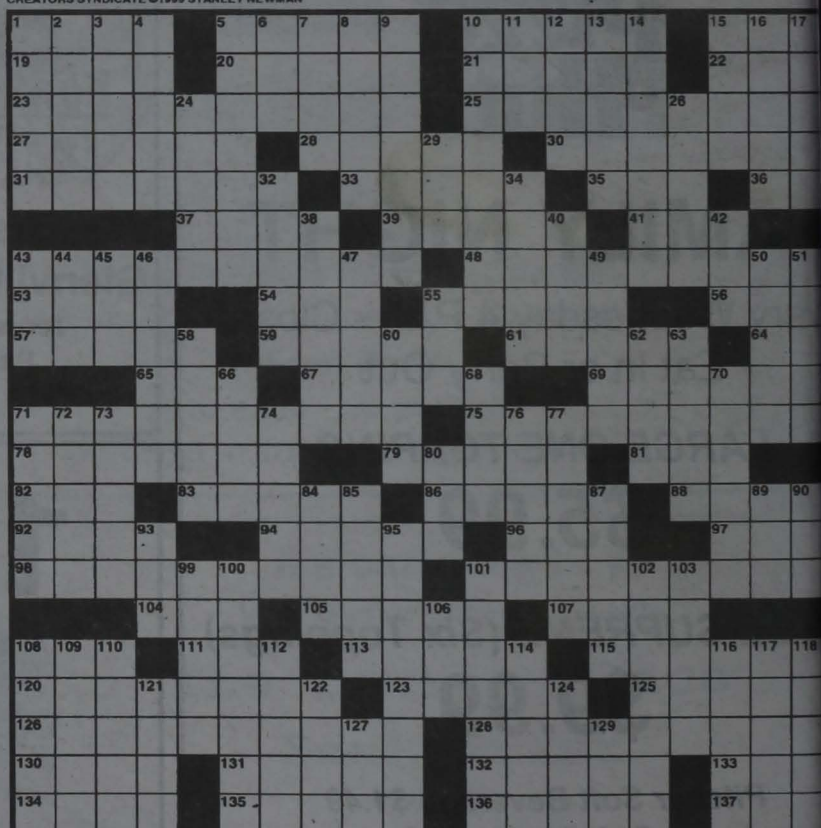
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