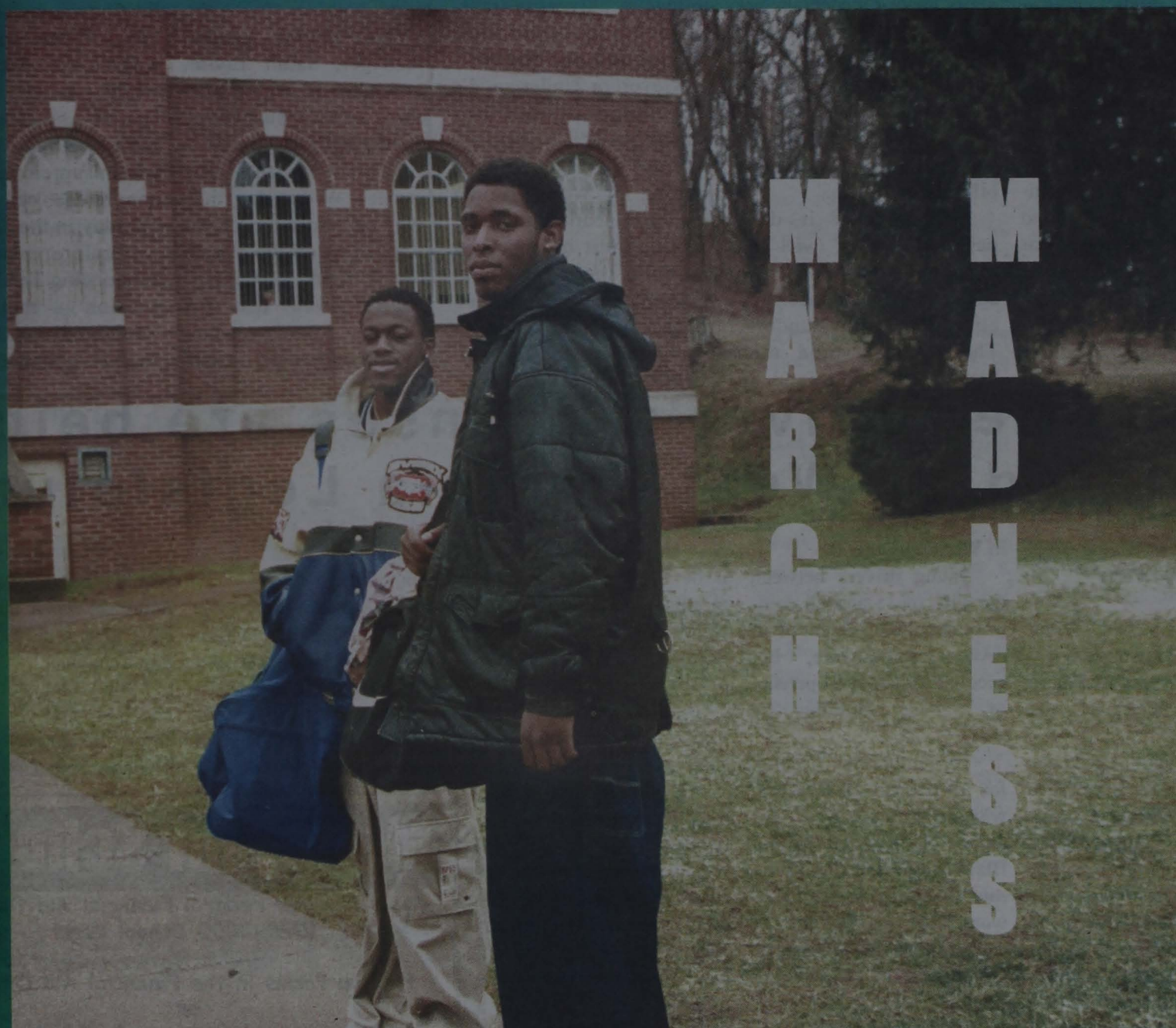


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Several pending bills to affect Glenville State

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

This year's West Virginia legislative session has been a busy as far as higher education is concerned.

Several bills have been introduced, that if passed, will affect higher education, including Glenville State College. The legislative session is scheduled to end March 6.

Senate Bill 139 has already passed both the senate and the house chambers and is on its way to Governor Underwood for his signature.

This bill allows state colleges and universities to increase the size of their Board of Advisors and will

allow for out of state persons to belong to this board. GSC's Board of Advisors currently has seven members.

Senate Bill 431, The Promise Scholarship Bill was modeled after a program started in the state of Georgia. In Georgia, the state lottery proceeds are placed into a scholarship fund. West Virginia's lottery proceeds are already allotted to other causes and will not be used to fund the Promise Scholarship if this bill passes.

However, if it does pass, a board will be formed to establish rules and regulations concerning eligibility and funding. These rules would then have to be approved in

next years legislation and the funding of this program would then become part of the state's budget.

House Bill 2635 has passed the House and is now waiting for approval in the Senate. This bill would mandate all college credits earned at a state college or university transferable to all other state colleges and universities.

Governor Underwood's budget proposal to the legislature calls for a \$10.7 million increase for the funding of West Virginia Higher Education grants.

This must be approved by both the House and Senate. It is expected that a request will be made to extend the session for budget bills only.

Shock jock gets suspended

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Radio shock jock Doug Tracht, known as "Greaseman", has been suspended indefinitely for a race-related remark made on station WARW-FM.

The station's general manager, Sarah Taylor, announced Wednesday that she suspended Tracht without pay.

Tracht made the remark Wednesday during his morning drive-time show on the classic rock station.

He noted that the Grammy Awards ceremony was scheduled for that

evening and played a portion of a song by Larry Hill, a young black hip-hop artist nominated for a Grammy.

Then he commented, "No wonder people race them behind trucks."

The reference was to the torture and death in Texas of James Byrd Jr., a black man decapitated while being dragged behind a pickup truck. John William King, a white supremacist, was convicted of murder Tuesday in the case.

Taylor said in announcing Tracht's suspension that she "deplored the comment and was appalled by

Graduated driver's licenses are being explored by West Virginia Legislature

By Stephen Singer
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - Some lawmakers say the best way to slow young motorists is before they get into the car.

That's what legislators hope to do with a measure now before the House Roads and Transportation Committee.

Federal highways officials, the State Police, the insurance industry and Division of Motor Vehicles endorsed the legislation at a public hearing Monday.

Highway crashes involving young drivers "will remain a serious and persistent problem unless concrete and comprehensive steps are taken," said Steve Blackistone, of the National Transportation Safety Board

in Washington, D.C.

Young drivers between the ages of 15 and 20 comprise about 6.7 percent of all drivers nationwide, but account for about 14 percent of highway fatalities, he said.

Traffic crashes account for 40 percent of fatalities, which is the leading cause of death in the age group, Blackistone said. And he said the problem will likely worsen as the number of teens is expected to grow by 20 percent in the coming decade.

Lawmakers were told that inexperience and excessive risk-taking characteristics of young motorists often are the culprits in highway crashes. A gradual introduction to driving would avoid the problems, safety specialists said.

"How burdensome can it be to wait a few more months?" asked Bob Harding, a representative of the Automobile Association of America.

James Mullins, 17, of Logan, opposed the measure.

He compared it to raising the required age to legally drive, which he said would be opposed by parents "angry at transporting their children" and insurance companies that would lose "a large number of customers," said Mullins, a junior at Logan High School.

The legislation would direct the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue graduated driver's licenses after July 1, 2000.

The measure outlines three steps for motorists who

are younger than 18 to obtain a license.

The legislation calls for a level one instruction permit valid for one year and not renewable. A level two intermediate license for motorists who are 16 and older may then be issued.

A level three license would be available for motorists when they are at least 17 and have met other requirements.

The legislation is HB2634 and is pending before the House Roads and Transportation Committee.

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Man convicted in dragging death

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

JASPER, Texas (AP) - Jurors decided Thursday that John William King could be executed for dragging a black man to his death behind a pickup truck, rejecting tearful pleas from the white racist's sickly mother to spare his life.

He will become the only white on Texas' death row condemned for killing a black person.

The 11 white jurors and their elected black foreman took just under three hours to render the decision, about the same time as they took to find King guilty earlier in the week. They offered a few clues to their delibera-

tions, sending out notes asking to see an 8-inch (20-centimeter) homemade knife found in King's cell as well as racist letters he sent from prison.

Jurors convicted the 24-year-old King of capital murder Tuesday in the death of James Byrd Jr. last June. After the sentencing decision was read Thursday, Byrd's family members wiped their eyes but declined state District Judge Joe Bob Golden's offer to address King.

Prosecutors asked for the maximum punishment, saying King would be a menace even behind bars.

"By giving Mr. King a life sentence, you're giving him at least 40 years to catch

a black guard, a black nurse, a black doctor, a Jewish guard, a Jewish nurse, a Jewish doctor, or anybody else," said prosecutor Pat Hardy. "You're giving him a chance to catch anybody ... who doesn't believe in his satanic, racist views."

In deciding the sentence, jurors had to decide whether the murder was intentional, whether King was a continuing threat to society, and if any mitigating factor in King's background merited the lesser punishment of life in prison. They answered yes to the first two questions; no to the third.

Nationally, eight whites have been executed for killing blacks since the resumption of the death

penalty more than two decades ago. Conversely, 124 blacks have been put to death for killing whites, according to the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington.

In arguing for a life sentence in his closing argument today, defense attorney Brack Jones told jurors, "Your vote is not going to bring Mr. Byrd back. I wish it could. ... Regardless of whether you vote life or death, John William King is a dead man walking." He didn't elaborate.

King's father, who said he didn't agree with his son's tattoos or racist beliefs, was one of two witnesses presented by the defense to persuade jurors to

decide on a life sentence.

"Anything is better than losing him," said Ronald King, 68, who was in a wheelchair and clutching an oxygen tube to ease his emphysema.

Byrd, 49, died after he was picked up while walking home from a party. After a scuffle, he was pulled nearly three miles behind a pickup truck, chained by his ankles. A pathologist testified Byrd was alive until his head and right arm were severed from his torso, which was dumped across from a black cemetery northeast of Jasper.

Two other men, Shawn Berry, 24, and Lawrence Brewer, 31, are awaiting trial for the crime.

Chelsea Clinton "...has her head screwed on a little bit better" than parents

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chelsea Clinton has survived a youth in the White House fishbowl and "has her head screwed on a little bit better than her mom and dad, in many ways," said former presidential press secretary Mike McCurry.

In an interview published in the latest edition of George magazine,

McCurry also told the magazine's editor, John F. Kennedy Jr., that White House staffers viewed Monica Lewinsky "as someone who was infatuated with the president and who he liked to flirt with."

In addition, McCurry admitted first being flustered by ABC White House correspondent Sam Donaldson "flapping his wings" and "putting on

some kind of tantrum all the time."

"But I soon realized that all Sam wanted to do was see how brittle we were in reacting to him," McCurry said. "If someone screamed at him and told him to get lost, then he would know, 'Hmm, there must be some problem.'"

McCurry stepped down as President Clinton's spokesman on

Oct. 1 and has since hit the lecture circuit and taken a job with The Public Strategies Group, a Washington consulting firm.

In the George interview, he defended his approach of not asking Clinton or his lawyers too many questions about the president's affair with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

McCurry said if he had

asked, "then you would have had Mike McCurry out there compounding the lie that Bill Clinton was telling his wife, his staff and his closest friends."

He said some members of the media have problems with Clinton because he is a fellow Baby Boomer, and "too much like the student body president you didn't like in high school."

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Men's team advances to second round falls short against Salem-Teikyo Tigers

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Reporter

At GSC's home court, Eighth-seeded Glenville State took on ninth seed Davis and Elkins in the first round of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

After shooting a sub-par 38 percent from the field for the first half, the score was 41 to 33 in favor of the Pioneers.

Glenville broke out hot to start the second half, however, with a 20 - 2 run, increasing their lead to 26. The Pioneers shot a blistering 60 percent from the field for the second half, before winning by over thirty points, 94 to 63.

The Senators were held to just under 33 percent shooting

from the field for the game.

Senior Terry Clark led five Pioneers in double digits with 25, as well as a mind-boggling five steals. Floyd Burgher chipped in with 16, Salim Lazreg racked up 15, David Davis contributed 12, and Isaiah Carter rang up 11 points.

Bill Taylor and Rolando Hall were the only Senators to score in double digits, with 15 and 14, respectively.

In the quarterfinals, Glenville ran smack into the nationally ranked Salem-Teikyo Tigers. Salem, ranked third nationally, and second in the East region (behind fellow WVIAC member Fairmont State), brought a record of 24 and 2 into the contest.

A close first half saw the

Pioneers leading 25-23 with 3:33 to go in the half, only for them to fall behind by five come halftime.

GSC's slow-paced attack controlled the momentum for most of the first half, but come second half, it was all Tigers.

The Tigers slowly pulled away from the Pioneers to stake a 88-61 victory, and ending GSC's hopes of advancing to the next round.

Seniors Terry Clark and Floyd Burgher were the only Pioneers in double digits with 13 and 11, respectively. Meanwhile, Salem had five players scoring more than ten, Charles Dinkins, Amilcar Butler, Demetrius Van Syckle, Mike Thompson, and Leroy Blyden.

"I told our kids they just got beat by a team that may win a national championship," said GSC coach Bob Williams.



Chris Vannoy, Mer

Coach Williams argues a call during regular season play against Salem-Teikyo

"That team is unbelievable."

Similar to the last few games for the Pioneers, the slowed-down play was intentional. "Without question, our plan was to try to slow the pace," Williams explained. "But we just didn't decide that tonight. We

started doing that two weeks ago and it got us four wins in a row. We had our chance to stay around, but we struggled in the second half."

And such, a season ended. Good luck to all this year's seniors. Thanks for the memories.



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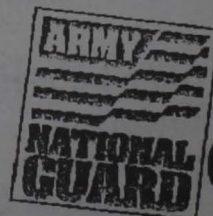
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Lady cagers advance to semi-finals

By Rudy Pascasio
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State College Women's team defeated Concord in the opening round of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by a score of 75-60, on the GSC campus.

Leading the Lady Pioneers in scoring were Tammy Spence with 22 points, Colleen McBrien 14 points, Sabrina Stout 14 points. Kelly Osborn added 10 points to the balanced attack.

The GSC women shot to a 13-0 lead to start the game and never looked back.

The team suffered mid-season with three season-ending injuries within a one week span, but the remaining seven player roster battled back to win 12 out of its last 13 conference games.

The team played third seeded West Virginia Wesleyan, Wednesday, Feb 24, at the Charleston Civic Arena.

The GSC Lady Pioneers pulled the upset to advance into the semi-finals with a win against Wesleyan 83-80.

Again, the Lady Pioneers were balanced on offense with four players in double figures. Kelly Osborn lead the team with

21 points, Tammy Spence added 18, Colleen McBrien followed with 17 and Sabrina Stout scored 15 points.

GSC led at half-time 40-31. The ladies were outscored in the second half but hung on for the victory.

GSC shot almost 53% from the field to Wesleyan's 50%. The Lady Pioneers were 8-13 in 3-point shooting for a little over 60%. Colleen McBrien was 3-3 from beyond the arc, while Osborn and Stout were 3-5 and 2-4, respectively.

The women advanced to play the winner of the Alderson-Broadus vs. Shepherd game, with the

winner of that game advancing to the finals. It was not known at press time the outcomes of these games.

Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Fregetto 9-22 1-2 19, Potter 1-2 0-0 3, Rafferty 3-8 0-0 8, Adams 6-10 1-1 13, Meredith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-68 4-12 80.

Halftime - Glenville St. 40, W.Va. Wesleyan 31. 3-Point goals - Glenville St. 8-13 (McBrien 3-3, Osborn 3-5, Stout 2-4, Curran 0-1), W.Va. Wesleyan 8-16 (Gianni 4-5, Rafferty 2-6, Potter 1-2, Jost 1-3). Fouled out - Jost, Rafferty. Rebounds - Glenville St. 36 (Spence 12), W.Va. Wesleyan 36 (Adams 10). Assists - Glenville St. 19 (Stout 11), W.Va. Wesleyan 12 (Gianni 5). Total fouls - Glenville St. 15, W.Va. Wesleyan 22.

GLENVILLE ST. 83, W.VA. WESLEYAN 80

GLENVILLE ST. (18-10) - Stout 5-10 3-4 15, Osborn 7-12 4-4 21, McBrien 3-9 8-13 17, Spence 8-13 2-2 18, Crow 4-6 1-2 9, Fisher 0-0 0-0 0, Curran 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 28-53 19-27 83.

W.VA. WESLEYAN (18-10) - Jost 1-5 0-2 3, Gianni 13-18 2-7 32,

Basketball drillangers parents

Associated Press

PARDEEVILLE, Wis. - A basketball coach had boys wear women's panties as part of a rebounding drill says the practice was not intended to humiliate or derogate anyone.

"It was used to teach an aspect of rebounding and to add some fun into practice," said Mike Instock, junior varsity coach at Pardeeville High School.

The panty drill, which has been used since January, prompted a protest from some parents.

An unsigned letter that circulated prior to a meeting with parents Tuesday claims a player was threatened with being sent to the military if he had to wear



the "pink women's panties" three times.

Tony Griepentrog, a senior on the varsity team, said that under the drill a player who rebounds the ball during practice can leave the court. The last one to rebound has to wear the panties.

"They were like regular women's panties," Griepentrog said. "They weren't like lacy or anything like that."



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Entrance requirement changes?

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

At request of Dr. Joe Evans, the Interim Vice-President of Academic Affairs, the Faculty Senate is discussing the issue of lowering entrance requirements for out of state students.

The reason to lower entrance requirements would be to have the same requirements for in and out of state students. Currently G.S.C. has very few out of state students due to the fact of our rural location in the state; if out of state entrance requirements are lowered, it would be in hopes of making G.S.C. more appealing

to prospective out of state students.

Some Faculty Senate members believed the move to lower entrance requirements as originated from the athletic department.

All the other state colleges in West Virginia, with the exception of Shepherd State College and Glenville State College have near equal requirements for in state and out of state students.

The entrance requirements at G.S.C. for admission into a four-year program, which is necessary to participate in sports on campus are a minimum 2.0 GPA, composite score of 17 on the

ACT or SAT score of at least 820, verbal and math combined.

Prospective students must have had four years of English, three years of social studies including U.S. history, two years of higher math excluding general math and two years of laboratory science in high school. These requirements are for both in and out of state students.

Out of state students must in addition to these requirements be in the upper half (top 50%) in their graduating class. Admission to G.S.C. for a two-year degree is open to all high school graduates or GED holders; out of

state students must be ranked in the upper three fourths of their graduating class.

Five percent of the total number of accepted students may be allowed to admitted without meeting all of the set entrance requirements.

This discussion also lead to comments on raising the out of state tuition. In most cases it is cheaper for out of state students to attend G.S.C. than it would be for those students to remain at home to attend college.

Faculty Senate members surveyed members in their divisions and it does not appear to be a pressing issue for faculty members.

Campus Crime

By John Barton
Staff Reporter

Campus Police log for the week from Feb. 14 through Feb. 20, 1999.

There was one assault, one larceny, two locked vehicles, and two acts of assistance to another law enforcement agency: one DUI and one act of computer fraud.

On Friday, February 19 and Friday, February 19, several items of furniture were removed from the Heflin Center Lobby. Captain Jeff Helmick reports, "On the 12th, 3 chairs, 1 couch, and a table were stolen from the Heflin Center between 6 and 8 p.m. On the 19th, another chair was removed from the premises, again before 8 p.m."

Captain Helmick added that, "If anyone who witnessed these thefts or has information about the location of the stolen property, please contact me at 462-4132."

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.

Prospective music student day in Fine Arts

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

Tuesday, February 23, marked an important day for Glenville State College's Music Department. This was their Prospective Music Student Day. Basically what this means is that high school students from all over the state, who are thinking about being music majors at GSC, are brought in for sort of a music open house.

The 24 students started off their morning with at 9:00 with a half hour of registration. They were treated to a continental breakfast, then given a tour of the campus. At 10:30 they were greeted by the Interim President,

Bruce Flack, and given a talk about financial aid and other things that parents need to know about by Ms. Karen Lay. At 11:30 they were involved in a discussion about what they believe is the philosophy of the music department. They ate lunch in the Heflin Center at the cost of the department at noon. Around 12:45 the students had warm ups and scheduled auditions. Later in the afternoon, at 3:00, they got to listen to concerts from all of the GSC ensembles.

If the music department didn't have Prospective Music Student Day then they would run the risk of having the program shut down within five years.

Mr. Harry Rich stated that, "It is important for us to have this. We attract these kids from sophomore years on. There's a lot of competition for them. We need to know who they are, where they are, and have communication with their band directors and private teachers so we can scout them out."

This day helps out not only the music department, but the college as a whole. Rich commented, "The music kids are generally smart. They have high GPA's and ACT scores. They're not only going to populate the music department, but populate the other classes as well. They'll be in classes like English and history, too."

Glenville State gets evaluated

Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

One were to wander through the administrative offices of the Education Department, one might wonder where is such a flurry of activity...here's the scoop...Glenville State College is gearing up for a visit from the NCATE review board. What is NCATE, you ask? NCATE stands for National Accreditation Council of Teacher Education. According to Kathy Butler, Dean of Teacher Education, all learning institutions in the United States are accredited. However, Virginia encourages public institutions to be NCATE accredited. Butler states that it is a "prestige thing". Accreditation shows that your institution meets national standards in several different areas. Glenville State has been NCATE accredited since 1954, and NCATE was founded. NCATE operates in a cycle of

five years. The last visit from the organization occurred in 1993. As a result of that visit, GSC received commendations on its Student Enrichment Program. As with most schools, the institution was cited for a few weaknesses. They have since been corrected. Glenville State provides documentation which shows the necessary changes have been made. Glenville State College was started as a normal school and remains teaching-oriented today. It has been dubbed the "Teacher's college" throughout the state.

One part of the NCATE process is program review. As in past years, there will be a review of the whole Teacher Education unit. Another component of the program sends portfolios of different areas of study to a national organization for review and approval. Glenville State has sent fifteen portfolios. Butler says "Glenville passed twelve out of thirteen on the first attempt, which is

phenomenal". The two outstanding portfolios that the school is waiting for are in the English and Physical Education Departments. Butler is anticipating word on them any day. When asked if there were problems in those areas, Butler stated "It's the time frame, it's not that we anticipate deficiencies in those areas. Portfolios are reviewed anonymously." This means that the school cannot contact an organization because GSC doesn't know who has the portfolios.

There are several boards which comprise NCATE. The Board of Examiners will be visiting campus from March 6th through March 10th. During the visit, examiners will interview various faculty about the program, look at the program itself and its changes since the last visit, talk with various members of the community (including current students and graduates) and observe various classes in session. The latter will serve as a

means of critiquing teaching methods. "What NCATE is really looking for is positive change; that you aren't becoming stagnant, but are positively moving forward," says Butler. "The bottom line is that they are going to be looking at the quality of the program."

Butler doesn't take all the credit for gathering the necessary information. She states, "We have worked for the last one and a half years. 'We' meaning the college community". Data has been collected for the past year, including samples of student work and statistics on the number of students studying education, library education, the budget, and anything touching the Education Program. Colleen Vance, a 1998 graduate of GSC, is the Special Projects Director. She was brought in to aid Butler with the documentation process. "It's been very stressful because Glenville is a college founded on Teacher Education and everyone

expects nothing but the best from us," smiles Butler. "We have some tough shoes to fill—I don't want people to think we can't do it...I have every confidence that we can and will."

There will be an open forum session at 2p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 in the Verona Maple Room of the Heflin Center. Examiners will be available for discussion about the program. The NCATE team is slated to leave on Wednesday, March 10. Before their departure, the Board of Examiners will meet with Dr. Flack, Dr. Joe Evans, and Dean Butler to make their report and appraise those present of their findings. The board will then submit their findings to the Unit Accrediting Board, the decision maker as to whether or not Glenville State College will be accredited. Butler isn't expecting a decision until this fall. He concludes with, "We are going to have a good visit...so it is a big deal to us".

The art of scholarships Students' needs to be addressed

Heather Eberly
Staff Reporter

The Mountain State Art and Craft Fair Scholarship Grant Fund annually awards scholarships and grants to students pursuing degrees in visual arts, traditional music, and dance. The fund is now accepting applications for new grant recipients. The purpose of the fund is to set up the Mountain State Art and Craft Fair in 1992, is to foster, encourage, and develop appreciation of and education in the visual arts and traditional music and dance," said Bernie Hale, president of the fund. "We want to

encourage students who are interested in the arts to follow their interests and continue the heritage of outstanding educational opportunities in our state."

Applications must be made in writing by May 1, 1999. Anyone interested in applying for a grant can write to the Mountain State Art and Craft Fair Scholarship and Grant Fund, P.O. Box 389, Ripley, WV, 25271.

Questions regarding the applications may be addressed to Bernard W. Hale, c/o WVPA EDT, 500 Van Kirk Drive, Beckley, WV, 25801 or call (304) 256-6702.

Applicants will be asked

to explain why they are requesting a grant and discuss the courses and training they will pursue and how that continuing education will benefit the applicant's art studies.

This scholarship program is financed by donations from participating artisans and vendors at the Mountain State Art and Craft Fair and a quilt benefit held each year during the fair.

The fair, which is held for five days during the Fourth of July holiday each year in Ripley, WV, is one of the top ranked traditional heritage art and craft fairs in the United States.

By Natalie Gaughan
Staff Reporter

GSC Students will soon have a rare opportunity to voice their concerns to a panel of GSC faculty.

On March 10, at 7:00 p.m., Student Congress members and administrators will meet in the Pickens Hall lounge to discuss the student needs.

Those present will include: Bruce Flack, Interim President, Alfred Billips, Dean of Student Services, Joe Evans, Interim Vice-president, and Karen Lay, Financial Aid administrator, among

others.

This is a landmark occasion in GSC history. The last time a meeting like this was held was approximately eight to ten years ago.

However, if there is a large turnout, attempts will be made to conduct similar meetings on a regular basis at such other locations as: Louis Bennett Hall lounge and the Student Union.

Every student is strongly urged to attend. Food and drinks will be provided free of charge. The meeting will last as long as it takes to address the students' needs.

The first ever *Mercury* Staff Member of the Month: Chris Vannoy

By Heather Eberly
Staff Reporter

By an overwhelming majority of votes from the Mercury staff, Chris Vannoy was February's Staff Member of the month. "Chris works too hard. He puts in long hours, sacrificing sleep and the occasional class, just to ensure that the paper gets out," explains fellow staff member Allison Tant. "That's dedication."

Chris is the Layout Editor for the Mercury. After all the copy has been turned in and edited, Chris must find some way to fit the articles onto the pages of the paper. This involves a lot of manipulation and computer know-how. He is responsible for how the paper looks when it gets into

your hands. On top of that, Chris also writes stories, takes pictures, and fills in for anybody slacking off in their duties.

Chris is a recent transfer student from West Virginia University. He explains that he transferred to Glenville State this semester "because I wasn't getting any work done at WVU." Apparently he's getting plenty done now. On average he says that he spends "too much" time in the office, but "it comes with the territory." Chris is a 1996 graduate of Roane County High School. He is currently majoring in English and secondary education with a minor in journalism. Chris is proud to be the first staff member of the month.

"The idea of recognizing



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Chris Vannoy

staff members for their work and dedication is new here at the Mercury. Chris is highly valued. Without him, the paper wouldn't get out," states Editor in Chief, Will Owens.

Chris is an example for everyone working for the Mercury to follow. Congratulations, Chris.

Forensics team wins at tournament

By Rudy Pascasio
Staff Reporter

Nancy Wemm and eight members of the speech team, including Jeremy Burks, Shannon Carr, Cris Gravely, Chris Kenna, Drexell King, Wanda Roff, Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva and Mary Wildfire journeyed to the campus of Fairmont State College, Saturday, Feb. 20, for the West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensics Association's annual tournament.

The dedicated team members participated in interpretation and rhetorical speaking events throughout the day.

The GSC team brought

home five awards from day-long competition. Programmed

Interpretation, Gravely was the runner-up and Moe Tzoneva earned a fifth place trophy.

Drexell King and Shannon Carr together brought back a trophy for third place for participation in Dramatic Duo. Wanda Roff earned fifth place in After Dinner Speaking.

The forensics team and their coach, Nancy Wemm, should be highly commended for their work and dedication.

There was to be a performance this Wednesday but it has been canceled due to conflicting events.

Since the March payday lands in the middle of Spring Break, student workers need to inform the payroll office if they would like to have their checks mailed to their homes. Otherwise, students will not receive their pay for the February pay period until after Spring Break.

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The game room in the basement of the Wesley Center will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. starting March 2, 1999. We have a weight bench, treadmill, foosball, ping-pong, and pool table available. All activities are FREE for everyone!! Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase from our staff. If you have any questions please contact Martha King, 409 Scott; Mandy Burns, 403 Williams; Lola Phillip, 405 Williams; or Kathy Cogar, 301 Williams.

RULE: No unsupervised children, please.

Delta Zeta is no more at GSC

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

A long tradition at Glenville State College was retired Tuesday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m. The Delta Zeta Sorority, Delta Xi chapter, had their charter officially revoked and will no longer be an organization on campus.

The members of DZ were called into a meeting with Doretta Osborne, the Alumnae Director, and Beth Patterson, who is head of the Sorority's National Clearance and Treasury.

It was at this point in the meeting that the girls were made aware of what was going on. The bearers of the news were very apologetic and truly sorry. They told the girls nothing but lies for all of their efforts and said that there

was nothing that could have been done to prevent this.

They were told that the shut-down has been in the works for the past four or five years due to low membership, the lack of a pro-Greek campus, and the absence of support by the administration.

The people at Delta Zeta nationals felt that the active members couldn't enjoy being members due to their small numbers. Each person had to take on the jobs of three or four people.

Everything has now been finalized for the group except for a few details, such as closing out the bank accounts and a little bit of paperwork.

What is going to happen to these ladies now? Well, the active members are going to become alum-

ni of the sorority. As for the new members who are going to be initiated, there isn't anything that can be done to bring them into the organization.

Brandy Stewart, the former Treasurer and Vice President of membership for the sorority would like to say, "Thanks to the members of the administration and the janitor-lady at the Heflin Center, who promised to be our den mother if we ever got a house, for all of their help and support through the years. I'd like to definitely apologize to the girls who were going to rush because they were very enthusiastic."

Lora Conrad, Secretary, stated, "We're just sorry to have this happen in the middle of rush."

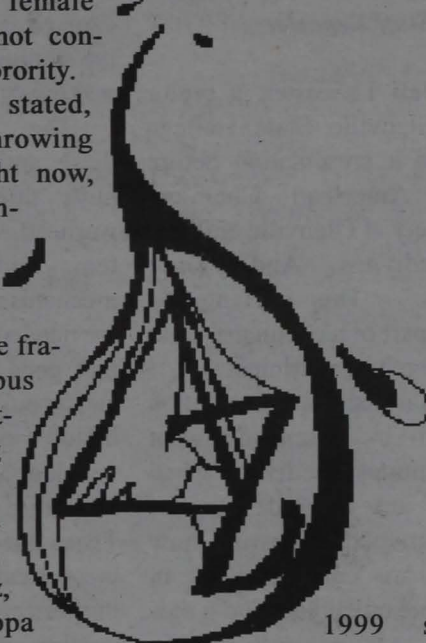
These ladies said that they are thinking of trying

to organize a female social club. Do not confuse this with a sorority.

Stewart stated, "We're just throwing ideas around right now, it's nothing concrete. We're just not wanting to let go, I guess."

How is the sole fraternity on campus going to be affected by the closing of the sorority?

When asked this question, Jeremy Rodriguez, the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity's chaplain, whose duties include overseeing the members' academics, commented, "Tau Kappa Epsilon is saddened by this blow to greek life on our campus. We are expecting this to be a temporary setback for greek life. In fall



1999 students can expect an explosion of greek life on this campus. We encourage and support the development of any new social or greek organizations on our campus...We still exist. we just bought a house, and we're going to flourish."

State Police Recruitment

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

West Virginia State Police Officers will be on campus Thursday, March 4, 1999, recruiting prospective candidates. Troopers will be available from 9-11a.m. to answer questions in the Heflin Center Lobby. Afterward, a seminar on testing procedures, application process, and pay/benefits will be conducted from 11-12 in the Verona Maple Room.

Deadlines for applications is March 24, 1999

Test Dates Begin April

Start date for the Academy is October 12, 1999.

Over one million served, every year: Glenville State College Print Shop

By Rudy Pascasio
Staff Reporter

Gilmer county native Garry Kight has been running the print shop for thirty-two years. "I'm from Gilmer County, born and raised!" he proudly states.

"My first year running the print shop, we were located in the Administration Building and worked out of a room the size of a large closet."

The print shop has been in its present location, the basement of the science building, for the past thirty years.

"We do 99.5% of the

college's volume printing. We print everything from the play programs, letterheads, envelopes, add & drop forms, and even the parking tickets for campus parking. Our main function of the print shop is to serve the administration and faculty. We do serve students for their professional and social organizations, and every once in a while a local business might wander up the hill with more copying than they can handle themselves."

The print shop is a non-profit entity, set up to break even. They charge the faculty and adminis-

tration by transferring funds from budget to budget through inter-government transfer of funds.

They bill the separate departments for their funds. All non-college related jobs must be paid in cash. Photocopying costs the same as the library (10 cents per copy). They even scan pictures onto disks for free, provided you bring in your own disk.

"If we don't consume any materials, such as scanning, we don't charge anything."

There are four students who work in the print shop. They greet the

customers, take orders and deliver copies.

Mr. Kight says, "we handle over one million copies per year. That number is down from recent years because most departments have their own copiers, but we do handle around nine million copies on the off-set printer. All of the college's paper supply comes through our shop."

The print shop is located in the basement of Science Hall and is open from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday and is closed for lunch from noon to 12:30, and on the weekends.

Cancer vs. Chemistry

By B.J. Woods
Staff Reporter

Jeff Lancaster, a senior at Glenville State College made a presentation before the American Chemical Society at Glenville entitled, "Enediynes And Their Uses." This presentation was part of a chemistry class in which he participates.

Lancaster's presentation began by describing what constitutes enediynes when they are entered into the human body, showing how they are comprised of an alkene, an alkyne, and a radical. Alkynes are highly reactive and unstable. He then explained that radicals are highly reactive, liking to bond with DNA in the body.

Lancaster spoke of three different drugs being used as

enediynes in a search for a cure of cancer, and told of the synthetic approach of the making of enediynes.

The composition of these anti-tumor enediynes have three features: The warhead, the delivery system, and the triggering mechanism. All three parts are needed to form a "bomb" that goes into the cell of a cancerous tumor. Once inside the nucleus they "explode", totally destroying the cancerous cell. These enediynes are a pharmaceutical weapon, destroying cancerous DNA and preventing cell division, colonization and metastasis.

The enediyne has been studied by chemists since the mid 1980's. Its abundance in nature is limited.

Says Lancaster, "Currently,

chemists are working on a way to get the enediynes to search out the cancerous cells and not destroy the good cells. One way of doing this is by trying to get the enediynes to attach to the cells with excessive sodium, since cancerous cells have more sodium in them than normal cells."

"The arrangement of electrons producing a stable aromatic ring with a highly reactive diradical is very novel," states James G. Goll, Professor of Science and Mathematics at GSC. "Jeff's talk demonstrated the applications of physical organic chemistry to biologically relevant molecules. I am looking forward to his second seminar on March 30, 1999. The talk is part of a Special Topics Chemistry course, Chem 399."

Things are looking dim at the library

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Robert F. Kidd Library has been under construction for several weeks. Workers are installing new lights and wiring. Some of the new lights will function on heat and motion sensors that will be more energy efficient. The lights on second and third floors are finished with the rest of the lighting renovations to be finished in March. The wiring will not be completed until later. The company doing the construction has agreed to work at night after closing hours to help cut down on the inconvenience to the patrons. Mr. Tubising stated "replacing the light makes them more energy efficient and will cut down on energy



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

bill. The lights will be brighter and placed for better reading and browsing the shelves for books." The lights and wiring are only one of the \$450,000 in renovations being done to the library. The first was new heating and air conditioning which will be finished as soon as the thermostats are installed on all floors. The second is the lights and wiring. The third is the construction of a new room for

the libraries special collection books. The money for this project was donated by Dr. Berlin Chapman. The fourth renovation will be a new roof for the building, scheduled for summer completion; that will also make the building even more energy efficient. After the library renovations are completed, the entire library experience should be comfortable, pleasant, and better for the environment.

Student Congress Election Results

By W.E. Owens
Staff Reporter

Voting for the Student Congress elections took place on Feb. 22-23, 1999 in the Heflin Center. 226 total ballots were submitted, a turn-out of just over 10% of the student body. The results are as follows:

President- Jack Beard
Vice President- Margarita ("Moe") Tzoneva
Secretary- Mike White
Treasurer- Libby Hudkins
Parliamentarian- Wes Karns
Senior

Representative- Amy Koon

Junior

Representative- Brandon Sandy

Sophomore

Representative- Andy Burns

Commuter

Representatives- Meg Miller, Barbara Rexroad, Chris Weikhart

International

Representative- Salim Lazreg

Senators At-Large-

Christopher Birkhimer, JoAnn Butcher, John Collier, Matt Hartline, Ernest Kingdon, Amy Nichols

Congratulations to all.

ALONE, adj. In bad company

- Ambrose Bierce

"The Devil's Dictionary"

Lunch Bunch

By Jessica Richards
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 23, 1999, the student congress brought up the topic of the cafeteria committee meeting in order to elaborate on the funds and personal food service system. The topic was already discussed in the last student congress meeting, but it was felt that it needed further attention.

The main problems concerning the system as it stands include lack of

help in the snack bar, an overhaul on the salad bar, and students asking for a menu with foods they enjoy.

One plan of action to stop the friction is to hire students under the work study programs provided here at GSC instead of hiring people not attending GSC.

The Lunch Bunch is having meetings on a regular basis to discuss issues and propose changes. Students are encouraged to attend.

Student Congress News

**Current and Future
Events from the
February 23, 1999,
Student Congress
Meeting**

February is Black Awareness Month and Jerry Burkhammer is trying to get a few of our African-American athletes to give an informative talk to our local 7th grade class. Also, Michael Kearney appeared on Thursday, February 18th and spoke to Ms. Sliwicz's 11:00 a.m. class. Mr. Burkhammer is scheduling events and activities for Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, which is the week

of March 22.

Anyone who would be interested in helping coordinate a walk for Cystic Fibrosis should stop and see Mr. Burkhammer in the Office of Student Services.

The 24-hour Visitation Policy will have an unwritten amendment that allows students to stay overnight when there is a three-day weekend. For example, if we do not have classes on Monday, then overnight visitation will be permitted on Sunday night. The same applies if we do not have classes on Friday, then overnight visitation will be permitted on Thursday

night.

If anyone has questions please speak with the House Directors.

Student Congress has formed a committee that meets with Mandy Frymier, Director of Food Service, to discuss much needed improvements with our food service. They have met once with Mandy and discussed student concerns. Mandy wanted it to be known that her door is always open for compliments and complaints. If you are interested, please voice your concerns to a Student Congress member or feel free to attend our meetings, which take place on

Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the room beside the Bookstore (You are always welcome!!).

Next Tuesday, March 2 at 12:30 p.m., Student Congress will be conducting a formal hearing to address the concerns brought-up about the recent proposed Mercury Charter. This hearing will take place in the Student Congress Room in the Heflin Center.

On Wednesday, March 10th at 7 p.m. in the Pickens Hall Main Lounge there will be a Student/Administrative Meeting. Students are encouraged to voice their concerns at this time.

Those attending from the Administration will be Dr. Flack, Jerry Burkhammer, Dr. Evans, Debbie Simon, and Karen Lay. They are providing refreshments for those that attend. If this meeting is successful, other meetings will be scheduled for the future and will be held at different locations across campus. Please attend. They are giving us a chance to work together.

Please remember that our meetings are always open to visitors. We would love to hear from you in person.

Amy Nichols
Student Congress
Secretary

Kennedy nominated

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

Mr. David Kennedy has been nominated for the West Virginia Council of Teachers Mathematics (WVCTM). WVCTM is a professional organization of teachers from across the state. His nomination comes from the current President for the office of Vice President for Mathematics. What does it mean for Kennedy if he gets the nomination? It means that he will be representing the colleges and universities of West Virginia at the WVCTM board meetings. The election will be held this year in Flatwoods. This gives Glenville State a shot in the arm. Mr. Kennedy has been very involved with the organization on state-level

committees related to math education, as well as with WVCTM. The work that he has been actively involved in with the organization includes an instrument being used in a few state counties to access and improve the math departments in middle and high schools. These counties have agreed to test pilot this program.

In Flatwoods, Mr. Kennedy will be giving a presentation at the WVCTM conference. This is the third consecutive year to do so. Mr. Kennedy and his wife, Holly, will give a presentation about the hands-on algebra labs.

"In an organization like WVCTM, the primary purpose is to assist math teachers. Nearly all of the members are public school teachers, so it's not surprising that the college level sometimes



BJ Woods, Mercury

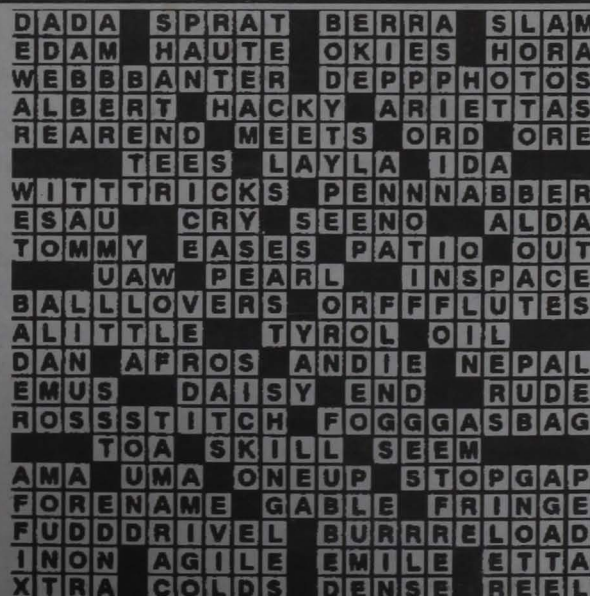
David Kennedy

doesn't get much attention. I already have some ideas to change this state of affairs, so if I do get elected March 20, Watch out!", stated Mr. Kennedy.

Dr. Carl Armour stated about Mr. Kennedy, "Mr. Kennedy's nomination is an example of peer recognition that he excels in his field. This is definitely an honor for Glenville State College."

The Mercury Charter Public Hearing

Tuesday
March 2, 1999
12:30 PM
Student Congress
Boardroom



The Mercury

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Rectification, Decor, and Toons

First off, you will no doubt be ecstatic to hear how Student Congress conducted some responsible reevaluating, and indeed graciously conceded to hold a public hearing addressing concerns in the proposed Mercury charter. This hearing will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 2, 1999, at 12:30 PM, in the Student Congress boardroom (through the same door as the bookstore). See the announcement this issue and feel free to attend.

Next, whoever keeps stealing Heflin Center furniture: While we can all certainly appreciate the testosterone level involved in these actions, at the very least, you are displaying an interesting and peculiar sense of home decor. Not to mention, with projected replacement costs for the stolen furniture likely to exceed \$1000 (the cutoff between petty and grand larceny), you have committed not only a judgment error as to the relative size of the Glenville community, but also what is likely to be one of the more idiotic installments of imminent "Dumb Crook" news. Are you related to a magistrate?

Last, it appears this newspaper has set a previous and continuing precedent with its debatable editorial and augmentative cartoons, and I see no sign of this stopping. Most recently, faculty members have voiced opinion of the apparently tasteless Student Congress pot-shot in the last Mercury issue, asking its necessity.

I don't know. Are cartoons necessary at all? Let me give you a brief run-down of how our cartoon submissions run.

Regardless of your personal opinion of Stephen Metz, our Staff Cartoonist, the majority of you are doubtless aware of his overall demeanor, while unknowledgeable as to the actual extent of his artistic expression.

When we encounter a story or issue warranting cartoon augmentation, we simply hand Stephen the written copy, let him create, and take it from there. Although sometimes we are required to curtail some of his more flamboyant ideas, we also refuse to dictate the opinion he derives. Most of us agree that his perspective is uniquely representative of opinion at-large, and the editorship of The Mercury respects this.

So, the next time you encounter one of our cartoons and don't much care for the implications, here are several points to consider:

- 1) These are CARTOONS.
- 2) These cartoons represent valid concerns, but metaphorically.
- 3) Just perhaps, what you see confronting you in our cartoons may be a little too accurate.
- 4) Without a sense of humor, you don't have much.

As a gesture of good-Will, I have commissioned Stephen to take any cartoonal liberties he wants with a caricature of me, and it is duly included here.

Now, leave us alone about it.

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Reader's Corner

By Heather Eberly
Staff Columnist

Hello again, readers.

This week's letter is one of apology. Why? Last week's edition had quite a few errors in it. Please forgive this poor, overworked staff. Our layout computer had PMS or something last week. It would not cooperate and

kept shutting down on us. Hopefully it will be in a better mood in the future.

I'd also like to apologize to two certain people out there in reader-land about a particular cartoon that ran (you know who you are). We will try to make sure that something like that never happens again.

I'd like to remind all of

the readers out there to be sure and drop us a line from time to time. We

so love to hear from you. If you have a problem or suggestion, just stick it in a pink envelope and send it through interdepartment mail. It's free...and it will get here. Just a suggestion.

As a final note, I'm about ready for spring break...how about you?

Faculty Senate and the Mercury Charter

By W.E. Owens
Staff Columnist

In the Faculty Senate meeting on the evening of Feb. 23, 1999, the Faculty Senate agreed to offer for publication the following written clarification of action regarding the proposed Mercury Charter:

"At its meeting on January 26, 1999, the Faculty Senate approved the

following motion regarding the proposed Mercury Charter: 'That the Senate endorse the proposed charter with the understanding that it will be published as provided for in the Campus Governance Document.' (See GSC Bulletin, Vol.31, No.22, p.66.) The Faculty Senate did not 'adopt' the charter. It does not have the authority to adopt the charter. It does have authority to

propose policy change (See The Bluebook; Faculty Manual 1999 Edition, p.88.)"

This document was produced in rebuttal to the wording of line 1 of The Mercury Charter's contesting petition, where it states: "...the proposed Mercury charter adopted by the Faculty Senate..."

We appreciate their input.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Mercury 200 High Street - Box 207 Glenville, WV 26351
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 next week's paper. All photographs should be submitted to Sherrie Hardman, photo editor.

Campus Crime Idiocy Awards

By John Barton
Staff Reporter

Since the Grammy's were this week, it occurs to me that Glenville State College deserves it's own awards. As Glenville State has been besieged by a rash of thefts and vandalism in recent weeks which were performed by one other than the truly stupid, I think I found my mark: The Campus Crime Idiocy Awards.

If you consider some of the more incredulous incidents, they present a strong argument to raise the entry requirements to GSC. For example, items such as several antique brass signs from the Administration Building, the four-foot ashtrays from in front of Robert F. Kidd Library, and

the entire lobby set from the Heflin Center were all pilfered. Apparently someone must have a kleptomaniac for an interior decorator. Either that or difficulty deciding between designing their bedroom suite in Mauve or Heflin. Or take the ruckus between two dorm roommates because one refused to wash a set of soiled sheets. Come again?

The crime which is by far the most blatant, that is to say, the person with the "I belong in prison" sign tattooed on their forehead; the ignoramus winner of the Campus Crime Idiocy Awards is the moron with a modem. First she filed for a bogus credit card....in her mother's name. Then charged a \$3000 computer on it and had the computer

sent directly to her home. Hello?! Can you say, "I deserve to spend the next 5 to 10 in jail with a large, burly woman named 'Bertha'?" I admit, the security of the campus computer labs does need to be improved from its current lax state. Nothing too expensive, maybe just....PASSWORDS. And the audacity of this crime should stress to professors and administration alike the importance of obeying the Buckley Amendment, otherwise known as the Privacy Act. Idiots everywhere: at least have the intelligence to create a fake identity outside your own family.

Until next week, stay out of trouble. Or don't get caught.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in my campaign for Student Congress President.

Congratulations to the newly elected Student Congress officers; and best wishes to you for a productive and successful year.

Dottie Miller:
Candidate

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.

A note from the editor

The Mercury's Feb. 22 issue, as well as the previous two issues, contained an envelope stuffing advertisement which is now being investigated by law enforcement officials. We regret the ad's inclusion and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Also, Dr. Edward F. Palm courteously pointed-out how paragraph 10 of the editorial in the same issue contained an improper word-choice; "...in lieu of...", should be duly read as "...in regard to..." or "...in light of..."

We are grateful for the input.

Mental illness and discrimination: part of a progressive society?

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Columnist

Your friend is acting different. S/he doesn't relate to you any more. Suddenly this person you once knew has changed or have they?

When a person undergoes a metamorphoses that you can't penetrate, should they become the recipient of emotional abuse? No.

The metamorphoses referred to is mental illness. It can be a hard fact to accept, yet many people experience it.

As human beings we often take notice of odd behavior and rather than determine its origin, we see it as a topic of derogatory discussion. This must stop.

In order to be part of a progressive society, we must educate ourselves about the phenomena of abnormal behavior.

Once a person starts to show signs of emotional instability, a kind ear, a supportive nature, and a gentle suggestive response would help set the foundation for a possible recovery.

According to Faith Holsaert, a former state advocate for persons with mental illness, "If you look in your classroom three or four of your fellow classmates are likely to suffer from a mental illness. It may even be you."

Humankind, as a whole, revels in gossip oddities and the misfortune of others. Keeping

this destructive attitude can only lead more people into states of depression.

If one finds a fellow human in distress and feels unable to respond in a positive manner s/he should not create rumors or poke fun.

If anything, s/he should find someone qualified and report what is seen. This way a possible solution can be attained.

Holsaert feels that "if we are able to be open and understanding to people suffering from a mental illness, we can begin to build more trustful relationships within our society."

The quality of life can improve if a person is willing to be compassionate towards his fellow man.

Commentary from the wire

The Cincinnati Enquirer, on income tax cuts:

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, has proposed cutting income tax rates by 10 percent, returning about \$375 billion to taxpayers over five years.

This secular tithe should be a no-brainer. The feds are living high on the surplus hog, thanks to average Americans' hard work and productivity.

But as usual, the White House is twisting the argument. Spokesmen from President Clinton on down claim it would be irresponsible to "spend" — an Orwellian choice of words — any surplus on tax cuts.

The White House wants to have it both ways. It counts on decades of surpluses and good economic news to project its Social Security fix. But the minute tax cuts are proposed, we hear doom and gloom and class-warfare slogans about "tax breaks for the rich."

History has shown that the best way to encourage growth and prosperity is to cut taxes to a reasonable level that doesn't

drain the economy.

The Register-Herald, Beckley, W.Va., on Ken Starr:

The impeachment trial is over, but Independent Counsel Ken Starr's costly and mostly fruitless probe into William Jefferson Clinton's life continues.

How much money must be spent and how many lives ruined before Starr's lust for Republican revenge is satisfied?

Enough is enough. Call off your dogs, sir.

Starr's original intentions might have been good. Somewhere along the way, however, Starr's quest for the truth lost any resemblance to business and became strictly personal.

He's obsessed with bringing Clinton down. The Senate has acquitted the president, but now Starr is talking about indicting the president himself. Some insiders say Starr has already made up his mind to do it.

Starr's case doesn't hold water. The impeachment process proved that. He cannot be allowed to waste more tax dollars on this witch hunt.

Search engines, part deux

By Rob Kerns
Staff Reporter

Since I've made my recommendations on search engines, something needs to be said about the manner of searching on the 'Net. Every search engine searches for the keywords you enter. So, if you enter "Treasure Island by Stevenson" for instance, the search engine will return any websites—called hits—that are related to 'Treasure,' 'Island,' 'by,' 'Stevenson,' or any combination of those. Most of the time, a search engine will return a lot of good hits, but those hits will be mixed in with a lot of garbage (websites unrelated to the user's topic). For that reason, a person has to be able to choose between the junk and the good hits. Sometimes that can be very tricky.

There are two ways to try to thresh out the bad sites from the good: attempting to control how the engine searches and knowing enough about your topic to be able to decide which sites are good. There's not a lot I can do about the second option.

I can, however, make a few recommendations on the first. Some search engines allow the use of Boolean modifiers. That's a real fancy term for words like AND, OR, NOT. They are used like this: Independence AND Day AND Film NOT History.

Most search engines, except Ask Jeeves, will have options below the text field that will help control what sites the engine returns. These options usually are Any, All, or Phrase.

Selecting Any means that the engine will return all sites that meet at least one of the keywords you entered. All means that the engine will only return those sites which are related to all of the keywords you entered. Phrase allows you to enter a small group of words, such as "The Taming of The Shrew." The engine should return only those sites which relate the entire phrase.

One last item of note; not all search engines respond to Boolean modifiers. I know that Alta Vista (www.altavista.com) responds to those modifiers, but that is the extent of my knowledge in that area. You can try the use of Boolean modifiers, but if you get a lot of sites that do not relate to the topic you're searching for, DON'T BLAME ME.

Lancaster explains Vitamin D synthesis

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

Chad Lancaster gave a presentation on the synthesis of Vitamin D for the American Chemical Society for Glenville State College. This presentation was part of the chemistry class in which he is a participant. Some of the information given included the following.

The human body can assemble vitamin D through raw materials, called pro vitamins. Pro-vitamin D is a simple deviation from cholesterol. Pro-vitamin D is converted to vitamin DIII by ultra violet light absorbed through the skin. The vitamin D taken in pill form is manufactured and called vitamin DII. Vitamin DIII is transported to the liver where it picks up a hydroxyl group. It is then stored in the liver until it is needed by the body. Once needed, this 2,5-hydroxylcholecalciferol is transported to the kidney where it is made into 1,2,5 dihydroxycholecalciferol. The hydroxylase enzyme is controlled by the kidneys. Vitamin D is transported by the blood stream to the mucus cells of the intestines.

The first step in the photochemical cycle happens when cyclohexene is converted to triene. The bonds are broken to form pre-vitamin DIII. This is where the rotation of C-C bonds and molecules occur on the ends.

There are 6 pi bonds involved. In order for a person to figure out whether the molecule is a thermal or a photochemi-

cal, they must determine if the molecule has a conrotation or disrotation.

In the formation of the vitamin DIII there is a hydrogen shift of 1-7. This is an antifacial shift, one that goes across the face of the molecule and occurs at 1, 3, 7, 11, or 15. This will also give a s-cis or a s-trans molecule.

Vitamin D is transported by the blood stream to the mucus cells of the intestines. In the intestine, it is absorbed and used by the body.

The vitamin D reaction occurs in the skin, which requires light and heat for the formation of vitamin D.

Chad stated, "For those who are vitamin D deficient, there is bone loss in adults and in children it is called rickets."

When Chad was asked if Eskimos were vitamin D deficient, as they have six months of darkness, Chad answered, "I don't think that is a problem as they do get part of their vitamin D from some of the foods which they eat. Plus, there are always vitamin supplements."

Dr. James G. Goll stated, "You may have heard that sunlight can be used within the body to produce vitamin D."

"Chad's talk did a nice job of showing the uniqueness of this light driven reaction. Chad's talk demonstrated the application of physical organic chemistry to biologically relevant molecules. I am looking forward to his second seminar on March 30, 1999. The talks are part of a Special Topics Chemistry course, Chem 399."

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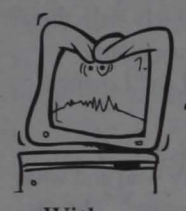
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THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Cheaters never win, punk

By Ben Burton
Guest Columnist
Do you feel lucky,
punk?
These are the words of
immortal Dirty Harry
Clint Eastwood, as he presses the
trigger of his .44 Magnum
against the face of a young
criminal.
These might also be the
words of your English 102
professor after he discovers
you've downloaded a
term paper off of the
Internet.
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sell anything new.
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nesses used to advertise in
the back pages of comic
books and magazines, and
now they do big business
on the Internet.



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sionals, and they may know where
you live."*

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Term Papers, Cheater.com, and the
Paper Inn, these shame-
less online profiteers sell
or sometimes give away
term papers on various
topics to naive (nay, stu-
pid) young undergrads
who would rather play
Nintendo than write a the-
sis statement.
The practice is an old
one, but the Internet has
helped make such disrepu-
table businesses more
accessible to students.
Presently, it is estimated that

there are well over one hun-
dred of these websites, offer-
ing term papers, essays,
research studies, and book
reports to anyone shallow
enough to pay for them.
Many of these websites are
legitimate businesses, while
others are personal home-
pages or volunteer-run web-
sites.
At least seventeen states
have passed laws making it
illegal to sell term papers.
One of those states is
Massachusetts, where eight
online term-paper sellers
were sued by Boston

University on racketeering
charges in 1997. The univer-
sity felt that such websites
devalued academic degree
programs and should be
stopped. Of course, the
sleaze merchants claimed
the suit was a violation of
their First Amendment
rights and the case proved
ineffectual.
Most of these sites post
disclaimers stating that
they do not support plagia-
rism in any way (and with
names like Cheater.com,
you know they're sincere).
They claim that the term
papers are intended for
research or reference pur-
poses only, and often
charge between 30-50 dol-
lars per paper (that's not
counting "customized"

paper writing, which is
about 10 dollars per page).
So is it illegal for these
scumbags to sell term papers
on the Internet? Well, sadly,
the First Amendment pro-
tects the rights of term-paper
sellers and child pornogra-
phers just as it protects hon-
est, ethically-minded indi-
viduals like you and me. So
the answer is no.
However, for any stu-
dent planning to visit such
websites in the future, be
forewarned: your teachers
are professionals, and they
may know where you live.
Oh, and don't forget to
check out the new and
improved Robert F. Kidd
Library website at:
<http://www.glenville.wvnet.edu/other/rfkidd.htm>

Science with the Particle Lady: Diabetes; more common than you think

B.J. Woods
Staff Columnist
When I teach a Red
Cross First Aid course, I
often make reference to dia-
betes and the associated
symptoms. Most
people think of diabetes as a
condition, not as the disease
it really is.
There are two types of
diabetes. Type I diabetes is
insulin-dependent diabetes,
or "juvenile diabetes"; type
II is the noninsulin-depen-
dent diabetes.
Type I diabetes occurs
when the pancreas produces
not enough or no insulin at
all. This inadequate insulin
level indicates the body's
immune system has
destroyed the insulin pro-
ducing cells.
Scientists are uncertain
as to why this happens.

Some possibilities involve
genetically inherited risk
and exposure to various
viruses. Scientists are now
testing family members of
people that have Type I dia-
betes to determine genetics
leading to the disease.
Symptoms of Type I dia-
betes include: Frequent uri-
nation (especially at night),
increased thirst, unexplained
weight loss in spite of
increased appetite, and
extreme tiredness. These
symptoms are caused by a
build-up of sugar in the
blood and the loss of it in the
urine of the person.
Kidneys eliminating
sugar in urine take water
from the body, leading to
increased thirst; the loss of
extra sugar and water results
in dehydration. Lack of
insulin causes high blood
glucose and causes the body

to break down stored fats
and proteins, converting
these fats into a waste pro-
duct called ketone.
If the production of
ketone is excessive, an
abnormal amount of it is
spilled over into the urine.
Too-high ketone levels
inspire a condition called
ketoacidosis; the symptoms
include vomiting, abdominal
pain, rapid breathing,
drowsiness, tiredness, and
irritability.
Type II diabetes? The
symptoms include some of
those previously given.
The person will experience
excessive thirst, frequent
urination, and a rise in
urine glucose. Symptoms
arise quickly, and the
patient feels irritable or
even doomed; shaky to the
point they can't stop the
tremors. They may experi-

ence headaches, vomiting
and rapid breathing.
Persons with Type II dia-
betes do not take insulin
shots, their diabetes is usual-
ly controlled by diet and
exercise. 80-90% of these
people are obese.
Diagnosing Type II dia-
betes includes the physician
administering a glucose tol-
erance test, the second of the
blood tests for the patient
suspected of having dia-
betes. The patient may be
informed to simply lose
weight and start an exercise
regimen.
People with Type II dia-
betes commonly die of heart
attacks, due to a majority of
these people not knowing
they have diabetes.
The everyday life of dia-
betics? They must eat at spe-
cific times and most are on
monitoring systems requir-

ing they check their own
blood glucose levels each
day. They must exercise,
but not to the point of lower
blood glucose levels. Too
much exercise for these peo-
ple is offset by eating or
increasing insulin dosage.
Physicians are using a
new technique in detecting
diabetes: A test called
HbA1C (hemoglobin A1C)
is a blood test done at vari-
ous intervals over a period
of three months.
Hint: When speaking to
a person with diabetes, don't
call them a diabetic.
Appropriate PC is to say
simply that they are a person
with diabetes.
'Til next week, take care
as you travel the halls of sci-
ence. For comments and
suggestions please feel free
to e-mail the Particle Lady at
gscmercury@hotmail.com.

Ask Eleanor: God and lust

Dear Eleanor,

I am being harassed. Somebody is spray painting profanity about me. They even spray painted on the front of my home. I don't know who is harassing me and the police won't do anything. What am I supposed to do? Please help me understand.

Sincerely a victim

Dear Victim,

First, sit down, breathe deep, exhale, and take a look at yourself. This is not your fault!! Unfortunately, in today's society, people are being raised to be hateful, vengeful, and blatantly ignorant. This display of vandalistic and moronic behavior is pre-determining the assailant's whole meaningless existence. You may be the recipient of someone's lonely, insecure, emotional and delinquent behavior, but you my dear are above it all! Revenge belongs to a higher being. The best way to deal with this is not to pursue it. However, if it does continue, there are legal and moral ways to handle it. There are support groups you can get in touch with. Take advantage of the criminal justice department here at Glenville State College. See if you can get some ideas

generated about what steps you may be able to take in order to keep this from happening again. There are people in the behavioral science department who would be willing to counsel you on stress management techniques. This is a horrible injustice, but you can take it as a learning experience; grow from it, don't wallow in it. Remember, what goes around will always come back around again!!

Dear Eleanor,

I've been involved in a good stable relationship for the past thirty months. I love my significant other very much, but recently, someone I work with has caught my eye. This person gets my engine running so much that I'm actually contemplating having an affair. The thoughts alone make me feel guilty. I know that I don't want a serious relationship with this person, but being around him makes me nervous and jittery. I know this is wrong, my conscience tells me so. At the same time, however, there's a little voice in my head that keeps telling me to go for it. After all, what my significant other doesn't know won't hurt him, right? I know it's wrong, but my body, mind, and heart are all at war with each

other. Could you give me some wisdom? I'd really appreciate it.

Thanks,
In Love, yet lustful

Dear lustful,

Keep your pants on, honey! If you already love some one as you say, the question has been answered by your guilty conscience. Attraction commonly occurs between colleagues that work closely. If both parties are feeling a mutual bond, it may be time to talk about it. Instead of acting upon the spur of the moment, find out why this is happening. It may be a misinterpretation of energy, yet there may actually be a definite sense of lust! Evaluating what you would gain or what you may possibly lose would be the pre-determined factors as to how you would handle the situation. Communication is the key to all inner thought. Desire is a decision made by the mind. If you always acts upon their desires without establishing reason, you may find themselves throwing away their whole value system for one moment of gratification.

Dear Eleanor,

As a devoted atheist, I tend to find religion on this campus to be a mite stifling. People have

tried to "convert" me several times already this semester. How can I politely tell these people to leave me alone?

-Hating god and Loving it

Dear Hating,

Let us clarify who and what does the "converting". The theist (believer in God) can only deliver the message s/he feels God is telling. The conversion is in God's hands alone.

If you wish not to learn about God and are feeling forced, simply tell the person that you are not interested. If that doesn't work, walk away. The thing to always remember is the fact that most people who believe in God hold a strong feeling of hope for people like you. The true believer will leave you to your own free will. In their prayers, you will remain at the head of the list.

Dear Eleanor,

I have a class with one other student and we sit pretty close to each other. When this student misses a question or gets excited about what is being said in class, that person reaches over and punches me. This is a friendly punch caused by sheer excitability from learning, but it is very annoying and disruptive. I delight in the fact that my fel-

low student enjoys learning how can I tell them to stop without becoming overbearing rude?

Battered

Dear Battered.

It sounds like your mate has a sadistic way of dealing with excitement you are the unfortunate recipient. Please do yourself a favor and move your seat. If you wish to cut this battle out, you have to stand up for yourself. It doesn't mean you can't still be a comrade; just don't wish to be a masochist. Be clear and stand your ground, sweet heart, unless you are secretly enjoying this abuse!

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Gallery talk: Karen Parker

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

On February 19, a gallery talk was held for Karen Parker in the Glenville State College fine arts gallery.

Most of Ms. Parker's work deals with objects of nature, dead or alive. She has found her paintings are her personal study of things she does to satisfy her soul. Ms. Parker stated "most people just walk

by and do not see the natural objects around them." Her hope is that after people see her paintings that they will notice these natural objects and experience them for themselves. Ms. Parker also stated that she, "does not use a lot of color because I am more interested in the objects than their color." Her display contained a combination of objects of nature, portraits, animals, and abstracts.

MST3K gets the axe

By Jeff Baenen
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - After 10 years of heckling the worst that Hollywood has to offer, "Mystery Science Theater 3000" is blasting off into the final frontier.

Producers of the cult TV show announced on Wednesday that the Sci-Fi Channel has decided not to order any new programs and that the next season of "Mystery Science Theater 3000" will be its last.

"All great things eventu-

ally have to come back down from orbit," said Jim Mallon, the show's executive producer.

"Mystery Science Theater 3000," or "MST3K" to its fans, debuted on a Twin Cities UHF station in 1988. The show features a marooned astronaut and his robot pals making fun of bad movies.

Comedy Central had dropped the show three years ago because of low ratings, but it was picked up by the Sci-Fi Channel.

"It's been a great run," Mallon said. "Getting 10

years in this business is quite remarkable, considering it started as nothing more than a cowtown puppet show."

Comedian Joel Hodgson created "Mystery Science Theater 3000" and was its first host until he left in 1992 for Los Angeles. Chris Carter, writer Michael J. Nelson, took over as host.

In its 10 years the series won the Peabody Award for broadcast excellence and received two Emmy nominations and over a dozen Cable Award nominations.

Our Oscar winners predicted; use at your own risk

by Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

On March 21, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will announce the winners of the Oscars. Wouldn't you like to know who won now, rather than sit through a numbingly boring, hour long telecast? Here's my best shot.

Saving Private Ryan will clean up with the technical categories, if for nothing but the first fifteen minutes of the film. The cinematography, editing, and sound editing in this section of the film, involving the landing on Normandy Beach, is too clean, precise, and vital to the overall effect of the scene that the Academy cannot overlook them.

Similarly, "Shakespeare in Love" should win a couple

of awards in the aesthetic categories: makeup and art direction. Both of these two categories are weak, with the only true standout being "Shakespeare".

Original Screenplay I'd like to say will go to "The Truman Show", but more likely it will fall to "Ryan." Adapted Screenplay is a race between "Gods and Monsters" and "The Thin Red Line". If Terrance Malik wins the Director award, expect this one to go to "Gods".

The Actor in a Supporting Role category is filled with Oscar favorites, such as Robert Duvall, Billy Bob Thornton, Ed Harris, and Geoffrey Rush. Also in the mix is James Coburn, who picked up his first ever nomination for "Affliction". Given Coburn's stature in the industry and lack of Oscar recognition, I'd expect him to pick up

this award.

With the exception of Kathy Bates and possibly Judi Dench, the Supporting Actress category is filled with actresses I have never heard of, but expect the Academy voters to have seen their work. Brenda Blethyn's role in "Little Voice" where she plays everyone's favorite floozy mother should catch the eye of Academy voters. She also has one other nomination from the 1996 Oscars that should have been hers, had it not been for Frances McDormand of "Fargo". So expect this award to be an apology from the Academy voters.

While everyone expects Tom Hanks to win the Actor in a Leading Role award for "Ryan", I sincerely doubt it. After his two awards for "Philadelphia" and "Forrest Gump", it may be a while yet before he gets another.

Ian McKellen, however, turned in a marvelous performance in "Gods and Monsters" as homosexual director James Whale, and will probably get the nod.

Actress in a Leading Role basically boils down to two actresses in period pieces. Even the same period is portrayed, Queen Elizabeth's reign over England. I'd go for Cate Blanchett of "Elizabeth" over Gwyneth Paltrow in "Shakespeare" as far as this category is concerned.

Now, the biggie: Best Picture. With two period pieces, "Elizabeth" and "Shakespeare", as well as two warfilms, "The Thin Red Line" and "Saving Private Ryan", there may be a bit of vote splitting in this category. If this happens, expect the vote to be close and that may open the door

for "Life is Beautiful", a little known Italian film about the end of World War II. However, I'd expect the voters to give it to "Saving Private Ryan" despite any vote splitting that may occur.

The Academy doesn't always pick the most worthy recipients for their awards. "Forrest Gump"'s win over "The Shawshank Redemption" and "Pulp Fiction" in 1994 is a prime example. With the voting process used to determine the winners, these awards can become extremely political and quite often deserving performances or films get left out when the Oscars are awarded. So, a couple of my predictions may, and probably are wrong, but aren't you glad you can safely sleep through the broadcast?

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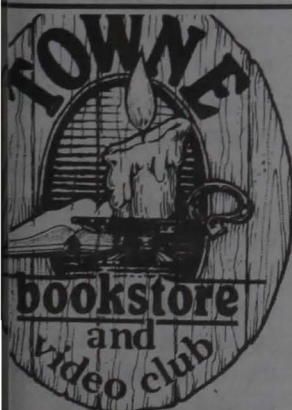
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Eberly goes dissonant

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

On February 20, Heather Eberly, a senior English literature major with a Journalism minor, represented GSC in the Seventh Annual Literature Symposium for undergraduate students at West Virginia University. Heather was the only Glenville student accepted into the symposium; only eighteen applicants were accepted statewide. Nine students were represented from WVU, five from Wheeling Jesuit, one from Fairmont State College, Bethany College and West Liberty.

Heather presented her paper, "Basic Instinct", 'Lost Highway' and the Postmodern Condition" at 11a.m., beginning the Film Fictions session of the symposium. In her paper, Eberly argues that a film such as "Basic Instinct" is an example of consonant



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

postmodernism; it is a film that reflects and revels in our contemporary popular culture. On the other hand, "Lost Highway" not only reflects but criticizes that culture. The paper was originally written for Dr. Orr's Seminar on Postmodernism and Film Noir. Declares Heather about her experience, "I was very happy to have a few people accompany me. It was nice to have a cheering section."

Electronic music hits the Fine Arts Building

music media
Allison Tant

Thanks mainly to the Lyell B. and Patricia E. Clay Foundation, Inc., the Fine Arts Building is getting all sorts of new equipment. Included in the list are four silent Disklavier upright pianos, four footswitch pedals and four system 45B speaker systems for the Disklaviers, nine CLP820 Clavinova digital pianos with benches, one CVP96 Clavinova digital piano with a bench, one MLC100 piano/MIDI lab audio control system for 16 student stations and one teacher station (this allows room for future expansion), and nine (K)MU50 tone generators for the MIDI lab. In addition to all of this, Yamaha will

supply some other items such as Disklavier software and reference guides.

In return for the award, the school must provide matching funds. They must install at least five practice rooms for the 1998-1999 academic year, obtain table furnishings for the MIDI keyboard/class piano/computer lab, and computers with music software for each station. Mr. Harry Rich says, "We're right now, I think successfully, trying to raise matching funds." Helping to provide these needs is the GSC Foundation, Friends of the Fine Arts, and alumni. Rich stated, "The [GSC] Foundation has been instrumental in our first big practice room." This practice room has already been installed on the first floor of

the Fine Arts Building. There is a system built into the room that allows students to practice as if they are in a regular practice room, baroque room, various sized recital halls, small, medium and large auditoriums, a cathedral, arena, or mute. As a person plays their instrument, they can hear what sort of acoustics would accompany them on any of these stages. By next year there will be at least five more of these practice rooms in the music lounge on the second floor.

The need for the piano labs is due to the prehistoric Wurlitzer pianos that were being used. "It was becoming harder and harder to find parts for the repair of these pianos," commented Mr. Rich. Students can plug ear-

phones into the new pianos and listen to themselves play without hearing others. Also, the instructor can wear earphones in order to listen to each student play individually, or all at once. In another piano lab is a much needed computerized piano. If a student is playing a solo

and wants accompaniment that is needed is the inch floppy disk that give the musician accompaniment that need.

These modern additions to the music department be a great help for aspiring musicians.



It's a hip hop world, after all

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - First came the "Miseducation." Now comes the coronation.

In a night of victories for women and hip-hop, Lauryn Hill won a record five Grammys for her solo debut "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," an album that crossed musical lines and established Hill as a force in the recording industry.

Hill's five wins in one night — for album of the year, new artist, female R&B vocal, R&B song and R&B album — topped the record originally set in 1971 when Carole King in 1971 for "Tapestry," a mark later tied by Bonnie Raitt and Alanis Morissette.

"This is crazy because this is hip-hop music," Hill said in accepting the usually staid award's first best-album win

for a hip-hop artist, as the Grammys took its biggest step out of the mainstream.

Rap has been eclipsing rock as the dominant musical form for young people, and routinely produces best sellers. But it took this strong-willed 23-year-old from New Jersey, a mother of two children with Bob Marley's son Rohan, to do it.

Proving also this was the year of the woman in music, the "Titanic" ballad sung by Celine Dion, "My Heart Will Go On," sailed on with four of its own including record and song of the year.

And Madonna — now that she's turned 40 — won her first musical Grammys, including best pop album for her excursion into electronica, "Ray of Light." She also won best dance recording and best short form music video.

"I've been in the music business 16 years. It was worth

the wait," Madonna said backstage. She wasn't alone in recognition that was long in arriving.

After 51 years of performing, Patti Page won her first Grammy, for traditional pop vocal performance for "Live at Carnegie Hall — The 50th Anniversary Concert." She joked backstage that when the first of her 11 grandchildren were born, and family members asked what they should call her, she told them, "Grammy. Because I'll never get one."

"Now they can call me Grandma," she said.

And Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks won a comedy album Grammy for "The 2000 Year Old Man in the Year 2000" — 39 years after losing in the same category to Bob Newhart.

Hill won best rhythm and blues album and her hit song, "Doo Wop (That Thing),"

won best R&B song and best R&B vocal performance. Her best new artist win was something of a misnomer because she won two past Grammys with the Fugees.

In picking up the best new artist trophy, she thanked her children for, among other things, "not spilling anything on mommy's outfit."

Shania Twain, Stevie Wonder, the Dixie Chicks, Vince Gill and the Brian Setzer Orchestra each were double winners.

"My Heart Will Go On" also won the female pop vocal for Dion and as best song written for a motion picture or television. James Horner and Will Jennings picked up the writing trophies.

Dion thanked James Cameron, director of "Titanic," for "letting this song be part of this magic moment — a beautiful movie."

Horner told the Shrine

Auditorium and national vision audiences he initially considered the song just a movie theme.

"It spoke to a lot of people," Horner said backstage. "It obviously was very romantic in a wistful, timeless way. He admitted he no longer listens to the song."

Actor-rapper Will Smith won best rap song for his gritty, natured "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It." He paid tribute to God, jiggiest wife in the world (actress Jada Pinkett Smith).

In another rap category, Jay-Z's "Vol. 2 ... Hard Knock Life" won best album. The rapper skipped the stage because he doesn't like the Grammys treat rap. Beastie Boys won duo group performance for "Intergalactic."

In his 12th Grammy victory of the 1990s, Eric Clapton won male pop vocal for "Father's Eyes."

TY MEADOWS by Frank Cho



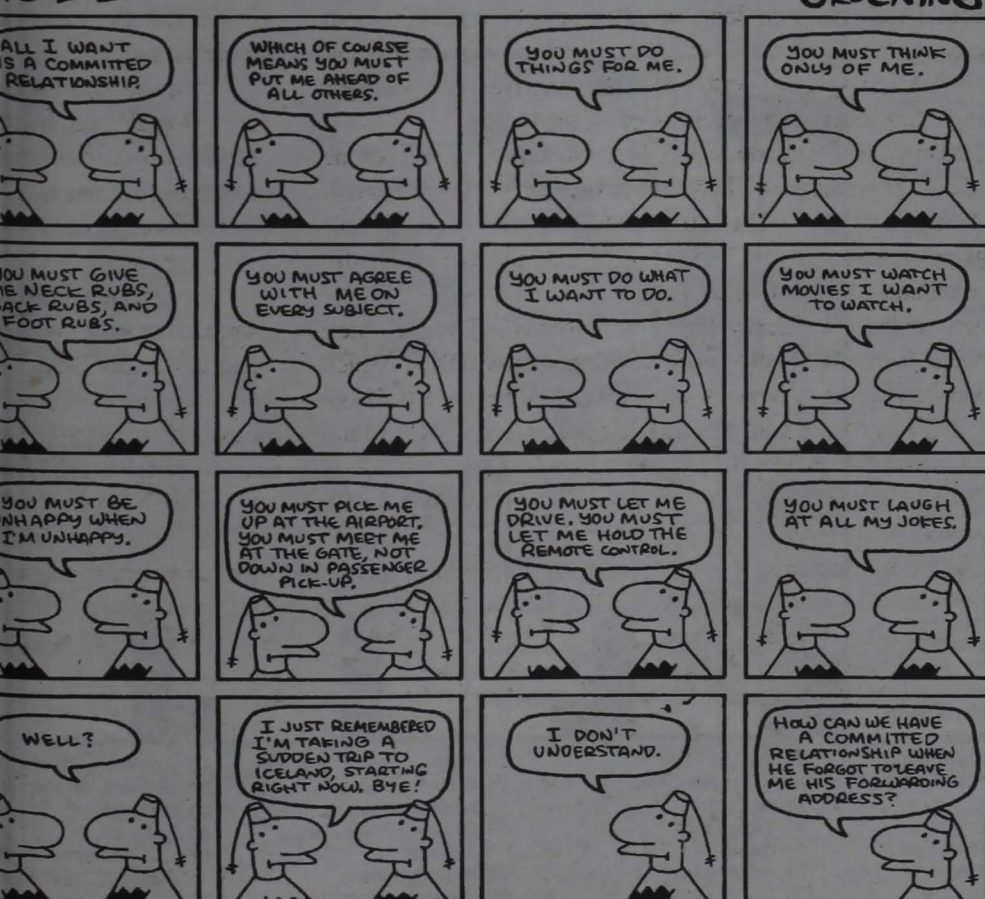
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LIFE IN HELL



Mistress Anna

Horoscope from The Associated Press

ARIES: (March 21 - April 20) - You are in a very practical frame of mind and unusually sharp in all your money matters. In your can-do-anything mood, no matter how busy, you will be more than able to take care of everything. Speak softly and avoid disagreements with a loved one.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) - Family is highlighted for now. Heart-to-heart talks with children will prove advantageous. The financial goals you've had in mind are going to be realized in the very near future. Strive for fairness in all your decision-making.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) - Any problems in family or home life will finally be resolved. Keep your cool in the workplace, co-workers may be overly sensitive. There are changes, from a distance, which will stir things up at work for the next few weeks. Unreasonable demands may be made.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) - You'll start the week in a dream world of your own. It may be best to take time alone and treat yourself better. A short trip may be the ticket to fun and adventure. Work runs smoothly for a change, but there are tensions in the home. Remember your mate.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) - Listen to a friend's advice regarding financial planning. Once you have your plan in order, take time to discuss it with your beneficiary. Others may accuse you of living with unrealistic expectations - don't let it bother you, your best ideas come to you this way.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) - This week will bring passion and intimacy with your love. Business and household projects are favored, and you'll be surprised at how much you get done. There may be a bonus for your recent efforts. Take time for laughter, and make plans to further your education.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) - The more you

depend on your inner reserves, the stronger you are. Your actions inspire family members to strive for their best. There are some self doubts you have been wrestling with which only you can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) - Spend time with close friends and have some fun. Both your friendships and love relationships are very fulfilling. Keep your cool; someone is trying to undermine your position with flattery or outright bribery. There is a lucrative job possibility in the future.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) - It's a pretty effortless and pleasurable week. You have the power to make changes for the better. Personal achievements and romance will be highlighted for the next few months. You need to resolve an old misunderstanding with an estranged friend.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) - This week will start on a very upbeat note. Wherever you are, you are surrounded by luck and friendship. Unexpected money is most likely to come your way. Your work and family responsibilities are heavy, you have people relying on you from all sides, take things one at a time.

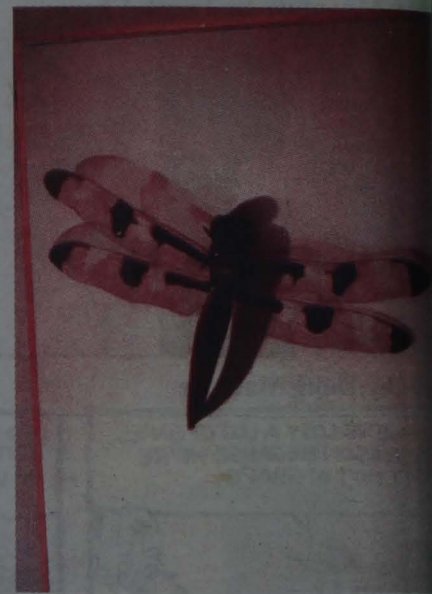
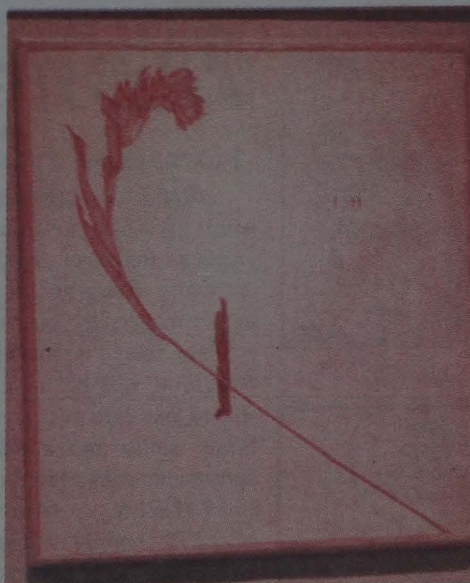
AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) - There are many things that need your attention right now. Try to prioritize, and do the most important things first. Verbal clashes are unavoidable - both your kids and co-workers will challenge your authority. Check out any opportunities to increase your income.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) - Spend some time with your mate and family. You are both assertive and charming. It feels good to succeed at work and know your family's happy too. The week will be full of heavy mental stimulation and many challenges. Innovative and unconventional approaches may work well.

Karon Parker Art Gallery

The exhibits to the right were the brainchild of Karen Parker (center). She uses natural materials to build her art, whether it be dead or alive. (see story on page 16)

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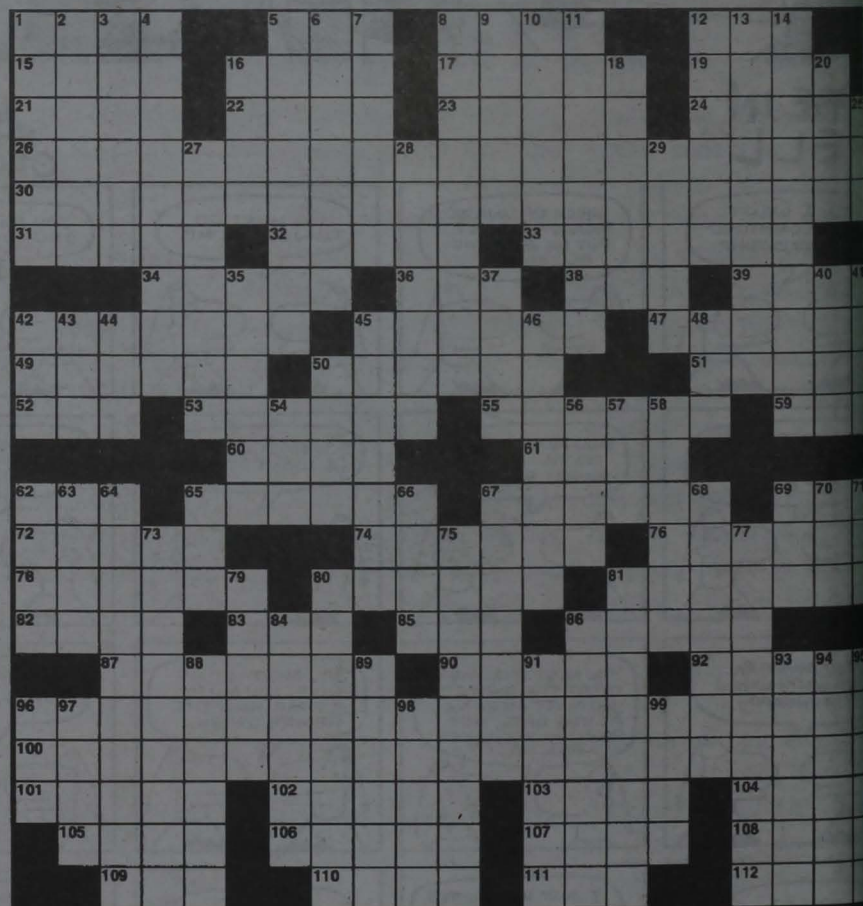
- 1 Missile, initially
- 5 A pair of
- 8 Mornings' moistures
- 12 New Guinea island group
- 15 Role for Myrna
- 16 *Trinity* writer
- 17 Discharges
- 19 Road curve
- 21 Canadian coin feature
- 22 Greeting for the villain
- 23 French assembly
- 24 Part of an insect's stinger
- 26 "I'm ___" (1918 tune)
- 30 Season for Richard III
- 31 Energy
- 32 Flea genus
- 33 "___ is up on high": Shak.
- 34 Drive back
- 36 *Pygmalion* monogram
- 38 "It ___" ("Who's there?" response)
- 39 Late-night news time
- 42 Radcliffe grads
- 45 Take a second giant step?
- 47 Sold hot goods
- 49 Private's reply
- 50 Go ___ (decay)
- 51 "Love ___ you need"
- 52 Marlon's *On the Waterfront* costar
- 53 Don't participate in
- 55 Hold on to
- 59 Superman foe Luthor
- 60 Ga. neighbor
- 61 Tropical tree
- 62 Coll. at Tempe
- 65 Electrical conductor

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- 67 Bacon portions
- 69 Winter bug
- 72 Kid's retort
- 74 '50s autos
- 76 Maureen and John
- 78 Flight locale
- 80 Spoiled
- 81 One's word
- 82 Former British P.M.
- 83 System starter
- 85 Scale notes
- 86 ___ voce
- 87 Fortification
- 90 Wears well
- 92 Organic fertilizer
- 96 Mandalay commentary, à la Kipling
- 100 Start of a Gershwin tune
- 101 Machine tool
- 102 Québec student
- 103 Med. subject
- 104 *My Friend* ___
- 105 Singer Fitzgerald
- 106 The De ___ (*Raging Bull* star's family)
- 107 Lo-cal
- 108 Straight up
- 109 Wally Cleaver portrayer
- 110 Hardens
- 111 Compass pt.
- 112 Sarazen of golf

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- 1 Wedding contingent
- 2 "Calm down!"
- 3 Actor Roscoe Lee
- 4 Soldier
- 5 Old dance
- 6 Like some thinking
- 7 "Pile ___ Pelion"
- 8 Coveted
- 9 Change
- 10 Manage somehow
- 11 Sci-fi vehicle
- 12 Season ticketholder
- 13 Buys back
- 14 Prosaic
- 16 Former Warsaw Pact member
- 18 Keach Sr. and Jr.
- 20 Depressed
- 25 Ben Franklin invention: Abbr.
- 27 Some Arabs
- 28 Hint at
- 29 ___ Dzhugashvili (Stalin)
- 35 Equivalence
- 37 Future examiner
- 40 Soccer great
- 41 CCCXC x IV
- 42 Sailor's assent
- 43 Bulgarian money
- 44 NATO member
- 45 Not as flat
- 46 With expertise
- 48 German article
- 50 ___ avail (useless)
- 54 Perfection, to Retton
- 56 Sea dogs
- 57 Three-time heavyweight champ
- 58 Consequence
- 62 Wile E. Coyote's mail-order company
- 63 Stated
- 64 Hades' domain
- 65 "Why ___ Love You?"
- 66 Dutch cheese
- 67 Shove off
- 68 Coercive



- 69 Part of TGIF
- 70 ___ Cruces, NM
- 71 Activate
- 73 Texas city
- 75 Quiet
- 77 Adding up
- 79 Settle up
- 80 Aurora ___

- 81 Write a check, in a way
- 84 Campbell Soup headquarters
- 86 Onetime Mississippi senator
- 88 Hill's partner
- 89 Blast-furnace nozzle
- 91 Scandinavian toasts

- 93 Renee of silents
- 94 *Seinfeld* character
- 95 Baroque
- 96 Little bit
- 97 "... friend who nev made ___": Tennyson
- 98 Key position
- 99 Table d'___