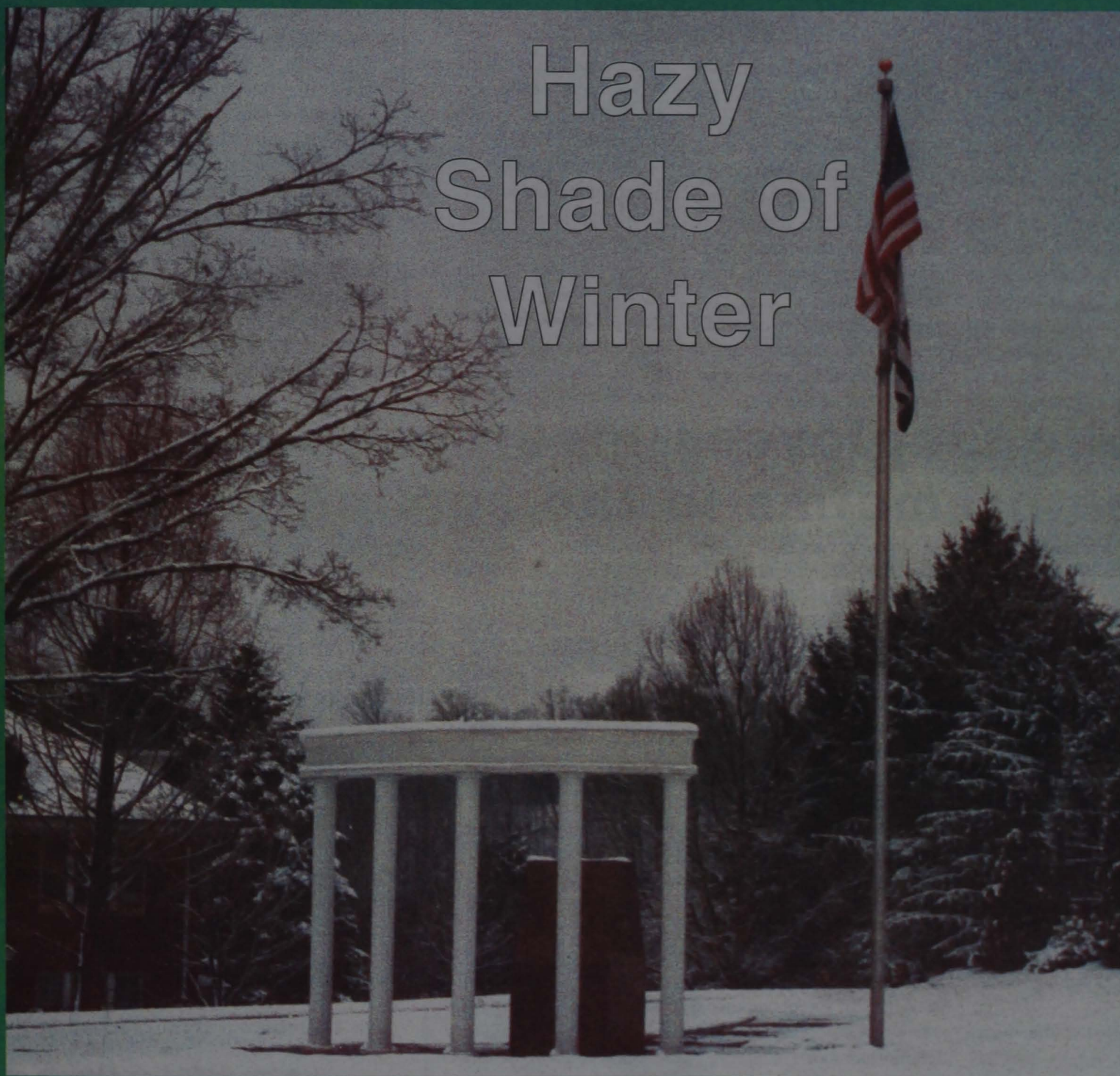


# The Mercury

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# New scholarship from tragedy

By Rudy Pascasio  
Staff Reporter

Tragedy struck the Gilmer County community on January 13, 1999 when we lost two of the county's prominent residents. Martin A. "Marty" and Elginia "Gini" Logan's lives were tragically taken due to an automobile accident while traveling along Interstate 79.

The Logans will be greatly missed by their family, friends, and the entire community, but their memory will live on through a scholarship that will be established with the help of the Glenville State College Foundation, Inc.

"This scholarship is a fitting tribute to two people who loved Glenville State College and its athletic program. I know Marty and Gini would be proud and supportive of this scholarship fund honoring their memory," said Dennis Fitzpatrick, GSC

Alumni Association Coordinator.

Mrs. Logan, 51, was a long time employee of Waco Oil & Gas Company. Mrs. Logan, 47, worked at

Hardman's Home Center. Both of their children are graduates of GSC. Martin A. Logan, Jr. graduated in 1993 and his sister, Tabitha M. Logan Beall, graduated in 1992. Both Marty and Gini were active members of the Glenville community, regularly attending social and fund-raising events.

The Logans were especially fond of GSC athletic competitions and could be seen in attendance at all of the home con-

tests. According to Waco co-worker Brad McPherson, "It was hard for Marty to say no to any worthwhile charity."

Individuals who wish to make contributions to the Logan Scholarship Fund should make their checks payable to the GSC Foundation, Inc. and mail to: 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351. If anyone has any questions or needs additional information, contact Mr. J. Edward Hamrick @ 462-4125.



# Road renamin upsets some

Associated Press

their \$205,000 home on the road.

HEDGESVILLE, W.Va. - Big F Park Road is causing a big stink in this Berkeley County town, where one family has sued over the name they say has a negative sexual connotation.

Berkeley County decided to change Boy Scout Road to Big F Park Road as part of its 911 system reorganization. The renaming of 61 streets in Martinsburg and 425 county roads is scheduled to take effect April 1.

But Paul D. Oliver and Carolyn S. Oliver contend in their lawsuit that the new name will drive down the value of

"Your address defines who you are," Oliver said. "Most people take 'Big F' to mean something else."

In their suit, Olivers argue that Berkeley County Commission lacks authority to change county road names, and they want a judge to reverse the changes or order the commission to pay damages.

Meanwhile, group of about 100 residents call themselves "Berkeley County Citizens for Common Sense 911" say they will decide later this week whether to challenge the renaming.

# Public Employees Insurance Agency to raise premiums in the coming year?

By Jennifer Bundy  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Legislative leaders say they have spent enough time talking about ways to solve the Public Employee Insurance Agency's budget problems and now it is time to do something about it.

But at least one lobbyist wants to slow the process down because he fears what lawmakers plan to do will raise the cost of public employee's health insurance, and he says that is not necessary.

Legislators have been waiting six weeks for the second financial report on the program. Now that they have it and it confirms the budget woes, they should begin discussing access to health care and other issues

and delay action until next year, Bob Morgenstern of the West Virginia Education Association said Monday.

"What they shouldn't do now is try to ram something down our throats," he said. "All these issues are intertwined. What is the rush?"

But Senate Finance Chairman Oshel Craigo told him in a committee meeting, "The delay tactic is used up here all the time. You guys didn't create it. You may have perfected it."

Craigo and others said the state can't wait another year. The Legislature already has been studying PEIA finances for a year.

But Morgenstern said those discussions were simply information gathering and not a real attempt at problem-solving.

The national tobacco settlement and potential federal changes in Medicare payments could generate millions and eliminate any funding problem, Morgenstern said.

The financial expert's report was discussed at a Senate finance subcommittee meeting Monday. The panel planned to meet again today and discuss a bill that includes a provision to charge state employees higher insurance premiums beginning in 2001.

The proposal would raise employee premiums over five years from the current 8 percent to 20 percent.

"Most private plans and the vast majority of public plans go no lower than 25 percent," said Sen. Robert Plymale, D-Wayne, chairman of the

subcommittee.

The subcommittee is trying to find a way to address long-term financial problems of PEIA as well as find a way to avoid a \$48.5 million deficit expected in the plan at the end of the fiscal year that begins July 1. There would be no premium

increase for that year.

PEIA is the state health insurance program for public employees. About 150,000 people are covered by the basic, indemnity plan. Another 40,000 are covered by health maintenance organizations through PEIA.

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## Wild turkey overly fond of female emu

Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. - She's too bright, much too tall doesn't give him the of day.

But that hasn't deterred amorous male turkey focusing his affections on gray-brown emu named bid.

The affair took wing in a ure just south of here, ere Roger Banks keeps bid as a pet.

"That's what I call her," aks said. "They aren't smarter than a chicken." He went to the end of his eway one morning to get paper, and there was the d male turkey, strutting r Stupid in hot pursuit.

"Turkeys aren't very ght, either," Banks said day as he watched the

two birds wander the pasture three days after the gobbler showed up.

The first of March marks the beginning of mating season for wild turkeys, and Banks reasons that there must not be too many female turkeys around.

While Stupid is petite for her species - which among birds is second in size only to the ostrich - her beau barely comes up to her knees.

Still, the determined turkey trails Stupid everywhere she goes. "She's quite a bit faster than him," Banks said, "but eventually he gets there."

The emu doesn't seem to mind - or notice, for that matter - so Banks said he'll let the wild turkey hang around.

## Oops... Ventura goofs

Associated Press

ST. PAUL - Some of the local Irish found no humor in Gov. Jesse Ventura's comments on national TV blaming St. Paul's confusing street layout on drunken Irishmen.

"He may see humor in it, but as an Irish person it's offensive," said Dermot O'Mara, owner of Irish on Grand, a St. Paul gift shop. "Just your average guy on the street making a comment like that gets me very upset."

When Ventura returned to Minnesota on Wednesday morning, he told reporters at the airport that he meant his comments in good fun.

"People can't take a joke. And if you can't take a joke, then there's nothing I

can do about it," he said.

Ventura made his comments Tuesday on CBS' "The Late Show with David Letterman."

When Letterman asked Ventura whether he liked Minneapolis or St. Paul better, the governor responded: "Minneapolis. I was born in Minneapolis. And besides, have you been to St. Paul? Whoever designed the streets must have been drunk. I think it was those Irish guys."

"You know what they like to do," he said, pretending to hoist a drink. "Oh, I'm in trouble now," he added.

Not everyone of Irish descent took offense.

"Basically we think it's kind of hilarious," said Louie Walsh, the half-Irish

owner of Half Time Rec, a St. Paul bar that features Irish music. "There's a lot to be said for drunken Irishmen. They create a lot of good humor."

St. Paul officials reacted to the slight on their city with a mixture of outrage and humor.

St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman showed up to deliver a street map to Ventura at the Capitol. Handing the map to a Ventura aide, Coleman acknowledged St. Paul's layout isn't logical.

"I'll admit there are some strange things. The West Side of St. Paul is south of the city," he noted.

He said he understood the humorous context in which Ventura made his remarks.

## Congressmen get recognized for porkbarreling

By Libby Quaid  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - There \$100,000 for making the ck World History Wax eum in St. Louis more ssible and \$7.5 million for e grave sites at Jefferson racks National Cemetery. All in all, Missouri Sen. istopher Bond brought e more than \$50 million ederal transportation, hous-

ing and veterans dollars last year, which on Wednesday earned him a "License to Pork" from the watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste.

Bond, a member of the Appropriations and Budget committees, was one of several "oinkers" in the group's annual "Congressional Pig Book Summary."

"No matter how you slice it, pork is always on the menu

in the halls of Congress," said Thomas Schatz, the group's president. "Some members of Congress simply couldn't resist the lure of easy money and put partisan political interests over the best interests of taxpayers."

The three-term Missouri Republican bristled at the criticism, saying: "If they think it's pork, it's an awfully healthy diet for the people of Missouri and I'm proud to participate in it."

He added: "Just tell 'em in the next batch, I'll bring along my own barbecue sauce."

The pork label became part of the political lexicon after the Civil War and probably comes from the practice of handing out salt pork to slaves who sometimes rushed the barrel to get a share.

Today, "pork barrel" means the treasury into which lawmakers dip for projects in their districts.

To make the summary, a project must meet one of the group's seven criteria (although most satisfy at least two): it is requested by only one chamber of Congress, is not specifically authorized, is not competitively awarded, is not requested by the president, exceeds the president's request or last year's funding, is not subject to hearings or serves only local or special interests.

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# GSC lands three on men's all-conference teams

By Cortez Macon  
Staff Reporter

The West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference announced the all conference Men's Basketball Players and Coaches on Feb. 21, 1999.

Terry Clark landed on the all-conference first team. Salim Lazreg was placed on the conference all-freshman team, and Floyd Burgher was named to the honorable mention all-conference team. GSC is proud to have some young men from their student body achieve such honorable awards.

Terry Clark, a 6'4" senior from Upper Marlboro, Maryland, made First Team-All Conference.

"Coming into the season no one really new about me and I give my teammates all the credit for this accomplishment," stated Terry.

Terry thinks his improvement is due to an increased confidence. In the '97 season, Terry only scored 11 points per game after transferring from Division I (North Eastern University). He had to work especially hard all summer to improve his basketball skills.

Terry was the Pioneers' captain this past season and expected a lot out of himself, but realized that winning wasn't completely up to him. To win the ball games took a team effort.

Clark explains, "Larry Courtney and James Arnold are the guys who showed the most team leadership this past season for us. So credit them for the achievement of mine."

Terry finished the season averaging 23.3 points, 6.1 rebounds, and 1 block per game. He has been invited to a pro camp over seas, and will be attending community college over the summer in

Maryland.

Salim Lazreg a 6'2" freshman from Frlourches, France, was selected to the All Freshman Team.

Salim stated, "It was a tough season for me, coming from France. I had to adjust to a lot of things and learn more about the game. I was not use to the conference or the physical play of the American game, but I got better towards the end of the season."

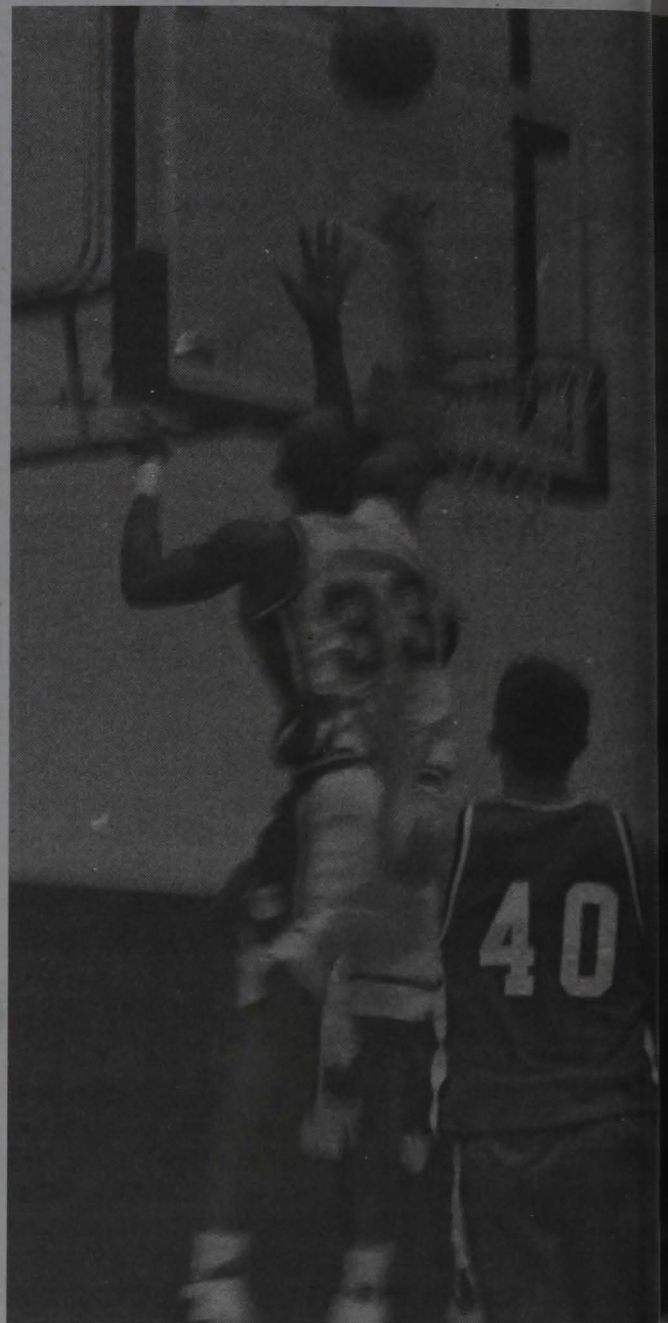
GSC'S basketball team expected Salim to hit the big shots and develop some confidence in himself. Lazreg averaged 12.5 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists per game this past season and feels that the team needs to recruit some big men to improve for next year.

Floyd Burgher, 6'2" senior from New York, NY, made Honorable Mention-All Conference.

Floyd is excited about this achievement, but feels he should have at least made the All Conference Team.

"Terry motivated me and others to do the things we did. He's a leader on and off the court."

Burgher has been adapting to Glenville's small town ways after having spent most of his life in New York, where he's used to hearing gun shots. Floyd averaged 14 points per game and led the team in rebounds with 7.9.



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Conference First-teamer Terry Clark



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# Reds brings back three from their past

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. - Last time the Cincinnati Reds made the playoffs, their roster included Hal Morris, Jeff Branson and Mark Lewis. All three are back as the Reds try to rebuild for another playoff contender, and it's not a coincidence.

"They're quality play-

ers who obviously make us much better," general manager Jim Bowden said. "We've won with all those guys."

They were part of the 1995 team that lost to Atlanta in the National League championship series. That was the last Reds team to have a winning record.

They went to other teams in the next three

years, but Bowden signed them as free agent backups in the offseason hoping they'll nudge the team's rebuilding along.

The fact that they've been Reds before was a big factor in Bowden's thinking.

"I wouldn't call it a trend, but what I would say is that when you bring someone back, you have a really good feel of the player's character, desire, work ethic and intangibles," Bowden said. "You only bring back the players who you think have those intangibles you can win with, along with talent."

"And those three guys are very talented players. We're fortunate to have them."

All three agreed to roles backing up younger players as the season begins.

Morris hit .307 as the Reds' starting first baseman from 1990-97. Branson spent most of his 10-year professional career in the Reds' organization. Lewis hit .339 on the Reds' 1995 team while platooning at third base with Branson.

There's a lot of familiarity.

"They have an idea of what we can or can't do without even having to put us out there," Branson said. "They don't have to ask everybody else, 'Does he play hard?'"

"They've seen you hit before, they know what you look like when you're

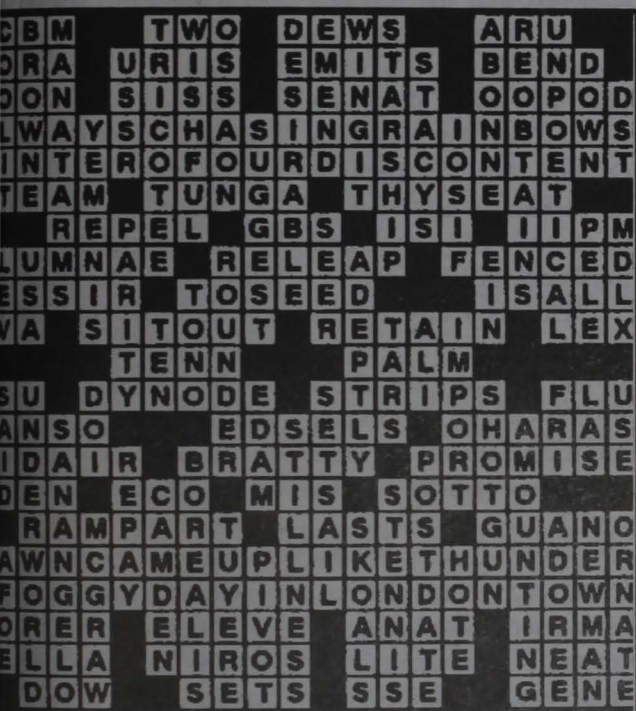
swinging well and they hopefully can help you get back to that point," Morris said. "They recognize the nuances of your swing."

The players think the familiarity benefits them, too.

"You don't ever have to go through a feeling-out period where you're getting to know everyone and you're kind of on edge," Morris said.

There's more than familiarity involved. Sentiment also plays a role when the team decides to try to bring a player back.

"They're family," Bowden said. "It's like having a son go off to college. When they come back and sign with you, they're coming along."



## Track sets new record

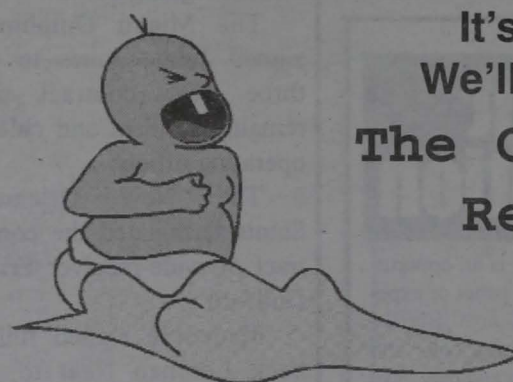
By Cortez Macon  
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 27, 1999, the Glenville State College's Track Team competed at the Rock Relays in Pottsville, PA. GSC's 4x4 Relay Team set the record for a new event to 1:44.0. Brent Gargus of Akron, Ohio, started the race with a 300-meter dash, followed by three quarter mile. Mark Stoke, Williamstown, Ohio, followed with a 400-meter dash, followed by 440 leg of the race.

Martinsburg High School's 1998 AAA 800 Meter Suite Champion, Brad Sponaugle, coasted by four opponents, dominating the 800 run.

Daniel Ramazon finished the race as a tremendous anchor in the mile. Former Martinsburg High School sprinter, Wes Karns, stood out in 55 meter dash, shiing as he finished 6 out of 30 competitors, despite a rocky start.

Glenville will open their regular season on March 13 at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.



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# Intermural Basketball

By Corteze Macon  
Staff Reporter

In an emotional game between the Ballers and the Playstation Boyz, it went down to the wire as both teams struggled with shooting from the field. The Ballers approached this with a lot of confidence coming off of an upset victory over the Big Ballers on March 1.

In March 2's battle against the Ballers, the Playstation Boyz weren't shooting as well as usual. They trailed by four at half-time. In the second half, the Ballers built a 13 point lead, but the Boyz fought back to send the game into overtime. The two teams played aggressively in overtime, but in the final seconds, Ballers member Brett Pettinger pushed the team ahead with

a shot from three point land to make the score 60-59 in favor of the Ballers.

Pettinger, with 16 points for the night, was second only to Kevin Harvey. Harvey finished the game with 20 points and 4 assists. He was followed by Mario Puccio with 11 points and 12 assists, Henry Johnson with 8 points and 10 rebounds, Anthony Russell with 8 points and 8 rebounds, and William Haith with 8 points and 5 rebounds.

Intramurals number one seeded team, the Rough Ryders, are awaiting the winners of the game between the Playstation Boyz and the Brew Crew for the championship game. The Rough Ryders went unbeaten in the regular season, so the championship should be action packed.

## 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.\*
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3. All photos must be submitted as prints and must have been taken by the student.
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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.

# Pro sports round-up

By Corteze Macon  
Staff Reporter

## College Basketball

University of Connecticut's Richard Hamilton and Miami's Tim James shared the Big East Player of the year.

## National Football League

The New York Jets signed former Bronco, Steve Atwater, to an \$8.3 million deal. Atwater, an eight-time Pro Bowl Player, signed for three years after being cut by Super Bowl champions on Tuesday. The hard hitting, 32 year old, entering his 11th NFL seasons, is expected to move right in at free safety for the Jets. His deal includes \$1.8 million signing bonus.

The Miami Dolphins signed Eddie Jones to a three year contract to remain president and chief operating officer.

The New Orleans Saints terminated the contract of wide-receiver Eric Guilford.

Tennessee signed full-back Lorenzo Neal to a four-year contract.

## National Basketball Association

The NBA fined Anfernee Hardaway a pretty penny. "Penny" Hardaway of the Orlando Magic was fined \$7,500 by the NBA on Tuesday for criticizing officials following a loss to the Miami Heat last weekend. After an 84-78 defeat Sunday, Hardaway launched into the officials for failing to call enough fouls on Miami. "I haven't said one thing about the refs in my six years in Orlando, but I'm tired of it," Hardaway said after he made just 3 of 14 shots and finished with 10 points.

"This is really ridiculous. I am 3-for-13 or 3-for-16 and half of those shots are plays where I get fouled and it isn't called. My stats are awful because of this stuff."

Boston Celtics rookie sensation, Paul Pierce, tenth overall draft pick, is currently averaging 18.9 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, leading all the rookies.

## Jazz VS. Grizzlies

The Utah Jazz expand-

ed their winning record to 13-0 in a 109-78 win over the Vancouver Grizzlies on Tuesday night. They were led by Karl Malone, who had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Byron Russell also added 7 points for the Jazz.

## Orlando VS. Charlotte

Nick Anderson hit 10 shots and scored 5 points, as the Magic is now 9-0 at home this season. Austin scored 20 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. Derrick Coleman led Charlotte with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

## Lakers VS. Suns

The Lakers defeated the Suns 106-95 for their fifth win in a row since having new head coach, Phil Jackson. Shaquille O'Neal led the charge with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Kobe Bryant added 15 points.

## Warriors VS. Bucks

Golden State committed 18 turnovers as they lost 106-78 to the Bucks. Tyrone Hill scored 15 points and 10 rebounds. Glenn Robinson and Reggie Miller both scored 10 points.

# Vaughn fits into Reds

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. - The Cincinnati Reds' newest slugger is just as eager to have Barry Larkin for a teammate as the rest of the Reds are to have Greg Vaughn in the lineup.

"It's just going to be awesome to play with him," said Vaughn, who was acquired in the offseason. "I know he's going to make my job easier in left field."

He acknowledges Larkin, the Reds' captain since 1997, as the team leader.

"I call him 'Cap,'" Vaughn said Sunday.

Larkin batted .309 last year to improve his lifetime average to an even .300. He had a career-high 34 doubles, along with 17 home runs and 10 triples.

The respect Larkin receives from teammates — most of them many years younger — is evident. Outfielder Mark Sweeney, who arrived from San Diego with Vaughn in the Feb. 2 trade, relished the chance to play with

Larkin.

"I've been with a lot of (future) Hall of Fame players," Sweeney said, citing former teammates Dennis Eckersley, Ozzie Smith and Tony Gwynn. "Tony, he's San Diego. Barry, he's Cincinnati. It's because you can't get enough of people like that," Sweeney said.

"Players learn from older players more than from younger players. It's something that's been told what to do. It's something that's been reinforced. Barry knows what he's doing."



# Mercury Charter drama ends

By Amy Smith  
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday March 2, 1999, Student Congress unanimously approved the final revision of the Mercury Charter. Three speakers were recognized to speak for seven minutes each: Eugene Breza, Greenville State College alumnus and former Mercury Editor, Dr. Palm, the head of the Language Division, and Will Owens, the current editor of the Mercury.

Mr. Breza began by apologizing for being overbearing and continued by requesting a published apology from Dr. Palm. Breza stated that he was worried about his credibility as an alumnus, and as a journalist. He then asked what the point of his argument was, Breza stated, "It [the charter] does

not stand for equal justice for all; the rules do not apply to everybody." He feels that the Charter is in hindsight of the good taste incident involving the Rachel Worby cartoon, and that it calls into question the credibility of the journalism department.

Dr. Palm declined Breza's request for an apology and then asked for an apology for the slam on his military background; Breza obliged. Palm then reviewed the changes made to the charter. These changes were agreed upon the day before, in a meeting with Terry Estep, the founder of the petition to the original Mercury Charter, Will Owens, Dr. Palm, Dr. Orr, Advisor to the Mercury, and Jack Bar, GSC's Public Relations Director. The meeting made the hearing unnecessary; Student Congress sim-

ply had to approve the revised charter. Dr. Palm pointed out that the law provides exceptions for college and university newspapers. Generally, the owners/producers of the paper have final say in content matter. Current law allows students the right to disagree with it's owner, in this case GSC.

Owens spoke last, apologizing for any possible misconceptions of the Mercury Charter. Owens went on to say, "Legislation affects college newspapers for a reason; being unaware doesn't count. The charter could have had potentially serious legal ramifications." Owens also stated that he endorsed the petition to support the student staff of the Mercury.

The meeting ended with a vote to approve the charter. At long last!!!



Amy Smith, Mercury

**Chief Editor Will Owens and Dr. Edward Palm discuss the charter resolution following hearing.**

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# Math gets NCATE seal of approval

By BJ Woods  
Staff Reporter

The Math Department at GSC has passed its accreditation for NCATE. This accreditation is for the college to be able to certify math teachers. Professor Dave Kennedy wrote the "math folio" for this accreditation. He spent many hours on this task, including over 100 hours of his summer vacation. Professor Kennedy was not the only professor to work on this. Dr. Michael Caulfield, Professor Paul Peck, and Professor Carolyn Groves all participated in making the project a success. The folio included descriptions of the programs offered at GSC, the math department faculty, and student performance, philosophy of the programs, outlines of the courses

in the major, and copies of all the syllabi involved.

The math folio was submitted to the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) in Washington D.C. The NCTM publishes a "matrix" of objectives they want to make sure are accomplished in math teaching programs around the country. The largest chunk of the work was coding of the syllabi to these objectives and filling the matrix with references to every place in our math classes where GSC was meeting the objectives. The entire folio was almost 200 pages long.

This process is not unique to the math department. Every department on campus that is affiliated with an education major needed to do a

folio. This means that there are a large number of professors doing an increased amount of work to get this accomplished for their individual departments. Professor Kennedy stated, "Although I agree it's important to closely inspect teacher ed programs, there has to be a way that's less labor intensive. If I had a dollar for every tree that was used to make paper for the NCATE process campus-wide, I'd be in Bora-Bora right now sipping lemonade on the beach."

Recently, the math department was notified that both of the math programs passed with flying colors. The NCTM decided that "all guidelines were met." The one guideline that was only partially met involved math history. The was accom-

plished when Dr. Caulfield offered a history of math course in the fall of 1998. At that time the class was offered only as an elective. NCTM states that this class needs to be required.

The math department is also looking for student opinions. NCTM says that there is no need to offer college credits for college algebra, trigonometry, and Euclidean geometry as student should have received these classes in high school. Here at GSC, these classes receive college credit. If you have an opinion on this, please let any of the math professors know.

NCTM also commended GSC's math department for their use of technology in the math courses. Graphing calculators are used in College Algebra, Calculus I and II, as

well as Math Methods. Computer software is used in Euclidean Geometry, Discrete Math, Math for Teachers, Math Methods. The Internet is used as a resource in several of the math courses. NCTM also praised "strong professional relationship between the Science and Math Division and Education Division. Glenville also has a Special Subjects Supervisor. Professor Kennedy, observe student teachers in middle school and high school placements, in addition to the supervisor from the Education Division. Most colleges send just one supervisor from the Education Department. This is one big advantage Glenville has over other colleges that certify teachers.

## Chi Beta Phi elects national officers

By Natalie Gaughan  
Staff Reporter

At the national meeting of Chi Beta Phi which was held on Glenville State College's campus, two members of our community, Paul Peck and Barbara Jean "BJ" Woods, were elected to serve two-year terms on the board.

Chi Beta Phi is an hon-

orary mathematics and science association for undergraduates, founded in 1916. The organization recognizes scholastic accomplishment in the sciences and mathematics.

Paul Peck is an associate professor of mathematics and is the new historian-marshal of the organization.

Woods is a senior chem-

istry major from Craigsville and also writes the popular "Particle Lady" column for the Mercury. Woods will serve as the new secretary.

Glenville State College organized its Alpha Iota Chapter in 1964. Any student with a major in the Science and Math Division, including nursing or mathematics and science education, may qualify for mem-

bership. Completion of at least eighteen credit hours of course work in math or science and an overall grade point average of 3.0 or

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For more information, please call the Wesley Center at 462-7569 or stop by. We are located across from Pickens Hall.

#### Thought for the week:

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



# Get to know Japanese students

By Maryanne Gelsi  
Staff Reporter

Very few of Glenville State College's students take the time to get to know our Japanese students. It appears that there is not a lot of social interaction between American and Japanese students.

"This is due to the fact that we can't understand English very well, so Americans ignore us. It makes you feel alone," explains Mika Nagao.

The intermingling of specific groups dates back thousands of years, yet living in the most culturally diverse country on the planet, it would be thought that curiosity could lead people to open-minded interaction.

Mika states,

"Sometimes listening to English makes me sleepy. I can be sitting in a room listening to a conversation and not understand a thing. I want to speak English but I don't like feeling so alone."

Sometimes Americans become selfish in their interaction skills and don't take into consideration the inability of others to follow our wave length.

"It is hard to relate. Sometimes my American friends tell stories that may be funny to them, but I don't understand. So they say, 'Nevermind'. That makes me feel even more alienated," relates Mika.

It is obvious that the idioms between the cultures don't correlate, yet there are other factors that

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make it difficult for interaction.

When it comes to family contact Mika relates, "We [the Japanese students] don't communicate with our parents like Americans do. I was so surprised to see that the students went home every weekend. When we leave our parents, we go out and learn to be independent."

Besides the American dependant cultural attitude, other aspects interfere with communication.

"We don't talk about

sex and love at all! Although, our conversations can be gossipy (even though we're good friends with someone at times we speak ill of each other). That's why I stay to myself," explains Mika.

Some of these things are not far from American culture. On a positive note, Americans could learn a lot about different cultures if we were more open-minded. For instance, March 3 was Girls' Day in Japan.

"Our parents go out and buy a beautiful doll entitled 'Hinaningyo'. We celebrate this day because we are glad to be girls!"

On May 5, the Japanese celebrate Boys' Day, which is a holiday.

"In Japan, boys are more valued than girls. I

disagree with this system because my mom is more successful than my dad, which proves women are just as important as men," argues Mika.

When asked about what she intends to do with her future, Mika openly admits she wants to stay in America.

"My grandparents say I don't have to come to America and study, I can just marry a rich man and have him take care of me. I even had a high school teacher say, 'Because you are female you can eat without working. All you have to do is serve a man.' My professors here don't even understand my culture. I want to stay in America and be successful."

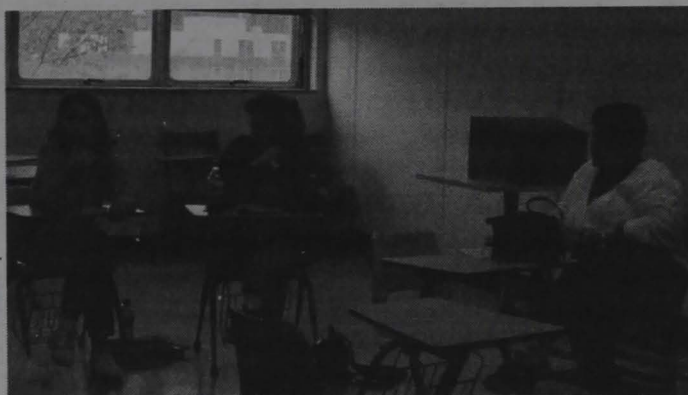
## Literary society discusses Morrison's "Beloved"

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

The Literary Society met Tuesday, March 2, 1999 for their first book review of the semester. The book, "Beloved", written by Nobel Prize Winner, Toni Morrison, was the topic of discussion. Eleven students and Dr. Nancy Zane reviewed the book, in the mid 1800's, about a slave woman named "Sethe".

Sethe, advanced in pregnancy, gives birth to a baby girl during her escape to freedom from Kentucky to Ohio. Sethe arrives at her mother-in-law's house near Cincinnati, where her other three children have already been sent. A month later, her ex-master, a schoolteacher and his nephews, and the

town sheriff come to return Sethe and her children to Kentucky. In order to spare her children a miserable life of slavery, Sethe attempts to murder them all in a woodshed behind the house with a hacksaw. She succeeds in killing one child, the baby daughter she had sent ahead of her. The whites, thinking Sethe was crazy, left her for the sheriff to contend with. Sethe is sent to jail and later, after her release, returns to live with her mother-in-law. A spirit possesses her mother-in-law's house. Sethe's two sons take their leave. In Denver, Sethe's only living daughter, feel she understands the spirit. Paul D., a former slave and friend of Sethe's missing husband, comes for a visit. He ends up moving in. In a rage, the



Amy Smith, Mercury

Dr. Nancy Zane and the Literary Society discuss Toni Morrison's "Beloved."

spirit shakes the house, moves furniture, and throws a fit basically to scare Paul D. away. It doesn't work. Paul D. throws his own fit and the spirit leaves. Later, the spirit returns, born of water, personified as Sethe's dead daughter. She is grown, yet childlike, with the only name given to her, the one upon her pink tomb-

stone... "Beloved".

The Literary Society will meet again this month, on Tuesday, March 23 at 4:15pm to discuss the next book "Blade Runner: Why do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?". The final book has not been decided yet. The books on the society's list are available at the Glenville State College bookstore.

**May Graduates:**  
Please stop by the Bookstore and place your cap and gown order before March 12th!

The company will be assessing a \$5.00 late charge on orders placed after this deadline and we will "pass these charges on" to those who order late. It only takes a few minutes - won't you place your order today!

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# Dr. Nelson

By Rob Kerns  
Staff Reporter

It seems that something always changes with the passing of each semester. This is definitely the case for the management of the Clark Hall Technology Lab. Last semester, I was hired to work as a student assistant in that laboratory. The director was Brenda Wilson, a jubilant person to say the least. Alas, she was offered a better job by Calhoun County Board of Education, which paved the way for new personnel.

This semester I returned to the Tech Lab to resume my schedule of opening the lab at 8:00 to find Dr. Paula Nisan-Nelson as the Lab Director. We exchanged greetings, and she soon began telling me of the things that she wanted to

change. In time, she wanted to see Web-based Instruction (which is coming this Fall), presentation packages (projectors, etc.) in each of the Clark Hall Classrooms, among other things.

Dr. Nelson came to us from teaching a class on Mathematics Methods for Primary and Secondary Educators (i.e. how to teach math in elementary and high school). In fact, WVU was so struck by her occupational relocation that she still teaches a class up there.

Dr. Nelson is a person who is easy to get along with and approachable. She is the type of administrator who makes it easy for the persons under her to feel at ease; not all bosses are like that. So, without further ado, WELCOME TO GSC, Dr. Nelson!

# Schizophrenia

By Maryanne Gelsi  
Staff Reporter

In last week's issue of the Mercury we touched on the treatment of fellow human beings who may be experiencing mental illness. This week begins the introduction to disorders.

Schizophrenia was first regarded as a disorder by Emil Kraepelin in the early 1900's. This psychopathology can afflict people in the ages of 19-21.

According to research studies, the only increase in schizophrenia has been due to the use of the drug LSD. Dave Jeffery, professor in behavioral science, explains, "The

first step in treating this illness is using a neuroleptic medication. Then psycho social treatment, long term therapy and, as a personal choice, I would use electric therapy."

Some symptoms of schizophrenia include: delusions, hallucinations, disorganized speech (frequent derailment or incoherence), and grossly disorganized or catatonic behavior.

Jeffery indicates that, "goals to eliminate unrealistic expectations and improve communication," are steps taken to insure a stable therapeutic recovery.

Many people diagnosed with schizophrenia

can endure a relapse because they experience Euthymia (a feeling of "normalness").

Another form of therapy is behavior therapy.

Jeffery believes, "can be most effective for chronically disturbed schizophrenics. Modeling and role playing that reinforce positive behaviors can work although it does not reduce relapse rates."

Schizophrenia is among one of the most fascinating and complex disorders. Not many people struggle with it, yet one never knows when s/he may be dealing with a person afflicted by this disorder.

## Lewis County Center: College education right in your backyard

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College has grown by leaps and bounds during the past few years. With the additions of the Lewis County, Nicholas County, and Roane County sites, more students are able to attend college than ever before. The extension sites cater to the non-traditional student, who works, has a family, or just couldn't attend otherwise, for whatever reason. Some college courses are even being offered at Braxton County High School and at the Days Inn located in Flatwoods. Opportunities abound for anyone wishing to further his or her education. Students who once commuted to Glenville State

from these areas no longer have to be concerned with the drive. The centers are almost in their backyards.

According to Pat Cutright, a GSC student, "The Lewis County Extension has had a tremendous impact on the educational needs of Lewis County residents, as well as those in surrounding communities." The center is located in the newly constructed Lewis County High School. The interactive video system transmits to its home base in the Distance Learning Center, located in the basement of the Robert F. Kidd Library. It has made learning and teaching easier. Students view other classes (in which the video system is installed) on television monitors and interact with

professors and other students located at different sites by speaking into microphones. Video cameras record the classes and the images are projected to the other sites. For those not adherent to the "high tech" teaching method, professors also conduct classes in person.

The Lewis County center has seen marked growth since the spring of 1995. A wide variety of courses are offered there, as well as at the other sites. When the center first began, only three courses were offered. A student can now choose from nearly sixty courses within major fields of study.

Without the aid of Dr. Duke Talbott, Ms. Debra Jenkins (administrative aid), and the current

administrative secretary, Mr. Randy Wilson, the growth would not have been possible. The team has expended a great deal of time into improving the center. The faculty is well respected throughout the community, as it recognizes the importance of education in rural West Virginia.

Anyone interested in attending class at the Lewis County Center is encouraged to visit. According to his own word, no one can doubt that Cutright is a satisfied student of the center and GSC, as well. "Education is important to understanding all aspects of life and I am very grateful to have been a student of Glenville State College, and its auxiliary center at Lewis County".

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And drugs  
cause cramp.

Guns aren't  
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Nooses give;  
Gas smells  
awful;  
You might as  
well live.

- Dorothy  
Parker



# Business students trek to Spencer plant

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

Sixty-six business students were taken on a tour of Spencer's BF Goodrich Aerospace plant, an aircraft Evacuation Systems Division, last Thursday, February 25, 1999. The members of the Labor Relations Management and Principles Management classes, were accompanied by their instructor, Dr. D. Batson, Assistant Professor of Business.

Spencer, a small town located approximately forty-five miles southwest of Glenville, is the county seat of Roane County. The BF Goodrich plant is perched atop a hill on the outskirts of town, on Rt. 33. The business once shared the site with Norris Industries, a hub-cap manufacturer. However, due to internal problems, the company closed its doors in the 1980's.

Mr. Dave Stalnaker, a member of the management team for BF Goodrich, greeted students. A brief

slide show touching on the company's internal workings was shown. Afterward, several questions were answered and students were given some facts about the company. The plant employs 175 personnel. Thirty of those are salaried employees; the remaining one hundred forty five are wage workers. The wage employees are represented by the GMP Union.

The Spencer plant was built in 1975, and has a sister company located in Phoenix, Arizona, that opened in 1986. The products manufactured at both plants are aircraft slides and life rafts for use on commercial airplanes. The median age of the workforce is forty, with ten and a half years work experience. The beginning pay is \$8.25 per hour for wage earners. The turnover is .6%. The company attempts to hire workers from the local area. Due to the demands for its products, BF Goodrich has had to double its workforce in the past year and a half.

Employees are encour-

aged to voice new ideas, and some are actually implemented. Due to an employee's idea, the staff works a "4-40". What that means is that the workers work four, ten hour days, with three days off. The days are staggered so that while some folks are enjoying time off, the production process never stops, as there is always someone working.

B.F. Goodrich, a Fortune 500 company, is owned by the Zodiac Group. The headquarters for B.F. Goodrich is located in Akron, Ohio. Air Cruisers is the company's major competitor.

Following the slide show, the students were divided into two groups and taken on a tour of the plant. In the assembly area where the slides and rafts are constructed, the scent of glue was very strong. Overhead were gigantic blue "socks" with holes in them to circulate fresh air from outside to the assembly area. The air was circulated from six to ten times per hour. Long tables stretched from end to end of the warehouse, and

workers were constantly moving, applying tape, fitting pieces of the waterproof, flame-retardant material together and then gluing the material together.

Next, the tour led to an area where students were shown a very brief video of a slide that was being tested, which is done through deployment. In this area, employees also painted and inspected products to see if they were free of holes and if they deployed in the allotted time, just a matter of seconds. When asked if the employees had ever slid down one of the slides for the fun of it, an employee answered, "Yes, but the rubber strips located near the bottom of the slide [used for the purpose of slowing a person down], will rip the seat out of your pants...or if you are lucky, they will just leave black skid marks." This remark was followed by a few chuckles.

Afterwards, students were escorted to the wind room, where the slides were deployed in wind created by huge engines lining

one wall, to test their ability in other than average situations. Some slides were even frozen to test their ability to deploy.

The company makes every effort to ensure their products meet high standards. Otherwise, a life or perhaps several lives could be lost if a raft or slide failed to deploy in an emergency situation.

The final leg of the tour was the supply room, where everything needed in the production process was located.

In the rear of this area, small life rafts, used in private or smaller aircraft, are manufactured and inspected. These looked as though they could be used in white water rafting.

The trip was a learning experience for all involved. In case anyone out there was wondering what the B.F. in B.F. Goodrich stands for, Dave Stalnaker states that it's "Ben Franklin". When asked about the product most of us associate with the name B.F. Goodrich, Stalnaker is quick to point out, "No, we don't make tires."

## Speed bump no more?

By Chris Vannoy  
Staff Reporter

What many students consider a nuisance is one, temporarily. The speed bump located on High Street across from the college bookstore disappeared last Thursday.

With the heavy snowfall that accumulated Wednesday night, the Glenville State College Physical Plant had to

remove the speed bump in order to snowplow. Don't get your hopes up about never seeing it again, however. Physical Plant officials plan to replace the bump after the snow season is over.

Capt. James Helmick of the Campus Police has recommended to the Physical Plant that they install some sort of railing along the stretch of sidewalk adjacent to the speed

bump. Helmick believes this will prevent the current practice of driving onto the sidewalk to avoid the speed bump.

A local attorney is also investigating whether the speed bump is even legal. Generally speaking, speed bumps are frowned upon when they are placed on public streets. The attorney could not be reached for comment by *The Mercury*.

## Surf the library

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

Would you like to surf the net but don't have a computer? The Robert F. Kidd Library has four Internet computers available for public use. Anyone wanting to use these computers needs to have a patron card, which can be obtained at the circulation desk on the main floor of the library. The patron cards are free of charge. To

use the Internet, patrons will also need to check out a key. The purpose of the key is to allow all patrons to have an equal opportunity to use the computer and to keep a record of the amount of usage. To check out a key, patrons will need to go to the circulation desk; the person working there would be glad to help you. If you need assistance in operating the computer, the reference librarian Ben Burton can assist you.



# Student Congress President-elect Jack Beard

By Heather Eberly  
Staff Reporter

Jack Beard, a Behavioral Science major from Cedar Grove, WV, is Student Congress's new President-Elect.

Beard hopes to accomplish a lot during his tenure in office. "Unlike the past - or so it seems to me- I'd like to get Student Congress working together as a unit instead of separate individuals dealing with all different ideas," states Beard.

Beard explains that it seems to him as though Student Congress hasn't been dealing with the needs of students as much as it should.

He wants to focus on student issues instead of so

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much of everything else. "GSC is about the students and we tend to lose sight of that fact. I'd like to get back to that."

Beard informs us that some of the issues he plans to deal with include the commuters' concern about parking, the menu and quality of food in the cafeteria, the now-silent radio station, and overall campus life.

The always looming

parking problem and cafeteria complaints are nothing new, but Beard recently became informed that GSC formerly had a student-run radio station. He is planning to look into funding for it and hopes to get it back up and running.

Beard wants students to get involved with the meetings of Student Congress. "If we can just get the students to cooperate with us, we can get issues out in the open and deal with them." He adds, "Come to the Student Forum on March 10. You can voice your concerns to the big guys on campus. They're all going to be there."

Beard also wishes to improve overall campus life.

He wishes to start a

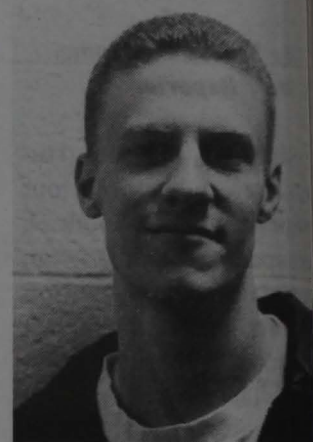
sub-committee strictly for dorm life, "No offense to the commuters."

He thinks that the committee is needed to meet with the concerns of the students and deal with their complaints and suggestions.

Beard refuses to believe that campus life is non-existent. He plans to push for more activity on campus throughout the week and on weekends to keep students sticking around and integrating with each other. As it stands, there's not much going on.

"Going into the new millenium, I think we are going to see a lot of changes. Unlike the past where it seemed that

Student Congress was



Sherrie Hardman, Mercu

**President-Elect  
Jack Beard**

going backward, we are hoping to take two steps forward. If it means rattling a few chains; so be it. We hope to leave these offices with a great bang," predicts Beard. "I am not afraid to voice the student concerns and fight for them."

## February Math Mystery Solution

Let the weights of the boxes be, in increasing order, a, b, c, d, and e. Then the two smallest weights of pairs of boxes are  $a+b=110$  and  $a+c=112$ . On the upper end of the scale we will have  $d+e=121$  and  $c+e=120$ . Since each box is used in four different weighings, we also have  $4(a+b+c+d+e)=110+112+113+114+115+116+117+118+119+120+121$ , or  $a+b+c+d+e=289$ . Adding the first and third of these five equations gives us  $a+b+d+e=231$ , and combining this with the last equation tells us that  $c=58$ . The second equation reveals that  $a=54$ , and the fourth equation is  $e=62$ . Finally we can go back to the first and third equations to see that  $b=56$  and  $d=59$ . The five weights are: 54, 56, 58, 59, and 62 lbs. Ken Osborne provided the only correct solution this month.

## More examinations ahead for weary GSC students

By W.E. Owens  
Staff Reporter

Examinations are forthcoming and mandatory for Glenville State College students having 60 credit-hours. The tests are intended to evaluate how effectively GSC's General Studies program has been absorbed by students.

All state colleges have agreed to administer the exam, which will contain Math, Writing and Critical Thinking components. Contrary to the concerns of GSC faculty, the test is only indirectly related to the attempted re-implementation of the "Writing Across Curriculum" program, although the possibility exists for the two programs to eventually become more cohesive.

The CAPP exam, engineered and offered by ACT

Inc., will replace the existing 60-hour evaluation. Students will not be tested twice.

CAPP is not without its controversy. The CAPP test is so new, instructors are having difficulty recalling the meaning of the acronym.

Commented Joseph Evans, Vice President of GSC's Academic Affairs, "At this time we don't have any regulations about [student] achievement or performance on the [CAPP] exam. The only regulation is, you have to take it."

Dr. Evans conceded and addressed faculty trepidations. "That seems pretty ludicrous, really; I mean, to administer exams and the only thing you have to do is just... take it. But the purpose of the examination is to assist faculty in modifying the curriculum, and to assess and enhance, where neces-

sary, the ability of certain students."

"We're hoping, down the road, policy changes permitting, we can begin taking this test, getting the results of it, and using those results to address what we're doing in 101 and 102 courses," continued Evans. He added, "I would hope that, if we find we do have weaknesses in our program, lack of sufficient skill in math, writing, or critical thinking, maybe we can go back into the individual courses in the general studies component and add things that would tend to enhance whatever skills are deficient."

Five members of the Language Division attended a grading seminar for the exam in Fairmont, and will be responsible for GSC's overall grading results.

"The grading exercises

from the CAPP test will be scored in-house," mentioned Evans. "What the state did was hold two meetings, one in Fairmont and one in Charleston. They went over some procedures for what I think is called 'holistic grading', to ensure there was some equity in the way these papers are scored."

Tentatively slotted for late March or early April 1999, students required to take the CAPP exam will be duly notified, and must be tested before enrolling for the next semester's courses.

"Not only will we be looking at our [own] campus data," said Evans, "but all of this data will probably be meshed together to look at the [State College] system data, to see how effectively the entire system is doing."





## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - SUMMER 1999

### JUNE

Monday - Tuesday, June 14-15 ..... Registration/Fee Collection  
 Wednesday, June 16 ..... Classes Begin  
 Friday, June 18 ..... Last Day for Adding Classes  
 Wednesday, June 30 ..... Last Day to Apply for August Graduation

### JULY

Monday, July 5 ..... Independence Day - No Classes  
 Wednesday, July 7 ..... Midterm  
 Thursday, July 8 ..... Midterm grades due by 4:00 p.m.  
 Friday, July 16 ..... Last Day to Withdraw with a "W"  
 Wednesday, July 28 ..... Last Day of Classes  
 Thursday-Friday, July 29-30 ..... Final Examinations (2 hour blocks)

### INTERIM COURSES

To participate in the Interim courses students must preregister.

#### MAY 14 - JUNE 4

093	EDUC 345-01	TCHG SCI MDLE/ADLT ED (5-12)	3	MTWRF	08:00-21:00	EVANS	SH107
(STUDENTS MUST SEE DR. EVANS PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR THIS CLASS - NRAO GREEN BANK EXPERIENCE FROM MAY 14-21.)							
377	SCNC 321-01	SCIENCE FOR TEACHERS	4	MTWRF	08:00-21:00	EVANS	SH107
(STUDENTS MUST SEE DR. EVANS PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR THIS CLASS - NRAO GREEN BANK EXPERIENCE FROM MAY 14-21.)							

#### MAY 17 - JUNE 11

385	SOCL 402-01	MINORITY GROUPS	3	MTWRF	10:00-12:00	MYSLIWIEC	AB307
755	SOCL 209-01	SOCIAL PROBLEMS	3	MTWRF	13:00-15:00	MYSLIWIEC	AB307

#### MAY 19-MAY 25

(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday)

483	EDUC 310-01	CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT	2	WRFMT	08:00-15:00	TAYLOR	CH201
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#### JUNE 7 - JUNE 11

003	EDUC 319-01	ORG & ADM OF EARLY ED PROGRAMS	3	MTWRF	08:00-17:00	BUTLER	CH204
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#### JUNE 14-JUNE 18

207	LAND 125-01	COMPUTER ASSISTED MAPPING	3	MTWRF	08:00-17:00	WILDERMUTH	EH204
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### EVENING CLASS - 8 WEEKS

#### MAY 18 - JULY 8

806	CSCI 399-01	ST&P: COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION	3	T R	18:00-21:00	NELSON	CH101
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### SIX WEEKS - JUNE 14 - JULY 28

#### COURSES THAT START AT 8:00 A.M.

764	BUSN 100-01	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS	3	MTWRF	08:00-09:15	BATSON	AB208
265	BUSN 470-01	BUSINESS LAW II	3	MTWRF	08:00-09:15	HOUGH	AB101
251	MATH 101-01	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA	3	MTWRF	08:00-09:15	BRADFORD	DLC
318	PED 115-01	PHYSICAL FITNESS & WELLNESS	1	MTWRF	08:00-08:50	CROOK	PB209

#### COURSES THAT START AT 9:30 A.M.

811	ENGL 303-01	SURVEY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE I	3	MTWRF	09:30-10:45	GALLARDO	AB304
191	ENGL 320-01	BACKGROUNDS OF CHILDREN'S LIT	3	MTWRF	09:30-10:45	DLC	DLC
267	MGMT 384-01	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	3	MTWRF	09:30-10:45	BATSON	AB208
304	ORCO 101-01	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING	3	MTWRF	09:30-10:45	WEMM D	FA123
650	PED 130-01	RECREATIONAL SPORTS	1	MTWRF	09:30-10:20	RUGGIERO	PB212
920	SCNC 151-01	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	4	MTWRF	09:30-10:45	BRADFORD	SH
293	SOC3 301-01	RESEARCH METHODS	3	MTWRF	09:30-10:45	GALENZA	AB302

#### COURSES THAT START AT 11:00 A.M.

170	ENGL 101-01	COMPOSITION I	3	MTWRF	11:00-12:15	DLC	DLC
832	HIST 101-01	HISTORY OF WORLD CULTURES I	3	MTWRF	11:00-12:15	RUMBACH	AB301
322	PED 116-01	BASIC SWIM & AQUATIC SAFETY	1	MTWRF	11:00-11:50	LANTZ	PB016

#### COURSES THAT START AT 12:30 P.M.

2890	PED 128-01	ARCHERY, RACQUETBALL & GOLF	2	MTWRF	12:30-13:20	WILLIAMS	PB212
4743	PSYC 390-01	LEARNING AND MEMORY	3	MTWRF	12:30-13:45	GALENZA	AB302
2921	SCNC 151-21	PHYSICAL SCIENCE (LAB)	0	T R	12:30-15:15	BRADFORD	SH

#### COURSES THAT START AT 2:00 P.M.

2305	ORCO 101-02	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING	3	MTWRF	14:00-15:15	WEMM N	FA123
2355	POSC 203-01	AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3	MTWRF	14:00-15:15	RUMBACH	AB301

#### COURSES THAT START AT 3:30 P.M.

4263	BUSN 270-01	BUSINESS LAW I	3	MTWRF	15:30-16:45	HOUGH	AB208
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### ARRANGED COURSES

4618	BUSN 297-01	WORK EXPERIENCE	6V	ARR		ARMENTROUT	
4647	ENVR 197-01	WORK EXPERIENCE	6V	ARR			EH201
4662	FRST 197-01	WORK EXPERIENCE	6V	ARR			EH201
3661	FRST 210-01	FORESTRY FIELD PROJECT	4	ARR			EH201
4660	LAND 197-01	WORK EXPERIENCE	6V	ARR			EH201
2684	PED 399-01	ST&P: CAMP COUNSELING	3	ARR		HAROLD	PB
4847	SAFE 338-01	EMER SER & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	3	ARR		HAROLD	PB

### LEWIS COUNTY CENTER

#### DAYTIME COURSES

4018	ENGL 202-60	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE	3	MTWRF		JEFFRIES	LCC
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2986	ENGL 101-60	COMPOSITION I	3	MTWRF	11:00-12:15		DLC
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2944	CSCI 101-70	PRACTICAL COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	3	MTWRF	08:00-09:15		NCC
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## Student Congress and the clock

I know everyone's sick of hearing about this thing with the proposed Mercury charter—the dozen-and-a-half people who actually kept track, anyway. So once this newspaper issue concludes, we hopefully won't be bothering you with it again for awhile.

However, several interesting points yet remain to be voiced or reiterated concerning it.

Foremost, regardless of the amount of hassle, anxiety, and misconception experienced for those involved in creating, contesting, and reviewing the effecting of this very important document, the very process proved our collective ability to effectively coexist as faculty, journalists, and students.

Admittedly, at times this didn't occur without what may be construed as strong-arming and undercutting. Like I told everyone at the Student Congress-presided hearing, everyone was a bit wrong. And it doesn't matter who was more wrong. In its own twisted way, the college legislative process worked.

Next, the entire rigamarole displayed how none involved were averse to the concept of compromise.

Last, the charter as a college legislative and journalistic precedent is still being researched. Not just this college, either. As things now stand, no one has yet been able to produce such a document in this entire state. I'll keep you posted.

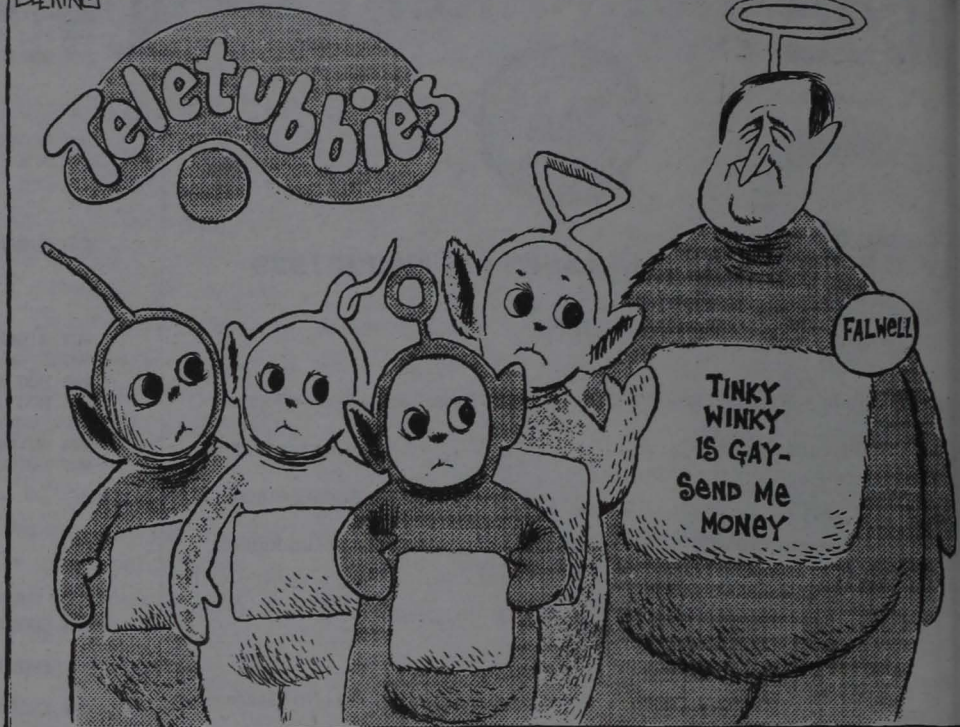
What am I talking about? I don't recall ever deluding myself into thinking anyone actually reads these editorials.

What happened to United Bank's clock? Who can say. Perhaps its removal is indicative of the town's lack of, or need for, time.

Or maybe it just quit working.

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## Reader's Corner

By Heather Eberly  
Staff Columnist

Hello again, readers.

I hope everyone out there is keeping warm in one way or another. Hopefully, everyone survived mid-terms and is in the spring break frame of mind instead of the vegetative state that tests put you in.

The Mercury staff again appeals to the mass-

es for input. We want to know what you think. Hey, how often do people really give a flip about what you have to say? We are giving you an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Just think of me as a motivating factor to vent your anger. If you hate the paper write us and tell us where to go. We'll probably put it in print. What do you have to lose? Oh, yes. I almost forgot.

Eleanor would love to help you solve your problems. Keep those letters coming. Well, reader's, that's about all I have to say for now. While on spring break, collect stories and pictures. Bring them in and we'll run a feature. We're always into interesting news about you and yours. Take care readers, and have a blast over break. I know I will.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Interim President Bruce Flack and Language Division Chairman Edward Palm for taking our suggestions seriously during the formation of the Mercury charter. While the debate sometimes seemed to be framed as an "students vs.

the administration" struggle, that was never the case.

I believe and continue to believe that everyone wants what is best for the newspaper. I'm glad we could find common ground to address serious concerns about the role of the college administration in the weekly creation of the newspaper. The charter, as it stands now, empha-

sizes the importance of responsibility in journalism without potentially limiting the newspaper staff's First Amendment rights.

I would also like to thank editor-in-chief Will Owens, who faithfully represented the interests of the newspaper and of his student staff.

- Terry L. Estep

## 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.



# Delta Zeta: A litany of problems lead to demise

By Allison Tant  
Staff Columnist

There are many things a person may think of as they walk into their college experience. One of these things may be whether or not to join a Greek organiza-

Personally, before I went to college, I wanted to do with a sorority. It was not my sort of thing. I didn't get to know some of the girls who were members of Delta Zeta, however, I decided to rush. It started as a great experience in the beginning, but that's not as far as it went. I was not so happy as when I was and got kicked out, all at the same time.

When you think of sororities on other campuses, what sort of things do you picture? Wild parties? Closest friends you could ever imagine having? A complete and total sense of sisterhood? Well, let me tell you what my experience with a DZ was like at my college. As for close friends and sisterhood, I experienced across some really good friends; friends that I was in a high regard. It was always an easy battle of being friends with all of the people. As with any relationship, there were ups and there were downs. It seemed to me that a lot of the time, the bad outweighed the good. I don't want you to think that I am downing anything in the sorority. We had some really good times, but you can imagine with a group of girls, nothing could be completely agreed upon and it was hard to keep everyone getting along.

As for wild parties, a person for some sororities on other campuses flourishing, they weren't any sponsored DZs here. It wasn't

allowed. The national headquarters of Delta Zeta prohibits its members from wearing their letters into bars, parties with alcohol, or places such as a liquor store. In addition to that, it is forbidden to wear letters while purchasing alcohol or throwing parties in the Delta Zeta name without getting a permit. These are all understandable demands. The sorority is supposed to be one of respectability and high esteem. The thing that irked me, though, was that we weren't supposed to talk about being a DZ at parties or at a bar. Excuse me? How else were we supposed to meet new people to get the word out about DZ? Sure, we talked to people in our classes, but apparently that wasn't enough. The sorority sounded like a great idea to me when I wasn't fully functional. How else could I, with my anti-sorority beliefs, have been roped into joining?

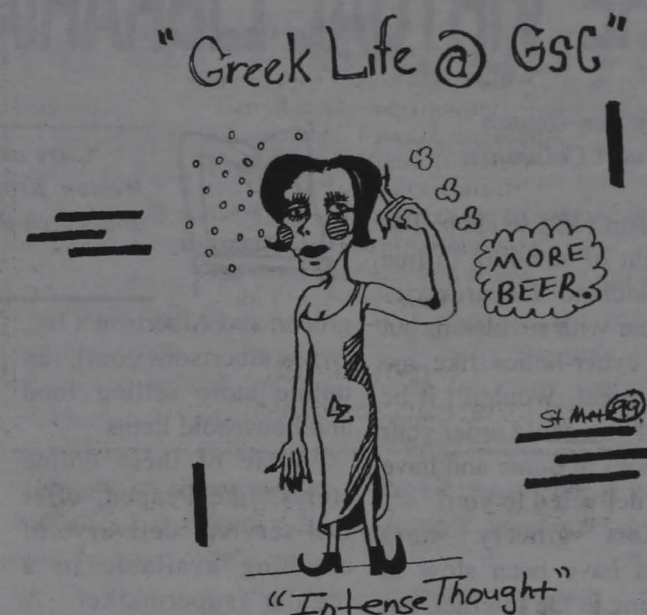
For as long as I was a member, there wasn't an outstanding number of members. Quite honestly, there was a very weak number of members. Due to the lack of members, and the number of positions within the sorority that needed filled, I was initiated one semester and the next semester was the Vice President of Rush. This meant that I was in charge of getting new members. It was not an easy job trying to get people interested in an organization that wasn't very visible on campus. Some people greeted me with shock at the fact that there was even a sorority on campus. Now, you tell me, how do you make someone interested in a social sorority that has trouble being social? It wasn't that the members were trying to be anti-social,

but a handful of people can only do so much. It has been said the campus is not pro-Greek. How could they be if the sorority didn't really offer much. It is understandable why people wouldn't want to pay outrageous dues for something that you have to struggle so hard to make work.

Everything in the sorority was always unorganized. This really held Delta Zeta back. Not being able to get everybody together for meetings, ceremony practices, fundraisers, etc. made things very difficult. Plus, what can be said about a group sitting in the Heflin Center with confused looks on their faces?

Another problem with the DZs was that there was barely any support from the administration of the college. There was no one willing to be the advisor. It has been rumored that a big shot in the Administration building had said that, as far as he was concerned, he would do what he could to get rid of all social sororities and fraternities on campus. Well, he's only got one more to go. Good luck! The TKE's are in a much stronger position than the DZs were, and it's going to take a lot to rid the campus of them. (Keep doing whatever it is that you're doing to stay as strong as you can, guys!)

I left the sorority by my own accord, but if I hadn't, I would have been kicked out anyway. What happened, as far as I know, is that some members of the chapter or alumni or something had a problem with the way I chose to spend my free time. The national headquarters were notified and I received a letter on October 21st of last semester from the nationals with a list of accusations saying that they were



going to consider terminating my membership. I didn't give them the chance to send me packing. I just went ahead and quit. At least one of the accusations was absolutely uncalled for. In fact, it could even be considered slanderous and libelous. I was not the only person to leave the sorority because of the letter. Another member received an uncalled for letter similar to mine, without as many accusations. There were three girls to leave the sorority as a result of all of the bull. That meant that with us gone and people graduating this past semester, they were left with three or four people to hold the sorority together.

Why would a person let a college organization try and run their lives. Even though as a sorority sister you are a part of a "tight knit" group, each person should be allowed her individuality. If I wanted people breathing down my back about everything that I did, I would have stayed home with my mommy and gone to college there instead.

Leaving the sorority was one of the best things that could have happened to me. I no longer had to worry about meetings,

disputes with other members, trying to organize rush parties, or any of the other things that went along with my membership.

As I've said before, I'm not trying to say anything bad about the former members of Delta Zeta, but it's no wonder they were shut down. The evil side of me is glad that the sorority had its charter revoked, just for spite. The softer side of me knows what all they've been through and feels bad for them. Greek life could be a great thing if more people were interested in making it happen. I wish all the luck in the world to the TKEs, the only social Greek organization left on this campus, and I am certain that they can overcome any plans of destruction that anyone may have in store for them.

The members of DZ remaining to the end have spoken of wanting to organize a women's club on campus. I think that this is a good idea. They won't have anyone nationally pressing a bunch of rules on them. Also, they will be able to breathe a little easier, now that they don't have to try and do a thousand jobs each. Good luck to you, too.



# THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Goodbye, checkout line

By Ben Bruton  
Guest Columnist

I don't like to shop. The thought of standing in line at Foodland for groceries fills me with revulsion, but even cyber-holics like me have to eat. Wouldn't it be nice if you could order your groceries at home and have them delivered to you?

Most grocery store chains have been slow in adapting to the Internet, but online supermarkets are now becoming a reality. There's NetGrocer (www.netgrocer.com), the only online grocer that delivers nationwide, Peapod (www.peapod.com), the oldest and largest online



*"...try asking the counter girl at the Weston Kroger where the shitakis are and watch the look you get."*

grocer, and Albertson's Inc. (www.albertsons.com), an online store selling food and household items.

Some of these online stores, like Peapod, offer full-service delivery of anything available in a regular supermarket. A delivery person takes your order, gathers your groceries from the aisles of one of Peapod's regional chain stores and delivers them to your doorstep. The only catch is, you have to live in either Boston, Chicago,

Columbus, Dallas, Houston, or San Francisco.

Hey, do you really expect the delivery guy to hop a plane to Glenville, West Virginia, every time you run out of creamed corn?

The other stores like NetGrocer and Albertson's only sell limited food items—that is, only dry goods and non-perishables. At present, there's no convenient way to buy fresh vegetables, dairy products, or meats in an online setting.

Retailers are hoping that this will change as online grocery shopping continues to grow, but it's highly unlikely that most housewives would want to buy their lettuce and low-fat milk off the Internet anyway.

So what's the appeal of an online grocery? Well, if you're the type of consumer who just has to handle the merchandise before buying, then not much. And granted, the idea of having your groceries FedExed to you may not appeal to a lot of people.

Most shoppers use online groceries as a convenient way to bulk-buy products. It's a great way to stock

up on that particular brand of canned soup that the local store doesn't carry.

You can also find lots of weird gourmet items. Being a Chinese food aficionado, I was able to find dried shitaki mushrooms on NetGrocer's site—try asking the counter girl at the Weston Kroger where the shitakis are and watch the look you get.

Clearly it's not for everyone, and yes, driving to the store is still the best way to get your fresh produce, meat, and dairy. But it's nice to know that with a flick of the mouse, you can fill your larder without having to answer the infuriating question "Paper or plastic?"

## Computer Dude

By Rob Kerns  
Staff Reporter

As some of you may or may not have noticed, I have written a couple of computer columns for the newspaper in the past.

I am now opening the column to any computer-related questions our readers might have. Any question about computers is fair game.

If you have a question that you would like to ask, you can email the question to mercury\_web@hotmail.com, gscmercury@hotmail.com, or drop the question by the Mercury office for Rob Kerns. The people here will make sure I get it. So, ASK AWAY!

## Scientists reanalyze brain chemical

By Alex Dominguez  
Associated Press

A new study by North Carolina researchers found that dopamine isn't the key player in the brain's pleasure process, suggesting that two decades of work to unlock the secrets of drug addiction may have been off-target.

The naturally produced brain chemical is only a messenger in that process and one of several factors, according to the study released today and published in the journal Nature.

"It certainly says the picture is much more complicated than being just dopamine alone, and it will lead to the search for other chemical substances in the brain," said the study's author, chemist R. Mark Wightman of the University of North Carolina.

Dopamine, first discovered in 1957, came into prominence in the early 1960s when scientists discovered that several antipsychotic drugs targeted it. In the late 1970s, researchers began looking into its role in drug addiction and found that cocaine, heroin and other addictive drugs increase levels of dopamine in the body.

Since then, some scientists have tried to develop a medication that would cure cocaine addiction by blocking dopamine. The latest study is the latest to cast doubt on that approach.

Researchers attached electrodes to the brains of rats, which produced dopamine when they were shocked. The rats were then trained to shock themselves.

As the rats continued

to shock themselves, however, researchers discovered that the amount of dopamine produced by their brains decreased—even though they continued to seek pleasure by pressing the lever that electrically stimulated their brains.

Dopamine appears to be related to "novelty, predictability or some other aspect of the reward process, rather than to hedonism itself," the researchers said.

What chemical or process is ultimately responsible for the pleasure is "not really clear right now. That's something that's a real topic of investigation," said Anthony Grace, a professor of neuroscience and psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh who was not involved in the study.

Grace said that even if dopamine is not the ultimate reward for the brain, it might still be the key to curing addiction.

Francis White, chairman of cellular and molecular pharmacology at the Chicago Medical School, said the study adds to the growing belief that the pleasure process has been oversimplified.

"I think people are beginning to understand the complexity of the situation and no longer think about things as simply as they once did," he said.

Some researchers now complain that dopamine's activity in the brain has been overstated. Alan Leshner, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, has criticized what he called "the dopamine religion" among some scientists.



# Science with the Particle Lady: Testicular cancer...you are at risk, guys

BJ Woods  
Staff Columnist

Most young men have a tendency to think that nothing would ever happen to them, especially cancer that can infect their "manly" parts. On the contrary, testicular cancer exists.

This cancer is found in the testes of one or both of the testicles. This rare type of cancer strikes young men between the ages 15 to 35. In fact,

it has struck some very famous people: John Kruk, third baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies, Kevin B. Johnson, third baseman for the Florida Marlins, and Jeff Hamilton, Olympic Medalist and Professional Skater, just to name a few. In this column I will talk a little about the disease and explain some of the treatments currently available for it.

Testicular cancer is a malignant neoplastic disease of the testis, occurring most frequently in men between the ages of 15 and 35. Men who have an undescended testis are at a higher risk of developing cancer of the testis than other men whose testis have dropped down into the scrotum. In many cases the tumor is detected after an injury, but trauma is not considered to be a contributing factor.

How would you even know whether to have a doctor check to see about testicular cancer? There are two signs: if you are experiencing any unusual or persistent pain, or any swelling in the scrotum. If these are signs that something is out of sorts and you should be checked out by a doctor.

Your doctor will examine the testicle and feel for lumps.

***The sad part is that if the disease strikes and you are not educated about it, by the time you realize that something's wrong, the cancer has already metastasized to other parts of your body.***

If the scrotum doesn't feel normal, then the doctor may elect to do an ultrasound. This will allow sound waves to make a picture of what is inside the testes.

Your doctor may need to extract a small section of the testicle and look at it under a microscope to see if there are any cancer cells. Your chance of recovery and choice of treatment depend on the stage of the cancer and, most importantly, your general health.

What are the stages of testicular cancer and what are the treatments for each stage? There are four stages in testicular cancer.

In the first stage, the cancer is found in only one testicle. The treatment depends on what the cancer cells look like under a microscope.

If the tumor is a seminoma, the treatment will probably be surgery to remove the testis or radical inguinal orchiectomy, followed by external beam radiation to the lymph nodes in the abdomen.

If the tumor is a non-seminoma, then the treatment may be one of the following: a radical inguinal orchiectomy and removal of the lymph nodes in the

abdomen and lymph node dissection. There may be a surgery done to preserve the person's fertility.

Blood tests and x-rays will be done each month for the year following the surgery, then every two months for the second year after surgery. If the results of the tests come back that the cancer has reoccurred, the doctor will give systemic chemotherapy as soon as possible.

The second choice is radical inguinal orchiectomy alone followed by careful testing to see if the cancer comes back. The doctor must check the patient with blood tests and x-rays every month for the next two years.

The second stage of testicular cancer occurs when the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes of the abdomen. The treatment is determined by what the tumor looks like microscopically, also.

If the tumor is a seminoma and nonbulky, no lymph nodes can be felt in the abdomen and no lymph nodes block the urethra, the treatment will probably be a radical inguinal orchiectomy. External beam radiation is then given to the lymph nodes in the abdomen.

If the tumor is seminoma and bulky, the treatment will then be one of the following: radical inguinal orchiectomy followed by external beam radiation to the lymph nodes in the abdomen and the pelvis or a radical inguinal orchiectomy followed by systemic chemotherapy.

If the tumor is a non-seminoma then the treatment will be one of the following: radical inguinal orchiectomy and removal of the lymph nodes on the

abdomen.

The doctor will want the person to have blood tests, chest x-rays, and CT scans each month after the surgery. If the results are not normal, then there will be systemic chemotherapy. The next choice is radical inguinal orchiectomy and lymph node dissection followed by systemic chemotherapy. Blood tests and chest x-rays must be done once a month for the first year after the operation and CT scans are done on a regular basis.

The third option is for a radical inguinal orchiectomy followed by systemic chemotherapy. If x-rays following chemotherapy show that cancer remains, surgery may be done to remove the cancer. Each month following surgery, the patient will need to have blood tests, chest x-rays and CT scans done.

The third stage of testicular cancer involves the cancer spreading beyond the lymph nodes in the abdomen. There may be cancer in parts of the body far away from the testicles, such as the lungs or liver. The treatment depends on the microscopic look of the tumor.

Seminoma tumors are then treated with a radical inguinal orchiectomy followed by systemic chemotherapy.

Nonseminoma tumors require systemic chemotherapy alone or systemic chemotherapy, followed by surgery to take out any masses that remain, and seeing if there are any cancer cells left. If cancer cells do remain, then there will be more systemic chemotherapy.

The fourth stage of testicular cancer is the recurrent stage. This is the stage

where the cancer reappears after it has been treated. The cancer may come back to the same place or in another part of the body.

The person should regularly examine the opposite testicle for possible recurrence for many years after treatment.

The treatment for this stage of testicular cancer is systemic chemotherapy, or high dose systemic chemotherapy with autologous bone marrow transplantation. Surgery is often an option.

I realize that many that have read down this far are wondering why I am doing a column on this disease. The reason is that it affects men in the age group of most men here at GSC, as well as other universities around the world.

This is a disease that is not usually spoken of and many men refuse to even think about it. The sad part is that if the disease strikes and you are not educated about it, by the time you realize that something's wrong, the cancer has already metastasized to other parts of your body. This makes the cancer harder to treat, the recovery longer and an increased percentage of those dying. This disease is like all others; people need to be educated.

If you have any questions or suspicions concerning your health, make an appointment with your doctor. I'm sure s/he will be more than happy to discuss it with you.

'Til next week, take care while traveling the halls of science. For comments or suggestions please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at [gscmercury@hotmail.com](mailto:gscmercury@hotmail.com).



# "8 MM" - No shock, just schlock

By Chris Vannoy  
Staff Columnist

We Americans are a tough bunch to shock. We are used to seeing blood, gore, and death everywhere from the "Faces of Death" video series to the evening news. It takes a lot to shock us, but some people still feel the need to try.

Take the recent release "8 MM." The movie features graphic detail and imagery concerning the making of, and the culture surrounding "snuff" films, those films in which a person is killed, usually in a brutal manner. This is gritty matter for a major Hollywood release, and in the right hands, something good may have come of it. Unfortunately, "8MM", starring Nicholas Cage, directed by Joel Schumacher, and written by Andrew Kevin Walker, is not

in the right hands.

"8MM" involves the plight of one private detective, Tom Welles (Nicholas Cage) as he tracks down the origin and authenticity of a snuff film found amongst the estate of a recently deceased wealthy man. He searches high and low, and through the use of surprisingly basic detective work, he uncovers the culprits and exacts his revenge.

Joel Schumacher, of "Batman Forever" infamy, is hardly the director to be handling any subject matter that is even remotely dark. Take his ruining of the "Batman" franchise; he took Tim Burton's Dark Knight and turned it into a national running joke. His direction in this movie is especially uninspiring. We know what is going to happen before it happens, there are no particularly moving scenes, and even

the scenes that should be made memorable are distinctly not. In addition, the movie runs about 45 minutes too long for my tastes.

Andrew Kevin Walker, the writer responsible for "Seven", one of the better thrillers to come out this decade, could be responsible for some of the problems I have blamed Schumacher for. The plot of the movie is very similar to "Seven", with basically the same thematic style and tone. The good guy gets enveloped in evil and becomes evil in the process. This sort of theme is much more effective, as well as much more interesting, the first time you see it presented. I'm afraid Mr. Walker may have run out of fresh ideas.

Now for the most distracting part of the film, Nicholas Cage's acting. The women may find Cage sexy, but I'm

afraid he cannot act, with the exception of the uncanny Al Gore impression he sports in this film. His acting is wooden beyond belief. Even the most emotional scenes seem contrived and hollow. The best acting is the acting you don't notice, and I'm afraid Cage's acting is very noticeable.

There were a few bright spots in this film, however. Peter Stormare as Dino Velvet, a sado-masochist film maker, is refreshingly over-the-top and excellent as always. Joaquin Phoenix is also surprisingly good as Max California, a small time porn store clerk who introduces Welles to the seedy underground of porn.

"8 MM" tries to shock us with these images of death, but what does it take to shock us? Are mere images and sounds enough? I don't think so. We have seen too much of these. We have become, to use the popular term, "desensitized" to these images and sounds. We see them on our televisions, on our newspaper pages, and on our drives home from work. It takes

more than images and sounds to shock us.

True shock requires a stance. Even the worst S. King and Clive Barker movies have some element of psychological drama behind them. They, and most truly shocking items, relate to our own lives in some way, to our own consciousness.

Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" is a prime example. We learn about the character and we sympathize with Norman Bates and his bearing mother. We all know Norman Bates, the quintessential momma's boy. We can relate to Bates. Then we see that beneath the facade lies a twisted visage of our repressed sexuality. That is shocking.

Yet, the makers of "8 MM" fail to realize this. They rely on their images and sounds of death and violence to shock the viewer. There is no substance behind these images. We know the characters; we care about the characters. There is nothing behind the facade to shock us.

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## Mr. Rogers honored

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Mr. Rogers' neighborhood will be celebrating Saturday night.

Fred Rogers, longtime host of the PBS children's show "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," is one of eight new TV Hall of Fame members being inducted by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Other inductees honored for contributions to television include Carl Reiner, the comedian-writer-producer of "The Dick Van Dyke

Show" fame; journalists J. Lehrer and Robert MacNair, and "Saturday Night Live" creator Lorne Michaels.

Also being honored are the academy's theater producers of "Saturday Night Live" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show," Fred Silverman and Ed Bradley, and the late producer Herbert Brodsky ("Studio City," "The Defenders").

The ceremony will be shown March 11 on UPN.

Past Hall of Fame inductees include Frank Sinatra, Steve Allen, Jack Benny, Walter Cronkite and Edward R. Murrow.



# Molly Ringwald: Child of the 80's

By Jackie Hyman  
Associated Press

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. - If there's one thing you can count on from former teen idol Molly Ringwald, it's to do the unexpected.

After a string of hit films ("Pretty in Pink," "Sixteen Candles"), she left Hollywood to spend four years in France, shooting films and falling in love.

Since returning to America three years ago, she's chosen many of her roles by quality rather than size.

Now, in the capital of film-making, she's performing not in front of the camera but in a Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "How I Learned to Drive" by Caryl Phillips, co-starring with Alan Rickman through April 4 at the Mark Taper Forum of the

Los Angeles Music Center.

"Not that many plays come along of this quality for a woman. It's a great love story, complete with all of the tragedy," the 31-year-old actress said over breakfast at the tiny Heights Cafe in West Hollywood.

She wore her hair tucked beneath a French-style maroon beret, a reminder of her love affair with that country. She plans to return to Paris this summer for a long vacation and to visit her boyfriend of seven years.

"I really do feel like, when I'm in France with my boyfriend and his family, it's so grounding, it puts everything in perspective," Ringwald said.

"I'll be here and get so obsessed with something having to do with my career, and then I get there for a week and

I can't imagine why that was so important," she said.

After Paris, she moved to New York. That was where she first performed in "How I Learned to Drive" for six months off-Broadway.

"I was worried when I said I would go back and do it (in Los Angeles)," she said. "What if it's not fresh and new any more? I had to be connected to it to do a good job."

However, she said she's having no trouble. "There are things that come to me during the rehearsal period that I can't believe I didn't think of in New York. Also I'm working with somebody different, Brian Kerwin."

The play cuts back and forth in time as it tells the sometimes funny, sometimes painful story of a young woman whose uncle makes

sexual advances while giving her driving lessons.

"My character ... feels out of place," said Ringwald. "I relate to it so much. I'm not referring directly to the incest, I'm referring to the vulnerability, the feeling a little out of place."

"It (the play) doesn't really have a message but it's great to see this character come through fire relatively unscathed. It's a very positive, very funny show, believe it or not," she said.

Her upcoming movies include "Killing Mrs. Tingle," a Miramax-Dimension film with Helen Mirren. She has also filmed "Hearts and Bones" with Keifer Sutherland and Daryl Hannah, as well as "Kimberly," with Gabrielle Anwar and Sean Astin.

"I really look more at the project (than the size of the role)," Ringwald said. "If it's a good project, I don't care if I have two lines, I want to be involved. If I'm not sure but the character's fantastic, I'll look at it, but it's really hard to be good in a bad movie."

"I love film," she said. "It's hard to say I love it more (than theater). There's certain things you can do on stage that appeal to me as an actor. But if I were to direct, which I hope to do someday, it would be film."

"There's also something nice about directing, that it's not based on your personal appearance," she added.

"I like to eat what I like to eat, and I like to drink red wine. I want to be healthy, but I don't care about all the vanity issues. I want to have a woman's body, not a boy's body, an anorexic body."

"I'm not overweight but if I starved myself, I couldn't have a boy's body."

As for the future, "Writing and directing are the main things, (and) having a family. ... I imagine when I start direct-

ing, it would be something that I've written, but I want to wait until I'm ready."

After the short-lived series "Townies," her most recent television appearance was in the Lifetime TV-movie "Twice Upon a Time," in which she sang a duet with her father, a musician.

"I used to sing with his band," the actress explained. "My first performance was in front of the state fair in California when I was 3 1/2. I had no doubt I was going to be a jazz singer when I grew up."

"When I was 8 or 9, my family got involved with community theater in Sacramento, my brother and sister and I. Then I became focused on acting," she said.

After making her professional stage debut in the musical "Annie," Ringwald played her first film role at 13, in Paul Mazursky's "Tempest." She received a Golden Globe nomination.

She said she steers her career by instinct. "I really don't think it pays to have a grand plan. You have to do what makes you happy."

Although Hollywood legend holds that youthful stars have a hard time when they grow up, she's made a relatively smooth transition.

"I think there's a period in everyone's life when they struggle in their career no matter what their age is, and I'm no different," the actress said.

"But you don't stay 15, 16 years old forever."

"I think I got through it very well. I've always had a good survival instinct."

"I think I have been very fortunate," she added.

"I can't stand it when I read articles about people who moan about their lives, and I look at other people around the world, and I just having nothing to complain about."

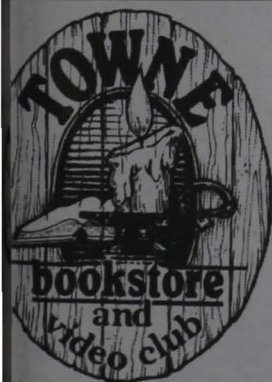
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# Ask Eleanor: Love in the air

Dear Eleanor,

I have a problem. I love to love. Not necessarily physical love, although that is always nice. I fall in love with friends, strangers, and everyone. This love tends to interfere with my every day practical life, and when I do decide to enter into a relationship, my partners are sometimes jealous of my shared love. It can be very confusing, and sometimes I feel like I'm misleading! How can I turn my love into a strong like?

Signed,

Loving too much

Dear Loving,

You sound like you may be trying to fill an empty space inside. First you have to take a break from giving everyone your love. It is O.K. to be kind, but when it starts to cause problems, it becomes somewhat of a pathology. Sometimes we have trouble looking into our souls and realizing that we need to nurture ourselves. If you begin to turn all the love you give to others back onto yourself, you may find it easier to just like everyone else. Your personal rela-

tionships will also improve. There will be less reason for jealousy because the nature of friendship won't be misinterpreted. Take heed, friend, we must love ourselves fully so that love for others can be pure and straightforward.

Dear Eleanor,

I have been dating my girlfriend for about a year. Our relationship is going great, but I'm finding my self more attracted to her little sister. My girlfriend is my age, which is 18, and her little sister is only 13. I know this may sound like I'm some kind of pervert, but her little sister is often mistaken for being at least 16. Is this natural? Please help me.

Sincerely,

Don't want to be a pedophile

Dear Pedophile

Yes, this is a natural feeling that is stirring up inside of you. Your girlfriend's younger sister is developing, which gives her that special glow of sex appeal. However, this glow is not for you to thrive upon!

You have a girlfriend;

enjoy it. Many people are not as fortunate as you. You also may need to evaluate your relationship and make sure it's what you want. If a young, blossoming child is attracting your attention more than a young woman, there may be some internal feelings of not wanting to let go of your own youth. Remember, relationships consist more of the ability to communicate and relate to one another's goals. Are you really concerned with what the new designer Barbie is wearing this month?

Dear Eleanor,

My friends have been fighting lately, and I don't know what to do. The fights seem to be caused by a twisted love triangle. Two of my girlfriends are dating the same guy. I know, but they don't. The major problem is that the guy in question is my best friend. I don't feel that I should tell the ladies about the fact that he's banging both of them. It's really none of my business. However, the fact that I'm around them all the time (girl#1 with my

friend or girl #2 with him) is really getting to me. The girls keep coming to me with suspicions that the guy is cheating on them; they want my advice as to how to approach him and what to do. I'd like to help them, but I feel as though I'd be telling on my friend. I don't like the way he is handling the situation at all and have told him as much. I'm stuck in the middle and I don't want to be here!! Help!!!!!!

Thanks,

Dreading confrontation

Dear Dreading,

This is a sticky situation you are in! When your friends come to you with suspicions, you can ask them that if they can't trust the person they're dating, should they even be sleeping with him. You can let them know about STD's, self worth, and self respect; the list goes on. If you are friends with all of these people and they keep confiding in you, it does become your business. You have a golden opportunity to be a true and valuable friend by endorsing moralistic, ethical,

and common sense values your friends. I mean this for all of them. Now, if you're not a good example for your friends, it will be hard to get your point across. Basically this all comes down to the fact that these people's priorities are obviously not in developing real long lasting relationships. Somebody is going to get hurt in all of this. Your friends are committing degradation of human life. Unfortunately, they have left you as judge and jury for it all. If you really do care, tell them to stop confiding in you. On the other hand, if you do want to help, give them some constructive criticism.

## Ask Eleanor

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# Alpha Rho Tau visits Tamarack

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

On Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, the Alpha Rho Tau art club set out on a trip to visit the Tamarack Museum located outside of Beckley, West Virginia.

The students' first stop was at the New River visitor's center where they viewed the New River Gorge Bridge and saw a collection of animals and tools displayed inside.

Next, the students visited the Corner Street Gallery in Fayetteville,

owned by Mr. and Mrs. Pettrey.

The Pettrey's allowed the students to observe their pottery shop and painting studio. They also talked to the students about the opportunities of opening their own gallery in the future. They gave the students an idea of the kind of art work that sells in their gallery and what work does not.

The students then went on to visit the Tamarack. Upon their arrival, the students spent about an hour enjoying the art placed

around the museum.

The students were then given the chance to view the art work displayed in the gallery located inside the Tamarack.

The students that participated in the trip were Keith Moyers, Stephen Metz, Michele Wellings, John Church, Julie Ellyson, and Sherrie Hardman. Duane Chapman accompanied the students.

**Alpha Rho Tau  
members  
journey into  
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Sherrie Hardman, Mercury





## MARTY MEADOWS by Frank Cho



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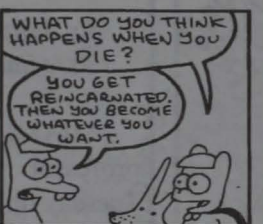
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## BIG HAPPY by Rick Detorie



## LIFE IN HELL



## Mystic Alley

## Horoscope by Alli the Mystic

ARIES (March 21- April 20): There is a new chapter about to be opened for you in the book of life. There is going to be some sort of risk required, but you should be willing to take it, even if it means that you'll end up looking foolish.

TAURUS (April 21- May 21): You are going through a time of struggle. In order to achieve your goal, you must not be sucked in by material things. Problems may arise all around you, but you need to pay more attention to what you actually can or can not accomplish. Otherwise, you may become depressed. If you are going to obtain your original vision, you will have to make compromises.

GEMINI (May 22- June 21): Be careful of your attitude and ego. Your creative energy is at a stand-still, which may mean that you are going to have a rough time getting money and expressing yourself. Remember that even though you may not lose, you may not gain either.

CANCER (June 23- July 23): It's time to make a difficult decision about work. You need to give this decision a lot of care and thought. You will also need to figure out whether or not to continue with a project you've already started or put your energy into a new project.

LEO (July 24- Aug. 23): Even though you may be going through difficulties, there is hope. You just need to have blind faith even though you may not believe things can get any better.

VIRGO (Aug. 24- Sept. 23): There is an emotional situation where no clear solution seems to be presenting itself. You are faced with the challenge of choosing and acting realistically in order to make your choice distinct.

LIBRA (Sept. 24- Oct. 23): You are undergoing an outpouring of feeling. Although this feeling has not yet worked through itself, it's coming through as overwhelming. This could imply the beginning of a relationship, even though this has not yet manifested itself, you are ready to embark on the voyage of love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24- Nov.

22): You feel basically content and secure right now. You have established something enduring which can be handed on to others. This may be a material inheritance of wealth or property, or it may be an artistic accomplishment which you know will carry on and present its value beyond your own lifespan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23- Dec. 21): There is a suggestion to the beginning of a more "earthy" stage of life. A marriage or the birth of a child might take place. It may be the birth of a creative or artistic offspring. The body and instincts are in a place of both peace and stagnation, life-giving and life-suffocating. The discovery is to be made that you live in a physical body and are a being not only of spirit, but also of earth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20): It is time for you to encounter the deep, unknowable, inconsistent world of feeling within yourself. There is going to be a mysterious, hypnotic (not necessarily seductive) woman enter your life. She will make the deep feelings and fantasies emerge which you have been suppressing far inside yourself. She may appear as a rival or a dear one, but nonetheless, your occurrence with her is destined. She will help bring out the soul qualities from within yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21- Feb. 19): There is a period of confusion, inconsistency, and uncertainty. You are in the grip of unconscious and can do nothing but wait and cling to the avoided images of dreams and the mysterious sense of hope and faith. You need to be aware that your journey of personal development is only a small part of an enormous, unpredictable life.

PISCES (Feb. 20- March 20): It is time for you to build volatile, exuberant, and adventurous characteristics. You are feeling cramped in your environment right now and are ready to go out in search of bigger, better things. If a charming, exciting, unreliable young man enters your life, don't let him lead you to a bad fall.



# And you thought *your* professor was psychotic

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. - Teaching assistants are fixtures at America's colleges and universities, eagerly helping professors grade papers, administer tests, even teach class for a day.

All of which makes Charles Manson's foray into the role of teacher's aide at a quiet Catholic school in Kansas a bit strange, if not disconcerting.

"I wrote him several weeks ago, telling him what I planned to do in the class, but never expected to get a reply," said Wichita lawyer Robert Beattie, who teaches political science part-time at Newman University.

"He's probably the most famous or most notorious prisoner on the planet. He gets more mail and more requests like this than anyone else in prison. But he called right

away after I wrote."

After all, as Manson put it in a taped conversation with Beattie, "I have 50 years of experience in incarceration. ... I pretty much have a leg up on the law from an underworld perspective."

Beattie wants Manson's help in re-staging the trial in which Manson was found guilty of the bloody 1969 killings of actress Sharon Tate and four others in her house.

Manson was accused in the late 1960s of forming a bizarre hippie cult family, using rock music and violence to turn ordinary California youth into killers.

Manson was convicted of the Tate killings and the deaths of four other people in three separate cases, with scores of movies and books depicting Manson's cult. He's imprisoned at the maximum-security California State Prison at Corcoran, Calif.

Manson, who has maintained his innocence, has been calling and writing Beattie frequently during recent weeks in preparation for the class. Beattie, who handles civil cases, said he was surprised when Manson agreed to help.

On Jan. 22, Manson gave Beattie a 45-minute interview that Newman students will use as evidence this fall.

"They have lied about me," he told Beattie. "They have told horrendous fabrications. Even as bad as one person can be, I couldn't be as bad as 58 novels portray me. ... I'm not saying I've been honest. I've been an outlaw all my life. I've been a lot of bad. But I've never done anything that I'm ashamed of."

Beattie - who cleared his plan with school administrators - said the mock trial will involve students as jurors, with Beattie presenting both prosecution and defense. Beattie

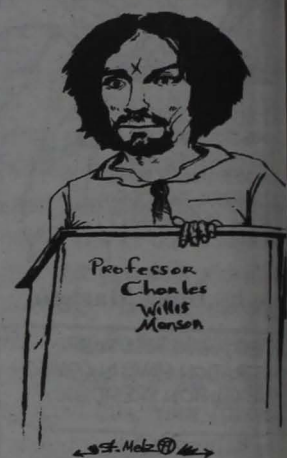
also wants to set up a phone link so that Manson can testify in his own defense - something Manson didn't do in his trial three decades ago.

"The goal is learning and education," Beattie said. "Students learn a lot more in a class if they do something more hands-on; it's much more valuable and enlightening than a lecture."

Beattie has done mock trials before. He taught the course in the fall of 1997 and put on a mock O.J. Simpson trial. He has also had students serve as jurors in a mock trial of the case in which Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was accused of sexually harassing Anita Hill.

Students opted for acquittals in both cases.

"It was one of the best classes I ever had," said Robert Melzer, who served as jury foreman in the Simpson case. "It was so much more



valuable than a lecture; it really opened my eyes about the system works."

Manson as teacher's aide is not a new act, said Sa Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office who covered the Manson trial as a newspaper reporter.

"He likes to interact with young people," Gibbons said. "He thinks he can pass along something to them."

## Pipe-hitting Santa pleads down

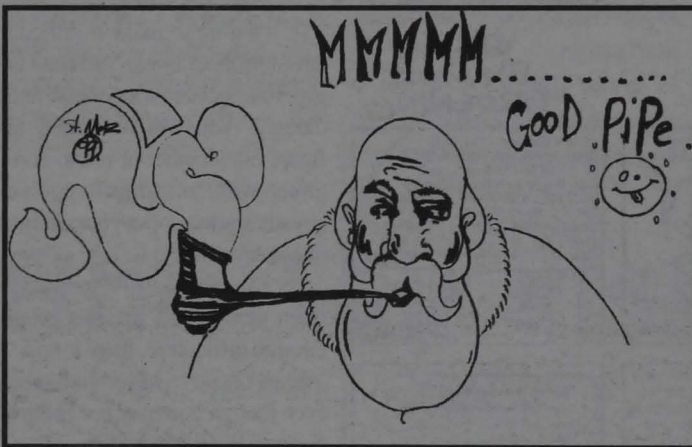
Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. - A Christmas parade Santa busted last year on crack cocaine charges is avoiding a jail sentence by pleading guilty to a downgraded charge.

Michael Maltman, 38, of Westville, could get probation when he is sentenced April 9. As part of his plea agreement, a drug possession charge will be dismissed.

Maltman admitted in Superior Court this week that he failed to surrender crack cocaine to authorities during a July traffic stop. He pleaded guilty Monday to a disorderly person's offense.

His arrest sparked controversy in his Gloucester County community, where he has played Santa in the borough's annual Christmas parade for the last eight years. He declined to play



Santa last year because of the publicity.

Residents in the community of about 4,500 rallied around Maltman, but Police Chief Joseph LaPella said Maltman should not play Kris Kringle because it would send the wrong message to youngsters.

Maltman, a borough public works employee, was pulled over by police on Route 130 in Haddon Township. Maltman and his wife, Elizabeth, were arrested after seven bags of

crack cocaine were found hidden underneath a child's car seat.

His wife pleaded guilty in August to possession of an illegal substance, and was sentenced to two years probation and fined \$1,200.

If convicted on the more serious charge, Maltman could have faced five years in prison. Instead, he will likely face probation and a possible \$1,000 fine, said Michael Chewkanes, an assistant Camden County Prosecutor.

## Professors have sex?

By John Pacenti  
Associated Press

MIAMI - A university professor was convicted Tuesday on federal charges that he brought a teen-age Honduran boy into the country to have sex with him.

The prosecutor said it was the first federal case prosecuted involving charges of bringing a juvenile into the country for the purpose of sex.

Marvin Hersh, a computer science professor at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, was convicted on 10 counts, including passport fraud, alien smuggling and child pornography. Hersh, 59, faces a maximum sentence of more than 100 years in

prison when he is sentenced July 9.

Prosecutors claimed Hersh preyed on the family's young boys, trading toys, clothing and money for sex and eventually chance to bring the teenager to his home.

"Can you imagine how the victims in this sort of case feel toward Americans?" Assistant U.S. Attorney John McMillan said.

Hersh's defense claimed that the teen-age was a son born to him out of a liaison with a Honduran woman and that his interest in him was purely parental. But the mother and her sons testified against Hersh, and his ex-wife described him as an admitted pedophile.



# The groundhog never lies...or does he?

by Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

"Punxsutawney Phil" is the most famous animal around on February 2nd. Many people know who Phil is.... well, just say he's the furry little who told us in not so many years that spring would make its early arrival this year. Yes, that's right, Phil is the crowned groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. His burrow is located in the northern part of the state. Many people from Punxsutawney truly believe Phil's predictions. However, according to weather researchers, during the last sixty years, Phil has only been right twenty eight times out of sixty. Not a very good record by any count.

After the latest onslaught of winter weather, Phil's life is in jeopardy. He is imminently be in dan-

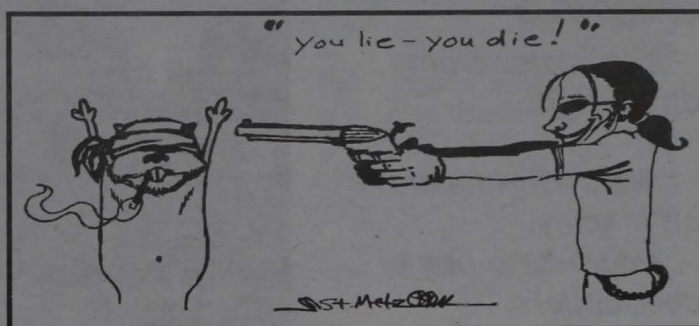
ger. Spring lovers everywhere are probably oiling up their shotguns, preparing to have some groundhog stew from good ole' Phil. The woodchuck is said to be nearly a hundred old. And he LIED!!!!

Where did Groundhog Day originate? Early German and English settlers carried the legend over from their homelands. Germans use the badger as their animal choice to predict an early spring. The Pennsylvania Dutch were really the first settlers to introduce the superstition of animals predicting weather. They were also the first to attach the superstition to groundhogs. A medieval superstition was that all hibernating animals, not just groundhogs, came out on Candlemas, the traditional name for the famed day.

Since 1887, members of the Punxsutawney

Groundhog Club have met at dawn on the morning of February 2nd and set out for Gobbler's Knob. Upon arrival, a member of the club is selected and that person raps the ground with an acacia wood can at the mouth of the burrow, Phil's home. Thus rousing the groundhog from its slumber, Phil appears. Legend has it that if the day is bright and sunny, the groundhog will see his shadow and winter will last six more weeks. However, if this day is cloudy and the sun is obscured, the groundhog does not see his shadow, symbolizing an early spring.

There are many festivities that commemorate the special day- there is a groundhog breakfast and later a banquet, as well as dancing and festivities. Nearly three hundred and fifty people attend the annual event.



Other cities around the nation have their own groundhogs, Phil isn't the only weather forecasting woodchuck. New York City has "Pothole Pete," Brookfield's Zoo in Brookfield, Illinois has its own version, "Chipper the Woodchuck." For three years Chipper wouldn't cooperate with his pre-planned agenda by refusing to come out of his burrow, but with some coaxing (namely in the form of a two year old female groundhog, "Sunshine"), Chipper snapped right out of his depression. Chipper's favorite food???

Honey, oats and carrots.

According to animal experts, groundhogs hibernate until March and Phil not being the exception to the rule, doesn't like to have his sleep disturbed. He once bit a club member's finger as he was being picked up.

When not in the burrow on Gobbler's Knob, Phil and his girlfriend live in a nearby park.

Spring officially arrives March 21st and hopefully it will be everything everyone had hoped for but didn't get. Thanks a lot Phil!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Fun with snow



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Cold weather got you down? Not so with these people. In honor of this rare snow, students erected a snowman on the front steps of the Wesley Foundation. It's nice to know that some people still remember how to build a snowman.

### The students of GSC are holding a Student/Administration Forum

to discuss

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# Tamarack Sights

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West Virginia crafts on display.

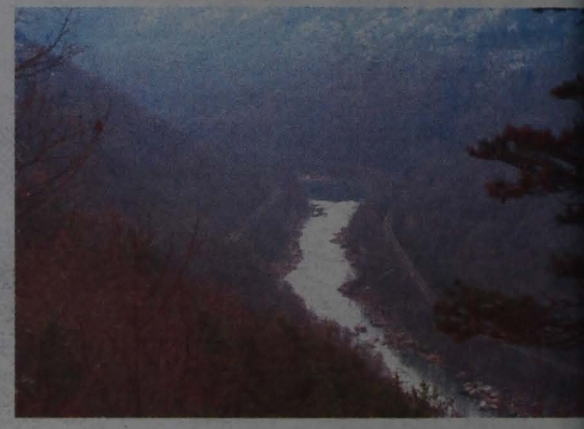
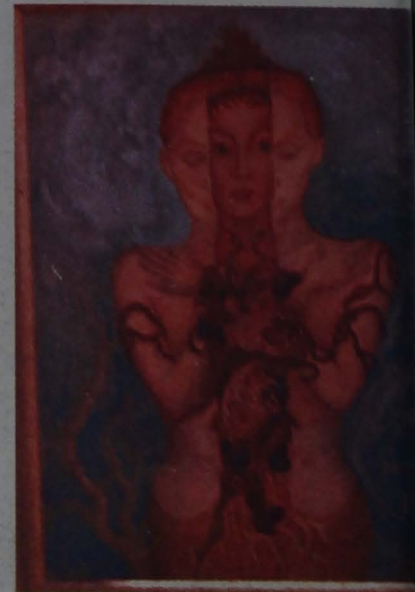
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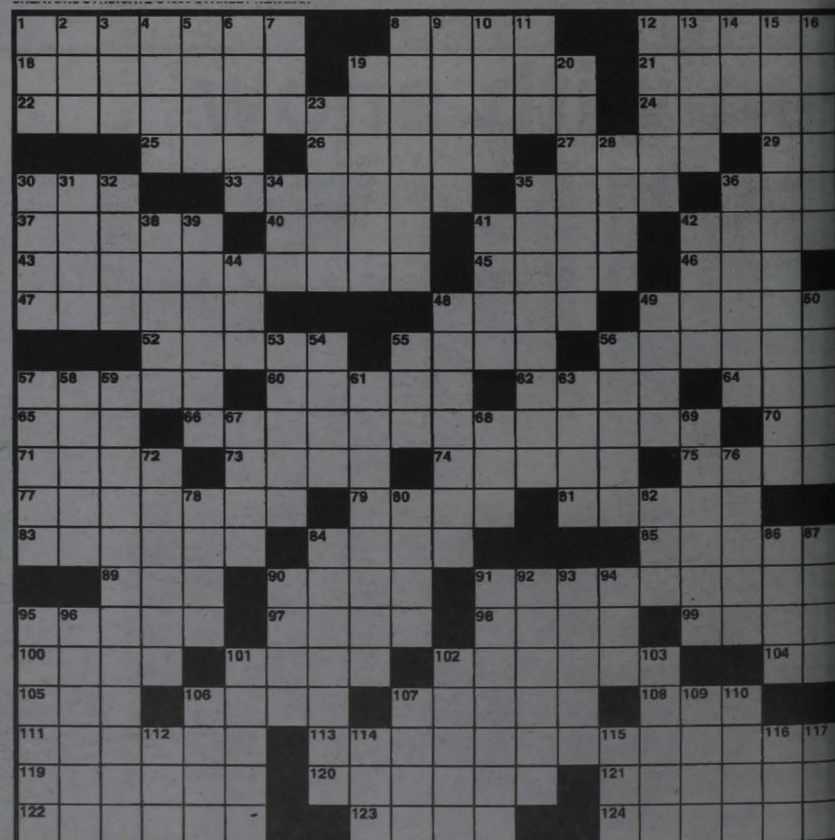
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- 12 Is in charge
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- 16 Stir to action
- 17 Meager, in a way
- 19 State of affairs
- 20 Highly adept
- 23 Giraffe relative
- 28 Purchases
- 30 Says more
- 31 Winnie-the-
- 32 Aware of
- 34 A question of procedure
- 35 Teen's hairdo
- 36 Bunsen's invention
- 38 Midwest hub
- 39 Assess again
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- 42 Hi's mate
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- 48 Refuse to buy from
- 49 Water source
- 50 Like Humpty Dumpty
- 51 Proceeds on one's way
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- 56 Strongly denounce
- 57 Pews or benches
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- 80 Matterhorn's home
- 82 Letter addenda, for short
- 84 Decoration justifier
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- 87 Smooth the way of
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- 93 Salon service
- 94 Born: Fr.
- 95 Ulysses' home
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- 101 Seat separator
- 102 Pie ingredient
- 103 Lion-colored
- 106 Oats or meal

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- 109 Bloke
- 110 Part of MIT
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