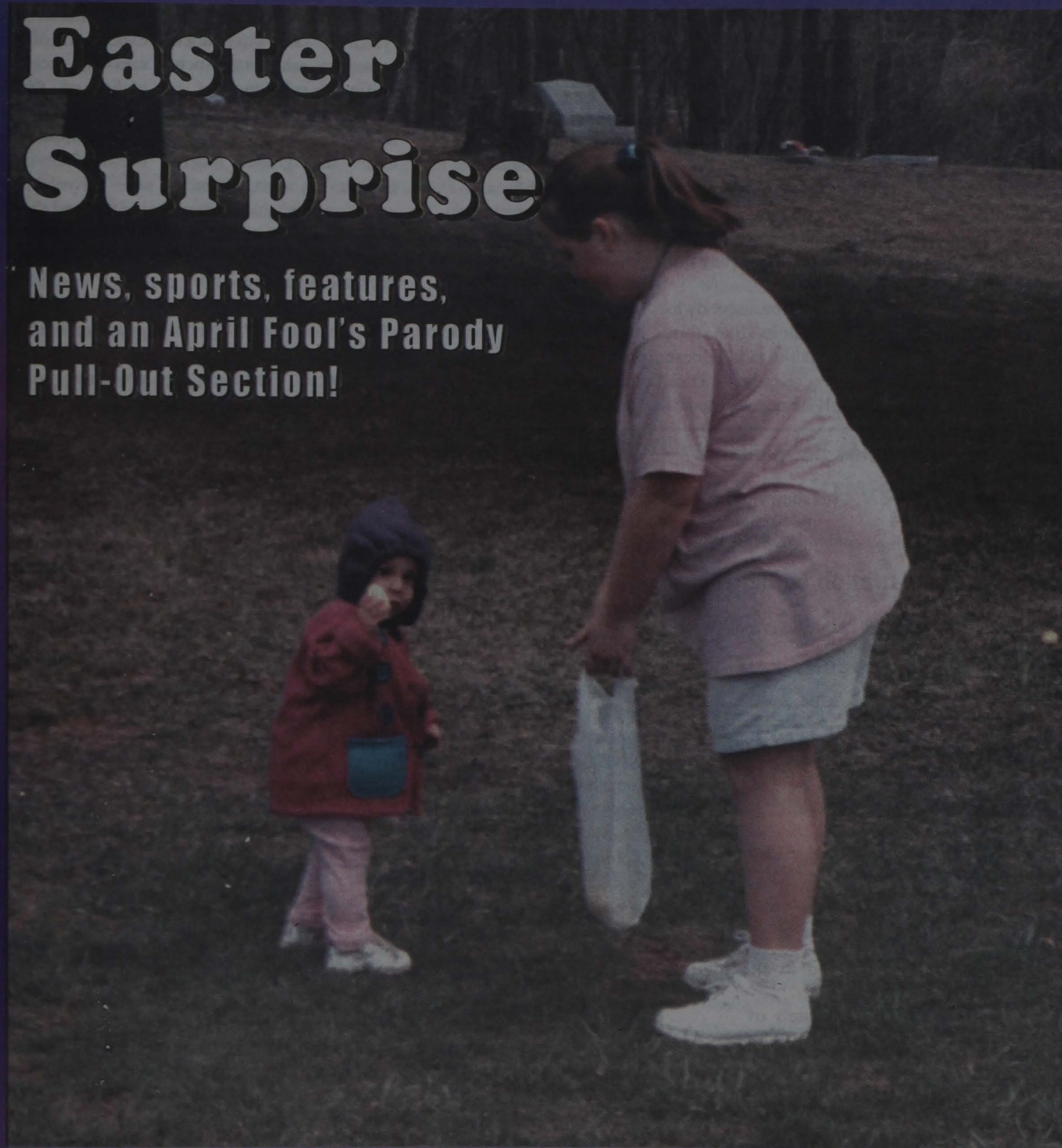


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Easter Surprise

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Federal government fails internal audit

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The federal government could use a few good CPAs to keep track of everything from bullets to Medicare payments.

The second annual governmentwide audit by the congressional General Accounting Office found that 24 major agencies are doing a poor overall job of keeping their financial books.

Yet the audit released Wednesday actually was a cause for some optimism, because things weren't quite as bad in fiscal 1998 as the year before.

"Progress is coming, but we've sure got a lot to do," said Rep. Steve Horn, R-Calif., chairman of the

House Government Reform subcommittee on government management, information and technology.

Comptroller General David Walker, who heads the GAO, told the panel that 24 major federal agencies do not properly account for a majority of the \$466 billion in assets they hold. These range from buildings to heavy equipment to ammunition.

It does not necessarily mean the assets are missing, although some are. But it shows most government agencies do not have the basic financial controls that are commonplace in any private business.

"If small-business owners kept books like this, they'd be put in jail," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said today.

"The federal government calls this an improvement from last year. I don't."

The government's financial statements, Walker said, "do not provide a reliable source of information for decision-making by the government or the public."

The audit showed numerous other problems, including inadequate data on loans and liabilities such as veterans' benefits, poor computer security, vast underestimates for costs such as environmental and nuclear cleanups and even lack of documentation to support the expense of many day-to-day government operations.

While the full extent of improper payments made by government agencies is unknown, the Health and Human Services Department

estimated that \$12.6 billion of its fee-for-service Medicare payments — about 7 percent — should not have been made in 1998.

Yet that is down from \$23.2 billion in 1996, which Walker cited as an example of why accurate accounting matters. When the problem can be measured and analyzed, he said, government managers can better focus on finding solutions.

Separately, Horn released his own "report card" that graded federal agencies in three financial categories: reliable information, effective internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations.

Horn gave only NASA and the National Science Foundation an "A", while 12 agencies either got an "F" or had not submitted

their statements as required by Tuesday.

"If these were my and their report cards, they'd be grounded," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va. "This is just unacceptable."

Despite all these problems, the Clinton administration's Office of Management and Budget expects 13 of the 24 agencies to receive "clean" audits of their financial statements in fiscal 1999. That compares with only one in 1993.

"Given where we were in 1993 and the obstacles we faced, the progress we have made to date is extraordinary," said Edward DeSeve, OMB deputy director for management. "We are working hard to resolve the problems, but much work remains to be done."

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Civil suit in Jenny Jones guest shooting

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. - Jenny Jones' talk show "did everything but pull the trigger" in the shooting death of a guest who had gone on the program to reveal his secret gay crush, an attorney suing the show for \$50 million told a jury Wednesday.

The family of the vic-

tim, Scott Amedure, is suing the show, its distributor and its producers, claiming their "ambush" TV tactics drove Jonathan Schmitz to shoot Amedure days after the episode was taped in 1995. The show never aired.

Schmitz, who has said he is heterosexual, had been invited on the show to meet his secret admirer. That turned out to be

Amedure, an acquaintance, who described sexual fantasies involving Schmitz as the audience whooped and hollered.

A lawyer for "The Jenny Jones Show" said his opening statement Wednesday that his clients are not responsible because Schmitz knew that the secret admirer could be either a man or a woman.

Promise Keepers cancel New Year's rallies for fear of Y2K bug

Associated Press

DENVER -- Worried about possible Y2K problems, the men's ministry Promise Keepers is canceling plans to hold rallies at state capitals nationwide on New Year's Day 2000.

Law enforcement officials in several states have

expressed concerns about "the prospects of large gatherings, public safety personnel needs and too many unknowns connected with Y2K," Promise Keepers' spokesman Steve Chavis said Tuesday.

Members of the Christian organization are instead being encouraged to stay at home

with their families and practice their faith there.

The so-called "Y2K" problem occurs because many computers are programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year and, without repairs, a malfunction beginning Jan. 1 when they might assume is 1900.

Powell addresses state Autism conference

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

On March 26 and 27, Glenville State College's newly appointed President, Dr. Thomas Powell, addressed the Autism Society in Charleston, WV.

He came across as a witty, charming, and empowering speaker. In his speech, Powell told the audience that "relationships involve risks; in the little state of West 'by God' Virginia we need to take risks and build an inclusive America."

Providing a general education for children with disabilities is a difficult task for their parents.

"We need to cease the use of aversives, recognize the value of the American dream

for our kids and implement inclusion," he states

Powell relayed case studies about children who are having success in an inclusive environment, including a young boy who is able to participate in 90% of activities by using facilitated communication. Occasionally he is teased, but he is learning to deal with the sixth grade bully. "Timmy is included in the joys and challenges of public education," explained Powell.

Powell and his wife, Irene, have three children, one of whom is autistic. When it comes to his son, Powell recounted all the struggles he went through as parent. "I spent the first twelve years of his life

saying, 'Let me tell you about my autistic son.' I don't think I loved my son enough... People with disabilities live in a pessimistic society. Everyone is always looking at what they can't do instead of what they can."

The real goal is to change the American way of dealing with autistic people. "Values and philosophy must guide technology. Our educational goals should enable, ennoble, and empower." Powell continued, "Challenge is the dreaming; change is the optimism."

He went on to give suggestions on the communication parents need to develop with teachers in order to meet their child's needs. "The expectation level of the teacher will



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

Powell, who will be president of Glenville State College starting in May, provided inspiration for parents of autistic children.

allow for progression, and the parents' expectation is what the child will give."

Powell has co-authored a book entitled, "Brothers and Sisters: A Special Part of Exceptional Families." He is currently the Dean of

Students at Winthrop College in North Carolina and will be inaugurated as the President of GSC in May. "The important thing is to be able to sacrifice who we are for who we may become."

Sexual assault awareness month

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

March was sexual assault awareness month. Why an entire month dedicated to teaching the public about this particular crime?

Every two minutes a person is raped in the United States. One in four women has been raped at least once in her life. Men have been raped, too; though these crimes are seldom reported.

Did you know that Glenville has a group around to help the victims of such assaults? It is known as HOPE Inc.

"Sexual assault is a crime of violence, not passion," explains Beverly Pritt of HOPE Inc.

HOPE Inc. is a task force on domestic violence

that also serves victims of sexual assault. The HOPE Inc. office in Gilmer County works on a grant program for stopping violence against women that is administered by the Department of Criminal Justice and Highway Safety.

HOPE Inc. also works in conjunction with the Gilmer County Sheriff's office, the Glenville City police, and the county prosecutor's office.

Pritt explained that "the magistrate court also plays a leading role in my efforts to stop sexual assault. Without them, I could not fulfill my services to the victims."

If you would like more information about HOPE Inc., you can contact Beverly Pritt at 462- 5352 or use the 24 hour hotline (304)367-1100.

Increasing business in West Virginia's state college and university system

By Julie R. Cryser
Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. - Colleges and universities are businesses.

And doing business in West Virginia is made easier by its people, a strong fiber optics system and natural attractiveness that draws students from outside the state to local campuses, according to administrators at area colleges. Just ask Stephen Markwood, president of Alderson-Broadbent College. "The people who work on our staff are hard working and competent," he said.

Mort Gamble, executive director for institutional advancement at Fairmont State College, agrees. "Our students are not only an asset to the college but an asset to society," said

Gamble.

Fairmont State College has 20,000 living alumni working in varied careers throughout the United States and beyond its borders, Gamble said. "These individuals are clearly our best ambassadors," he said. David Hardesty, president of West Virginia University, said West Virginia's people make the state competitive. Doing business in West Virginia is made easier by the hard working and honest people who live and work in the state, he said.

"When people move here, people are really shocked in the increase in productivity that they see," Hardesty said. Bruce Flack, interim president at Glenville State College, said not only are people hard working and interested in helping others, but the people of the state know the

value of having an education, although they sometimes either can't afford to go on to college or just can't make the cut.

That's particularly important for colleges in West Virginia as they strive to increase enrollment in a state that has one of the lowest college-going rates in the nation and a declining number of people in the 18-year-old bracket. "The citizenry sees the need for education beyond the high school level," he said.

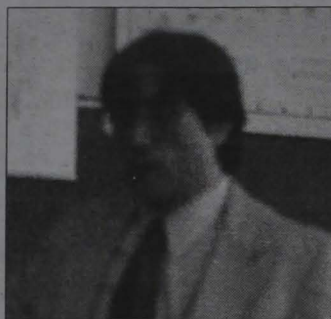
The state also has an advanced fiber optic system that makes technology access easier, administrators said. Bell Atlantic in particular has worked hard to build one of the strongest fiber optic systems in the nation, allowing West Virginia to rank among the top states in fiber optic technology, Markwood said.

Ohio U. prof visits GSC campus

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State College Chapter of the American Chemical Society presented Dr. Fred Lemke from Ohio University. The title of the presentation was "Ruthenium Silicon Chemistry."

Dr. Lemke explained that he and his graduate students have been working on how to prepare compounds with ruthenium and silicon. They are also studying how these bonds effect the reactivity and preparation of the



BJ Woods, Mercury

Dr. Fred Lemke

compounds. Dr. Lemke started the presentation with an overview of each of the elements, (ruthenium and silicon). He then explained how each compares to carbon. Silicon is 50% larger

and more electronegative than carbon.

Dr. Lemke told the group how the ruthenium hydride reacts with the silicon compounds. There are two of the reactions that allow this to occur, nucleophilic and substitution. Ruthenium hydride acts as a nucleophile that attracts the silicon species. Silicon then protonates. In the silicon substitution the silcons play an important role in the formation of chlorocylco groups. Dr. Lemke took the group through all the steps of these two reactions,

explaining and showing how these reactions occurred.

Dr. Lemke stated, "We have noticed that the substitution of silicon prepare a great role in the preparation of these ruthenium-silicon compounds." Dr. Lemke continued with the explanation of Bent's Rule (the atomic S character concentrates in orbitals directed towards the electropositive substitutes) and how it applied to the ruthenium and silicon compounds. Dr. Lemke told the group that the silicon bonded compounds depend on the S

character to show the type of bond in the compound.

Dr. James G. Goll, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at GSC, stated, "Dr. Lemke's presentation was a wonderful example of using several techniques to unravel a problem. The combination of theoretical calculations with experimental work involving thermodynamics and spectroscopy gave a very good picture of the reaction. His fundamental research can be applied to industrial based catalysts to make them more efficient."

Lit Society discusses "Blade Runner"

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

The Literary Society met on Tuesday, March 23, for it's second book review of the semester. Eight students attended, along with Professors Wayne deRosset and Nancy Zane. The book for review was a science-fiction piece entitled "Blade Runner Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" written by Phillip K. Dick. The story takes place in the year 2021, in Los Angeles, California. Due to a nuclear holocaust, life has been altered; there is no grass, and

very few animals have survived the disaster. Nearly all human beings have migrated to the "colonies" through a selection process. Androids, disguised as human beings, have come from another planet to live on Earth. In the process, they have killed a number of humans. Rick Deckard is a "blade runner", whose job it is to find the criminal androids and kill them before any more humans are harmed. The androids are called "replicants". Replicants have no memory or emotions. Everything is either learned or programmed. Although

Deckard is a married man, he has a fling with a beautiful replicant, Rachael, during his mission to eliminate the androids. He is torn as to whether to kill her or not—he opts not to. Other than the murders, the replicants' only crime is their desire to be human. The androids are programmed to live for only four years; therefore, they want to experience everything that they possibly can during their life-span. Although Deckard really doesn't like his job, he does like the money he gets in exchange for his services. With it, he can buy live ani-

mals, which is a status "thing" in the 21st century. Almost all living creatures are extinct, so some people only own mechanical versions, such as owls, sheep, frogs, and snakes, which are still very expensive.

Throughout the span of one day, Deckard tracks down all the replicants (other than Rachael) and kills them. He then zooms back home to his wife in his hover car.

There are two versions of the movie based on this book. The Media Center in the Robert F. Kidd Library has the Director's Cut, directed by Ridley Scott.

Everybody into the pool

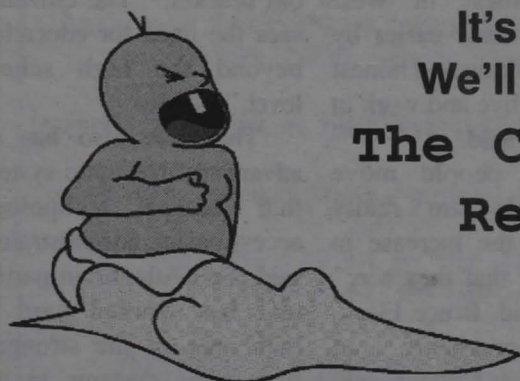
By Jo Shaffer
Staff Reporter

Just in case everyone didn't know, we have a pool here at Glenville State College that is open for public use.

It is used by many in the community including 4-H, the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, local schools, and people needing it for physical therapy. Groups and schools have to get their own lifeguards.

For anyone interested in volunteering as lifeguards for some of the events, you may contact Sue Edwards in the PE building.

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Local children go hunting for eggs under Chem Society's watch

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Chi Beta Phi held their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party on Saturday, March 27, 1999, in the amphitheater at GSC.

Saturday proved to be the best day for hunting as it was warm and sunny. The children, as well as parents, remarked upon the weather being so much more pleasant this year than those in the past.

There were over 35 people in attendance. All of the

children had a great time finding the eggs and enjoying the party. Before the egg hunt began, soda, rice crispy treats, various cookies and potato chips were served by Dr. James Goll, Billy Kelley, Professor Paul Peck, and Carolyn Blake.

Billy Kelley stated, "This is a perfect day for an egg hunt. The children seem to be having a great time."

Professor Peck commented, "The weather is great. There are more children here than in the past. All seem to be enjoying themselves."

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New sorority added to GSC campus this fall

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

Greek fever seems to be in the air. There is another new Greek organization being introduced to Glenville State College. This one is Sigma Rho Lambda, a local sorority for the women of the college. The founding members are Brandy Stewart, Nancy Jo Mullens and Michele Hanson. They have the help of about fifteen to twenty other ladies. So far they have a complete constitution with by-laws in the works.

In an interview, Mullens and Stewart emphasize that



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Brandy Stewart

this is going to be a sorority dealing mainly with women's issues. They like having such a broad topic to work with because it gives them a lot of possibilities on activities. Mullens states that, "Together, united in women's issues, the sisters of Sigma Rho Lambda hope

to bring education and unity to the women of GSC."

Their philanthropy work will be in women's issues with a concentration on breast cancer. Stewart commented that some activities they'd like to do include, "working with girl scout troops, passing out flyers on women's issues, and working with the elderly at the nursing home and senior citizen's center; whether it be a scheduling a game night or just going and visiting."

This sorority is open to all women of the college. Faculty and staff are welcome to be a part of this group as sort of honorary

alumni. From this beginning the group will vote on its board of advisors. Stewart says that the qualities they are looking for in members are "a willingness to put aside stereotypes, to find out what Greek life is all about, and to participate."

The ladies of Sigma Rho Lambda hope that all of the Greek organizations on campus, new and old, will want to work together to have Greek functions with activities such as Field Day and Greek Week.

As these girls already have the ball rolling, there will be no formal Rush until next semester.

Governor's Internship Program information

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

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CAAP becomes more clear

By W.E. Owens
Staff Reporter

Most of the cloud which appeared to surround the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency examination has dissipated.

This ACT Inc.-created exam will be administered to Glenville State students having 75 credit hours, on the week of April 6, consisting of Math, Writing, and Critical Thinking modules.

"The CAAP assessment is not an assessment to look at whether or not students are getting the programs they need to be receiving in a college curriculum," states Sharon Kraus, GSC professor of Teacher Education and newly reappointed Director of Assessment. "Every institution is expected to be assessing everything that they're doing, particularly their programs."

The purpose and grading of the exam—which replaces GSC's existing and dormant cycle evaluation—has not changed without its questions and controversies among faculty and students. The most controversial topic is the holistic evaluation of the writing module of the exam.

CAAP's most pronounced dispute involves the

evaluation method for which most state colleges have opted. Of state colleges agreeing to offer the test, only one decided to use ACT Inc for grading it. The exam's writing module is to be graded by seminar-trained professors for their respective institutions.

Gayle Burkowski, GSC Professor of English in charge of the Language Division's CAAP-grading constituency, stated, "The math and critical thinking components of the exam use standard multiple choice grading criteria; the only part of the exam not objective is the writing."

State colleges are voluntarily offering the CAAP exam to participate in a statewide higher education movement evaluating student academic performance.

Explained Dr. Kraus, "We had an option on whether to grade, in-house, the exam, or let ACT grade it; we chose to do it ourselves."

Dr. Kraus proceeded, "My guess is that because of the manpower it takes to score an essay, it would cost more to give tests by using ACT grading. And I know it does. I was in charge of ordering the tests that we're giving."

Suzanne Snyder, Fairmont State's Chairperson of Fine

Arts, and Chair of the West Virginia Higher Education Council on Assessment advised, "The flip side of the issue is that, if ACT grades the exams, college instructors never get to see the essays. The primary goals of this evaluation are, after all, available college assessment, internal and collective."

Kraus confirmed, stating, "What the State is hoping to do with this [exam], is help us at the college to assess and improve our curriculum. That's what it's about."

Dr. Snyder attempted clarification of the concept of holistic grading by stating, "Holistic grading refers to evaluators being able to view a written essay according to the merit of its expression and content, not concentrating so much on picking apart minor grammatical and punctuation errors."

GSC has agreed to test at least a hundred people with CAAP.

According to Kraus, "In trying to decide how we would get those one hundred people, since they would be tested in math and in writing, we felt they would need to have completed at least Math 101, and English 101 and 102 prior to taking the exam. After all, the test is an assessment of

our academic program."

In order to garner the students necessary for the exam, a computer list was generated of students in the bachelor's program at 60-75 credit hours, these students having completed the basic math and English general studies requirements. Only 55 GSC students fulfilled the testing criteria, requiring Kraus to send letters to associate degree students who matched the basic standards.

"I didn't have enough people from the first list to meet our 100 [person] quota," smiled Kraus. "Those who are in a bachelor's degree program must complete the general studies assessment prior to registering for the next semester. The associate degree folks are optional; it's a voluntary thing with them. We're asking if they would help us out with this project. We're in the middle of a telephone campaign to convince people to participate."

Kraus denied the possibility of cash incentives.

Asked whether the number of eligible CAAP participants correlated to GSC's lack of Developmental Education coordination, Kraus replied, "I think it's more of an issue of advising than it is about

Developmental Education. I doubt students realize how important it is to take, for example, the English 101-102 courses early in their college career; you need the skills you get from those classes to be successful in your writing in subsequent classes."

Kraus refused to speculate on the likelihood of her becoming GSC's Developmental Education Coordinator.

When queried about GSC's graduate assessments program, Kraus answered, "We're working on exit assessments. Most programs have something they identify as exit assessment. It could be a capstone course or project. [For example] if students are in Student Ed, then it's their student teaching piece."

A computer component is projected for inclusion into forthcoming CAAP exams.

The examinations will be held on GSC main campus Apr. 6-8 from 4:00-6:30 PM in the recital hall of the Fine Arts building, at the Lewis County extension Apr. 8 in 4:00-6:30 and 6:45-9:15 PM sessions, and at the Nicholas County extension Apr. 9-10.

Questions regarding the CAAP examination should be addressed to Dr. Sharon Kraus, 462-4157.

Student Spotlight: Ruth Balcourt

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

Ruth Balcourt is a 21-year-old Senior who is completing a double major in Chemistry and Biology. One would think that being a double major is enough work. Not so for Ruth; she has a full time job and extra activities with the American Chemical Society. In her spare time, she enjoys painting and

drawing.

Ruth states in an written questionnaire that she "chose Glenville State College because of the location and the biology program." Ruth chose the double major since she has always had an interest in chemistry and biology.

The future plans for this commuter from Braxton County include applying to and completing the program at the West Virginia



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Ruth Balcourt

School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, followed by working in a private medical office.

Ruth was asked of her one wish for the future of the students in the Math and Science Division. She stated, "I would like to see more relationships between the pre-professional students and the careers that they are studying. An example of this is having the college to help to further their studies."

Ruth was then asked, "If you could change one thing about the Math and

Science Division to make it better what would it be?" Ruth chuckled and answered, "I want first aid kits on every floor of the Math and Science Division."

Ruth is showing that one can commute, work full time, and succeed as a student. She has high hopes for her future and there is little doubt, in the minds of those who know her, that she will succeed.

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Brotherhood should be at heart of frats

College fraternities are enjoying a newfound growth on Glenville State College's campus. The addition of the Sigma Rho Lambda sorority and Alpha Xi Omega fraternity breaks the "monopolies" of Tau Kappa Epsilon and the now-defunct Delta Zeta sorority, giving students with the urge to belong to a Greek organization a wider range of choices.

It would seem to be a fun coincidence that one reason for the disbanding of the DZ's was a lack of Greek life on the campus. You have to wonder what might have happened if the national headquarters had waited another month or two.

Greek organizations are not for everyone, because they often have images of beer blasts and keg parties associated with them. Jeremy Rodriguez has been fighting against that image for Tau Kappa Epsilon for awhile, characterizing the TKE's as a service-oriented social organization.

Alpha Xi Omega, on the other hand, is still establishing its identity. It should be fascinating to see where it goes, as more and more male students rush.

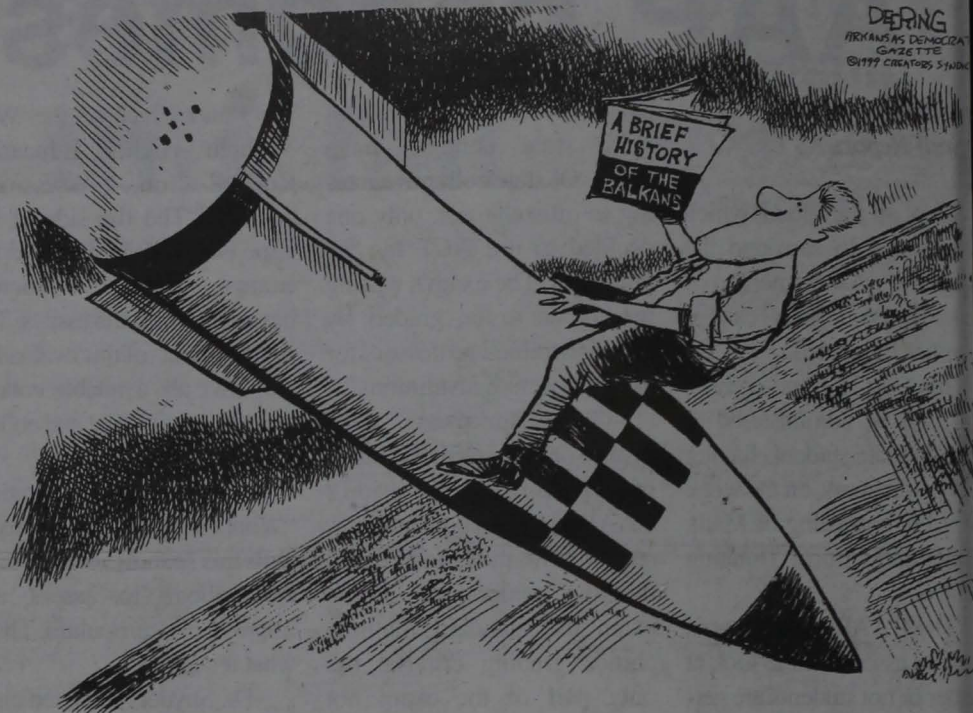
Unfortunately, the saber rattling from both organizations has begun. While there is plenty of room on the campus for Greek organizations to get along, the current game of under-the-table "our fraternity is better than yours" comments misrepresents the mark entirely, and can only serve to alienate those students who would never consider joining a Greek organization and believe them to be worthless except as party organizers.

There may be no serious rivalry between the two fraternities, of course; the stories floating around campus about members of one fraternity "trying to start something" with members of the other could be just that--stories.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, you have an opportunity to serve as a role model for a fledgling organization.

Alpha Xi Omega, you could be the start of something great, as long as you don't develop a newbie's inferiority complex.

Either way, guys, don't blow it.



Reader's Corner

By Heather Eberly
 Staff Columnist

Hello, out there.

After such positive feedback from last week's column, I've decided to continue this week with yet another observation.

Last Saturday I attended the 16th Annual XL 102 Chili Cook-off in Richmond, VA. For a small fee of \$7, I got to taste 55 different types of chili and see Clutter, Candlebox, and Bad Company live in concert.

After sampling all the tasty versions of an American favorite, I got into place for Candlebox to take the stage. While the roadies were setting up for the performance, a group of about 6 kids, ranging in age from 14-16, shoved in next to me and my husband.

Halfway through Candlebox's set, this group

decided that they were going to mosh.

For those of you unfamiliar with this term, moshing is a type of dancing that involves pushing, shoving, kicking, and punching each other.

They decided that in this non-moshing crowd of 30 somethings, they were in the majority.

Needless to say, they were beat down by the crowd. I later witnessed this same group of kids getting the hell beat out of them in another part of the crowd. They were escorted out of the event by security.

What I would like to know is: Why did they decide to mosh in the first place? Did they not take a look at who they were surrounded by? What is happening to the youth of America? Why do they have to be so violent to have a good time?

I am very frightened by

the violent tendencies of the kids today. Don't get me wrong, I feel that everyone should be able to express their way they feel through any form of dance that they want.

It's just that concerts that have mosh pits usually have a designated area for such behavior. People do not just start punching and pushing people because they feel like it.

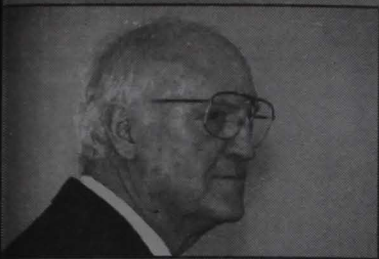
I was very disturbed by the vibe I was getting from the crowd. Everyone seemed to get irritated and on edge after this spectacle. Fights started breaking out over the crowd soon after the kids were taken away.

I guess the point of this entire article is to beseech you, the readers, to please mosh in designated areas and don't just start pushing people in an inappropriate environment. What do you think? Drop me a line and let me know.

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Shake your money maker!

Investigative report uncovers the naked truth about instructors!

By Allison Tant,
Staff Reporter

"I guess working at Glenville State doesn't provide them with enough money, or maybe they just do it for fun."

That was a statement taken from a GSC student who recently stumbled upon the fact that two teachers at the college had taken on extra professions.

The story unfolds when a student, John Doe* decided to go to the Girls Truck Oasis in Jane Lew for a night out with the guys. John and several of his friends from his floor in Pickens Hall decided that they would have a night out to celebrate midterms being over. John and his friends were not expecting to see what this strip

joint would have in store for them.

After sitting through a few exotic dancers the announcer prepared the crowd for Binky and Tinky the Incredible.

Brad Jones said, "I saw these two chicks come out from behind the curtain and my jaw dropped to the ground. She was the sexiest thing I had ever seen.

"As I was staring at her I realized that I knew her but couldn't remember where I had seen her before. She had dark brown hair and a great tan. I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her.

"Jim seemed to have a thing for the dishwater blonde. I had to admit she was a looker. We kept looking at the duo trying to picture where we had seen them. George was the

first to realize who they were."

When asked to comment on the situation George Harris* stated, "I saw these two really hot women dancing and realized that I knew them. They are teachers at the college where I go to school. Doc Zane and Mrs. Wemm. An English teacher and a speech teacher, very well known and well liked across the campus."

What are these two women with decent jobs doing moonlighting as strippers?

Apparently it has been a joke between the two friends for years that one day they would be strippers. One fateful night as Mrs. Wemm drank on a bottle of bourbon and Doc Zane was slamming some margaritas, they apparently had a little too much to drink. The two were determined to

live out their dreams, so they had fellow instructor Gary Gillespie drive them to Jane Lew to see if they could make it in the entertainment industry.

Gillespie thought they were joking when they told him that they wanted him to drive them to this strip bar. Seeing as how they were drunk, he decided to humor them and drive them to Jane Lew. It was to his surprise though when the two jumped out of the car and ran for the doors of the establishment.

According to the attending students, these two ladies gave such a good performance that they should see if they can't get a job making big bucks dancing in Las Vegas.

*Names have been changed to protect the GPA's of the parties involved.

GSC wins "Least Kept Secret" honors

Associated Press

US News and World Report has named Central West Virginia's Glenville State College as "America's Least Kept Secret," citing the success of newly-hired Public Relations Director Jack Barr.

"Glenville's internet campaign, its halftime Super Bowl ads, and advertising on billboards across the nation have propelled Glenville State College to household name status," stated US News and World Report editor Donna Stephens in an internet broadcast Friday morning.

Barr's ad campaign--"GSC: All You Need is a Check and a Pulse"--burst into national prominence during last year's Super Bowl, when a trio of chipmunks began making farting sounds that resolved into "G--S--C."

The spots created a cult following and further funds for the campaign.

National Guard confronts Orr

By Gerry Rivera,
Investigative Journalist

The United States National Guard was called in to deal with an insurrection in North-central Ohio Saturday. A group of approximately 15 dissidents had captured a small Ohio town to start their own country and christened it "Orrville" after their leader, Christopher Orr.

Orr, formerly a professor at Glenville State College, quit his job three months ago to pursue what he termed, "world liberation." While most of his co-workers shrugged this off as mere joking, Orr is apparently making good on his threat.

In an address broadcast from a captured radio station Friday, Orr announced, "We have taken this land that is rightfully ours to start anew. We will stand apart from the

oppressive tyranny of the bourgeois ruling class. I claim this land in the name of all those who have been trampled under the boot heel of our government."

Orr continued, "I doubt our supposed transgressions will be ignored by those who wish to trample our spirits. We must prepare to fight to the bitter end. Remember that we fight not only for ourselves, but for those before and after us that are smothered beneath the opulence of tyranny."

Major Edward Palm, spokesman for the Guard, confirmed yesterday that the dissident forces are currently holed up in the local Smucker's jelly factory. The Guard has surrounded the factory, and Major Palm is currently negotiating with Orr for the surrender of the dissident forces.

Administration Building may be gateway to hell

By Terry L. Estep,
Staff Reporter

Working as a janitor in Glenville State College's Administration Building used to be pleasant for 68-year-old Mildred Hummel.

That was before she started hearing the voices.

Hummel is one of a growing number of GSC employees who believe the building harbors a gateway to the netherworld.

"I had just come on shift after around 6 in the morning," Hummel relates. "The mop bucket's wheels were sticking again, and I was having a hell of a time getting the downstairs clean near the computer lab. I kept hearing this *whooshin'* sound like fire, and on top o' that, there was screamin' and hollerin' like I never heard before."

Three other college

employees have reported strange occurrences in the buildings lower levels. Most incidents have been auditory in nature, described as "evil, twisted screams of the damned."

Students have also noticed the charged atmosphere.

Shannon McMartinson, a sophomore transfer student originally from Florida, reported cursing sounds coming from the snack machines last semester. Instead of her customary Diet Coke and packet of Twinkies, McMartinson received a shrunken head and a can of liquid later confirmed as goat blood.

"It was, like, so gross," she said of the incident.

College authorities are baffled about the mystic occurrences, although campus security has been asked to investigate the matter.

Speculation about the

recent discovery of several bloodless bodies along the Nature Trail and the first appearance of "Evil: An Intimate Guide" seminar class by adjunct professor Bill Z. Bub are quickly discouraged by administrators.

"We do not believe there is a connection," stated Vice President of Academic Affairs Joe Evans. "Bill is a fine, upstanding citizen even if he is extremely pale and wears black all the time. That fire juggling trick he does at faculty parties is just that--a trick!"

Mildred Hummel is not so sure, feeling a great uneasiness with the supernatural state of affairs.

"We've come a pretty pass when demons can accost a simple cleaning lady," she says.

Professor Bub could not be reached for comment.

Simmons returns as president of GSC

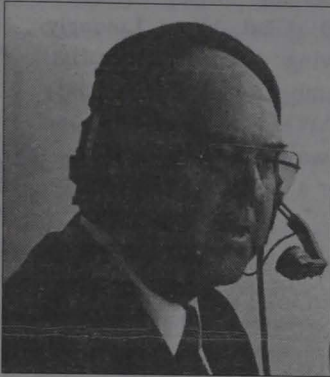
granted "dominion in
perpetuity" by state

By Terry L. Estep,
Staff Reporter

At a surprise press conference before leading educators, Chancellor Clifford Trump announced that William K. Simmons, former president of Glenville State College, would be reinstated to his former post.

"Obviously, we've made a terrible mistake in letting someone of Simmons' caliber," Trump said to a stunned audience. "We grant him dominion in perpetuity."

Response to the action was immediate. More than 200 students, staff and faculty led a candlelight protest against the returning president.



HEAT 'EM UP! Simmons' helicopter raid destroys radical faculty faction.

"Clearly, we have little confidence in his leadership ability," stated one faculty member, who asked to remain anonymous.

Simmons immediately countered the protest by releasing a pack of bloodthirsty wolves into the crowd.

An escaping radical faction of instructors, calling themselves The Friends of Freedom, took refuge in the woods surrounding the Nature Trail.

Simmons, who now demands to be known as "El Capitano," led a swarm of helicopter gunships in firing at the group.

"Clearly," El Capitano stated as he wiped his brow free of sweat and cordite powder, "these faculty members did not represent a majority of the Glenville State College community."

The bullet-splintered wood will be thrown onto trucks and sold to the timber industry according to the highest bid, and the grounds used for golf cart storage.

"This prerepresents a new era for Glenville State College," Simmons exclaimed.

"Long live El Capitano!"

President's house will soon be a parking garage

By Allison Tant,
Staff Reporter

As enrollment continues to increase at Glenville State, the number of parking spaces seems to be decreasing.

Parking has been a worn out complaint on this campus. It's something that just about everyone has commented on. There have been attempts to rearrange the parking spaces to make them fit more economically, but the fact is that there still just aren't enough spaces.

Finally, there is a solution in the works to remedy this problem.

Arrangements were made late Wednesday evening after a lot of heated

debate to finally give the students and staff more room to park. The president's house, located next to the Heflin Center, is going to be removed and a parking garage will be erected in its place.

This project will start in the summer of 1999 with the hopes to have it completed by the Spring semester of 2000. The parking garage will cause the cost of parking permits to increase. The new price is still being debated.

Glenville instructor wins \$30M

My life is dedicated to hedonism and devilry," he says!

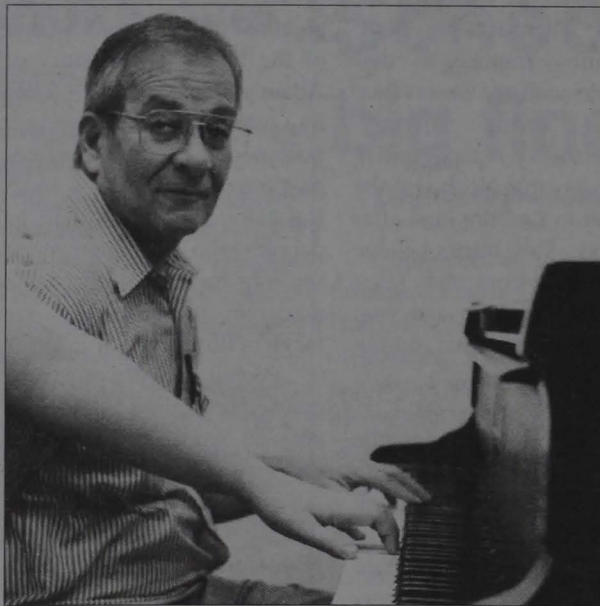
By Allison Tant,
Staff Reporter

"You've gotta play to win" is the motto for the lottery. His statement doesn't always hold true.

Mr. Harry Rich, the brass instructor at Glenville State College, is an exception.

Late Friday evening he was hanging out of Go Mart when he spotted a piece of paper on the ground. Out of curiosity, he picked it up to see what it was. It was a Powerball ticket for the night's drawing. He went home and shoved it in his pocket and forgot about it.

Sunday afternoon as he was going through his pockets in order to do laundry, he found the crumpled piece of paper. He checked the numbers to see if by chance he may have won a dollar or two. To his surprise, every number was a match. He had won the jackpot of \$30 million. "These things have hap-



IF I WERE A RICH MAN: Instructor Harry Rich--famous for his two left hands--found the winning Powerball ticket in a Go Mart Parking Lot.

pened before," stated Powerball Chairman Bill "Lucky" Armchair. "Although the original owner has been known to get a bit upset."

Harry Rich first came to prominence as the first man

with two left arms to play the Minute Waltz in 30 seconds. He supplemented his instructor's income by touring the country with his talent.

In 1981 he performed with Boone County's Hasil Atkins at

the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana of England.

Needless to say, Mr. Rich hasn't been seen in Glenville since. He left without telling anyone of his stroke of good fortune. He left a few presents for his family and took off. It was a while before his family found him.

The Rich family (no pun intended) found him by a freak accident. They were watching the television when they saw a special on Tahiti on the Travel Channel.

There was Mr. Rich and singer/actress Bernadette Peters soaking up the rays. They were sipping on piña colodas and rubbing each other down with suntan oil, "living a life of hedonism and devilry," according to Mr. Rich.

His family was devastated at the whereabouts of their loved one. In a mad rage, Judy, Mr. Rich's wife, took off for Hollywood where she is now involved with Clint Eastwood.

Talking lamb enslaves students

A mysterious talking lamb, known only to her followers as "Pissy," released a statement today in response to allegations that she has enslaved several Glenville State College fraternity members.

"Yeah, that's right," she told reporters. "I have gained control of both Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Xi Omega, and I have placed them in a pit where they will fight for my viewing pleasure."

The lamb then released a stream of curses upon the heads of the media.

Members of both fraternities have been missing for two days, leaving behind their wallets, keyes, and clothes.

"It's mighty cold in that pit when you're naked," said the lamb. "They better fight soon!"

Clean mouse balls are essential

By W.E. Owens
Staff Reporter

Surreptitiously concealed in the bowels of GSC computer labs is likely the most scandalous form of animalistic and racial oppression imaginable.

Our one-time and supposed friends: The Mice.

It is not that they are perpetually handled with bathroom-corroded hands. Nor is the victimization limited to their being locked in pitch-dark rooms for hours at a time. And for the moment, discount the fact a solid 95% of computer mice at GSC are of Asian origin.

Simply consider their balls.

Dozens of GSC mice die every year due to their balls not being properly cleaned and cared for. The atrocities concerning mouse balls abound.

As any man ever having

worn a hole in the crotch of his boxers can tell you, having balls hang halfway through a hole just to be dragged about is incredibly disorienting and uncomfortable. Not to mention, to perform their function properly, mouse balls are continually subjected to varying doses of electrical current.

The entire scenario literally seethes of a twisted mesh between an LA sweat-shop and some sick, wartime torture procedure.

Reactions to this scandal among GSC faculty are mixed.

Declared Dr. Edward Palm, Language Division Chair, finger stabbing skyward, "The hell with 'em! They might as well be chained to their desks, just like me!"

Professor Nancy Wemm shuddered, "What's to be next? Revocation of the assault

weapon ban?"

Dr. Christopher Orr, calmly, but while emphatically brandishing a worn copy of The Communist Manifesto, leered, "There's a revolution imminent; mark my words!"

Dr. Ximena Gallardo's shrug was noncommittal. "What does everyone expect? The issue of minority oppression was bound to surface on this campus in a BIG way."

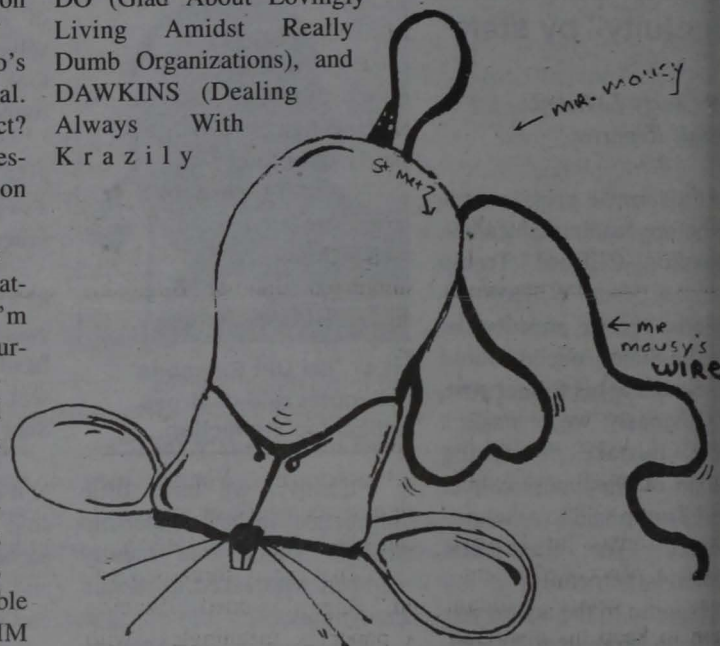
Computer Science Professor Jenny Dawkins stated with quiet authority, "I'm certain the 5% of people surviving computer programming courses are strong and capable enough to solve this problem."

Regardless of the eclectic availability of viewpoints on the matter, organizations exist to support every possible need, to include WEMM

(Women Emending the Mutilation of Mice), ORR (Order of Radical Rats), PALM (People Against Liberating Mice), GALLARDO (Glad About Lovingly Living Amidst Really Dumb Organizations), and DAWKINS (Dealing Always With K r a z i l y

Ingenuitive Saps).

Select one of your choice. But remember: NEVER drop or step on mouse balls; they may be your own.



And now, in all seriousness... the origin of April Fool's Day

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

April Fool's Day is a centuries-old tradition amongst the English, Scots, and the French, of playing practical jokes on the first day of April. The day has been observed since colonial times in America; however, April Fools doesn't receive official recognition. Nor do schools or the United States government lend encouragement to the practical joke playing that the day involves.

The day is not nearly as popular today as it once was. With the progression of the twentieth century, it is celebrated much less. Many people believe that April Fool's Day has persisted because children participate in the trickery, having been introduced to the practice by family members.

The goal of April Fool's is to catch an unsuspecting person who forgets what day it is and play a joke on him or her. Most jokes are intended to be harmless (with the exception of the humility and embarrass-

ment the victim is subjected to). However, there are those who get carried away and take things a little too far.

In some places, the joke must take place before noon or else the prankster is called the "April Fool" because s/he waited too long to do the trick. An old saying goes "Ha. Ha., April Fool's gone and past; you're the biggest fool at last."

Several countries have different names for "April Fool". In Scotland, it's "April Gowk", which translates into "cuckoo", which is the emblem of a simpleton. The English have several different monikers, "April Noddie, April Gob, Gawby, or Gobby". The day has other names, too. "April Noddy Day", "Huntigowk Day", "St. All-Fools Morn", and "All Fools Day". Sweden, Portugal, and India also have their own versions of the day. English and Scottish immigrants introduced the infamous day to the United States and Australia. The belief is that the day evolved from France, the French being the

first to celebrate it.

Many people wonder how such a day came into being. There are many different beliefs as to the reasoning for the day. There is a prevalent, dominating impression that has to do with the observance of the spring equinox. Another theory is that April 1 was the day that Noah sent the dove out to find dry land after the flood. Still, others believe that it derived from when Jesus was sent from here and yon, from this town to that, during his trial and crucifixion.

April Fool's Day is likened to the Relic of the Festival of Cerealia, an ancient Roman festival, which took place at the beginning of April. A goddess, Ceres, heard her daughter, Porsepina, scream as she was being carried to the underworld by Pluto. Frantic to find her daughter, Ceres tried to find the echo of Porsepina's voice. An echo could not be found; hence, the fool was Ceres. The day is also similar to the Hindu festival of Holi-celebrating the fertility rite in the

beginning of spring.

In olden days, the most popular joke or "fool's errand" was to send an unsuspecting person on a task to get pigeons' milk or to get a copy of the book "The History of Adam's Grandfather". "Thus by contrivers inadvertent jest/one fool exposed makes pastime for the rest." Basically, this means that the people who are approached for help by the fooled person perceives the joke and can laugh at him/her, too.

People are leery of getting married or starting a new business on April Fool's, fearing that they will be doomed. But not everyone believes in such things. For example, Napoleon I of France married his second wife, Marie-Louise of Austria, on April 1, 1810.

In the year 1582 in France, the Gregorian calendar moved the New Year from March 25 to April 1. People who forgot and failed to make the proper adjustments were laughed at and ridiculed.

Mexico celebrates "Holy Innocents Day" on December

28th. The ritual is the borrowing of trivial items and not returning them. The people who forget what day it is and foolishly let others borrow their possessions never see them again. In Germany and Norway, "April Fool's" is celebrated on both the first and last day of April.

No one is immune to being tricked. Mothers put circles of cloth in their children's pancakes so that the kids can't cut them. School children put "Kick Me" signs on each others backs. Men send "fools" in search of tubes of "elbow grease". The list of pranks goes on.

So, if you have played the part of the "fool" before, perhaps you should stay in bed on April 1 mornings. Remember. Sometimes the person least suspected of being a trickster is one of the best.

Poor Robin's Almanac had this quote, "The first of April some do say is set apart for 'All Fools Day'. But why the people call it so, Nor I, nor they themselves do know. But on this day are people sent on purposes for pure merriment."

Washington Today: Difficulty of negotiating with tyrants

By Tom Raum,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- It seemed a familiar pattern: the United States conducting strikes against the country of an authoritarian ruler who ignored repeated threats and begged on earlier promises.

Didn't that just happen a few months ago with U.S. and British airstrikes against Iraq?

The United States wants Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to agree to stop his offensive against Albanian-making citizens of the Serbian province of Kosovo and sign a peace agreement--as it wants Saddam Hussein to keep his post-Gulf War commitments to allow international inspections of weapons sites.

In a similar example of possible broken promises, the Clinton administration and members of Congress are alarmed that communist-run North Korea

might be continuing to develop nuclear weapons--in violation of a 1994 agreement.

How can the United States get its adversaries to live up to pledges extracted largely by the threat of force?

Not easily, when the adversaries are iron-fisted leaders such as Milosevic and Saddam, suggested Janusz Bugajski, director of East European studies for the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"If somebody has arbitrary power in the country, then they act arbitrarily. Whether they sign agreements or not, they can't be trusted," he said.

"That's why force is needed," Bugajski added. "Signing a paper is meaningless with Milosevic. We should have dealt with him in a similar way eight years ago."

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said "we have a different calculus now" and that's

why the administration finds itself dealing more often with leaders it considers to be thugs.

The world of superpowers was made up of "fairly cautious actors," Biden suggested. "We are dealing now with a group of tin-armed dictators--malevolent, dangerous dictators."

"These guys don't operate under the same rational basis that we do. They are cunning. They are smart. But they have fewer cards to play, and their cards are less obvious," Biden said.

The quality of thug-dom may be intensified by the rhetoric used by presidents and politicians in describing adversaries as evil--to help rally public support for confrontation.

"What if someone had listened to Winston Churchill and stood up to Adolf Hitler earlier? How many people's lives might have been saved?" Clinton said last week of NATO's decision to confront Milosevic militarily.

George Bush made the

same Hitler comparison in talking about Saddam in 1990-91.

Cuba's Fidel Castro has long been demonized by American political leaders, as has Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

Mickey Edwards, a former Republican congressman from Oklahoma who now teaches at Harvard, said it is problematic knowing that a totalitarian leader may be agreeing to something only because of the threat of force--and then to see him repeatedly break his promise.

But sometimes, there really is no alternative. "You always have to keep trying in any case until it's clear it won't work. We try to do everything we can to avoid having a military solution," said Edwards.

As to demonizing enemies, "I think everyone needs to demonize our enemies. When you're dropping bombs on people, it's easier if you think they're pretty awful people," he said.

When dictators break their

word, it's important to not delay the inevitable, suggested Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "Here we are in 1999 at the end of what historians agree has been the bloodiest century in the history of the world. And we know how the blood was created and why it happened."

"It happened because there were evil dictators or aggressive leaders in countries who felt that their own space was not big enough and that they had to expand it," she said in defending the use of force against Milosevic.

But Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said he's troubled by a process in which pledges are extracted from foreign leaders by military force--or with a promise to stop using force--as in dealing with Milosevic.

That is using our armed forces as a process of negotiating, not for the purpose for which we maintain our military to defend our national interests abroad," Stevens said.

Clearing the smoke over medical marijuana

The Sacramento Bee

A new report on marijuana by the Institutes of Medicine is a rational approach to one of the nation's most controversial substances. In the most comprehensive review to date by a panel of distinguished medical experts, the IOM has concluded that certain chemicals inside marijuana known as THC and cannabinoids are, indeed, medicine.

The medical challenge is to isolate all of marijuana's helpful ingredients from the harmful ones in some new way, such as a pill or vapor that is inhaled. The political challenge is how to handle marijuana in the coming years (they may be many) before a real alternative to the joint is on the market.

The IOM's first conclusion

undoubtedly will please the marijuana advocates:

"Scientific data indicate the potential therapeutic value of cannabinoid drugs, primarily THC, for pain relief, control of nausea and vomiting and appetite stimulation."

This caveat, however, will please marijuana's foes: "Smoked marijuana, however, is a crude THC delivery system that also delivers harmful substances."

Neither conclusion is shocking nor unexpected. What is important is that it comes from the nation's medical establishment, which for years avoided the marijuana controversy until voters in California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Washington sought to make the drug available for certain medical conditions.

School scofflaws face big fines for bad behavior

Long Beach Press-Telegram

Compared to good old-fashioned suspension, Downey Unified School District's idea of ticketing students for fighting, drugs and truancy seems a bit radical. But the more you look, the more sense it makes.

Since starting the program last fall, Downey Unified has already seen a drastic reduction in campus brawls. Students are bringing fewer cigarettes to school and ditching far fewer classes. It's not hard to see why this works better than booting a kid off campus for a few days. For some students, being suspended is a gift; a ticket to be out on the streets unsupervised.

Under Downey's program, a first-time truant can be fined \$170. A schoolyard fight can

cost both participants \$270. A petty theft of a radio or textbook can mean a \$300 penalty. The fine for multiple truancy can hit \$700.

The idea of shelling out hundreds of dollars on a citation is frightening enough for adults; think of its effect on an adolescent. When a couple of female gang members got fined flashing gang signs at a Downey high school, word got around. That doesn't happen any more.

Even without the fine, simply appearing in Norwalk Juvenile Traffic Court is sobering enough.

The financial burden might be a cause for concern if not for the fact that most fines are dropped to \$35 in court costs upon completion of anger management courses, parenting classes or other

rehabilitation programs.

In the first six months of the program, the number of suspension days has dropped by 47 percent to less than 2,000. Having those students in class has meant nearly \$43,000 more in state funding for the district. Those students learn more. The reduction in campus disruptions means other students learn better. Test scores may go up.

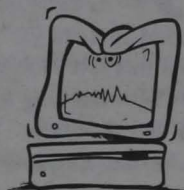
Downey had to obtain court permission to start the program. Long Beach's Betty Karnette has introduced Senate Bill 650 to eliminate this unnecessary hurdle so that districts across the state could voluntarily choose Downey's strategy. We look forward to seeing this bill on the governor's desk.

THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: We know where you live

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist

Have you ever wanted to track down a distant relative or old friend whose address you've long forgotten? Ever wondered what became of that overweight college roommate who never showered, liked to collect knives, and had an unhealthy obsession with the character Jason in the Friday the 13th movies?

The easiest way to find the current address of someone is to use a free people-finding service like Yahoo's people search site (people.yahoo.com). By just typing in a name, you can discover a person's phone number, e-mail address,



"Like my psycho roommate from hell. Maybe if I just pretend I'm not home..."

and—gulp—even a printable map showing where the person lives.

Imagine my surprise when a cursory search for my own name produced a map pinpointing my home address on Walnut Street. Hey, why don't they just list the hours that I'm not home so would-be thieves and stalkers can prowl around undetected?!

In addition to addresses and phone numbers, sites like Yahoo's and Switchboard

(www.switchboard.com) will also provide driving directions to the person's home as well as the names of area businesses—perfect for stalkers or jealous paramours who want to stakeout someone's residence.

Am I scaring you? Actually, the information these services provide is all public knowledge—you could get the same data looking in the Yellow Pages of any town or city. People-finder sites derive their data

from phone books that information companies collect and scan into one big database. Sometimes the data may be taken from old phone books, so don't be surprised if a people-finder site lists your old phone number or the last place you lived before moving. If your phone number is currently unlisted, then you either won't be listed or an older address will appear.

What's unsettling about these people-finder sites is how easy they make it for someone—even a perfect stranger—to find out where you live and how to get there. Providing contact information is one thing; creating a map that leads strangers right to your door is a little creepy

at best.

If you don't want the world at large to know where you live, then it is your responsibility to notify the people-finder sites and ask them to have your data removed. You have to protect your own privacy—no one, especially on the Internet, will do it for you.

Good things can come from being listed on a people-finder, however. You can reunite with lost relatives, hook up with old flames, or reminisce with college pals. But you also run the risk of inviting undesirable types to track you down and haunt your doorstep.

Like my psycho roommate from hell. Maybe if I just pretend I'm not home...

A brief history of medicine

By Daniel Q. Haney
Associated Press

BOSTON - A century ago, the standard medicines in a doctor's bag included arsenic, mercury and other things that could kill before they cured. When these didn't work, doctors might recommend mustard poultices to draw out imaginary poisons.

A physical exam often amounted to little more than looking at the patient's tongue. Undoubtedly, healers often made people feel better, then as now. Wise practitioners have never underestimated the restorative powers of a reassuring touch.

Nevertheless, a trip to the doctor in those days was a dicey business at best.

Despite all of the shortcomings of modern medicine—the cost, the imper-

sonal reliance on technology, the many ills still beyond its reach—there has never been a better time to get sick than right now.

The revolution in medicine during the 20th century is mind-bending. What's changed? The real question is: What hasn't?

Alfred Gilman, a Nobel winner from the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center, counted the medicines in use at the turn of century that are still given today. He found only about 15—digitalis, morphine, aspirin, quinine, iron and a few other minerals and such.

"Somewhere between 1910 and 1912 in this country, a random patient with a random disease consulting a doctor chosen at random had for the first time in the history of mankind a better than 50-50 chance of profiting from the encounter."

Computer Dude

"Webpage 101: Getting Started"

By Rob Kerns
Staff Columnist

Q: I'm interested in setting up a web site for myself. Which free sites are best and how, exactly, do I go about getting one?

A: For small, simple sites, where no advertising or any commercial-type stuff will be happening, Geocities (www.geocities.com) is by far the most popular. Webspace on Geocities is completely free, and you can put up whatever you choose as your own webpage. The only catch is that Geocities uses your site to advertise for itself, which is understandable. To begin your journey to the Web, go to the Geocities website as mentioned above and click the Join Now that is flashing in

red (or at least it was when I checked the site). This will get you started on the trek to become a member of the Information Superhighway.

Q: I've got space for a webpage on Geocities. But how do I create my page?

A: There are several ways to create a webpage. For those people who are familiar with the code, writing your own HTML is one way. However, for those of us who are not familiar with, or have no desire to learn HTML (I fall into the latter category), there are webpage editors available everywhere. There are shareware and freeware versions of WYSIWYG (WhatYouSeeIsWhatYouGet) editors available for download from such sites as Download.com (www.down-

load.com), Shareware.com (www.shareware.com), and several others. If you are interested in retail programs, I personally recommend Microsoft FrontPage 98. Another similar product is Adobe PageMill, but I have no experience with that particular program. Adobe also has the bad habit of charging more than a product is worth. If none of these are your style and if you have space already set up with Geocities, it provides everything from page wizards to templates, depending on how much control over your webpage you want.

As always, send questions to rkerns@vms.glenville.wvnet.edu, or drop questions at the Mercury office below the lobby of Heflin Center.



Science with the Particle Lady

Uranus: Get your mind out of the gutter

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

Uranus is the seventh planet from the sun in our solar system. It is also the largest.

Uranus was discovered in March 1781 by William Herschel, an astronomy enthusiast. Herschel first spotted Uranus on March 13, 1781, while studying the stars of the constellation Gemini.

A word spread of the new sighting, mathematicians and astronomers went to work computing the size and orbit of this new planet.

By May 1781, Herschel concluded that

"Because of the curious orientation, Uranus moves around the Sun, not so much like a top spinning on its end, but like a barrel rolling along on its side."

indeed he had discovered a new planet as far beyond Saturn as Saturn was from the sun.

Many names were proposed for this new planet, but astronomers agreed on Uranus, the personification of the heavens in Greek mythology, son of Gaea (Earth) and, by her, father of Saturn and grandfather of Jupiter.

Uranus has many oddities about it. Its axis of

rotation lies in the plane of its orbit rather than nearly vertically to it as is the case with other planets. Because of the curious orientation, Uranus moves around the Sun, not so much like a top spinning on its end, but like a barrel rolling along on its side. It takes Uranus 84.01 Earth years to rotate around the Sun.

The greatest Space Age discovery about Uranus was made in 1977, from a telescope mounted in a high-altitude jet aircraft, at the Kuiper Airborne Observatory.

It was discovered that Uranus has rings. These thin narrow rings, which

are composed of dark particles, are invisible from Earth.

They were discovered when they blocked the light of a distant star one night when Uranus passed in front of it.

Uranus has a diameter of 32,116 miles. In comparison to Earth, Uranus's gravity is 0.86 that of the Earth's. Uranus is also one-fifth more dense than Earth.

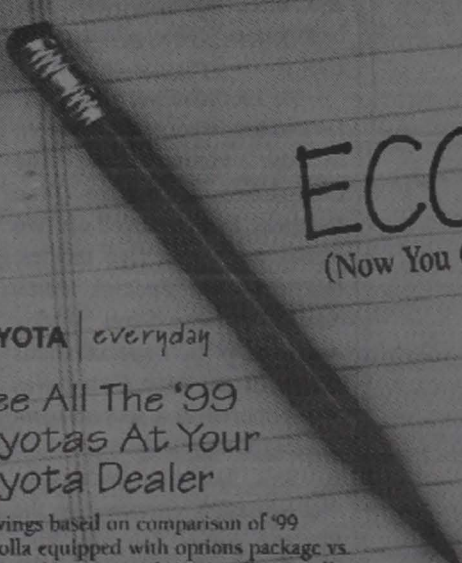
What's a day like on Uranus? It is rather short compared to a day on Earth. The day is 17 hours, 14 minutes and 24 seconds long. Uranus is also 19 times the Earth's distance from the Sun.

The atmosphere of Uranus is made up of helium, hydrogen, and methane. This attributes to the bluish-green color of Uranus. The color is due to the methane gas and the absorption of all other colors by its atmosphere. Uranus also has 15 moons in its orbit.

Uranus is definitely an oddity in the world of astronomy. But it is definitely a planet that one should know about.


For comments or suggestions please feel free to e-mail the Particle Lady at gscmercury@hotmail.com. Till next week, take care as you travel the halls of science.

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Cuba relishes their game against Orioles

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

Havana - Cuban baseball fans delighted in the result of the country's exhibition game with the Baltimore Orioles, saying that even though their beloved team lost, it proved it could play with U.S. major leaguers.

They hope for more such games, and ultimately a warming of relations between Washington and Havana.

"It was a great show," said Raul Garcia, 40, a mechanic. "Let the other teams come. Let the Yankees come!"

Garcia was one of about 150 people who gathered Monday under the trees in Havana's Central Park, joining a traditional, ongoing sports debate that normally draws a dozen or two people.

Many in this country of 11 million people followed Sunday's game on TV or radio.

"Excellent Game, Victory for Baseball," the Communist Party workers' newspaper, *Trabajadores*, trumpeted in its Monday story about the match.

The goodwill game between the Orioles and selected Cuban players proved "that it is possible to have exchanges to develop a relationship between the two countries," Ricardo Alarcon, president of parliament, told reporters.

More than anything, the game proved to Cubans that their players can compete against the highly paid professionals in the majors. For the past 40 years, the Cubans always said their players were just as good, but often they really weren't sure.

Alarcon insisted that in Sunday's game, "both teams won" because they were tied 2-2 at the end of the ninth inning and Cuba only lost 3-2 after the game went into extra innings.

The Orioles, with a projected payroll in excess of \$80 million payroll, barely squeezed past a team of amateurs who earn an average of \$10 a month. The Cubans out-hit the Orioles, 10-6.

The importance of the game to Cuba was demonstrated by the presence of Castro, himself a former player. He watched the game from the first row behind home plate, sitting between U.S. Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who first broached the idea of the game three years ago.

WVU's Fisher has scouts drooling

By Todd Murray
The Dominion Post

Morgantown, W.Va. - And you thought Internet stocks were hot these days? Well, let us reintroduce you to former West Virginia wide corner Charles Fisher.

In a span of just three months, Fisher has gone from being considered a throwaway late-round NFL draft pick to a sure-fire lock as an early round selection on April 17.

If Fisher was an Internet stock, he'd be *Amazing.com*.

"From the end of the season to the Senior Bowl (in January), I got a chance to show the NFL scouts and coaches the things they wanted to see," Fisher said. "I had an opportunity to play in the Senior Bowl against top competition and prove that I could play with the big boys."

The Aliquippa, Pa., resident was perhaps better known for his special teams performances than his secondary play throughout his career in Morgantown. He made only three starts in the secondary until his senior year.

Fisher started all 12 Mountaineer games last season, finishing with 37 tackles and three interceptions. His best games came against Big East rivals Syracuse and Pitt.

He recorded six solo tackles and graded out at 90 percent in the victory over the Orangemen. Against the Panthers, Fisher picked off two passes and made five tackles. His work on special teams earned him the Scott Shirley Award as WVU's special teams player of the year. Fisher was also honored as a second-team All-Big East selection.

Still, he failed to receive that adulation showered on the likes of Amos Zereoue, John Thornton, Gary Stills and Shawn Foreman.

"You had a lot of great players on that team," Fisher said. "I don't think anyone

expected the NFL scouts embrace me the way they don't blame anyone for knowing about me. I'm just glad I'm getting the recognition now."

NFL coaches and scouts have raved about Fisher's size (6 foot 1), strength and speed (He ran a 4.36 40 in his last workout.)

"Five to six teams have told me they'd love to draft me with another 15 to 20 that interviewed me and worked out," he said.

His hometown Steelers worked him out twice, and Fisher admits he "wouldn't mind" playing in Three Rivers Stadium next season.

Fisher never truly was certain what his draft status would be when he began working out for NFL teams in January, he kept in mind the words of one of his best friends from Aliquippa, New England Patriots defensive back Law.

"He always told me along I could do this, even when I wasn't playing much," Fisher said. "He knew me from home. He knew what kind of attributes I had as far as speed and size, and he said there's no reason why I shouldn't be able to do this and play in the NFL. It was just a matter of my getting a chance on the field here and being able to do the things I think I can do."

Fisher, who has signed with Pittsburgh-based sports agent Ralph Cindrich, wishes the NFL draft would come here as soon as possible. "Anticipation is killing him."

"It's been a long time since the Senior Bowl," said Fisher, who will watch the draft from his family's home in Aliquippa. "I've gone from thinking that I was going to be drafted in the late rounds to being drafted in the early rounds. My family is excited. I've been excited for months. It's time for (the draft) to go."

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Ask Eleanor

Dear Eleanor,

Some weeks ago I concluded a monumentally special love relationship. The reasons-while they can be analyzed into infinitely complex-are actually rather simple. We are both confused about what we expected from the union, and where we ended to go with it. Things were said; we hurt each other. Don't misunderstand. I assume full responsibility for ending it, but I had achieved an incredible intuitive prompt to do so and followed it, much as I didn't want to. I still deeply love the woman. Indeed, a sense of transcendence has been reached regarding her. I am unable to fully comprehend. Every time I see or think of her I immediately achieve an intense sense of love and joy which fills my entire being. I am not lonely or forceful at night; I can visualize her with uncanny vividness and she's not there. My heart does ache; I no longer cry, but am not denying a natur-

al twinge of regret.

But the issue seems to go deeper, beyond even dream state. I know she loves me. She knows I love her. Something isn't completely right and it seems impossible to talk to her about it and achieve absolution, even though we see each other every day. It's as if we're both missing out on something vitally important. Am I possibly deluding myself? Give it to me straight.

Signed,
Bordering
Rationalization

Dear Bordering,

The romanticism of this relationship seems quite Shakespearean, but this is starting to sound like an obsession rather than a mutual love.

It seems as though you may be in denial of the fact that it is over. That twinge of regret is the string that won't break free from the spool.

Love is a decision, not a feeling. If both parties have not decided, then

there is no love!

In my opinion what you are both missing out on is closure. There appears to be a lack of true communication. You are holding on to memory and she seems to be existing around you in reality.

Do yourself a favor and let the emotions flow through you; experience them fully and give them to a higher power so you may move on with your life.

There is an old cliché, "If you love something set it free; if it returns it's yours." You know the rest.

Dear Eleanor,

Last year, spring of '98 I received a 4.0 I was awarded my tuition to be reimbursed. Some how I sent this award money to TMS, thinking it was going to Glenville State College. Anyhow, it was all a big misunderstanding. Glenville finally received my money, but TMS charged me \$350 for some odd reason. They will be reimbursing this money as well, although I am yet to see it. At the beginning of

this semester I moved from the dorms, leaving on Jan. 25. I have only received \$300 so far. I am having trouble getting the rest of this money. As I understand it, living in the dorms costs almost \$2,000. I have asked many people about this and have received little or no information. I have many bills to pay, especially rent. This is not fair. Please, if you can be of any assistance, help.

Sincerely,
Without money

Dear without,

I did some research. First TMS (Tuition Management Service) is supposed to forward all the money you paid to Glenville State's Financial aid office.

If you paid your tuition in-full last semester, you should have receipts.

Once the waiver comes through, it is automatically applied to your account as an overpayment, and you should be refunded what you paid in. Now, when I called the cashier's office, they were processing your

papers.

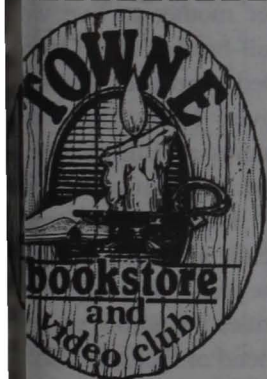
It is time for you to go down there and speak to the Assistant Manager, Jerry Slivka. He will be happy to clarify it for you. He also stated that if TMS is not cooperating, GSC will investigate.

Now you will not receive a refund for the service fee you paid to TMS(\$40?).

It is important that you stand up for yourself and use all possible chains of command to get the straight facts. I would be very interested to see how this all works out. Please let me know.

Ask Eleanor submission guidelines

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"EdTV": it's almost ready for prime-time

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

"Ed TV," the latest offering from director Ron Howard, treads familiar ground: our society's fascination with voyeurism. What sets it apart, from other films dealing with this topic, such as "The Truman Show," is its almost sitcom treatment of the subject. The film, in essence, ignores the deeper issues at the heart of the matter, and instead goes for straight-ahead comedy.

For the most part, the film succeeds in its meager task of making the audience laugh. Some of the comedic situations are a little stale, but they generally work. Matthew McConaughey does a decent job of portraying Ed's adjustment to fame, and then his disgust with it. Martin Landau turns in yet another great performance in a very small role as Ed's stepfather.

One advantage that "Ed TV" has over "Truman" is that the character being filmed knows he is being filmed. This enables the film to look at the personal effects of fame, rather than the societal look that "Truman" focused on.

In "Truman," it was impossible to look at these effects simply because Truman has no idea that he is famous. Ed knows every step of the way that he's a star, and that stardom does have effects on his life. He loses the woman he loves (yet another over-tread idea for films about fame), his family draws away from him, and he has to deal with the requisite stalkers and hangers-on.

Overall, the film glosses over these serious issues of fame, and instead mines them for comedic affect. Luckily, it usually succeeds in this.

Rosa Parks sues over use of name in rap song

Associated Press

Detroit - The Atlanta-based rap duo Outkast said it was paying homage to a great role model when it titled a song after civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks.

But Mrs. Parks, who filed a lawsuit Wednesday asking that her name be removed from all Outkast products, was far from honored by the group's "vulgarity and profanity," her attorney says.

The lawsuit, which seeks at least \$25,000 in damages, was filed in Wayne County Circuit Court. It claims the group used Mrs. Parks' name without her permission to sell records. But her attorney, Gregory J. Reed of Detroit, said the case is not strictly about money.

"You have her name associated with lyrics that contain vulgarity and profanity that she does not appreciate," he said.

Outkast members Big

Boi and Dre said they were not trying to defame Mrs. Parks and that they hope to resolve the case amicably.

"Rosa Parks has inspired our music and our lives since we were children," they said in a statement. "The opportunity to use our music to help educate young people about the heroes in the African-American community is one of the responsibilities we feel we have as music artists."

The lyrics to the Grammy-nominated "Rosa Parks," on the hit album "Aquemini," does not contain her name. Reed said the song is not about Mrs. Parks, but her name was used in association with it to sell more records.

"They are indicating that it was a tribute, but that is insulting in one respect — they profited off a person's name and called it a tribute. Had they written the song about her, the song would have been a tribute, but

here it's not.

"It is associated with a lot of defamatory material, not befitting a woman of stature, any woman alone an icon like Mrs. Parks," Reed said.

Outkast hired Conrard Mallet, a former chief clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court who used to work with Mrs. Parks, to represent them. Mallet expressed the duo's sorrow for the "misunderstanding," but insists their use of Mrs. Parks' name is "protected artistic expression."

"They regret that the issue has degenerated into a legal contest but are confident that the respect for her name in the title of the song was and is appropriate," he said.

Reed said the group has been ignoring requests to remove Mrs. Parks' name for two months.

"If they were serious about working this out, they would have removed her name," he said.

Pleasantville and Opposite of Sex

By Heather Eberly and
Chris Vannoy,
Staff Columnists

Her Pick:

My video pick for this week is "Pleasantville." Written and directed by Gary Ross, and starring Toby McGuire and Reese Witherspoon,

"Pleasantville" is an absolutely beautiful film that deals with today's problems in a very interesting way. The premise involves a brother and sister who get transported to an old black and white sitcom via a remote control provided by Don Knotts as a T.V.

repairman. McGuire and Witherspoon become characters in the show and have to try to deal with being there and not disrupting the show's universe. However, they fail miserably. Soon after their arrival, the shades of gray turn in vibrant color, resulting in confusion and misunderstanding for the town folk. Soon the town becomes segregated, with those people in black and white and those in full color at odds with one another. I don't want to give anything away, so I'll just say that this movie is a must-see. I feel that it was completely ripped off by the Academy; it

should have received more nominations.

His Pick:

"The Opposite of Sex," starring Christina Ricci ("Addam's Family") and Lisa Kudrow (from the television show, "Friends"), explores issues of family interaction and American sexuality.

Writer/director Don Roos, of "Single White Female" fame, has crafted a wickedly funny tale of the blurring lines of human sexuality and how it affects the traditional American nuclear family.

The story revolves

around Dedee Truitt, a 17-year-old who is forced by her mother to live with her half-brother, Bill. Once Dedee seduces Bill's lover, Matt. Then, the movie begins as Bill chases Dedee and Matt across the country. Ricci is impressively acidic as Dedee, and deserves the praise she has gotten from critics. Kudrow, as Bill's friend of Bill's, is also particularly effective in portraying the character's holier-than-thou attitude.

Overall, "Opposite of Sex" thrives on some superb writing and some superb acting performances.



**He Said
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Movie Reviews

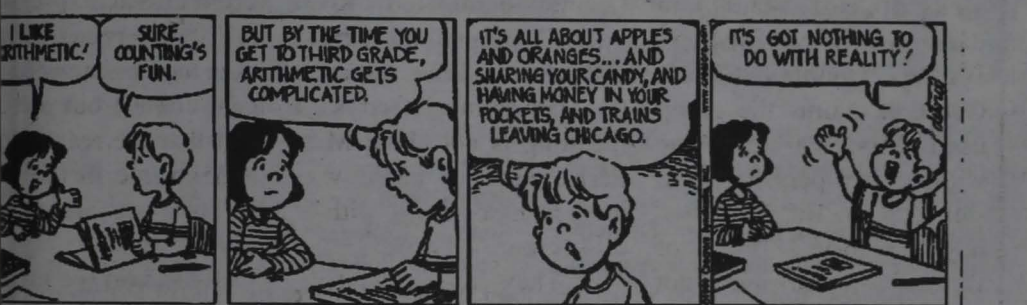
LIBERTY MEADOWS by Frank Cho



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Horoscope by Alli the Mystician

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20): Right now you have some sort of new feeling within yourself. You are overwhelmed because you don't really understand this new feeling yet. This could mean the beginning of a relationship. You're not really sure of all the details yet, but you are ready for love.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21): You are in a period of confusion, hesitation, and uncertainty. You don't really understand what's going on, and there's nothing you can do about it but hope for the best, even though it doesn't seem they are going to turn out well.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21): You need to give something up in order to get something better. You may have to give up something that's provided you with security in order to have the room to develop. You may need to give up an attitude such as intellectual superiority, holding grudges, or trying to obtain goals you can not reach. You will wait, usually with fear and anxiety, hoping for a new and better life.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23): It is time for you to get in touch with your deep, unpredictable, inconsistent side. There is going to be a woman entering your life. Her mysterious, hypnotic characteristics will make feelings and fantasies emerge from within yourself. Your meeting with this woman is destined. She will help bring out the soul qualities from within you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23): You regret something from the past. Something didn't turn out the way it was supposed to. Due to a betrayal, there is sadness and sorrow. This could mean the separation of a relationship, although not necessarily an end. There is still something left that you are holding on to which you can use to improve your future. It's up to you to take the challenge and make the commitment.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23): You need to take a look at your life and confront all of the shameful dark sides of your personality. In order to release the

creative power that you hold back in your own panic and self-disgust, you must be honest and humble in accepting your darker side.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23): You have qualities of warmth, devotion, faithfulness, and creativity in your background. It is time for you to start developing these. There is a chance that a bright and fascinating woman may enter your life. If this is to occur, it's not just fate. Take it as a forewarning that the warm gentle side of you is about to emerge.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22): Due to stiff competition, you are struggling with other people's creative ideas. You are challenged to improve and develop your project in the face of an envious and competitive world. You need to learn to be proud of your competitive instincts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21): A conflict will allow you to see a whole new creative viewpoint. There are going to be problems come up as your old way of life changes. It is possible to come to a resolution, but you have more struggling to do before you come to peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20): You are going through a time where you are having financial problems. Do not feel like a complete failure. Cut your losses and start all over from scratch. Look into where you may have gone wrong and you will gain not only on a financial level but a personal level as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19): It is time for you to use your gift in helping others. There is someone who needs to talk to your ever-listening and understanding self because they are having a rough time finding trust in life right now.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20): You need to become comfortable with your life and who you are. If a gentle, humble, hard-working young man enters your life (he may not be really creative, but he is reliable and kind) take it as a sign that you are going to experience these qualities in your own life.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY REVISIONS:

At its March 5, 1999 meeting, the Academic Affairs Committee proposed revisions to the Academic Forgiveness Policy, to the Class Attendance Policy, to the Admissions Requirements for Four Year Programs, and to the Admissions Requirements to the Community and Technical College. Faculty, staff, or students have ten working days from the date of publication of this notice in the Bulletin and the Mercury (from the later date if the publications are on different days) to request a formal hearing concerning any of the proposed policy revisions. The procedure for a formal hearing is as follows:

a. Within ten working days following the publication of the policy proposal any of the three constituent groups may request a formal hearing.

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

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

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

Academic Forgiveness Policy

Consistent with the State College System Board of Directors, Series 20, Glenville State College will under the following listed conditions extend academic forgiveness to a student who so requests in order to enroll in Glenville State College or another accredited higher education institution. Under academic forgiveness provisions certain "D", "F", "WF", and "FIW" grades will be disregarded for purposes of the grade-point average

required for graduation. Such calculation, however, does not apply to requirements for graduation with honors, nor to requirements for professional certification which may be within the province of licensure boards, external agencies, or the West Virginia Board of Education. A student who has completed a baccalaureate degree is not eligible to receive academic forgiveness. A student in the Regents BA Degree Program is covered by a different academic forgiveness policy. Academic forgiveness will be granted only once for any student.

1. The student must request academic forgiveness, in writing, within the first semester of re-enrollment and must complete within two semesters at least twelve (12) hours of required courses with no grade lower than "C" in order to qualify for academic forgiveness.

2. The student must not have enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours) in any college or university during the five consecutive academic years immediately preceding the readmission semester. Should the student have attended any college or university on a part-time basis during the specified five year period, he/she must have earned at least a 2.0 GPA in all course work attempted.

3. Only "D", "F", "WF", and "FIW" grades for courses taken at least five years prior to the request may be disregarded for grade-point average computation.

4. In cases in which "D", "F", "WF" and "FIW" grades are disregarded for grade-point average computation, these grades shall not be deleted from the student's permanent record.

5. Once a "D" is disregarded for purposes of grade-point average computation, the credit earned is also disregarded.

6. Academic forgiveness will normally be extended only for courses for which the forgiveness provisions of Glenville State College's Repeating A Course policy do not apply. Therefore, a student applying for academic forgiveness should demonstrate for

each course to be considered for forgiveness that either the academic forgiveness provisions of the Repeating A Course policy do not apply or that a change in program or degree objective has rendered repeating a former course impractical.

7. An action taken by another institution in academic forgiveness for a student who transfers to Glenville State College is not binding. The College maintains the right to accept or not accept such an action. Similarly, another institution may not recognize academic forgiveness which has been extended by Glenville State College.

Class Attendance Policy

Regular class attendance is necessary for successful academic work. Students are expected to attend classes in which they are enrolled. Accordingly it is the policy of Glenville State College that:

1. Absences such as those due to health, death in the family, or other personal reasons shall be reported to the instructor within two weeks of the absence.

2. Absences from class that result from participation in college sponsored activities, such as athletics, music, drama and field trips are classified as institutional absences. These absences must be approved in advance by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and honored by each instructor. Institutional absences are published in the Faculty-Staff Bulletin. When a student whose name has been published as participating in a college sponsored activity does not actually participate, it shall be the responsibility of the instructor in charge of that activity to report the student's non-participation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

3. Absence from class, whether for institutional purposes or for personal reasons, does not eliminate the student's responsibility for completing academic assignments. Each student is responsible for making up any missed assignments that occur due to absence. It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor to make up work whenever feasible.

4. When the number of

hours of absences for personal reasons equals the number of credit hours of the course the instructor is to inform the student in writing, via the Academic Affairs Office, that irregular attendance may result in suspension from the course. The original copy of the Attendance Report is sent to the student with a copy sent to the student's advisor. Both the office of Academic Affairs and Student Services maintain records on student absences.

5. In the event the instructor recommends suspension from class because of irregular attendance, the recommendation is subject to the approval of the Chairperson of the Division or the Dean of Teacher Education and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The student is notified in writing of the recommended suspension.

6. The student is to be notified in writing by the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the action taken. If the student is suspended from class, he or she may appeal the suspension in accordance with the Glenville State College Academic Grievance Policy which is outlined in this catalog.

7. An instructor may choose an alternate attendance policy providing that students are informed in writing of the alternate policy within the first two weeks of the course, and a copy of the alternate attendance policy is filed with the Chairperson of the Division or the Dean of Teacher Education and with the Office of Academic Affairs. (The Office of Academic Affairs shall forward copies of alternate attendance policies to the Provost of the Community and Technical College for courses taught under the auspices of the Community and Technical College). All instructors, including those who choose an alternate attendance policy, shall maintain a record of student attendance for all classes taught. An instructor may be required to verify attendance in connection with a student's eligibility for veteran's benefits or other financial aid benefits or in connection with other institutional purposes.

CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

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To be admitted to a Bachelor's Degree program at Glenville, the following minimum admissions criteria must be met:

High School Graduates: (not applicable to students graduating prior to Spring 1995)

1. Graduation from an accredited high school with at least a 2.0 average or an ACT composite score of at least 17, or a Recentered SAT of 810.

2. Completion of the following course requirements:

- A. four units of English
- B. three units of social studies including U.S. history
- C. two units of high math -general math not acceptable
- D. two units of laboratory science (from biology, chemistry, physics, and other science with a strong laboratory orientation). Ninth grade science is not acceptable.

General Education Development (GED) Applicants:

Must have scores sufficient at the time of testing to qualify for the State of West Virginia high school equivalency certificate or diploma and have a score of 50 or higher on at least three areas of the GED test.

ADMISSIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT ADMISSION TO COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE TWO YEAR PROGRAMS

Admission to the community and technical college (two year programs) is open. A high school graduate or GED holder may be admitted.

Students who want to pursue a four year program but who do not meet the admissions requirements outlined above may enter the community college. Or they have remediated their deficiencies, or completed an associate degree, they may transfer to a four year program.

<The section entitled "Out-of-State Applicant" on page 6 of the 1998-99 Catalog will be deleted.>