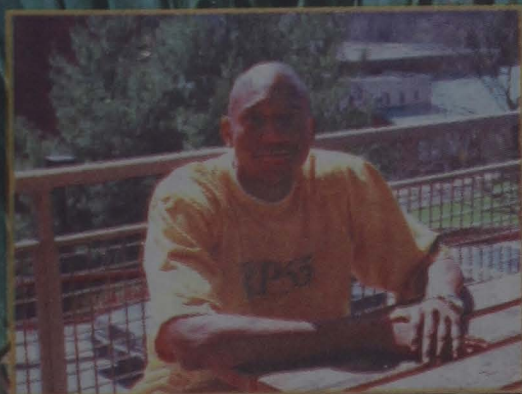


# The Mercury

## GSC WEEK IS HERE!



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Terry Clark  
going pro?**

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# The drugs of date rape

By Amy Smith  
Staff Reporter

The drug Rouhypnol, or "roofies", is now commonly referred to as the date rape drug. This odorless and tasteless drug gives no warning signals to the victim until it is too late. It is usually slipped into the victim's drink at a bar or party. Symptoms of dizziness, drowsiness, confusion, and partial to total memory loss, occur within 10 to 15 minutes after consumption. These effects last for several hours.

The Drug Enforcement Agency reports that rouhypnol is many times stronger than valium. This drug costs anywhere from two to four dollars on the

street, and is easily accessed. The DEA labels this drug as the "in" drug for high school and college students.

Rouhypnol is currently classified in the same category as marijuana, but the DEA is trying to re-classify it as a drug with no medical purpose, like LSD and heroin. It is not a commonly prescribed drug in the United States. It is, however, legal in Mexico and is transported across the border to the U.S. Rouhypnol is legal in over sixty countries as a sedative used to treat insomnia.

One horror story associated with rouhypnol involves a woman in Arkansas. She was invited to a club with a male acquaintance, who slipped

the drug into her drink. She awoke hours later confused, unable to move, and raped. Six other women testified that they had also been raped by this same man under the same conditions. Samples taken from physical examinations after the event were crucial to the case, because the victims had no clear memory of the events. The loss of memory makes it nearly impossible to credibly prosecute the rapist.

Congress passed the "Drug Induced Rape Prevention and Punishment act of 1996" which allows up to twenty years of imprisonment for anyone caught distributing illicit drugs to others without their knowledge in

order to commit sexual assault.

Two other drugs, gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) and ketamine, are also commonly used in date rapes. They are colorless and tasteless and share the same side effects as rouhypnol. Ketamine and GHB are illegal substances and are not currently controlled or classified in the US.

If you feel that you may have been violated or drugged, or know someone who has, it is important not to shower or douche and to save all physical evidence.

When a date rape drug is suspected, it is important to get urine and blood samples within twenty-four hours of the event.

**WVA Public Television  
phasing Beckley,  
Huntington Studios**

*Associated Press*

CHARLESTON, W.V.

West Virginia Public Television plans to phase out production from its Huntington and Beckley offices.

Eventually, it will have offices only in Charleston and Morgantown.

General Manager Bill Acker cites the costs of converting digital broadcasts, which have been mandated by the Federal Communications Commission.

"I just can't afford to look at keeping four studios," he said Wednesday.

The Huntington office will be phased out beginning this month and its jobs transferred to Charleston. The Beckley studio will close by 2005, Acker said.

WPBY-TV is in the process of moving its Nitro studios to the state Education Broadcast Authority headquarters in the new building in Charleston where West Virginia Public Radio is located.

# British plan for colonies revives debate

By Michelle Faul,  
Associated Press

Britain's new effort to modernize a holdover from the days of empire--laws that its colonies have kept unchanged for more than 100 years--is firing up a rebellion among some of the queen's not-so-loyal subjects.

In a formal proposal in March, London said its 13 remaining colonies from the Caribbean to the Pacific must scrap the death penalty, drop laws against homosexuality and end secretive banking rules if they want the prestige and security of remaining British.

"The churches will have an uproar," Chief Minister Ralph O'Neal of the British Virgin Islands says of the demand that the colonies scrap laws making homosexual sex a crime.

And rather than dropping the death penalty, which hasn't been used in years because of

Britain's resistance, he wants to extend it to include drug traffickers. "Those are the people who have no regard for life," he argues.

London's demands smack of "a form of imperialism," O'Neal says.

The strongest reaction has been in Bermuda, where some people suggested the island might be better off going it alone.

"We need a referendum to decide whether or not the country wants to be tied to the United Kingdom," former Premier Pamela Gordon says. "If not, then the only choice would be independence."

It's the first time in years such a notion has been given serious thought in Bermuda--the oldest colony since it was settled in 1609 by Britons headed for Virginia and thrown off course by a storm.

But the most populated colony, with 60,000 people, has grown wealthier per capita than

Britain by encouraging "off-shore banking," locally based banks that offer foreigners secretive refuges for their money.

In discussions about the colonial relationship, Britain's colonies had been pushing for more autonomy and more aid--especially Caribbean islands that three centuries ago were cash cows for the British Empire through a sugar industry manned by slaves.

One welcome proposal in the colonial blueprint presented to Britain's Parliament in March was the offer to rescind the second-class citizenship that was forced on the colonies to prevent an influx of immigrants into Britain.

Foreign Minister Robin Cook said Britain is ready to return without conditions the full citizenship rights revoked in 1981 for its colonies--from Anguilla in the Caribbean to St. Helena halfway between Africa and South America to the

Pitcairn Islands in the Pacific.

Back then, fearing mass migration among Hong Kong's 6.4 million people ahead of the island's handover to China, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government made people in the colonies "British subjects" and stripped them of the automatic right to live and work in Britain.

That caused a "strong sense of grievance," Cook noted, not least because Thatcher excluded Gibraltar and the Falklands--the only colonies with overwhelmingly white populations.

Cook still had a hard time getting Prime Minister Tony Blair's Cabinet to agree to his proposal. There are concerns that Hong Kong residents could sue for similar rights, and fears of an influx from the 148,000 black British subjects in the Caribbean.

Cook argued such fears are unfounded.

The change will give colo-

onial residents "the right to travel freely throughout the European Union, and enable their young people to support themselves through work experience while studying in Britain," he said.

That has been most welcomed by the 6,000 people of St. Helena, which has high unemployment, and those of Montserrat, a Caribbean island abandoned by most of its 12,000 people because of an active volcano. The two islands are the only colonies that do not receive British aid.

For most opponents of Britain's proposal, the sticking point is London's insistence that its colonies meet the standards of international organizations to which Britain belongs.

"Specifically, we require changes in the law in a number of overseas territories which retain corporal punishment, criminalize consensual homosexual acts in private," Cook said.



# ists of fury

by Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

The Karate and Ju-jitsu seminar was held on April 12 in the Heflin Center Ballroom. It was led by the Azi-Ki Karate Academy, founded by Mickey Metz and Michael Newell. The seminar was preceded by Grandmaster Casarez, a 10th degree black belt. Mr. Casarez has been practicing the martial arts for forty-nine years, which was obvious in his display of techniques. The techniques the Grandmaster demonstrated were mostly self-defense, using pressure points and the sensitive areas of the body.

Casarez commented that he teaches his students that it is important to keep your opponent close to you, so you can keep control of the situation.

If you keep your opponent moving, you can keep him off balance.

Casarez also teaches his students the importance of never starting trouble and keeping good grades in school.

Casarez stated that if a student's grades drop, s/he will not be allowed to participate in class until the grades are brought back up.

Casarez's opponents in the demonstration were Mickey Metz and sixteen year-old student Jarret Bailey.

# Hefner scholarship created

By Abbie Burge  
Staff Reporter

The estate of the late Lorena Hefner, of Charleston, West Virginia, will be giving generous donations to Glenville State College students in the form of scholarships. In fact, \$1.1 million will be donated to help students with the cost of their college education.

Margery Hefner, Lorena's only surviving sibling, explains that her sister was very shy, but had an extremely caring and generous personality. "She never forgot her roots or where she came from in Braxton County."

Lorena Hefner was born on Sept. 3, 1908 in Burnsville, WV. She was the daughter of the late W.C. and Mary Hamilton Hefner. With eleven children in her



**Lorena Hefner**

family, she grew up on the family farm and attended Burnsville High School. She graduated in 1925 as the Vice President of her class and was called "Flash" on the basketball team because of her determination. After continuing her education at GSC, she went on to teach at Bragg Run School in Braxton County. During her first year of teaching, she

would travel four miles to and from the one room schoolhouse on horseback. She taught for seven years at the elementary school level. After taking a business class, she formed the Auto & Industrial Supply Company with three friends. Hefner also was a member of the Burnsville United Methodist Church and the Pilot Club of Charleston.

"The Hefner scholarship will go to Braxton County students attending Glenville State College," explains Ed Hamerick, Executive Vice President of the GSC Foundation. "We are grateful to Ms. Hefner for remembering her college alma mater. Her benevolence will have a tremendous impact on Glenville State College and Central West Virginia."

# Another new Greek organization approved at Glenville State

Zeta Kappa Omega  
Allison Tant

There are all sorts of new Greek organizations popping up all over campus. A new fraternity that has recently been approved is Zeta Kappa Omega. Its colors are black and gold; its mascot a cobra. ZKO is interested in keeping people on campus and centered on GSC. ZKO's members would like to focus on things and activities that benefit all students. They'd like to find out what sorts of things students want to do and aid in getting these programs and activities started. Member Jeremy Burks mentions that he'd like to "increase awareness of social issues that affect our small campus community."

This organization has 17 founders and six rushers right now. They have been working for about two years, on and off, in order to get themselves off the ground.

President Jack Beard stated, "The initial plans were before Alpha Xi Omega was formed. At that time, we only had one social fraternity on campus and we thought it would be great to have other alternatives. We thought it [the campus] really needed a lot more Greek life, brotherhood, and integrity."

Officers are Jack Beard, President; Matt Williams, Vice President; Mike White, Secretary; and Matt Hartline, Treasurer.

You can see these guys on campus helping with GSC Week. Some other activities ZKO has planned includes members being Freshman Counselors next fall, helping new students into the dorms, and other activities such as that. ZKO also plans to have a car wash soon in order to raise some money.

As for members, Beard is quoted as saying "We have the utmost respect and criteria for our members. Right now standard issues are that

we are an all male fraternity and members must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. In members we look for someone who's going to be open and willing to be a brother; someone who's going to want to be social and communicate equally and openly with everyone. Members must want to participate in the community make an impact."

Rush for this fraternity has already started. They will wrap up their rush period about a week before finals. Beard says, "We don't want to push anyone over the edge. We don't want to cut into study time. We take everything into consideration. We plan everything around schoolwork and activities the best we can. We don't want to inconvenience anyone at any cost."

If you are interested in Zeta Kappa Omega you can get in touch with Jack Beard at ext. 367 or call 462-5965 and ask to talk to a member.

## Newsline

A sexual assault workshop will be held on April 27, 1999 at 8:00pm in the Pickens Hall Lounge. Hosted by Beverly Pritt of HOPE Inc., activities will include a presentation by the campus police and a showing of the video "Friends Raping Friends." Everyone is encouraged to attend.

A School to Work and Tech Prep Seminar will be held at the Heflin Center Ballroom 9:30-3:00 Monday, April 26, 1999.

Attendance by Teacher Education majors is imperative!

Preregister by Friday, April 16, 1999. For more information contact Stacy McCallister at 462-4120 or ext. 241



# Faculty Spotlight: Linda Riegel

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

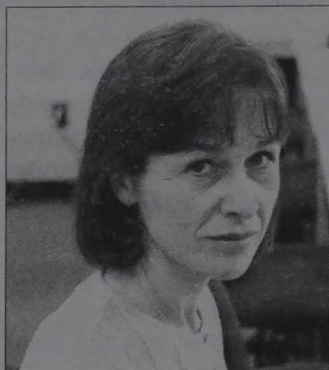
Linda Riegel, Assistant Professor of Business and Advisor for A.S. Business Technology (Executive, Legal, and Medical Secretary), is in the Faculty Spotlight this week. Mrs. Riegel was born and raised in Buckhannon and lives there with her husband, Dwight. She has four children and two grandchildren.

Riegel is in her fourteenth year of teaching at Glenville State College. Prior to coming to GSC, she taught in the public school system—at

Buckhannon-Upshur High School and also at Oak Glen High School, located in Hancock County.

Classes taught by Riegel include: Keyboarding, word processing, desktop publishing, office software, medical/legal terminology, medical/legal/executive transcription, and medical/legal office procedures.

She informs, "I enjoy teaching the type of classes that I do because every student can leave with a skill that they learn by doing...these skills are not only required in the business/employment world, but are needed for exis-



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

## Linda Riegel

tence in today's real world."

When Riegel first started at GSC, she explains, "There were only two archaic computers which were single drive, that used 5 1/4 inch disks and a word processor that used 8-inch disks."

"I like and enjoy my students, especially my non-traditional ones. They really keep me busy. I believe my students realize the value in what they are learning and therefore, possess a drive and ambition that other faculty may not have the privilege of seeing in some of their students. We have fun and we learn together. To me, they are my family away from home," Riegel explains.

Observing Riegel at work, one can ascertain that she enjoys teaching. "I believe that every student is an individual with different backgrounds, experiences, learning

styles, and needs. In the scope of accomplishing objectives, I try to work with each student individually to provide an atmosphere for success," Riegel adds.

In her spare time Riegel enjoys reading, participating in family activities, and quilting. "There are some of the things I didn't have time for when the kids were home."

Riegel concludes, "I love my job as a teacher and I love working with my students. My rewards come from the great success, and excitement I see in my students—knowing that in some way, I'm a part of it all."



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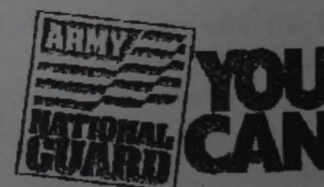
Sandra Harding is the winner of the black and white portion of the 1999 Student Photo Competition. Her photo was selected by a panel of Glenville State faculty and staff.

The photo portrays student Miyako Ishii working on a large clay vessel. Harding will receive a First Place certificate and a \$25 award.

The contest seeks photos of students involved in college life and activities. The color photo category was dropped due to a low number of entries.

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# GSC Week activities preview

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

As it does each year, GSC Week has again crept up on the loving inhabitants of Greenville State College.

Eric Poirier, Residence Hall Director/Director of Student Activities has highlighted the events that will be taking place on April 19-April

Poirier smiles, "We have a lot of good things—this year's events surpass last year's; they will be much bigger and better."

The week lends an almost carnival-like atmosphere to the campus. There are various activities slated to entertain staff, faculty, and students alike throughout the week.

Two events are scheduled to take place all week—the Ice Cream Social and the concession stand. The Ice Cream Social will run from 11a.m.-1p.m., and will change location throughout the week. Fifteen gallons of regular ice cream and three gallons of sugar-free ice cream will be served, free of charge, for anyone out there with a sweet tooth. Poirier warns, "If you want the sugar-free kind, you need to be there early because it'll go fast." So, watch for signs!!!

The concession stand will be set up on the landing of the Heflin Center steps from 11a.m.-1p.m. and will be a bar-b-que-style affair, featuring hamburgers, kielbasa, hotdogs, and chips. There is a

small fee for this event.

A Skeet Shoot is scheduled for Monday evening at 6p.m. at the shooting range located on Sycamore Run Road. Prizes will be awarded in both the male and female categories. Also planned for Monday's agenda is performing hypnotist, Tom Bresedola. This event will take place in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 9p.m. Members of the audience, get ready because Poirier states, "Everyone in the audience is eager and the stage is bombarded with volunteers."

On Tuesday, "Dash for Dollars", a contest involving a money booth, is planned for 5 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Sign up for the contest will be Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1p.m. at the concession stand held on the Heflin Center steps.

The host of the game will be doing a "teaser" to encourage the curious to try their luck. Prospective contestants will be given a green "dollar" (no, it isn't real) to sign their names on. Then it will be put into a drum with other entries. One name is chosen from the pot—the person whose name is drawn will be the lucky individual who gets the chance to win \$500 in the money machine at 5 o'clock.

There are a limited number of entry slips, so anyone interested in grabbing the dough needs to be there early to get their entry slip. One entry per person, please.

At 9p.m. Tuesday evening, Comedian/Magician Becky

Blaney will perform at the "Up-Top", located in Pickens Hall. Everyone is invited. Blaney will be doing a teaser at 4:30p.m. in the Dining Hall.

Wednesday's events are centered around the talented—or, the not so talented. "Fun Flicks Music Videos" will be recorded from 11a.m.-5p.m. in the main lounge of Louis Bennett Hall. Participants will lip-sync to music and choose their own backgrounds. Individuals or groups may participate in this event.

A Jazz Band Concert is also slated for Wednesday at 2:15p.m. in front of the Fine Arts Building. There will also be a dance Wednesday night, with a beach-party theme, in the Pickens Hall Courtyard from 8p.m.-12 midnight. Poirier comments, "It'll be a lot of fun."

Thursday is chock-full of activities that are sure to be enjoyed by all who participate. First, there will be a Karaoke contest and "Human Spheres" contest.

"Human Spheres" involves putting people inside giant balls and having them race between and around pylons. Pity the person who gets started down the hill in one of those contraptions. There will also be a Velcro Wall, Speed-Pitching, and Sumo Wrestling contests. These events will alternate between the Fine Arts Amphitheater and the Clark Hall lawn and are scheduled to be held from 1-4p.m.

There will be Campus Picnic on the President's lawn from 4-6p.m. This meal is free to everyone. The Dining Hall will be closed.

A Choir Concert will also take place Thursday evening at 8p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Immediately following the concert, a Music Video Awards Ceremony will reveal the winners of Wednesday's "Fun Flicks Music Videos". Student Activities personnel will narrow down the contestants and prizes will be given for the best videos.

Friday's events will include "EGO Imaging/Funny Photos", held in the Heflin Center lobby from 11a.m. - 4p.m. Backgrounds are provided and those folks out there who love have their pictures taken will have the opportunity to have their faces on who knows what kind of body!!!

Movies will be shown in the Pickens Hall lounge at 7p.m. on Friday evening—titles to be determined. For those of you who have seen the movies already, Game Night is being held in the basement of the Heflin Center, a.k.a. "Pioneer Alley", from 7-10p.m.

Saturday wraps up GSC Week in a big way. A King's Island trip is planned.

There is also a Paint Ball War that starts at 8a.m. and ends at 8p.m. It will be held at Scary Creek, which is located at Scott Depot, between Charleston and Huntington. The van leaves at

8a.m. There is limited seating available on the van—maximum capacity is fifteen people; if interested, sign up early. The charge for this activity is \$27.00. Van pick-up will be at Pickens Hall courtyard at 8a.m. You snooze, you lose!!!

A lot of planning and hard work have been expended to make this GSC Week one of the best in history.

Poirier doesn't take all the credit—he gives thanks to: Nathan Oyler, Shawn Crow, Eugenia Hunt, James Arnold, and Randy Friel.

Other contributors of time and effort include: Pickens Hall office workers and resident assistants, LBH office workers and resident assistants. Fraternities: Tau Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Kappa Omega, Alpha Xi Omega, and the sorority Alpha Theta Xi.

Following GSC Week, there is an extended activity planned. There will be a talent show in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Wednesday, April 28, at 8p.m. Major prize money will be awarded. First prize \$200, second prize \$100, and third prize \$50. Poirier explains excitedly, "This is going to be the BOMB!!!" There will be three judges, representing the three major groups on campus—a student representative, a faculty representative, and a staff representative.

Poirier concludes, "We hope it doesn't rain—in case that it does, call ext. 172 for alternate activity locations."

## Smack a teacher!

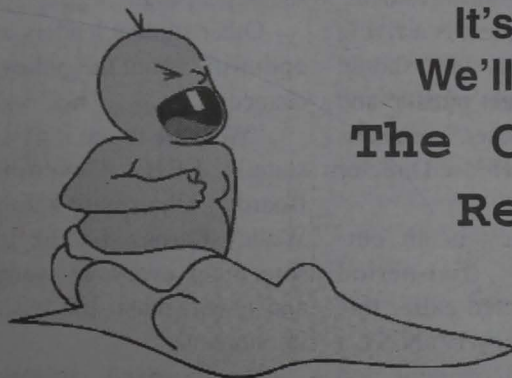
Phi Beta Lambda is sponsoring a "Pie Toss" Fundraiser to raise money for their trip.



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# Palm published in national journal

By Rob Kerns  
Staff Reporter

In the Fall/Winter 1998 edition of the scholarly journal, *War, Literature & the Arts*, Dr. Edward Palm has published an article titled "Bringing War Home to the 'Holler'." This paper was inspired by a course that Dr. Palm has taught regularly at Glenville State College, *Vietnam in Fact, Fiction and Film*.

Publishing a paper is one way for a professor to be involved in and become more accepted in his/her field.

According to Dr. Palm, "The line of demarcation, as it were, between a teacher and a professor is a degree of professional involvement in one's own field."

Certainly, no one can say that Dr. Palm is not professionally involved in his chosen field of study. Palm pub-

lishes regularly on Vietnam and war literature in such journals as *South Atlantic Review* and the *Marine Corps Gazette*.

Dr. Palm also believes that "a professor needs the credibility of his professional peers."

What this means to the students is that one doesn't need to worry about sitting through a class that hasn't changed in several years because the professor is continuously keeping up-to-date.

During the interview, Dr. Palm stated that "most of the faculty is more involved than the community or college in general realizes." Many have published articles, done consulting work, and even authored books. Surely, with this level of professional involvement, the students of GSC can rest assured that the professors actually do know what they're talking about.

# SIFE sponsors seminar

By Maryanne Gelsi  
Staff Reporter

The students of SIFE (Student in Free Enterprise) held an all day conference entitled "Ethics and Diversity". Cinda Echard, Associate Professor of Business stated that, "People need to learn how to understand and interact with cultural differences and etiquette."

The first speaker presented was Dr. Gerry Hough. He gave the audience an understanding on how one should behave and think when doing business in other cultures.

Hough believes it all relates to "the snowflake theory of humanity. Everybody's different; all for one and one for all."

Hough began his talk with Chinese classical music and ended with Latino baroque.

The second speaker, Jennifer Ruggiero, empha-

sized the importance of table etiquette when attending a luncheon or dinner during a business meeting.

Ruggiero showed instructional videos that covered issues such as tipping, ordering from a menu, proper dining etiquette and gift giving/receiving.

Ruggiero informed people that "when you leave a message, be specific. After an interview write a thank you note, but don't wait two or three days. You must send it with in 24 hours of the interview."

The final speaker, Dr. Thomas Michaud, Professor of Philosophy and Business at Wheeling Jesuit University, gave a talk on the ethics of business and morality.

Michaud showed challenging videos that integrated the audience and made them think ethically. He presented the message

that honor is the key saying, "Kick-backs are wrong."

Statistics show that in the last year bribes and kick-backs amounted to seven million dollars. Michaud noted that "discerning what's right is how you form your character. Virtues are ways to human fulfillment."

Michaud explained that honor in business is beneficial to both parties. He concluded his presentation with the argument that "doing the right thing does not contradict doing a profitable thing."

Business major and SIFE affiliate Rany Ratliff commented, "This has been beneficial as work place behavior. Cultural diversity by Gerry Hough was really good. Gerry brought up some good points especially when he said, 'Know the culture before you interact; know their beliefs.'"

## Visitation policy passes dorm boards

By Terry L. Estep,  
Staff Reporter

A new visitation policy that would allow 24-hour visitation on the weekends without sign-ins has passed unanimously through both dorm governing boards.

At press time, the policy is expected to go before campus administrators as early as Monday, April 19.

The Pickens Hall Governing Board passed an earlier draft of the policy on April 6, but voted again on April 14 to approve an Louis Bennett Hall-sponsored amendment which would allow dorm residents to have two overnight guests.

Under the proposed arrangement, students would not be required to sign a guest logbook or have their guests inside the building before midnight. Guests would be allowed to enter at any hour, provided they are escorted by a dorm resident.

"If your guest is arriving after midnight, you should arrange to meet outside and walk in together," explains Pickens Hall House Director Jeanne Finn.

The policy is an outgrowth of trial-period changes enacted earlier this semester. Libby Hudkins, a Pickens Hall resident, led a campaign to enact 24-hour visitation on the weekends.

The "pilot program" has been a great success, generating positive feedback, according to Finn.

"I don't see why it wouldn't pass," remarked LBH office worker Jayce "J3" Goree. "It's too easy to sneak people in."

Other student leaders are optimistic about the policy's chances.

"We hope to see it pass," stated LBH Governing Board Chairman John Wesley Karns. "I think it's something everyone wants, and it will make life easier for students."

If approved by the administration, the policy would go into effect during the Fall 1999 semester.

## Sigma Rho Lambda News

Submitted by Michele Hanson, Co-founder

On Tuesday, April 13, Sigma Rho Lambda appeared in front of the Glenville State College Student Congress. They presented to Student Congress a completed application for approval as an official campus organization, completed constitution, a set of completed bylaws, and petition with 34 signatures. Sigma Rho Lambda was approved with a unanimous vote and was congratulated for its hard work.

The purpose of Sigma Rho Lambda is to unite the women of GSC in the bond of everlasting friendship while encouraging social awareness and the education of women's health. The organization is open to any female student, faculty, or staff member with a genuine interest in joining the sorority. Students must have a grade point average of 2.3. A meeting will be scheduled for the last week of April and will be posted around campus.



# GSC's Bailey honored

By Maryanne Gelsi  
Staff Reporter

On April 21, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology (sports sciences), Janet Kay-James Bailey will be presented with the Pathfinder Award.

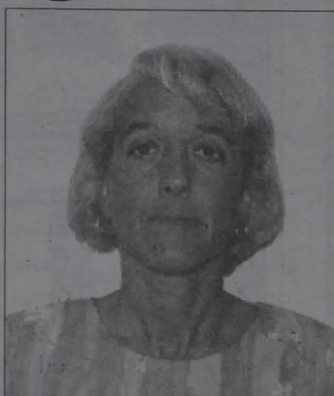
Bailey is being recognized for her contribution to the advancement of women in sports. The award will be presented in Boston, Massachusetts. Bailey will be the first athletic instructor at Glenville State College to receive this award.

Dr. Sandy Elmore nominated Bailey for her outstanding achievements as a woman in sports. While

in Boston, Bailey will be attending a week long symposium that will enhance her ability to be a more "strategic and effective" physical education professor.

Bailey has been in the physical education field for over 20 years. In 1988 she was hired as the first female athletic trainer for the football team here at GSC. She coached women's basketball team at Gilmer County High for nine years, and has been active in women's track for 16 years.

Along with this honor, Bailey will participate in the summer rotation at the Colorado Springs Olympic training center from June 21 through July



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**Janet Kay-James Bailey**

7. This will qualify Bailey to be at the 2000 Olympics, in Salt Lake City, and the Goodwill Games held in Sydney, Australia. This rotation is for athletic trainers and support staff.

Bailey states, "I love

to run and I'm looking forward to running in a different climate and higher elevation."

In preparation for her trip to Australia, Bailey must practice keeping her hands to her sides and learn the different code of ethics involved with speaking in a different country, such as Australia.

Bailey is enthusiastic as she explains "This is an opportunity I have been waiting for since the Atlantic Olympics. I have always wanted to be part of the preparation and training for a major international sports event. While in Colorado, I hope to run Pikes Peak like my hero Mary Decker Slaney. She used to train there."

## Library News

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

The Robert F. Kidd library purchased forty new chairs for patron use. The funds for the new chairs came from the money from copies and fines that were collected from the Internet and Ebscohost computers. Mr. Tubsing stated that he would rather have purchased new Internet computer stations but the current system will not handle them. The library will have to wait until the new wiring system is finished before purchasing them. He also stated that he hopes they will be able to add four new Internet stations this summer.

# Alpha Theta Xi

By Allison Tant  
Staff Reporter

A new sorority has been formed on our campus. Alpha Theta Xi is the sister sorority to the newly formed Alpha Xi Omegaaternity. Its colors are green and silver and its mascot is the dragon.

There are thirteen founding members of this new organization. Officers are Becky Seymour, President; Heather Roth, Vice President; Amy Nichols, Secretary; and Christy Ward, Treasurer.

Jessica Morrison, the Public Relations officer, says, "When we decided to do this there were no other sororities approved. We wanted to get one so that women would have an organization that they

could join."

In order to become a member you must have a 2.0 GPA. Morrison explains that "We don't discriminate against anyone for things such as religion, sexual orientation, or anything like that. Basically, we want members who are interested in the community, getting involved, and things like that."

Alpha Theta Xi has many activities in the works including the Adopt-a Family program around Christmas, the Adopt-A-Highway program, and work with the governing board. Morrison adds, "We're working with GSC Week and doing a lot of volunteer stuff for that. We're also going to help the Alumni Association put out their newsletter

and other stuff like that."

Morrison explains that Alpha Theta Xi would like to "work with all of the other [Greek] organizations because that's something we'd all like to see. One of the reasons we all got

started was to work together as a group with the other sororities and organizations. I

think it would be great to see everyone work together."

Alpha Theta Xi is not going to start Rush until next fall. Right now the members are basically trying to get their name out and get people interested. If you have any questions about the sorority or are interested you can email the members at alpha-thetaxi@hotmail.com or call Jessica at ext. 375.

## Do a little dance

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter

Although Survey of Dance is not a new class here at Glenville State College, it brings a new look to the ordinary classroom. This class, taught by Janet Bailey, teaches everything from line dancing and square dancing to folk and modern hip-hop. This semester's small hand of students meet three times a week to enjoy an "on the move" experience.

Students are not only graded on participation and attendance, but also on teaching and presenting dances to the class. Freshman Tammy Spence explains that she enjoys the class "because it helps to keep me active."

Junior Jessica Nutter simply states, "Dancing

makes me happy!"

Students enrolled in the class learn the aspects of dancing and also how to apply them. Classmates taught a group of local preschoolers some routines when the kids visited GSC earlier in the semester. Future plans include visiting local schools in order to teach the students some new moves and practice what they have learned in class.





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## Grow up and take responsibility

In "disturbing accounts" territory, the families of three students murdered by Michael Carneal in a Paducah, Kentucky, shooting spree are suing video game manufacturers, movie directors and internet porn sites. The parents believe violent video games and movie images set Carneal off.

While one sympathizes greatly with the pain these families are going through, it is absurd to blame games like *Doom*, *Redneck Rampage*, and *Quake*. The parents believe Carneal's devotion to these games improved his marksmanship. Holding a computer keyboard is lightyears away from holding a gun. It would be easier to blame arcade light-gun games like *Area 51* or *Carn-Evil*, but *Doom*?

The parents also claim that a scene from *The Basketball Diaries*, in which Leonardo DiCaprio fantasizes about walking into a classroom with a shotgun, glorified violence and served as a further catalyst.

This is another case of scenes being taken out of context. Look at the entire film, which is based on Jim Carroll's voyage through teen prostitution and heroin addiction, and you would be hard-pressed to find anything that was "glorified." Carroll's life was portrayed unsympathetically, and anyone wishing to emulate him clearly had problems from the start.

While the parents are seeking answers, they need to consider that the culprit was crazy, and crazy people will come up with any number of reasons for doing the things they do. Barking dogs and twinkies have served to trigger violent episodes, and blaming the entertainment industry is not going to change the basic lack of proper wiring in a teenager's head.

People, don't blame the movies or the churches or the books for your actions. You have to take responsibility and stop shifting responsibility to someone else. It's cowardly and shows a distinct lack of decorum. Even copy-cat killers are responsible for their own crimes. Carneal should've faced a second charge for his crimes--plagiarism.

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## Reader's Corner

By Heather Eberly  
Staff Columnist

Since Terry's doing his editorial on violence on television and in movies and such, I've decided to address the issue of children's programming. Well, the lack of quality, thereof, actually.

I admit that I am a kid at heart; I love cartoons, Sesame Street, and all the rest of it. Lately, however, it's become very hard to find any kid's programming that I like.

Public television is always good at this kind of thing, but a person can only watch Mr. Roger's Neighborhood so many times. After watching the awful selection that Fox serves up for weekday afternoon viewing, I made it my quest to find good, quality, juvenile entertainment. I actually found some.

The WB (the Warner Brothers cable station) still runs "Tiny Toon Adventures" and

"Animaniacs." The only problem is the fact that I've not seen a new show in at least a month. They also have the great classic Looney Toons with Bugs, Daffy, and Wile E. Coyote; you can never go wrong with the classics.

Nickelodeon, the veritable children's network, only has one show I like—"Rocko's Modern Life." That one, too, consists of re-runs, however. In order to find good stuff, I subjected myself to the Disney Channel.

Disney was pretty much a bust, except for "Bear and the Big Blue House." Yeah, it's for pre-schoolers, but I love Bear, he's an exceptional muppet (yes, he's a Jim Henson Company creation).

On the topic of pre-schoolers, The Learning Channel (TLC) has fabulous programming every morning from 6am to 11am. The big plus- IT'S COMMERCIAL FREE! Yes, that's right. There are no advertisements influencing kids to pester

their parents into buying them the latest toy. Whenever I have kids, I only hope that TLC will be running this type of programming.

After an arduous trek through the television waves, I finally found a network that I can actually watch for a lengthy period of time, Cartoon Network. Yes, I realize it seems like an obvious answer, but it really used to be awful. Later, though, it's grown on me. "Johnny Bravo" and "Powder Puff Girls" are fabulous. There are also great shows like "Cow and Chicken", "Space Ghost Coast to Coast", and re-runs of "Ren and Stimpy." Even though you may have to watch through such fodder as "Johnny Quest" (it was good the first time, people, it's worth your time to check back in 30 minutes).

Now, if someone would only bring back "The Muppet Show," I could truly be happy.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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# Rossano asks that Gilmer County teachers aim criticism accurately

Dear editor:

I was disappointed with many of the statements in the letter signed by the thirty teachers from Gilmer County High School. I was especially disappointed in the comments which seem to attack higher education.

Part of the first sentence of the article states: "reveals how far removed from reality many in higher education really are." Also, words from another paragraph, "Many colleges seem to be in a time warp and now is the time for them to wake up and join secondary educators," seem to be a slap on the face of higher education - that we had better get in step with the correct drummer.

I would vigorously argue that colleges, and especially Glenville State College, are not "removed from reality." Also, there is no movement or organization at Glenville State that is in opposition to School To Work or Block Scheduling.

I have worked from my home in Buckhannon with parents and educators from many other counties. We have opposed Senate Bill 300, School To Work, and Block Scheduling, and I do not wish to share credit or recognition with Glenville State College on the progress that we have made.

Two years ago I formed a non-profit corporation and registered with the Secretary of State's office in Charleston. The title of my corporation is "The Dismantle Senate Bill 300 and Stop Block Scheduling Fund, Incorporated." We simply refer to it as the "PLAN."

In two years of political action, the "PLAN" raised almost \$10,000 to fund a lobbyist and has been responsible for thousands of letters to senators and delegates, and the governor. These letters came from approximately forty-five counties. The lawmakers were finally persuaded to address some of our concerns, and they passed House Bill 2855. All counties should have received a copy of this bill which has been signed into law by the governor. Your letter leads me to believe that you are unaware of this new law.

In the third paragraph, your letter reads "Our students will be required to have additional math, science, computer skills, fine arts and four core courses from their chosen program of study."

Attention!!! You will not



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**-- Phil Rossano**

require students to take these four courses from their chosen Career Cluster. House Bill 2855 will prevent school systems from requiring their students to take the four CMU's (Career Major Units). Students may take them, but parents and students can request that other courses more suitable for college preparation be taken instead. This was a major objection by parents from other counties, and it is one of the reasons that Policy 2510 was considered a threat to college bound youngsters.

Your letter causes me to believe that the Gilmer County school system requires students to choose electives from within their chosen career clusters.

Under the protective umbrella of House Bill 2855, counties are not allowed to force youngsters to take recommended (required??) electives from their chosen career cluster (What is a required elective?). Students should be informed that all classes taught can now be considered as electives. This stops the practice of advising students that they should not take band and/or other sequentially taught music or art courses unless they are in pursuit of that particular field of study as a career.

House Bill 2855 also forbids the use of the electronic portfolio. School systems will not use this device which has been determined to be an "invasion of the students' privacy."

I believe that House Bill 2855 places West Virginia "out of compliance" with the Federal School To Work Act of 1994. Our work is beginning to pay off, and we are hopeful that we can prevent West Virginia's schools from being used as mere tools in a government/business scheme to manage "human resources" and the nation's economy. "Montani Semper Liberi!!!"

Many proponents of School To Work say that those of us who oppose STW are guilty of spreading myths and misinformation. I have been studying School To Work for three years, and my distrust has

intensified with each new source of information gathered on this subject. The powerful corporate and business interests that control much of what happens in the nation's capitol correctly envision a massive shortage of low-skilled labor - mostly computer keyboard punchers. This condition will require the payment of high wages to compete for the available labor supply. This problem could be solved by creating an overabundance of low-skilled workers who would compete for a scarcity of jobs and be willing to work for less money. Profits, as well as productivity will then increase.

This "managed economy" plan is the driving force behind "GOALS 2000: The Educate America Act." However, the federal government cannot impose GOALS 2000 onto the states because it would be in violation of the 10th Amendment.

Congress solved this problem by passing the 1994 School To Work Act making millions of dollars available to states that "voluntarily" accept the strings that come attached to these federal dollars. Incredibly, the taxpayer ends up paying for a scheme that results in lower overall wages for the masses and a more efficient "transfer of wealth" to the very rich.

Money, in the form of grants, serves as the incentive to bring about the necessary changes to our educational system. Ten percent of some grants can be used for supplemental income for the grant writer/writers. For example, if a county received a grant of \$150,000, then the grant writer could legally pocket \$15,000 in supplemental income. When questioned about this after an Upshur County Board of Education meeting, a state School To Work coordinator, who was guest speaker for the evening, admitted that this was so.

Marion County is home to the strongest resistance to School To Work. Not coincidentally, Fairmont Senior High School is

listed as a "National School of Excellence." Fear of losing local control of their schools prompted the Marion County and Upshur County Boards of Education to prohibit their school administrators from applying for additional School To Work implementation grants.

Reportedly, Gilmer County has received approximately three hundred thousand dollars in federal grants. In fact, Gilmer may be the highest recipient of School To Work dollars of any other of the state's school systems. I have no information about how Gilmer County utilized their federal dollars. However, if some of these dollars were used for supplemental incomes, then the recipients are within legal parameters according to the rules of the grants.

A whole new industry has been created, almost overnight, to feast on these new federal dollars - an industry that sells materials for the new curriculum. One sales brochure that I received lists the price of a single package at \$10,000. School systems are shipped truckloads of these advertisements for videos, bulletin boards, brochures, CD-ROMS, posters, textbooks, magazines, life skills materials, software, etc. These materials are about career decision making, job seeking skills, work maturity skills, self assessment, information about jobs, finding a job, interviewing for a job, employers expectations, job performance, interpersonal skills, etc.

But, the curriculum is finite. If something new is included, then something must be eliminated. Gilmer County requires that "Introduction To The Majors" be taught as a class and taken by "all" students. Neither Senate Bill 300 nor Policy 2510 requires that this be taught as a class. Many school systems are satisfying this requirement via assembly programs and other methods.

It is difficult to fault the general language of School To Work. Questions arise with the implementation of School To Work programs

in our schools.

Should the goal of an educational system be to educate students, or should the goal be job training? If one is trained for a job, is he educated? If one is educated, will he be more trainable for a job?

Some students want to be educated, and others want to be trained to do a certain task. I believe that we must offer both directions, and not force "all" students to adapt to the philosophy presented in School To Work.

I believe that knowledge based courses such as math, science, language, art, music, history, are the best solutions for satisfying current needs, especially when presented with modern tools and teaching strategies. Contrast that with School To Work which encourages students to make career choices early in life.

The Mercury Op-Ed article by the Gilmer County teachers refers often to the word "all" which, when used in their article, is bold-faced: "All" need academic and vocational skills; a more focused education for "all;" one of our goals is to prepare "all" students for the world of work.

I believe that parents and students together should have a greater role in choosing courses. Despite the language of School To Work, which often mentions a greater role for parents, the fact is "all" means that "all" students will participate in job training and the development of vocational skills.

There is nothing wrong with job training and vocational skill development. There is a great deal wrong with forcing "all" students to take job training courses, and likewise, it would probably be wrong to force "all" students to take trigonometry.

I question the purpose of two statements in the Op-Ed piece about higher education: (1) "Most of the jobs of the future will not require a traditional liberal arts degree;" (2) The reality is many students do not go to college and of those who do, a large percentage do not complete a degree."

Throughout my teaching career of thirty five years, twenty six of which were in the public schools of West Virginia, I have encouraged young people to get as much education as possible. I believe that I have been correct. Increasing one's education can contribute to a higher quality of life. A true liberal arts education remains "consummate."

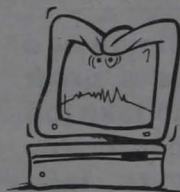


# THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Melissa's boyfriend

Meet David L. Smith. David's a 30-year-old computer programmer from New Jersey. Presently, David's looking at a 40-year prison sentence and a 480,000 fine.

His crime? David is the alleged creator of Melissa, a pettily-named yet vicious e-mail virus that took corporate America by storm about two weeks ago. Hundreds of U.S. companies were hit by the virus, which disabled their computer servers and forced many to shut down. No less an authority than the FBI launched an investigation and announced a \$50,000 reward for any information leading to the creator's arrest.

That's a lot of attention



**"In one day's time, [Melissa] quickly multiplied and overwhelmed e-mail servers all across the nation... [Just] imagine what a more dangerous virus programmed to destroy hard drives could do."**

for a tiny little computer bug, but Melissa is no ordinary bug. Called a "macro virus", Melissa wreaks havoc on users of Microsoft's Word '97 or Word 2000. The virus is transmitted in the form of an e-mail message with the subject line "Important message from..." and followed by the sender's name.

The body of the message reads: "Here is that document you asked for...don't show anyone else ;-)." Attached to this message is a

document listing 80 pornographic web sites. When you open the attached list to read it, the virus activates a macro program that searches your computer for an address book. Once it finds that, the virus sends out duplicates of the same message to the first 50 e-mail addresses it finds, thus spreading the joy.

As a virus, Melissa is not particularly harmful to your computer. It will not erase

computer files or freeze up your hard drive. So far, the only detectable thing it does is periodically insert Bart Simpson quotations into whatever active document the user is working on.

Apparently, David Smith is a big "Simpsons" fan.

What is detrimental about Melissa is the speed with which it replicates itself and spreads across the Internet. In one day's time, this digital worm quickly multiplied and overwhelmed e-mail servers all across the nation. While many of these companies were able to contain the problem by installing updated anti-virus software, just imagine what a more dangerous virus programmed to destroy hard

drives could do.

The FBI finally caught up with Smith on April 1, April Fool's Day, only the Feds weren't fooling. They were able to track him down by tracing a "digital fingerprint", a serial number embedded in some Microsoft Word programs.

The implications of this arrest are great. It is still technically legal to create a computer virus, and virus geeks like David have been getting off the hook for years because law enforcement didn't know how to track them down. Now that a real arrest has been made, it's payback time.

For the record, I hope that David gets a very friendly cellmate.

## April and May are great stargazing months

By BJ Woods  
Staff Reporter

April is a great month for those who wish to be outside and do some star gazing. Mars will be dominant this month. It will be the brightest on April 25 and closest to the Earth on May 1. Around April 22 will be the peak of the Lyrid meteor show-

er. April 9 brings the last quarter of the moon. The new moon will be visible on April 16, with the first quarter following on the 22, and the full moon will be visible on the 30. April's full moon is also referred to as the Grass Moon or the Egg Moon.

May brings Mars and Venus on both ends of the sky. On May 11, Venus

will be in the most northerly declination. Jupiter will grace the skies in early May, low in the sky. At this time it will be in rather close conjunction with Mercury. Mercury will fade in early May. Saturn will be following Jupiter at a respectable distance later in the month.

Saturday, May 22, is

Astronomy Day. It was started in 1973 and is held every year between mid April and mid May on the Saturday closest to the first quarter moon.

Sunday, May 30th will bring a full moon called the Planting Moon or Milk Moon.

On May evenings, the Milky Way lies as flat around the horizon as it

can get. One can well visualize it as a plane, even though it cannot be seen — with the exception of the part lying highest in Cygnus, to the northeast.

Take a few moments to get out and enjoy these warm evening nights. Look towards the sky and see all the wonderful things nature as given all to view.

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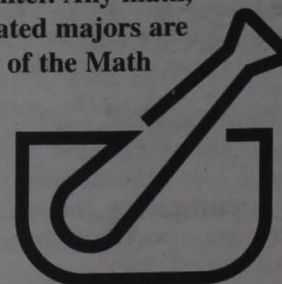
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## Chi Beta Phi & American Chemical Society to hold Picnic

Chi Beta Phi and the American Chemical Society will be hosting a picnic on April 27, 1999 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the rec center. Any math, chemistry, biology or associated majors are invited to attend. All faculty of the Math and Science Hall are encouraged to attend. If interested in coming, please sign at Mr. Peck's office on third floor.





# Science with the Particle Lady

## STD's: Chlamydia and Trichomoniasis

By BJ Woods  
Staff Columnist

Sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) are among the most common infectious diseases in the world today. Anyone who is sexually active is at risk of contracting a STD. STD's effect men and women of all ethnic, religious, and socio-economic levels. STD's do not discriminate. STD's are most prevalent among teenagers and young adults.

One of the reasons is the lack of education. Sure, when you are in junior high and high school, the counselors speak of some of these diseases. Many of your parents have probably spoken of them as well. But what do you really know?

This week's column deals with chlamydia and trichomoniasis. They are two of the

most prevalent of the STD's among young people.

Chlamydia is a bacterial infection of the genitals, anus, or throat. It is similar to, but often more serious than, gonorrhea.

The symptoms of chlamydia may occur within 2-14 days after infection; however most people show no signs for months or even years. A woman's symptoms may include a change in the vaginal secretions, lower abdominal pain, or abnormal vaginal bleeding. Men may have a urethral discharge, pain when urinating, or urethral irritation.

Inflammation of the male urethra caused by chlamydia is known as non-specific urethritis or more recently as non-gonococcal urethritis. Female diagnosis requires a pap smear

and male diagnosis requires an examination of the discharge from the penis under a microscope. Treatment for chlamydia is an appropriate course orally administered antibiotics.

In severe cases, sufferers are treated with intravenous antibiotics in the hospital. The full course, 10-14 days, must be completed, with follow-up testing to make sure the infection has passed. If chlamydia is left untreated in women, it may lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, an inflammation of the fallopian tubes. If left untreated in men, it may develop into epididymitis (an inflammation of the scrotum), chronic urethral irritation, or chronic testicular discomfort. Failure to seek treatment may cause infertility in men.

Trichomoniasis (trich) is an STD that is caused by a sin-

gle-celled parasite. Trich often occurs without any symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they invariably do so within 4 to 20 days after exposure. These symptoms also mimic yeast infections. They may also occur years after infection.

In women, the symptoms can include a heavy, yellowish-green or gray vaginal discharge, abdominal pain, discomfort during intercourse, and painful urination. Sometimes itching of the external genital area also occurs.

In men, there may be a whitish discharge from the penis and painful or difficult urination. Most infections in men cause no symptoms at all.

Diagnosis for women is found with a pap smear. The most accurate diagnosis in men is made by growing a culture from a sample of the fluid from the penis.

Most men recover from Trich without treatment in a few weeks. There are medically prescribed drugs available. As the infection may have been transmitted to a partner, the prescribed medication should be taken by both partners. This medication should not be taken during the first three months of pregnancy.

Although Trich poses no great threat to health, it often occurs along with other STD's. It is important for a person with Trich to be checked out for other infections.

I hope that this column has shed some light on two of the most prevalent STD's among young people. For comments or suggestions please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at Til next week, take care as you travel the halls of science.

### ALICE WALKER

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## "Glub-glub-beep!" -- Japanese robot fish has look of real thing, but not taste

By Joseph Coleman,  
Associated Press

HIROSHIMA, Japan -- It looks like a real seabream, and even swims like one. But try to make sushi and you'll end up with a mouthful of silicone.

Scientists at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries who are trying to build nimbler ships and submarines by developing oscillating fins have come up with a lifelike invention: a robot fish.

The scaly machine is also the first step in lead researcher Yuuzi Terada's dream of building a Jurassic park filled with convincing replicas of long-extinct water creatures.

"We thought, let's make something really unusual," said Terada.

The aquatic robots, developed over four years at a cost of up to \$1 million, are programmed by a computer and guided by clusters of sensors in a special tank.

The 60-centimeter (23-

inch) seabream weighs 2.6 kilos (nearly 6 pounds), the same as a real fish of that size. A primitive version made its debut at a 1997 show in Indonesia. Mitsubishi has since built an improved version that was first shown in Japan at the end of last year.

The premise of the research is simple: fish swim much better than anything built by humans so far.

Terada and other researchers concluded in 1995 that fitting ships and submarines with oscillating fins rather than the usual thrusters would improve control, avoid dangerous rolling and enable vehicles like submersibles to hover better.

At first glance, this fish is no fake.

At a tank in Mitsubishi's factory complex in Hiroshima, the glistening seabream darted through the water in circles, its tail flexing in computer programmed bursts.

But instead of a moving

mouth that emits bubbles, the seabream--mostly silicone--has three small holes between its parted lips.

The seabream also has some navigational glitches. When first dropped into the tank, it drifts to the bottom and takes a minute to warm up before moving. And it sometimes knocks into the tank wall or gets caught on some of the decorative, plastic sea plants.

That doesn't worry Terada, who said designers are aiming at entertainment, not perfection.

"Something that would be fun to look at in an amusement park -- that's what we're aiming at," he said.

Mitsubishi has big plans for the new technology.

The theme park idea calls for fish that can "see" visual cues and even respond to sounds like hands clapping. Once a fish's battery runs low, the machine would swim into a recharger, then head back out into the water.

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# Terry Clark may go pro?

By W.E. Owens  
Staff Reporter

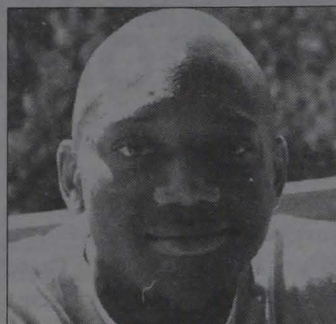
Glenville State College departing Senior Terry Clark dominated the court to such an extent this season, at a 23.3-points per game average, he commands a ninth-place national ranking, as well as being the second leading scorer in the West Virginia Conference.

"This was an astounding and delightful step up from his 11 point/game average last year!" head basketball coach Bob Williams exclaimed with obvious pride. "He's without doubt one of the best players I've ever coached in 11 years of college coaching. An absolute joy."

Clark shrugged. "The guys kept feeding me the ball."

Clark had 628 points this past season with a 55.2 shooting percentage from the field. In seven games he shot 30 points and better.

A two-year starter after



Amy Smith, Mercury

## Terry Clark

transferring from Northeastern University, the 6'4", 175 lb. forward is a middle child sandwiched between older and younger sisters, who credits his parents—Gilbert and Raynette Clark—for showing him the importance of hard work.

"He hasn't stopped training," states coach Williams. "He's still going to the gym, lifting weights, and working very hard on his jump shot."

Equally respected and admired by team-mates, faculty, and students, Clark is a Behavioral Science major, minoring in Sociology. Room-

mate, team co-captain, and starting point guard Larry Courtney, declared Clark incredibly motivational.

"Even though he's one of the youngest guys on the team, he didn't let that stand in the way of being a dedicated team captain," says Courtney. "He always keeps me and everyone else inspired to play our best."

According to Williams, Clark has been recently scouted by a professional team in Norway which has requested video of his abilities. Asked to elaborate, Clark said, "I can't, really. Dad's running interference on all of that."

He did say he will be attending the International Basketball League's pre-draft camp at the University of Maryland held May 28-31. "The best NCAA players show up from all over the country," noted Clark. "They organize everyone into teams, and Pro scouts are watching to evaluate players' individual and team skills."

# Golf team may qualify for NCAA District tournament in Beckley

By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State College golf team is in consideration for the NCAA bid in District 2, which includes New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Of the twenty-nine schools in this district, only five schools will advance into the finals. These five schools will be selected on April 22, 1999 in a conference phone call of NCAA national golf raters. The committee includes Mike Duric, University of Charleston; Mark Mouer, West Chester University, Eastern Pennsylvania; and Rick Simmons, GSC.

The competition will be held May 3-5, 1999, at Glade Springs Resort near Beckley, WV, and Cacapon State Park in Berkley Springs, WV.

The GSC golf team has a tournament April 20 at Ohio Valley College. The team is optimistic because it has beaten the University of Charleston once, Slippery Rock University, twice as well as other quality opposition.

Members of the GSC golf team include Joey Gossett, Ripley, WV, Ben Hiener, Vincent, OH, and Matt Plosila, Conneaut, OH, Mark Johnson, Glenville, WV and Ryan Norris, Racine, Ohio.

Norris is a first year collegiate player who placed first out of 60 at the WVIAC at Pipe Stem two weeks ago, and fourth out of 60 this past week in the WVIAC Northern Regional.

The GSC golf team finished first out of 60 in the WVIAC Southern Regional at Pipe Stem, fourth out of 60 in the WVIAC Northern

Regional at Wheeling, WV, second out of nine at Bluefield College in Virginia, second out of six at Queens College in North Carolina, and third out of 16 at the GSC Spring Invitational.

Coach Simmons states, "We are in a waiting game with our fingers crossed. On paper, we feel good about our chances. We are now in a waiting stage to find out the results of the committee's decision. We are the new kids on the block. The other schools have already been there."

Simmons continued, "We hope politics do not come into play, and everybody involved looks at the numbers. We are a young team with an excellent tournament atmosphere. It will be good experience for the team to start building on for next year."

# GSC hosts WVIAC at Pioneer Qualifier

By Amy Smith  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College's men's and women's track teams held the Pioneer Qualifier on April 15, 1999, at Pioneer stadium. Teams from West Virginia State College, Concord College, and West Virginia Wesleyan competed in track and field events.

GSC placed third in the 100 Meter Dash for both men and women. Carol Tenney's finishing time was 15.3 seconds and Rock Haith, in a very close race, finished with 10.9 seconds as his final time. In the 200 meter dash, Haith took first place with 23.0 seconds for the men and Becky Andrew placed second with 28.0 seconds in the women's race.

Mike Roebuck conquered the hurdles taking first for the Pioneers in both the men's 110 meter hurdles and in the 400 meter hurdles. GSC's Tasha Combs placed first in the women's 400 meter hurdles and second in the



Amy Smith, Mercury

**GSC's Colleen McBrien lets loose a javelin. She finished second in the competition.**

women's high jump. After a very close race, Combs placed second in the 400 meter dash, while Mark Stoke won first in the men's 400 meter dash. Brad Sponaugle dominated the 800 meter run, timed at 2:03.2 minutes.

The Lady Pioneers dominated the javelin throws with Colleen McBrien placing second and Amanda Fowler placing fifth.

It was a successful meet for GSC's track team.

# Track places in Wheeling

By Corteze Macon  
Staff Reporter

Results of the Wheeling Invitational Track Meet on Saturday April 10th.

Tosha Combs placed second in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:09. She also placed fifth in the high jump; her best jump has been 5 feet this year. Combs placed in the triple jump, an event she recently picked up, jumping 30 feet and 1 inch.

Lewesla McClain now holds Glenville State College's new record in the pole vault. She vaulted 7 feet to place third in the meet. McClain has cleared higher standards and is likely to break her own record before the season is over.

Amanda Fowler place fifth in the discus with a throw



of 108 feet.

In a home meet on Thursday April 8, Colleen McBrien had a surprising day for most competitors; she threw the javelin 113 feet, defeating last year's conference champion. Lisa Belknap took second in the 5000 meter run, setting the pace for the distance females. Tosha Combs won the 400 meter hurdles, and placed second in both the high jump and the 1500 meters.



# Ask Eleanor: Panic and exes

**Dear Eleanor,**

I'm prone to panic attacks. Last year when my mother passed away, they suddenly returned with a vengeance and with more severity. At times I think I am losing my mind. Anyway, through all of this trauma, I have a lady friend who has stuck by me, and though I appreciate her compassion, I have a huge problem. When I am around her, or get into a heated discussion with her, I will go into a major attack. For a long time I couldn't go anywhere with her or even be near her. It's been almost a year now, and I thought it was getting better, but it started happening again. I really don't want to lose my friend.

My question is, why is this happening and how can I stop it?

**Scared to Death**

**Dear Scared,**

First let's begin with your medication; are you on any? If not, it's time to seek out the possibility of treatment.

Now, because you are aware of these attacks, when you are in a calm state of being you should analyze what may have caused it. What type of stress are/were you under; does the anticipation of knowing that an attack can come on actually cause the attack?

I feel the essential way to deal with this is to see a professional.

If this is a hard step for you, go to the library and find some information on your condition. Look at the common causes, possible treatments, and different theories that have been documented about this disorder.

When things start to get heated with your friend, walk away. Try to stop the discussion right where it's at. If your friend is truly a friend, she will understand your circumstance. Once things have cooled down, come up with some possible communication strategies that can help reduce the level of stress imposed upon you during interaction with this person.

Please do yourself a big

favor; research your condition and get help with it so you may go on and live a panic-free life!!

**Dear Eleanor,**

I ended a relationship about two months ago. My ex has become a bit obsessive. He mails letters, and poetry. He calls and leaves me messages, sometimes upwards of ten a day. I know he is going through a rough time, but if he doesn't stop, I may get violent or at least unnecessarily mean! Help!

**Suffocated!**

**Dear Suffocated,**

Please don't get violent or mean; this will only further prolong your stress.

Have you told this man to please stop calling and writing you? If you have and he hasn't listened, it's time to make a complaint to the authorities. You might even have someone who knows your situation bear witness to your problem.

The fact that he is going through a hard time is no longer your problem! Don't have sympathy for him anymore; he is feeding on it and using it as a conduit to keep writing and calling you.

Take action, but don't do it alone! It is obvious that there can be no friendship involved in this relationship. Use the resources available, H.O.P.E. inc. and the Glenville police dept.

## "Airplane" director revealing rules of comedy

**Associated Press**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) -- He's co-directed film comedies like "Airplane," "Top Secret!" and "Naked Gun," and now Jim Abrahams is ready to reveal his secrets to making people laugh.

Rule No. 1? "Be funny."

The next 13 rules are more direct and useful, if no less true.

Rule No. 15, "There are no rules," means that while there are things you can do to improve and sharpen a joke,

the end result is ultimately subjective.

"What makes one person laugh doesn't make another person laugh," Abrahams said. "Even with the rules, all you're doing is taking your best guess."

When it comes to breaking the rules, Abrahams and partners, David and Jerry Zucker, set the pace for moviemakers when they wrote and directed films like "Airplane" in 1980.

The parody of airplane disaster movies was packed with movie allusions, sight gags, word play, dirty jokes,

slapstick and puns--enough to require repeated viewings to catch all the gags.

Abrahams, a Milwaukee native and University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate, said that, as a rule-breaker, he was impressed by the way a 1998 film, Bobby and Peter Farrelly's "There's Something About Mary," changed the course of comedy.

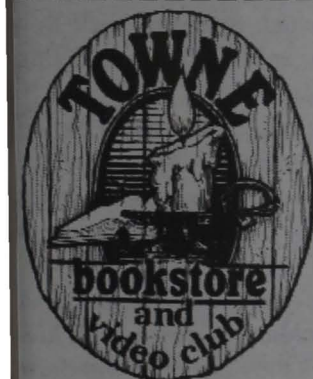
The brothers, who directed and co-wrote the film, got away with including a number of utterly outrageous scenes, involving painful trouser zippers, hair gel that isn't, and re-animated dogs, yet

few viewers were offended.

Abrahams said that's because the scenes were within the context of a basically sweet love story with likable characters.

"There's Something About Mary" really changed the landscape," Abrahams said. "The Farrellys had managed to push the envelope so nicely and create a story where people were so involved with it."

Abrahams said he's working on a couple of new scripts--his favorite part of the movie-making process.



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## Corrections



In the April 12 issue of *The Mercury*, on page 2, the number of creeks diverted by mountain-top removal in the article, "From mountain tops to platues in three easy steps" should have read 8,000, not 800.

We regret any confusion.

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# "Go," doesn't Alpha Psi Omega inductions

## Reel World Movie Reviews by Chris Vannoy

Director Doug Liman's last film, "Swingers," was a cult favorite almost before it was released in theaters. His next film, "Go," fails to live up to the standard set by the previous.

It might not be Liman's fault though. "Swingers" was written by Jon Favreau, who gave Liman a fresh and funny script of love in the (then) underground swing scene of Los Angeles. Favreau didn't write "Go."

Instead, John August filled in with a whirling script of drug deals, trips to Vegas, and plea bargains gone bad. The movie basically revolves around one rave (translation: big party with lots of drugs), and the events that transpire there, as told from three different perspectives.

One of the major problems with "Go" is that Liman tries to make another "Swingers" but with an entirely different storyline and cast of characters.

Where the characters in "Swingers" were generally loveable, the characters in "Go" are generally rather despicable characters.

Take Ronna (Sarah Polley), a soon to be evicted grocery store clerk that sells allergy medicine as the popular rave drug Xtasy. Then there's Simon (Desmond Askew), who, in the course of the movie, shoots a man, steals a car, and sets fire to a hotel room. Finally, you have Zack (Jay Mohr) and Adam (Scott Wolf), two actors caught up in a plea bargain for possession of narcotics, and, before the movie's over, leave a person for dead.

The general nastiness of the characters makes it much harder than "Swingers" to like the characters and laugh with them, rather than at them, which is what the few laughs constitute in this movie.

I'd strongly recommend waiting to rent this movie when the time rolls around. While Liman's direction is visually interesting, it lacks the compelling storyline and characters of "Swingers."

By Cris Gravely  
Staff Reporter

Wednesday night six new members were admitted into Alpha Psi Omega, an honorary national theatre fraternity.

Prior to the ceremony, pledges had to take a test that taxed their knowledge of the Greek alphabet and history of the organization

including the symbols, colors, and first chapter of Alpha Psi Omega. Also, during the ceremony, their brains were put to the test by having to recite, from memory, at least fifteen lines of Shakespeare and answer any questions put to them by officers and members.

In order to be offered a bid, pledges had to show dedication

and accomplishment in at least two areas of theatre including performance, tech, and management.

The pledges for this year, Heather Eberly, Michael Brooks, Carol Tenney, Julia Triplett, Amanda Goodwin, and Allison Tant, have all shown dedication and hard work to the theatre over the season and past years.

## Living Dangerously -- Banned film to make high-profile debut in Singapore

By Dean Visser,  
Associated Press

SINGAPORE -- The 1982 hit film "The Year of Living Dangerously," once banned in Singapore, will be screened in the city-state for the first time during this year's International Film Festival, which opens Friday.

"We were a little surprised" that the ban was lifted, festival spokesman Dave Chua said. "I guess it's a good sign. I hope that it indicates an increased openness."

The film, directed by Peter Weir, is getting double exposure. On April 27, it debuts at the festival, and the Singapore Film Commission also plans to show the once-taboo movie as part of a pro-

gram to inspire local filmmakers.

"The Year of Living Dangerously" stars Mel Gibson as a journalist covering a failed 1965 communist coup in Indonesia, leading to the chaotic power shift between former presidents Sukarno and Suharto.

Film commission and festival staff said the movie had probably been banned for its unflattering portrayal of politics in Indonesia, a gigantic archipelago that nearly surrounds the tiny island of Singapore.

The film "was banned initially because it did not meet the prevailing censorship criteria" in 1982, the Films and Publications Department said today in a faxed response to

questions. It made no mention of political sensitivities or any other factors.

The department approves or prohibits films in tightly regulated Singapore, a conservative Southeast Asian country with a reputation for strict censorship laws.

Asked whether the film's approval signaled more openness or relaxed policies, the department said it still believed in maintaining "high standards."

"But censorship policy should not be static," it added.

Weir, the Australian director whose works include "The Truman Show" and "Witness," is scheduled to personally present the film at the festival and commission screenings.

## "American History X" and "Trainspotting"

By Heather Eberly  
and Chris Vannoy,  
Staff Columnists

### Her Pick:

My pick this week is "American History X," written by David McKenna and directed by Tony Kaye. The film (yes, film, Dr. Orr) stars Edward Norton as a former Nazi-skinhead trying to divert his little brother (Edward Furlong) from following in his footsteps. It sounds simple, but it's not. I'm not going to tell you the plot because I really think that everyone should see this movie. Most movies dealing with this topic center on one side of the racism issue or the other. "American History X" does not. It doesn't preach about what's right or wrong; the issue is

treated equally. At times this film is extremely shocking - I don't use that term loosely. The prison rape scene was very unsettling, as it should be. Norton gives the performance of a lifetime in this film, making his character's transformation completely believable. I urge everyone to go out and rent this film. You will be disturbed, but you won't be disappointed.

### His Pick:

"Trainspotting," directed by Danny Boyle ("Shallow Grave" and "A Life Less Ordinary"), is one of the funniest, and yet frightening movies made to date.

The movie follows the life of Renton (Ewan McGregor), a poor bloke caught up in a mean heroin addiction.

His mates, Spud, Sick Boy, and Begbie are of little help to him, since all are similarly addicted, Spud and Sick Boy also to heroin, and Begbie to inflicting pain upon others.

When Renton gets clean and moves away from his friends, only to have them follow them must decide what choice to make. Life or the slow death of heroin.

The movie shows both the light and dark sides to addiction, as it is with life. It also portrays the horrors of withdraw most effectively, with admirable use of a soundtrack featuring both new techno and classic glam rock.

If for nothing else, the ladies can get a peek at Obi-Wan's lightsaber (McGregor plays the Jedi master in the upcoming Star Wars film).



**He Said  
She Said**  
Movie Reviews



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# Mystic Alley

Horoscope by Alli the Mystical

**ARIES** (Mar 21- Apr 20): You have been known to be warm, devoted, faithful, and creative. It is time you start showing these qualities more and working on them. It is possible that a bright and fascinating woman may enter your life. It is not fate if this is to occur. Take it as a warning that these qualities from within yourself are about to make themselves apparent.

**LIBRA** (Sept 24- Oct 23): Other people's creative ideas are giving you stiff competition. This is giving you the challenge to improve and develop your project in an envious and competitive world. You should be proud of your competitive instincts.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 24- Nov 22): There's a situation where there is money or some other matter to be shared. You will be called upon to offer generosity or be the beneficiary of someone else's givingness. You will regain faith in life and in your own aptitude.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23- Dec 21): Through new opportunities and an upsurge of energy, you will discover that you have hidden skills and creative abilities. You will see now that you can accomplish your goals and you still have capabilities yet to be discovered.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22- Jan 20): There is celebration of a marriage, the start of a love affair, birth of a child, or some sort of situation of emotional satisfaction. This event is the beginning of deeper levels of the heart's knowledge.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21- Feb 19): This is a time to step back and be alone. This will help you obtain wisdom and patience. If you are just willing to wait, this is a chance to build solid foundations. This is also going to give you time to mature and establish a firm sense of identity.

**PISCES** (Feb 20- Mar 20): You have an idea full of potential for the future. You must be courageous and keep faith in the vision of this new path.

**VIRGO** (Aug 24- Sept 23): You have been known to be warm, devoted, faithful, and creative. It is time you start showing these qualities more and working on them. It is possible that a bright and fascinating woman may enter your life. It is not fate if this is to occur. Take it as a warning that these qualities from within yourself are about to make themselves apparent.



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