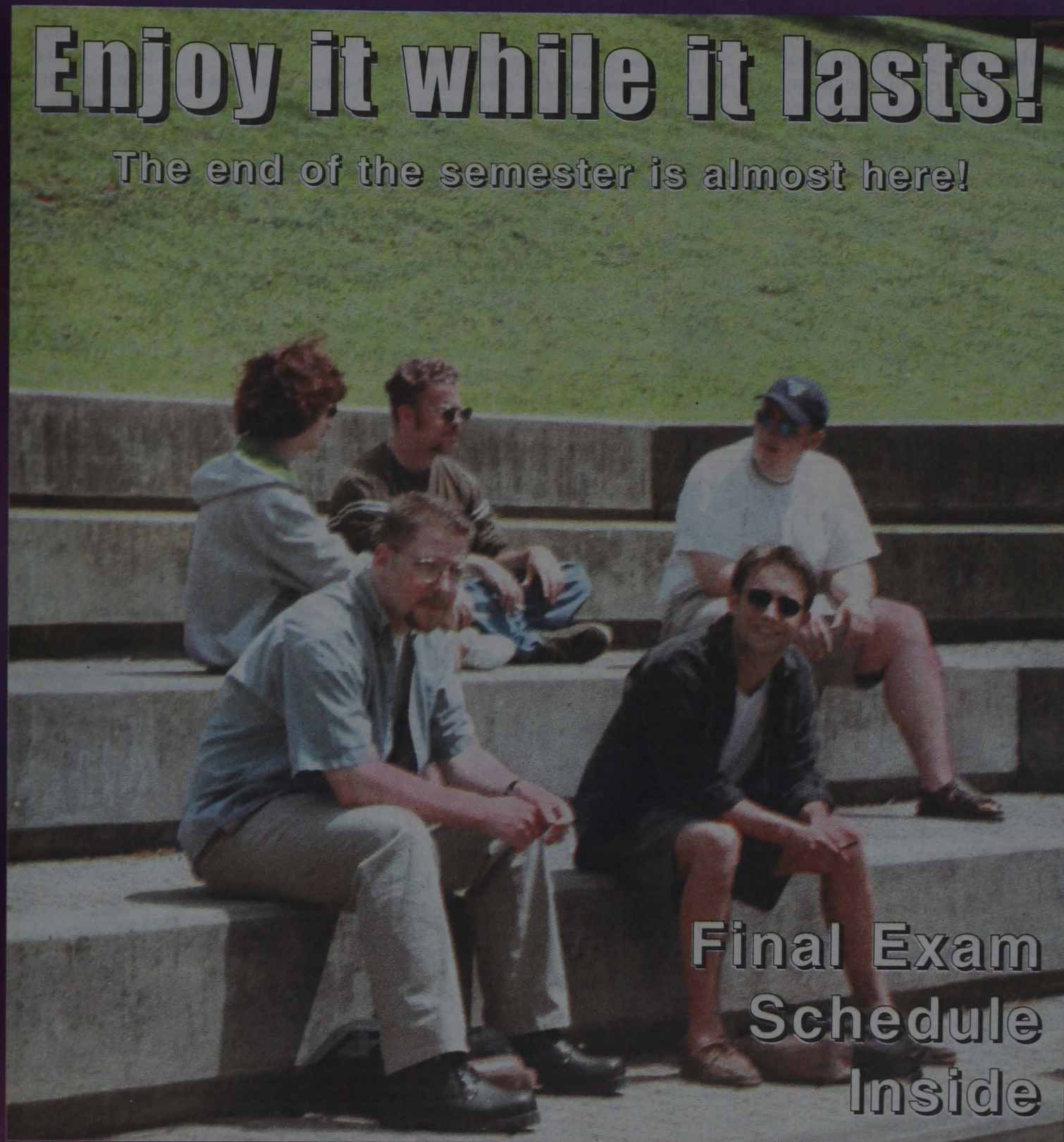


The Mercury

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Rape awareness

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

The end of April brought the closing of sexual assault awareness month. However, the awareness should continue because the ending of the month does not bring an end to sexual assault. Everyone should be aware of what sexual assault is and that it could happen to you or someone you know.

Date rape is forced sexual intercourse between a couple that is dating. Some signs of unhealthy boundaries are falling in love with the

new acquaintance and touching a person without asking. Signs of high risk partners are people on the rebound, with histories of short-term relationships, people that comes on too strong or too quickly, and people with histories of sexual or physical abuse.

If sexual assault is effecting your life or the life someone you know, you can get the much needed help from the HOPE Inc. office. The 24 hour hotline number is 304-367-1100 or 462 5352. Gilmer County office hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday-Friday.

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Student explains motive

Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. - Members of the Trenchcoat Mafia were taunted and terrorized by fellow students for years before this week's bloody rampage at Columbine High School, a member of the group said.

The 18-year-old, demanding anonymity, told The Denver Post that from the time he was a freshman athlete at the school called him "faggot," bashed him into lockers and threw rocks at him when he rode his bike home.

"I can't describe how hard it was to get up in the morning and face that," he said. "Hell ... pure hell."

Other members of the group faced similar persecution, he said, including Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who on Tuesday stormed

Columbine armed with guns and bombs killing 12 students and a teacher before turning the guns on themselves.

"I'm not saying what they did was OK," he said, adding that he knew nothing of Harris and Klebold's murderous plot. "But I know what it's like to be cornered, pushed day after day."

The teen said that the Trenchcoat Mafia was a group of loners who in 1996 banded together to protect themselves from the perpetual ridicule of Columbine's student-athletes.

Originally the group was made up of about seven boys, but it gradually grew to include more students of both sexes.

They hung out together in the school commons, he said, and were interested in

the game Dungeons and Dragons. They considered themselves Goths, he said, short for Gothic, a subculture of youths who wear black, listen to obscure music and talk of death.

Early last year an athlete branded them the Trenchcoat Mafia, he said. The group accepted the moniker hoping the dark image it conjured would help scare off tormenters.

"And it worked," the teen said. "They did start leaving us alone."

Still, he recalled the humiliation of having mashed potatoes thrown at him in the cafeteria. He said he wore the stains on his clothes for the rest of the school day. He avoided certain hallways, even left the school building to get to some classes, to escape ridicule, he said.

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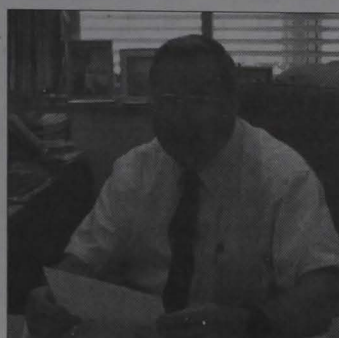
Dr. Billips retires after 34 years at GSC

By W.E. Owens
Staff Reporter

Alfred T. Billips, Glenville State College's Dean Of Student Services and faculty member since June 23, 1965, is officially retiring this year.

Dr. Billips says things were much different at the college when he first started here. "The tenor of the college when I arrived was that parents expected us to look after [babysit] their sons and daughters once they sent them off to college. We operated on the demerit system."

For example, women had to be in the dorms by 9 p.m. "This was pretty hard to enforce once daylight savings time kicked in," smiled Billips. It wasn't even dark yet! The whole idea was, that if you put the women up by nine o'clock, the men would take care of themselves." Asked if this policy actually worked, Billips said, "Of course not!"



Amy Smith, Mercury

Dr. Alfred Billips

Billips graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1959 with a Bachelor's of Science, then from Emory University in 1962 with a Master's in Divinity, after which he earned a Master's and Doctorate in Education from the University of Georgia in 1963 and 1965 respectively. He began his career at GSC as the Dean of Student Affairs.

No word as to who is assuming Billips' soon-vacant position.

Asked about his long-term advisory of Student Congress,

Billips said, "Debbie Nagy, who works over in the bookstore, her husband, Paul Nagy, was a lawyer who was running the Careers Office at the time. He sat down with some of the students to reorganize Student Government into Student Congress, helping them rewrite their constitution. I came aboard shortly after that as advisor." He paused introspectively. "That's been about twenty years."

"The first thing I tried to get rid of when I came here, was not the school spirit, but the hazing that went on. When I arrived, the Freshmen had to wear a beanie; they were subservient to all upper-classmen; couldn't walk on the grass; they had to stand on the steps of the Pioneer Center over there (which is called the Student Union now) and sing the Alma Mater. There were other things, too." Billips shook his head. "The whole purpose of Student Congress at that time was 'kanga-

roo court', to stand in judgement of the new students. I've got an old set of minutes saved from one of their meetings that would blow your mind!"

Billips chuckled. "We got rid of the beanies by replacing them with big badges reading 'I Am A Glenville Freshman'. Then we got rid of the badges. The badges were a lot cheaper," he added.

His extracurricular activities over the years have been numerous, ranging from Minister, to Secretary of the Gilmer County Medical Center, to President of the Glenville Lions Club. When asked for a copy of his resume, he rummaged through his desk and said, "Don't expect too much. I quit amending it ten years ago."

Billips says one of his primary regrets is leaving before he gets to see any major dorm renovations. "The dorm bonding will be paid off June 1. I was hoping for a new bonding issue so we could do all the dorm upgrades at one

time. It could be a state-of-the-art facility. I've been waiting for years to have enough money to do anything we could do [to the dorms]. I'm coming back to walk through it!"

Asked about his plans for retirement, he said, "I don't know right now just what I'm gonna do. I've been used to an active life. I'm still a Scout Master." He snickered. "In jest, I was saying that I think what I'll do, is go over there to WalMart and apply for the guy that gives out shopping carts and happy faces! Hard to say. If I stayed around the house very long, I'd probably end up divorced in two years!"

In regard to his decision to retire, Billips simply shrugged and said 34 years was enough, that it was time for someone else to step in. "I don't consider myself old. I feel young, because I've surrounded myself with young people and it keeps my spirit young."

Alice Walker Policy raises eyebrows

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Pulitzer Prize winner, Alice Walker presented her works at University of Charleston in Riggleman Hall, April 28, 1999. She was the featured speaker for UC's 30th Anniversary Speaker Series, and was the winner of this years UC's Appalachian Medallion.

Five students and four professors attended the event. Her presentation was long awaited, as it was originally scheduled for March 24, 1999 but cancelled because of personal illness.

Walker won the Pulitzer Prize for her best known novel, *The Color Purple*, which was adapted to film by Stephen Spielberg. An activist, Walker spoke on the tragic events facing our nation, the conflict in Kosovo and the Littleton massacre.

She also called for an end to the cultural practices of

mutilitating female genitalia, currently practiced in other parts of the world.

Walker feels that change is necessary in our world. Education of practical human activities, such as gardening, music and cooking, to divert energy wherever turmoil may occur. "It is easier to cook greens than to kill someone's child."

She began her presentation by reading her poetry that touched on topics of materialism, love and independence of the self. Poems with titles like, *Expect Nothing*, *Be Nobody's Darling*, *On Stripping Bark From Myself*.

Walker then gave the audience a choice of asking questions or reading an excerpt from *The Color Purple*. The audience unanimously choose *The Color Purple*, from which she read a part that involves two southern black women's ideas of God.

By W.E. Owens
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College's Faculty Senate-approved proposal for the selection of Division Chairpersons has been contested via formal petition signed by 15 faculty members, including 5 from Faculty Senate.

The proposed policy revision, published in the April 22 issue of *The GSC Bulletin*, and in the April 26 *Mercury* issue, is an attempt to clarify a currently obscure portion of college policy.

States Paul Peck, Mathematics Professor and Faculty Senate Secretary, "As far as the selection [of a Division Chair] goes, there's a paragraph in the Blue Book that says when there is a vacancy in the Division Chair's position, the [college] vice president will devise a selection process that will involve Division faculty."

Professor Peck continued, "But [the Blue Book] isn't specific as to how this is done. So this [proposed policy] will spell-out how to do it. We'll have a definite procedure in place."

The contesting petition itself simply states, "We the undersigned believe that the proposed policy revisions concerning division chairs are of such significance that they should be brought before the faculty at large for comment and discussion before moving on to the College Council and the President for final adoption. Accordingly, we request that the Faculty Senate convene a public hearing on these proposed revisions."

Edward F. Palm, Language Division Chair and the first signature adorning the petition, declined to elaborate, but did say many faculty felt the wording of the proposal both obscure and ambiguous, that faculty were

not content with several facets of the proposed evaluation procedure for division chairs. He also stated more that signatures for the petition were readily available. The fifteen on the petition were simply all that were necessary to satisfy and comfortably exceed the ten signature minimum.

He also voiced concern of, "Lapsing into the pattern of the past—i.e., trying to push through a major policy change at the end of the semester when everyone is thoroughly distracted."

And also, "How many times have we complained about the previous regime attempting to operate in this very manner?"

Palm was also willing to say, "We learned a few things from the contesting of *The Mercury Charter*."

The hearing for the petition is not currently scheduled.

Search is on for new Criminal Justice prof

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

Dr. Lori Kepford, Assistant Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice, is leaving Glenville State College. The Social Sciences Department is searching for a replacement for her position.

Members of a team from the Social Sciences Department will ultimately decide who will replace Kepler.

The team is comprised of Willard Oliver, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice/Sociology; Dr. James Hilgenberg, Jr., Professor of History; and Dolores Mysliwiec, Professor of Sociology.

When a position

becomes available in the Social Sciences Department, it is first posted, then advertised locally and nationally, in publications such as the Chronicle of Higher Education. Vacancies are also listed in the Criminal Justice Academic Program.

The entire hiring process takes approximately two to four months from start to finish. Candidates must first complete a vitae (a long, "running" resume of education, accomplishments, etc.) and submit it to the college. Next, team members go through a sorting process in which applicants are ranked. Candidates with the highest ranking are then notified for an informal telephone interview.

During the telephone

interview at least two team members are on the phone speaking with the candidate. Both interviewers and the applicant have the opportunity to pose questions and offer responses.

The top three candidates are invited for on-campus interviews. The first interview will take place Monday, May 3. While on campus at GSC, the candidate will be subjected to a continuous, all day interview process. Each team member will meet separately with the candidate for one hour. At some point during the day, the candidate will be given a detailed explanation of his/her responsibilities if s/he is selected for the position. The candidate will also meet with Dr. Joe Evans, Interim Vice

President of Academic Affairs, for the duration of one hour. A tour of the campus will also be on the candidate's agenda, with Kim Bennett from the Office of Records and Enrollment acting as tour guide. The applicants participate in various activities. "It's nice to see the candidate in all kinds of different situations," Oliver explains. "It's nerve wracking for candidates...they are in the spotlight the entire day," he adds.

A formal luncheon is scheduled in the Vandalia Room of the Heflin Center. This is an open affair for those who wish to attend.

A "demonstration teach" will take place (tentatively) from 10-11 a.m. in the Verona Maple Room,

which is also located in the Heflin Center. Criminal Justice majors are encouraged to attend this session. According to Oliver, "We work out a topic with the candidate, which is a one hour-block. The candidate teaches for 30-40 minutes, during which students are encouraged to respond. There is an evaluation at the very end, at which time students evaluate the candidate." Oliver adds, "Students need to connect and understand their professors."

Ultimately, the candidate, if chosen, will be teaching them. Oliver concludes, "Student input is a big factor in the decision of which candidate will be hired. The more students we have, the more opinions and input there is."



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ACS and Chi Beta Phi picnic

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

The spring picnic for the American Chemical Society and Chi Beta Phi was a huge success. At the start of the picnic there were a few presentations. Chi Beta Phi gave out pins for their active

graduating seniors, Dave Tingle, Earl Reynolds, Wendy Batson, Donna Hiles, and Brian Jarrett.

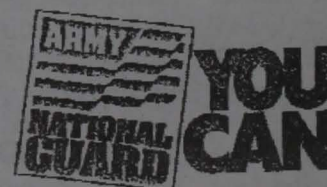
There were approximately 35 faculty, family members, and students in attendance. All enjoyed the fellowship. There was a wide variety of foods on

hand and everyone had their fill.

The American Chemical Society and Chi Beta Phi wishes to thank all who attended. This was the last get together for the semester and all look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

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Changes shakes Spanish classes

By W.E. Owens
Staff Reporter

Beginning the fall semester 1999, Spanish classes at Glenville State College will be expanded to four credit-hours. This expansion of the Spanish curriculum was approved last week, and stemmed from simple necessity.

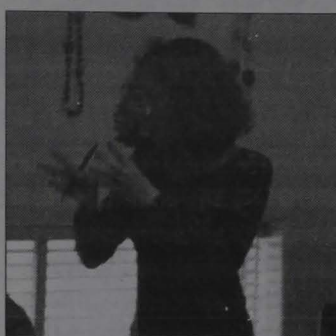
Explains GSC Spanish Professor Ximena Gallardo, "Spanish [at GSC] was [originally] set up to be three hours, like most courses at the college. But [policy makers] were forgetting that a language course usually has an extra lab hour. Any normal [language] textbook will have a time set aside for a language lab site. That started it; I couldn't really do everything in the three hours I was

given."

According to Dr. Gallardo, this is the usual format for any second-language learning at the college level. Speaking to Louisiana State University's language coordinator, Professor Victoria Rodrigo, Gallardo found, "...that their first and second-year Spanish is four hours and then they decrease it to three [for third and fourth semester students]."

Decreasing the course load for more advanced students is also common. Since levels three and four language classes normally have fewer students, the instructor is able to give more individual attention to the students.

But lack of time allocated to language lab-work is only part of the issue. Gallardo says the previous GSC



Amy Smith, Mercury
Dr. Ximena Gallardo

Spanish language dilemma is obvious. "If the student transfers from here to another university, and they want to transfer their credits in Spanish, they'll find they're missing two credits!"

The language labs for the course are primarily orchestrated upon an interactive software package which, among other things, simulates situations such as listening to Spanish conversations at a

party, hearing a Spanish phone advisory of movie listings, crossword puzzles, plus an interesting speech processing analysis feature which reveals how closely the student's oral response matches the original.

"The four basic skills you need for communicating are listening, reading, speaking, and writing," says Gallardo. "Listening and reading are the receptive skills, and they develop very easily. But actually generating something, like you do in writing and speaking, those are a little harder." The language labs are oriented toward the more difficult skills, while using the easier ones as a basis.

Questions concerning the course should be addressed to Dr. Ximena Gallardo, 462-4212.

Library News

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

The Robert F. Kidd library will have new summer hours beginning on May 17.

The library will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The library will be opening at 7:30am until 4:00pm on June 16 through June 30, due to summer semester.

This is to provide better service to the patrons and faculty that will be using the distance learning center for the summer semester.

Eberly captures Mercury Staffer of the Month for April

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

Heather Eberly, Copy Editor for the Mercury, has been voted as staff member for the month of April. Heather, a senior, will be graduating May 15. Heather spends many grueling hours checking spelling and punctuation errors, as well as reshaping stories, making them "copy friendly." I, being a new

member of the Mercury staff, have heard nothing but glowing reports of her dedication and devotion to her job. Eberly joined the staff just this semester, but reads copy like an old hand.

Eberly, 22, is married and will be joining her husband, Joe, in Richmond, Virginia after graduation. Her hobbies include dancing, writing, and reading.

Eberly's personality

can only be described as "bubbly" and she makes the newspaper a fun place to work. She describes her time spent working at the Mercury with "I've had a blast!"

Heather is a native of Chester, West Virginia and came to Glenville State College to participate in the teaching program, but changed her major last year and is currently majoring in English Literature, with



Chris Vannoy, Mercury
Heather Eberly

a minor in Journalism. Her plans are to work for a publishing company, editing books. "I love working for The Mercury, but I don't

think I could ever work for a daily paper. Not getting in until 4:00am twice a week is one thing; I don't think I could handle it every night," laughs Heather. "I like to sleep too much for that."

According to Layout Editor, Chris Vannoy, "Heather makes those Thursday nights when I'm slaving away at putting the paper together...uh...interesting."

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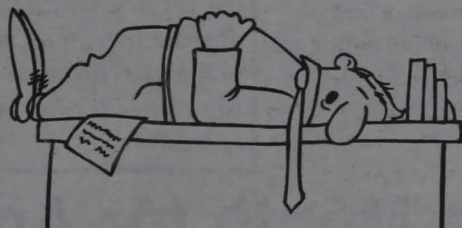
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Two GSC Nursing students capture the *Mercury* spotlight

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College has had many students pass through their doors since the conception of the Nursing Program. This week's student spotlight is on two of the non-traditional students who are working so diligently to complete the nursing program.

Trisha Spell is a twenty-three year old sophomore who commutes to Glenville from Gassaway. She is the mother of two. Trisha chose GSC because it was "convenient, affordable, and close to home; allowing me to be with my family."

Wanting to remain

close to home is reflected in her plans for the future. When asked where would she like to be in ten years, Trisha stated, "I would like to have a master's degree and own a new home."

Trisha believes that GSC is preparing it's students for the "real world." Trisha explains that she chose nursing because she was "interested in that area of work and there are many opportunities for career expansion."

After graduating from GSC, Trisha plans to attend West Virginia Tech to complete her nursing degree.

Sophomore, Dina Cox, is the second student in the spotlight this week. Dina

chose the nursing program because of "the money upon getting a job, the advantage of helping others, and the challenge that the field, as a whole, brings."

Dina chose GSC because of "the good quality of the nursing program here."

However, Dina feels that the Science Hall needs some work. "I would like to see some updates on the building and some decent teachers. Not all the teachers fall in this category, just some." Dina's future plans include getting a job upon finishing her degree and, within ten years, be working in the emergency room of a major hospital.

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Fond farewell to President Flack

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College has to say farewell to a very dedicated staff member that will be greatly missed. Alumni Coordinator, Ed Hamerick, organized a surprise going away party for GSC's Interim President, Dr. Bruce Flack.

Approximately 50 faculty members came out to celebrate Dr. Flack's accomplishments. "Wonderful experience, great food and good compa-

ny," Flack replies with a smile. "I was happy to be here and I believe I've accomplished a lot to develop a good learning environment."

Flack has successfully served GSC in his presidential duties for the past year. After leaving GSC, Flack will return to Charleston, where he is employed at the West Virginia state system of higher education, in the position of Academic Officer. Dr. Thomas Powell will be filling Flack's duties this fall.

Zeta Kappa Omega Fraternity



Photos by Terry L. Estep, Mercury

FOOD AND BROTHERHOOD: Members of the Zeta Kappa Omega prepared food as part of a Governing Board picnic in the Pickens Hall courtyard.

(Standing L-R): House Director Eric Poirier, ZKO President Jack Beard, Steve White, Chris Birkhimer, Mike White, Matt Williams, Doug Bennett. (Crouched L-R): Matt Hartline, Brian Jeffries, Stacey Bailes, Nathan Calvert, John Collier.

At right: Chris Birkhimer grills burgers for hungry students.



History prof leads trek to Jefferson's home

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

During the dates of April 14-16, Professor of History, Michael Gherke, and five students toured Monticello, the home of the third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson. The students were from Gherke's special topics class, History 399-02 "Thomas Jefferson's America."

According to Gherke, "The whole class revolves around an eclectic approach...that is, we are studying history through Jefferson."

The class was given a private "plantation community tour", which was based on the lives of slaves. The group was given some little known facts about Jefferson during the tour. For example, DNA evidence has proven that some male in the Jefferson family lineage (presumably, Thomas Jefferson), fathered a child by Sally Hemmings, a house slave at Monticello.

Hemmings was the half-sister to Martha Jefferson, Thomas' wife. Apparently, Martha's father had an intimate relationship with one of the slaves on his plantation and bore a child out of that union, that child being Sally.

The students were taken to "Mulberry Row", the road around which all slave work centered. Its name-sake stems from all of the mulberry trees that line both sides of the road. At one time, there were seventeen buildings on the grounds at Monticello, including a joinery, a nailery, stables, a blacksmith shop, a utility shed, and slave quarters. Today, only the workmen's cottage, ruins of the joinery, and a portion of the stable are all that remain.

Jefferson designed and built Monticello to his own specifications. He named his home in the Virginia Piedmont "Monticello", which means "little mountain" in old Italian. The house is located in Albemarle County,

Virginia. Construction for the house began in 1768, when Jefferson was twenty-five. It underwent a forty year construction period, during which parts of the house were changed at least six times. Monticello sits gracefully atop a 987ft. mountain, overlooking the city of Charlottesville, and boasts 5,000 acres of land. There are lush botanical gardens and many different varieties of trees growing throughout the grounds of the old plantation, as well as a fish pond.

In its early years, the house was designed in the Italian style, and later, Jefferson nearly tripled the size, from eight rooms to twenty-one, changing it to resemble the Hotel de Salam, in France. Reconstruction continued through the latter 1700's and early 1800's. A dome was added over the parlor, which was eventually completed in 1809. There is a tunnel beneath Monticello, in which the kitchen (fully



Cris Gravely, Mercury

Solid Foundation: Thomas Jefferson's home at Monticello.

equipped with a dumb waiter) and the wine cellar are located.

At one point, British soldiers occupied the plantation, but did in no way harm it. As was customary in times of war, the enemy usually ransacked and burned the homes of their opponents.

Very few guests are permitted to view the upstairs quarters at Monticello. The narrow stairs leading to that area would prohibit escape from the house if there were a fire and several people were trying to exit at once. In places, the steps are only

twenty-four inches wide. At times, there are as many as three hundred tourists inside just the house at Monticello.

Monticello is open for tours 364 days out of the year and there is a museum on the grounds where many articles from Jefferson's era are displayed. Monticello is now used, not only as a tourist attraction, but also as a naturalization site for immigrants gaining U.S. citizenship.

According to Gherke, "There's no bad time to be at Monticello...it offers one of the most spectacular views I've ever seen."

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Season of change

This has been a positive year for Glenville State College.

We've seen the entrance of Interim President Bruce Flack, who has done a marvelous job of lifting everyone's spirits after a change in administration that had many faculty and staff jumping for joy. Since Flack has taken over, this editor hasn't heard a single instructor say with matter-of-fact certainty that the phones are bugged.

In the dorms, we've seen the addition of a 24-hour visitation policy that once seemed impossible to attain. It's been a grand experiment, and it is good to see that it will be expanded next year to eliminate the invasive sign-in policy.

Socially, the upsurge in Greek life has been fun to see. The *Mercury* has taken a few hits for mentioning rumors of tensions between the various organizations (just take a look at the op-ed page), but we have only done so as an attempt to stave off aggressions and to seek cooperation between the groups. The groups are getting along well, so we'll stop worrying.

On all fronts, Glenville State College has improved its image. There is still room for expansion, and so the *Mercury* looks forward to the arrival of Dr. Powell as full-time president of the college, to see what kind of work he can do.

The *Mercury* has undergone several changes. We've gone through advisors like tissue paper in a flu ward, but we're settling into a comfortable groove with Dr. Chris Orr. We're as technically capable as we're likely to get, so now the staff can focus on tightening the *writing*, because as someone once pointed out (in a publication that is to remain nameless on these pages), style and substance are not the same thing.

As we close another semester of publication, the *Mercury* staff would like to point out that a newspaper is not created in a vacuum. It requires the constant support of the community in order to find story ideas and interesting features. The staff needs feedback from its readers to ensure a paper that is relevant, entertaining, and a must-read for years to come.

Exciting things are on the way. Let the staff know what you think.

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Reader's Corner

By Cris Gravely,
Staff Columnist

In response to my editorial last week, Jason Ward wrote a letter to the editor that pointed out several things that I had hoped someone would.

First, that a lot of what I wrote came from speculation and rumor. Second, that I didn't ask questions or try to hear the "other" side of the story. Third, he called me on my use of sarcasm by using his own.

All of this I applaud him for because it's about time that Glenville State students started taking a stand for their beliefs.

It takes a certain amount of courage to stand up for what you believe in an intel-

ligent, open manner. Jason Ward, unlike many people on our campus, presented his arguments in a well-written, intelligent manner and did make me reconsider my own points and opinions.

Intelligent debate has been seriously lacking on our campus and especially in our student newspaper's op-ed pages. There have been many articles that have been controversial, but the only response is rumor and back-talk by certain individuals.

If these people feel so strongly about an issue, why not stand up for it and argue intelligently? It says a lot about a person if they can or cannot openly stand up for what they believe is right.

Jason Ward is the only

person with the backbone to respond intelligently to an editorial in quite a long time.

I suggest that you, the reader and student, follow his example. Grow spines and stand for something. If this paper prints something you don't agree with, protest. If someone calls you a derogatory name, protest. If I write something you disagree with, protest! Perhaps if more of us stood up there would be some real change on campus.

It's time for Glenville State students to take a stand. Thank you, Jason, for leading the way.

[Editor's Note: Gravely's column was written before the arrival of the letter by Jack Beard and Hector Rodriguez.]

And now... a final word from Heather

By Heather Eberly
Staff Columnist

This is my last paper; the last time I get to copy edit and the last time I get to write to everyone.

Yes, readers, I'm

graduating. I didn't think it would ever happen, but now, the time is nigh. I'm scared to death.

Five years of my adult life, my entire adult life, has been spent, here, on this campus. I've made

some of the best friends of my life, including profs, and I will miss you all. Miss me too. Please?

Oh, yeah, and come to my grad party on the 15th. You'll have fun, I promise.

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Fraternity article shows lack of info

Dear Editor,

After viewing a recent Reader's Corner" published in the *Mercury*, we, the members of Zeta Kappa Omega and Alpha Xi Omega, have decided to share a few thoughts and possibly dispel some myths on campus about our organizations.

As pioneers of Greek life, we were utterly shocked and confused by some comments that were recently made by staff columnist Cris Gravely. In his article, he states that he is "never understood Greek life and never will."

Amazingly, the gentleman with little or no understanding of the Greek system talks at large about it. In addition, he offered information about our organizations that we assure are pure assumptions.

Why do we call them assumptions? After briefly speaking with one another, it became apparent that Gravely had never approached either of our organizations requesting information. How can a man who hasn't been educated about, nor even inquired

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about, our beliefs and what we "stand for," speak so openly and derogatorily about them?

From our perspective, a person, especially a reporter, should gather facts about a situation before speaking. Then again, perhaps that's our fallacy of thinking.

As his article continues, Gravely speaks of "rumors of fights," "mud-slinging," and questions "the friendship between members of different organizations."

Allow us to destroy these myths before they begin. Members from our organizations have been going to GSC together for years. In the course of this time, we've grown to know each other as friends. We have lived together, worked together, and still attend class together regularly. That would never change. When we view one another,

we don't see opposition wearing "really cool shirts with letters in a foreign language" as Gravely stated. We see the same friendly faces that we've seen ever since we came here and we act accordingly.

Although Greek life may be frequently stereotyped on television and in the movies as being fiercely competitive with one another, our organizations are not about violent competition, nor will we tolerate it. Of course, had Gravely inquired about it, then maybe he would have known.

As far as being accepted by friends, we all are. Gravely states that he has "friends who accept him without putting him through a pledge week" and "doesn't see the need to join a group of people who put you through trials to be accepted." We're glad you have friends who

accept you, Gravely. In fact, we're proud of you. The heart of the matter is we all have friends who accept us regardless of circumstances. If they didn't, they wouldn't truly be called friends. As far as "trials" go, the activities that are planned promote friendship and brotherhood. They don't degrade anyone. In fact, one student who was rushing said it was the most fun he'd had in years.

A Greek organization is about a lot more than friends, though. In fact, we're both about different aspects. Gravely states that he has "seen no real difference" in any of our organizations. Allow us to tell you differently. Although our organizations may encompass similar ideals, our purposes are not entirely the same. Should one organization not attempt to strive for perfection and posi-

tive attitudes just because another is? Of course not. The thought is ludicrous.

To say that we both stand for opposing purposes would be a lie. We do have some quirks which are similar, but they are positive quirks. Why should we want differently? Once again, if Gravely would have asked, then maybe he would have known.

Ladies and gentleman of the *Mercury*, listen up. If you're going to publish information about organizations on campus, you must do one thing: get the facts straight. There is no need to publish derogatory information about anyone. The only "mud-slinging" we've seen is the animosity that the *Mercury* has attempted to facilitate each week.

So, if you want to do an article, please gather information first. That is how a staff columnist is supposed to properly operate, isn't it? Then again, maybe that's just our fallacy of thinking.

Jack Beard (Zeta Kappa Omega) and Hector Rodriguez (Alpha Xi Omega)

Further clarification on fraternity membership's benefits

Dear editor:

With the recent formation of several new Greek organizations, and the controversy that has enveloped the whole movement, I felt the need to try and provide some clarification. First, I am only speaking from my own personal perspective, not on behalf of any organization or any other organization. In recent weeks, at least two newspaper articles have been written concerning supposed rivalries between organizations. Where all originated I do not honestly know.

When I began working with others on the formation of Alpha Xi Omega, I did not do it because I disliked Tau Kappa Epsilon (the only Greek organization on campus at that time), or because I

wanted to fight them. If I wanted to fight them, I am sure as hell not going to form a school-recognized organization to do it. Graffiti in the elevator? I personally think such actions are ignorant, and I definitely do not want to be associated with such actions (of course what is not mentioned is the fact that Alpha Xi Omega member Jimmy Duffield cleaned off the graffiti because he disagreed with it, but who wants to write about that?).

I helped form Alpha Xi Omega because I liked the idea of Greek brotherhood. Tau Kappa Epsilon just did not seem to be what I was looking for. This is not to say that I am better than they, or vice versa, because that is not true. We simply have different

interests. Apparently, Zeta Kappa Omega felt they could accomplish more by doing things differently than the both of us. I certainly feel no ill will towards either organizations. I believe that if we all work together, the campus, community, and ourselves can greatly benefit from this renewed interest.

Naturally, there is going to be competition. I want my group to be the best and I am sure others in their respective organizations feel the same. As long as the competition is clean and fair, it can be very healthy to all groups involved.

I do not need a t-shirt with Greek letters to be "cool" or to make "friends." I don't need a fraternity to accomplish that, either. I have been in college for almost three

years and I have done okay for myself without being in a Greek organization. By joining this movement, however, it has helped me to broaden my horizons and helped me to meet a wider variety of people. So why not use the idea of a Greek organization to better prepare myself and others for future endeavors as well as have fun in the process?

I would also like to address the concept of "pledging." Smacking someone's ass while they say "Thank you, sir. May I have another?" as in *Animal House*, or physically or mentally abusing associate members is stupid. I would not allow someone to do it to myself nor can it condone doing it to someone else. Pledging is to allow potential

members to think creatively, have fun, and prove they want to be a part of the organization. As a show of good faith, associate members of Alpha Xi were allowed to "pledge" founders to show we are all indeed equals.

Finally, if someone has questions about Greek activities, investigate or talk to people associated with Greek organizations. Most of the newspaper articles so far have been rumors or hearsay with very little substance. Yes, most organizations seem to have virtually the same goals, but each group seeks to achieve them in different manners. Challenging each other's maturity level, I would hope, is not one of them.

Jason R. Ward,
Alpha Xi Omega

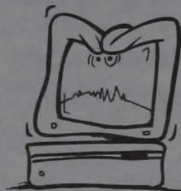
THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Searching for what?

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist

Which Internet search engine is the best?

Well, none of them really. Basically, all search engines work the same way; they deploy little electronic slaves, sometimes called "spiders" or "robots", to comb through thousands of websites looking for specific words or phrases. The spiders retrieve only those websites that contain the words they seek, and the results of their search are then displayed in list form.

Simple, right? Well if it's so frigging simple, please explain why there are so many search engines to choose from? Most of you



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know at least a few of the popular ones—AltaVista, Lycos, Infoseek, Webcrawler, Excite, and my personal favorite (could it be the sexy-sounding name?), HotBot.

But that's just scratching the surface. There are literally hundreds of these pesky engines, many you've probably never heard of. How do you decide which one works best for you?

Well for starters, it helps to consider that

search engines are simply dumb software programs that retrieve websites the way a fishing net hauls in the catch of the day. In short, they ain't real picky.

When choosing a search engine, remember that size is everything. The size of a search engine's search capacity determines how much of the Internet it will encompass.

AltaVista (altavista.com) and HotBot (hotbot.com) are two of the

largest search engines on the 'Net. Northern Lights (northernlights.com) is a more recently-developed, larger-sized engine that I also recommend. Lycos, Excite, and Infoseek are all medium-sized engines, and WebCrawler is the runt of the bunch.

Yahoo! is still the most popular search site on the 'Net, but it is not a search engine—Yahoo! employs an actual staff of web librarians to categorize and index websites, and while it serves as an ideal search directory, it doesn't scan the whole 'Net.

In fact, no search engine, no matter how big it is, can search the entire Internet. Even AltaVista,

the biggest of the big, can only cover about 50% of the Web. This is why I recommend trying more than one search engine when doing a search, or better yet, use a "metacrawler" website that performs a search on several different search engines simultaneously, then displaying the results from each engine. Dogpile (dogpile.com) is a well-known metacrawler; it combines major search tools like Yahoo!, Lycos, and AltaVista into one easily searchable site.

Search engines can be useful research tools, but they are blunt instruments at best. It takes more than one to get the job done right.

Commercial imaging satellite disappears

By John Antczak
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Aerospace experts are puzzling over a high-tech mystery: A satellite that can take the kind of detailed photos once limited only to spy satellites has vanished.

Ikonos 1 disappeared Tuesday almost immediately after it was launched from California's coast. It was a blow to Space Imaging, a Denver company that planned to

market the high-resolution images, and Lockheed Martin, maker of the four-stage Athena II rocket that carried the satellite.

Crews at ground stations along Ikonos 1's predicted path listened hopefully for signals emitted by the satellite, while its makers tried to figure out what went wrong.

"The initial investigation has begun," said Evan McCollum, a Lockheed spokesman.

The Athena II rocket carrying the satellite roared off a Vandenberg

Air Force Base launch pad at 11:22 a.m., bound for an orbit 400 miles high.

Communication with the spacecraft ended about eight minutes after liftoff, as planned. But the craft failed to re-establish contact as expected later in the flight. Officials didn't know whether it remained in orbit.

If the 1,600-pound satellite fell out of orbit, there was little if any risk it could survive re-entry and hit the ground, McCollum said.

Ikonos 1, named after the Greek word for "image," has a camera capable of resolving objects 1 meter square — about 10 square feet. The satellite would be able to distinguish between a car and truck, according to Space Imaging.

Until now, only military satellites have been able to photograph Earth in such detail. Some experts said they worried that images from Ikonos 1 could be used by terrorists or enemy governments to plan attacks or spot mobilizing troops.

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Science with the Particle Lady

STD's: The Clap and Pelvic Inflammation

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

As I sit here to start this column, I realize this is the last issue for this school year. I hope that I have helped further your education in some small way, made you think about life, and maybe even given you new thoughts about yourself.

This week's diseases are gonorrhea and Pelvic Inflammatory Disease. Both of these diseases are spoken of very little, yet they are out and about.

Gonorrhea (the Clap) is a sexually transmitted bacterial infection. It is one of the most common types of STDs that affects both men and women. Gonorrhea grows and multiplies quickly in the moist, warm areas of the cervix, urinary tract, mouth or rectum. What are the symptoms of gonorrhea? Occasionally there

are no symptoms. If symptoms do develop, they usually appear within 2-10 days of intimate sexual contact and are often mild. The initial symptoms in women include a painful or burning sensation when urinating, or a yellowish vaginal discharge. More advanced symptoms include abdominal pain, bleeding between periods, vomiting, or fever. Men usually have a discharge from the penis and experience a burning sensation, sometimes severe, during urination. Symptoms of rectal infection include discharge, anal itching, and, in some cases, painful bowel movements.

Antibiotics are recommended for the treatment of gonorrhea. The patient must take a full course and revisit the doctor or clinic for a follow-up examination. All sexual partners must be tested

and treated, even if they show no signs of infection. The consequences of gonorrhea can be severe. If left untreated, gonorrhea will seriously effect the bloodstream, joints, heart valves, or the brain. In women there is a threat of pelvic inflammatory disease, which can cause scarring of the fallopian tubes and infertility.

Pelvic Inflammatory disease, PID, is one of the most serious and common complications associated with STD's. PID is an infection of the upper genital tract and can attack the uterus, ovaries, fallopian tubes, or other related areas. PID can be acute or chronic and can lead to infertility, tubal pregnancy, chronic pelvic pain, and other serious conditions. The major symptoms of PID are lower abdominal pain, discharge from the cervix or vagina, and fever. If associated

with chlamydia, there may be no symptoms at all but serious damage can occur to the pelvic organs.

PID occurs when disease-causing organisms move towards the reproductive organs forming the vagina and the cervix. The cervix usually acts as a barrier to infection by producing mucus which flows down in the vagina. Abortion, miscarriage, childbirth, use of an IUD, or surgical procedures, such as a curette, can cause an infection to break through the cervical barrier. Most cases are associated with gonorrhea and chlamydia. Infections are thought to attach themselves to the sperm during intercourse, enabling travel into the uterus and fallopian tubes. The organisms may also gain easier access during menstruation.

A number of organisms can cause pelvic inflammatory

disease. It is difficult to determine which organisms cause the infection, so a broad spectrum of antibiotics are usually administered. Hospitalization may be necessary if the symptoms are severe and if tubal pregnancy or other abdominal problems are suspected. Pregnant patients are also hospitalized. PID can be a recurrent infection in many women. The long term consequences include infertility, tubal pregnancy, or chronic pelvic pain. Complications can be reduced by early diagnosis and treatment.

As you off into the hot summer months, I want to take a moment to wish everyone well. Remember that education is the best prevention for all in life. And in all that we do, science is a part of it. Take care as you go out and about this summer, and look back to the halls of science.

Computer Dude To build a better computer

By Rob Kerns
Staff Columnist

Q: Is our campus Y2K compliant?

A: Yes, after a conversation with personnel in the Computer Center, I can say that the computers on campus are compliant. A review of the college's computers was recently performed and the college, to use a cliché, passed with flying colors. The only program that is not Y2K compliant is the

Banner program that controls admissions and records, accounts receivable, and financial aid. However, do not worry. The current Banner program is scheduled to be upgraded to a '95% compliant' version during the month of May, and a more compliant version should be coming out over the summer. As far as the computer specialists on campus know, there should be very little—if nothing at all—to worry about.

By Chester Dawson
Associated Press

TOKYO - Scientists in Japan have developed a technology that could pave the way for construction of the world's first superfast "quantum" computer in as little as 10 years.

Researchers from electronics maker NEC Corp. and the government-funded Japan Science and Technology Corp. told reporters that they have succeeded in controlling the ability of elementary particles to seemingly be in many places at the same time, a concept known as "superposition" in quantum physics.

"We believe this is an important step," said Jaw-Shen Tsai, one of three authors of a report published in Thursday's issue of the science journal Nature.

Quantum mechanics is the study of the behavior of sub-

atomic particles such as electrons.

If the superposition of electrons flowing through tiny circuits etched onto the surface of a semiconducting material can be controlled, a single computer circuit may one day be able to carry out many computations simultaneously.

Currently, computer circuits are limited to one calculation at a time. So a quantum computer would take only a few minutes to complete an operation which would require trillions of years for today's supercomputer to carry out.

Junichi Sone, an NEC manager who helped oversee the research, said the latest development means that a quantum computer capable of carrying out superfast calculations may only be a decade or so away from reality.

Tsai, the researcher, was more cautious, saying that it

could take much longer, but controlling quantum states is a major step toward that goal.

The research team was able to manipulate electrons in a tiny "box" by applying short pulses of electricity. The electrons in a so-called quantum state, that is, in more than one place at once, represent data similar to the 0s and 1s of today's digital computers.

Andre Bertiaume, an assistant professor of computing at DePaul University in Chicago, said that while he was not familiar with the Nature report, similar experiments have been carried out at other research centers around the world.

He said the Japanese scientists' work sounded exciting, but expressed skepticism about the optimistic forecast.

"It's yet another way of controlling particles at the quantum level, and that in itself is fantastic," said Bertiaume.

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The season never ends for Spence

By Abbie Burge
Staff Reporter

Glenville State women's basketball's post and center Tammy Spence keeps racking up honors after this year's season.

Spence has been selected to compete in Copenhagen, Denmark this summer as part of the "Foreign Tours" team. This honor is open to women who have made first or second team in the conference. Spence, a second team pick, will play Aug. 15-22 on a team compiled of 12 players-six from the West Virginia conference and six from Pennsylvania. Coaching the team will be Carolyn Mair of Shippensburg, representing the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, and Betsy Blose of Shepherd College, from the WVIAC.

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--Coach Steve Harold

When asked how she felt about playing with girls she competed against during regular season, Tammy said, "It doesn't really bother me. It's just gonna be a change because the people who were guarding me (during season) will now be on my team."

Tammy Spence is a Freshman from Belpre, Ohio. She played basketball at Waren High School and is now majoring in Physical Education. Her achievements this year include second team All-WVIAC, WVIAC Freshman of the Year, WVIAC All-Freshman Team, 16 "double-dou-

bles" in points and rebounds, 20 rebound efforts vs. WV Wesleyan, and now, the Foreign Tours honor. Last season, Spence averaged 14.2 points and 10.6 rebounds per game.

Coach Steve Harold had many things to say about what makes Spence an outstanding player. "One of her biggest assets is her work ethic. She's willing to put in the time, and that's what it takes to be recognized in the conference. Her hard work and determination make her a good college player."

Tammy can be found practic-

ing daily in the gym on her free time. Coach Harold also notes that she jumps rope, lifts weights and wears "jump shoes" (shoes designed to increase vertical leap) to improve her playing skills.

"Why do I play ball....hmmm The enjoyment mostly. I just like to get out and compete," says Spence.

Even though she's one of the youngest women to go on the tour, Tammy says she's excited. The cost of the tour is \$1,750 which covers the cost of a round trip plane ticket from New York, NY to Copenhagen, Denmark and room accommodations. She is currently looking for sponsors to defray the cost of the trip. Between competitions during the week, the team will have the opportunity for sightseeing around Denmark.

Harold concludes investigation into Spring Football Practices

Glenville State College Interim President Bruce Flack made a statement last week that a report from a week-long internal investigation of the college's football program showed a part-time student participated in spring practice, which violates NCAA by-laws.

In response to the report, Dr. Flack extended the suspension of football head coach Warren Ruggiero from his coaching duties through the remainder of spring practice. A formal letter of reprimand from Dr.

Flack will be placed in Ruggiero's personnel file. However, Ruggiero will continue his teaching assignments and other non-football athletic responsibilities.

Immediately after the internal questions were raised, the student was removed from the practice field and WVIAC officials were contacted. The student was suspended from the first three drills of the fall practice season. Also, two sessions were cut from the scheduled 15 spring practices for the team.

Little luck for Jeff Gordon

NO-LUCK GORDON: Jeff Gordon isn't having a very good season by his standards, mainly because virtually all his luck has been bad.

But the reigning and three-time Winston Cup champion isn't complaining.

"We're having those misfortunes, but these are things that make you stronger as a team," Gordon said. "I've

never seen the team together or as strong as they are right now."

He was taken out in the crash between Mike Skinner and rookie Tony Stewart last Sunday in Talladega, Ala. His finish of 38th left Gordon fifth in the series points standings, 210 behind leader Jeff Burton after nine of 34 races.

DNR offered 22 sites for golf courses

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- The head of the state Division of Natural Resources has received 22 offers of land for development as golf courses.

DNR Director John Rader says he needs to determine whether the sites are feasible.

Rader is envisioning a network of golf courses similar to the Robert Trent Jones Trail in

Alabama. The courses would boost tourism and jump start the economy, Rader said.

"I really feel if you have a trail, you will get out-of-state golfers," he said.

However, the DNR doesn't have the money to build the courses and would have to attract private developers, he said. Some courses would not be built for a decade.

Rader is looking at the

possibility of getting a national group to appraise each site handle the financing to construct a course and then run it.

West Virginia University's College of Entrepreneurial Studies is developing a database on golfers and golf courses for the DNR to show whether interest in the sport is growing and where private courses are in relation to public courses.

Ray Knight charged with striking spectator

Associated Press

ALBANY, Ga. -- Ray Knight, the former manager of the Cincinnati Reds, was charged with disorderly conduct after striking a spectator during an argument after a youth softball game, authorities said.

Knight and Jimmy C. Smith, the spectator, were both charged, but not arrested, after an altercation Tuesday night at Ken Gardens Ballpark in Albany.

Both Knight, who is married to LPGA golfer Nancy Lopez, and Smith had daugh-

ters participating in the game, which featured 11- to 12-year-old girls. Knight was coaching a team.

Smith told The Albany Herald on Wednesday that Knight, a baseball analyst for ESPN, told one of his players who had been walked to run before the umpire signaled ball four. Smith yelled from the stands for Knight to let the umpire do his job.

Smith said Knight approached him after the game. A 15-minute argument about the comment, which came with Knight's team trailing 10-2 the bottom of the fifth ensued,

including obscene language and name-calling by both men.

Smith said he told Knight, "You couldn't play with the big boys and couldn't coach up there, so you have to come here and coach a girls' softball team."

The comment prompted Knight to reach over an assistant coach and strike Smith in the ear with his fist, opening a small laceration, Smith said. Smith said he thought Knight's ring caused the laceration.

The two were separated before police arrived. Each of the two faces an \$88 fine at a municipal court hearing Monday.

Ask Eleanor

Dear Eleanor,

I have a terrible situation occurring in my life. It is like a soap opera. My best friend has been dating this guy for about six months, and now she is pregnant by him. Now here's where the twist occurs in the situation. One weekend she went away and I only had her man to hang out with. We were partying and things got a little out of control. We slept together, and now I'm pregnant by him too. My best friend doesn't know anything about it. I really don't want to hurt my best friend. I love her with all my heart. What am I to do?

Signed,

Confused

Dear Confused,

You have put yourself in quite a predicament, dear. First,

you need to be sure that it's him you're pregnant by. Once you are positive, tell your friend. If you are really her best friend and you love her with all your heart, you would have thought twice before sleeping with her boyfriend. The damage is done now and you can only hope that she will forgive you and him for doing this to her and that baby. If you look on the bright side, your children can be play-pals and have the same dad to brag about. Has the father decided who he intends to spend his life with? Is he claiming these babies and does he intend to support them? These are all questions that you can ask one another once the truth is out in the open. Take the first step and be honest. Good luck!!

Art Student Spotlight: Kyoko Muto

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

Kyoko Muto, an art student from Chaba, Japan is the spotlight this week. Oil painting and representational drawing seem to be a natural talent. This is a new discovery to Kyoko. "This is the first time I've ever taken an art class. Next semester, I will take oil

painting. Art is what I have always wanted to do." After Kyoko completes her associate degree in general studies, she intends to return to Japan. "I would like to work in the art industry in Japan, but I think it will be difficult," explains Kyoko. Kyoko's painting of Lauryn Hill is on display in the showcase of the AB Building. Hill is one of Kyoko's favorite



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

artists and she was very happy to be able to capture her with such precision.

"Dark Reckonings" inspires music

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

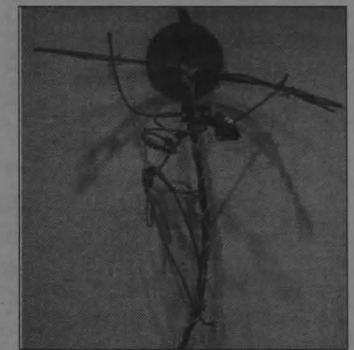
The senior art show "Dark Reckonings" was held in the Fine Arts Gallery from April 19-30.

"Dark Reckonings" is the work of Matt Basnett. Basnett's art work is abstract, with themes including sex,

the afterlife, and technology.

Greg Richmond, a adjunct professor of music, even assigned students to compose short works based on what they saw in the gallery.

He describes his work as "a journal. It provides a constant reminder of what to avoid in my life."



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Jazz Band performs eclectic mix

By Cris Gravely
Staff Columnist

On April 26 the Glenville State College Jazz Band performed to a less-than-packed house, and those who missed it should be sorry. The night was a mix of jazz, disco, rock, and swing which the performers pulled off wonderfully.

The opener was the jazz stan-

dard "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," in an arrangement by Dave Wolpe, which is as exciting today as when it was first written.

The jazz band also revived legend Duke Ellington in an arrangement of "It Don't Mean A Thing," proving that it does mean something when you play it with the energy that the jazz band did.

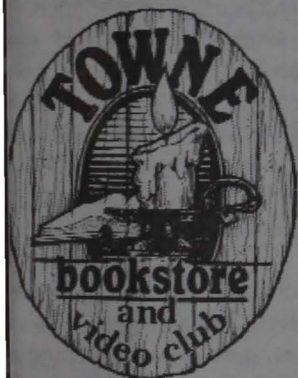
Highlights of the evening included a fantastic vocal solo by

Emily Jones, who sang "Longer," the classic love ballad by Dan Fogelberg arranged in a jazzy upbeat version.

Also, the joint solo between Jeremy Beasley and Andrew Harper was great. The competition-like way it was played was great, each soloist playing higher than the other. I don't know who won, but both men deserve a round of applause.

The jazz band closed with its encore, "Lord, I Wanna Be A Christian," which was an interesting and lively mix of rock, jazz, and pop.

The performance was top-notch and all involved should be proud of themselves. The jazz band is a shining example of the musical talent present on GSC's campus. Anyone who missed this concert, shame on you.



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Ricardo Montalban doing commercials

Associated Press

The cars don't have "Corinthian leather," but that didn't stop Ricardo Montalban from becoming ESPN's new pitchman for its CART coverage.

The actor, whose commercials for the Chrysler Cordoba in the '80s were particularly popular because of the way he touted its leather seats, is doing seven lighthearted commercials to promote the cable system's FedEx Series broadcasts.

CART certainly likes them. "The campaign is in keeping with ESPN's playful approach to

sports," said Keith Allo, CART's vice president of broadcast services. "Montalban does a wonderful job of bringing the emotion of our sport to life, and does so in a manner that is engaging and fun."

The actor who starred in TV's "Fantasy Island" and several movies, including "Star Trek II, the Wrath of Kahn," isn't sure in one of the spots if Champ Car racing is such a good deal.

"This insane machine cruises at 240 mph and has a price tag of \$1 million," he says. "So, where, I ask you, is the rich Corinthian leather?"

Lost, not found

Reel World Movie Reviews by Chris Vannoy

Last year, The Farrelly Brothers brought us a brand of gross humor and sick pet abuse jokes that Hollywood was just waiting to steal. Guess what? They have.

With "Lost & Found," director Jeff Pollack has sanitized, repackaged, and regurgitated "Mary" with David Spade (SNL) in the Ben Stiller Role, and Sophie Marceau ("Braveheart") in the Cameron Diaz slot. Add to the mix Patrick Bruehl as the requisite rival in love, and you're all set.

The plot consists of Dylan (Spade) falling in love with his new next door neighbor, the cello-playing Lila (Marceau). To try and win her affection, he steals her dog for a few hours.

This is where things get complicated, however. Her dog manages to swallow a wedding ring Dylan was

holding for his best friend, and so Dylan must keep the dog until it passes through the dog's system. While this is happening, the old flame Rene (Bruehl) comes along to woo Lila.

You can guess what happens from here. The two guys go nuts trying to impress Lila, and the dog gets mined for cheap laughs. Even the closing credits mimic "Mary" with the cast lip-synching to "Groove is in the Heart" by Dee-Lite.

This sort of thing happens entirely too often in Hollywood. From revamping bad 60's and 70's television shows ("Addams Family", "Lost in Space", and coming soon, "Charlie's Angels") to copying foreign films ("City of Angels", "Point of No Return", and "The Birdcage"), Hollywood has no shame when it comes to ripping off other's work.

Don't bother with this film. To paraphrase David Spade, "I like it better when it was called 'Something About Mary'."

GSC Talent Show

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

People entering the Fine Arts Auditorium on the evening of Wednesday, April 28 were in for quite a show as the Student Activities and Tau Kappa Epsilon teamed together to put together this year's talent show.

The stage was adorned with balloons and the TKE flag was hanging in a spotlight over the crowd.

The evening got started off with a great deal of enthusiasm as "Stone Cold" came running down the aisles pumping everybody up.

The first act, which was not being judged, was Sloppy Joe, a band consisting of GSC alumni. They were not only part of the entertainment, but some of the night's judges. The other judges were Matt Schoonemaker and Mrs. Knox. In between some of the performances, Henry Johnson of Miami, graced the stage with his insightful



Clockwise from top left: Wayne deRosset of "Counterpoint", Emily Jones, Henry Johnson, Chad Earl

poetry.

The winners were talented and deserving. In third place was Calhoun County's Chad Earl. He sang country music and played guitar. The crowd actively participated in his music by standing, cheering, and dancing.

Second place went to Emily Jones. She floored the audience with her rousing performance of, "I'm a Woman."

The band Counterpoint took home the \$200 prize for first place. The audience was impressed by their hard-hitting rendition of Bob Seger/Metallica mix of "Turn the Page". One member of the band is the English department's own Wayne deRosset.

Overall, the evening was great fun and many were impressed with the amount of talent representing the GSC community.

"The Color Purple" and Dorothy Parker

By Heather Eberly
and Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnists

Her Pick:

As this is my final column, I'm recommending my favorite movie of all-time, "The Color Purple," directed by Steven Spielberg. The movie stars Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg, Margaret Avery, and Oprah Winfrey, among others. "The Color Purple" is based on the book of the same title by Alice Walker; it is one of the only movies to remain true to the book. This has been my favorite movie for over eight years, ever since the first time I watched it. I've yet to find another movie that can make me cry tears of alternating pain and joy so many times for its duration; especially after seeing it 70 or more times. This movie is full of beautiful direction, outstanding performances, and fabulous cine-

matography. The fact that it's based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel doesn't hurt either. If you feel like a good cry or just want to watch a stunning movie, rent this one.

His Pick:

Dorothy Parker was one of this century's greatest providers of wit. As part of the Algonquin Round Table (a famous gathering place for the quick-tongued writers of 1920's New York), she penned numerous book reviews in addition to her sparkling wit. "Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle" is the story of her life, and the story of an era.

The film (yup, I said film) was directed by Alan Rudolph, who seems to have a fondness for 1920's New York (see his 1988 movie, "The Moderns"), and he throws everyone in the Round table scene at the viewer, if only for a second.

The resulting feeling is almost that of a

party to which everyone is invited. At the center of it all is Mrs. Parker (Jennifer Jason Leigh) and her trouble with men.

She's in love with a married man, Robert Benchley (Campbell Scott), who she can never have. She's had two failed marriages to a weak-willed man, and a torrid affair with a philanderer. She drowns her troubles in booze and wit, coming up for air only to have her head ducked back under.

As an added bonus, the film features several of today's up-and-coming stars in very early roles, such as: Academy Award winner Gwyneth Paltrow, Nick Cassavetes, Heather Graham ("Boogie Nights"), Joe Favreau ("Swingers"), and Stanley Tucci (the forthcoming "Midsummer Night's Dream").

If you're an English major, or just a big fan of dramas about funny people, I wholeheartedly recommend this film.



He Said
She Said
Movie Reviews

BERTY MEADOWS by Frank Cho



DZU by Doug Marlette



THE BIG HAPPY by Rick Detorie



BE IN HELL by Matt Groening

HOW TO KILL 8 HOURS A DAY AND STILL KEEP YOUR JOB

IT'S NOT THAT EASY, BUT IF YOU'VE GOT AN MERRA MIND AND A YAGUE, ILL-DEFINED SENSE OF RESENTMENT, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THIS EASY GUIDE AND GET AWAY WITH MURDER.

MINIMUM DAILY REQUIREMENTS

- A DESK SITUATED SO YOU CAN ESCAPE SCENTHO.
- A WINDOW TO STARE OUT OF.
- A GOOD ACTING ABILITY.

IT'S ALWAYS TIME FOR A COFFEE BREAK!

STEPS:

- ORDER TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY OFFICE BREAKING.
- WHAT TO HAVE WITH YOUR COFFEE

- MODERATE CREAM POWDER
- ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER
- DO NOT
- ANOTHER DONUT... WHEN THE NEW HOT?

COFFEE-BREAK PROJECTS

BORED?

- WASH THE SURFACE OF COFFEE. SHELL. AROUND.
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- WASH THE SURFACE OF COFFEE. SHELL. AROUND.

FANTASIZE ABOUT HAVING SEX WITH EACH PERSON WHO WALKS THROUGH THE DOOR.

MAKE YOUR OWN OFFICE TOYS

WITH PUSHPINS AND AN ERASER, YOU CAN MAKE A LITTLE FIG.

THINGS YOU CAN DO W/O MOVING A MUSCLE

- WATCH THE CLOCK. WITH TENSESSLY.
- DANDEMAN. STARE INTO SPACE.
- BLANK OUT. STEN IN YOUR OWN JICES.
- TAKE A BREAKER. SIGH.

3 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- HAVE I CHECKED MY WORK?
- HAVE I DOUBLE-CHECKED MY WORK?
- HAVE I TRIPLE-CHECKED MY WORK?

MEMOS:

WRITE 'EM. READ 'EM. IGNORE 'EM.

NEVER

JUST WANDER AROUND. ALWAYS HAVE A PIECE OF PAPER IN YOUR HAND AND LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GOING SOMEWHERE.

HANDY PHRASES

- "GOOD-OOD MORNING."
- "WHAT A DAY!"
- "OH, MY BACK."
- "HAVE A GOOD ONE."

PETTY BUT ODDLY SATISFYING OFFICE PRANKS

PUT ALL CALLERS ON HOLD FOREVER. PRESS ALL THE BUTTONS IN THE ELEVATOR. BOWLING PINS AND NEVER RETURN THEM.

BE CREATIVE!

PAPER CLIP MODERN MINISculpture

HANDY HINTS! E-Z & FUN!!

- CLIP FINGERBILLS.
- PRINT FINGERBILLS.
- WHITE FINGERBILLS.
- SHIRT AT A.
- MODERN MINISculpture.
- WASH AND KILL PINK FLIES.
- MAKE AND SAIL PAPER AIRPLANES.
- KISS AND GIVE A CO-WORKER.

FOR A CHANGE OF PACE, ORGANIZE FREQUENT LITTLE OFFICE BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!

UH OH! HERE COMES TROUBLE!

WHEN YOU GET CAUGHT:

- SNOOPING..... "I'M LOOKING FOR AN ERASER."
- SLEEPING..... "I'VE GOT IT!! A GREAT NEW IDEA FOR... [THANK FAST]."
- SHIRTING..... "I THOUGHT I WAS S'POSED TO BE DOING THIS."

SMILE!!!

THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Mystic Alley

Horoscope by Alli the Mystical

TAURUS: (Apr 21- May 21) This is a time of achievement and integration. You have reached a goal that you have been working hard to accomplish. This is just the beginning glances of something mysterious and elusive.

GEMINI: (May 22- June 21) 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.

CANCER: (June 22- July 23) This is a time of pleasure and satisfaction. Whatever it is that you're wishing for, will be fulfilled. It represents the reward for efforts made, and the validation of ones commitment.

LEO: (July 24- Aug 23) It's time to come to terms with the childlike curiosity and potential for spiteful gossip within yourself. You may be the victim of other people's gossip or you may be the one starting meaningless quarrels. You could also have the tendency to be irritable and difficult. These things reflect the coming forth of new ideas and true independent thinking.

VIRGO: (Aug 24- Sept 23) You need to be more comfortable with your life and who you really 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.

LIBRA: (SEPT 24- Oct 23) This suggests a time when your mind's ability to understand helps to ease a difficult time into a more peaceful passage. Use your insight to retain your dignity and self respect.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24- Nov 22) You are going to have to

play the part of the hard-working apprentice trying to gain a new skill. You have recently found that you have a talent that you should improve, perhaps a hobby that you may be considering turning into a profession. Even though you feel you "should" already be on the right track, explore your options with this new interest.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 23- Dec 21) There is a new chapter about to be opened for you in the book of life. There is going to be some sort of risk required, but you should be willing to take it., even if it means that you'll end up looking foolish.

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22- Jan 20) You need to be creative in handling your rage. It is inevitable that you will battle within yourself desiring senseless pride. Courage, strength, and self-discipline are needed to battle within the situation.

AQUARIUS: (Jan 21- Feb 19) This is a time when at the point of exhaustion, there is still some other challenge keeping you from your goals. Somehow, mysteriously, you can find the strength to meet the challenge. This strength is only available when you have used up every other possibility, and it seems to be invoked by both your need and willingness, despite exhaustion, to try one more time.

PISCES: (Feb 20- Mar 20) A conflict will allow you to see a whole new creative viewpoint. There are going to be problems ahead 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.

ARIES: (Mar 21- Apr 20) You are feeling something new. This could be a relationship, the quality of a relationship, or even the birth of a child. After a time of hurt and withdrawal you are beginning to be able to love others again, and more importantly, yourself.

At its April 21, 1999 meeting the Academic Affairs Committee proposed revisions to the Policy and Procedure for Withdrawing from A Class, the Policy on Auditing Courses, the Faculty Advisors Section of the College Catalog, the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, and the requirements for the Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

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.

Policy and Procedure for Withdrawing from a Class

Students may withdraw from a course with a grade of "W" until ten days in which college classes are in session after the date that mid-semester grade reports are due from the faculty. Students who want to drop a class should meet with their advisor and secure a drop slip. Once the drop form is completed, it should be brought to the Records Office.

After the last date to withdraw with a grade of "W", students may withdraw from a class only for medical reasons or other circumstances beyond their control. They will then be assigned, by the instructor, a grade of "WP" or "WF" whichever is appropriate.

The last day for withdrawal for summer session classes will be published in the academic calendar and in the appropriate schedule of classes.

Any student who withdraws from over four semester hours in each of three consecutive semesters will not be permitted to pre-register for the next semester. If a student registers for over 18 semester hours and withdraws from over four semester hours in each of two consecutive semesters, that student will not be permitted to preregister for the next semester.

Students who preregister/register for Computer Science 101 and then withdraw from it will not be permitted to preregister for any courses the next semester.

Policy on Auditing Courses

Students may audit courses upon the approval of their advisor and the instructor concerned. Enrollment and payment of fees is required as for courses taken for credit. Courses audited are counted as a part of the student's maximum permissible semester course load. Therefore, a student may not audit classes which, if taken for credit, would constitute excess semester hours, unless authorized by the Vice President for Academic Affairs or, for a student enrolled in the Community and Technical College, the Provost of the Community and Technical College. Audited courses will not count toward certification for veterans' benefits, athletic eligibility, financial aid eligibility, or certification as a full-time student. At any time prior to the end of the last day for adding classes, students who have pre-registered

to audit a course may be removed from the roll of the course on a last enrolled-first removed basis in order to permit the registration of students who want to take the course for credit. A student may change from "Audit" to "Credit" at any time prior to the end of the last day for adding classes. Once a change to "credit" is made, the student will come under the normal grading system. A student may change from "Credit" to "Audit" until the last day to withdraw with a grade of "W." However, if a student has changed from "Credit" to "Audit", the report of "Audit" for the course will be treated as if it were a "W" for the purposes of determining the student's academic progress for financial aid purposes.

A person who is not registered as a student may audit a class, with the permission of the instructor involved, by filling out a registration form, applying for admission, and paying fees. This provision does not apply to faculty or staff of the college. In order to promote professional development, any member of the faculty or staff of the college may, with the consent of the instructor involved, observe any class on an occasional or regular basis without completion of registration or payment of any fees.

When granting permission to audit a course, the instructor shall inform the auditor of the instructor's expectations for auditors of the course. At a minimum, an auditor shall comply with the instructor's attendance policy for the course. The instructor may elect to have no additional requirements for an auditor or the instructor may require the auditor to complete some or all of the academic requirements of the course including examinations and laboratories. Regardless of the instructor's requirements for an auditor, no grades or credit are awarded to a student who audits a course. At the end of the semester or term the instructor shall report to the Office of Records and Enrollment Management whether or not the auditor completed the course in compliance with the instructor's expectations. Audit courses that are not completed will be noted as such on the student's transcript.

In a later semester or term, a student may enroll for credit in a course which the student had audited in an earlier semester or term. A student may audit a course for which the student had previously received credit.

Revision of Faculty Advisors Section of GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE CATALOG

Faculty Advisors

Students will be assigned to faculty advisors when they enter College. They will meet with these advisors during Orientation Week and will be asked to meet with them at least once each semester. These advisors help students in matters of study habits, scheduling, advice in the educational program, and career opportunities related to the educational program.

Change of Advisors

If a student changes his/her field of study, he/she will usually be assigned a new academic advisor. If the student wishes to retain the current advisor, he/she should indicate that on the change of program form.

A student may wish to change advisors. The request to change advisors should be made to the advisor's Division Chairperson/Dean of Teacher Education. The Chairperson or Dean will either assign the student a new advisor within the division or, if that is not feasible, will assign the student to the Academic Advising Center in the office of the Registrar/Director of Enrollment Management. The Division Chairperson or Dean will report any change of advisor, including assignment to the Academic Advising Unit, to the Office of Academic Affairs. (The Office of Academic Affairs

shall report any change of advisor for a Community and Technical College student to the Provost of the Community and Technical College.)

Declaration of Majors

Students are expected to choose their field or fields of study as early as possible in their college career. This should be done by the completion of 48 semester hours of course work. To delay doing this may mean that the student will experience difficulty in completing a program in a timely fashion. Students who do not declare a major upon enrolling will be designated as undeclared. (To assure compliance with NCAA regulations, athletes designated as undeclared must enroll in a minimum of twelve (12) hours of courses each semester which are part of the general studies program for all baccalaureate degree programs.)

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

All students whether in bachelor or associate degree programs who wish to receive Federal Financial Aid while attending Glenville State College must meet the requirements of this policy. Compliance with the standards will be measured on all enrolled students at the end of the spring semester. Transfer hours including transient hours are included in all measures. The funds affected by this policy are Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Federal College Work Study, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Direct Loans, and West Virginia Grant. Some outside agencies award monies under these guidelines.

A. STANDARDS OF PROGRESS

The standards of progress are as follows:

I. Qualitative Standards

All students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average. This is based upon the number of cumulative attempted hours including transfer hours as recorded in the Office of Records and Enrollment Management.

00-27 hours -- 1.25 GPA

28-42 hours -- 1.50 GPA

43-57 hours -- 1.75 GPA

58 hours and above -- 2.00 GPA

Glenville State College considers a student in a bachelor degree program who has been enrolled for two or more academic years (four or more semesters) to have academic standing consistent with the institution's requirements for graduation if the student is in compliance with the standard above.

II. Quantitative Standards

a) Total of total hours passed vs. total hours enrolled to date

The ratio of total hours passed to total hours enrolled to date must be 2/3 or more.

Total hours passed will include only hours for courses in which a student received a grade of "A", "B", "C", "D", or "CR." Total hours enrolled will include all courses in which a student began enrollment. These will include all courses in which a student passed, failed, received a record of credit for, withdrew, has an active "incomplete" on record for, audited, repeated, or received non-credit remedial hours for. This total will be calculated from the student's billing hours and may differ from the number of hours attempted as recorded by the Office of Records and Enrollment Management.

b) Maximum hours

Except as noted below in the section on Compliance and Appeals, the total hours enrolled to date for a bachelor degree student shall not exceed 192 hours which is 1.5 times the minimum number of hours required to complete a baccalaureate degree.

Except as noted below in the section on Compliance and Appeals, the total hours enrolled to date for an associate

degree student shall not exceed 105 hours which is 1.5 times the institutionally computed average of the number of hours required for associate degree programs.

Only one uncompleted major degree program will be used to determine the maximum number of credit hours permitted. However, a student may complete an associate degree program and then enroll in a bachelor degree program, in which case total hours enrolled to date will include all hours enrolled while completing the associate degree program.

B. COMPLIANCE AND APPEALS

1. Appeal of a determination that a student is not making satisfactory academic progress

All notices required by this policy for a student who is not in compliance with financial aid satisfactory progress standard(s) shall include information concerning the student's rights of appeal under this policy and the procedures for appeal under this policy. The notices will also explain the nature of the non-compliance and indicate what the student must do to achieve compliance.

The Financial Aid Administrator shall notify a student who is found to be in noncompliance with any of the financial aid progress standards that the student is on financial aid suspension for federal financial aid including loans.

A student who is not in compliance with the qualitative standards or the ratio of total hours passed vs. total hours enrolled to date may appeal their financial aid suspension to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. The Committee may find that the student is making satisfactory progress even though the student does not meet either the qualitative standards or the ratio of total hours passed vs. total hours enrolled to date standard if the Committee determines that student's failure to meet the standards is based upon -

(1) The death of an immediate family member;

(2) A documented injury or illness of the student;

(3) Other special circumstances.

A student who is found to be in non-compliance with the maximum hours quantitative standard may appeal to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee under the following circumstances:

(1) The student has audit hours included in the total hours enrolled to date. The Committee may disregard these hours upon appeal unless (a) the student switched from "Credit" to "Audit" status in the course or (b) the student received an "audit-not complete" report from the course audited.

(2) The student's major degree program requires more than 128 hours if the student is in a bachelor degree program or requires more than 70 hours if the student is in an associate degree program. Under this circumstance, the Committee may increase the maximum hours limit for the student to not more than 1.5 times the number of credit hours required for the student's program.

A student desiring to appeal financial aid suspension must do so in writing. As much documentation as possible should be provided. For priority consideration, an appeal should be filed at least two weeks before the beginning of the next semester or term. Appeals should be submitted to: Financial Aid Appeals Committee, c/o Financial Aid Office, 200 High Street, Glenville State College, Glenville, WV 26351. A written decision will be provided within two weeks of receipt of the appeal. The written decision will be mailed to the address the student has provided with the appeal or, if none is provided, to the student's permanent address as listed in the college's database.

The Financial Aid Appeals Committee is composed of the Financial

Aid Administrator, Registrar/Director of Enrollment Management, two faculty staff members and two students. The four members are appointed by Financial Aid Administrator. Decision of the committee are final.

II. Other procedures for a student to re-establish that he or she is maintaining satisfactory academic progress

Upon request from a student who has been found in non-compliance with financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards, the Financial Aid Office will measure the student's compliance at the end of either a summer or fall semester to see if the student's academic work after determination of non-compliance has restored them to compliance with the standards. The Financial Aid Office will notify the student of the result of this special compliance measure.

A student who has been found in non-compliance with the financial aid progress standards may also have their financial aid restored at the end of some subsequent spring semester if the Financial Aid Office determines that student's academic work after determination of non-compliance has restored them to compliance with the standards. The student does not have to request the compliance check at the end of a spring semester. The Financial Aid Office will notify the student of the result of this regular compliance measure.

C. DISCLAIMER

Compliance with the financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards does not guarantee the award of financial aid. Financial aid awards are also influenced by the availability of funds and other factors.

D. DATE OF EFFECT OF POLICY AND TRANSITION TO POLICY

The satisfactory academic progress standards will last be measured under provisions of the May 4, 1995 Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy at the end of Spring 1999 semester. The regular measure of the satisfactory academic progress standards of this policy will be measured at the end of the Spring, 2000 semester. In addition, however, students who are on financial aid probation or suspension at the terms of the May 4, 1995 policy, request that the Financial Aid Office ensure their compliance with the provisions of this policy at the end of either the Spring 1999 term or the Fall 1999 semester.

As soon as possible after approval of this policy by the college, the Financial Aid Office will inform all students whose satisfactory academic progress for financial aid was measured at the end of the Spring 1999 semester of the adoption of the new policy and of its provisions. This notice shall also inform student if his or her compliance with college's standards of satisfactory academic progress would have been different computed under the terms of this policy.

Proposed revision of Required for Interdisciplinary Studies Program

The Academic Affairs Committee proposes that statement "D" of Interdisciplinary Studies Program be changed to read as follows:

D. A student entering the IDS program after the semester in which he or she has accumulated 90 credit hours must have a 2.5 average. In order to graduate with a 2.5 average a student must have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Copies of these proposed changes are available from the Vice President for Academic Affairs or through Student Services. The typewritten version will be much larger and easier to read.

Long sucker, wasn't it!

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