

This Issue

News

**Bikers converge on
Glenville for charity**

The Marsh Memorial Poker
Run

On Campus

**Convocation is set
for kick off**

President Powell to speak to
campus

Editorial

Hot fun in the summertime

Students react to lack of air
conditioning

Center Section

Under Construction

Photos by Sherrie Hardman

Science/ Technology

The Virtual Librarian

Readable fly-swatters

Arts & Entertainment

Windows to the soul of sex

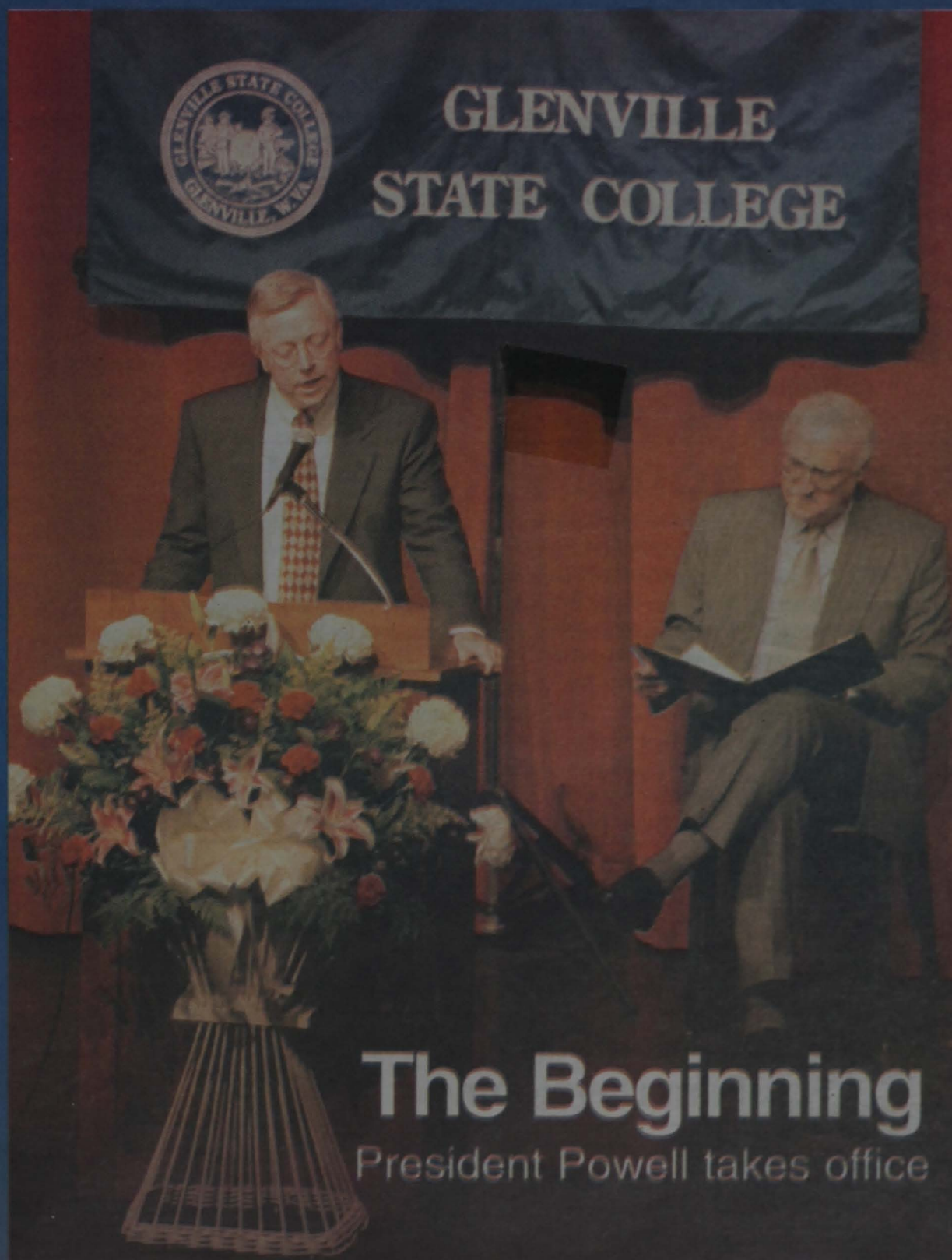
"Eyes Wide Shut" examines
the link between sex and
spirituality

Sports

GSC hosts cager campers

Coaching staff puts the fun
into basketball camp

The Mercury



The Beginning

President Powell takes office

Bikers converge on Glenville for charity

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

The 7th annual Marsh Memorial Poker Run began at the Main Event on Main Street in Glenville, July 17th. This event attracted motorcycle riders from across the state.

The Poker Run was originally started to buy a monument for Regina and Stephen (Pee Wee) Marsh. The brother and sister died in vehicle related accidents.

The Poker run has continued, with money being donated to various community organizations. The second years funds

went to Gilmer County Emergency Squad for pediatric equipment, and the third year began their commitment to the Make a Wish Foundation. Approximately 2,700 dollars was raised this year. There are still T-shirts available for purchase.

Participant 'Fuzzy' declared, "I consider it an honor to be around the Marsh family every year. They are some of the finest people that I know on earth. God Bless them and their family."

Riders paid an entry fee of ten dollars and preceded on route 33/119 stopping at various locations throughout the

county and adjourned at the 33 Club with food and Monocycle games.

The bikers drew numbers, in a raffle at each establishment, the person with the highest number winning 100 dollars. This year's winner was John Crouch. Bikers were given opportunity to enter games such as the keg role, slow drag, and the winnie bite, winners recieved trophies.

Participant were all in good spirits. Saints President Brother Hillbilly, and members Punks and Thumper all stated, "We come every year; we like helping people."

Glenville State surveyors donate historical equipment

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

The Land Surveying Department at Glenville State College has donated a wild T-4, with all the accessories to the National Surveying Museum in Lansing, Michigan. This early surveying equipment was used in the early 1900's and was orginially loaned to GSC from the federal government for historical purposes. This will allow a greater number of surverors throughout the United States to able to view this rare historical surveying instrument. The faculty and students hope

that this donation to GSC will contribute to preservation of native land surveying history.



Left to Right: Jonathan White, student, Rick Sypolt, instructor, David Ingram, recipient for the museum, and students Josh Moody, Ted Garm, Dwayne Hall, Tom Simmons, Jerry Wood, Rod Roth, Gerald Matheny, and Jeremy Myers

Hechler honors Kennedys

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Secretary of State Ken Hechler used some of his personal memorabilia of the late President Kennedy to set up a display in the state Capitol to memorialize John F. Kennedy Jr.

Hechler said Monday he would leave the display up for

several days. It includes a lighted candle, photos of the younger Kennedy as a child in the White House and photos of other members of the Kennedy family.

Hechler, 84, was a Democratic Congressman from West Virginia from 1959 to 1977 and knew President Kennedy.

Although he did not know

the younger Kennedy, Hechler said the display is "an opportunity for people to review the wonderful things the Kennedys have done for West Virginia."

He said President Kennedy was responsible for the construction of Interstate 79 from Charleston to Morgantown and helped direct federal contracts to state businesses, among other things.



GIL-CO PHARMACY ^{Rx}

A Leading Drug Store

Kodak Colorwatch System Film Developing

Russell Stover Candies

HOURS: 8:30-6:30 Mon.-Fri., 8:30-2:00 Sat.

PHONE: Business 462-8300 - Home 462-7695

32 E. Main St., Glenville



FAMILY NIGHT

Every Wednesday 4 P.M. - Close
Eat In or Carry Out

LARGE ONE TOPPING
\$5.99

LARGE SUPREME (Six Toppings)
\$9.99

Pitcher Soft Beverage \$1.49
Large Soft Beverage \$.35

Soft Beverage Eat In Only
Toppings Extra
Free Refills Do Not Apply

Offer Good Wednesday Night Only

Convocation is set for kick off PBL goes National

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Under direction of
Glenville State College's
President, Dr. Thomas
Powell, GSC will have its
first ever convocation, on
August 18, 1999. A convoca-
tion is a formal assembly for

a specific purpose.
Convocation is based on a
Latin phrase that means "to
call together." Historically
convocations have been
associated with religious or
academic gatherings.

The Fall convocation
will mark GSC's first acade-
mic year in the new millenni-

um and our journey into aca-
demic excellence. The
upcoming freshman class
will be welcomed into the
academic community and
two alumni will receive
Presidential Alumni Awards
for dedication to the college,
community and humanity.

Representatives from the

community, such as newly
elected mayor Wayne
Richmond, will join the GSC
community to offer greet-
ings. An Academic Oath of
Excellence will be given to
freshman and faculty,
promising to uphold the pur-
suit of intellectual, cultural,
personal and social growth.

By Bryan Norris
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State
College Phi Beta Lambda,
(Future Business Leaders of
America) participated in the
National PBL Conference,
held in Chicago. The group
competed against other PBL
chapters and voted for
national offices. The GSC
group consisted of Arden
Skidmore, Brent Wood,
Jonathon Ramezan, Matt
Wilson, Man-lee Cheung,
Earnest Kingdom, Bryan
Norris, and the advisor
Jenny Dawkins.

The students attended
their individual events, lec-
tures, conferences, elections
and a dance. Jonathon
Ramezan was the only stu-
dent who placed in an indi-
vidual event; he placed 4th
in Telecommunications
competition. Man-lee
Cheung competed in a web-
site competition against two
others and won a web site
for a year.

The group also went to
different sites around
Chicago from the Hancock
Building, Navy Pier, the
NBC Building and China
Town by subway.

WVTI - Leading by example

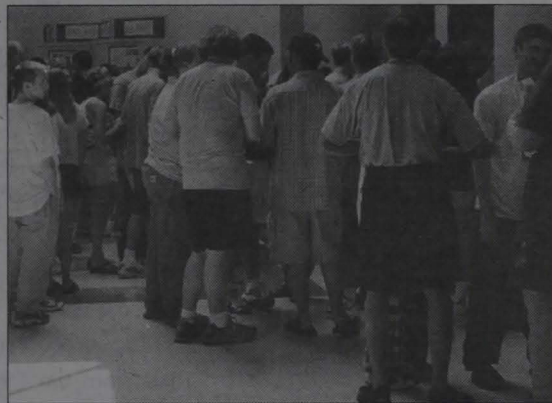
By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

Glenville State
College was the host
of the WV Teen
Institute the week of
July 11 - July 17. The
WV Teen Institute
teaches teens how to
solve the problems of
substance abuse,
bridging the gap
between the school
and the community.
Entertainment includ-
ing singers and song
writers, Jeanne and
Earl Anthony;
Cultural Jazz Artist,
Douglas Spotted
Tiger; humorist,
Allen Vadino; a moti-

vational speaker,
Keith Matheny.
According to a
survey conducted by
PRIDE, the National
Parents' Resource
Institute, more than
one in four high
school seniors, and
one in five 12th
graders, use an illicit
drug once a month or
more during a school
year. More than a
quarter of them admit-
ted weekly alcohol
use. Also, 7.1% used
cocaine; 11.6% used
uppers; 12.1% used
hallucinogens and
3.5% used heroin. The
PRIDE survey found
annual use of illicit

drugs increased
22.9% of 6th - 12th
graders in 1994-95.
The WVTI teach-
es prevention and risk
principles for children
and adolescents. A
study showed that
high school students
participating in the
Teen Institute pro-
grams were much less
likely to begin sub-
stance abuse. Today,
32 states, have TI
organizations at the
community, regional
or state levels.

The WVTI makes
grants up to \$2,000
available to various
community groups to
assist in teen sub-



Pat McCord, Mercury

stance use prevention
programs. Detailed
information about TI
grants may be
obtained from the TI
coordinator by calling
the Division on
Alcoholism and Drug
Abuse Services at
(304)558-2276 or fax
at (304)558-1008.

**West Virginia Teen
Institute partici-
pants mill about in
the lobby of the
Fine Arts Building
of Glenville State
College as they
wait for the next
activity**

Seniors recieved awards at graduation

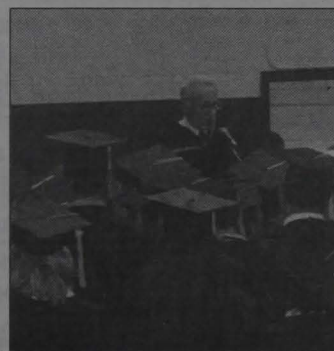
By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Glenville State
College Foundation
awards were presented at
the 1999 graduation.
Recipients were honored as
outstanding students in
their field of study. The
awards were funded by
alumni, faculty, and
friends of GSC.

The recipient of the
Erner Science and Math
Award was David C.
Angler. Dr. Byron Turner
is a Professor of
Chemistry at GSC from
1946-1976. Jeffery D.

Lancaster recieved the
Toth Science and Math
award, which was created
in the memory of Frank L.
Toth. Toth was a former
professor of Physics at
GSC. The Wagner Science
and Math Award was
recieved by Gary Jay
Kerns, for excellence in
science and math. This
award was established in
the memory of John R.
Wagner, who taught at
GSC for 37 years. The
recipient of the
Somerville Education
Award was Joshua T.
Hutzler, an education
major. The award was

established by Dr. and
Mrs. Delmer K.
Somerville in the memory
of his mother Christina
Lockhart Somerville. Dr.
Sommerville was a former
Dean of Academic Affairs
at GSC. The recipient of
the Avonell "Tish" Davis
Education Award was
Kacinda York, which was
established in the memory
of Avonell "Tish"
Singleton Davis. This
award celebrates Mrs.
Davis' commitment to
public teaching, by help-
ing future teachers. The
recipient of the Willa
Brand English Award was



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Graduation Spring 1999

Terry L. Estep, as an out-
standing english student,
which was established in
the memory of Miss Willa
Brand.

**Employment
at the
Mercury**

**Available:
Staff Writers,
Advertising
Assistant,
Office Manager,
and
Office Assistants**

**Stop by the Mercury
Office for info**

The Mercury

Volume 71 - No. 1
A member of the Associated Press

Amy Lynn Smith - Editor-in-chief
Chris Vannoy - Production Manager/ Layout
Amy Smith and Chris Vannoy - Co-Copy Editors
Sherrie Hardman - Photo Editor
Bryan Norris - Advertising Director
Maryanne Gelsi - Distribution Manager
Dr. Christopher Orr - Faculty Advisor

E-mail us at:
mercury@vms.glenville.wvnet.edu

The Beginning

Welcome to The Mercury! Life on campus has been a hustle of activity, preparing for the upcoming fall semester. GSC is a changing place, a new campus with a new atmosphere for a new millennium. Our new President, Dr. Thomas H. Powell certainly knows how to get the ball rolling, bringing much needed changes to our college community.

The Mercury, like the rest of campus has gone through major renovations this summer. In fact, our office still has not completely recovered. We now have an almost completely new editorial staff, new equipment, a new commitment to bringing quality journalism to the GSC campus and hopefully soon new carpet. This summer edition was very near an impossibility last week; the office was still under major construction and there were only four staff members with no layout experience. Fortunately nothing is truly impossible; here is the summer edition.

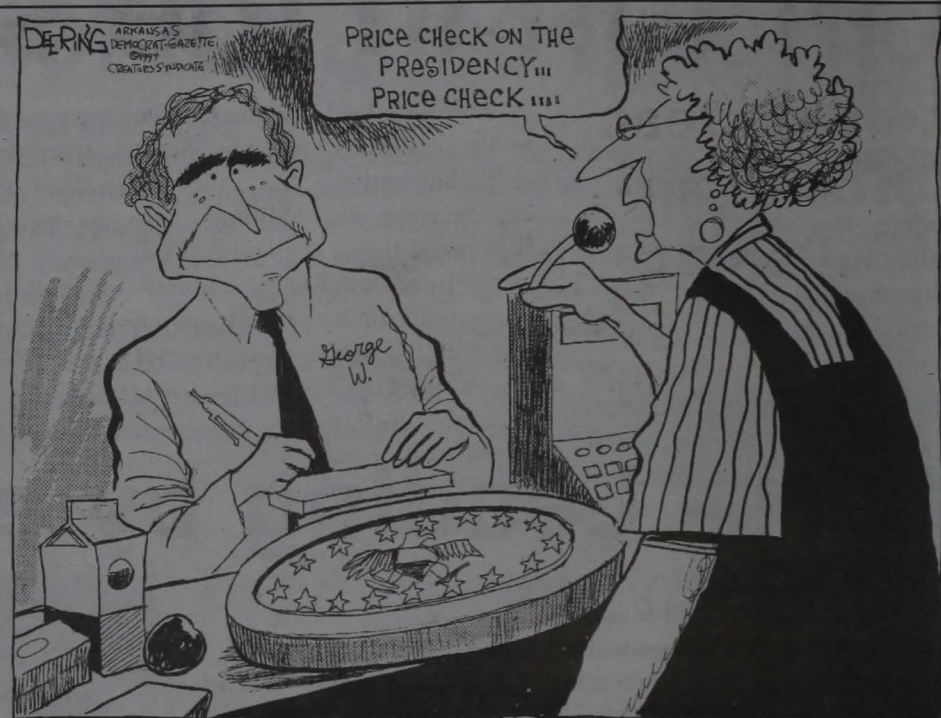
It has been especially difficult, as I am serving as a full-time intern for The Citizens' News, a newspaper in Braxton County and have not been able to be here at all during the week. Staff members, Sherrie Hardman, Maryanne Gelsi, Pat McCord and Bryan Norris have been keeping the office on track; without their help and support The Mercury would have been in a real jam.

Thanks guys!!! I would also like to give special thanks to Chris Vannoy, The Mercury's layout editor. He drove all the way from Oak Hill two nights last week to layout the paper.

Will Owens, however is missing in action and is not to return. A former, valued staff member, Will is responsible for a lot of changes that have occurred in this office in the past year; he also began many projects that will benefit this paper as we change and grow. He has accepted a banking job in Oregon, and deserves the best of luck. I just wish the timing could have been different.

I hope everyone's summer has been as fun as mine. Until next time, and so on.

THE MERCURY (USPS 220-040) is published weekly during the school year, except for holidays and final exams, with two summer issues. Periodical Postage paid at Glenville, WV 26351. POSTMASTER: Send address changes (PS FORM 3579) to The Mercury, Glenville State College, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351. This periodical is paid-in part-by Student Fees from Glenville State College. Subscription rate \$35/year. "I'm not even supposed to be here today" - Dante, "Clerks"



Trading the duel for mudslinging

By Lawrence L. Knutson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The lead ball from the former Treasury secretary's English-made pistol bored through the branches and snapped a twig over the vice president's head.

Vice President Aaron Burr waited for the smoke to clear, then put a bullet into Alexander Hamilton's stomach. According to some accounts, it severed his spinal cord.

It was July 11, 1804. The code of the duel had claimed its most celebrated American victim.

From the age of chivalry to the era of democratic institutions, the duel, a ritualized dance of death, took lives with stilted precision.

"It was a time infatuated with clockwork toys turning upon pivots, and its duelists were like automata of chivalry," writes historian Roger Kennedy in his detailed and fascinating "Burr, Hamilton and Jefferson, A Study in Character." The book, with its self-explanatory title will be published this fall by Oxford University Press.

Duels and threatened duels were "demonstrations of manner ... intricate games of dare and counterdare," writes Joanne B. Freeman in "Duelling as Politics," in the William and Mary Quarterly. "Each man's response to the threat of gunplay bore far more meaning than the exchange of fire itself."

Although the Hamilton-Burr duel was notorious, and although Burr was accused for a time of murdering his rival, the encounter at Weehawken by no means put an end to dueling. The ritual of the duel moved to the Potomac with the new federal government. A dueling ground was soon established in a ravine at Bladensburg in Maryland, a short ride from Washington. The first of more than 50 duels was fought there in 1808, and the place soon became known as "the dark and bloody grounds."

In 1826, Secretary of State Henry Clay, complaining of insults, challenged Virginia Sen. John Randolph. In an initial exchange of shots in a clearing on the Virginia side of the Potomac both men missed. A second round was arranged.

The eccentric Randolph dressed in a large and enveloping white wrapper or robe vamped to an associate that he not intend to pull the trigger. Clay's shot missed Randolph but drilled his coat. "You owe me a coat, Clay," Randolph said, holding out his hand.

"I am glad that the deed is no greater," Clay replied. Out in Tennessee, General Andrew Jackson, in a quarrel that began over a horse race, came to believe that a party, Charles Dickinson, questioned the circumstances of Jackson's marriage.

Dickinson was killed. Jackson wounded in the chest when the two fought on the 30, 1806. Although Jackson carried a bullet in his arm removed while in the White House, he carried Dickinson's bullet in his heart for the rest of his life.

Dueling was outlawed in the capital in 1839 and gradually faded as a political and social custom.

Insults and slurs on personal character still thread public discourse. But the duel is no longer the ultimate settler of accounts.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Mercury 200 High Street - Box 207 Glenville, WV 26351
All articles submitted for publication in The Mercury must be typed and double-spaced. Stories and announcements should be addressed c/o Amy Smith. The deadline for stories and announcements is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for publication in the next week's paper. All photographs should be submitted to Sherrie Hardman, photo editor.

Hot fun in the summertime

Students react to lack of air-conditioning

Dear Editor,

When most people think of summer, pleasant thoughts spring to mind. They envision a nice time under the sun, great memories with friends, and a break from the chaos of college life. For those students at GSC this summer, it has been the opposite.

It is common knowledge that this summer comes hot weather. Heat has always been a problem during the summer. In accordance with the American Red Cross, extreme heat can cause heat rashes, heat strokes, and heat exhaustion. Any of these conditions can cause severe health risks and induce symptoms such as nausea and vomiting, extreme body temperatures, headaches, and even death if left untreated. It is understandable if these problems were treatable, yet when treatment is out of easy reach and promised, it becomes a whole new situation.

This summer, the heat has been a tremendous problem for the male residents at Pickens Hall. With temperatures rising and the heat index reaching at 110 on previous days, several students began experiencing health problems. After a few days of extreme weather, symptoms of illness became apparent in multiple students.

Headaches, fevers peaking at 104 degrees, and vomiting became a common place. In one instance, the victim lay in the male restroom for nearly four days before it was properly removed and the restroom was cleaned. Although we may not be experts on the subject, it seems that it could pose a health risk in itself.

In response to the declining health of the students, a petition was created to get the male residents out of the dangerous situation and into the salvation of the Scott Wing of Pickens Hall which is air-conditioned.

During the summer, the female residents stay in Scott Wing, but only occupy the top floor, leaving six additional air-conditioned floors available. When Jeremy Burks went to the administration inquiring about the potential of moving the male residents over to Scott Wing, he was met with sarcasm about the situation.

He was informed that due to contract agreements with the various camps that attend GSC, moving the students was not an option. The students' concerns seemed to fall on deaf ears.

Less than a week later, Jack Beard, a male resident at Pickens Hall, became violently ill. Within days, his temperature was at dangerous levels and he was unable to attend class or properly function of his own accord.

After missing a full week of work and class, another attempt was made to better the situation for all male residents. When it became apparent that nothing would be accomplished by speaking with the administration, a more direct approach was taken.

A call was placed to the governor's office. In light of the events, the governor's office was appalled by the situation. In turn, the chancellor was informed, and eventually the information proceeded further down the line until it came back to the administration.

Once new president, Dr. Powell, was informed, he seemed to be concerned at first. Promises were made to the students and the parents of ill students that the situation would be corrected promptly.

The statement was made that male students may be able to be moved to Scott Wing if it did not interfere with the female residents. In addition, it was even said that if extreme conditions continue, he may go as far as attempting to place the male residents in motel rooms until the severe weather had ended. Both became nothing more than empty promises.

A day later, the male residents were informed by Eric Poirier that

they could take their bedding to either the lounge or the Up-Top (above the sixth floor in Pickens) to sleep. This became the administration's universal solution to the plight of the male residents.

Within days, the administration revoked that privilege from the male residents. The reasoning given was that "accommodations" had to be given to the camps attending GSC. Once again, students were placed in the back-

"What about the students? Doesn't it make sense that students would need a risk free environment too? After all, the students live here, work here, attend class on a regular basis, and are the sole reason that GSC exists. Without them, there would be no college."

ground and became nothing more than an afterthought.

Afterwards, students decided to investigate the situation. In conversations with the administration, a few revelations were made. At first, the students were told that the male residents could not be moved due to contract agreements with the camps.

It was later revealed that the underlying reason that the male students were not moved was because Dr. Powell and the administration felt that to ensure other problems did not occur, the male and female residents should be segregated.

The situation infuriated the male residents for more than a few reasons. To start, all camps that were attending GSC this summer had males residing in the Scott Wing with the females. This seems to contradict the reasoning of the

administration.

Another disturbing fact is the lack of communication by the administration. They stated that problems would arise by mixing the male and female residents, yet had they taken the time or effort to inquire about the situation, they would have discovered that all female residents in Scott Wing were in favor of moving the male residents.

It seems that students at GSC this summer have been treated as second class citizens and forgotten. In a quote from one of Pickens Halls house directors, the reason that male campers were placed in the air-conditioned rooms was because "they need to be comfortable."

What about the students? Doesn't it make sense that students would need a risk free environment too? After all, the students live here, work here, attend class on a regular basis, and are the sole reason that GSC exists. Without them, there would be no college.

It seems that such an important facet of GSC would be taken more seriously and at least effort would be put forth to ease their suffering. Then again, perhaps that's our fallacy of thinking.

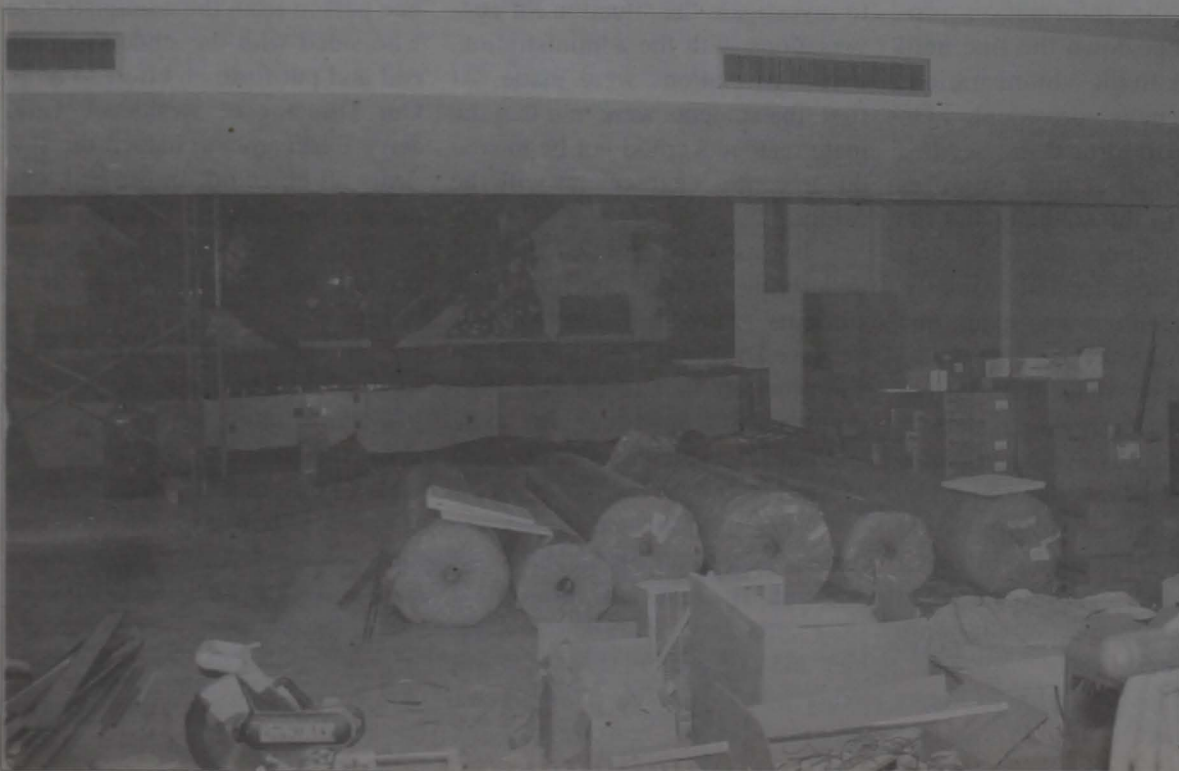
Underneath it all, there was one person from the administration who sided with the students in the end and put forth an effort to help. Our Director of Residence Life, Jerry Burkhammer, helped the students all he could. In the end, one man's effort coupled with the back-breaking efforts of the students proved not enough to make a change.

In the future, we hope that more of the administration will follow the example set by Jerry and open their ears to the pleas and cries of the students. Perhaps more students will follow our example and make their voices heard. Only then will we truly make changes.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Burks
Jack Beard



Under Construction



*Photos by Sherrie Hardman
(Clockwise from above)*

1. Work continues on the new walkway connecting Louis Bennett Hall with the Administration Building

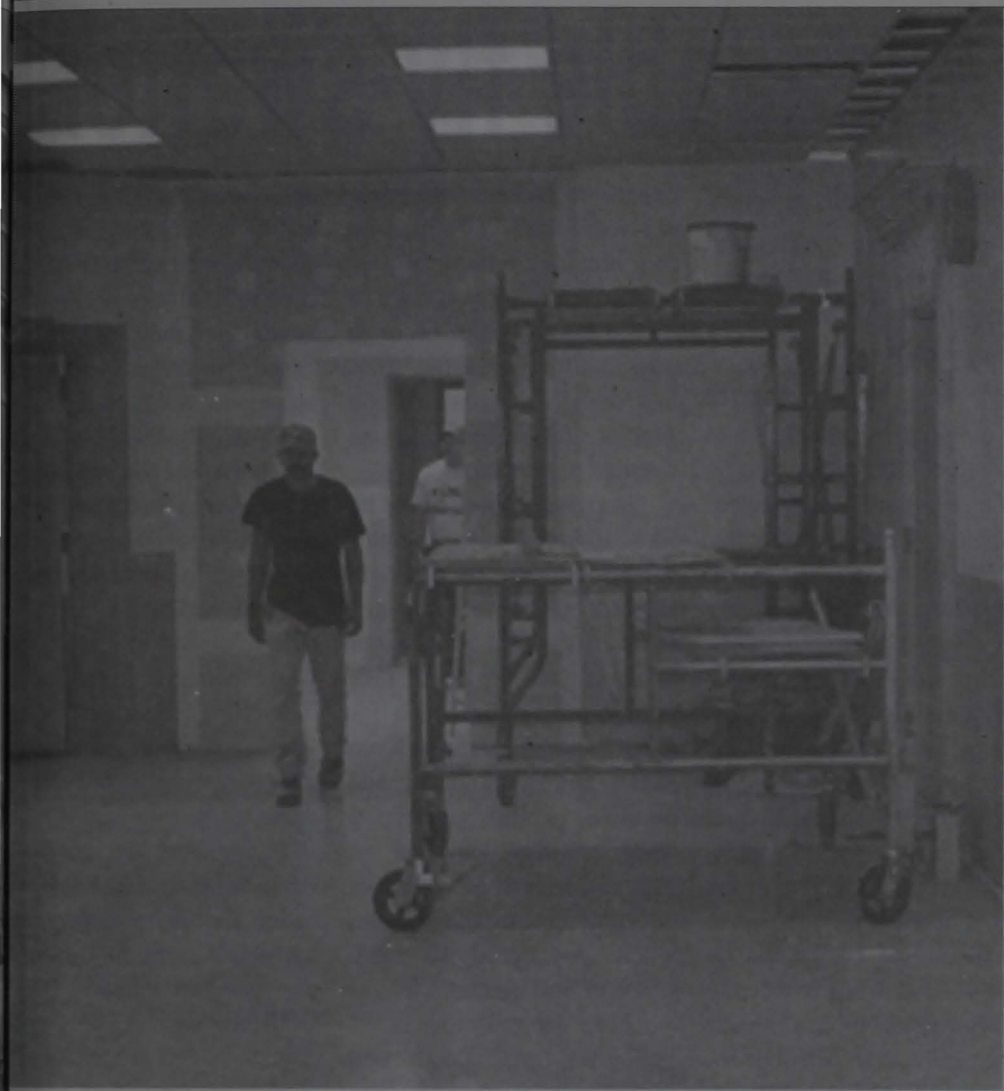
2. The gutted interior of the Admin Building

3. One brave soul works on the room of of the Admin building

4. Not even the Mercury Office was spared from the construction phase

5. The Science Building prepares to receive new windows

6. Believe it or not, this was once the Administration Building Auditorium



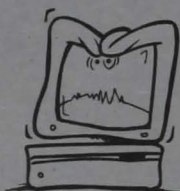
THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Readable fly-swatters

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist

Cicero, a Roman guy, once said that a room without books is like a body without a soul. I wonder what Cicero would think if he knew that an entire book, or even an entire library of books, could now be stored on computer. He'd probably throw a great big Ancient Roman fit.

This is not to say that books are dying out and being replaced by digital formats like CD-ROM or the Internet. Quite the contrary; the book industry is doing better than it ever has, thanks in part to the growth of online-ordering book superstores like Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

But there is talk that with the ever-expanding growth of digital technology, books will be transformed from a print medium to an online medium.



"Computers are good for retrieving data, but books are better for interpreting ideas, for perusing, and for formulating your own opinions."

Instead of buying a paperback or hardcover book, you will be able to download the book's content to a diskette, then print out a hard copy or read it off of your computer screen.

Currently, the full text of some books can be downloaded off of the Internet. Most notably, there is project Gutenberg (where classic literary works ranging from Shakespeare to Edgar Allen Poe are converted into digital files that can be downloaded without any charge. Such classics exist in the public domain, meaning they are not copyrighted, so they can be freely reproduced without any infringement.

Commercial booksellers are beginning to jump on the electronic book bandwagon. Recently, two companies, NuvoMedia and SoftBook Press, have started marketing "e-book" readers-notebook-sized devices that are capable of holding thousands of pages of text. These readers serve as decoders that store the text of a downloadable book file and display it on a backlit screen, so that you can read it in the dark if necessary.

Electronic books can be downloaded from a website like Barnes & Noble's to your home computer, then transferred and stored on the e-book reader. All in all, it's an

expensive process - the readers retail between three to four hundred dollars, they do require batteries, you have to own a home PC in order to download or transfer files, and the downloadable book files are no cheaper than an average paperback book.

Imagine what it would be like to read a computer screen instead of a book. How do you turn the page? How do you bookmark? What if you decide to take your book to the beach for some summer reading? Even if it's battery powered and portable, would you really want to carry around an expensive piece of computer equipment on the beach, where you could get sand, surf and Sun block on it?

Let's face it, for all its lightening-fast speed and instantaneous access, the online world cannot replace

the conveniency, portability and sheer durability of a good old-fashioned book. Books are cheaper to buy, easier to carry around, and they are self-contained. No batteries required, no plugins, no muss, no fuss.

Not only that, but books are intended for reading at one's own pace, for taking time to ponder and to speculate, to reflect and daydream to pause and take a sip of tea before turning the page. Can you experience that kind of meditative comfort when you're sitting at a computer screen, squinting your eyes to decipher the fine print?

Computers are good for retrieving data, but books are better for interpreting ideas for perusing, and for formulating your own opinions.

They also make good doorstops, and are useful for squashing unwanted household pests.

WV author honored by Space Camp

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - The U.S. Space and Rocket Center has honored the author of the book behind this year's movie "October Sky" by naming a rocket pad after him.

Homer H. Hickam Jr., a retired NASA Marshall Space Flight Center engineer, wrote the best-seller "Rocket Boys."

The book and movie tell the story of Hickam and his friends growing up in a West Virginia coal mining town and being inspired to launch rockets after learning the Soviet Union had

launched the first satellite into orbit.

Appropriately, the launch pad bearing his name is actually a model rocket launch pad that U.S. Space Camp and U.S. Space Academy students use to fire rockets they make.

Hickam said during Monday's ceremony that he was "extremely honored."

"That is where a new generation of rocket boys and girls are going to come out and launch their own rockets and learning not only how rockets work but also the discipline it takes to make them fly," he said.

Breaking the glass ceiling

First woman commander of a space shuttle mission lifts off

By Marcia Dunn
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Eileen Collins likes to use a little model of a space shuttle when explaining to her littlest fan where she'll be sitting when Columbia blasts off this week.

As usual, Bridget responds with a "Yippee!" What she doesn't realize at age 3 1/2 is that Mommy is about to become the first woman to lead a crew into space.

NASA's first female commander laughs as she recalls how her daughter

once asked: "Mommy, have you ever been to the moon?"

"I don't think she understands the big picture," says Collins. "I don't think she knows that everybody's mother doesn't fly in space or command a space shuttle."

On Tuesday - the 30th anniversary of man's first moon landing - Collins will chart a new course for women when she slides into the front left seat of Columbia and takes the controls at liftoff.

It will be the first time in 95 space shuttle launches - 126 counting Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Skylab - that a woman is at the helm.

The 42-year-old Air Force colonel will be

responsible for four other astronauts, three of them older men.

She'll also be responsible for the heftiest and one of the priciest shuttle payloads ever: NASA's 25-ton \$1.5 billion Chandra X-ray Observatory, on a scientific par with the Hubble Space Telescope. The price tag for the entire Chandra project from development through five years of orbital operation: \$2.8 billion.

Is Collins nervous? No.

"You've got to have the attitude that, 'I am confident enough to handle anything,'" says the former test pilot, who has logged more than 5,000 hours in 30 types of aircraft. "I have a lot of faith in God. That's another thing I think that goes long way."

"Eyes Wide Shut"

By Dolores Barclay
AP Arts Editor

A marriage is like an egg. The slightest jostle will crack it wide open. And yet, it is strong enough to withstand pressure from both ends.

In "Eyes Wide Shut," Stanley Kubrick's intelligent probe of the scratchy intersection between love and sex, the egg cracks.

The film, Kubrick's last, is hardly a masterwork. It lacks the simple passion of "Paths of Glory," the bite of "Dr. Strangelove" and the brilliance of "A Clockwork Orange" and "2001." And at times, the pacing falters and the film is disturbingly tedious. But his meticulous eye does beautifully capture the terrifying ease with which a good marriage can suddenly run aground over sexual dalliances — even imaginary ones.

At the heart of the story, inspired by "Traumnovelle," a 1926 novel by the Viennese writer Arthur Schnitzler, are Alice and Bill Harford (Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise), an affluent young couple who move among Manhattan's privileged few.

Alice is a housewife and mother; Bill is a doctor. The Harfords are so complacent in their marriage, so seemingly comfortable, that they take each other for granted.

Alice gets tipsy at a party and dances flirtatiously with another man, while Bill charms two silly models in another room. But they love each other, and that's enough glue to keep them together.

Alice gets stoned on pot and confesses a sexual fantasy to Bill. It involves a naval officer they once saw in public who so attracted her that in her mind, she would have been willing to give up everything for one night in bed with the stranger. Although she hastens to add that at that moment her husband was never dearer to her, her confession hits Bill like the 8:15 from Babylon. Fear, anger and insecurity consume him; images of Alice engaging in wild sex take hold of him and won't let go.

Sex and sexuality suddenly blossom all around him. He visits the daughter of a patient who has

just died, and the young woman presses her body into his, confessing her love. The presence of her father's corpse in the room makes the scene all the more unsettling.

Once on the street, Bill is taunted by a group of punks who think he is homosexual. He happens upon a nightclub where an old friend, Nick Nightingale, a pianist, is finishing a set with his combo.

He has a quick drink for Nick, who reveals he's on his way to a secret masquerade ball. The pianist is kept in the dark — literally: He must wear a blindfold when he plays. Bill sees the password, worms an invite and begins a journey that threatens not only his sensibilities and values, but also his marriage and possibly his life.

The masked ball he crashes is, of course, an orgy — a stylish orgy at that — held in a North Shore mansion.

Hooded, masked revelers stand in a great, marble hall while naked nymphs perform a laughable ritual to ever-so-earnest Gregorian-like chants. It's a wink at the soft-core genre that produced movies like "The Story of O" and "Emmanuelle."

Computerized images of hooded figures have been inserted to obscure heaving bodies and earn the movie an R rating. Overseas, the scene will be shown as filmed.

Kubrick gives great care to each scene. It's the little things that matter, like ornate, elaborate talking Venetian masks; or the opening scene in which Kidman, her back to the camera, allows a slinky black dress to slip down her naked body to a crushed heap on the floor.

Kidman throughout is a revelation. She is luminescent, thrilling and in full command of the many shadings of her character. It is a nuanced, Oscar-worthy performance.

"Eyes Wide Shut" is not Kubrick's greatest work. It has the dubious distinction of being perhaps the only major movie whose final word is unprintable. But like all his films, it dares to explore one of the true mysteries of life, and trust the viewer's intelligence.



S
p
i
d
e
r

W
e
b
b

GSC student gets web published nationally

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Sherrie Hardman, a junior Art Education major at Glenville State College, has been selected as a finalist in an international photography contest.

The photograph entitled, "Spider Webb" will compete in the

International Open Amateur Photography Contest, in the upcoming fall. The contest was sponsored by The International Library of Photography. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000.00.

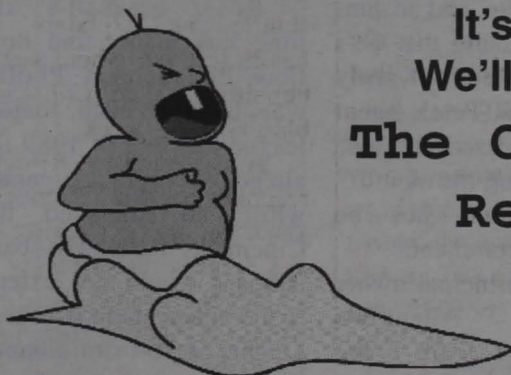
The photo has already been selected to appear in a photography publication, Tapestry of Dreams,

which will be published this fall.

Sherrie has been taking pictures for three years and has been the photography editor of The Mercury for the past year.

"I love taking pictures, and I am thrilled about the contest. I am pleased to have made it this far in the contest," explains Hardman.

Cult Cinema Corner Coming Soon



It's okay, big boy.
We'll dry those tears.

The Common Place
Restaurant

462-7454

Serving up what you never thought you'd miss... Mom's cooking.

Located behind Go-Mart in downtown Glenville.

GSC hosts cager campers

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

This summer Glenville State College hosted basketball camps for area youths. The boy's basketball camp started the week of June 20 - June 24 and the girl's basketball camp was held the following week.

The eligibility was age nine by camp date, through students entering the 12th grade.

The coaches emphasize providing individual and personalized attention. To insure this philosophy, the camp enrollment maximum is 80 per session, allowing for quality instruction of basketball skills. This made the environment good for camper to camper relationships. Competitive games, contest, drills and shooting contests were just a few of the activities. Awards for competition, performance, sportsmanship and hustle

were given. Each camper received a camp T-shirt, camp certificate and a season pass to home GSC basketball games.

The camp was under the direction of 2nd year GSC Head Coach, Bob Williams. Williams comes from New York State where his teams compiled a 53-14 record and a DIHI Junior College National Championship runner-up finish. Coach Williams guided his 1998-99 Glenville Squad to an 8th place finish in the WVIAC, and a trip to the Civic Center for quarter final playoff action.

The basketball camp coaches were: Bob Williams, Camp Director; Jay Chambers, Assistant Camp Director; Eric Scofield, Program Director; Chris Weikart, Coach; Jeremy Wolfe, Coach/Counselor; Terry Clark, Coach/Counselor; Larry Courtney, Coach/Counselor;

James Arnold, Coach/Counselor, and Lavioris Adams/Counselor.

Coach Bob Williams states, "Our camp provides an opportunity for central West Virginia students to improve their basketball skills, while learning to be away from home and making new friends." He continued to say, "We give them the basics of basketball in a competitive environment, stressing that the game is played for fun."



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

The girls work it out at the GSC basketball camp lead by Coach Bob Williams



"Charlie Hustle" to coach?

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Pa. - Baseball legend Pete Rose is not considering an offer to manage a professional baseball team in Bristol Township if the town is awarded a franchise for the 2001 season, his agent said.

"There's not a minor-league or independent team in the world that could get Pete Rose to manage it," Warren Greene said from his Florida office Friday.

Peter Karoly, the Allentown lawyer trying to bring a Northern League expansion team to Lower Bucks County, disputed

Greene's statements. Karoly said he spoke with Rose on Friday and that the baseball legend is still intrigued by the offer.

"I've only talked directly to Pete, and he continues to tell me that he's very interested," Karoly said. "I think Pete's agent needs to speak to Pete Rose before opening his mouth."

Rose could not be reached for comment.

Karoly, principal owner of the Allentown Ambassadors of the Northern League, announced Tuesday that he intended to buy and locate a second team - tentatively

called "The Bristol Stomp" - in Lower Bucks County. Karoly said he offered Rose the proposed team's top job on Wednesday.

Rose, baseball's all-time hits leader and one-time Philadelphia Phillie, was banned from major-league baseball in 1989 for allegedly betting on games while he managed the Cincinnati Reds. His banishment would not extend to the independent Northern League, a 16-team alliance that operates outside of major-league baseball, and is roughly equal to double-A minor-league ball.

Golf tourney winners

The Fourth Annual Jack Woodyard Academic/Athletic Excellence Golf Tourney was held at the Glenville Golf Club, June 23rd.

First place winners were Gene Inderwood, Bill Rose, Ernie Fox and Bill Baker. Second place went to the team of Dan Johnson, Joel Shanesy and Jim Beckett. Third place was awarded to the team of Mac Worl, Jack Reed, Dick Barrett and Jim Hamrick. Closest to the pin was won by Mac Worl.

The longest Drive was won by Mark Johnson. The longest putt went to Fred Reed.

The tourney was an 18-hole, four person Scramble,



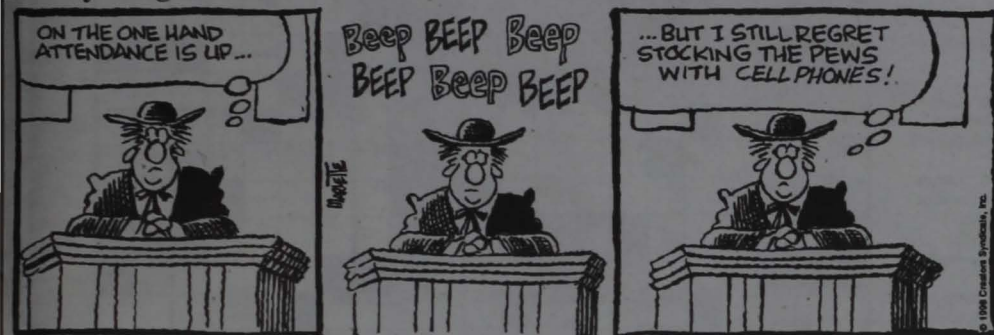
(L to R) Gene Underwood, Bill Baker, Don Rose, Ernie Fox and GSC V.P Ed Hamrick

no handicap event. Over \$1,000 in cash and prizes were awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams as well as numerous raffle prizes for all in attendance.

Monies raised from the event go to fund scholarships for Glenville State College students.



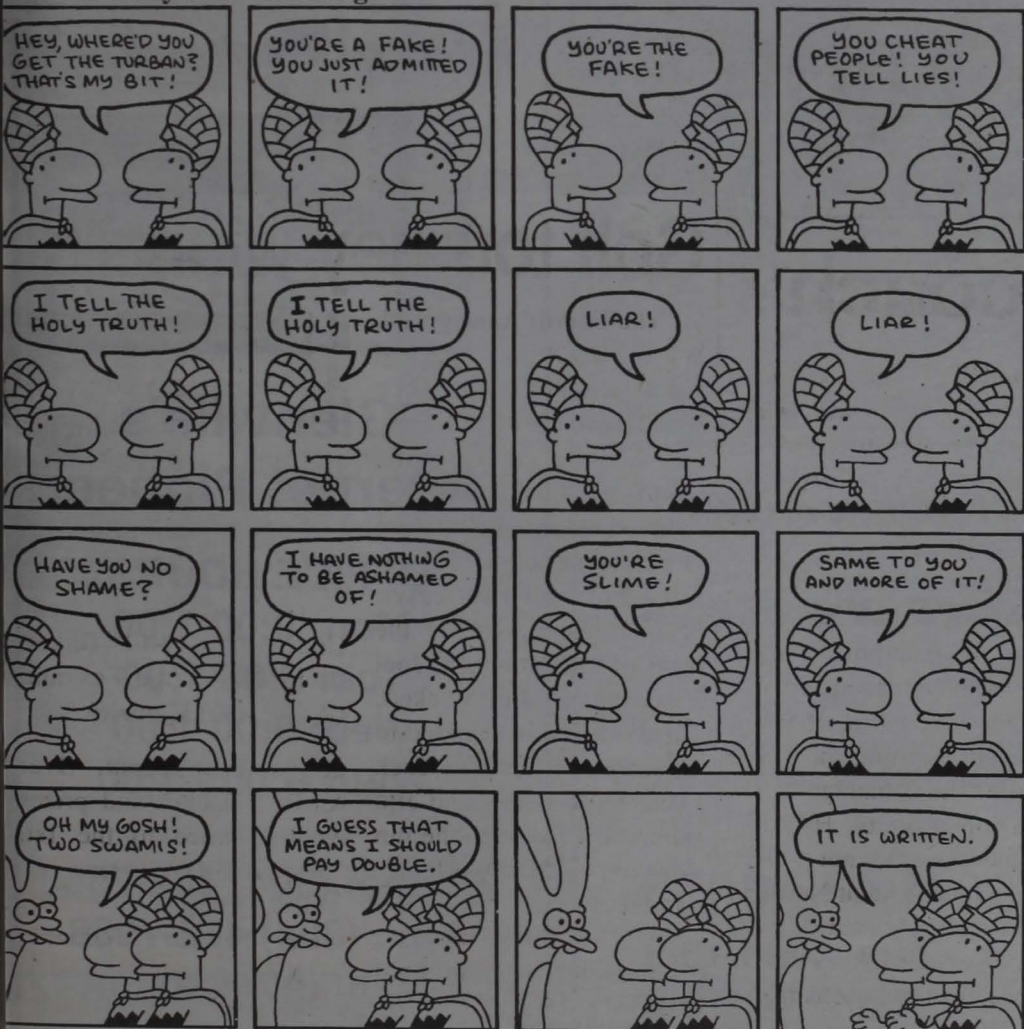
UDZU by Doug Marlette



NE BIG HAPPY by Rick Detorie



FE IN HELL by Matt Groening



Miss Anna

Horoscope by Mistress Anna (AP)

Aries: (Mar 21-Apr 20)

Your spirit of independence and adventure is strong this week. Answers to long asked questions may be found far from the homeplace. Broaden your perspective on just what you want to end up accomplishing in this lifetime. Avoid any quick fixes to job matters. Avoid routine.

Taurus: (Apr 21-May 21)

Avoid taking any foolish risks with your money during the week. Look for opportunities in other areas to expand your horizons. Take some extra time with your mate this week, and no doubt a warm tenderness will encompass you both. Your practical attitude wins approval.

Gemini: (May 22-June 21)

An agreement with a friend may unleash new potential this week, whether a creative or business venture. Be extra careful to not take too much for granted - reality will be a real eye-opener. Try to avoid being caught in the middle of another's quarrels.

Cancer: (June 22-July 23)

Stick with routine tasks during the week and get as much accomplished as you can with the minimal fuss. People around you will appreciate it if you just work and don't waste time talking about it. Mind your own business, and don't react to others' flaws.

Leo: (July 24-Aug 23)

Your heightened creativity and awareness will add a pleasant new dimension to your work this week. Family members or neighbors may try to get the best of you, so stick to truly important matters and skip the idle chatter. In the weeks ahead, domestic matters will be important.

Virgo: (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Money seems to be the issue throughout the entire week. Your financial security should be first and foremost on your mind. A money fund or other conservative type investment may be your best bet. Taking slight risks may turn out best in the long run, if you know all the facts.

Libra: (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Your intuition accelerates this week, just when a new love may be entering the picture. Remember that this is not the time to let your emotions overrule your mind. It seems as if you're on a seesaw, with ups and downs in home life, romance and finances.

Scorpio: (Oct 24-Nov 23)

It pays to listen to your inner voice regarding any financial dealings during the week. This is not the time to compromise. Try to tone down any arguments with others, the point will become moot by the end of the day. Accomplish chores at home first, before worrying about elsewhere.

Sagittarius: (Nov 23-Dec 21)

It's time to forge ahead with your career and gain foothold. Diverse trends will definitely favor your financial activities this week. Don't give in to the temptations to throw away your advantages to gain instant profits. You may be a bit overly optimistic.

Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 20)

Try to complete unfinished tasks this week in your usual low-key way. Cooperation at work is scarce, so no matter what you do, there will probably be trouble. Mixed trends may bring good fortune to your career and financial potential, plus rewarding personal relationships.

Aquarius: (Jan 21-Feb 19)

Your attractiveness and pleasing manner can make you quite a social asset this week. Your intuition works well with your logic and much will be accomplished to your satisfaction. Make sure not to hassle with authority, for manipulation will make things worse.

Pisces: (Feb 20-Mar 20)

Different opportunities will arise this week, so lighten up your mood and take advantage of whatever comes your way. You seem to achieve the greatest success by clearing away debts and balancing your account, plus displaying resourcefulness and being thrifty. Conserve both energy and monies.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman

JOINT VENTURE: Solving in pairs is strictly optional

by Shirley Soloway

ACROSS

- 1 House worker
5 One with pants on fire?
9 Economist Smith
13 Shock
18 Capri, e.g.
19 Atlas closeup
21 Zhivago's love
22 Blush
23 Shunner's offering
26 They might be spare
27 Principle
28 Radio-studio sign
29 Europe's neighbor
31 Stack role
32 Madrid mister
34 Balkan native
36 Office aide: Abbr.
38 Acts appropriately
43 Wastelands
47 Driller's org.
50 Word form for "stone"
51 Novice Boy Scout
53 Light beer
55 Ex __ (legal phrase)
56 Authoritative source
57 Egg shaped
58 Get serious
62 Part of NEA
63 Biblical matriarch
65 Big Apple stadium
66 River of China
68 Orange seed
70 Dickens character
74 Nectar inspector
75 Means
79 Actress Petty
80 Barter
84 Martin __
(Jack London book)
85 South Dakota area
91 Desertlike
92 Mine openings

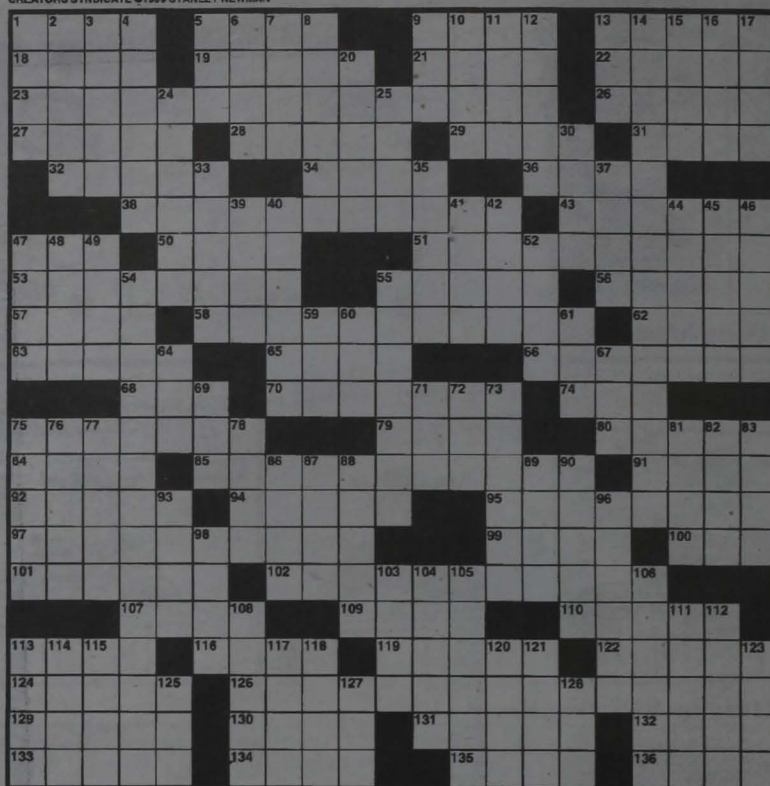
- 94 Certain Alaskan
95 Road-gripping ability
97 Beauty aid
99 James of jazz
100 Santa __, CA
101 Judgment at Nuremberg
Oscar-winner
102 Exertion, so to speak
107 Knitter's need
109 Fairy-tale heavy
110 Chunky
113 Rifle
116 Mexican moolah
119 Weird
122 Plumed heron
124 1924 Olympics locale
126 Women's footwear
129 Wake up
130 Teed off
131 Queenly adornment
132 East African river
133 Sample
134 " __ the night before ..."
135 Notice
136 Joke or mob follower

DOWN

- 1 Knuckleball catcher
2 Fire residue
3 Actress Graff
4 Adequate
5 Diamond __
6 Prefix with China
7 Org.
8 Discuss again
9 Totally
10 Doll's remark
11 Mars, to the Greeks
12 West Side Story girl
13 Museum display
14 Accuse

- 15 Unsullied
16 Very long time
17 Without
20 Sheer linen
24 My Favorite Year star
25 Russian river
30 North Carolina county
33 Prepare for more printing
35 Résumés, briefly
37 Balkan native
39 British gun
40 Main point
41 Social greenhorn
42 Ecto-opposite
44 Go __ for (support)
45 Memorable
Notre Dame coach
46 Carved monument
47 Overseas mail stations: Abbr.
48 81 Down specialist
49 Winglike
52 Damp, in a way
54 Light punishment
55 Short show
59 X
60 Author Kesey
61 Collar
64 Stage success
67 Clear
69 Church seating
71 Director Browning
72 Nettle
73 Coin processor
75 School advisors
76 Of Norse poetry
77 Equine comment
78 Take flight
81 Operatic performance

CREATORS SYNDICATE ©1999 STANLEY NEWMAN

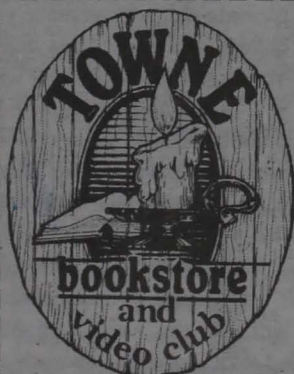


- 82 Titanic soundtrack singer
83 Ferber of fiction
86 Peter Fonda role
87 Hud star
88 Disney pachyderm
89 Art deco designer
90 Annoy
93 WWII site
96 Converts to bills

- 98 Hoof sound
103 S-shaped arch
104 Pull (from)
105 Gravel __
(Dick Tracy character)
106 Poker pair
108 Smallest amount
111 Balkan native
112 New Hampshire city
113 Slight flight

- 114 Where Scarlett lived
115 Spring blossom
117 Winter fall
118 Creole veggie
120 Gershwin et al.
121 Lawman Wyatt
123 Russian ruler
125 Get the message
127 French article
128 Remit

The End is Nigh
(of summer, anyway)
Are you ready?



*Largest section of videos in town,
also CD and videos are special
order*

Come and visit our new location

102 East Main Street
Glennville, WV 26351

Teresa L. Wayman
Paul Hartman
OWNERS

(304) 462-8055
Mon-Wed 10-6
Thurs-Sat 10-8

Ramco Technologies



**Glennville's
Internet Pioneer**

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon: 9:00-1:00

Tue: 9:00-1:00

Wed: 9:00-1:00

Thur: 9:00 - 1:00

Phone: (304) 462-7560

Fax: (304) 462-7988

E-Mail: info@rtol.net