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A word from our President

Dear Glenville State College Students,

Welcome to campus. For some of you it is "welcome home", and for our new students it is "welcome to your new academic home." Whether you are a returning student or a new student, the 1999-2000 academic year is the start of new beginnings for those of us who love GSC. As the year begins, I have a great deal to learn about our campus and students; I know this academic year will be exciting as well as challenging.

I will be using several words to call to mind our major mission and calling: Tradition, Innovation, Leadership and Community. GSC has a proud tradition which we must respect and upon which we must build. We must continue to be innovative in our academic and social programs. Leadership is required of all members of our com-

munity, including students, staff, and faculty. A commitment to building our academic and local community is required of all who are a part of GSC. Being a part of GSC requires action to develop our community.

Over the next few weeks we will launch a special program to build community. I am asking that the students, staff, and faculty join my family and myself am pledging and performing 7,000 hours of community service in Gilmer, Braxton, Lewis, Nicholas, and Roane counties. If you and/or your student organization would like to participate, please contact Ms. Crystal Hogan (Ext. 129). This endeavor should be a great deal of fun and will help us give back to the communities who have given us so much. I hope you'll be able to participate in this effort.

As many of you know, Dr. Billips retired after 32

years as Head of Student Life. I was pleased that Professor Cheryl McKinney accepted the offer to become our Vice President for Student Life.

Ms. McKinney's proactive style and her strong advocacy for a high quality student life program makes her a natural for this position. I am very confident that under her leadership, we will see a number of new initiatives to better serve students on our various campuses.

This past summer we began a number of projects to improve our campus. New roofs over the Library and Administration buildings were long overdue. We are just about to complete two elevator projects to enhance building accessibility for students, faculty, staff, and guests with disabilities. We have replaced numerous windows and have purchased some new furniture for Picken's Hall.

We are about to start major improvements in the auditorium and several classrooms in the Administration Building; we have much more to do. Over the next year, we will be developing a new master plan to guide campus improvements over the next decade. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me.

Our student activity programs, which include band, chorus, athletics, theatre, Mercury, yearbook, and our many other activities, enhance your academic program. It is my hope that many of you will actively participate in these events. I hope to see many of you at our athletic events and musical and theatrical performances. Taking advantage of these opportunities will make your GSC experience a better one. Don't miss out!

This past May, my

family and I moved into the President's Home on campus. This is the first time in 23 years that the house will be occupied by a family, and the first time in nearly 50 years that children have lived in the home. We are planning a number of special events for our students, and hope to meet many of you there.

One of my goals this year is to meet you, listen to you, learn about your needs and what you want from GSC. Do not be shy. If you see me around campus, please say "Hello" and introduce yourself. If you'd like me to speak to your group, organization or at the residence halls, please let me know. If I am to learn how GSC can be a better place, I need your input; and, I need your input often.

With my best wishes for an exciting, productive, and safe year, I am
Thomas H. Powell,
President.

Glenville gets inked by twosome

*By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter*

From the outside, one would think he or she were about to enter a museum from "Little House on the Prairie". Once inside the log cabin replica, you will be greeted by skulls, dragons, H.R. Giger prints, and many more images that Jason DeWall would be pleased to transfer on to your skin for a small fee.

"In The Skin 2" had its grand opening on Monday, Aug. 16. The tattoo and body piercing emporium is



Jason DeWall (right) prepares to go to work.

located in downtown Glenville beside the Pub. The tattoo artist, DeWall, and his apprentice, Dan Parker, spent the summer preparing the old, run-down building for its inspection and opening. The young men were motivated by

local investors to pursue their dream of being young entrepreneurs.

"The shop offers 100 percent sterility— all needles, ink caps, rubber gloves and paper towels are disposed of in front of the client," states DeWall.

The tattoo room is fully enclosed with a glass window through which curious on-lookers may observe. Privacy, however, is available for those patrons of the shop who do not wish to be seen.

The shop, whose decor

boasts the entire color spectrum of the rainbow, has a reclining chair, and music of all varieties. For those who are waiting their turn in the chair, plenty of reading material, as well as a Sony Play Station have been provided for one's entertainment.

"We want to offer people a safe, healthy, and gentle environment. As an artist, I would prefer that a person would come and ask questions, look at the shop, and really be informed before they decide to allow anyone to tattoo or pierce their body."

Parker is currently preparing all the piercings under DeWall's guidance. He is also the financial advisor and clerk of the shop. Parker states that "This is just the beginning. We will be offering t-shirts, bumper stickers, and many other novelty items. Eventually we will have another shop and continue our expansion possibilities across the country."

On an ending note, Parker states, "Tattoos and body piercing are a sign of the times, part of life's journey."

Man says God told him to sacrifice his 13-month-old daughter

LEBANON, Tenn. - A Lebanon man admitted smothering his 13-month-old daughter and says God told him to do so, according to police.

According to police reports, Brian Kelley believed Jesus was to return to Earth on Sunday, Aug. 15, and he killed his daughter Erin around midnight on Aug. 14.

"I smothered my daughter because God told me to," police reports of the arrest cite Kelley as saying. "God told me she was perfect and innocent and told me to sacrifice her, for Jesus was coming very soon."

Kelley, 28, is well-known locally. He is the son of Wilson County Executive Val Kelley, an administrator at the county landfill and a member of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church.

Friends say he had been

acting strangely in the days leading up to Erin's death.

"I've never heard him raise his voice or say an unkind word about anybody," said Wilson County Sheriff Terry Ashe, a family friend. "But I'm a realist, too. I know that things like this happen and are often unexplained."

Kelley had sent e-mails and telephoned family members in the preceding days to say God had told him Jesus was due.

A neighbor, Lewis Hayes, said Kelley had been "on a Jesus kick" for four or five days before the killing. "He thought specifically that God communicated with him that Jesus was coming on Sunday," Hayes said.

Melissa Toth, a secretary at the landfill, said Kelley seemed distant and preoccupied for several days, "like he

was thinking about something."

On Aug. 14, Kelley's wife, 27-year-old Lori Kelley, awoke around midnight to the sound of the shower running. She found her husband towel-drying off, according to a third-party account in police records, and he told her the shower helped him relax.

She went into Erin's room to check on her, and found her daughter was not breathing and had no pulse. Mrs. Kelley tried to call 911, but Kelley hung up the phone.

She called again, and her husband took the phone. He calmly told the dispatcher everything was fine. But with Mrs. Kelley's screams audible in the background, the dispatcher pressed for more information.

Eventually, in the same eerily calm tone, Kelley

informed the dispatcher his wife was upset because she had just found the dead baby.

Brian Kelley went back to bed.

Mrs. Kelley ran next door to Hayes' house, yelling, "Erin's dead! Brian's killed Erin!"

Hayes called 911 and learned an officer was already on the way.

Officer Mike Wentzell arrived and found Kelley standing naked in the bedroom. Kelley repeated that he had acted at the direction of God. He was ordered to dress, then arrested.

Police reports indicate Kelley told his wife he had smothered their little girl. Authorities believe he used his hands to cover her nose and mouth.

No one seems to be able to make sense of it.

"We could roll with it if it was a car accident or something," said Bill Arnold, the landfill superintendent and Kelley's boss. "But that's not Brian. He wasn't a mean person."

Kelley will be transferred to Nashville for a mental evaluation, said his attorney, Gary Vandever.

Vandever said he is "strongly considering" an insanity defense.

Friends say Kelley had been upset over the past few months that a controversy over \$100-per-week pay raises he and Arnold received last year would jeopardize his career.

Arnold said Kelley worked hard and earned it. Others saw it as favoritism; Arnold was appointed to the superintendent's job by Kelley's father.

The raise eventually was rescinded.

Shooting suspects drive through hospital doors

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Two Kanawha County men seeking treatment for injuries suffered during a shootout crashed their vehicle into a hospital emergency room.

Kevin Tinsley, 25, of South Charleston and Robert J. Smith, 20, of Charleston were in the car when it slammed into an ambulance entrance at Charleston Area Medical Center's General Division on Wednesday. Authorities are not sure who was driving.

Charleston Police Lt. Randy Young said the two may have been involved in a 3:20 a.m. shooting at a

Charleston downtown intersection.

Smith, who was shot in the arm, chin and chest, was in critical condition Wednesday. Tinsley was in satisfactory condition with a wound to the back, a hospital spokesman said.

Two North Carolina men were arrested after a pursuit by police Wednesday in connection with the shooting. A third suspect, Lamont Honeycutt, 28, of Charleston, turned himself in to police Wednesday night.

Honeycutt, along with Gary Deon Womack, 22, and Edsel Tisdale, both of Greensboro, were charged

with malicious wounding, wanton endangerment, fleeing a police officer and obstruction.

Womack and Tisdale were being held in the South Central Regional Jail in Charleston. Womack's bond was set at \$100,000; Tisdale's was \$200,000. Honeycutt was freed on \$10,000 bond after his parents put up their house for his release.

Tisdale had originally used an alias, identifying himself to police as Reco Carter Jr., before FBI fingerprinting analysis caught the deception. Police say additional charges against Tisdale may be added.

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Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

TKE rumours swirl

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

School is back in session, which means that the campus' Greek organizations are in the process of recruiting new members. For the past few years Tau Kappa Epsilon has been the only fraternity on campus but things have changed. There are two additional Greek organizations available to male students.

How has this changed things for the TKEs? The fraternity has become the butt of some pretty extreme rumors.

It has been said that in order to become a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon, a person must take part in rituals such as taking a piece of string and tying one end to a cinder block and the other end to one's genitalia and then throwing the cinder block from a bridge. Apparently this would be an exercise in stretching the bonds of brotherhood.

According to another rumor, rushees are being forced to run naked through public places, beaten with paddles and leather straps, and then compelled to make love to a sheep.

"We call her Fluffy!" jokes fraternity president Dave Wilson. In an interview Wilson states, "We know who started the rumors but we're bigger men than to retaliate on that level. The sad part is some people believe the rumors and don't even come talk to us."

Have these rumors hurt the TKEs in any way? "We haven't felt any hurt



Amy Smith, Mercury

(L to R) John Ratliff, Scott Goldsberry, Garth Beck, Kelly Williams, and Moe Carpenter prove their manhood.

from these rumors," states TKE brother, Tim Dillon. "We still have at least 21 people interested. We even encourage people to talk to other fraternities in order to make sure they're making the right decision."

How do people interested in joining the TKEs feel about these stories? Mike Mohnacky states, "If you have a brain at all you won't believe the rumors. These myths are ridiculously false. Things have changed in TKE life. There has been a major effort to change the stereotype of fraternity men. TKE activities are more community based and helpful. That's why I've decided to join."

Another man interested in joining this Greek organization, Kelly Williams reacts, "I don't feel threatened at all by these rumors. I like the rites and rituals of bonding. I feel the slander and defamation is all in fun and as long as it stays that way it will be a really healthy thing. The competitiveness can bring us all together."

Everybody do the FCA

By Monica Sainz-Hinton

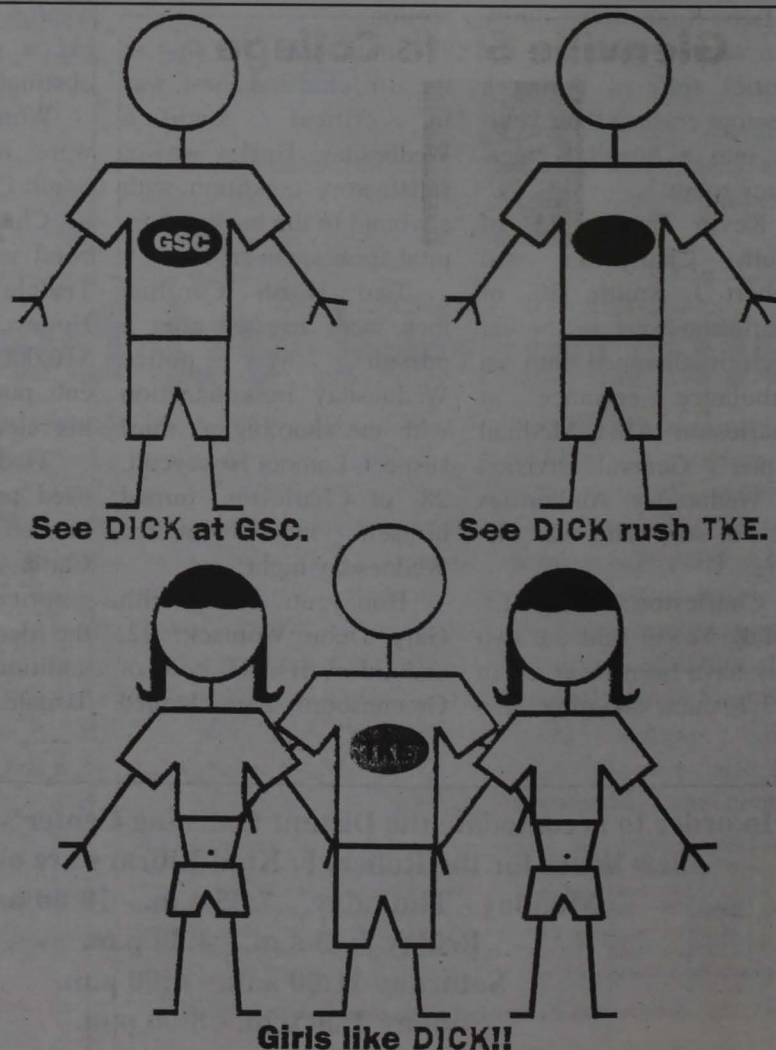
The school year has started and so have all the extra-curricular activities. One of these is the Sunday evening meetings of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA meets every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center, across from Pickens Hall. Coach Janet K. James Bailey is our huddle leader.

If you are wondering what happens at FCA before deciding to come join us, here is a little introduction. We meet weekly and have a leader who picks a Bible Scripture, then we all read it aloud and discuss it. As athletes, friends of athletes and coaches or athletic staff, the Scripture or lesson is interpreted informally as it relates to our lives and to our love of sport. Often, we discuss sports on campus as well. We also have prayer sessions, and prayer requests which we put in a bag and randomly select before we leave the meeting. At the end of the meeting, we often have food and drinks and we are welcome to stay in the

Wesley Center to chat and play ping pong.

In the very near future, we are planning to have an overnight in the gymnasium, where we will swirl play ball, and hold our meeting. We are also going to add music to our meetings and even singing.

The strength of FCA in the past has been the large number of athletes and their various cultural backgrounds. Last year, Rashod Gillespie from the GSC football team was our leader and President. This year, we are seeking leaders for the lessons and new ideas for the meetings. With the energy of Coach James, the huddle leader, and our returning FCA students such as Lance Linden and Brett Pettinger, Aaron Clark and Hank Hurst, and Lakita Chambers we are very excited about welcoming new students who are dedicated to Fellowship in a healthy and friendly environment. In the last two meetings, we were very happy to see that there will be many girls attending. Thank you, volleyball girls. Tell a friend!



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GSC Construction, What's Your Function?

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

As students old and new face to our 1999 fall semester, Bob Dubray, Physical Plant Director, puts a new face on our campus here at Glenville State College. May 17 marked the starting date of all the current renovations at GSC.

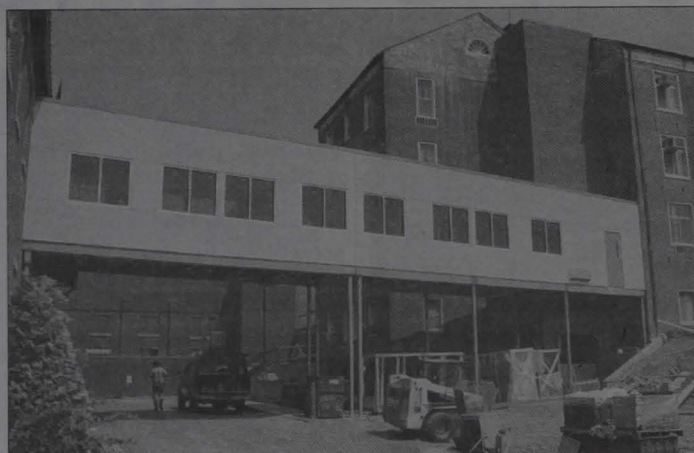
Each year, state colleges are awarded a sum of money, called capital appropriation, to upgrade campus facilities. The amount given is determined by the number of buildings, age of campus, prior renovation efforts and most importantly, student population. As a result of this fund, GSC has received numerous appropriations for repairs and additions.

The Administration Building has received a new roof, 12 new offices, and seven new class rooms with

additional tables and chairs. The old auditorium, located in the Administration Building, is being redesigned and should be completed by mid-October.

Louis Bennett Hall is slated to receive a new roof before November 5. Painting for offices on the second and third floors is scheduled to be completed by January, with an addition of four new classrooms and three new offices. Air conditioning has already been added to the offices on the second and third floors. Construction of a new elevator and pedestrian bridge has been completed to connect LBH to the Administration Building for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

The Robert F. Kidd Library was renovated through a contract from money obtained through a performance bond. From this bond, new heating, air conditioning, lighting and a new



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

A view of the the new walkway connecting Louis Bennett Hall and the Administration building during the construction.

roof were installed.

Due to water damage in the second floor classrooms of the Physical Education Building, all windows on that floor were re-glazed and classrooms were repaired.

Clark Hall received an entire exterior paint job during its renovations.

In the Science Hall, all 126

windows were replaced; in addition, new offices are being constructed as well as an ADA compliant four-story elevator. This construction should be completed during the first week of November.

Some renovations were made to the field house at the Pioneer Stadium as well.

As a direct result of these

renovations, GSC staff and students have lost approximately 25 parking spots. As construction efforts continue, these parking spots will become available. Dubray hopes to have all lots cleared by November 5.

"It's unbelievable that all renovations have only been underway since May," Dubray states, "A lot of the projects were completed by our own staff."

Future plans for Dubray include a shuttle system from the Maintenance Building to Eberly Hall. Shuttles will run every 15 minutes, taking students to and from class. This service will become effective Monday, August 30 from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Other future plans include adding decorative signs for various buildings around campus. The first of these signs have already been installed in front of the President's House.

Glenville State College



Call for Papers and Presentations

A Conference on Women's Issues
24 March 2000

High School and college/university undergraduate students are invited to present papers and performances at a conference focusing on issues facing contemporary women. Topics may include (but not be restricted to) women and law, women in sports, domestic issues, family, careers, women in the fine and performing arts.

Deadline is January 14, 2000.

Papers and presentations should not exceed 20 minutes in length, delivered at a pace enjoyable to listeners. Mentors should submit selected papers, photos of projects, or transcripts of performance pieces to: Dr. Nancy Zane, Language Division, Glenville State College, Glenville, WV 26351. Submissions must include the name of the teacher mentoring the student, the institutional affiliation, the student's street and e-mail addresses and telephone. Please also include a brief description of the paper or project for the program (50 words or less.)

The \$15.00 registration fee will be required the day of the conference.]

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER 1999 GRADUATES

**The last day to apply for
December graduation is
Friday, September 10.
Applications received after
that date are subject to a
late fee of \$50 which is in
addition to the \$40 gradua-
tion fee.**

**GSC Theatre will be presenting "Communicating Doors" by
Alan Ayckbourn**

**Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 7 and Thursday
September 9 in the FA Recital Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The script calls for three men and three women able to play a
wide range of ages.**

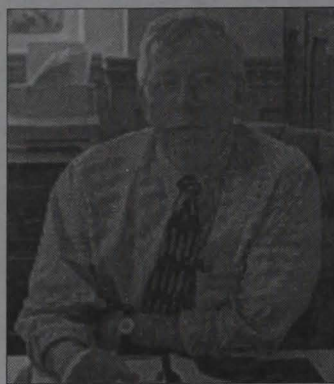
Everyone is encouraged to try out!

In the Spotlight: President Powell

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

During the last school year, Dr. Thomas H. Powell was appointed President of Glenville State College, and assumed the position at the 1999 graduation. Powell comes here from Rock Hill, South Carolina where he was a professor of education and Dean of the College of Education at Winthrop University.

Powell has an extensive history in education as he began teaching at Billings University in Montana in 1974. He has also taught at Vanderbilt University, and



Amy Smith, Mercury

Dr. Thomas H. Powell

University of Connecticut. Education of people with disabilities has been Powell's focus during his career. He has published four books, including, *Brothers and Sisters: A*

special Part of Exceptional Families. Dr. Powell has also had work appear in various journals. When Powell is not administrating, teaching, writing or speaking, he enjoys camping, fly fishing, hiking, canoeing, archery and wood working.

Dr. Powell and his wife, Irene currently reside in the President's home, located on campus. They have three children, Nicholas, Thomas and Cathleen. The Powell's plan on eating in the cafeteria, along with all the other Pioneers that reside on campus.

Powell has great vision

for GSC. Many goals and ideas are on their way to reality. Physical Plant improvements have already been set into action. He plans to focus on resident hall quality, food service and student enrollment. "I am not saying that what we have is bad, but there is no reason it could not be better," explains Powell. Powell also feels that more activities should be made available to students on weekends.

"There is strength in diversity; I would like to help build a diverse college as possible," comments Powell. In working toward boosting student

enrollment, Powell has planned a tour of the state. Powell will be visiting eight different counties meeting with alumni and community members in order to tell and show the about GSC.

"I would like to encourage all the students come up and talk to me. I want to listen to the students; so there is no need for them to be shy," explains Powell. "Change so not happen overnight so I hope students and faculty will be patient with me." "If you put positive energy into GSC, we will get positive results," exclaims Dr. Powell.

Photos needed for Multicultural Fair

The Language and Fine Arts Divisions are sponsoring an exhibit of photographs illustrative of international travel and/or multicultural experiences, at home as well as abroad. Students, staff, and faculty are all welcome to submit entries.

Entries may be in color or black and white. Individual photographs of 8x10 inches or larger may be displayed alone and must be mounted but not framed. (Exhibitors should see Prof. Deanna Foxworthy for advice and assistance in mounting pho-

tographs.) Snapshot-size photos should be grouped together on mounting boards of 8x10 or 11x14 inches. In no case may an individual photo and mounting board exceed 16x20 inches in size. Each photo or collage should be identified with the photographer's name and GSC affiliation (e.g., "student," faculty, Education Division," etc.) and, unless completely self explanatory, should also be identified with a caption or title indicating where the photo or photos were taken. If a photograph is for sale, an

asking price should also be included. The sponsors reserve the right not to hang entries deemed to be of poor quality or not clearly reflective of the exhibit theme.

Entries should be submitted to either Prof. Deanna Foxworthy (AB 311) or Prof. Ed Palm (AB 316) not later than Friday, October 8, 1999.

Selected photographs will remain on display in the Heflin Center, or another suitable location on campus, throughout the Multicultural Fair, 18-22 October 1999.

Billips bids farewell

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

On July 23, 1999 a retirement picnic was held in honor of Dr. Alfred Billips. Dr. Billips retired from the position of Dean of Student Services after 34 years of service.

President Powell began the picnic by welcoming everyone to the luncheon and introduced Billips, who was asked to open with the traditional saying of grace.

After lunch, a country music performance was presented by four of Glenville State College's maintenance crew. The president then gave Billips an opportunity to bid a



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President Powell presents a parting gift to Dr. Billips

fond farewell to GSC.

Powell then presented Billips with gifts, including a map, a walking stick, and a gift certificate for a pair of hiking boots. Jerry Burkhammer, a member of the Office of Student Affairs, also presented Billips with a book bag.

Burkhammer stated that Billips is "not only a wonderful colleague, but a dear friend also."

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GSC Holds First ever Convocation

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Aug. 18, 1999 marked the first ever Convocation at Glenville State College. Convocation is a formal assembly that is usually held in religious and academic settings. Convocation is based on a Latin phrase meaning "to call together."

The event was a success. The Fine Arts auditorium was filled with students, new and old, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community. Dr. Powell began by explaining the convocation, "The convocation provides us with the opportunity to for us to offer respect and to acknowledge our interdependence to and for each other."

The faculty were dressed in the academic regalia, the cap and gown. The donning of the robes is a 400-year-old tradition. Only three professions wear the robes: clergy, judges and teachers.

"Tradition, innovation, leadership and tradition are four words that represent GSC and will help us respond to the ever-changing needs of West Virginia and to help us meet the needs of our community," says Powell explaining the banners hanging from GSC's library.

Mr. Phillip Reale, a member of the WV state college Board of Directors says, "Whatever ills may



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Student Congress President Jack Beard addresses the convocation crowd as (L to R) Philip Reale, President Powell, Bill Diehl, and Chancellor Trump look on.

have proceeded, well there is a new Dr. in town."

Glenville's newly elected mayor, Wayne Richmond offered greetings to the assembly. "It is my sincere hope that GSC becomes a home away from home-not just in residency but in the heart as well."

Other members of the community and campus also spoke, offering words of advice and greetings. These speakers included County Commissioner, Larry Chapman, Senator Sharpe, Denise Ellyson, and 1999 GSC graduate Jamie Adkins. Student Congress President, Jack Beard, welcomed in the new class and noted new changes in the environment, faculty and a new attitude among students. Beard stated, "I now believe that change can and will happen."

Chancellor Trump welcomed the participants and pointed out the importance of convocations by mentioning the fact that he played golf, "just a few days ago with someone I met at my first convocation over forty years ago."

Trump also stated, "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

Trump's motivational speech focused on attitudes being the difference of educated and trained. "Education should be lighting a fire, not filling a bucket."

The freshmen class and the faculty took an oath of academic excellence, promising to uphold the pursuit of intellectual, cultural, personal and social growth. Professor Wayne de Rosset said, "I think the convocation is great. In four years we will be sending this class off with a formal ceremony; it is only right that we welcome them in with one."

Members of the community, students, faculty and staff participated in an outdoor picnic, held outside the Fine Arts building, immediately following the convocation. Prizes and games were made available by a local radio station, The Bear, 101.3 WBRB 93.1. Yet another precedence has been set here at GSC.

Freshmen get orientated

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

Presentation" during orientation; and attend convocation.

As the new students arrived, each student was assigned a freshman counselor according to his/her major. After settling in, the students were divided into their respective groups and guided to each orientation activity by their assigned counselor. This process continued throughout the four days of orientation. On Wednesday, August 18, these new students attended convocation.

Orientation 199 is a one-hour credit course for freshmen and any other new students who join our campus. To be eligible for credit, students must participate in the following: keep a weekly journal that includes a response to the article "Unleashing Your Potential"; attend orientation activities during the four days of orientation; be present for three on-campus lectures; attend a minimum of three Fine Arts activities and two athletic events; present a "Freshmen

Orientation 199 was made possible through the efforts of Dr. Debra Simon, Dr. Sharon Kraus, Jerry Burkhammer, Brenda McCartney, as well as participating freshmen counselors. Dr. Simon was especially pleased with the peer connection the new students were able to make through this experience. As with any new experience, there were a few bugs, but the administration hopes to make next year's orientation even better.

GSC to host conference

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College is hosting a Women's Studies Conference which will serve as a forum for high school juniors and seniors as well as our own college students. The college is encouraging women and men of all ages to participate in exploring the various challenges and accomplishments that women have faced through the ages.

According to Dr. Ximena Gallardo, a co-chair, "The idea came from Nancy Zane." Dr. Gallardo continued, "The main ideas of the conference are to help young women and men to talk about any issues, about their dreams, and to meet their role models. Students or groups are encouraged to

write papers, present art projects, have presentations, etc. Every idea is welcome and will be heard." Designated GSC professors from each discipline will judge which papers or projects are most appropriate for presentation. The Women's Studies Conference co-chair professors include Dr. Ximena Gallardo, Ms. Nancy Wemm, and Dr. Nancy Zane.

Conference presenters will be notified my mid February. The conference's goals are to offer West Virginia students positive female roles, to encourage young women to expand their horizons, and to demonstrate to young women and men that equality works to everyone's advantage.

All articles submitted for publication in *The Mercury* must be typed and double-spaced. Stories and announcements should be addressed c/o Amy Lynn Smith. The deadline for stories and announcements is Wednesday at 4 p.m. for publication in the next week's paper. All photographs should be submitted to Sherrie Hardman, photo editor.

What the other guys have to say

A roundup of education comment from across West Virginia.

Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram:

Old industrial development is good. New industrial development is bad. That seems to be the thinking of Sierra Club members.

Several of the environmental activists are volunteering their time to uncover old coke ovens along a hiking trail in Blackwater Canyon. They say the ovens, now hidden by forest growth, should be uncovered because they are part of our nation's and our state's industrial heritage.

One of the environmentalists, Jim Sconyers, told the Clarksburg newspapers that uncovering the coke ovens will help walkers realize what the rail-trail they are on was for. The main thing is it will enrich their experiences today."

He even waxed poetic about the beehive-shaped coke ovens, which turned coal into coke before it was shipped by rail north to Clarksburg and elsewhere.

Blackwater was a major coke-producing center at the turn of the century, Sconyers noted. "They say the sky was black with coke from the coke ovens."

That sounds strange, doesn't it, coming from an environmentalist? Even the thought of a rumor of any development - industrial, residential or otherwise - anywhere near Blackwater Canyon sends Sierra Club into spasms of outrage.

But the image of coke ovens blackening the skies above the canyon, not to mention steam locomotives belching smoke and cinders and shattering the stillness

of the Blackwater wilderness, is somehow romantic?

If any current members of the Sierra Club had been living in West Virginia at the turn of the century, they would have been outraged by the industrial development of Blackwater Canyon. They would have complained, lobbied and protested until the coke ovens, locomotives and rail lines were gone.

No, we're not arguing that environmental concerns should be brushed aside and Blackwater Canyon developed to the fullest. We happen to agree that Blackwater Canyon deserves to be protected, as do other places of natural beauty around West Virginia.

But there's something screwy here.

First, environmentalists declare - either in word or deed - that industrial development is a bad thing and dedicate themselves to opposing it (and the jobs it creates) on almost all fronts.

Then they turn around and say that industrial development was a good thing in the past and its heritage deserves to be preserved.

To our way of thinking, that's trying to stand on both sides of the fence at once.

Charleston Daily Mail:

West Virginia is one of the few states that slaps a sales tax on food. The state is aggressive in applying its 6 percent sales tax to just about every transaction except prescribed medications.

And video poker machines.

The exemption on prescribed drugs is direct. The

exemption on video poker machines - which are supposed to be illegal - is indirect. The Legislature has gone out of its way to protect these gambling devices in bars and stores from the regulators.

State law greatly restricts how state troopers and Alcohol Beverage Control Administration employees can enforce the law that prohibits these machines. Gone are the days when the police could raid a bar, haul out the illegal poker machines and later smash them to smithereens.

Tax Secretary Robin Capehart came up with the bright idea of collecting the 6 percent sales tax on these machines. Unfortunately, he ran into a snag. There's no way he can keep machine owners from unplugging devices that monitor their take.

Failing to restrict these machines rewards a group of people who have scoffed at the law for years, under the protection of key legislators who tossed loopholes upon loophole at law enforcement efforts. One shudders to think what law bar owners and store managers will break next in the name of profits.

Protecting video poker also ignores the social damage these machines do.

It's not a question of morality, but survival. As gambling spreads across the nation, bankruptcies are on the rise - even though the economy is at a record high.

Not taxing prescription drugs makes sense. Protecting lawbreakers does not.

The Herald-Dispatch:

West Virginia must

either clean up the huge piles of scrap tires that litter the state, or the federal government will step in and do it - then penalize the state for failing to act. That's the blunt message delivered by the Environmental Protection Agency at a recent top-level meeting in Charleston.

The issue is one of public health. Disease-carrying mosquitoes breed in the tire piles, and burning tire piles pollute both the air and water.

Getting rid of the piles is simple enough. "This is not rocket science," an EPA spokeswoman told the meeting. The problem, not surprisingly, is how to pay for the cleanup.

Legislation sought by the Division of Environmental Protection that would have imposed a fee on each new tire sold to help clear up the tire piles was defeated last year.

Surrounding states have such fees. There's no good reason West Virginia shouldn't take the same common sense step. Or, instead, it can wait for the feds to step in and act, then likely slap the state with a hefty fine. That, it seems to us, should be an easy choice.

The Intelligencer:

Nothing succeeds like success, as the saying goes, and thus it's becoming clearer every day that the World Wide Web is the premier place to turn to for official government information. Local, state and federal government entities all have or are about to go online with their own Web sites.

The latest success story can be found via the West Virginia Department of

Education. In a news release this week, the department crowns: "It's official: The West Virginia Department of Education's Web site is a hit."

And, it's difficult to argue with that assessment. It seems that in less than five months, the number of people visiting the department's Web site jumped from 1,200 in March to almost 18,000 in July. Fernando Ibanez, Webmaster for the department, said that on average about 600 people visit the site each day compared to less than 40 a day in March. The Web site is <http://wvde.state.wv.us/> for information about education.

"People are turning to our Web site for news and information about the West Virginia Board of Education for employment opportunities at the department and school systems across the state, and for vital teacher certification information and innovative lesson plans," Superintendent Dr. Henry Marockie said. "Our site has something for everyone - teachers, principals, school system administrators, service personnel, parents, community and business leaders, reporters and even those looking for jobs in education."

Ibanez pointed out, "We update information every day so that our site has something new when people come back to visit." Obviously, those people trolling cyberspace know not all the information contained therein can be trusted, but official government Web sites with up-to-the-minute information are more valuable every day.

GSC Fall Sports Roundup

By Abbie Burge
Sports Writer

Volleyball

Under the direction of head coach Tracey Fluharty and Assistant John Nicholai, the Pioneer Volleyball team began their season with meetings, physicals, and practice on Aug. 8. With an array of talented athletes ranging from senior captain Crystal Affolter, to eight incoming freshmen, the squad is determined to practice hard and have a successful season.

The team is bolstered by a wealth of experienced players. Jessica Nutter, a junior, will help anchor the team. A group of five sophomores are returning to contribute their athletic abilities to the Lady Pioneers. Sophomores include key setter Stacy Robinson, outside hitter Sarah Crowell, middle hitter Abbie Burge, outside hitter Lisa Sachetti, and back row specialist Rebecca Dzierzanski.

But, don't write off the freshmen. Each one does "double duty" by being able to play various positions exceptionally well. The freshmen include Ohio Valley College transfer outside hitter Melissa

Dawson, middle hitter Brooke Ferguson, outside hitter Becky Birchfield, outside hitter Nicole West, middle hitter La Toya Parks, outside hitter Brittany Heiney, outside hitter Rachel Douglas, and outside hitter/setter Denise Mong.

The most unique quality of the team is how well they get along both on and off the court. When you see one player, you see the rest of the team following behind. Coach Fluharty believes that this combination of talent and team unity will help the squad to become stronger and more aggressive as the season progresses. The Pioneer's first game will be at Ritchie County High School on Saturday, Sept. 4. The first home game will be on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Everyone come out to cheer our team on to victory.

Cross Country

With a new coach recently hired in late June, there wasn't much that Coach Eddie Atkinson could do to fill his men's and women's cross country teams except work with what he had and recruit athletes already at GSC. Still, he is optimistic. After all, his teams have been practicing

ruthlessly.

Over the summer, the senior men are expected to log in at least 70 miles of running per week with underclassmen running about 50 miles. This helps to adjust the body to the rigorous conditions of races when the season starts.

Some meets take place in open fields, on nature trails, and through golf courses. To give you a rough idea of a typical cross country race, GSC's home track is located at Cedar Creek State Park. Twice a week, the men and women do speed training by running a mile as fast as they can over and over again, with only a five minute rest in between. The men average about six miles on these days with the women running about four miles.

For the men, Senior Brent Gargus has a large responsibility as a seasoned runner and leader of the GSC team. Other stand outs include Mark Stoke, Danny Sharpe, Takamitsu Nasu, Ryan White, Michael Dolin, and Heath Pattison. Coach Atkinson expects lack of experience to be a factor, but knows that throughout the season, everyone will be gaining experience.

According to Coach

Atkinson, one of his most versatile women's athletes is Tasha Combs. Also on his roster is former State Cross Country Champ and West Liberty transfer Melinda Moren. Dayla Dowler and Connie Pierce round out the team by being hard workers who are just beginning to show their strengths as distance runners.

The first meet will be the West Liberty Invitational on Sept. 4 in West Liberty, WV.

Golf

Last year with a team of four freshmen and one sophomore, the golf team ended with a third place in the conference and were four strokes away from qualifying for the nationals. After losing sophomore Matt Plosila, who transferred to Kent State, head coach Rick Simmons is looking for a person to fill that spot so that the team might advance to the nationals this year.

Top sophomore returnees Ryan Norris (a first team all-conference pick from last year), and Ben Hiener, who individually advanced to the national finals in Georgia, are teaming up with junior Mark Johnson and sophomore Joey

Gossett in hopes of repeating last year's performance. A rests on the shoulders of the golfers because a team consists of five people, with the best scores being tallied at end to determine the team score. "There's a lot of pressure knowing that your score will more than likely be one that gets tallied," says Coach Simmons.

Competing for the fifth spot are senior Randy Ratliff, junior Tim Meeks, and freshmen John Monroe, Sterling Shields, and Jerry Stuth. "One of those five need to step up for that fifth spot," says Simmons.

One thing is certain—being a golfer requires year-round dedication to the sport. The GSC golf team practices for and participates in invitationals both fall and spring. This dedication should be evident in their first outing. The GSC Autumn Classic will be held September 13-14 at Ravenswood and Mason, WV. According to Coach Simmons, this event should give a good indication of the team's capability. GSC golfers will be competing against 15 teams, 10 of which are from the conference.

Sign of things to come: Football



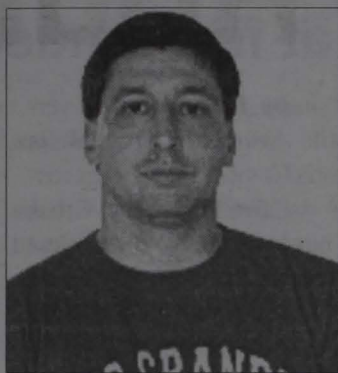
Chris Vannoy, Mercury

Check out next week's Mercury for full coverage of the GSC versus California (PA) game.

New face in Track and Cross Country

By Abbie Burge
Sports Writer

Glennville State College comes Eddie Atkinson, who will be coaching men's and women's cross country and track teams. Atkinson, a 1987 Spencer School graduate and former student football and basketball coach at GSC, saw potential in the GSC program. He believes that he has a strong group of runners this year, but would like to work on fielding men's and women's teams to "start building the program...start building the stones, and to get the name out and get



Amy Smith, Mercury
Coach Eddie Atkinson

respect back."

Atkinson knows what it takes to have a successful season. After all, he has gained much coaching experience from his two years of working at the high school level. In addition, Atkinson was head

men's and women's cross country coach at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee from 1995-97 before returning to Rio Grande as an assistant last year.

This season at GSC, you will see Coach Atkinson pioneering his team to place well in the conference, running back and forth between his office and the track, and he will also take on the important role of intramural director. Even though it seems that Coach Atkinson does a little bit of everything, he jokes, "I have the easiest job as a coach, I just say go run."

Palmer likes Browns progress

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

BEREA, Ohio - Chris Palmer has been an NFL head coach for just seven months and three exhibition games. However, he is convinced he has the expansion Cleveland Browns on the right path.

So is Dennis Green.

Walking off the field following his first home game Saturday night, Palmer stopped to shake hands with Green, entering his eighth year with the Minnesota Vikings.

"Hey, you've got a good football team," Palmer told Green after the Vikings opened a big early lead and held on for a 24-17 win over the Browns in the first game played in Cleveland's sparkling new \$283 million stadium.

Green returned the compliment.

"He said, 'You guys aren't bad for just going for six months,'" Palmer said. "It brings everything into perspective. You don't do it overnight."

Not bad isn't exactly where Palmer wants the new Browns (1-2) to be right now. But after view-

ing game film Sunday morning, watching Minnesota's first unit obliterate his starting defense, Palmer came away pleased with his team's effort against one of the NFL's powers.

"I'm not disappointed by any stretch of the imagination," Palmer said. "We're coming together. We're headed in the right direction and we just have to keep working. I see signs, there's just not enough signs."

Saturday was a historic night for football in Cleveland, which hadn't hosted a pro football game since Dec. 17, 1995, when the old Browns played their final game in their old, worn-down stadium.

Fans couldn't wait to get inside the new 72,000-seat Cleveland Browns Stadium with its luxury suites, jumbo videoboards and modern conveniences.

Before most had even made it to their seats, the Vikings, looking like the team that stormed to a 15-1 mark and scored an NFL-record 556 points in 1998, jumped to a 21-0 lead by scoring on their first three possessions.

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Officials hope 1999 Sternwheel Regatta will brighten festival's future

By Brett Martel
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Even if Charleston's Sternwheel Regatta recovers to the booming levels of a decade ago, changes in the entertainment industry have left the city's festival commission unable to compete for major national musical acts, a top organizer says.

"If people say, 'What we really want is big-name national entertainment,' I think what that means is we're going to have to go to ticketed events, and people will have to pay to see the concerts," says Stephen Woomer, president of the Charleston Festival Commission.

Traditionally, the commission has found sponsors for the concerts and held them free to the public.

Still, organizers hope they can bring back big crowds to the Regatta, which begins Friday, by refocusing the event on the state's historic riverboat culture and with the reintroduction of beer.

"This is an important year for the regatta," says Chris Walker, president of the Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The last four to five years have been

difficult financially, but from what I see ... I really look for this to be a better year."

About 35 sternwheelers - the second largest turnout in the event's history - are expected to make the voyage up the Kanawha River to Charleston during the festival that starts Friday. The 72-year-old, 285-foot Delta Queen from New Orleans is scheduled to race the Charleston-based P.A. Denny.

"We wanted to move the focus of the festival back to the river," says Woomer. "It's a mindset that I think we had gotten away from."

The Kanawha River has long been an economic lifeline to the area with massive shipments of coal continuing to flow daily. Charleston's size and importance in the state grew from its location on the banks of the river.

"Boats have a long history here and I'm not sure people completely understand that," Woomer says. "We need to do more to educate people about that history, let them see the boats and learn more about the boats."

The 10-day regatta, now in its 29th year, attracted crowds estimated at a quarter million during its most successful years.

"We had big-name musi-

cal entertainment, and people would spend vacations at regatta," Woomer says.

But during the latter part of the 1990s, attendance, sponsorship, and overall revenues dwindled.

Beer was banned four years ago by Mayor Kemp Melton after residents said the festival had degraded into a 10-day drinking binge. The decision stemmed sponsorship money from beer companies and drew complaints from critics.

Now the suds are back, thanks to current Mayor Jay Goldman, who made the issue a campaign promise. Beer will be served in restricted areas.

Last year, the Convention and Visitors Bureau hired consultants from the Destination Consultancy Group to evaluate the regatta. The group suggested shortening the regatta and working to make it more unique.

Walker says shortening the event is under consideration for future years and bringing its focus back to the river will help the event stand out.

"You have to maintain unique events for the festival to come back to being a strong tourist draw to the area," he says.

Paramount closes rides at five amusement parks

By John Nolan
Associated Press Writer

CINCINNATI - With the busy Labor Day weekend approaching, Paramount has closed seven rides at its five amusement parks because of concerns about fatal accidents this week on two of the rides.

"We won't reopen them unless we're confident they can be safely operated," spokeswoman Susan Lomax of Paramount Parks, operator of the five parks, said Wednesday.

The closings are in response to an accident Sunday that killed a 12-year-old boy on the Drop Zone, a free-fall ride, at Paramount's Great America park in Santa Clara, Calif., and a standup roller coaster accident Monday at Paramount's Kings Dominion park near Richmond, Va.

The rides will remain closed indefinitely until Paramount Parks officials get full reports on how the accidents occurred, Ms. Lomax said Wednesday from the company's headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. She said she had no idea how long that will take.

The other closed rides

are the Drop Zone free rides at Paramount Carowinds in Charlotte, N.C., Paramount's Kings Island near Cincinnati, Paramount Canada's Wonderland in Toronto. Closed standup roller coasters are King Cobra at Kings Island and Skyrider at Paramount Canada's Wonderland.

Ensuring safety at amusement park rides is difficult, though, because inspection procedures are not standardized for rides and there are no reliable statistics for ride accidents that result in injuries or deaths, said Richard McClary, a former Memphis, Tenn., federal workplace safety inspector who now is a safety consultant to amusement park operators.

In addition, McClary said Wednesday, some states have no ride inspection programs, other states have good inspection programs and some states have none.

"The accidents are happening in the states that have very good inspection programs, as well as those that have no inspection programs," said McClary, executive director of the Memphis Area Safety Council.

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'Scream,' 'The Faculty' writer ditch- s horror in his directorial debut

By Ric Leyva
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Reliving traumas has become a lucrative business for Kevin Williamson, the horror screenwriter and "Lawman's Creek" creator. Much of his work is based on things that really happened to him.

It's definitely the case with his directorial debut, "Scream." "I Know What You Did Last Summer," "Scream 2," "The Faculty" and "Halloween: H20."

But it was a long haul back. He tried his hand at acting for a number of years before working on music videos, then was ready to give up on his Hollywood aspirations.

"I was severely unhappy because my life wasn't taking off, none of my dreams were coming true, nothing was happening for me," Williamson says. "So I made a deal with myself that I would leave the business and move out of L.A. and try to find something else to do."

"I was going to go take a real estate course, but before I did that I said I'll write a script, and then just

see. I always kept talking about it but I never did it, so I said, 'If you just write it and then fail, then there's your answer, yet again.' And I wrote 'Tingle.' That's what happened."

Despite the emotional pain of his early journey toward success, Williamson wouldn't trade the experience for an easier one.

"That's sort of the irony of the whole piece. All those negative messages I got as a kid, those things like, 'You're not good enough, you can't do this,' and 'You can't do that,' are ultimately the things that fueled me and propelled me onward," he says. "It just didn't happen in my time line."

He sold his first script, but it was never made into a movie, so it was a perfect choice for his directorial debut, and a decided departure from horror for a storyteller eager to avoid type-casting.

"I certainly didn't want to be defined as the Horror Guy the rest of my life," Williamson says. "And I also wanted to say to the world that I can create an adult character. I'm not just about teen-agers."

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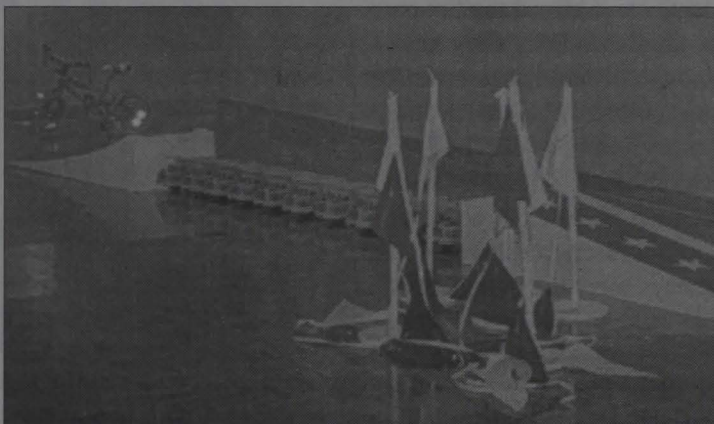
Get Mid-Evel

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College's Fine Arts Gallery is holding an unique show by Ryan Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey's display includes viewing a video of

Humphrey performing stunts as well as photos taken by Karen Ostrom. The show is an ode to the understanding of stunt man Evel Knievel.

The show is open for viewing Aug. 23 to Sept. 17, Monday through Friday, from 10am to 2pm.



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

An example of Ryan Humphrey's work now on display in the Fine Arts Building at GSC



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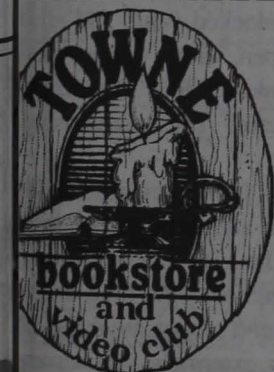
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THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Use it or lose it, budd

Owning a computer has never been a greater necessity for college students than right now. Papers must be typed, the Internet must be surfed, and hastily-written e-mails asking Mom n' Dad for money must be sent.

Of course, many students can't afford the luxury of their own PC. They have enough trouble just affording college. Here in the library, we do our best to accommodate students with Internet access, but with our limited resources, we can't always meet the demands of our students. For instance, when students wish to type or print out their research papers, we refer them to on-campus computer labs like the Ernest H. Smith Technology Lab in the



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Administration Building.

It's no secret that students on this campus need more access to computers for word-processing and Internet access, but there is some debate over who is responsible for providing this service. Presently, a growing number of colleges require that students provide their own computers; all incoming freshman at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire must purchase their own iMac computer before classes start.

Sound unreasonable?

When you consider that these same students must register for classes online, do their homework online, and apply for financial aid online, owning their own equipment makes sense.

Some colleges, like Ferrum College in southwest Virginia, actually go so far as to install computers in every dorm room on campus (it should be noted that Ferrum is a privately-funded school, not state-supported like GSC—in other words, they have big bucks). Unfortunately, Ferrum has

major difficulties in the maintenance and upkeep of all these computers—at last report, dorm computers were said to be loaded with computer viruses, a result of neglect and no anti-virus software.

Clearly, the computer labs here at GSC may not be as convenient as having a computer in your own dorm room, but we do offer these services and it is the responsibility of each and every student to make use of them. Presently, there are 27 computers in the Ernest H. Smith Technology Lab, all of them Internet accessible. True, the hours that the labs are open may conflict with your own schedule, but college is not about convenience, it's about sacrifice.

Online technology is rapidly changing the college experience: teachers requiring students to use the Internet for downloading syllabi and course assignments, for e-mailing homework, and for interacting with each other. Computers have become a primary mode of communication between faculty and students, and no incoming freshman can claim to be "computer illiterate" and expect to get very far.

GSC can't handle a computer like those other colleges can, but we do provide computer access to students who would not otherwise be able to afford their own. Be aware that these services exist, and make use of them!

New spacecraft technology scheduled for tests in 2000

By Paul Recer
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON - Flight tests will begin next year on a new generation of reusable spacecraft that will be less expensive to operate than current rocket launchers, officials say.

Officials of NASA and its aerospace industry partners said Tuesday that three types of experimental craft were poised to begin flight testing starting in the summer of 2000.

The X-33 craft, being built by the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works in Palmdale, Calif., will undergo suborbital flights next summer. Another craft, called the X-34 and being built by Orbital Sciences Corp. of Dulles, Va., will undergo engine and structural tests in 2000, leading up to a series of flights.

A third craft, called the X-

37, is in an earlier development stage by the Boeing Co., but is scheduled for two test flights from the space shuttle starting in 2002.

Gary Payton, deputy associate administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said the goal of the technology development program was to "bring down the cost of space access by a factor of 10."

Putting a pound into orbit using current rockets or the space shuttle costs \$5,000 to \$20,000 a pound, he said, and there is no way to improve those costs with the present U.S. launch systems. Most current rockets are expendable — used one time and thrown away — and take weeks to prepare for launch.

The new generation of space launchers could reduce the cost of space access to about \$1,000 a pound, officials said.

Computer Dude

"Big Brother is Watching You Type"

By Rob Kerns
Staff Columnist

Imagine this: you are leaving for work, school, or just your daily life outside your home. An hour or so after your departure, agents of the Justice Department break into your house and disable any and all security protocols on your computer. With that accomplished, they can now monitor everything you do while on-line.

Concerned? Perhaps you should be. If the Justice Department gets its way, it will have the right to do just that.

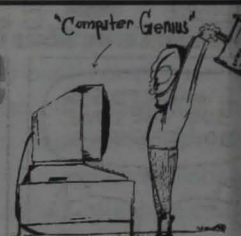
A proposal to give Law Enforcement officers new authority in the area of surveillance is slated to be sent to Capitol Hill soon. Its name is the "Cyberspace Electronic

Security Act." If passed, it would empower law enforcement officers to enter a residence with a properly obtained search warrant and "ransack" the computer(s) present for any and all information pertinent to their investigation. Officers would also have authority to plant devices which would override encryption programs, which essentially scramble any information that leaves the computer over the Internet. Files, or sets of files, that are encrypted can only be decrypted (unscrambled) by someone who has the key (code) for how the information was encrypted.

Encryption programs are important to people who use the Internet to transmit information, which they believe to

be secret or no one else's business. The thing that strikes me is why would anyone release sensitive information over the Internet to begin with? In any case, e-mail is about as secure as a bank with an unlocked vault, and all doors open, with a sign on the front lawn reading "Please, rob my bank!" The Internet is not secure.

I understand both sides of the argument, but on this one I have to side with the government. As long as people aren't doing anything illegal or extremely embarrassing, there shouldn't be any reason to object, unless those people just enjoy arguing. Furthermore, it is a serious abuse of the technology to use such encryption programs to support criminal activities.



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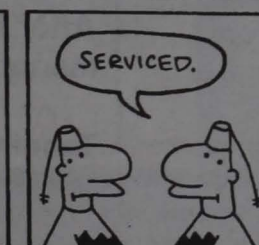
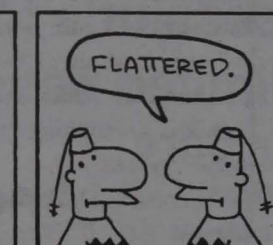
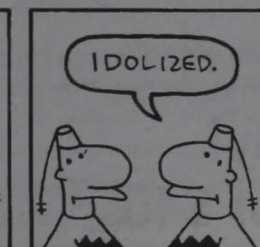
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Miss Anna

Horoscope by Mistress Anna (AP)

Aries: (Mar 21-Apr 20)

Anything that you have previously started needs to be pushed to the next level now, so get on with it. Your personal life takes precedence this week, so don't hesitate to resolving any troubling situations. Keep your energies focused, your goal is at hand.

Taurus: (Apr 21 - May 21)

You have a very sensible and practical philosophy on life, as long as you can avoid getting into a rut. Take a few chances. With just a little extra effort, you can charm most of the people around you to your way of thinking, so put on a big smile.

Gemini: (May 22 - June 21)

Support for your ambitions will come from both your family and your friends. Money matters in general are not looking real bright lately, take the time to re-evaluate just where you spend your money. You are very flexible in your thinking, which will open up doors.

Cancer: (June 22 - July 23)

Your feelings towards those you love are deep, but you don't always agree with their ideas and actions. Having the tendency to go to extremes will cause some friction at home - let moderation be the key to keeping everyone and everything on an even keel.

Leo: (July 24- Aug 23)

It's time to let go of some of your past problems, which will bring a soothing influence on your present thinking. It may be best to modify your behavior in the workplace before problems arise. Having such a strong ego will get you in trouble over and over again.

Virgo: (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

There may be conflict with someone you love, but it can be avoided if you listen before you speak. While you are practical by nature, you would never know it this week, since you seem to be spending money everywhere you go. Some quiet time will be good for you.

Libra: (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Balance is really what

works for you, so exercise moderation when dealing with your relatives and family members. Make your time count, especially when dealing with children. You seem to be taking a whole new look at yourself - rebuild your image in a positive way.

Scorpio: (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

A smile will go a long way, so try to be tolerant of others, even if you strongly disagree with them. There are new doors of opportunity being thrown open for you, so be aware before the chance passes you by. Try to keep a low profile and you will be surprised at what gets accomplished.

Sagittarius: (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Make changes now in your financial picture, and money matters will start to look better almost immediately. Try to go against your most extravagant nature and steer towards conservative thinking instead. There is a positive exchange of energy in a partnership.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

Your partner or members of the family may be impatient, so you should be at your best to deal with them correctly. Clear up any misunderstandings as soon as possible. You seem to have plenty of mental energy this week, use it to your advantage in the workplace.

Aquarius: (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Avoid any impulsive spending, or it will put you more in the hole than you can imagine. But do follow your hunches in money matters, especially those in which you do not have much experience. Be candid in your communications and it will smooth out any snags.

Pisces: (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You are in tune with the feelings of someone you love, making it easy to do just the right thing - how nice. If you are feeling a bit depressed and out of sorts, don't sit around and mope, start making new friends instead. The truth is hard to get at this week.

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- 1 Golf goof
 5 Onion relative
 10 Edit out
 15 Dear: It.
 19 Actor Jannings
 20 Spiral
 21 Hoteller Helmsley
 22 Fellers
 23 Clean slate
 25 In the year of our Lord
 27 Bewildered
 28 Cries out
 30 Judith Krantz novel
 31 Feeling no pain
 34 Photo finish
 35 "___ real nowhere man..."
 36 Airplane wake
 40 Go bad
 43 Emphasize
 47 John Lennon's middle name
 48 "Ars gratia ___"
 50 In progress
 52 John Quincy Adams, presidentially speaking
 53 "I Hate ___" (Kiss Me Kate tune)
 54 Time flies
 57 Expert
 58 Fundamental
 61 Letter opener
 62 Glimpse
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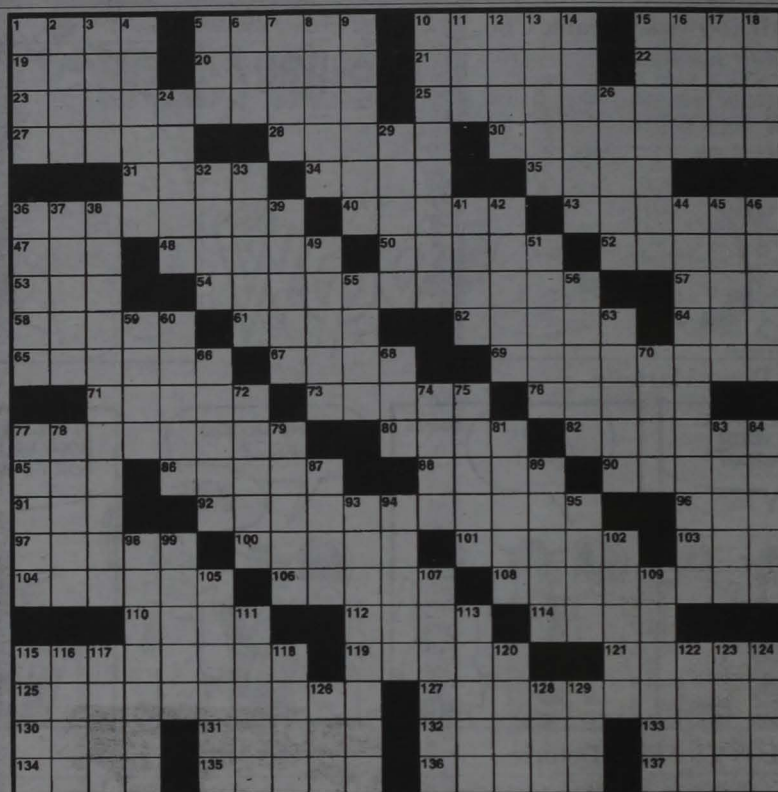
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 92 Forever
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 97 Good hand
 100 Sorrow
 101 Woody Allen movie
 103 Check
 104 Sluggish
 106 Downs or salts
 108 Tardy
 110 Touched down
 112 Questions at school
 114 Fountain of music
 115 Eye wash
 119 Yet
 121 ___ fours (crawling)
 125 On the way
 127 Tit for tat
 130 Piece of music
 131 Floors
 132 Loosen
 133 Scoreboard units
 134 Tickled
 135 Cur curber
 136 Old anesthetic
 137 Discerning

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 2 Part of a Latin trio
 3 Fudges the facts
 4 Well-spoken
 5 Chinese tea
 6 That girl
 7 "Now ___ me down..."
 8 Jawed tools
 9 Glorifies
 10 NASA mission start
 11 Author Deighton

12 Thousands of years

- 13 Tennyson's Arden
 14 San Diego squad
 15 Italian apéritif
 16 Leaf angle
 17 Descartes or Magritte
 18 Caveat emptor sign
 24 Writer ___ Ingalls Wilder
 26 Forces to leave
 29 Daddies
 32 Trading center
 33 Champs
 36 Jazz ensemble
 37 Wee hour
 38 Irrelevant remark
 39 Restrict
 41 Debtor's offerings
 42 Reason
 44 Retroactively
 45 Sweep the strings
 46 ___ picture of (photographed)
 49 Small branch
 51 Intimate, as friends
 55 Consumer
 56 Liquefies
 59 Grad
 60 Thumbs (through)
 63 Falls' causes
 66 Singer Lopez
 68 Massage
 70 "___ bigger than a breadbox?"
 72 General direction
 74 Day of celebration
 75 On the ___ (broken)
 77 Beer order
 78 Psychologist May
 79 "Israfel" writer's signature
 81 Stuck



83 Certain club member

- 84 Judas, My Brother author
 87 Seaweed variety
 89 Bell-shaped flower
 93 Thorny subject
 94 Substitute
 95 Horse-race distance
 98 Boxed

99 Poet Doolittle

- 102 Croc relative
 105 Full skirt
 107 Unsuccessful
 109 Singing parts
 111 "We're Off ___ the Wizard"
 113 Climb up
 115 Ringing sound
 116 Organic compound

117 UN Secretary-General

- Kofi ___ Annan
 118 Type of type
 120 Among
 122 Blue-green
 123 Breather
 124 Give the slip to
 126 Tractor-trailers: Abbr.
 128 Tool's partner
 129 For every



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