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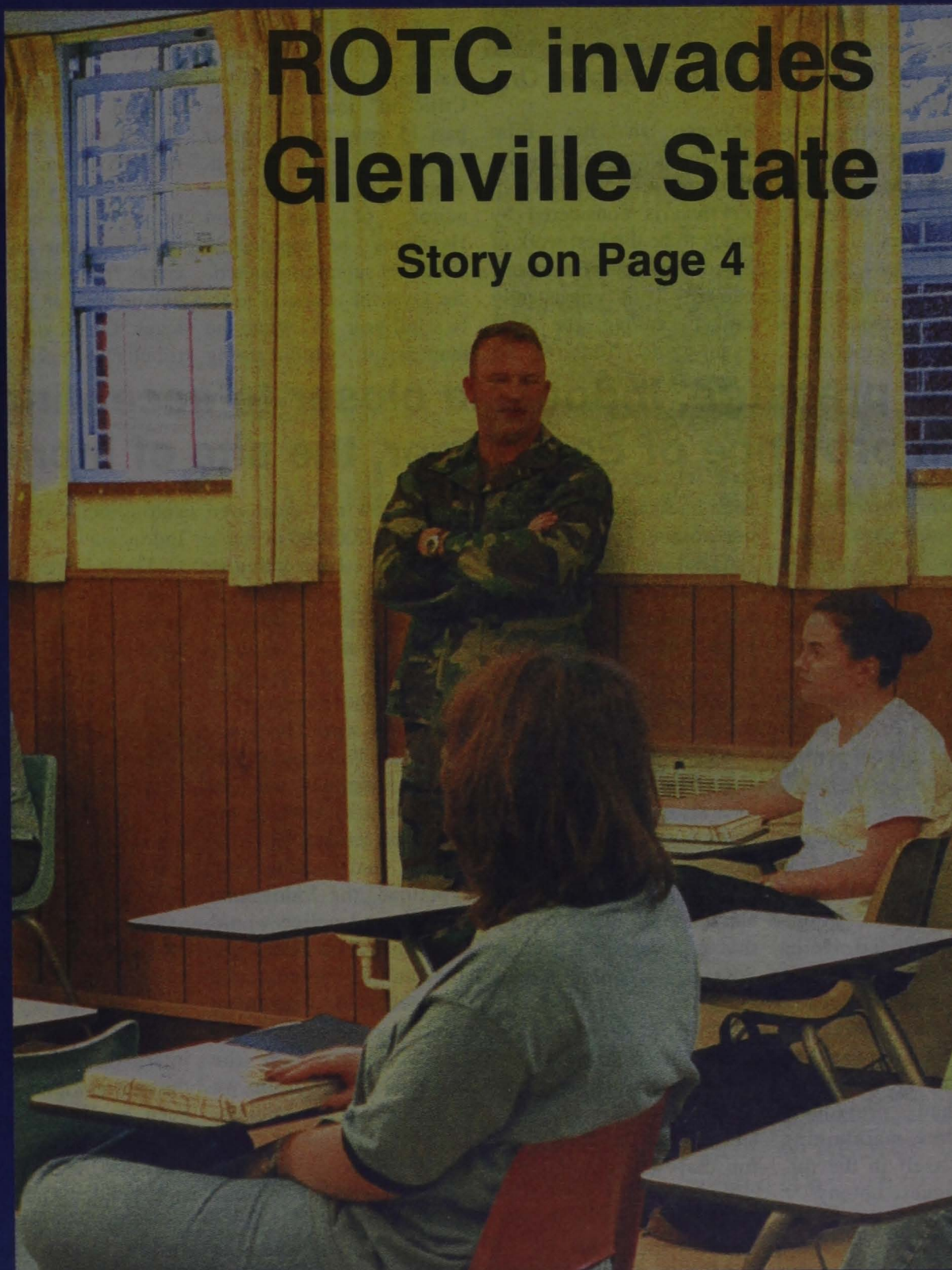
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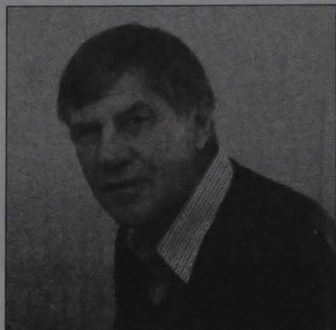


GSC faculty member is published in Cambridge University Press anthology

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Reporter

Dr. Christopher Orr, a member of the Glenville State College English staff, has recently contributed to a collection of essays in the Cambridge Film Handbook series. The series focuses on a specific film for use in film classes around the country, and is published by The Cambridge University Press, one of the most prestigious scholarly presses in the United States.

Dr. Orr's essay, "Scenes from the Class Struggle in Sweden: *Persona* as Brechtian Melodrama,"



Dr. Christopher Orr

appears in the Film Handbook of Ingmar Bergman's *Persona*. *Persona* is considered by many to be the best work of Swedish director Bergman's career. It is consistently ranked among the best avant-garde films of all

time.

Orr first became involved with the project by a relationship forged with the editor of the handbook, Dr. Lloyd Michaels of Allegheny College, who is also the editor of the journal "Film Criticism." Orr has been a member of the editorial board of the "Film Criticism" journal for the past 15 years and a regular contributor to the journal. When Michaels was named editor of the Film Handbook, he approached Orr about submitting an article. Over the course of nearly a full year, Orr wrote the manuscript while going

through three drafts.

The essay itself takes a dramatically different approach to the film. While most criticism of *Persona* focuses on Bergman himself as being the driving force behind the story behind the film, Orr argues that the film in fact an example of melodrama used to explore the tension between social classes within the director's native Sweden.

Orr's essay is the longest of the seven in the handbook. The other contributors come from either research universities or private colleges. Orr is the sole contributor to teach at a state

college.

"Bergman's *Persona* is an extremely powerful complex film, which I have taught regularly in my course. Writing this essay was a way to start to come to terms with the greatness of this film text," explained Orr.

Orr is currently working on a piece for GSC's Multicultural Fair comparing a 1990 Chinese film, "Dou" with the American film of 1981, "The Postman Always Rings Twice." He is also editing a special issue of the "Film Criticism" journal on Naturalism in American cinema.

Under pressure, Indonesia closer to accepting UN peacekeeping in province of East Timor, the site of increasing violence

By Kevin Costelloe
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — With foreign governments demanding an end to violence in East Timor, Indonesia on Thursday moved closer to accepting a U.N. peacekeeping force.

President B.J. Habibie's top aide said the idea might be "worth considering." The armed forces said such troops would be needed if, as expected, East Timor is headed for independence.

The statements mark a dramatic shift for the Jakarta government, which had previously insisted on maintaining order by itself in the former Portuguese colony.

The U.S., Australian and Portuguese governments are among those pressuring Jakarta to take swift action against the gangs of thugs who have

been hacking and shooting one another to death.

That pressure may have persuaded Habibie to consider outside help to keep the independence supporters and pro-Indonesia militias in check.

"The possibility is not closed for the government to allow the United Nations to deploy a U.N. peacekeeping force in East Timor, but this matter has not been discussed by the government," State Secretary Muladi told reporters.

Muladi, who is President Habibie's top aide, added: "If the situation in East Timor worsens, I think the possibility for that would be worth considering."

Indonesia invaded the impoverished territory in 1975, a few months after the hasty departure of Portugal's colonial administration, and annexed it

the following year. An estimated 200,000 or more people have been killed in the violence that followed.

Brig. Gen. Sudrajat, the chief military spokesman, told reporters Thursday that some sort of U.N. force would be needed if East Timorese voters chose independence in this week's U.N.-sponsored referendum.

In that case, he explained, the Indonesian military and police would pull out of East Timor and some credible force would be needed to prevent a power vacuum.

"Of course, in the process of transition we will need U.N. soldiers, because logically the Indonesian police and military have to leave East Timor," he said.

The United Nations has already already promised to assist the East Timorese whether they choose independence, or

autonomous status within Indonesia.

During a visit to Jakarta for talks with two cabinet ministers, U.N. special envoy Jamsheed Marker said he was "very satisfied" with assurances the Indonesians could control the violence in East Timor.

"He gave me the guarantee that if there was trouble, he would take care of it," Marker said after talking to defense minister and armed forces commander, Gen. Wiranto.

Wiranto has rejected international criticism that the military and police had been negligently slow in responding to a deadly fight outside the U.N. mission headquarters in East Timor on Wednesday.

In Canberra, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said planning already was under way

"for a United Nations security presence to be brought in place in East Timor." He emphasized it would require Indonesian consent.

The Australian Associated Press (AAP) quoted a high-ranking U.S. State Department official as issuing the latest in a series of stern warnings from the Clinton administration.

Assistant Secretary of State Stanley Roth said Indonesia risked losing control of East Timor if it did not act immediately to restore peace there, AAP quoted him as telling Australia's ABC television Thursday night.

"Either they're going to have to produce or the international community will have to consider additional steps," Roth said.

AAP quoted Roth as refusing to rule out the option of armed peacekeepers in East Timor.

White House defends loans to Russians

by Marcy Gordon
Business Writer

WASHINGTON - Put the White House on the defensive by suspending IMF loans to Russia from the International Monetary Fund, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said there must be an adequate accounting of the money lent before the United States agrees to further lending.

laundering scheme in which some \$10 billion was believed to have been funneled through Bank of New York by Russian gangsters. Law enforcement authorities have been investigating, among other things, whether the scheme involved diversion of IMF loans to Russia.

Vice President Al Gore, as a presidential candidate, already has come under fire from some Republican rivals for his close relationship with Russian leaders and his hands-on role in U.S.-Russian diplomacy, particularly as chairman of a joint commission on bilateral ties with former Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

The Russian government, meanwhile, insisted the case has been

overblown by Western media and politicians. Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov called it part of a deliberate policy by "certain circles who don't want Russia to reassert its role as a great power."

In Washington, John Podesta, the White House chief of staff, defended the administration's record in dealing with Russia, saying that overall its policies have been a success.

He acknowledged Wednesday that corruption in Russia is a problem, but cited U.S. successes in getting the Russians to withdraw from the Baltics and persuading former Soviet republics Ukraine and Kazakstan to give up nuclear weapons placed in their territory by the old Soviet Union.

"I think we have tried to push forward to what's in the U.S. national interest," Podesta said, "to make progress on an array of issues from arms control to what the structure and stability of Europe would look like, to creating a market economy and building democratic institutions in Russia that ultimately are up to the Russians to create and to make."

"We've had some progress. We've had some problems. And we're aware of the allegations of corruption. I think ... we've tried to deal with them."

Regarding the IMF loans, Podesta said the White House wants to make sure the money "is going to reform-oriented projects" in Russia.

The board of the international lending agency is expected to soon consider approving a second, \$640 million installment under a \$4.5 billion loan package for Russia that was previously authorized. The 182-nation IMF has lent Russia more than \$20 billion since 1992.

Summers, in an interview in Wednesday's editions of USA Today, said the administration will not support approval of the next installment "without adequate safeguards to assure that any funds disbursed are used properly (and) without adequate accounting for the previous use of funds."

"As these investigations continue ... we'll have to make judgments about what constitutes a satisfactory accounting."

Alcohol, weapons, woman found at jail 'party' in Kentucky

Associated Press

MARION, Ky. - A burglary investigation by the local sheriff and police chief led to a startling discovery at county jail - a party where inmates roamed freely and hidden caches of loaded guns and cold beer. One prisoner was found in a cell with a woman early Tuesday.

Jail in Paducah. "It was like a big party," Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent said. "I couldn't believe it. (Barela) was letting inmates go and come as they please. There were two cold cases of beer. We saw one gun sticking out from under a bed, and sure enough, there it was, and there were seven more. All of them were loaded."

Agent said he found inmate Justin Jones, 29, wandering around outside the jail. Barela allegedly let Jones and two other inmates, Robert Burris, 33, and Brent Lynch, 20, out of their cells.

The story started unfolding a few hours after Robert

Atchley, a resident of rural Crittenden County, reported that nine guns, ranging from a .22-caliber rifle to 12-gauge shotguns, had been stolen from his garage.

The inmates allegedly used one of the weapons, a .30-caliber carbine, to fire up to three shots into a home near Frances. Authorities said they believe the shooters knew the home's occupants.

Meanwhile, Agent and Marion police received a tip that Jones had been seen in town. Around 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, police Lt. Don Perry arrived at the jail to inquire about Jones and discovered him missing. Barela initially

told the officer that Jones was in his cell, but when Perry demanded that he double check, Barela reported back that Jones was gone.

As the investigation continued, authorities found eight of the nine guns taken from Atchley's garage hidden beneath a mattress where Burris was found with an 18-year-old woman, who wasn't charged. They also discovered 2 1/2 cases of beer hidden behind a couch.

Jones, Burris and Lynch all were charged with escape, burglary and wanton endangerment. Jones and Lynch both were charged with shooting into the home near Frances.

Jones was jailed for driving under the influence, driving without automobile insurance and disorderly conduct. Burris was serving time for failing to pay court fines and Lynch was jailed on drug charges.

Inmates told Agent and police Chief Kenneth Winn that the party atmosphere at the jail had started about three weeks ago, always while Barela was working his graveyard shift.

"For the life of me, I don't know what that man (Barela) was thinking," Agent said. "I guess he thought he could get away with it, and that's pretty stupid."

In order to accommodate the Distant Learning Center's early class the new hours for the Robert F. Kidd Library are as follows:
Monday - Thursday 7:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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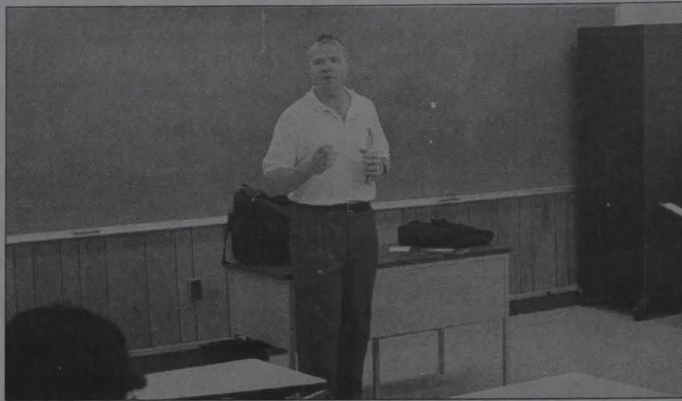
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ROTC Comes to Glenville

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

The winds of change are blowing across the campus of Glenville State College, and not only in the direction of construction. On Wednesday, Sept. 1, representatives of the Reserves Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and the Army Reserves were on campus recruiting prospective candidates. Bob Burge, Captain of the Battalion Enrollment Office at West Virginia State College, Major Stewart Fearon, Sergeant First Class Todd Moreland, and Captain McCutcheon spent the day visiting classes and answering questions about their programs.

ROTC involves a series of courses in military science. One course may be offered on the main campus this fall beginning a class as early as next week. At least 12 students must enroll in the course in order for it to be cost effective to bring an instructor here. The class will meet on Mondays and



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

A ROTC recruiter addresses a Glenville State College classroom.

Wednesdays and will include classroom instruction as well as physical education. Students enrolled are also expected to participate in field training exercises when scheduled. The class will be an elective course worth two credit hours per semester, with pay of \$200 a month for those enrolled.

ROTC at GSC is an offshoot of an Army partnership that Army recruiting has with Marshall University. ROTC and Army Reserves membership with GSC will be officially signed into being on

Fri., Sept. 3 at the Nicholas County Center. Other schools with ROTC partnerships include the following: Fairmont State College, West Virginia University, West Virginia State College, Marshall University, the University of Charleston, and West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Due to a decline in enrollment on the main campus, GSC President Powell stated "Going to college is diversity—we should offer lots of services to our students. Some people don't like theater, histo-

ry, or math...but, some people do. This program isn't for everyone, but thank God for the people it is for."

According to Burge, "We don't compete with departments for their majors. We are a supplement."

The ROTC program offers scholarships and if chosen as a recipient, a student also receives a room waiver as well as a tuition waiver, a yearly book allowance of \$450, and \$200 as a monthly stipend.

ROTC is a four year program; however, it can work as a two year program for some students, depending upon their status. They must have at least four semesters of college remaining to enroll in the program. There are no age limits or military obligations if a student is a freshman or sophomore. First or second year ROTC students are allowed to wear civilian clothing and are not required to have the usual, military-style haircuts. An added bonus is that they don't have to participate in

labs. Junior and Senior ROTC cadets are required to wear battle dress uniforms (the camouflage fatigues) and are under military obligations. "About half our students are females. They are treated equally and are paid the same as the men," said Burge. "The days of screaming at you are gone...it's basic training."

More than 33 students expressed an interest in the ROTC program Wednesday. "It's a tremendous amount of money that students can get enrolling," encouraged Powell. Enrolling in the class does not mean that one is enrolling in the Army. It is treated just a class for the first two years.

Already there have been objections to having ROTC presence on campus. In response to this, Powell stated, "I will not tolerate any discriminatory prejudices against anyone interested in ROTC. Everyone who has spoken to me has told me what a great thing it is. And it is a good thing—not a bad one."

Someone is missing

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Someone is missing from the Robert F. Kidd Library. Mr. Richard Tubesing, Library Director and Assistant Professor of Library Administration, has retired after ten years of service. Tubesing commented that his retirement was a birthday present to himself and that he plans to return to Mexico. Tubesing stated, "My only regret is that I will greatly miss the students, faculty and staff. Best wishes to all during this new school year." Glenville State

College President Powell added, "Mr. Tubesing's retirement will be a big loss for the campus. He had significant leadership skills and was instrumental in the improvements the library has undergone recently. His donation to the construction of the West Virginia room is greatly appreciated." Powell expressed, "It will be tough to fill Mr. Tubesing's shoes. Dr. Evans is conducting a national search for a new director for the library. Evans is taking on the responsibility of running the library until a new director can be found."

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Armentrout wins

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Dr. Marty Armentrout

Professor Marty Armentrout, Chair of the Division of Business, has been awarded the 1999 Outstanding Collegiate Business Teacher Award by the West Virginia Business and Vocational Technical Education Associations.

Armentrout was chosen from the WVBEA membership, which is comprised of business faculty across the state.

Criteria for selection include leadership skills, professional development activities, involvement with student

business organizations, curriculum development, and interaction with public school business programs, as well as community advisory boards.

Armentrout commented, "To be chosen from such outstanding peers in West Virginia is really an honor."

YOU WILL SUBMIT!

To the Trillium, that is.

The Literary Magazine of GSC, The Trillium, is now taking submissions.

Short stories, plays, essays, drawings, photographs, and more are being accepted. Don't be shy. Send us your work!

Submit works, before the end of the semester, to Dr. Gayle Burkowski or Cris Gravely.

New Faculty Spotlight: Professor Tom Trice

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Dr. Tom Trice

Dr. Tom Trice is in the new faculty spotlight this week. Trice is a History professor here at Glenville State College. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and grew up in Vivian, Louisiana, a town with a population nearly double the size of Glenville. Trice admits, "I never really thought I wanted to come back to a small town to teach. But I liked coming to a place that has first generation college kids because that's what I am."

Trice previously taught at the University of Illinois, which had a campus population of 35,000

students. "My last class had 300 students and some classes have as many as 600 students."

Trice also worked for the National Archives in Washington, D.C. "I went to the mountains every weekend to hike. I like to cycle, but I haven't tried any of these mountains around here yet", Trice

smiles.

Trice currently teaches World Cultures 101 and an upper level Russian History course. "That's my specialty. I did my dissertation on 19th & 20th century Russia. I've lived in Russia and Poland," Trice adds.

"I like the people at GSC best, my colleagues and the students. And the view from my office...when I first came here, I thought 'How will I ever get any work done with this view?'"

When asked why he chose GSC, Trice comments, "I must have interviewed for 50 or 60 jobs. This was my last interview and was also my favorite."

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 or 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 graduation
fee.

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

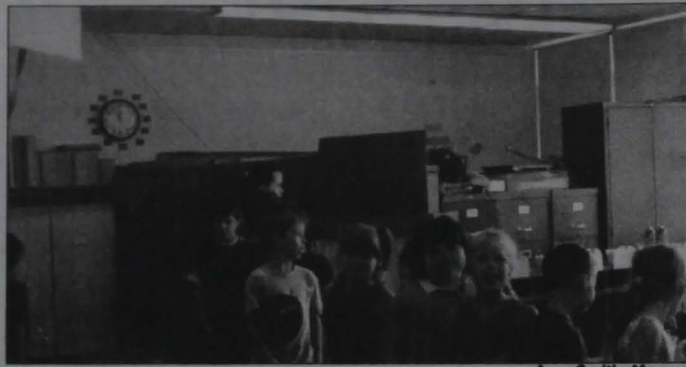
Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 7 and Thursday
September 9 in the FA Recital Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The script calls for three men and three women able to play a
wide range of ages.

Everyone is encouraged to try out!

GSC on the Express

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

This summer there were 14 students from Glenville State College involved in a program called "Energy Express." This program lasted six weeks. It entailed helping at-risk first through sixth graders with reading and nutrition.



Amy Smith, Mercury

The kids of Energy Express prepare to leave for the day

expected—it's really sad. It makes you feel terrible because you're like, 'Man I have it so bad, I can't pay my credit card bills', and there you have this little kid who isn't going to have anything to eat when he gets home."

Wine notes "It makes you feel good because they like you. You're giving them the attention they need. You listen and talk to them. You read books to them. You are their friend. You also let them see that you grew up the same way they did, and you're in college; this shows them that they can succeed, too."

Not only can a student get the personal satisfaction of helping under privileged children, but there are other perks involved, too. A mentor can

obtain money for school through an education voucher, which is good for seven years. It can also be used toward graduate school expenses, tuition and books, or to repay student loans.

In closing, Wine urges, "I would recommend it to anyone, especially someone going into education. It's a great experience. It's not about earning money. You are there to help those kids. You need to like children and want to help them because that's what you're there for."

Anyone interested in working with this program can contact the financial aid office, a county extension agency, or West Virginia University, the program's sponsor.

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Alpha Xi News

By Nate Oyler
and Dusty Burns

Alpha Xi Omega is happy to announce the start of the Alpha Xi Omega Fall Rush '99. We are looking for like-minded men who are full time students maintaining a 2.0+ higher GPA. For those of you new to the college and unfamiliar with us, here is a little about our background. Glenville State College officially recognized us last semester as a fraternity. We felt that in the creation of Alpha Xi Omega we could bring together a group of like-minded men in the spirit of brotherhood, community service and just plain old college spirit. Initially, we started out with 11 members from various majors across campus. Even with our limited schedule last year, we were able to grow to 25 with majors ranging from Forestry to Music.

We are looking for more of the same this year. It has been our experience that diversity is the key to accomplishment. Although being like-minded is good, the experience that people from different walks of life brings an awarding amalgamation of ideas that can only help us. With the large assortment of excellent male students on this campus we feel we will be successful in getting the qualities we find desirable.

But how much will it cost? As college students ourselves, we understand how important spare cash is. As an associate member of Alpha Xi Omega you will have to pay nothing. After your first semester with us, and you become an active member, we only ask for \$50 per semester. The reason for this is most did not come to college to join a fraternity. You came here to get an education and that is something we hold most dear. We also are aware that money for most has to go a very long way.

"When I pay the \$50 dollars, what does it go for?" The money is used in our various endeavors. When we say endeavors we do not mean keg parties. If we wanted your money for that, we would simply ask for a couple cases of beer to join. As mentioned above, that is not what we are looking for. We will be the first to tell you that we run a dry Rush. We find that alcohol in conjunction with fraternity events can only lead to mishap and trouble. That is something we try to avoid.

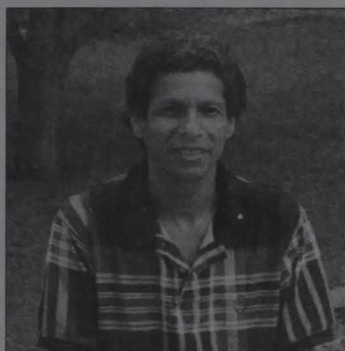
"But are you a real fraternity?" There have been some who have questioned if we are a real fraternity due to a lack of knowledge on what a fraternity is. Most people like this come to school with the mind set that it is a means to get drunk and pick up women or vice versa in the case of a sorority. We, just like the other four non-national Greek Organizations, are "real". Although our philanthropy may not be the same, we all provide a similar environment for the type of people that we desire.

Well, that is just a brief overview of us. We will be able to provide more information Sept. 6 and 7 at 8p.m., in the Uptop Club. For further information contact us at or call Tom Young at 462-5775 or Jason Ward at extension #335. We may not be the best at what we do, but we certainly try. Alpha Xi for life!

Criminal Justice gets new prof Student Congress

Holds First Meeting

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Professor Dan Gutierrez

Glenville State College wishes to welcome Dan Gutierrez, Professor of Criminal Justice, by placing him in this week's new faculty spotlight. Gutierrez was born in Midwell, Texas. The child of migrant workers, Gutierrez traveled with his family to Flint, Michigan, to find work and then settled there permanently. Gutierrez attended a one-room school with his two brothers and five sisters, where he was taught kindergarten through eighth grade. In discussing his family's financial status Gutierrez said, "It was absolute poverty. I can use myself as an example for crime and poverty. We were so poor we had to go to an outside pump, pump water, carry it inside to heat the stove to be used as bath water. You hoped you were the last one to get to bathe."

From that one room school at the University of Michigan and Michigan State, Gutierrez

certainly has come a long way. He was the first person in his family to attend college. Gutierrez spent the summer of 1995 doing graduate work at Harvard University. He was ranked one the country's top twenty Hispanic students in 1993. Last year, he was named in "Who's Who Among American Teachers".

Gutierrez, an Army veteran, has taught for ten years. Prior to his teaching career, Gutierrez worked in juvenile probation and also ran a maximum security lockup for juveniles.

During his initial interview

here at GSC, Gutierrez was asked to do a one hour presentation on the subject of "Youth Violence". His interview came after the Columbine incident in Colorado.

Gutierrez received a job offer from the University of Arkansas, but decided not to accept until he heard from GSC. He commented, "My goal here is to teach. GSC seemed to match me. Plus, one thing that interested me about Glenville was the fact that the new prison is coming."

Gutierrez has purchased a home in Glenville. He has one daughter, Jennifer, who is a sophomore in college. When asked about hobbies, Gutierrez replied, "I used to run a lot...I coached track and cross country."

"My favorite thing about GSC—I like the students. I think they're great. They like my style. I guess it's different than what they are used to. I even ask them to call me by my first name," Gutierrez concluded with a smile.

By Ernest Kingdon
Student Congress
Liaison

of "Disco Experience."

Student Congress held our first meeting on Tues., Aug. 31 at 12:30p.m. The meeting opened with the issue of homecoming.

Nominations for homecoming will be taken this week. Watch for signs, which will be posted throughout week. Elections for homecoming court have been set for Sept. 20 and 21. The homecoming dance will be on Friday night before the big game. We discussed having a live band with the dance theme

Once old business was taken care of, we started with new agendas. Nominations for the position of parliamentarian will be taken and voted on during our next meeting. It was announced that Dr. Powell, Glenville State College President, will be addressing the Student Congress at next week's meeting. Last but not least, we voted on a new meeting date. Starting next week, all Student Congress meetings will be held on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. by the bookstore. Students are encouraged to attend.

FCA elects officers

By Monica Sainz-Hinton

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes group met at the Wesley Foundation on Aug. 29 and elected officers for this year's meetings. Sunday's meeting was attended by 16 students.

Our officers for this year are President Lisa Cain, Vice President Aaron Clark, Secretary Jeanine Walker, Treasurer Lance Linden, Program Director Shawn Rost, Public Relations Monica Sainz, Praise and Worship Leaders Jeanine Walker and Denise Mong. Coach Janet K. James Bailey has been the active Huddle Leader for the Glenville State College FCA group for many years. This year she expects several coaches, including Coach Eddie Atkinson, to participate.

On Sept. 15 at 7:30 a.m., there will be a National FCA prayer vigil around a flagpole in the amphitheater. In addition, FCA will hold a lock-out party in the gym. All FCA members are encouraged to join. The tentative date is Sept. 25, after the next home football game.

Shuttle launches in Glenville

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College is providing a shuttle bus for students and faculty that will travel from the maintenance building to Eberly Hall to help alleviate congested parking conditions on the main campus. The bus will leave the

Maintenance building at 8:45a.m. and will continue running every fifteen minutes until 12 noon. Bob Dubray, Physical Plant Manager, stated that due to construction there has been a loss of approximately 25 parking spaces on the main campus. Eberly Hall's parking lot will provide approximately forty parking

spaces for shuttle bus users. Dubray stated that the shuttle bus will continue to run until the construction is completed later this fall; if the service becomes popular, it could continue through the end of winter. There are also plans in progress to build a paved parking area behind Pickens Hall.

ACS holds first meeting of fall semester

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

The Glenville State College chapter of the American Chemical Society held its first meeting on Aug. 25. The new officers for the 1999-2000 school year are Brandon Craft, President; BJ Woods, Vice-President; Billy Kelley, Secretary; and

Charlie Helmick, Treasurer. Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in room 400 of the Science Hall.

The group decided to host a variety of speakers this semester and some of the ideas were to have representatives from the West Virginia Osteopathic School of Medicine, Marshall

University, West Virginia University, Virginia Tech University, Mr. Jim Hern from Beckley and a representative from Union Carbide.

The group considered some fund-raising ideas and a host of other activities for this semester. Read the Mercury and watch for posters around campus to keep up to date.

Collegiate 4-H Meeting

September 15th, at 7 p.m.
Fine Arts Building, Room 216

Discussions will include Council Circle

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Hustle and Bustle

Wow! Campus is certainly bustling with activities, and it looks like there is still a lot more in store for us here at Glenville State College.

I hope you all enjoyed our first edition of the Mercury last week. I am absolutely amazed at the response it generated. Please keep those letters to the editor coming in! The Mercury is open to suggestions and ideas; just communicate with us. It would be nice if we could get some involvement going with students on branch campuses, too. You do not have to be a main-campus student to work at the Mercury and all our positions are paid.

Congratulations to our football team for our first win of the season. Way to start things off guys. Keep up the good work!

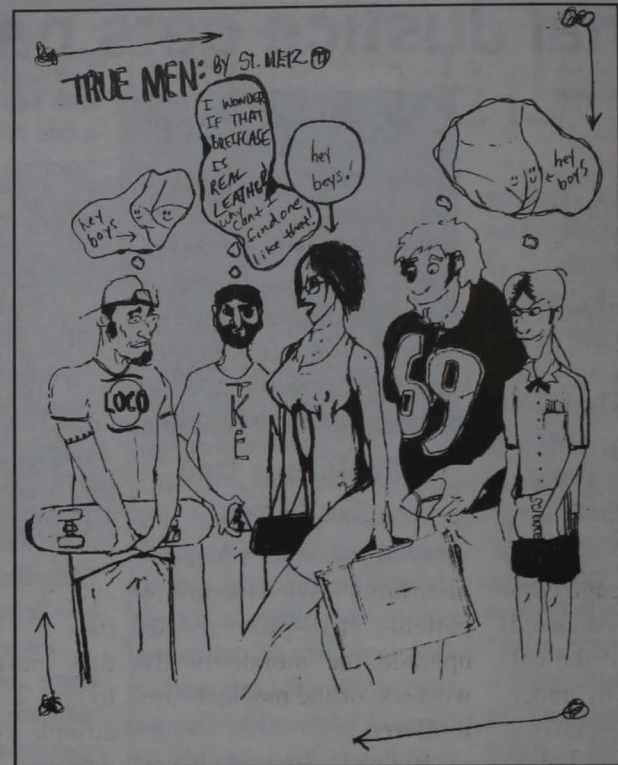
Have you all noticed the ROTC recruiters on campus? It seems that they will become a permanent fixture to the GSC community; this evolved in the attempt to attract students to our campus. I sometimes wish that I had joined the Guard straight out of high school, for the physical and mental discipline its training provides. However, I just have to wonder how compatible academic and military environments really are.

I am finally going to admit that unfortunately summer is coming to an end. Football season is beginning, and all my nights are now devoted to school, not playing. The cool nights and brisk mornings will soon bring fall. For those of you who are new to West Virginia, the changing of the leaves will be a real treat. Autumn is spectacular here.

Well it is back to the books for me. It seems that routine will never set in, but as soon as it does I am usually the first one screaming for a break. There are not enough hours in the day, nor enough weeks in the semester to do all that needs done.

Remember guys, college is a place where you only get out of it what you put into it. So have fun and work hard. Until next time, and so on...

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Ramblings

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

I was walking through the Administration Building the other day, and bumped straight into a large group of guys wearing fatigues. Now, this isn't a too terribly odd occurrence here, especially around deer season; but these guys were actually military. I felt like I was in the middle of Bosnia.

I later learned that we weren't in fact being invaded by our own government, but that ROTC has been in town to recruit fresh meat. I was struck by the fact that thirty years ago, ROTC units on college campuses were a major source of controversy. Now, it's just taken as a matter of course.

Has my generation become so apathetic that this doesn't even register? Our parents have always griped that we're an unmotivated, untalented, apathetic generation, and I think that the lack of student outrage at this is just another reason to agree with our parents. They knew the hippie generation, and we aren't them.

Maybe the ROTC is just what our generation needs. Maybe we just need a good swift kick in the buttocks. I'd like to think we don't though. I'd like to think that this, my - no, our generation - is as motivated, as talented, and as active as the generations of yore.

So far, I'm being proved wrong.

We veg out in front of the Playstation and watch MTV. We feel as if there's nothing we can do about the world around us, and you know what WE DON'T CARE. We are everything our parents' generation has accused us of.



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Letters to the Editor

Convocation or Brainwashing?

To the Editor:

I was disturbed to learn a recent convocation at Glenville State College that incoming freshmen were required to take a pledge commended (or at least endorsed) by the President of the college. While it is my understanding that attendance at the convocation was voluntary, that there was no explicit coercion to take the pledge (such as threat of expulsion or other penalties for refusing to do so), and, after the event, some students were enthusiastically supportive of the pledge, I feel, nevertheless, that it was wrong to put students in the position in which they, at the very least, may have felt uncomfortable not participating in taking the pledge.

I have been told that the pledge included a promise to support the freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States and a promise to make GSC a better college. I was particularly struck by the latter portion of the pledge, since, although improving one's college is

no doubt a laudable goal, it hardly seems to me that the college itself, which is in the business of providing instructional services in exchange for fees paid, can especially, without the notice far in advance of the event, appropriately ask its students to dedicate themselves to its betterment, any more than a hospital could justifiably ask incoming patients to promise to upgrade the morale of its workers, or the medical care it offered.

But my main point is not that there's anything wrong with constitutional freedoms, or with altruism in any of its forms, but that it is wrong, at any secular, state-supported college, to ask students to pledge belief in any values at all.

Surely it is one of the responsibilities of colleges and universities to offer interested students ideas and perspectives which will help them decide for themselves, as soon as they are able (and it can sometimes take many years), what values to espouse.

It seems to me that it is not just to abdicate that responsibility, but to positively flout it, to ask students to pledge-at any time, much less before classes have even begun-commitment to a set of principles,

no matter how widely revered, which the President of the college or anyone else considers worthwhile or politic, or "suitable for young minds."

I find it irresponsible and manipulative to place students-especially incoming freshman, who, as a group, are no doubt particularly vulnerable and insecure-in a position in which they are likely to feel that they must either "go along to get along" or adopt an attitude of publicly visible defiance, of whose possible consequences to themselves are far from certain. I think such treatment is bound to lead to anger and vindictiveness in some students, depression and apathy in others, and tendencies to be cynical, manipulative, rhetorical, and intellectually lazy in many. I also feel that antagonism to free thought and to the exploration of potentially controversial ideas that is implicit in such a ceremony is likely to have an unhealthy and repressive effect of Glenville's faculty, as well as on its students.

I am sure that, like those who attend state colleges everywhere, many of Glenville's students decide to enroll there at least partly as a result of financial and other constraints. It is not as if each of them is at liberty

to attend whatever distant, expensive, academically renowned school he or she might choose, or to transfer to yet another such school at the drop of a hat (or at signs of insensitivity on the part of the administration). It therefore seems all the more important that those in charge of colleges like Glenville take great care not to place students in situations which, without "forcing" them to do so, will in all likelihood tempt students to compromise their integrity.

Sincerely,
Ferra Ball

TKE's Display Poor Taste

To the Editor,

I am a nursing major from Pliny, a town in Putnam County. I recently read the Mercury and was shocked to see the cartoon ran by Tau Kappa Epsilon. What kind of message is that fraternity trying to send? I read the article they had in the paper and was sympathetic to their attempt to dispel some of the rumors that are allegedly going around about them. Then they ruin whatever attempt they made to gain piece of

mind by running that truly sexist cartoon. Don't get me wrong, I am certainly not going to replace Gloria Steinem, but their choice of words and message should have been more carefully thought out. Is that the proper tool to gain new members, by saying that rushing their organization they will get women? I hope that this wasn't the message they were sending. How about next time they leave "Dick" at home and not in the forefront of a respectable college publication where impressionable people won't read too much into it.

Respectfully,
Renee Stewart

Letter to the Editor Submission Guidelines

The Editorial Staff of the Mercury reserves the right to edit letters to the editor for grammar, factual information, style, and length. We also reserve the right to refuse to print letters that may be inflammatory or libelous.

Underwood administration is stonewalling pending investigation

The Charleston Gazette

Since when do outside lawyers have the authority to decide what state information is public and what is not? The answer is they don't, though some folks at the Department of Administration apparently don't realize it. A lawyer for the state agency apparently told Purchasing Director

David Tichner to consult with the Jackson Kelly law firm about whether to reveal names of state employees with delinquent accounts on state-issued Diner's Club credit cards.

John Lukens, a Jackson Kelly partner, said no. The state Attorney General's office, on the other hand, says the information is public.

The latter opinion counts, legally.

All information about these cards should be public. They are issued under a state contract, and regulations prohibit their use for anything except state business.

State employees use the cards on state trips, and are personally responsible for payments. Supposedly, the cards make expense reimbursements more efficient, less expensive. But if too many bureaucrats fall behind in monthly payments, Diner's Club may

end its relationship with the state.

Unfortunately, despite the clear public nature of this information, Tichner won't release it, even after Deputy Attorney General Dawn Warfield - the AG's freedom-of-information expert - said it should be.

The information has been requested both by a news reporter and by the Legislature's Commission on Special Investigation.

GSC starts season 1-0

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, August 28, the Glenville State College Pioneers opened up their first gridiron season with new head coach Rick Trickett against the Vulcans of California University (PA).

With a good crowd on hand, the Pioneers scored one touchdown a quarter to outlast the Vulcans in overtime by a score of 35-28.

The Pioneers lead by a tally of 14-0 at the break by way of two touchdown passes by quarterback Jaycee Goree, one for 70 yards to Lavioris Adams, and one 25 yarder to freshman running back Thaddeus Hampton.

After the break, though, the Vulcans turned the tide on the Pioneers and rallied to even the score at 14 apiece. Then, the mighty freshman, Thaddeus Hampton, ran the ensuing kickoff back for a beautiful 84 yard touchdown.

California tied the score back up at 21 all

after a 46 yard run by Wesley Cates with 12:27 left to go in the fourth.

After trading a pair of scores, it was off to overtime, where Hampton again reigned supreme. His twenty yard touchdown run in overtime would prove to be the game winner.

First, the Glenville defense had to shut down the back that had been terrorizing them all night, California's Cates. On four straight snaps of the ball, the defense rose to the occasion and stopped the Vulcans from getting the tying score.

Overall, the Vulcans controlled the ball for nearly 40 minutes of the game to GSC's 20, including a drive in the third quarter that lasted nearly eight minutes alone. The Vulcans also outgained the Pioneers 425 to 367 yards. California's Wesley Cates burned the Pioneer defense with 188 yards rushing.

For GSC, Lavioris Adams pulled down five receptions for a total of 143 yards, as Jaycee

Goree went 15-27 for 264 yards and two touchdowns, and was later named the WVIAC player of the week for his performance.

Glenville's Marcus Wade lead the team with 11 tackles,

including 2 for a loss.

In all, freshman Thaddeus Hampton tallied 166 yards in total offense and three touchdowns.

The game, the first for both teams on the season, raises the Pioneer's record

to 1-0 and the Vulcans to a mark of 0-1.

Glenville next faff off against another from the Pennsylvania State Athletic conference at Edinboro College September 11 at 1 p.m.

Hampton shines in OT

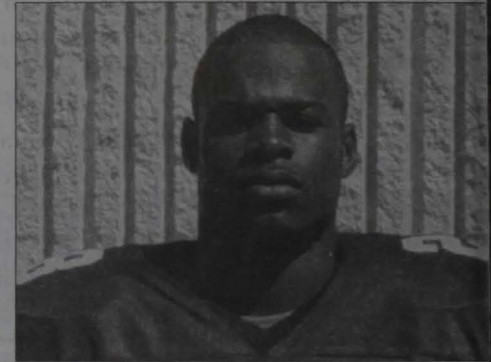
By Abbie Burge
Sports Writer

As I sat in the stands at last Saturday's first home football game of the season, I was happy to see the bleachers full of Glenville State College faculty, students, alumni, parents and fans. But every once in a while, I'd overhear people saying, "Who is #28?"

That number belongs to freshman running back Thaddeus Hampton. Hampton comes to Glenville from Jacksonville, Florida and was responsible for three touchdowns against California, PA. He said that one major change for him this year was his environment. Jacksonville is a large city and things move "at a faster pace, while Glenville is much quieter."

Now that Glenville is 1-0, Hampton says, "I feel satisfied and relieved of a lot of stress because I didn't make many mistakes and I didn't look like a freshman." That statement was shared by many of the spectators at Saturday's game. Hampton was awarded the game ball by Coach Trickett.

When Hampton came to Glenville, he wasn't sure of the role he would play. "I didn't



Sherrie Hardman, Mercer

know if I would start... I just knew I wanted play."

Hampton credits his touchdowns to the help of his team. The first was a reception. Following that, he rushed 84 yards on a kickoff return. If that wasn't enough, this freshman starter worked under pressure in overtime for rushing touchdown that won GSC the game 35-28.

Hampton definitely noticed a difference college football compared to high school football. "College is more disciplined, and more team oriented. We win as a team and that's more important than being in the spotlight."

Workin' on the Glenville train gang

Few realize the dedication required by athletic training

By Abbie Burge
Sports Writer

If it weren't for the dedication and expertise of Glenville State

College's athletic trainers, many athletes would be unable to compete due to injury.

Sometimes people fail to realize what an important role athletic training staff play in the life of an athlete. Each day before practice, training staff are responsible for taping and wrapping countless ankles, knees, wrists, and evaluating injuries acquired during practice and games.

"During football camp, I got up at 5:15 a.m. and got home between 7:30-8:00 p.m., with an hour off around noon," states trainer Shelly Sheets.

In addition to preparing the athletes before practice, the training room is open during the afternoon to give players the chance to rehabilitate their injuries.

Head Trainer Jon Strickland and other staff members instruct athletes

on the proper exercises to do to strengthen sprained ankles, give deep heat treatment (in the form of ultrasound) to ease the discomfort of injuries, and perform many other techniques to aid athletes in regaining their health.

This expertise comes with lots of hands on experience and diligent studying.

"You have to have 1500 hours logged in to be eligible to take your

National Classification Exam. You also have to have 32 hours of course work," informs Sheets.

Assistant Athletic Trainer Janet Jam Bailey said of this year, "A small staff had to work extra hard on field preparation, taping, and rehabilitation."

Members of the staff include Strickland, Bailey, Sheets, Christy Crow, D. Williams, Sammy Bennett, and Lekita Chambers.

Strickland stepping up for Glenville State

By Abbie Burge
Sports Writer

When athletes walk to the training room in the afternoon, they are greeted by Jon Strickland, Glenville State College's Athletic Head Trainer.

Strickland attended the University of Charleston for his undergraduate degree and accepted the position at Glenville after spending two years as the assistant trainer at Alderson-Broaddus College in Moundsville, West Virginia.

"I took this job because I felt ready to

step up to the head position at GSC," said Strickland. "The biggest adjustment is getting back to football. Alderson-Broaddus has men's soccer. That's about twelve guys compared to roughly 70 football players in Glenville."

In addition to athletic training, Strickland is interested in starting a sports medicine section in the *Mercury*.

The article would contain information about protein shakes, facts on supplements, and other sports related topics. Look for it in upcoming *Mercury* issues.

Rah, rah, shish, boom, bah

GSC Cheerleaders get new coach

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Cheerleading coach Melissa Rogers

With this new year comes a new coach for the GSC cheerleaders. Melissa A. Rogers, a graduate of Glenville State College, accepted the position. Originally a Nicholas County cheerleader and later a Gilmer County high school cheerleading coach, Rogers is optimistic about the upcoming season. With Rogers' "all are equal" policy, she hopes to build cooperation and camaraderie within the squad.

This year's squad includes the following: LaVie Bass, Sharree Bass, Matt Cottril, Kelli Felton, Shauntae Ford, Tiffany Linville, Sadie Lockard, Tara Martin, Carol Tenney, Misty Tomblin and Breanna White. The GSC cheerleaders are now working on fund-raisers in order to pay for new uniforms. The squad is also accepting donations for

this cause. The cheerleaders will be starting a new tradition at the Pioneer Stadium. At each home game, balloons will be sold to the fans. When the players run on to the field, the balloons will be released in honor of our team.

Future plans for the squad include competing in the WVAC Cheerleading Tournament in February. The competition will be held in Charleston, WV. Separate tryouts for this competing squad will be held in November. The date will be announced at a later time. Applicants will be judged on a learned floor cheer, sideline cheer, a required jump and a jump of choice. Tumbling will be awarded extra points. Everyone is welcome to try out.

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Idaho public television to air gay documentary one hour later than previously announced due to political pressure

By Dan Gallagher
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho - Idaho Public Television officials say they will air a documentary about how schools deal with homosexuality one hour later than originally announced, following the suggestion of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

PTV General Manager Peter Morrill said Wednesday the documentary "It's Elementary," would be shown at 11 p.m. in both the Mountain and Pacific time zones on Sept. 7, one hour later than its original scheduling.

"The move is in response to Gov. Kempthorne's recommen-

dations that the citizens of the state should have the opportunity to view the program," Morrill said.

"That was one of the requests he made with public television that they take into consideration that there might still be children who would be watching it," Kempthorne spokesman Brian Whitlock said of the governor. "We think it's a good decision."

Proponents of the film say it helps teachers know how to deal with homosexuality when the subject is brought up in the classroom or on the playground. Opponents argue it actively promotes homosexuality as an acceptable

or normal lifestyle.

Kempthorne last week said he shared the concerns of the religious right and some legislators who contend it goes beyond promoting tolerance and in some instances actually advocates homosexuality.

But he believes Idaho parents still might benefit from seeing what goes on in some public and private schools in other states where the documentary was filmed, preferably after their children have gone to bed and a state Board of Education member has introduced the program on the air.

Morrill said board member Karen McGee of Pocatello will fill that role.

Nancy Bloomer, executive director of the Idaho Christian Coalition, earlier called on Kempthorne to "take the next step and call for the program not to be aired."

And a number of lawmakers, including several members of the budget-setting Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, had recommended to Morrill to drop the program.

While groups such as the Idaho Christian Coalition oppose the show, some members of the clergy have expressed support.

"As people who have been persecuted throughout our history, we believe

it is wrong to turn a eye to others who are persecuted," said Daniel Fink Congregation Ah Beth Israel in Boise. board of directors unanimously to co-sponsor "It's Elementary" because it goes a long in countering the intolerance and fear that lie hate."

"By agreeing to about our differences to listen, we make it possible to let go of some those fears," said Bainbridge, bishop of Episcopal Diocese Idaho. "Why focus on things that separate when we share so much common ground?"

Woodstock may return

Associated Press

ROME, N.Y. - Organizers of Woodstock '99 that ended in a disorganized mob of sexual assault, arson and looting say the concert could return to the former Air Force base in central New York.

"I think it was a great site," said promoter Michael Lang. He said he would consider bringing the huge, three-day concert back to the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, according to the Observer Dispatch of Utica. But a few things would be done differently.

When asked about the violence and sexual assaults at the mid-summer concert in Rome, Lang said: "You try to deal with them as they occur. When we plan the next event, we will take into consideration everything that happened here."

He did not say whether another concert was in the works, but said it was a possibility.


Lang said Woodstock promoters lost money on gate sales, but profits will come from sales of Woodstock merchandise and a compact disc and video, which will be released in October. A documentary film also may be sold, he said.

The overall image of Woodstock '99 will be a positive one in most people's minds, he said.

"Each event stands on its own," he said. "This event will emerge as one that had its own particular problems. ... But people had an amazing time for the most part."

More than five weeks after the concert that drew 220,000 people, the 1,200-acre site still isn't cleaned up.

The few remaining signs include bare patches of ground where the mosh pit was located, graffiti left behind on wooden fences in the campground and hundreds of empty trash cans that have not yet been hauled away.



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Fall Film Preview

By David Germain
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The lineups for weirdest of the fall film season are: "Mystery, Alaska," "Bicentennial Man," "Being John Malkovich" and "Galaxy Quest."

And the winner is: "Being John Malkovich," a cinematic page into the brain of an actor.

The choice is a no-brainer. "Being John Malkovich," due in theaters this October, has one of the most absurdly delightful premises of anything that's hit theaters since "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

The scoop: John Malkovich plays pauper puppeteer Craig Schwartz, a colorful street performer who's not hearing any bells clink in his cup. He's in a tired marriage with Lotte (Cameron Diaz), a pet shop clerk who has more of an eye for animals than her husband. In desperate straits,

Craig takes a job as a filing clerk in a Manhattan office, becomes smitten with indifferent co-worker Maxine (Catherine Keener) and bumbles onto a portal behind one of his filing cabinets.

Behind the strange little door, he finds a gateway straight into the mind of Malkovich, who plays himself in the movie.

Craig discovers that he can take control of the actor, and true to his talent with puppets, tries to use Malkovich to his own advantage.

Co-starring Orson Bean and Mary Kay Place, "Being John Malkovich" is the first feature film by music-video director Spike Jonze.

The runners-up offer worthy doses of weirdness:

- "Mystery, Alaska": On a publicity trip, the New York Rangers journey to a tiny, hockey-devoted Alaska town to face off against the local team of oddballs. Directed by Jay Roach (the "Austin Powers" movies) and produced by David E.

Kelley ("Ally McBeal" and "The Practice"), "Mystery" features Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria, Lolita Davidovich and Colm Meaney.

- "Bicentennial Man": One of Isaac Asimov's many robot stories comes to the screen as Robin Williams plays an android committed to 200 years of drudge work for generations of the same family, adopting more and more human traits along the way. The Pinocchio-esque story is directed by Chris Columbus and co-stars Sam Neill, Embeth Davidtz and Oliver Platt.

- "Galaxy Quest": Trekkies beware. This film may be hazardous to your obsession. Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman and Tony Shalhoub are crew members of the cheesy 1970s sci-fi series "Galaxy Quest." Off the air for 20 years, they're still wearing their goofy costumes and makeup when a band of aliens mistakes them for true stellar voyagers and nabs them to help fight in their real star wars.

"Title of Record"

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

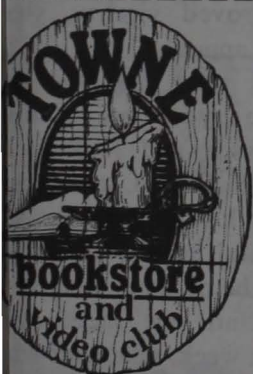
desire to be a part of the crowd and the repulsion of the values that the majority holds dear.

"Title of Record," the sophomore effort from Filter is an odd bird. It mixes the industrial sensibilities evident in their first album, "Short Bus," and mixes in traces of Beatle-esque psychedelia. With the absence of Brian Liesegang, who gave the first album most of its electronic influence, lead vocalist Richard Patrick has had free reign to experiment with a hodge-podge of musical influences ranging from The Cure to Radiohead.

The first single from the album, "Welcome to the Fold," is a seven minute long behemoth that mixes the themes from the rest of the album together into a swirling tempest of conflicting emotions and musical styles. At once heavy and swirling, the track creates a mood of conflict that fits nicely with the lyrical content of the song, namely the

The real meat of the album, though, is the center third of the album. These tracks showcase the vast improvement that Patrick has made vocally since the last album. The vocals are more sweeping, more polished, and just easier on the ear. This center section is also where the music takes a distinctly different turn for Filter. The almost popish-ness of the tracks stands in direct opposition to the wall of sound that the band had mostly become known for. The tracks are very accessible, which is odd for any industrial band, let alone one that had such a harsh opening album.

In all, the album is a vast improvement on their first effort, and stands as one of the most creative mixes of music genres and styles to come out in this decade.



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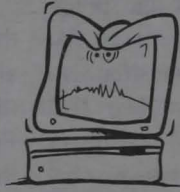
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THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: The absurdity

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist



"In San Francisco, the Department of Public Health has attributed an outbreak of syphilis to a chat room on the Internet."

Let's face it, the Internet has become such a phenomenon in our society that it is revolutionizing our every day existence.

Below are some recent news reports to illustrate how the Internet is creating new social precedents that will affect how we view both our public and private lives in the new millennium.

Recently, a house inhabited by five college students in Tampa, Florida, was called an "adult business" by the Tampa Variance Review

Board.

It turns out that the house is a live Internet site called "Voyeur Dorm", where web cams are mounted in every room to document the recreational activities of these students: cooking, eating, sunbathing, and uh-hygienic activities.

Apparently, people on the Internet are willing to pay real money to watch college kids do absolutely nothing. That's right kids,

just install a web cam in your dorm room and you are in business! Earn extra money while you study!

Should this kind of web site be regulated by the government as a "sex site" on the Internet?

You decide.

In San Francisco, the Department of Public Health has attributed an outbreak of syphilis to a chat room on the Internet. It seems that six men who

had contracted syphilis in the last three months traced their previous sexual encounters to partners they met through a sex chat room.

Of course, all the participants in the chat room, which is run by America Online, used nicknames to protect their anonymity. Public health officials had to contact all of the sex partners who may have been infected, but America Online would not divulge the names of any of the chat room's participants.

The health officials eventually were able to contact the chat room users and alert them to the

outbreak, but the question persists: Should online privacy be protected no matter what, even at the risk of jeopardizing the health of online users?

You decide.

Mattel, the toy manufacturer, announced last month that it will release a new line of desktop computers just for kids—Barbie computer for girls and a Hot Wheels computer for boys.

The kiddie computer comes with 32 megabytes of RAM, a CD-ROM drive, and a 56K fax modem.

Question: Do little kids really need a fax modem?

You decide.

Particle Lady: Nature's Stress Reliever

Native WV root may help you cope with stress

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

As the new semester begins, I have heard much about stress—stress of coming back to school, stress of relationships at school, even stress of new professors and classes. Each person has her own unique way of handling stress. But in this column, I wish to address an alternative to yoga, alcohol, drugs and even counseling—nature's stress reliever...Ginseng.

Ginseng is an herb that can be classified in three

ways: wild, wood crafted, and commercial. Wild ginseng root is usually small, dark, and very wrinkled in appearance. "Wild" ginseng is a scarce commodity and grows very slowly. It is found on hardwood hillsides at higher elevations when conditions are ideal. Ginseng is found in West Virginia where there is a great market for the dried root. This wild root can bring prices upward of \$300.00 per pound on the market. These roots are completely natural with no artificial growth aids. Wild ginseng has the reputation of being the finest natural, medicinal root available. In West

Virginia, there is even a season for gathering ginseng—and this is strictly enforced by the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR is

very specific that only the roots of mature plants can be legally harvested.

Wood crafted ginseng is larger than wild ginseng and is grown on a smaller scale in small cultivated lots. This method is designed to simulate natural shading and environmental growing conditions. This technique produces a more natural-looking root. Most of the time the growers will use some type of fertilizers and fungicides to ensure a marketable crop. This type of ginseng is not as expensive as wild ginseng, but is more costly than commercial ginseng.

Commercial ginseng is grown in large fields under a shade cloth. Often fertilizers, fungicides and pesticides are used to ensure hardiness and general health of the ginseng plant during its four to six

years of growth. These growth aids have raised questions in many minds as to how healthy the finished product actually is. Much of the world's commercially marketed ginseng is raised this way. This is the least expensive type of ginseng.

One may ask, "What medicinal purpose does ginseng have?" Ginseng is an age old medicinal root that has been studied by many researchers in numerous nations. Some of the claimed attributes of this root are that it increases spurs interferons (cells that naturally fight bacterial and viral infections), that it aids in maintaining proper hormonal levels, that it reduces cholesterol and blood sugar glucose, as well as improves liver function. Some of the other attributes are that it counteracts

metabolic imbalance caused by stress, combats fatigue and lethargy and increases alertness and physical stamina. Ginseng appears to work against the everyday effects of stress, both physical and emotional, well as reducing depression by promoting a feeling of well-being improved vitality, sleep and appetite..

I trust that the next time you are feeling stressed and looking for an solution to, take a good long look at ginseng. It is natural, locally grown and can be of some benefit.

Until we meet again next week, take care when you are traveling the halls of science. For comments or suggestions for upcoming articles, please feel free to e-mail the Particle Lady
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MY DARLING, MY SWEET BEAVER. HOW I HAVE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT. LET ME KISS YOUR LIPS, AS I RUN MY FINGERS THROUGH YOUR...

HAIR?



I KNOW WHAT THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CRYING GAME...

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Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23) You will have a great force in both love and hatred this week. Be careful because the results could cause horrible things to happen. There could be conception, childbirth or the multiplicity of something in your life.

Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 23) You are in for some sort of a success. You are going to take the advantage you are given and profit from it, which will provide you with power and authority. Don't get too excited, though, because this is not a permanent situation.

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Be careful! Hidden enemies will cause you danger. Their darkness will supply you with plenty of terror. If you happen to make an error in your decision making, it will lead you to deception.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21) A distinguished woman will come into your life, but don't take this to be a good thing. She is perverse, dishonorable, and not to be trusted even though at first you will think her to be a very good person.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20) Beware of trying too hard to fit in. Just because "everyone else is doing it" doesn't mean it's the right thing for you. Being selfish will lead you to a downfall. This time maybe you should explore your individuality.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19) You should be extra careful to be strong and sound in mind this week. Otherwise, you

could find yourself witnessing the evil end of something. Keep your eyes open in order to see that people around you are being petty.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) It seems as if you will be coming into some money. Don't let it get the best of you. A bad decision could cause your intentions to become less than good.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Unfavorable news will lead to liberality, dissipation, and luxury. Be smart about whatever you do.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21) Watch yourself against jealousy. The quarrels that you're holding within yourself are really bothering your conscience.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) You should learn not to judge others before looking at yourself. Try not to be biased, for you never know who may be able to help you out in a time of need.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23) The change in seasons warrants a change in the relationship you have with members of the opposite sex. Things are looking up for you. You will be greeted with stronger bonds of friendship and greater passion.

Leo (July 24 - Aug 23) You are feeling down. Your heart has led you to believe things that weren't true, which has left you with a huge feeling of instability. If you just stand up and cause a personal revolution, things will begin to fall into place for you.

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- 4 *Grows in Brooklyn*
- 9 Shower time
- 14 Bear in the air
- 18 Additional
- 19 Build
- 20 Atlanta player
- 21 Close by
- 22 1979 Redford film, with *The*
- 25 Force
- 26 Charity percentage
- 27 *The Agony and the Ecstasy* author
- 28 German article
- 29 Al *___* (pasta style)
- 30 Sidelong glances
- 32 TV actress Graff
- 34 Grass grain
- 35 Civil War side: Abbr.
- 36 Household workers
- 37 Bric-a-___
- 38 Carpenter's tool
- 43 Finely textured
- 47 Self-esteem
- 48 Talk on-line
- 49 Leg bone
- 50 Wander
- 51 Actor Roberts
- 53 1929 Willam Boyd film
- 57 Incursion
- 58 Takes new shots of
- 60 Assad, e.g.
- 61 Allows to borrow
- 62 Landmark miniseries
- 64 Writer Fleming
- 65 Poplar
- 68 Show feeling
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- 74 Pre-rehearsal job
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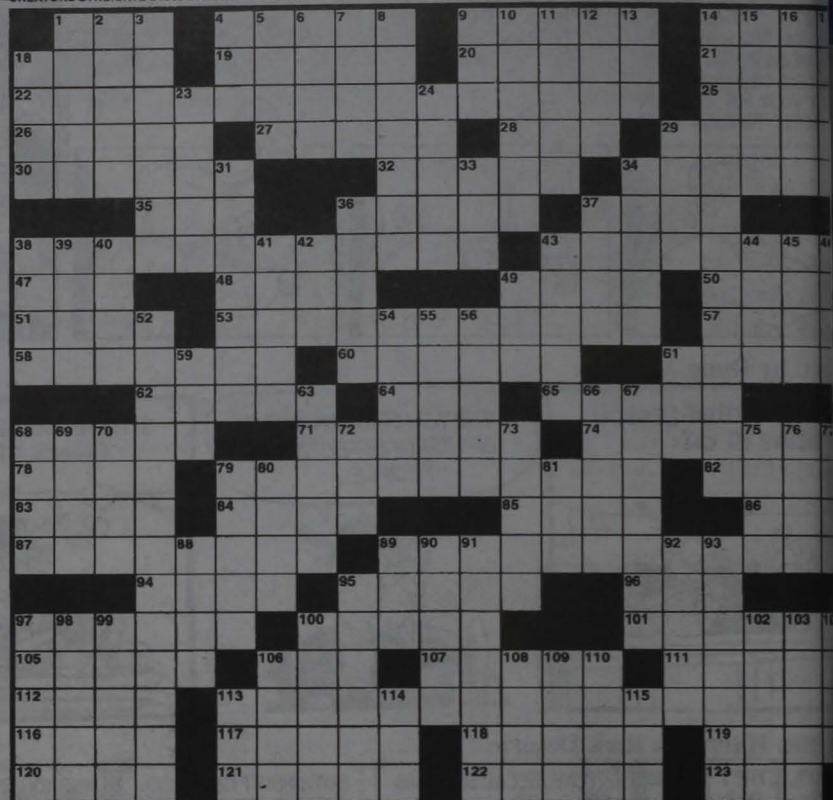
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- 84 Took a cab
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- 86 One way to go: Abbr.
- 87 Cabal
- 89 Couch potatoes have it
- 94 Actor Ferrer
- 95 Singer LeAnn
- 96 Court divider
- 97 Photo books
- 100 Arrive unexpectedly
- 101 Jury complement
- 105 Role for Bea
- 106 Got off one's feet
- 107 Pack away
- 111 Shakespearean sprite
- 112 Chinese dynasty
- 113 Makes a change on the dance floor
- 116 Table money
- 117 Hindu noblewoman
- 118 Gaucho's lasso
- 119 "Waterloo" group
- 120 Noun suffix
- 121 About 1.3 cubic yards
- 122 Filled up
- 123 Fleur-de-___

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- 1 General Powell
- 2 Mountain ridge
- 3 Go over again
- 4 Atmosphere word form
- 5 Baseball great Speaker
- 6 Geom. figure
- 7 Reverberation
- 8 Prince William, e.g.
- 9 Tummy muscles
- 10 Admirer oneself
- 11 Cotton fabric
- 12 Lend of tennis
- 13 Stage actor Cariou

14 Hidden feelings

- 15 French queen
- 16 Christmas visitor
- 17 Russian cooperative
- 18 '86 World Series winners
- 23 Short and sweet
- 24 Surviving trace
- 29 School adviser
- 31 Memorable jazz nickname
- 33 Old English letter
- 34 Wading bird
- 36 Sys'ts.
- 37 Navy cell
- 38 Clairvoyant
- 39 Fairy-tale heavy
- 40 Hairdo
- 41 Bridge ancestor
- 42 Cleaning cloth
- 43 The Gold Coast, today
- 44 Library transaction
- 45 Intense
- 46 Beatty Oscar film
- 49 DC's Union
- 52 Travelling magistrates
- 54 In competition
- 55 Pontificate
- 56 Like some coats
- 59 Home site
- 61 Bandleader Elgart
- 63 Gulf War missiles
- 66 Eat up, with "down"
- 67 Requit
- 68 Paved incline
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- 70 Periodic table stat.
- 72 Epoch
- 73 Military formations
- 75 Roman road

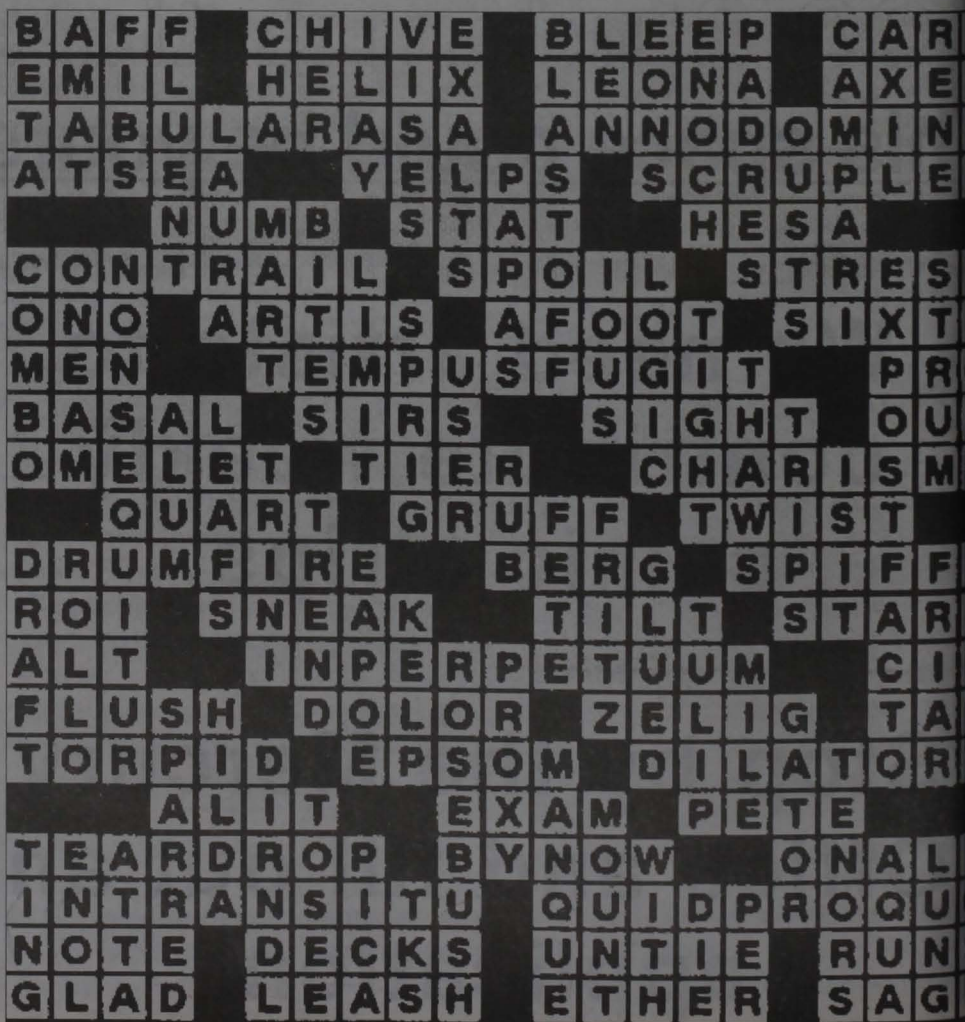


- 76 Da *___*, Vietnam
- 77 *Riders of the Purple Sage* author
- 79 Iron
- 80 Folk follower
- 81 Court
- 88 Huge work
- 89 Sass
- 90 Lancaster group
- 91 Midsections

- 92 Unfamiliar with
- 93 Unending
- 95 Cad
- 97 Mideast capital
- 98 "Mule Train" singer
- 99 Hitters' ploys
- 100 "Common Sense" author
- 102 Railroad siding
- 103 Words of action

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