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ROTC rides again

Officer Stewart Fearon of the ROTC Program at West Virginia State College, along with Captain Newt McCutcheon of the U.S. Army Recruitment Center in Beckley, were on campus Wednesday, Sept. 8 for open enrollment in ROTC classes."

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Underwood to name Kiss to Supreme Court

By Jennifer Bundy
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Gov. Cecil Underwood has chosen a conservative, pro-business Democrat instead of a member of his own Republican Party to fill a vacancy on the state Supreme Court, sources have told The Associated Press.

Underwood aides confirmed the governor will announce his selection for the Supreme Court today, but would not say who the governor will appoint to replace Justice Margaret Workman, a Democrat, who retired Aug. 31.

However, Democratic state co-chairman Steve White said Kiss was Underwood's choice.

"We're very happy that Gov. Underwood has appointed a Democrat to be the newest member of the Supreme Court," White told The Charleston Gazette.

Kiss, a tax lawyer from Beckley, was out of the state doing legal work and could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

He confirmed Tuesday that he was under consideration for the post. He previously had said he was trying to raise money to run for governor in 2000.

Some Republicans may be upset that their governor would appoint someone from another party, state GOP Chairman David Tyson acknowledged.

"There were a lot of Republican names that were mentioned," Tyson said.

"As Republican chairman, I would prefer a Republican be appointed to the court. As a practicing attorney, Bob Kiss enjoys a fine reputation. He would be philosophically in line with the Underwood administration's way of thinking.

"He is moderate. He would be viewed as very fair, the same way I perceive Governor Underwood is perceived by the people of West Virginia," said Tyson, who said he did not know who would be appointed.

The last time Underwood had an opportunity to fill a vacancy on the court, he chose Republican John

McCuskey, who lost to liberal Democrat Warren McGraw in his 1998 bid for election.

In a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 2-1, a Democrat has a better chance of being elected than a Republican. By appointing a pro-business Democrat who will run for election to a 12-year term in 2000, Underwood could be attempting to ensure a conservative balance on the court rather than opening up another opportunity for the election of a liberal.

"That's a good plausible scenario," said Troy Stewart, chairman of Marshall University's political science department.

"There was a fear around the state that with the leaving of Justice Workman, the balance might go a little more toward the liberal left. They just want to make sure this did not happen," Stewart said.

But Tyson said Republicans often do not do well in off-year elections. In 2000, Tyson said, the Republican ticket is likely to be led by presidential candidate George W. Bush and

Underwood, which could help other Republicans get elected.

And conservative Democrats do not always do well in Democratic primaries, Tyson said. He cited liberal Charlotte Pritt's victory over Joe Manchin, a more conservative pro-business candidate, in the 1996 gubernatorial primary.

The court's four other justices are all Democrats.

Chief Justice Larry Starcher and McGraw are labor-backed liberals. Elliott "Spike" Maynard, who was supported by business in the 1996 election, is considered more conservative. Robin Davis, who was backed by labor and trial lawyers in 1996, is more of a swing vote, as was Workman.

Tyson said that Underwood's decision to appoint Kiss to the court could help Underwood maintain the support of conservative Democrats who control the Legislature. That group helped him win in 1996.

Marshall's Stewart said Kiss never really had a chance against Rep. Bob Wise in the Democratic gubernatorial pri-

mary because, as a congressman re-elected several times over a wide area, Wise was much more well-known than Kiss. Only in Raleigh and Surry counties and chosen by 74 fellow Democratic legislators.

Stewart predicted the governor's race will be between Underwood and Wise, a laborer who has been backed by labor, and said if Underwood really wanted to help his chances "he should have to appoint Bob Wise to court."

Underwood's choice could end up hurting him, Kiss had run for governor there was a potential for another labor-business split in the Democratic Party similar to the 1996 split helped propel Underwood into office.

But the co-chairman of the state Democratic Party Pat Maroney, said that not happen again no matter who runs and no matter the nominee is.

"We are at the point where this party now we are strongly united," Maroney said.

Serb woman dies after beating; witnesses blame KLA

By Melissa Eddy
Associated Press

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia - A Serb woman died Thursday from a beating eyewitnesses said was administered by members of the Kosovo Liberation Army, an official with the NATO-led peacekeeping force said.

The beating occurred in the southwestern city of Prizren late Wednesday, the NATO public information officer there said by telephone. The 65-year-old victim was flown by helicopter to a hospital run by German military doctors but died after arrival.

The death was sure to feed already high ethnic tensions between the dwindling number of Kosovo Serbs still in the province and the ethnic Albanian

majority accused of attacks to avenge the 18-month Serb crackdown ended by the arrival of the NATO-led force.

Two Serb houses were also burned late Tuesday in Prizren, said the NATO official. He had no further details.

The newest violence comes on the heels of shelling in Kosovo's American-controlled eastern sector that killed two Serbs and wounded four others - one critically. Such incidents add to fears of an upsurge of violence ahead of a deadline later this month for demilitarizing the ethnic Albanian rebel army.

The deaths occurred in the village of Donja Budriga, where residents said shells landed for 20 minutes, blowing the legs off an elderly woman fetching water in her yard. She died, along with

a male villager.

U.S. troops serving in the NATO-led force said the attack - and one on the nearby Serb village of Ranilug - came after relatively frequent incidents of mortar fire had diminished for two weeks in the ethnically mixed area of the province under their control.

With less than two weeks until the Sept. 19 deadline for the demilitarization of the Kosovo Liberation Army, international officials in the province feared such attempts to destabilize the peace would continue to increase. Some senior KLA figures are thought to be vehemently opposed to demilitarization, despite a plan to allow the organization to maintain some of its structures as a reformed, lightly armed civil emer-

gency corps.

U.S. officers said investigators found evidence that a Chinese-made 81-mm mortar was used in the attack on Ranilug. Chinese-made weapons were favored by the Kosovo Liberation Army during the fighting against Serb-Yugoslav forces that ended in June.

Most of the more than 200,000 Kosovo Serbs have fled since NATO troops replaced Serb forces at the end of 78 days of NATO bombing that forced Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to accept Western peace terms for Kosovo. Those who remain complain that 40,000 NATO-led troops in the province are protecting only Albanians.

Actor's possible White House run stirs curiosity, suspicion

Beatty is ruffling some Democrat's political feathers

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - At Mann's Chinese Theatre, a Hollywood landmark where generations of stars have left their hand prints in wet cement, Aziz Khezam stood on Warren Beatty's palm impressions, smoking a cigarette and considering the prospect of a Beatty White House.

Vice President Al Gore, the leading Democratic presidential contender, is tainted by the scandals that have plagued President Clinton, he said. Beatty, said Khezam, is "an intellectual who could be understood by the masses."

"I'll take my time to see what Beatty stands for," said the pastry shop owner.

Beatty - movie actor, producer, director, writer

- and now presidential candidate?

In an interview last month with The Washington Post, Beatty acknowledged that he was thinking about a possible candidacy, but said it was too early to say more. "I'm careful," he said.

Interviews with members of his likely base - disaffected Democrats and other left-of-center activists around the nation - suggest deep suspicion about his motives and credentials.

Karen Marchioro, a longtime Democratic activist in Seattle, believes her liberal politics are akin to Beatty's, but dismissed his potential White House bid.

"I take my politics seriously, but I don't take this at all seriously, because he's never run for anything," she said. Ronald Reagan was an actor who made it to the White House, she allowed. "But he was a governor first, and not a very good one, I might add."

Yet tourists from across the country visiting the heart of Hollywood last week were intrigued, even though most of those

interviewed had no idea about Beatty's views - except that he was a liberal. All, however, had seen "Bulworth," Beatty's movie manifesto on campaign finance reform.

"I don't know his credentials, but I'd certainly give him consideration once I was aware of what he stands for," said Pat Patterson, a legal assistant from Charleston, S.C. "Right now, I know nothing about him."

Polls suggest that if Beatty ran for president as a Democrat he would draw support, but he wouldn't dramatically alter the race. In a mid-August ABC poll of 452 Democrats and Democratic-leaning voters, Gore was supported by 61 percent, while 24 percent backed former Sen. Bill Bradley and 9 percent endorsed Beatty.

Just 1 percent of likely Democratic voters in a recent California Field poll said Beatty was their first choice for their party's nominee.

In an essay published last month in The New York Times, Beatty said he wanted to "help persuade the slightly more liberal one of the two accounting firms we call our major parties to

return to the principles of the Democratic Party of my youth."

Beatty said he was interested in providing universal health care and lifting up the poor, protecting the environment and improving public schools. To do that, he wrote, "We must have complete public financing of all federal campaigns."

He declined an interview request with The Associated Press.

State Sen. Tom Hayden of Los Angeles, an anti-Vietnam War activist who disrupted the Democratic Party's 1968 convention and remains a dyed-in-the-wool liberal, said a Beatty candidacy would "spice up the debate."

Hayden said his friend Beatty knows the difficulties he would encounter in running for the White House. "Trying to go from the world of entertainment to the world of politics is not like catching a first-class flight from L.A. to Washington," Hayden said.

Outside this Mecca for the star-struck, there are signs of resentment against actors who seek high political office.

"I think liberal Democrats would tend toward liberal Democratic candidates with experience, not just good-looking actors," said Caroline Gelb, an Internet producer and New York liberal.

In liberal Madison, Wis., Democratic state Rep. Spencer Black called the possibility of a Beatty candidacy "humorous." "Essentially, the president is leader of the free world, if not all of it, and I don't know that Beatty has any credentials whatsoever to undertake this kind of job."

While everyone seems to have an opinion, Beatty is leaving people guessing.

"In the disparity of our prosperity, someone must rise to honor the historic mission of the Democratic Party," he wrote in the Times. "Why not Bradley? Why not Gore? Why not now?"

"Stay tuned. We'll be back after this message."

Beatty is likely to shed more light on his intentions at a Sept. 29 address to the Southern California branch of the liberal Americans for Democratic Action, which plans to honor Beatty with its Eleanor Roosevelt Award.

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FCA gets busy at GSC

By Monica Sainz-Hinton

The school year has started and so have extra-curricular activities. One of these activities is the weekly Sunday evening meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA as it is commonly known, meets every Sunday at 8.30 p.m. in the Wesley Center, across from Pickens Hall.

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 and 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 are welcome to stay in the Wesley Center to chat and play ping pong.

The strength of FCA in the past has been the large number of attendants and their various cultural backgrounds.

Last year, Rashod Gillespie from the

football team was our leader and President.

This year, we are seeking leaders for our lessons, and new ideas for meetings.

With the energy of Coach James, the huddle leader, and our returning FCA students Lance Linden, Brett Pettinger, Aaron Clark, Hank Hurst, and Lakita Chambers, we are very excited about welcoming new students who are dedicated to Fellowship in a healthy and friendly environment.

During the past two meetings, we were happy to see that there were many girls in attendance. Thanks to the women's volleyball team! Tell a friend!

Smith award awarded to Glenville State student

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

The Ernest H. Smith Award was presented to Fiona "Man Lee" Cheung of GSC. The award is given to an outstanding associate degree student. According to her advisor, Professor Jenny Dawkins, "Man Lee is definitely at the top of her class. Anything Man Lee does, she does well."

Man Lee was born in China in Kowloon City, Hong Kong, which has a population of 6.5 million people. She finished high school at Holy Family Canossian College in

1995. She came to West Virginia, as an exchange student; she lived with Jesse and Nancy Covington in Camden-on-Gauley. After a 10 month stay as an exchange student, she went back to China to work for 12 months. Man Lee returned to the United States to attend Glenville State College, and is completing an associate degree in Management Information Systems/Computer Science and a CIS bachelors degree by December 2000. She is planning to become a systems analyst when she graduates.

Lit Society sets table

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

Members of the Literary Society met on Tues., Aug. 31 for an organizational meeting in room 305 of the Administration Building. This semester's reading list was distributed and meeting dates were chosen.

The first book, "The House of the Spirits", authored by Isabel

Allende, will be reviewed on Mon., Sept. 27. Books chosen by the Literary Society are available for purchase at the Glenville State College Bookstore.

Literary Society is a one-hour course, with a maximum of three-hour credit limit. Anyone interested in signing up for the class should contact Nancy Zane or Professor Wayne De Rosset in the English Department.

Attention to all students:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Institute Class will be starting on Sept. 7 and be held every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm. The tentative location is at the Wesley Foundation.

Old Testament will be studied.

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Cain is new prof for Business Division

By Ann Williams
Staff Reporter

There is a new face on campus this semester. Kevin Cain is a new instructor in the Business Division. Cain graduated from Glenville State College in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in Business Education and two associate degrees.

After graduating he worked for the United States Department of State in Ethiopia and Finland for three years. He returned to the United States and taught at the Dept. of State for an additional three years.

Cain then went into the public education system in Wirt County where he was Vocational Director, Technology Coordinator, Adult Basic Education Coordinator, Employment Testing Coordinator, and a teacher.

He performed these

duties for five years in Wirt County before returning to Glenville State College.

When asked why he chose to return to Glenville State College, Mr. Cain replied, "I enjoy older students much better and GSC has always been a place where I have fond memories, as a student and when I worked here before."

Cain is currently working on his dissertation for a Doctoral Degree in Education Administration, and was just named "Secondary Business Teacher of the Year."

His hobbies include being a church pianist at Elizabeth United Methodist Church. His enjoyment of music keeps him busy at many church activities.

He has a wife named Natasha, no children, but has two cats.

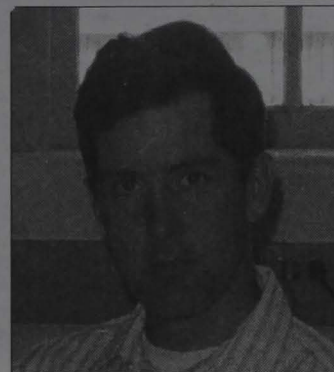
Caulfield heads Math and Science Department

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

When one takes a tour of the Science and Math Building this fall, s/he will see many changes. One major change is the new chairman of the division, Dr. Michael Caulfield.

Dr. Caulfield has been at Glenville State College for eight years and has taught a variety of math courses. This semester, along with the new duties as chairman, he is teaching Calculus I and Calculus III.

When asked in a recent interview about what he considered to be the biggest challenge facing him as chairman, Caulfield responded, "Managing the limited resources." He continued, saying "People should share the job as chairman instead of one person holding the position for more than five or six years. This way, there is a variety in management



BJ Woods, Mercury

Dr. Michael Caulfield

and everyone gets a chance to be on the administrative side of GSC."

Caulfield was asked about the changes he wanted to implement this semester. He stated, "I don't want to make changes right away. I want to get better acquainted with the professors and their respective classes. I want to sit down on an individual basis and let them talk about their classes and what they need for each class. This way, I will know what I need to do as chairman and to fulfill my job." Caulfield also spoke of

having to change portions of the schedule to better accommodate professors and students.

Caulfield also answered a written questionnaire that his one wish for GSC is to increase dorm living and to have GSC to be more of a "home away from home" atmosphere for the students. His one wish as a math professor is to have more math majors and minors.

Caulfield is married. He and his wife, Stephanie, have six children. He is a graduate of Frostburg State University and received his Ph.D. at West Virginia University.

Caulfield is planning on taking the Math and Science Division into the new millennium with the most useful technology. Caulfield has shown over the years that being dedicated to students and having an understanding for them is the way to succeed. Good Luck, Dr. Caulfield.

Chi Beta Phi

Meeting
Sept. 14

Room 302 Science Hall
12:30

All members urged to attend

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.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER 1999 GRADUATES

The last day to apply for
December graduation was
Friday, September 10.

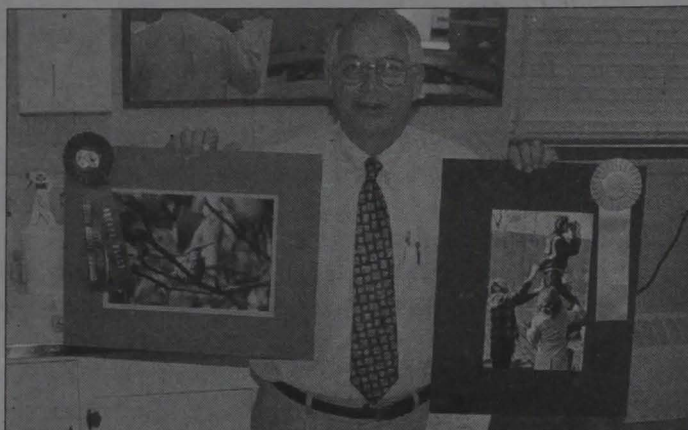
Applications are still being accepted
but are subject to a late fee of \$50 in
addition to the \$40 graduation fee.

English prof wins for photos

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College English professor, Dr. Edward Palm, entered the 1999 Juried Photography Exhibit at the Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts and Crafts Jubilee in Jackson Mills, and was awarded second place in the West Virginia Natural Wonders category for his color photograph "Mother Humming Bird," which depicted humming bird sitting on her nest.

Palm received third place in the Amateur Black and White category for his photograph "Closure" which represented a family photographing a name on the wall at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Dr. Palm displays his winning photos.

Palm also received Honorable Mention ribbons for four other black and white photographs: "Maggie and Simon," "Finishing Touches," "The Big Bad Wolf" and "Big Bad John."

During an interview, Palm stated that he "was pleased to have six prints

recognized and that the entire show was a strong one."

Palm added that when he entered the Forest Festival in Elkins last year, it was his first juried exhibit and that it gave him the courage to enter the Stonewall Jackson Jubilee exhibit this year.

ROTC rides again

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

pate, and pay attention you'll pass," Fearon added.

Officer Stewart Fearon of the ROTC Program at West Virginia State College, along with Captain Newt McCutcheon of the U.S. Army Recruitment Center in Beckley, were on campus Wednesday, Sept. 8 for open enrollment in ROTC classes.

Thus far, 14 students have signed up for the two credit hour course. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays on the main campus at Glenville State College. Classes will be held temporarily in the old Quik Shop, which is located on the top floor of the Heflin Center.

The course itself includes instruction in military science and introduction to small unit leadership. It is a normal college course, with tests and an attendance policy. "If you get an F in ROTC, that means you didn't come to class. But if you show up, partici-

All books, uniform equipment and additional materials needed for the class will be provided through the ROTC program.

There will be a field training exercise Oct. 1-10 at the West Virginia State Police Academy firing range. ROTC students will qualify with M16-A1 Rifles. Other activities scheduled for the week end include rappelling of one-rope bridges, a field leadership reaction course, day and night land navigation, and a pizza party mixer. ROTC students from the University of Charleston have been invited to attend, as have Marshall University students.

Note: a correction from the article on ROTC in the Sept. 6 issue of the Mercury—money offered through the ROTC program is only available to juniors and seniors who have signed contracts with the Army.

MATHEMATICAL MYSTERY OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 1999

Suppose eight pennies are arranged in a row:

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In 4 moves, rearrange the pennies into 4 stacks of 2 pennies each, according to the following rule. On each move, a penny must jump exactly 2 pennies, in either direction, and land on a single penny. The 2 jumped pennies may be side by side or stacked.

Part 2: How many moves would it take to similarly transform a row of 10 pennies into 5 stacks of 2 pennies each?

If you think you have a solution, let your math instructor or Dr. Caulfield know. Be sure to have reasons justifying your answer!! Results will be announced next month.

ACS/CBP Annual Picnic

Sept. 21

5:00 - ???

at The Rec Center

All Science and Math
majors and professors
are invited.

GSC grad places

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

Jonathan Ramezan is one of seven Glenville State College students to compete in the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference Competition in July in Chicago. Ramezan competed in telecommunications and placed 4th in the nation.

The contest involved a written objective test which consisted of questions regarding data transmission including coding, digitizing and circuits, voice communication, application and impact on society, net-

work and network design, ethics, telecommunication management, history of telecommunications standards, and data terminals.

Ramezan graduated in May 1999 with a B.S. Computer Science and Information Systems degree.

While at GSC, he was a member of the cross country team.

According to his advisor, Professor Jenny Dawkins, "Jonathan was a top of the line student. He was always available to help his classmates and did well in class himself".

P.B.L.

Meeting

at 1:00 in the AB Building
Room 101

All business students are welcome to attend. We will be going over a new time for meeting, elections, and committees.

Student Organizations: This Space Could Be Yours

Drop your announcements off at the Mercury office by Wednesday at 4 p.m.

A tale of two resident halls

By Jeanne Finn,
Eric Poirier
Residence Hall Directors

Ok, we know what you are thinking—why the heck are you two writing a column?

Well, we asked ourselves the same thing when we first talked about it. But then, we thought it would be nice to share some of the news, events and opinions of Pickens Hall residents with the Glenville State College community.

Each week, this column will be printed. It could include anything regarding campus: life-RA programs, celebrating student's birthdays, congratulating sports teams for their victories, even an opinion poll on current events.

If you have anything you want to share, talk to your Resident Assistant or contact one of us.

We would love to hear from you. So, keep your eyes open, and look for us here next week - same bat time, same bat channel.

By Patrick Hall
LBH Resident Hall Director

Hello from Louis Bennett Hall! This article is just the first of many. Its entire purpose is to keep the campus population informed as to events and programs at LBH and the accomplishments of the residents.

The first couple of weeks at LBH have been great. The only problem so far is the lack of hot water caused by the temperamental boiler. Anyone who has taken a cold shower knows what I mean.

Head Resident Assistant Brian Randolph, is starting a movie night in the main lounge of LBH. It will take place at 9 p.m. every Wednesday night and is open to all students. Resident Assistant Frank Bibbee and Pickens Hall Resident Assistant Adina Aselson are organizing a white water rafting/camping trip at the Lower Gauley River. There's only room for 10 people, so you better see them quick. The trip will cost \$90 per person. We hope to have more programs in the future that will bring the two resident halls together.

Be sure to read our column every week.

**The Computer Lab
located in the
Tech Lab of the
AB Building now opens
at 3:00**

Collegiate 4-H Meeting

September 15th - 7 p.m.
Fine Arts Building, Room
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Discussions will include Council Circle
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The Sounding Board

What happened? I received no letters to the editor this week. Surely there must be something on your mind that you would like to share with the rest of campus. Remember, letters to the editor do not have to address articles or concerns raised by the Mercury; they can be about anything at all. Is the parking problem getting on your nerves or is there an aggravating situation that keeps recurring on campus? Did a stranger help you this week, or is there anything that needs praised? This paper is your soundboard; use it!! As my mother says, "to read is to empower, to empower is to write and to write is to change." You never know what could stem from just one letter.

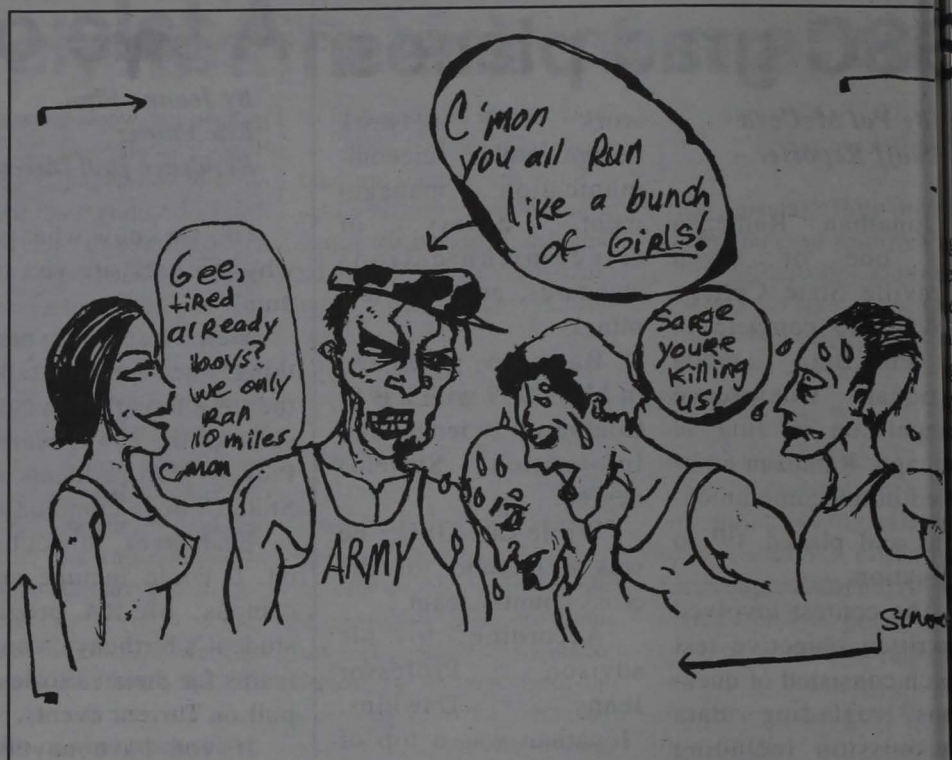
The short school week has made things hectic at the Mercury office this week. We still have a few positions open if anybody is interested. You get paid to work at the Mercury, and could even receive college credit. Yes, it is a lot of hard work, but just think of that future resume. Our Advice column, Dear Eleanor, has started back up again, and I am still interested in an International Student column.

In addition to going to school and managing the Mercury, I also hold a part-time job. When I arrived at work last Saturday, my boss's granddaughter asked my boyfriend if he was my dad!! Kids can be so darn amusing sometimes. Needless to say, my boyfriend, well under the age of thirty, was not as amused.

Hurricane Dennis has brought some much needed rain to the area. I am especially glad, because it has dumped a lot of water into the New River, making it a safer and more exciting place for white-water fiends like myself. I am especially looking forward to my first Gauley season, as I am sure all the other rafters are, too. For those of you have never tried white-water rafting, it is a blast. It can be dangerous, but with the proper equipment, instruction and guidance, there is nothing to worry about. West Virginia is absolutely one of the best places in the world for this outdoor excitement, so don't let the opportunity pass you by.

The Mercury office would like to thank Dr. Palm for agreeing to donate some of his photographs to hang on our bleak walls. They will bring a much needed change of atmosphere here in the office.

Until next time and so on



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Riverman Whitewater Outdoor Center would like to welcome all students to the last school year of this millennium. Hopefully, you have had one great summer to remember. We are going to challenge you to have as much adventure as can be packed into one year. We are making a special offer for all students to extend the adventurous fun of summer into this fall during our Gauley River season. The best savings with the most fun is our Saturday Lower Gauley Express trip for those students who have never seen the famous Gauley River during the fall dam releases. This section offers fantastic rapids including several Class V's and does not require previous rafting experience. This special student price saves you \$50.00 a person from our

standard formatted trip on Saturdays and costs a low \$79.00 per student. September Sundays will be \$69.00 per student. In October, save even more money when students raft on Saturday—the price is \$69.00 and on Sundays it is \$59.00. We can help organize these savings for large groups who wish to raft. Speak to our reservation specialists to make those arrangements and receive a group organizer's kit. For those students ready for the extreme challenge of the Upper Gauley River, we are dropping the price for students to \$99.00 on a Saturday and a super low price of \$89.00 for Sundays in September and October! This section of the Gauley attracts people from around the world due to its adventure level and continuous rapids through a beautiful canyon. For students wishing to make a weekend out of these sav-

ings, we provide an Easy Plan Option Package which includes two nights of lodging and hot breakfast and dinner on the day you raft. Lodging choices range from tent camping to our group cabin tents to rustic ranch rooms. The Easy Plan saves you money and adds to the convenience of having your meals right at our Outdoor Center where you are lodging. Our facility has a Lost Paddle Lodge, serving drinks and hosting live bands on Saturday night to keep the adrenalin flowing. We have a great outfitter store, the Turn Home Gift & Gear Shop to get last minute items, souvenirs or even a hot cold snack. Call today to lock into the great savings and adventure of this century for your college buddies. Don't forget to mention the "Student Gauley Prices" explained above. See you on the River.

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Sexism in the military: Is ROTC immune?

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

With ROTC classes starting on campus and Army recruiters abounding from every crevice, images of my past come crashing across the serene plane of memory, like powerful waves of hurricane angered against innocent beach-

Several times during the week, recruiters have tried in vain to enlist me in the Army Reserves. And Captain Burge's efforts to convince me to enroll in the on-campus ROTC program have been quashed as well. My willpower is much stronger than his admirable persistence.

Why put up such a fuss about a new class and the reserves? The answer is simple: it screams for understanding. I'm sure you've heard the saying, "Been there, done that." Well, I was in the Army and I must be thinking...sexism is alive and kicking. Or at least it was quite prevalent ten years ago. Burge stated in last week's interview that "about half our recruits are female. They get treated equally and are paid the same as the men." Perhaps his statement is true of the ROTC program. But, speaking as a veteran and ex-service member, I can attest that the same does not ring true about

the Army and the treatment of female soldiers.

Sure, the women are paid the same. However, they certainly aren't treated the same. If sexism isn't permitted in the civilian sector, then why should it be tolerated in what is supposed to be one of the most equitable occupations in the country—the military?

I offer one pearl of wisdom to anyone who is approached by an Army recruiter, whether you are male or female—if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Those guys are paid to get you in, no matter what they have to promise. Promises are made to be broken. What recruiting sharks tell you that you are going to get and what you get are entirely two different things.

Basic Training and AIT went okay for me. I personally didn't encounter any real obstacles. However, one girl from California in my platoon was sexually harassed by a drill instructor. Anyway, at the end of AIT, she was pregnant by the guy. Whatever happened to the two, I haven't the vaguest idea. I asked her when I found out about the pregnancy why she had anything to do with him and she said that he wouldn't leave her alone. She also said she was scared that he would "mess" her training up if she refused him. He followed her when she went left

post on her weekend pass. He basically stalked her. And for those of you who didn't know, drill instructors and trainees aren't allowed to fraternize in any form whatsoever.

I didn't encounter sexism until I reached my permanent duty station, which was Fulda, West Germany. I was assigned to a squad and from the get-go, the squad leader (he will remain nameless, as his very name causes my skin to crawl with repulsion) harassed me. Not in a sexual manner, but because of my gender. I was at my new post for about two weeks and frosted my hair one night. The next day, my squad leader told me my hair looked like @#\$* and that I wasn't allowed to frost it again.

The next incident occurred when I went to the post exchange to get some things. I went back to my room at the barracks and both my wall lockers were empty and everything I owned was strewn about the entire room. I had left my wall lockers unsecured and the squad leader discovered this and decided to make an example of me by tearing my things up. I knew plenty of other people in the squad who never locked their stuff up and this hadn't happened to them. I was the only woman in the squad...go figure.

Once I had to work the road with Mr. Squad Leader (I was a military police officer)

and he began telling me about his wife and how she knew her place and that she did everything he told her to and that she knew not to disobey him. And of course he had to say the one thing that really rankled—that women shouldn't be permitted to be in the military because they didn't have the mind for it and weren't strong enough to handle it. After this little trip, I really loathed him.

Personally, I believe he hated me because I was taller than him and whenever he spoke to me, he had to look up. It wasn't my fault he had a complex about his height.

The last vividly memorable incident that I had with this unpleasant individual came when I was separating from the Army. I was pregnant and my husband wanted me to come back to the States. When the squad leader learned of my pregnancy, his comments were, "I knew you wouldn't last. None of you women ever do. All you do is get knocked up and expect everybody else to do your work and carry the load." I had been writing my squad's clothing sizes down and I didn't respond to his comments. I just sat there at the desk, my blood pressure probably topping 300, ignoring him. This infuriated him that he wasn't getting to me. He rushed around to the side of the desk and got in my face and smirked, "What's wrong,

Little Miss Crayola, did you break your orange crayon?" He said this because I was using a blue ink pen instead of a black one. Everything formal was to be written in black ink. But I wasn't working on a formal document. Anyway, my husband came in and asked him what was going on. Mr. Personality didn't reply—he left the room.

These events happened over ten years ago. I hope that such blatant sexism and inequality doesn't

exist in the military today. Women have come a long way in establishing their own identities and equality during the past century, as well as adding to society's many accomplishments. We can do a lot if given a fair chance.

For a woman, joining the Army is a mixed bag. On the one hand, the Armed Forces proclaim that they are an equal opportunity employer and women will receive the same treatment as men. In practice, things don't always work out that way. It didn't work out for me; however, I am in no way trying to discourage anyone from not joining the military. It is a personal decision that requires a lot of thought. Things may have changed, but however much they may have changed, sexism will always prevail when women and men are competing for or working at the same job.

Being an non-traditional student at Glenville State College

By Mary Wildfire
Staff Reporter

There are both advantages and disadvantages to being a non-traditional student.

Most of the older students I know have very high GPA's because most of the advantages are academic. The biggest is motivation; we know exactly why we're here. We want two stated things: credentials (a degree) and the learning itself. People in their late teens and early twenties, on the other hand, have a much broader agenda: in addition to academic pursuits, they must develop rela-

tionships and learn how to deal with intimacy; they must adjust to the freedom and the responsibility of leaving their parents' supervision, including making decisions about the use of alcohol and such (which can involve some very unpleasant learning experiences); they must explore and evolve their own beliefs and identity; and they must crystallize their developing skills, knowledge and interests into a career choice. All of this is quite necessary, but it takes time and energy. Nontraditional students, having long since completed this curriculum, are free to focus on our studies. True, some of us

have conflicts with work or parental responsibilities, but as our kids are usually older, we still have it easier than those young students who have babies or toddlers.

Another advantage is experience. Often I've gotten a test question right, not because I remember it from the book or the lecture, but from my own memory of historical events, or from something I've read—or, simply from the judgement that comes naturally from life experience if you keep your eyes open.

Older students may also waste less time because we're

more likely to appeal a stupid rule, often successfully. Students freshly emerged from years of incarceration in elementary and high school tend to go along passively with whatever they're told, bleating their irritation only to their friends.

Yes, there are also disadvantages. Because we generally commute and don't get involved in sports, clubs or parties, we are socially isolated. This can even be an academic disadvantage, when the professor decides it's time for group tasks and the younger students quickly aggregate with their buddies.

Social isolation can con-

tribute to a feeling of alienation; I don't know if others feel this way, but in my first semester this happened about three times a week: I'd be walking along on campus and suddenly I'd think, "What am I doing here? Who do I think I'm fooling?" But I'd keep on walking, and by the second semester it happened only occasionally. By now I feel like a perfectly legitimate student.

One disadvantage I only suspect. Could it be that since we older students, so academically dedicated, so intent and serious...aren't having as much fun? It's a troubling question.

Volleyball team places third in season opener

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

Saturday, Sept. 4 marked the first day of the Glenville State College Lady Pioneers season. In Pennsboro, West Virginia, GSC's volleyball team participated in its first tournament.

Six teams competed, including Alderson and Broaddus, Salem Teikyo, WV Tech, College of WV, Concord and our own GSC ladies.

GSC played WV Tech, Salem Teikyo, and Concord. The team beat WV Tech and Salem Teikyo and placed third in the tournament.

An honorary award called the "All-Tournament Team" is given to players

on each team with outstanding ability. GSC's outside hitter Crystal Affolter and middle hitter LaToya Parks were placed on this team.

During the Salem Teikyo game, Crystal Affolter led in stats with 13 kills, two blocks and five digs. LaToya Parks had eight kills, 10 assisted blocks and six solo blocks. Stacy Robinson had 28 assists.

Sarah Crowell tore up the court during the WV Tech match with 16 kills. Abbie Burge followed right behind with nine kills. LaToya Parks came in with seven kills, 13 assisted blocks and four solo blocks. Stacy Robinson covered the floor with her outstanding 24 assists.

During the Concord match, Crystal Affolter came out on top again with 12 kills, four blocks assists and five digs. Abbie Burge was not far behind with her eight kills, five blocks assists, two solo blocks and two digs. Sarah Crowell led with 13 kills. Stacy Robinson once again was on the ball with 24 assists.

Coach Fluharty was pleased with the team's performance.

"For the first weekend out, the girls played extremely well," Fluharty said. "Between the second and third game there was an hour and forty minute break which I believe contributed to players being cold going into the third game."

Larkin closing in on Reds all-time hitting records

Associated Press

CHICAGO - Barry Larkin is moving closer to the Cincinnati Reds' career leaders in all-time runs scored, but he says his main concern for now is how his team finishes this season.

"I'm so caught up in this season that I don't think about it," Larkin said. "But after the season, I'll probably sit back and say, 'Wow!'"

Larkin, 35, a perennial All-Star at shortstop, raised his career total of runs scored to 1,044 when he scored in the fifth inning of Cincinnati's 6-3 victory last Monday over the Chicago Cubs.

With that run, he passed Frank Robinson's Reds total of 1,043 and moved closer to all-time leader Pete Rose's 1,741 and runner-up Johnny Bench's 1,091.

"I had no idea I was even close until I saw it in the paper," he said. "Anytime your name is associated with Frank Robinson's, means a lot."

Larkin is in his 14th season with the Reds. He is among the team's top five in games played and stolen bases.

He is likely to break into the top five in at-bats, hits, doubles and extra-base hits this year or next. He is under contract with Cincinnati through 2000. He isn't saying what will happen after that.

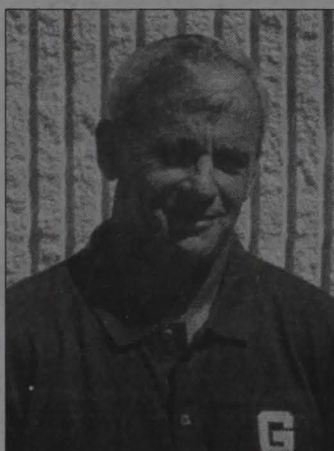
Runs scored are a good measure of a player's value to his team, manager Jack McKeon said.

"It's a very important stat," McKeon said. "It shows he's getting on base whether with a hit or a walk... He does the little things to help you win."

Trickett amazed by community support

By Abbie Burge
Sports Reporter

New to Glenville State's campus is Head Football Coach Rick Trickett. Trickett, a former GSC student and defensive back, has plenty of experience under his belt. After earning his B.S. in physical education with a double minor in special education and driver's education and a Masters in counseling, he helped take the Glenville team to the Nationals in '73 as a coach. Trickett went on to Indiana University of Pennsylvania as a freshman coach for two years before spending four years at WVU in Morgantown. He also coached at Southern Illinois for two years, Southern Mississippi for three years,



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Coach Rick Trickett

University of New Mexico/Albuquerque for one year, Memphis State for three years, Mississippi State for four years, and finally ended up at Auburn for six years before accepting his current coaching job in Glenville.

The last year at Auburn was like a "three ring cir-

cus" for Trickett after a head coach left in mid-season. That is when Trickett decided that if he was not offered a really good coaching job, he would take some time off. That time off brought him back to Glenville for rest, relaxation, riding horseback, and his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Soon, though, word came that former head coach Warren Ruggerio had resigned and the position was available. Trickett turned down the Glenville coaching job three times before waking up one morning only to decide that this was the place that he wanted to be.

"I've known since I was about nine that whatever I did, it would involve football. I'm one of the luckiest

people because I knew what I wanted to do in life, I just love the game," stated Trickett.

After being asked about his outlook for the season, Trickett joked about guaranteeing the Pioneers would win at least one game because they are currently 1-0 after the California of Pennsylvania win two weekends ago. He thinks the team is good but that the players need to know his system and what he is all about.

Trickett said that support from the college and the community has been tremendous. The Pioneers have been outfitted in brand new uniforms. The field house was recently painted by the assistant coaching staff. In all, it took 287 gal-

lons of paint. Also, Bob DuBray, Physical Plant Manager, installed tile floors in the field house. These changes were made possible largely by the donations of I.L. "Ike" Morris. Trickett is aware of the fact that many fans' attendance at the first home football game had not been to the field for a game in over 20 years. This shows how much people believe in this coach and the program he is beginning to rebuild.

As for school spirit Trickett commented, "We were impressed with the football turnout. A small school like this...we all have to be in this together. I encourage my players to go out and support the other teams. It brings everyone together."

Football coach hired

Keith
McKelphin
leads
defensive
line via
Mississippi

by Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State College football team kicks off a new year with a new defensive line coach. Keith McKelphin comes to Glenville from Greenville, Mississippi. McKelphin began his coaching career in Greenville at Greenville School, which had approximately 1,500 students in grades 10-12.

McKelphin received his undergraduate degree in banking and finance from Southern Mississippi University, the alma mater of famous Green Bay Packer Brett Favre.

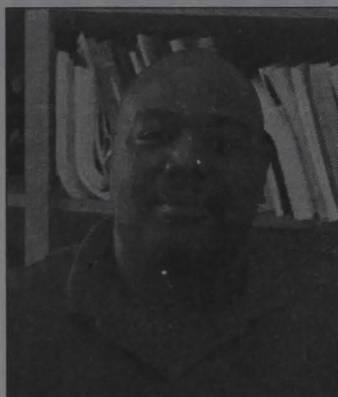
McKelphin then went on to get his masters in health and recreation at Delta State.

His impressive coaching experience includes T L Weston high school, Delta State and Prairie View A & M.

McKelphin moved to GSC along with his wife and two sons (ages six and three) from Houston, Texas. McKelphin teaches Physical Fitness and Wellness, Strength and Conditioning, and Recreation.

McKelphin is happy with the attitude at GSC.

"Everyone has been



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Coach Keith McKelphin

extremely nice," he said. "I enjoy the family oriented atmosphere."

He also thinks the Pioneer football team has a lot of potential.

"They are a good disciplined group that our coaching staff is trying to teach," McKelphin said. "If you have discipline with execution you can go far."

WVU D-line looks to rebound after debacle

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - Chances are a defensive line already maligned for its inexperience would be downtrodden after allowing 327 rushing yards in a season-opening loss.

That isn't necessarily the case with West Virginia's Ryan Brady, Greg Robinette and Antwan Lake.

They realize many mistakes were made in last Saturday's 30-23 loss to East Carolina. But they also know the season is too short to dwell on them.

"There were a lot of things that happened in that game," said Brady, a defensive end. "It's such a small amount between winning and losing that game. What they had was a lot of big plays."

"They didn't really have a drive when they just pounded us and pounded us. We'd stop them in two and then they'd stick one up the middle for 30 yards, and that happened all game."

East Carolina racked up 13 rushing plays of 15 yards or more. Fullback Jamie Wilson finished with 183 yards, an average of 9.1 per carry.

The most dubious statistics of all: 23 missed tackles and 257 yards rushing after initial contact. The variety of cutbacks, fakes, dives and pitches had the Mountaineers guessing.

"I think that it was just a matter of guys overpursuing people, guys trying to make a big hit on somebody - a hit that will just make the crowd go 'Ooh!'" said Robinette, a defensive tackle.

WVIAC individual statistical leaders

Associated Press

This week's statistical leader in the West Virginia Conference:

INDIVIDUAL

Rushing: 1, Beane,

Shepherd, 168.0 yards per game.

Miller, West Liberty, 138.0. 3,

Love, W.Virginia St., 97.5. 4,

Anthony, Fairmont St., 74.0.

Passing: 1, Harman,

Fairmont St., 415.0. 2, Hull,

Concord, 268.0. 3, Goree,

Greenville, 264.0. 4,

Cunningham, W.Virginia St.,

40.5.

Total Offense: 1, Harman,

Fairmont St., 433.0. 2, Goree,

Greenville St., 298.0. 3, Hull,

Concord, 254.0. 4, Cunningham,

W.Virginia St., 179.5.

Receiving: 1, Trent,

Fairmont St., 149.0. 2, Adams,

Greenville St., 143.0. 3,

Quattlebaum, W.Virginia St.,

44.5. 4, Anderson, Fairmont

St., 77.0.

Scoring: 1, Hampton,

Greenville St., 18.0. 2, Briggs,

West Liberty, Miller, West

Liberty, 12.0. 4, Love,

W.Virginia St., Quattlebaum,

W.Va. St., 9.0.

Total interceptions: 1,

Thomas, W.Virginia St.,

McNeal, WVU-Tech, 2. 3,

Shelby, Shepherd,

Truckenmiller, Concord, 1.

Punt returns: 1, Briggs, West

Liberty, 32.7. 2, Rootes,

Shepherd, 22.0. 3, Wilson,

Shepherd, 20.0. 4, Adams,

Greenville St., 18.5.

Kickoff returns: 1, Hampton,

Greenville St., 84.0. 2, Brown,

West Liberty, 35.5. 3, Mainella,

Fairmont St., 33.0. 4, Ward,

Concord, 31.0.

Punting: 1, White, Fairmont

St., 43.0. 2, Johnson, WVU-

Tech, 41.9. 3, Tobin, West

Liberty, 39.2. 4, Burton,

W.Virginia St., 38.6.

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Dear Eleanor: Love Suicide

Dear Eleanor,

Please help me. I have a friend who claims to be suicidal. Suicide is something not to be taken lightly. However, their problem is interfering with my life. S/he calls me at work and always wants me to come sit with them. I don't mind; I want to help. I just can't ignore my life for this person too much longer, or that often. My friend sees a psychiatrist and is on medicine for depression, but that doesn't seem to help. What should I do?

Signed,
Sick of Suicide

Dear Sick,

You're right in saying that suicide should not be taken lightly. I actually think it's a very good sign that your friend sees you as a person who s/he can talk to. Too often, a depressed person will withdraw him-

self or herself from society as a whole and wallow in their own little world of self-doubt and loathing. The fact that he is reaching out to you is not only a testament to your value as friend, but to your compassion for your fellow man.

Unfortunately, there have to be limits to what you can do for him or her. You also have a life to live, and while this friend is obviously important to you, your life cannot revolve around theirs. If your time is free, go, be a friend; if it's a particularly busy time for you, try to talk to them on the phone and make them promise you they won't do anything stupid.

Depression can sometimes take years to overcome, and while it is reassuring that your friend is seeking professional help, that alone usually is not enough. It requires a com-

mitment on your friend's part to get better. He will probably need your help in doing this, but remember, you have a life to live as well.

Dear Eleanor,

I'm feeling really stuck in a rut right now. I've been missing a lot of classes, and for some reason, I just feel like I need to make a change in my life. The problem is that any of the changes I want to make are going to cause some hurt and hardship on some people I truly care about, which I something I really don't want to force upon them. Should I stop caring about what other people will think of me, and just make the changes that I feel are right, or should I try to wait out this rut I find myself stuck in?

Signed,
Daily Routine

Dear Routine,

We all get the feeling from time to time that we need to go a different direction in our lives, and where we choose to go in those new directions say a lot about ourselves.

The fact that you care that much about what other people think shows that you have a true compassion for other people, maybe too much of one for your own good.

You will probably not have to live with these people the rest of your life, but you will have to live with yourself. Ask yourself, "Will I look back 20 years from now and wished I'd done this?"

If the answer is yes, then do it, and damn the consequences. Other people may be able to forgive you more easily than you will be able to forgive yourself.

Dear Eleanor,

I am very much in love and it is great. I think my feelings are stronger towards her than hers are towards me, but I don't want to get hurt. Help!

Signed,
Afraid of Being Burnt

Dear Burnt,

Tennyson once wrote, "Better to have loved and lost/Than never to have loved at all," and I think this fits perfectly with your predicament. You'll never know just how much she cares about you unless you tell her how much you care about her. True, you may get hurt if your suspicions are correct, but you may also be pleasantly surprised to find that she cares for you as much if not more, than you care for her.

Personally, I think the far outweigh the risk.

Combs pleads guilty to harassment

By Samuel Maull
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Rap music mogul Sean "Puffy" Combs was ordered Wednesday to undergo "anger management" counseling after he pleaded guilty to harassment related to an altercation with a recording executive.

Combs, 29, and an associate were arrested in April on charges of assaulting Steven Stoute, who reportedly suffered a broken arm, a broken jaw and cuts to his head after being hit with a chair and a champagne bottle.

Combs was initially charged with second-degree

assault and faced up to seven years in prison, but after Stoute balked at pursuing the prosecution, Combs was allowed to plead guilty to second-degree harassment.

The harassment charge is a violation, an infraction less serious than a misdemeanor and about the equivalent of getting a traffic ticket for a moving violation. Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Martin Murphy seemed displeased with the plea agreement as he pronounced the sentence.

"Your sentence is a conditional discharge, (the condition being) one day of anger management,"

Murphy said. "A very tough sentence." After Combs completes the day of temper control counseling, the case will be dismissed.

Combs' lawyer, Harvey Slovis, said the charge was reduced because prosecutors did not believe the rapper's actions were as serious as initially alleged. "It's not just a matter that the complaining witness was reluctant," he said.

Murphy reminded Combs that they had met during an investigation of the events leading to the deaths of nine students crushed in a stampede during a party Combs sponsored at the City College of

New York on Dec. 28, 1991.

In that case, State Court of Claims Judge Louis C. Benza found CCNY 50 percent liable for the deaths and assigned the other 50 percent to Combs and rapper Dwight "Heavy D" Myers, a co-sponsor of the event. There were no criminal charges and all of the civil claims have been settled.

Combs reportedly blamed Stoute for letting MTV air a music video with a scene that showed Combs nailed to a cross. Combs wanted the scene cut because he worried it might be offensive.

Slovis said, "The video

was upsetting to because he is deeply religious. He shouldn't have lost his temper and gotten over there."

The man who accompanied Combs to Stoute's office, Paul Offord, pleaded guilty to the same violation and received the same sentence as Combs in an earlier proceeding Wednesday before Murphy.

In 1998, Combs had an income of \$53.5 million and ranked 15th on *Forbes* magazine's list of highest paid entertainers. He won two Grammy Awards in 1998 for best rap album and best rap performance by a duo or group.

Sega's Dreamcast opens big to US game retailers

By Rachel Beck
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK - Sonic the Hedgehog is faster than ever before. Metal Lords bang with a perfect clang.

Sega Enterprises is looking to dazzle American consumers with special effects, hopeful its new Dreamcast video game system will propel the company back to the top of the U.S. gaming market.

Dreamcast hits the nation's stores on Thursday, and retailers are bracing for Christmas-like crowds through the week-end as video gamers rush to get first dibs on the super-powerful machines and the first 16 games designed for it.

Prior to Thursday's launch, Sega tallied more than 300,000 pre-orders for the 1999 machine - three times more than anticipated. Dreamcast games will sell for about \$50 each.

But big hype and a strong launch don't guarantee long-term success, especially with Sony and Nintendo due to introduce new machines and Dreamcast sales drooping in Japan, where the game was introduced a year ago.

Industry watchers warn that Sega will need to keep introducing new games, building sales through next year for Dreamcast to succeed in the United States.

"They have managed to create a big buzz and now they have to deliver," said John Davison, editor-in-chief of Electronic Gaming Monthly, a magazine based in Oakbrook, Ill. "They can't afford to stumble at all."

Sega was an industry leader in the early 1990s with its Genesis gaming console, but its next system, Saturn, bombed when it was launched in 1995.

Now the Tokyo-based company holds about 1 percent of the U.S. video-game market, having been trampled by Sony and Nintendo products with more powerful machines and wider game selections.

That's why Sega is betting big on Dreamcast.

With a \$100 million marketing and advertising campaign, Sega hopes to convince consumers that its new 128-bit system - four times as powerful as the best-selling Sony PlayStation and twice as

fast as Nintendo 64 - will provide a more exciting gaming experience.

Dreamcast is the first home-gaming system to include Internet capabilities. With a modem in its base, consumers can e-mail, chat, browse the Web and download game enhancements. Starting next year, they'll be able to play one another online.

The machine also features advanced 3-D graphics that make the on-screen images look clear and crisp. In the new Dreamcast football game, NFL2K, a gamer can select bad weather and a spectacularly realistic rain storm begins on the screen.

Dreamcast's computer brain is also designed to "learn" from its mistakes against a game player. If your quarterback passes repeatedly to a single receiver on your football team, the game reacts after a handful of throws by assigning a back to shadow that receiver, forcing you to change your strategy.

"They have taken a big graphical and technological leap with Dreamcast," said Joe Fielding, editorial director at the Web site videogames.com. "It is far better than anything out there."

Many retailers, surprised by the heavy demand, planned to open their stores Wednesday night and early Thursday and have added extra staff to keep up with the expected crowds.

Merchants say Dreamcast will be a best-seller for the upcoming holiday season.

"We are actually planning for this to be a bigger event than 'Star Wars' was in May," said Tom Alfonsi, senior vice president of merchandising at K-B Toys. "Going into this, we never thought this would be so big. But now we see how big it really is."

Still, it's not clear whether Dreamcast's high-tech capabilities will be enough to maintain the early momentum into next year.

"There are a lot of good things about Dreamcast. Its price is right. It is very powerful," said Dan DeMatteo, president of the 500-store Babbage's Etc. chain. "But there is that question looming out there over whether it be able to survive a war with the other players in the next few years."

The Truly Unfunny Comedian hits GSC

By Allison Tant
Staff Columnist

On the evening of September 8, an array of students greeted comedian Pat Sullivan from Cleveland, Ohio. His credits include an upcoming appearance on the Drew Carey Show, which will air September 29.

The highlight of the evening came when Sullivan picked on Dr. Powell, regarding the current parking situation at the college. He mentioned that at least the President had a parking

place. Other features of the night's entertainment included a bit about modern waterguns having aquariums on top of them and another bit about his father's industrial size bug zapper.

As a comedian, Pat Sullivan left a lot to be desired. He stood on stage visibly trying to think of something funny to say. Once he'd make a joke, he would stand there and laugh at himself as the crowd sort of chuckled. I don't think there's enough marijuana in West Virginia to make this guy funny.

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THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Netiquette 101

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist



"Remember the lessons I have taught you today, kiddies, or else the next time you commit an Internet don't, someone out there in cyberspace may go ballistic and hunt you down with an axe..."

Okay students, it's time for a crash course in Netiquette, the do's and don'ts of online communication. Now I don't claim to be the Emily Post of the Internet (Emily Post being the famous arbiter of good manners who is now dead, or as she might have said, "permanently excused"), but I do believe that e-mail messages should be well-written and polite in tone, no matter how informal they may seem.

For example, let's say that you are sending an e-mail to an old friend that you haven't heard from in a while, and while typing the message, you absent-mindedly leave the caps lock on the keyboard on. The message looks like this: HEY

STAN! I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN A LONG TIME! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

You have just unwittingly committed an Internet don't. That's right, using all capital letters in your e-mail correspondence is the Internet equivalent of shouting. If Stan is the sensitive sort (aren't we all?), he is liable to think you are angry at him, and may never respond to your e-mails again. Poor Stan goes insane and attacks you with an axe.

Moral: Don't use all capital letters in your e-

mails. Keep things lower-case and friendly.

Here is another example: Bill wants to break up with his girlfriend, but he doesn't feel like doing it in person. Instead, he decides to send her an e-mail at her workplace announcing that he is dumping her.

Bill is a jerk for two reasons: first, he sent his girlfriend an emotionally-loaded message that he no doubt should have delivered in person; second, he sent the message to her workplace, not only upsetting her and disrupting her work routine, but possibly getting her in trouble with

the boss, who monitors all of his employees' e-mail accounts.

As a result of his e-mail, Bill's now ex-girlfriend loses her job, goes insane, and attacks Bill with an axe.

Moral: Do not send highly emotional information in the form of an e-mail. E-mail is a highly impersonal form of communication, not intended for sharing emotional thoughts. If you can't share heated emotions with someone in person, then you have no business expressing them in an e-mail.

Also, e-mail creates a false sense of privacy. The truth is, e-mail is not a secure or private form of communication. Systems operators and potential hackers can tap into your

home e-mail account. Your office e-mail can be intercepted by fellow employees or the boss himself. Either be discreet when sending e-mail or simply don't send it.

Some 'Net users express themselves with emoticons, little faces like :-) or sad faces like :- (. Personally, I use emoticons to be rather corny and immature. If someone sends me a mail with a happy face, it, I am liable to think the person who sent it is not only happy, but a bit as well.

Remember the lessons I have taught you today, kiddies, or else the next time you commit an Internet don't, someone out there in cyberspace may go ballistic and hunt you down with an axe :- (.

Particle Lady: Leukemia Awareness

By BJ Woods
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September is National Leukemia Awareness Month. It is a time to remember those who have lost the battle to this dreaded disease, a time to celebrate the lives of those who have reigned victorious in the fight and a time to encourage and support research efforts to help those who suffer with the disease today.

I sit here and remember going through high school with a young man who developed leukemia in the ninth grade and had to undergo chemotherapy and other cancer treatments that were available at that time. I was able to see first hand what this

disease does to a young body and how it can ravage not only the physical body, but the emotions of the afflicted person as well.

Sadly to say, Joey died a couple of years after graduation. I can still recall the standing ovation he received when his name was called to receive his diploma. We all cried tears of joy that afternoon, knowing that he had made it to a milestone in his young life.

Leukemia is a malignant disease of the bone marrow and blood. It is characterized by the uncontrolled growth of blood cells. There are four common types or categories of leukemia: acute and chronic myelogenous

as well as acute and chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

Acute leukemia is a rapidly progressing disease that results in the accumulation of immature, functionless cells in the marrow and blood. The marrow often can no longer produce enough normal red and white blood cells and platelets. Anemia, a deficiency of red blood cells, develops in virtually all leukemia patients. The lack of normal white cells impairs the body's ability to fight infections. A shortage of platelets results in bruising and easy bleeding. Chronic leukemia progresses more slowly and permits greater numbers of more mature, functional

cells to be made.

One may ask what the signs and symptoms of leukemia are. They may include easy bruising or bleeding, paleness or becoming easily fatigued, recurrent minor infections or minor cuts that heal slowly. These symptoms and signs are not specific to leukemia and may be caused by other disorders. The diagnosis of leukemia requires specific blood testing, including the examination of the cells in the blood and bone marrow.

There are a variety of treatments for leukemia. These range from drug therapy, chemotherapy, and bone marrow surgery.

Anyone is susceptible to this disease—it does not

prey on a certain sex or nationality as some diseases do. This year in the U.S. approximately 1 in every 100,000 children will develop leukemia. Over 21,600 people die from leukemia each year in the U.S. alone.

A bright note in all this is that over the past few decades, the death rate among children with leukemia has dropped 57%.

There is still a long way to go in finding a cure for leukemia.

Until next week, take care in your travels through the halls of science. For comments or article suggestions please feel free to contact particle lady at gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu

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ARIES: (Mar 21-Apr 20)

Any family squabbles may come as a result of tensions. Be at your best and don't let anyone spoil your upbeat mood. Once harmony is restored, turn your attentions to making plans with a few good friends. You are inclined to be jealous and possessive of a mate. Stay cool.

TAURUS: (Apr 21 - May 21) Think before you speak. That temper of yours may flare without any provocation. Your idealistic side usually wins out, so try real hard to follow your dreams. Hopefully something that has been bothering you for the last several months is now gone for good.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) A friend of yours has a serious problem and is relying on your help to come up with a solution, so think fast. The week will go by pretty smoothly for it will have plenty of variety. At least you won't have to worry about getting bored.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) It's time to take a serious look at the romance in your life - and ask yourself if your expectations are realistic. Try not to take life too seriously and have fun with those you love. You tend to accomplish a lot and everyone around will catch your enthusiasm.

LEO: (July 24 - Aug 23) This week brings a welcome relief from recent pressures, so spend time with those you love. Your strong ego may get you in hot water with a mate, and those old feelings of whether you've made the right choice or not are going to surface again. Your plans for the future are very realistic.

VIRGO: (Aug 24 - Sept 23) If you feel that your friends have been difficult to deal with lately, perhaps you should take a good look at yourself. Listen to what a loved one has to say about your personal life, there is more merit there than you are willing to admit. Start improving things on the job.

LIBRA: (Sept 24 - Oct 23) People close to you are charm-

ing and agreeable, but not very good about keeping promises, so be realistic at all times. Share some of your more creative ideas with someone who can take them one step further, in a practical way. Keep an eye on the food you're eating.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24 - Nov 22) All you want this week is peace and quiet, but it seems like everyone needs to speak or be with you. Find time to sneak off on your own. Your feelings for a lover are intense, so try and remain as realistic as possible. Concentrate on organizing family matters that need your attention.

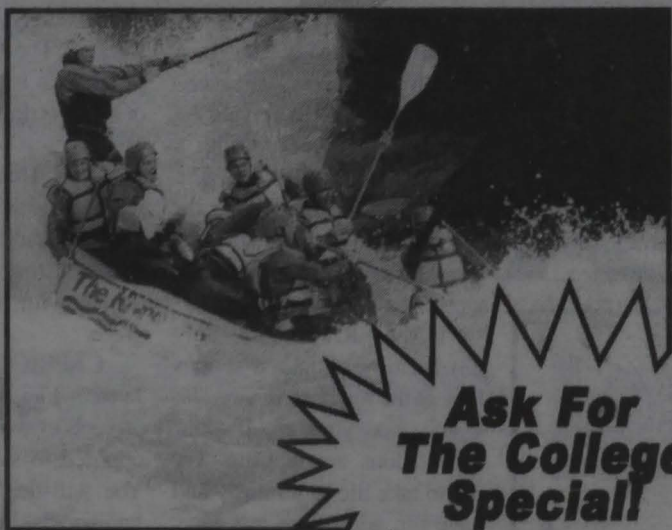
SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 23 - Dec 21) The focus is on your private life for the next month or so. This time you may find it easier to sort out old misunderstandings. Don't take any risks with your money right now, you may regret it. You can accomplish a lot if you move ahead with confidence and grace.

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 - Jan 20) Finish up with routine projects at work or at home as opposed to starting new ones. You will do best with what's familiar right now. You tend to worry about money, so just be extra careful about how and where you spend. With your delightful charm you may get just what you need.

AQUARIUS: (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Even though you try your best to please everyone, you won't be very successful. Maybe you should try to please yourself. You are going to be more thoughtful and introspective than usual. Let your thoughts move to spiritual matters. You have a strong need to help and serve humanity.

PISCES: (Feb 20 - Mar 20) The people you care about are very receptive to your ideas right now. That's the kind of support you really need. When it comes to your homelife, things have been going in ten different directions, it's time to get organized. Get out and mix with new friends.

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