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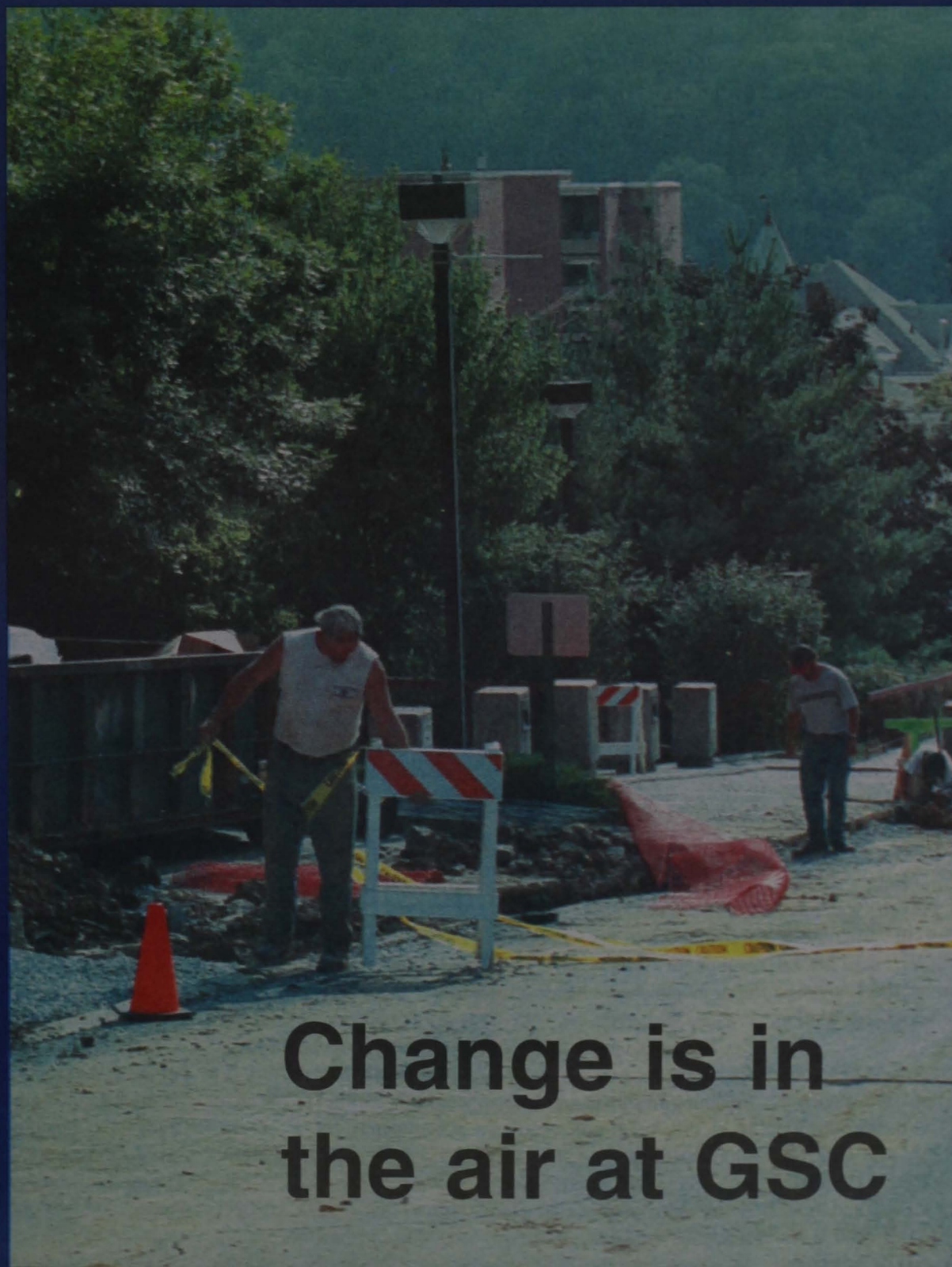
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# The Mercury



**Change is in  
the air at GSC**



# Campus reorganization rocks GSC

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College is not only receiving a much needed facelift—its very administrative structure and governance have been brought into the light as areas requiring change as well.

Dr. Thomas H. Powell, President, has introduced a proposal to bring about these changes in an organized flow to make the gears of GSC's administrative body grind a little more easily.

If adopted, the proposal will touch upon many areas, such as giving everyone affiliated with

GSC a voice, from faculty and students to alumni and community members, as all are stakeholders in the success and continuity of the college. The proposal is expected to strengthen the lines of communication, making them more expedient and open at all levels.

Contributors to the proposal include Dr. Debra Simon, Ms. Cheryl McKinney, Mr. Robert Hardman, Mr. Edward Hamric, Dr. Joe Evans, Mr. William Diehl, and Dr. Nolan Browning.

One key principle focused on in the reorganization proposal is that all areas of the college

relate to one another and must operate as a whole in order to support the mission of GSC, which is "To be a guardian of learning and to provide distinctive educational programs for citizens of West Virginia." Another principle is that the college should create a vice-presidential structure whose members would be accountable for specific areas. In addition, the proposal requires direct contact between the athletics department and the President because of the many rules and regulations governing athletics. The proposal also focuses on student needs as well as student services,

emphasizing the importance of creating a good public image of GSC through various media sources, and the importance of student recruitment and retention through enrollment management.

The shared governance aspect of the proposal touches on areas dealing with shared responsibility, open communication, the roles of standing committees and the rules governing them, as well as the use of task forces on campus to address specific issues.

The proposal includes a detailed analysis of the campus' key constituency

groups, their special areas of concentration and the appointment group/committee members.

This is but a brief summary of the proposal anyone is interested in gaining more in-depth information about the proposal or wants to question some of its provisions there will be two campus open-forum sessions. The first will take place Thursday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Verona Main Room of the Heflin Center. The second forum will be held on Friday, Sept. 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ballroom, also located in the Heflin Center.

# Some raise questions about ROTC

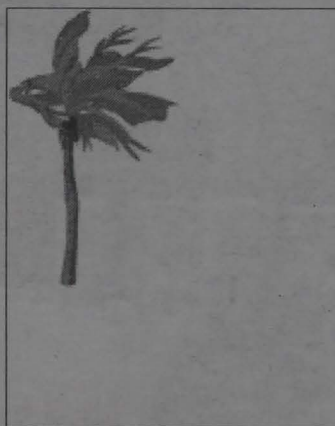
By Amy Smith  
Chris Vannoy  
Staff Reporters

As ROTC moves into place on GSC, many are concerned about the reconciliation of academic and military communities.

"I would like to think that what we did in forcing former President Simmons out was to commit ourselves to a set of principles; here under President Powell we have taken steps in articulating those principles," says Dr. Ed Palm, head of the Language Division and retired Marine officer.

Palm continues, "The military does not have academic freedom. And therein lies the problem."

The academic and military communities exist and function in two different ways. One difference between the two is their basic structures. The military is based on hierarchy, and absolute command



Dr. Edward Palm

for authority. An academic community is based on collaboration and shared ideas; governance is shared.

The Academic Oath of Excellence, taken by all incoming freshman and faculty at this year's convocation, promises to uphold: freedom of speech, civil and human rights, cultivation of character, academic integrity, diversity, social responsibility, and consideration of others.

The military still openly discriminates against women

and homosexuals. Homosexuals are accepted on the don't ask, don't tell policy and women are excluded under the Combat Exclusion Law.

Palm explains, "These are still indications that the military has a long way to go for total acceptance."

Palm adds, "I think there is still room for open discussion about ROTC on this campus. My primary concern is that this is such an important issue, I feel that there should have been more discussion beforehand."

The college does not have immediate control over ROTC unless there is a serious disagreement within the academic community.

Usually campuses that sponsor ROTC, have a committee that ROTC officers report to and then this committee reports to the academic community. No such committee currently exists here at GSC, nor are there immediate

plans to add such a committee.

Until such a committee exists, the college's only recourse in the case of serious disagreement with the ROTC program is to cancel the program. This requires a one school year advance warning.

Students polled seem to have mixed opinions about the installation of ROTC at GSC.

One student polled feels that, "ROTC and college campuses do not mix. I feel that ROTC could possibly jeopardize the academic freedom of this campus."

"I am glad ROTC has been instated on this campus. I previously served in the armed forces and will enlist again. This is a great way for students to attend college and serve our country. It is like killing two birds with one stone," added another student.

One student asked, "Where did ROTC come from anyway, all of a sudden it just appeared here

out of no where."

Enrollment figures have a lot to do with why ROTC is at GSC. It is hoped that the ROTC program will help attract students to GSC and ultimately boost enrollment figures. It appears that ROTC has similar hopes.

A source speaking to Mercury on a condition of anonymity, has informed that West Virginia ROTC enrollment is down and the program hopes to remedy this situation with the added enrollment from GSC. It is further rumored that due to low enrollment the ROTC may receive a cut in state funding.

Bill Diehl, another GSC faculty member with extensive military experience adds, "We need to pull out all the stops to increase enrollment, and attract students that wouldn't be prone to attend here. One way to accomplish this is through the ROTC program."



# Calm' gunman walks into church, kills seven

By Megan K. Stack  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas - Police combed a killer's trashed home today for clues to his motive for a shooting rampage that began when he spewed anti-racist rhetoric, burst into a church service for teen-agers and fired.

Seven people were fatally shot Wednesday night before the gunman - identified by police as 47-year-old Larry Gene Ashbrook of Fort Worth - killed himself in a pew at the Wedgwood Baptist Church. Ten others were wounded, five of them seriously.

"It looked like a skit, it looked like something out of a movie," said Bethany Williams, whose eyes red with tears and whose green crocheted purse splattered with blood. "And I thought it was a fake gun making fake noises."

Authorities this morning still have no idea what motivated the shooting. Ashbrook carried no weapons, and none was immediately found at his nearby home, which is being searched this morning.

Ashbrook acted alone, and there was no indication that he knew anyone at the church, police chief Ralph Mendoza said. The killer had no known

police record.

He carried a 9mm semiautomatic handgun and a .380-caliber handgun, pausing during the attack to reload, using three clips in all, Mendoza said. He did not have a handgun permit, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Investigators later found six loaded 9mm clips in his jacket pocket. Mendoza didn't know how much .380-caliber ammunition Ashbrook carried.

Wedgwood Baptist Church pastor Al Meredith said the congregation was pulling together to cope with the tragedy.

"I am usually the bearer of good news, but it's tragic news that we are witness to today," Meredith said this morning. "Our hearts are broken but not crushed."

Ashbrook apparently trashed his home, about 10 minutes from the church, before the rampage. FBI agents who searched the home found overturned furniture, holes in walls, concrete poured down toilets and family photos hacked to pieces, said FBI special agent in charge Robert Garrity.

"He virtually destroyed the interior of his house," Garrity said. "This has the appearance of being a very troubled man, who, for whatever reason in his own mind, sought to quiet what-

ever demons that bothered him."

Several years-old journals found in the home yielded no clue as to what caused Ashbrook to snap, Garrity said.

"I don't know that we'll ever know the answer to the question of why it happened," Garrity said. "It may just be an enigma for a long time."

Linda McConn, who has lived in Ashbrook's neighborhood since 1961, was a high school classmate of the gunman's sister. She described Ashbrook as a harmless eccentric.

"I always saw him driving around in his father's old Chevy," Ms. McConn said. "We always just kind of thought he was kind of useless."

Ashbrook apparently had lived alone since the July death of his father, 85-year-old Jack Ashbrook. The elder Ashbrook was described in his obituary as a charter member of Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ.

Aaron Ashbrook, the gunman's brother, declined comment when reached at his home near Fort Worth.

The shootings happened during a service for teen-agers at the large, red brick church on the southwest side of the city. More than 150 people were inside the building, and the Christian rock group Forty Days was perform-

ing after the annual "See You at the Pole" gathering at local schools, where students affirm their faith and concern for the problems of society by holding prayer time around school flagpoles.

Witnesses said the teens were in the sanctuary when the shooter, wearing a black jacket, jeans and a white T-shirt, arrived.

"He hits the door real hard to make his presence known and he just immediately started firing," said Dan Hughes, the church's college minister.

Witnesses said the man cursed as he fired.

"He was walking around in the sanctuary making some sort of derogatory comments about the Baptist religion," Mendoza said.

City spokesman Pat Svacina said that shortly after the shooting began, the suspect rolled a pipe bomb down an aisle toward the front of the sanctuary. The bomb exploded but caused no injuries.

"At that point, the kids and the adults that were in there apparently began realizing that this was not the normal situation," Svacina said. "The kids began hiding. We've been told that as the kids were scrambling for cover and moving around, that shots were being fired."

Witness Christy Martin told KDFW-TV: "He was very calm and looked normal and was smoking a cigarette."

When the gunfire was over, Hughes said, the man "sat in the back pew and put a gun (to his head) and shot himself and fell over."

Three adults and three teen-agers died inside the church before the gunman's suicide. A 14-year-old girl died early today.

Meredith said the victims "were Sunday school teachers and one of the favored soloists in the church, the children's choir director, kids, youth members, some active, some just getting active, some just beginning to find God."

Police feared the gunman may have wired himself with explosives. The local bomb squad and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms sent in a robot to search his body for explosives, but found no others.

Meredith said he hoped to have the church cleared for use by the weekend.

"It is my heart's desire that if the investigation gets cleared up, somehow, some way we can worship God in this facility Sunday morning," he said. "Our heart's desire is that the king of darkness will not prevail over the kingdom of light."

## Emotional George W. Bush blames 'wave of evil' - not guns - for recent rash of random shootings

By Ron Fournier  
AP Political Writer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush said Thursday that "a wave of evil" - not a lack of gun control laws - is the cause of rampant gun violence in America.

Scrapping two fund-raisers to return home to Texas and the scene of a deadly shooting spree, the GOP front-runner said the tragedy had not softened his pro-gun views.

"I don't know of a law - a governmental law - that will put love in people's hearts," the

Texas governor told reporters at a news conference. He toured a local elementary school and met privately with former President Gerald Ford before leaving for Texas.

His eyes red and moist, Bush said: "It's hard to explain how hatred lurks in somebody's heart to the point where he walks into a church where children and adults were seeking God's guidance and shoots them."

Seven people were fatally shot Wednesday night at a Fort Worth, Texas, Baptist church before the gunman killed himself in a pew. Authorities did not know the man's motive.

The shooting posed a potential political problem for the two-term governor who signed a 1995 law allowing Texans to carry concealed weapons with a permit. Democrats have questioned his commitment to federal and state efforts to require background checks at gun shows.

Bush, who spoke to police in Texas shortly before the news conference, said he was told the suspect did not have a concealed-weapons permit. "I don't know his background, but it sounds to me like he's mentally deranged," Bush said. "You bet, I'd like to make sure people like him don't have guns."

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# Your Homecoming Candidates

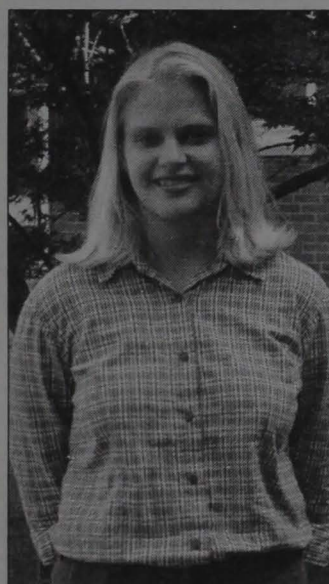
## (In No Particular Order)



Hey! My name is Brandi Adkins. I was nominated by S.T.A.R.S to run for Sophomore Princess. My major is Paralegal Technology. I am a 19 year old from Summersville, WV, and a 1998 graduate of Nicholas County High School.



Hi! I am Breanna White and I'm running for sophomore princess. I'm an elementary education major, a cheerleader, and Governing Board representative from Mineral Wells, WV. Vote for me.



Nominated by S.E.A (Student Education Association), Carol Tenney is running for Homecoming Queen. Carol is treasurer of S.E.A, vice-president of Kappa Delta Pi, a member of Alpha Psi Omega, and a GSC Cheerleader. She is an elementary education and special education major. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master degree in counseling and later join the Peace Corps.



My name is Genia Bailey. I am an Accounting major and have been a member of the Student Accounting Society for 2 years. I am running for Senior Homecoming Princess. Vote for Genia Bailey.



Jennifer Stinnett is from Tioga, WV. She is the daughter of Sandy Holmes and Paul Stinnett. Jennifer is majoring in accounting and business management. She is also a member of the Sand Fork Baptist Church.



Hi! My name is Josalynn Hall. I am a S.T.A.R.S nominee for Junior Princess. English is my major and Theatre is my minor at GSC. I am a groovy 21 year-old and a 1996 graduate of Fayetteville High School.



# But wait, there's more of them



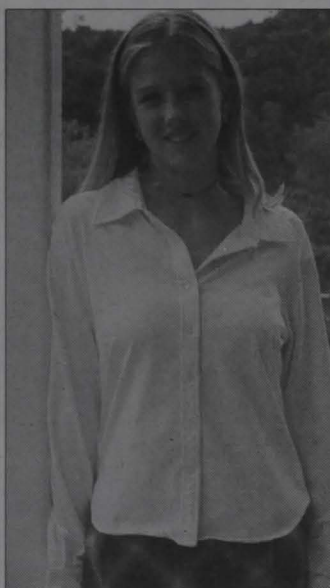
This is my first year at Glenville State College. My name is Kelli Felton and I am 18 years old. I love to cheer, listen to music, and chill with my friends and watch movies. I am currently a cheerleader for the Pioneers and attend FCA meetings. I hope you vote for me for Freshman Princess, a new true Pioneer.



Nominated by Pioneers Nursing, Miranda Reid is running for junior princess. Miranda's hobbies include swimming, going out with her friends, teaching water aerobics, riding horses, and is the president of PIN. She has modeled across the state and has won many beauty pageants and bikini contests over the past few years. After graduating she plans to work in the neonatal nursery and work on her masters degree in nursing. Miranda works in the computer lab (AB basement) and the college pool so stop by and say hi!



My name is Shauntae Ford. I am a 20 year old sophomore. I love to sing, dance, cheer, and make money. I also love to model and encourage others to join Christ. I cheer for the Glenville Pioneers and hope to see more smiling faces. Vote for me for Sophomore Princess, a true spirited Pioneer.



My name is Tara Martin. I'm 18 and I am from Charleston, WV. This is my first year at Glenville. I'm also a cheerleader for the Glenville Pioneers. Please vote for me, Tara Martin for Freshman Princess.



Hello, my name is Amy Smith and I am running for your homecoming queen. When I'm not balancing course work and running *The Mercury*, my hobbies include white water rafting, reading and spending time with my cats. I am an English Major, with a Mathematics minor.

***Elections will be held:***  
**Monday, 9/20 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at**  
**the Heflin Center**  
**8 p.m.-10 p.m. at the**  
**Residence Halls**  
**and**  
**Tuesday, 9/21 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**at the Heflin Center**



# Newsome named Mercury staff member of the month

By Jason Collins  
Staff Reporter

Mercury staff member for the month of September is Sherry Newsome. She is a Glenville State College Sophomore, majoring in Marketing. Sherry hopes to have a career in realty or advertising. She has worked at the Mercury for two consecutive semesters and enjoys her position as Copy Editor. She also writes.

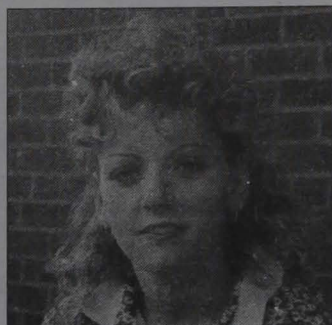
Newsome was very surprised at being voted staff member of the month and says that her one request is "to be assigned a convenient, designated parking space for the

month."

Newsome offers, "Everyone has been very helpful at the paper. Chris Vannoy has been a godsend in helping me with copy editing." She feels that her journalistic experiences here have greatly improved her people skills. Sherry describes the Mercury as "several people working toward one common goal."

Originally from Roane County, West Virginia, she was a member of the United States Army for two years.

Besides working for the Mercury, Sherry likes to read, watch movies, fishing, and exercising. She has one son, Zachary, who is nine.



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

## Sherry Newsome

Newsome came to Glenville mainly because the campus is close to her home. Even though she didn't know anyone here at first, GSC's close knit community really made Sherry feel that GSC is truly her home away from home.

# Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Jason Smith

By Jason Collins  
Staff reporter

Dr. Jason Smith is in the new faculty spotlight this week. He is a new addition to the Language Division, as an adjunct. Smith currently teaches two courses on the main campus of Glenville State College and three classes at West Virginia Wesleyan in Buckhannon.

Smith is from Marshall, Texas; after high school, he joined the United States Army for three years and was stationed in Hawaii for the majority of his enlistment.

Smith received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Political Science and a

Master's of Arts in English from Texas A&M University. Smith then went on to get a PhD. in Comparative Literature at the University of Arkansas.

Smith began teaching at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He taught two very interesting classes, "Love and Death," and "Modern Fantasy." He met his fiancée, Dr. Ximena Gallardo, while at Louisiana State. Gallardo also teaches at GSC.

"I helped Ximena move up to Glenville last year and enjoyed this community so much that I decided to become a part of it." Smith also says that he "identifies more with the students here."

He affirms that his students at both GSC and WV Wesleyan are the same academically.

His varied interests include Popular Culture, online gaming, and the study of the types of personalities that people develop on computers. He also enjoys Latin American literature and culture.

Smith recently published an article in *Mosaic*, a scholarly journal concerned with the interdisciplinary study of literature. This article was about John Fowles' novel, "The French Lieutenant's Woman" and the quantum theory of physics. Smith is now working on an article about *South Park*.

# Senior Spotlight

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter

This semester The Mercury is trying to recognize graduating seniors by dedicating a column to them. Each week a graduating senior will be selected at random. It will be in this column that their Glenville State College life will be told. If you are graduating this fall and would like to be put in the spotlight, please call Josalynn Hall at 462-7104

This week's senior is Jason Brown. Jason is originally from Poe, WV, which is outside of Summersville. Brown grew up there and graduated from Nicholas County High School in 1995.

After graduation Brown decided to attend GSC because it was close to home, had a small population, and because the Forestry Department was the best in the state.

In 1997 Brown received his Associate degree in Forestry. Brown then returned to GSC to work on his Bachelors in Biology.

Upon graduating, Brown hopes to be employed by one of West Virginia's timber companies. He doesn't have a job yet, but is currently sending out resumes.

When asked what he liked about GSC, Brown responded with "I like the small area, the people are really friendly and you can get to know your instructor on a one-to-one basis."

Brown is one of GSC's suitcase students, which means he goes home nearly every weekend to be close to his family and his girlfriend, Brandi Adkins.

Brown states "Enjoy college why you can, it's the best years of your life, where you'll meet the best friends of your life."

# New prof joins Education

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter

Elementary and Early Childhood Education.

After graduation, Waggoner moved to Clearwater, Florida, where she was employed in one of the first learning disability courses.

After working in Florida, Waggoner returned to Gilmer county, where she taught Kindergarten, first, third, and fourth grades as well as special education. All in all, Waggoner has been employed in Gilmer county for 25 years.

She is married to Magistrate Assistant, Bob Waggoner. They have one daughter and live in Glenville.

Waggoner is the Assistant to the Superintendent of Gilmer County. She is the coordinator of curriculum, special education, the 504 disability act, text books, staff development, technology, beginning teachers, and testing.

One of Gilmer county's educators recently joined the Glenville State College staff. Sue Waggoner, Director of Special Services in Gilmer county, is a new Education professor in the distant learning center here at GSC. Waggoner's class is designed for students who are interested in getting into the field of education. Waggoner states "It has been very interesting participating in the Distance Learning Class. It has been a special experience."

Waggoner is from Pleasants county and a graduate of St. Mary's High School. She received her Bachelor's degree from GSC in Elementary Ed, Social Studies and Special Education, and her masters from WVU in

## ACS Meeting

**Sept. 21  
Room 400  
Science Hall**

**All members are urged to attend**



# Speeding up your college stay

By Mary Wildfire  
Staff Reporter

Would you like to speed up your passage through college? How would you like to get college credit just by taking one test and skipping all the classes? Most Glenville State College students seem to be unaware that there are in fact, not one but *two* ways to do this, although both are mentioned in the handbook. CLEP is a national program, and GSC has its own challenge policy. Each has its limitations.

CLEP stands for College Level Examination

Program. You can arrange to take a CLEP test through the Careers office, which sends the completed test to a national center for grading. The restrictions are 1) only certain subjects have CLEP tests, 2) it costs \$54 to take a test, including the GSC administration fee, and 3) the biggie— unless you're a Board of Regents student, you can only take a CLEP when you have at least 12 but less than 28 hours of credit. The advantage is that with the exception of English 101/102, you can arrange to take a CLEP test anytime.

For me, even though I

am a Board of Regents student, the better deal has been the challenge tests because they're cheaper. If you're a full-time student, the fee is only \$5 per credit-hour, usually \$15. Again, only certain courses are challengeable, but they aren't always the same ones that are on the CLEP list. You can get a copy of the list of currently challengeable classes along with the rules from the Dean's office. One of the rules is that you must take the test within the first four weeks of the term, or the first two weeks of a summer term. This is not much of a draw-

back because the logical time to study for the test is during the summer or Christmas vacation preceding the term. Having done several challenges, I have a word of advice if you decide to try this: notify the teacher at *least* a month in advance, so s/he has time to make up the test. You'll need to talk to the instructor to find out what book to study. I've even had teachers who were nice enough to lend me their own copies.

With either CLEP or a challenge, you just have to pass the test to get the credit, which will be entered into your record as "trans-

fer credits." The teacher may tell you what your score is, but it doesn't affect your GPA.

I did challenge one class that required more than a test; Nancy Wemm made me give two speeches for the Public Speaking class. For me this was useful practice and even fun, but some might see it otherwise.

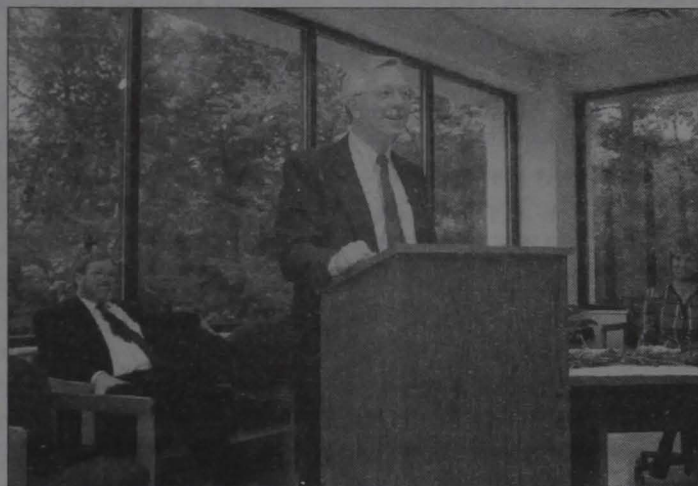
If you're in a hurry to graduate and if you're the kind who can learn out of a book, or if there is a subject that you know well enough that it would be a waste of time to sit through classes, you might want to check out these possible shortcuts.

## Nicholas holds faculty luncheon

By BJ Woods  
Staff Reporter

On August 12, 1999 there was a faculty luncheon at the Nicholas County campus in Summersville. There were 55 in attendance, including Glenville State College administrative staff, division chairs, and approximately 40 Nicholas County campus staff and professors.

There were many notable moments at the luncheon. Dr. Powell, President of GSC, gave a talk which highlighted his



B.J. Woods, Mercury

### President Powell addresses the luncheon

goals and challenges for County branch for its contributions to GSC. He also expressed his praise to the Nicholas Ms. Crystal Amick,

Nicholas County Campus Administrative Secretary, was recognized for all of her hard work and dedication to the college. She has been accepted to the University of Akron Law School on a full scholarship.

Also recognized was Mr. Joe Hickman, who was the first Nicholas County Campus Director.

Powell presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Jim Rogers. Rogers is retiring for medical reasons and had been a part of the GSC Fine Arts division for 23 years. Powell com-

mented on the hard work and dedication and all the contributions that Rogers, an Art professor, had given GSC. Rogers was the first full time professor from GSC to teach at the Nicholas County Extension. Rogers

received a standing ovation as he received his plaque.

Following the luncheon, Nicholas County campus professors had the opportunity to meet with the division chairs for a few minutes to discuss changes, challenges, and exchange ideas.

## Student Organizations: This Space Could Be Yours

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

### SEA

(Student Education Association)

Meeting

Sept. 20

Clark Hall Room 001 @ 4 p.m.

For more information, contact  
Misty @ 853-2347



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## This, That, and The Other

Okay guys, that is much more like it. Keep those letters coming in.

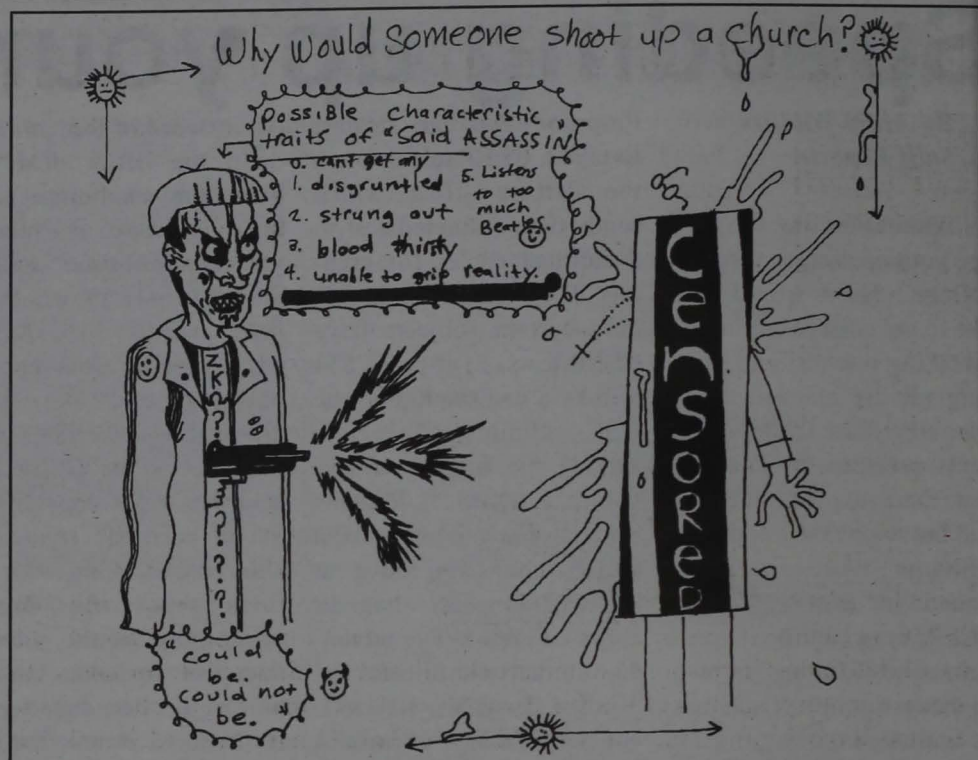
It seems that our campus has just embarked down a road called change. On Monday, President Powell submitted a proposal that calls for an almost complete change of GSC's administration. After reviewing the proposal, I feel that many of these changes are long overdue. Some of them though, require much thought and input from both faculty and students. I hope everyone plans on attending the open forums to discuss possible changes.

Is it time for fall break yet? I woke up last Thursday morning and the smell of autumn was in the air; I almost cried for summertime! Before we know it, winter will be here and we will all be bundled up fighting the cold. A number of different almanacs are calling for one of the toughest winters in years. I can't wait to go sleigh riding, but still anxiously await spring.

I have said that I would not turn this into my bitch column, but I cannot keep silent on this one. I called one of GSC's residency halls in search of one of my dearly, beloved friends to convey an important message. It was not an emergency, just important. I was connected to the floor phone and politely asked if my friend was in their room. "Hold on," said the unknown voice and the phone was left to dangle into oblivion. When the voice came back, I was told no and before I could so much as get a thank you in or ask him to try another room that my friend may have been in, I was hung up on! I realize that it was not this person's job to track down my friend, but what if I had been a parent or had to speak to someone in case of an emergency? That type of rudeness does not bode well for the reputation of our college community.

Enough of that. I am happy to see so much school spirit in anticipation of Homecoming, still a number of weeks away. Good Luck to all our homecoming princess and queen nominees. Yes, it is true, I am also one of those nominees. I have never in all my life done anything remotely like this before. Much to my chagrin, my loyal and dedicated staff here at the Mercury nominated me.

That's it for this week, until next time and so on.....



## What the GSC reorganization means for your beloved Merc

By Chris Vannoy  
Staff Columnist

On last Monday, President Powell unveiled his new reorganization of the Glenville State Administration. I realize that while his intentions were probably good, he has inadvertently jeopardized one of the institutions at this college that I hold most dear: this very newspaper.

As it currently stands, The Mercury is under the guidance of the Language Division here at GSC, and they have so far done a remarkable job with it.

For example, The Mercury has been approached by West Virginia high school journalism teachers con-

cerning sending students into our journalism program.

One reason for this interest is the freedom granted to The Mercury by the recent charter. This new-found independence has given the paper a heightened credibility in the eyes of our readers.

Powell's new plan would place The Mercury, and all other student publications, under the supervision of the Vice President of Student Life, rather than the Language Division.

This would effectively sever the ties The Mercury currently enjoys with the Language Division, and more importantly, the journalism program.

Would this also can-

cel out The Mercury charter, since the Campus Publications Committee, which is in charge of overseeing the paper, would be wiped from existence?

Would the Vice-President of Student Life be responsible for picking the advisor and editor?

Would that same Vice-President be able to affect content, given that the protections afforded by the charter are gone?

These are all thorny issues that I feel must be worked out before this reorganization can be approved.

The students of Glenville State College have the right to an independent, and hence credible, news source.

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# Letters to the Editor: You're in the Army Now!

## Military Discrimination of Women Sets Bad Example

Editor:  
I'm reading the article "OTC Comes to Me" in the September 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the Mercury and a statement by President Powell about it.

The statement made in there that hit my funny bone was "I will not tolerate any discriminatory practices against anyone in ROTC."

Well, that is fine and good, but will you tolerate discrimination that discrimi-

ates the cold hard fact of the military discrimination against openly Gay soldiers.

Will we court-martial soldiers that are openly Gay?

Will we harass, spit upon, let teachers talk bad about the students here at school that choose alternative lifestyles? I hope not. Why should we let the military come in and by example, discriminate to our students?

Do we believe that money, that man-made God, that So how much is a soldier being paid to let come to Glenville College?

Don't know, but I do know that the school is making a good-sized change for letting come here.

How much and

where is it now and what is it being used for, these are the questions that I ask.

Will someone please answer my questions?

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Burks  
Dear Editor,  
I'm writing this letter

## ROTC Editorial Off the Mark

In response to the article in last week's Mercury accusing the U.S. Army of harassment and sexism. I, for one, feel that the Army was damn good to me. I was provided with clothing, food, medical/dental benefits, college credits, world travel, and was in the best physical shape of my life while in the U.S. Army. Had I taken advantage of it, I could also be having my college education paid for by contributing to the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Yes, I had to do push-ups. Yes, I was yelled at by a "mean" drill sergeant. Yes, I was tired and discouraged many times during basic training. Yes, graduation from basic training was one of my proudest accomplishments in life. Anyone who tells you that none of these things will happen is full of it. Sherry told of being harassed by a superior. What she didn't talk about was whether or not she used the chain of command to go over that superior's

head and try and solve the problem. I wasn't in the military when she was, but I know that the chain of command has existed since the U.S. Army was formed.

Sherry told of a woman who was impregnated during basic training by a drill sergeant. This woman claimed a fear of being hindered in her training. If this story is true, she let this man get away with rape so her training would not be hindered. I, for one, think that rape charges should have been filed and the sergeant should be rotting in a military prison. If the story is true.

Sherry and I were both members of the Military Police. In my Military Police experience, women were treated equal to or better than men in all cases.

Sherry said she wasn't trying to discourage anyone from joining the Army. I can't imagine her article if she ever wanted to discourage someone.

I know the Army was good to me. There ends my letter.

Garth W. Beck  
(Specialist/E-4)

## And the Columnist's Response

I am writing in response to Garth Beck's letter to the editor about Sexism in the Military, the article I wrote in last

week's edition of the Mercury.

First off, Mr. Beck, let me say that I am glad your military experience was a positive one. Yes, the Army does provide for the physical needs of its soldiers very well.

I did not dispute that fact in my article. Nor did I complain about basic training. I did everything the men were required to do, as did the other females in my platoon. And I agree that graduation from basic training should be looked upon with self pride and accomplishment.

As for using the chain of command, yes, I did attempt to use the chain of command, all the way up to the First Sergeant of my company.

When I explained to him what had been going on with the squad leader, he replied, "Suck it up, soldier, the Army isn't for sissies."

I was not then, nor am I now, a "sissy". Because I am a member of the supposed "weaker sex" does not warrant being made the butt of derogatory remarks and behavior, nor should any woman endure such treatment when she is doing the same job as man, with equal results.

As to your skepticism of the truth about Private Carroll, the female in my platoon impregnated by the drill instructor, just remain in your world of self delusion, Mr. Beck.

I've seen the real world

and those two people are citizens of it. That kind of thing happens every day. Some people close their eyes to it. The Mercury isn't a tabloid publication full of fabrications and fallacies.

When I read, I want to read the truth. As a writer, I provide just that...the truth. Why Carroll didn't turn the guy in, I don't know.

As a male, Mr. Beck, you probably couldn't recognize sexism for what it is because you are a MAN!!! As long as the military is predominantly male, sexism will rear its ugly head. Perhaps the females in your company were treated better than the men, but if you were a woman in that same unit, you might tell a different story, one of being patronized and treated unfairly because of your gender.

My editorial was an opinion piece based on personal experience and insight.

In no way did I intend it to be a deterrent for any female wishing to join the armed forces. As I said in my article, perhaps things have changed, but maybe they haven't. I am not telling anyone how to choose the path of her life. In America, we have the freedom to decide our own destinies.

We also have the right to be treated equally, without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin.

Sherry Newsome

### Letters to the Editor Submission Guidelines:

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# Glenville falls to Edinboro

Associated Press

EDINBORO, Pa. - Edinboro's Bernard Henry ran for two touchdowns and the Flying Scots held off a late Glenville State rally to win 29-20 on Saturday, earning coach Tom Hollman his 100th victory in 12 years.

Henry carried 11 times in 12 plays for 62 yards on Edinboro's opening drive, including a 3-yard run for the score. Henry scored again with nine seconds

left in the half on a 9-yard run. He carried 28 times for 122 yards in the game.

Following a safety, Edinboro took the free kick and drove 51 yards on nine plays, capped by Chris Morgan's 6-yard touchdown run.

Glenville scored in the third quarter on Jayce Goree's 8-yard pass to Lance Linden, sandwiched between two Edinboro field goals.

Glenville added two more scores in the final

seven minutes, the first a 3-yard run by Thaddeus Hampton capped by a two-point conversion. After stopping Edinboro on downs, Glenville went 55 yards on 17 plays, scoring on a 2-yard run by Goree.

After Glenville's extra-point kick went wide, Edinboro ran out the last 1:17.

Goree led Glenville's offense, completing 21 of 40 passes for 171 yards and running for 42 yards on 12 carries.

## One game into season Couch becomes Cleveland Browns starter at quarterback over Ty Detmer

By Tom Withers  
AP Sports Writer

BEREA, Ohio - The No. 1 wearing No. 2 will start at quarterback in Week 2 for the new Cleveland Browns.

Tim Couch, selected with the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft to be the Browns' quarterback of the future, will replace Ty Detmer as the starter Sunday when Cleveland, coming off an embarrassing opening loss to Pittsburgh, travels to Nashville to play the Tennessee Titans.

"I didn't know when this would happen, if it

would be this year or not," Couch said Wednesday. "I'm grateful for the opportunity. Hopefully, I'll go out and do what I'm capable of doing, go out there and put some points up on the board."

Browns coach Chris Palmer announced he was making the switch because he thinks Couch is ready to start and because Detmer would be better at coming off the bench.

"I'm very confident in the move," Palmer said. "I feel very upbeat, positive. I think it's the best thing for the team. I know there's

steps along the way. Some of those steps look like mountains, but you have to take them."

When asked what would precipitate starting Detmer again, Palmer said: "I don't know that will happen this year. It could. I've said all along I know what Ty Detmer is. Couch obviously has upside, and he has to grow. I just think Tim has more upside than Ty at this particular time."

Palmer hinted at a quarterback change Monday. After consulting with his staff, he decided on Tuesday night to start Couch.

## NFL insists LA still new franchise race

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The NFL's original deadline for Los Angeles to present an acceptable stadium proposal has passed, but the league insists that doesn't assure that Houston will get the expansion franchise.

The six-month window the NFL gave Los Angeles ended Wednesday with none of the Los Angeles groups able to organize a deal that satisfied the league.

Los Angeles, however, apparently still has some hope of landing what will be the league's 32nd team.

Three Los Angeles groups - representing the Coliseum, Hollywood Park and Carson - are very much in the running despite the passing of the deadline, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

"It means the window of exclusivity for Los Angeles has ended," Aiello said from league headquarters in New York.

This week, the NFL began talking again with representatives from Houston.

In Los Angeles, Michael Ovitz is those still trying to team to town.

"The Ovitz group worked very hard at a great deal of money to bring pro football to LA. Now it's up to the league to decide who wants to play professional football in Los Angeles," said Mark Fabiani, spokesman for Ovitz. Aiello reiterated the league's stance. Houston doesn't have an edge for the expansion team.

"It's wide open between the four we're dealing with. It's a matter of someone coming up with a plan to get 24 votes from owners," he said.

The 31 team owners scheduled to meet next month in Atlanta next month in Atlanta commissioner Tagliabue recently decision on the expansion franchise might be then.

Three-fourths of the team owners would approve the action.

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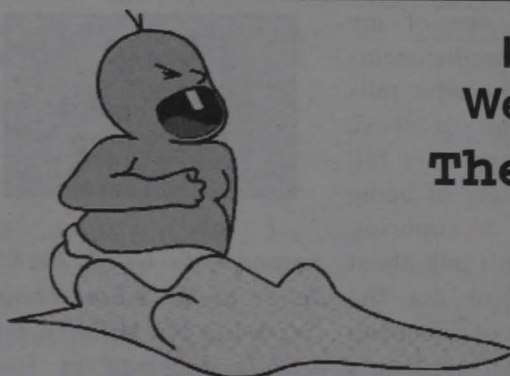
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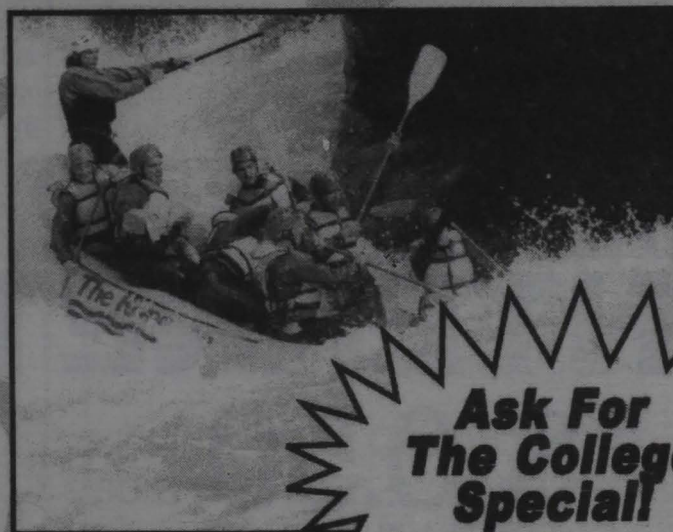
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# Fox gets awarded

By Melissa B. Robinson  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Sen. Joseph Lieberman and William Bennett - culture critics who have been campaigning for less sex and violence in music and video games and on television - gave Fox television their third "Silver Sewer" award.

"The network has not yet worked its way up to a naked live execution, but viewers will see plenty of crass displays of nudity, much of it in the traditional family hour, along with plenty of obscenities and vulgarities ...." said Lieberman, D-Conn.

Bennett and Lieberman singled out several of Fox's new fall shows, including the family drama "Get Real," the sitcoms "Manchester Prep" and "Malcolm in the Middle," and "Action," a satire of the movie industry.

They asked News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch, in a letter, to use his influ-

ence to improve the network's programming.

Murdoch's News Corp. is a worldwide media conglomerate that includes newspapers, Fox television, 20th Century Fox film studio and satellite networks in Europe and Asia. Through Fox Sports, Murdoch also owns the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"He is now responsible for what is perhaps the worst - the most crude, cynical and insulting - material ever to be broadcast to the American public over network television airwaves," said Bennett, a conservative who was a top official in the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Asked why viewers shouldn't simply be responsible for what they watch on TV, Bennett said that parents can't control everything their children see, especially when they're at friends' houses.

Fox, in a statement, said viewers don't have to watch shows they don't like. It said it supports voluntary content ratings for televi-

sion, noting that "Action" is rated for mature audiences only.

"The average American television home now receives more than 57 different television channels," said the statement. "That means when any program airs, the typical viewer commands another 56 choices."

Parents will have more power to block out objectionable programming by the year's end, when all new TV sets 13 inches and larger are required to have v-chip technology. Broadcast and cable networks are developing electronically coded TV ratings necessary for the v-chips to work.

In the past, the "Silver Sewer" has gone to CBS for airing a "60 Minutes" broadcast of euthanasia by Dr. Jack Kevorkian and shock jock Howard Stern's raunchy television show, and to Seagram Inc. for supporting Jerry Springer's talk show and shock-rocker Marilyn Manson.

## "American Beau

By Ted Anthony  
Associated Press

Now and then - far too infrequently - a film comes along that offers a sliver of legitimate wisdom about the condition of the family in 20th-century America.

Robert Redford's "Ordinary People" (1980) did it. So did Ang Lee's "The Ice Storm" (1997). Now, director Sam Mendes' "American Beauty" takes its place among the best family dramas of recent decades.

Subtle and harrowing, full of cockeyed humor and visceral pain, "American Beauty" explores a modern family - what makes it tick, and how each tick can herald the existence of a time bomb moving inexorably toward detonation.

Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey), writer for a booster-oriented ad magazine, is coping with early middle age. A comfortable, suburban life has left him self-indulgent and a bit disorient-

ed.

"I know I'm doing something," he says, "but I don't know what it is."

His wife, (Annette Bening), a brilliant and self-pitying woman who has been inside her marriage for years of rising and falling, her husband and her real-estate agent dresses and furnishes her home as a bon vivant, she now is so emotionally exhausted that, when she catches herself simultaneously doing so much for herself for doing so much for herself.

Their high-school daughter, Jane (Lacey Chabert), is hovering on the junction of adolescence and troubled teenagehood. She's ugly, though not really, but she's disgusted at her parents' suburban artifice.

Add a cryptic neighbor who lives next door named Ricky Fitts (Bentley) and his parents, throw in a young girl named Lolita (Mena Suvari) who has a potboiler could go any direction. And it does.

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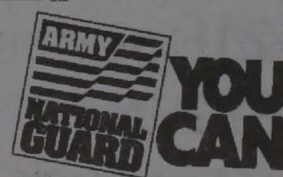
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# 'Sixth Sense' has made Philadelphia a moviemaking hot spot

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - To locals talk about it, a new about dead people around Philadelphia best thing to happen a little-known boxer Rocky trained on the museum steps.

Early every scene in "The Sixth Sense" is led by the city's recognizable brick sidewalks and anti-iron fences. A extols the history of the city, telling a class it was the capital of the United States. Even the troubled main character lives in a cozy South Philadelphia row house.

Is this the same trash-city where Bruce Lee roamed a deserted, earthquake-stricken Earth in "Five Monkeys" and Kevin Murphy played a fake-beggar in "Trading

Places"?

Though movies made and set in Philly are nothing new, the city's stock on theater screens has skyrocketed with the success of "The Sixth Sense," which has earned more than \$176 million to date. And with more movie productions fleeing Los Angeles for cheaper locations here and overseas, Philadelphia is happy to grab part of the windfall.

"Philadelphia is photographed so beautifully and with so many people coming to see the movie it can't help but help us," mayor's spokesman Kevin Feeley said.

Philadelphia has long been the backdrop for stories about blue-collar heroes earning respect, from Paul Newman's social climber in "The Young Philadelphians" to Jimmy Stewart's snobby writer pining after Katharine Hepburn's

debutante in "The Philadelphia Story."

Even "Rocky" and "Trading Places" were about bottom-skimmers pulling themselves up by their bootstraps. In between have been movies using the city to look like somewhere else — "Independence Day," "The Peacemaker" and "Seven," and films like "The Age of Innocence" and "Beloved" that filled the streets with dirt to recall the city's 19th-century heyday.

Philadelphia credits its latest bout in the limelight to native son M. Night Shyamalan, a 29-year-old who wrote and directed "The Sixth Sense." He also filmed last year's "Wide Awake," about a 10-year-old boy's search for God, in the Philadelphia suburb of Bryn Mawr.

"I have a strong affinity

for this place," Shyamalan said from his office in Conshohocken, outside Philadelphia. "It's a city where you can borrow its natural character or use it as a stand-in for other cities. You can literally do anything here."

The buzz around Philadelphia can only help Shyamalan and other hometown directors such as Brian De Palma and Elaine May, because every movie strengthens the city's infrastructure of crew, production support and experience.

"Whether it's 'Philadelphia' or 'Sixth Sense,' it gives Philadelphia an identity as a feature film place. It's entertaining people and it's giving them just a hint of what is here and that's a nice benefit," said native Philadelphian and director Eugene Martin,

who has made two independent films here.

Actor Steve Buscemi is directing his second movie, "Animal Factory," with Willem Dafoe and Edward Furlong at Holmesburg Prison in suburban Philadelphia; NYPD Blue-director Darnell Martin is planning his movie, "Prison Song," here.

Still, Philadelphia continues to compete with other locations, especially Canada, where the exchange rate and cheaper labor can cut costs by up to one-third.

"The bottom line is that we're losing a number of films to Canada, and every film commission is trying to address that problem," said Baltimore Film Office spokeswoman Rose Greene. "A successful movie at the box office is a big help."

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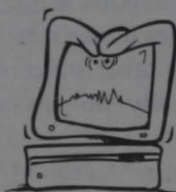
# THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Organ Fire Sale

By Ben Bruton  
Guest Columnist

You're probably asking yourself the same thing I am: Should human organs be sold over the Internet?

Well, it is sort of illegal. Last year, a United States man was arrested in Rome, Italy, after attempting to sell a human kidney. Apparently, the man was advertising organs for sale over the Internet—besides the aforementioned kidney, there were also human hearts and pancreas glands for sale.

Ridiculous as it may sound, human body parts are in big demand these days, what with organ transplant operations becoming increasingly commonplace.



**"Are the people who are bidding on human kidneys and unborn children just kidding, or are they serious?"**

Millions of Americans in need of a new liver or kidney must sign endless waiting lists while hospitals search for willing organ donors. The legal process of securing rights to a donated organ can drag on for months or even years, while the health of needy recipients steadily declines.

It's a race against time for these people, and as a result, the black market trafficking of human organs has become a major international industry. And what better way

to meet demand of such a desperate consumer market than through the Internet?

Of course, it should be stated that the selling of human organs is a federal felony punishable by at least five years in prison and fines as high as \$250,000.

That doesn't stop people from trying, however. On September 3, a human kidney was offered for sale at a popular auction web site, eBay.

The company intervened and blocked the

sale of the kidney, believing it to be a hoax.

Last Tuesday, offers to sell three unborn babies appeared on the site and were again promptly blocked.

More hoaxes? Probably. Nevertheless, there is no denying the demand expressed by eBay customers.

The kidney sale brought in bids as high as 5.7 million dollars. And for the unborn babies? Bids for one of the babies reached \$109,100.

Are the people who are bidding on human kidneys and unborn children just kidding, or are they serious?

I suspect most of them think it is a big joke, but you never know. Maybe there are some eBay users

out there who really think they can buy themselves a baby, or pick up a kidney.

Should such practice be condoned? Even isn't a hoax, whose kid or unborn child is it?

Where did the seller get it from, and are they a highly-suspect individual in any position to barter away something as precious as human life vital organ?

Clearly, no. But such a bizarre and laughable practice may seem like organ brokering is on the rise. It may not be happening in this country, but give it time.

Where there is demand, people always manage to find a way.

Does anyone have a spleen I can borrow?

## Particle Lady: Fighting Feline Leukemia

By BJ Woods  
Staff Columnist

As September is National Leukemia Month, I thought of a college student here at Glenville State College who owned a cat with feline leukemia. I began thinking why it would be important to write about this disease. The student informed me that feline leukemia is very prevalent in Gilmer County, because many families stay here for only a year or so and then leave. This leaves new owners and pets at risk of getting sick because there aren't any ordinances that require a previous owner to inform the new owner of his/her pet's illnesses. Odds are that such an ordinance will never come into being. Public

awareness and education is the next route to help in the prevention of this disease.

In this article, I will discuss what feline leukemia is, how it is transmitted, how the virus affects the cat, and how the disease can be prevented with proper vaccinations.

Feline Leukemia Virus is a virus that is specific to cats only. It is considered to be the most common cause of serious illness and death among domestic cats. It causes the breakdown of the cat's immune system, permitting the cat to become susceptible to many diseases which, if healthy, the cat otherwise may have been able to have fought off.

Feline Leukemia is transmitted via saliva, mucus, urine, feces, and

blood. This means mutual grooming and biting and or fighting amongst cats are the most likely methods of transmission, although sneezing, hissing, sharing food or water bowls and litter boxes are also possible means of transmission.

Once the virus gains entry into a cat, it will reproduce in the lymph tissue, which is a cat's first defense in its immune system. Some cats have healthy immune systems and can defeat the virus at this stage. If the disease isn't successfully destroyed here, the virus will then move into the bone marrow. It may stay latent in the marrow for many years. After that, it begins attacking other tissues.

If your cat has tested positive for feline

leukemia, this does not mean that you must have him/her put to sleep. There are some veterinarians who may suggest this, but it is entirely up to the owner. Feline leukemia is contagious, but a cat with this disease can live for several years without any signs or symptoms. One piece of advice that a vet will give you is that you will need to reduce stress for the cat.

There are vaccines available on the market that pet owners may purchase for their cat. The problem with vaccines is that there are no USDA guidelines for standard requirements for the vaccines. In a recent poll of veterinarians, it was stated that there is a 75-85% effectiveness rate with the vaccines.

There is no cure for feline leukemia, but there are now precautions that can be taken to decrease the risk of his/her cat contracting the virus. A bright side is that even if your cat tests positive with the virus, it does mean that s/he can't live long, productive life.

As with human leukemia, research is continuing. Some day there may be a way to prevent the disease completely, but until then, precautions guarding your cat's health need to be taken.

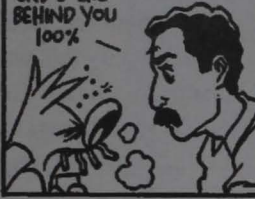
Until next week, take care and have a safe journey as you travel the halls of science. For comments or column suggestions, please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu.



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## Horoscope by the AP

**ARIES:** (Mar 21-Apr 20) A trip seems to be just what you need to relax and refocus on all other aspects of the daily grind. You may even fantasize about relocating to some far away place... and you might even go. Being in a learning phase, use what you observe to make daily changes.

**TAURUS:** (Apr 21 - May 21) Joint funds are highlighted this week, and it will take some work to reach a compromise with a mate or business partner. Your gut feeling is strongly telling you that you are right, and you very well may be. Your sensitive nature will attract others to you.

**GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21) Usually you are somewhat content on your own and independent, but there is a pervading feeling that you are missing out on something special by not being connected to someone close to you. You can accomplish more than usual when working in tandem with someone else.

**CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23) The workplace is very active for you right now and hard work will result in a number of accomplishments. There is nothing wrong with pushing to accomplish as much as possible, but don't become over-stressed, it's not healthy. A new pet could come into your life.

**LEO:** (July 24- Aug 23) You are in the mood for love most of the time lately, and those amorous feelings may get you into trouble. People around you pick up on your feelings and find you attractive and interesting. You find children a lot of fun right now and may go out of your way to include a child in your life right now.

**VIRGO:** (Aug 24 - Sept 23) Personal matters may keep you at home more than usual this week. Spending more time with your family will be beneficial to all involved. Your attitude is very relaxed and you feel less pressured by the outside world. If things are less than perfect, figure out how to

make the changes.

**LIBRA:** (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Siblings, if you have any, play an important role for you this week - you are more likely to get together with them and have some great times. You are just busier in general, and that's great for your attitude. Stay in your peak form, keep yourself healthy.

**SCORPIO:** (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Cash flow may be of some concern right now, possibly because you have spent to freely in the last several months. You have a natural savvy for financial matters, so you will no doubt come out of this situation on top. You might consider investing more of your money so it works for you.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (Nov 23 - Dec 21) You feel very energized now because this is your time of the year. It's time to take more chances and do more of the things that seem important to you. Plans that have been in the making are finally being realized and it gives you a positive sense of power.

**CAPRICORN:** (Dec 22 - Jan 20) This is a quieter time of the year than usual for you. A lot of things are on your mind and now you have the time to consider them more seriously and the impact they have on your life. It's time to plan for the future and review events of the past to learn from them.

**AQUARIUS:** (Jan 21 - Feb 19) New goals for the future are forming in your mind presently. It's time to take account and make sense of your life as a whole, and your career. Determine where you want to put your energies in the future. Joint resources may need overhauling or at least a review.

**PISCES:** (Feb 20 - Mar 20) This is a busy period for you at work, and you feel that your career is really important and somehow defines who you are as a person. If you are presently retired or not working, gaining employment will give you peace of mind.



# A tale of two residence halls: Part Due

## LBH NOTES

Hello again from all the staff and residents of Louis Bennett Hall. The big news here at LBH is the new lounge furniture. The lounge has never looked so good. Everyone who has seen the new furniture can not believe the change it has made to the atmosphere and comfort in the lounge. It is now everyone's responsibility to keep it in the best shape possible, therefore we ask anyone who comes into the lounge to please keep their feet off the furniture. (Sorry if that gives you mom flashbacks).

Remember that Brian Randolph is having an RA program where every Wednesday at 9 p.m. he shows new movie releases in the lounge. There was a pretty good turnout to see "Cruel Intentions" last Wednesday and now with the new furniture there are even more places to sit. This Wednesday the movie "The Matrix" will be shown so come on up and watch it.

Many of our residents are football players so I just wanted to urge you to support the team. This Saturday at 1 p.m. our Pioneer team will be playing St. Joseph's of Indiana here at home. Let the team know you care by being at the game to cheer them on. The players work very hard and need to know that we appreciate all they do.

You will also be able to listen to the game announcer which is our own Brian Rudolph. See how many times he makes a mistake. Maybe we can start a campus wide pool with the proceeds going to Brian for public speaking lessons.

Patrick Hall  
LBH House Director

## PICKENS HALL NEWS

And you thought we were kidding about our weekly column.....

Well, GSC is simply teeming with activity this week. First of all, the Lounge was transformed last Thursday when new furniture was installed. There have been several positive responses. One positive result is more people are using the Main Lounge for studying and socializing - and we hope to see continue as the year progresses.

In other news, Greek life is busier than ever on campus, as our fraternities and sororities head into their prospective rush periods. We would like to wish the new associate members good luck, and we all hope you have fun and make some great friendships. Speaking of good luck...has everyone seen the nominees for Homecoming Court? Looks like a lot of people are going to be in a run for their money this year! Congratulations to all the nominees.

We have two RA programs to highlight this week. Floor Football is on the way, so see Jason Ward (ext. 375) or Tosha Combs (ext. 362) for details if you want to participate. Also, Shawn Crow (ext. 364) and Jeff Sanders (ext. 365) are organizing a fishing tournament to be held on Wednesday, September 23. Posters are hanging all over campus, and the sign-up sheet for the contest is in the Scott wing office.

Thanks to everyone that contributed to this week's news. If you want to see your name, or someone else's name, highlighted in the Mercury, contact one of our Resident Assistants - don't be shy! Until next time.....happy pasta.

Quote for the week: If you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on. -Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Photos needed for Multicultural Fair

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Student Congress

By Ernest Kingdon  
Student Congress

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Congratulations to our Parliamentarian, Megan Miller, who was sworn in by our President, Moe Tzoneva. Other members sworn in at the meeting were Tim Murry, and Sarah Rouse. Our new Freshman Representatives, and Barbara Rexroad, and Comm Representative.

We missed having Powell speak with us, but it was a conflict with his schedule. We will keep you posted when he will be speaking to us. There are many issues he will address, and a few of them include the leasing books, the possible construction of a new student center. Student input is desired about these and other matters.

Congratulations to McKinney for being voted in as our new advisor of Student Congress.

If you have any ideas or concerns on any of these issues, our meetings are held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. meet near the bookstore.

The Student Congress met on Sept. 9 and discussed several activities that will take place during homecoming week. The Homecoming dance will be on Friday night. Don't forget, the big game is on Saturday. A parade is currently being organized for Saturday morning.

The nominations for queen are going well. If nominees who are running for queen or princess need help with getting their photo for campaigning, see Sherri Hardman in the Mercury office to set up a time for a photo. This year, we would like to see an increase in attendance for Homecoming than in previous years. We are planning a pep rally for Thursday with all kinds of activities in an attempt to boost student participation. Watch for signs!

We are open to suggestions from commuters and if you have any ideas on activities that would make Homecoming more enjoyable for you, let us

**P.B.L.**

**Meeting  
on Sept. 22, 1999  
at 4:00  
in AB Room 102**

*All Business students are welcome to attend*