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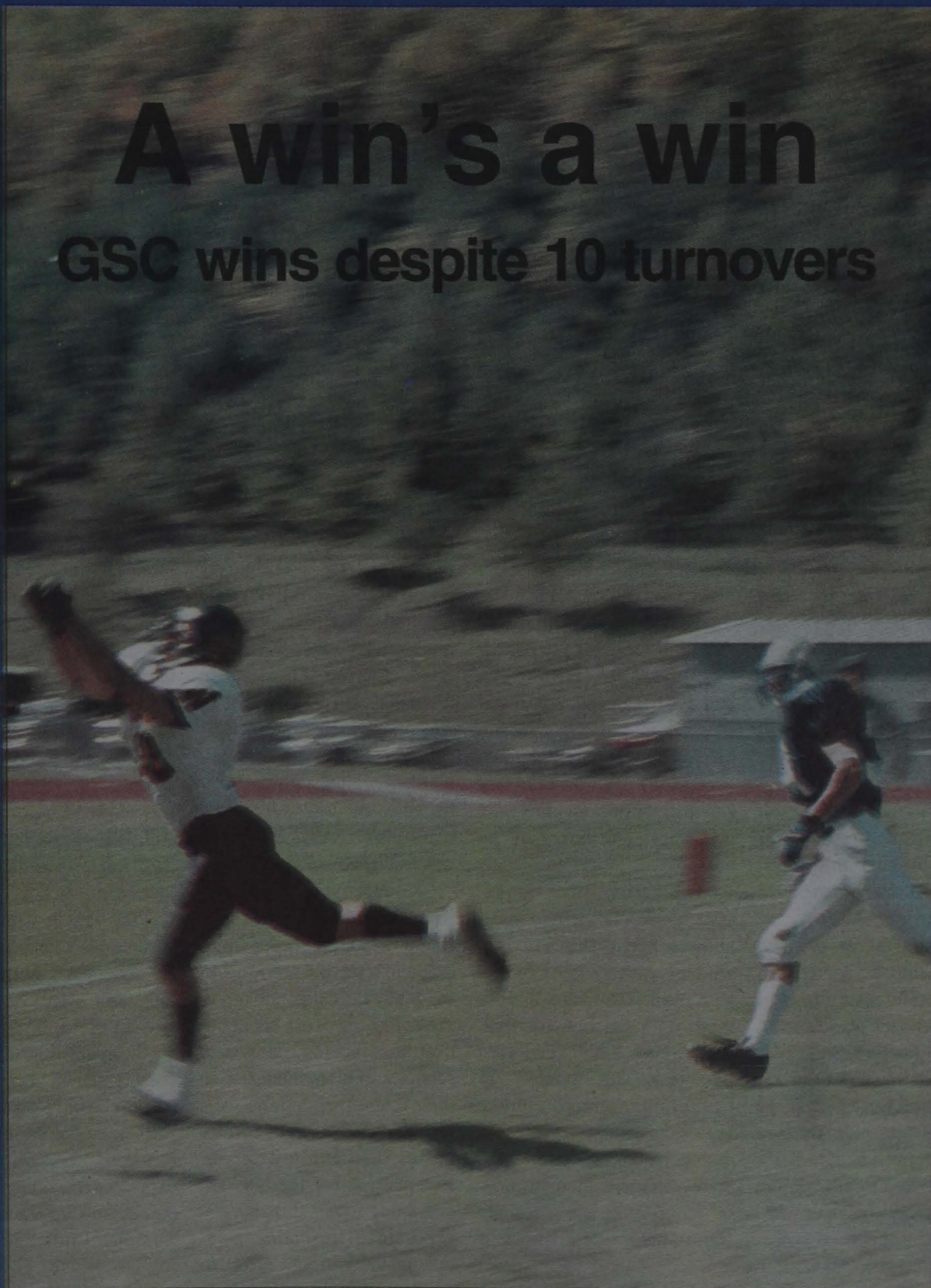
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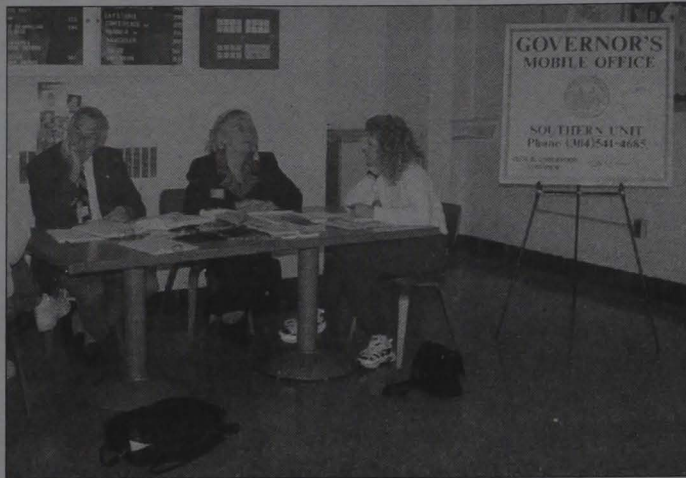
Governor's Mobile Office Visits GSC

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, representatives from the Governor's Mobile Office visited Glenville State College's main campus to share information concerning the state and to distribute state maps, pamphlets, brochures, and an array of other items.

Bill and Carolyn Carmichael, both Special Assistants to the Governor, are a husband and wife team who visit residents of 26 southern West Virginia counties. There is also a Northern Unit of the Governor's Mobile Office.

The couple are provided with a state owned van,



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Bill and Carolyn Carmichael answers students questions for the Governor

fully equipped with a desk, laptop computer, fax machine, and cellular phone. The Carmichaels' generally travel four days per week, but from time to time, some weekend travel

is required. According to Mrs. Carmichael, "We make the state government available to the individual person. If people have trouble that their city or county offices

can't deal with, they come to us. We have the resources to give them the help they need, whether it be a telephone number or putting them in contact with a specific office."

A survey was conducted during the visit to assess respondents' concerns about such issues as crime and health care reform. The survey also asked about the legalization and taxation of "cash pay-out amusement machines". The respondents' were asked what issues they would like to see the governor address. The options were PEIA, the construction of Corridor "H", the removing taxes from Veterans pensions, and helping miners return to work.

According to Carmichael, "This first administration put mobile offices on the road. We've been received." She we say "We are acting politically—we treat one the same. And go around telling people to vote for Underwood."

The Carmichaels touched on subjects welfare reform, the mining industry, impoverished communities still present in many states. On the subject of state colleges, Carmichael said, "We need more money in colleges now than there has been before."

Better teaching through standard testing

By Jay Mathews
The Washington Post

She tore open the envelope, pulled out the test results and held her breath. She was a 32-year-old second-grade teacher with years of experience and a California credential. She had been teaching at a Fairfax County, Va., elementary school for two years with good ratings and results. Yet she had to pass this high-school-level mathematics test to keep her job.

She blinked in dismay. The sheet said she scored 176 on the math section of a national teacher qualification test called Praxis I. She needed a 178. It was her third try, the result of weeks of study with a private tutor. By two points, Jennifer Kramer's career as a Virginia public school teacher was over.

Many school districts have become strict about such tests. The Virginia Board of Education decreed its Praxis

passing marks would be the highest in the country. Other states, not to be outdone, say they may move the bar even higher.

That leaves no place in the public schools for educators like Kramer. She can make a frightened 7-year-old blossom into an eager reader, but she cannot think fast enough to answer correctly 30 arithmetic, algebra and geometry questions in an hour.

Ordinarily her out-of-state credential would have allowed her to skip Praxis I, which is given mostly to college undergraduates before they start teacher training. But Virginia has not endorsed the test she passed in California, which, unlike Praxis, has a number of essay questions and puts less emphasis on mathematics.

Don't ever ask a teacher about these examinations if you're rushed for time. Chilling tales of wrongheaded questions and bad scoring

abound. A summa cum laude physics graduate was surprised to find the new Massachusetts test for physics teachers full of questions she had never seen in high school or college. She nearly flunked. Districts are losing hard-to-find special education teachers — the educational equivalent of left-handed relief pitchers — because of low scores on math tests unrelated to their much-needed skills.

Kramer has recovered from her disappointment. She found a job teaching third grade in a private school, taking a pay cut large enough to prove beyond doubt her devotion to teaching. Her new school was more interested in the recommendations she brought from her former bosses than her test scores. But many other teachers are stumbling over this hurdle, exposing a frustrating paradox in the national effort to make teaching a true profession.

Many educators want parents and politicians to put less faith in student test scores and more faith in a teacher's ability to assess each child and apply whatever learning techniques are needed. They want teachers to be licensed like doctors after detailed review of their classroom skills. They long for the day when samples of a student's work and nuanced reports on each child's progress replace standardized tests as the preferred measuring stick.

Yet for that to happen, parents have to be confident of teachers' abilities and judgment — and one popular way to build this confidence is by requiring teachers to pass tests in English and math. The old Ronald Reagan line "trust but verify" actually means "don't trust." That expresses the view of many parents toward teachers.

School officials are willing to wave goodbye to teachers like Kramer in order to polish the professional

image of educators in states. These policies crave the power of and image. It is unlikely teacher salaries will see a significant boost, though if academically young people come to teaching as an elite profession, they may be moving to work in classrooms. Astronomers and poets make much money but the culture blesses their spouses can be even while shopping for the cheapest brand of butter.

Kati Haycock, director of the Washington Education Trust, has another argument for teachers: Brains over brawn. She cites Tennessee studies that teachers who score higher on general intelligence tests than those who take English tests similar to Praxis I produced students who scored higher on standardized tests.

ump contemplates presidential run

Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON - Real estate mogul Donald Trump is closer to a third-party presidential run Thursday, saying that he was forming an exploratory committee for the Reform Party nomination.

New York developer and casino operator, in the last series of TV appearances, promote an upcoming book by one of several celebrities who have attracted public interest in recent weeks by hinting they might enter the 2000

election, describing his poll results as "unbelievable," and telling CNN that he was forming a committee to advise him on a possible run. Two nation-

al voter surveys have pegged his support at only seven or eight percent, though a recent poll of Reform Party members showed him running close behind Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan, who is threatening to join the third party soon. Trump said his first choice of a running mate would be talk show host Oprah Winfrey. The two have not talked about it, he added. The twice-divorced Trump, with a personal fortune estimated at \$1.6 billion by Forbes magazine, has never run for office.

He boasts of his success in attracting beautiful girlfriends and famously disdains the elemental currency of the politics, shaking hands (it spreads germs). In a recent Wall Street

Journal article, he touted his prospective can-do candidacy by pointing to his success in fixing up the skating rink in New York's Central Park. "I believe non-politicians represent the wave of the future, and if elected I would make the kind of president America needs in the new millennium," Trump wrote.

"I would center my presidency around three principles: one term, two-fisted policies, and no excuses."

Dismissed by mainstream politicians as vanity candidates, Trump and other celebrities who have flirted with politics this fall, including Winfrey and actor Warren Beatty, appear to be drawing their motivation from billionaire Ross Perot's 1992 and

1996 presidential tries and, more recently, the election of former pro wrestler Jesse Ventura as governor of Minnesota on the Reform Party ticket.

In the process, they are receiving an extraordinary amount of attention from the media. Trump's face is on the current cover of Newsweek, along with Ventura and Beatty, and he has appeared on at least three network TV programs this week.

"The demand (for Trump) is being generated by a surfeit of time on cable TV chat shows," says independent pollster Andrew Kohut of the Pew Research Center. "People won't vote for Donald Trump. Large numbers say 'No way.'"

Eighty-five percent of

those questioned in a recent poll for Newsweek said they were unlikely to vote for Trump, placing him last in a field of 12 actual or potential candidates.

Still, "The Donald" could be influential in the jockeying for control of the Reform Party.

Trump, who had dinner with Ventura in New York Thursday, may be positioned to become the governor's stalking horse in a feud with Perot's forces over control of the party, which Perot founded. Ventura and Trump met in 1988 at the World Wrestling Federation's Wrestlemania IV in Atlantic City, N.J., where Trump is the largest casino operator, and have remained friends.

le promises renewed war on drugs

Los Angeles Times

Beth Hanford Dole, outlining her tough-talking anti-drug policy, said Thursday for a dramatic increase in patrols along the border with Mexico and vowed to cease the country that fails to cooperate with enforcement efforts.

President, the GOP hopeful said, would nearly triple the size of the Border Patrol, boost the military in fighting drugs and extradite drug lords to the United States and Colombia to do the system the flow of illicit narcotics to the United States.

"If all else fails, I will decertify the drugs that are destroying communities and killing our people," Dole said, referring to the annual process of measuring cooperation with U.S. anti-drug efforts.

In March, amid harsh criticism of the Clinton administration's handling of Mexico as a drug-fighting effort, Dole said she would boost the Border Patrol from 8,000 agents to 20,000, increase federal funding for anti-drug programs and high-tech surveillance equipment, and "task the military to fully engage in the war on drugs on land, at sea and in the air." She did not elaborate, nor did

she state how she would finance the additional spending.

Speaking in Imperial Beach, Calif., near the U.S.-Mexico border, a favorite campaign backdrop for candidates of all stripes, Dole said Thursday, "It is time we throw down the gauntlet and cease timid negotiations with foreign governments that cannot or will not put a stop to the production or smuggling of drugs."

Mexico, she said, "needs to extradite drug lords to the United States and make a concerted effort to reduce the flood" of narcotics crossing the border. Colombia - which received roughly \$300 million in U.S. aid this year - should receive no further assistance until the government regains control of cocaine-producing territory "controlled by ... narco-guerrillas."

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she state how she would finance the additional spending.

The sparsely attended speech Dole gave Thursday at Borderfield State Park was the most recent in a series of broad policy addresses delivered as she struggles to keep her campaign alive in the face of declining polls and weak fund-raising.

Dole touted her record fighting drugs as secretary of Transportation in the Reagan administration, saying she instituted random drug testing of rail workers and made the department the first civilian agency to begin random drug testing of employees in safety and security positions, such as air-traffic controllers.

Dole earlier this week suggested the federal government should be more concerned about controlling illegal drugs than battling the tobacco industry. "Where are they on drugs?" Dole said in Kentucky, on a campaign swing through the heart of tobacco country.

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*Chronological, functional, C.V., electronic***Taylor teaches format, importance of resume**

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

Dr. Phillip Taylor gave a technical writing presentation on Sept. 28 for Chi Beta Phi and other science majors interested in learning how to write a resume; two professors and approximately ten students attended.

Taylor began with the definition of a resume. He then stated, "A resume

needs to be written for each job, but it doesn't stop there."

"You also need to know what job you want and be specific, and tailor your resume to fit the job." He went on to explain that one needs to be certain that the job s/he is applying for meets one's own expectations before submitting a resume."

Taylor explained the

four types of resumes: chronological, functional, C.V., and electronic. This type of resume puts one's entire career in order from start to finish.

A functional resume is one that highlights a person's accomplishments.

A C.V. resume is one that simply tells what the job seeker has done in his/her career.

The electronic resume is one that is kept in a

portfolio and can be scanned.

Taylor went on to explain that the resume is a marketing tool for the job seeker and when writing it, creativity and the use of action words should be incorporated. Taylor commented, "One should never lie on a resume, as employers will find out that you have lied."

Taylor included that it's a great idea to post

your resume on the net but to not give out personal information. He noted that one needs to put his/her resume in a manila envelope to insure that the document will not be wrinkled. He also recommends that you put the resume on white or off-white paper.

Taylor showed the R attendance copies of his own resume, which was done in the C.V. format.

"A positive, pro-active way to share the good news of GSC"

Powell begins state tour to recruit new students

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

Due to the recent decline of main campus enrollment, Glenville State College's President, Dr. Thomas Powell, has developed an action plan to boost the flagging numbers of students here on the main campus.

The plan comes in the form of Presidential and faculty tours of various counties in which GSC has a vested interest, either because of the presence of an extension unit or because of the large number of alumni who reside in those areas. These counties include Nicholas,

Clay, Raleigh, Lewis, Roane, Wood, and Kanawha counties. Thus far, there have been eight tours scheduled for this semester; over half have been completed.

While touring, the President and representatives of GSC participate in a number of activities, including speaking to high school teachers and students, distributing college, financial aid, and scholarship applications, as well as hosting evening receptions for alumni and residents of the various communities. According to Powell, the tours are "A positive, pro-active way to share the good news of GSC."

The main campus of GSC has an

infrastructure capable of supporting 3,000 students; however, there are only 1,300 students currently attending classes.

While main campus population is down by approximately ten percent, extension branch enrollment is increasing, with the Nicholas County Center up 47 percent in attendance from last year.

Dr. Debra Simon said that because "high school graduation is on the decline, there is a smaller pool of prospective students and colleges are in competition for them." Furthermore, according to Dennis Fitzpatrick, Coordinator of GSC Alumni Activities, "We are in com-

petition with other colleges. Our location may hamper us because people don't realize we are only minutes from the interstate."

"Off campus extensions are the wave of the future," Fitzpatrick, "but on campus participation is how the state determines college budgets." Due to the decline in main campus enrollment, departments across campus have had to take the slice of budget cuts.

"Over the years, GSC has been renowned for being a teachers' college. By doing these tours, we are trying to let people know that an important GSC is to central Virginia," Fitzpatrick concludes.

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Senior Spotlight: Mike Frank

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

Mike Frank, aka "Franko", is in this week's senior spotlight.

Mike grew up as the middle child in his family in Moreno Valley, California, which is located one hour outside Los Angeles. He graduated from Canyon Springs High School and received a football scholarship from Glenville State College. Mike takes an

active part of the Pioneer offensive line.

What he enjoys most about participating in GSC football is the family oriented atmosphere. Mike explains that "it is the people on the team" who he will miss the most because everyone cares about each other.

Mike is a Math Education major and hopes to teach someday at the high school level. He also aspires to coach football and to be a

responsible father and band some time in the future.

In his spare time, Mike enjoys participating in the stock market, hanging out with his friends, watching sports, talking with his mom and enjoying relaxation.

For Mike, the college experience has made him realize that life changes quickly to be taken advantage of.

tale of two residence halls

NEWS

from Louis Bennett Hall. The semester is going great so far. We still have any major problems and the main reason is our residents. All the guys in LBH should be commended for this.

ough of the mushy stuff. Let's talk about Brian Randolph's movie night. This is Homecoming Weekend Brian is having a "reel" treat. (Sorry about joke) He is having two movie nights this week. The first movie will be on Friday at 9 p.m. and he will be showing the movie "She's all that" starring Prinze Jr., Jodi O'Keefe, and Rachael Leigh Cook. The second movie will be on Thursday at 9 p.m. and since the theme for Homecoming is "70's Disco" will be showing "Saturday Night Fever".

football team this Saturday plays Concord at 1:30 p.m. Come out and see the game. The 1994 football team is being honored at halftime and an old friend, Robbie Buffington, is being given the Montrose award. Robbie was the captain of the team and an R.A. in Louis Bennett Hall. He graduated in May and is now working as a special education teacher in the Clarksburg area. Sometimes I get the feeling he should be in the class instead of teaching it!

only have one resident this week who is having a birthday. The birthday boy is Ryan Pyle. Everybody sing happy birthday to him in the cafeteria.

Rick Hall
LBH House Director

PICKENS HALL NEWS

Jeanne would like to thank Jack Barr from Public Relations for notifying her about last week's quote. It appears in the film "Buckaroo Banzai" - never saw it, but we'll take his word for it...thank you.

Congrats and a job well done to everyone who participated in Music Fest. The music students and staff put a huge amount of energy and effort into their performances, and it certainly showed.

Thanks to all who responded to last week's opinion poll. It seems that the vote was virtually split down the middle. For the "yes" vote, Roberta Rogers commented, "If I had \$98,000 just lying around, why not? It would be an exciting adventure!" Billy Kelley, however, disagreed, stating "I think that \$98,000 could be spent on other worthwhile things." Anyone here have that kind of cash to burn? If there are any topics you would like to see covered in later polls, let us know.

Homecoming is just around the corner! There will be all kinds of activities planned, so keep an eye out for notices and signs. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the big game! Jeanne has planned to gather the GSC community in the stands and show their spirit by dressing in school colors and cheering the team on, along with the marching band and cheerleaders. She's hoping for a large turnout, so don't disappoint her - or the Pioneers!

Until next time.....

Quote for the Week: A lot of good arguments are spoiled by some foolwho

alm wins photography prizes at Forest Festival

Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

photographs by Dr. Palm, Chair of the Department of Language and Literature, have taken prizes in this year's Forest Festival's photography contest which was held in West Virginia.

A color photograph of a hummingbird sitting in a nest won first prize in the "animals" category. The photograph took second

place earlier this fall in the "West Virginia Natural Wonders" category at the Stonewall Jackson Heritage and Crafts Jubilee at Jackson's Mill.

A photograph of Mr. John Diehl holding a fawn took first place among black-and-white prints submitted to the Forest Festival contest. This same photograph won an honorable mention in the Stonewall Jackson Jubilee.

This was Palm's second

successful year at the Forest Festival. He took first place last year for black-and-white photography with a photograph of his elderly aunt, who was then in a nursing home, reaching out to connect with his son, who was then six years old. Palm also took second place last year in the People category with a color photo he took in 1967 in Vietnam, a photograph of a very young boy carrying his younger brother.

Palm has been an avid

amateur photographer since high school and has published and exhibited a number of photographs over the years, particularly photographs that he had taken as an enlisted Marine in 1967.

In fact, this April, Palm will be combining his photographic avocation with his academic avocation in a presentation that he will be giving at the annual combined meeting of the American Culture and Popular Culture Associations in New

Orleans. During the presentation—entitled "Orientalists Abroad: A Photographic Critique of the Combined Action Program in Vietnam"—Palm will speak and show slides that he took as a 19-year-old Combined Action Marine. Palm stated that his purpose "will be to establish just why the program was neo-imperialist and self-defeating despite a set of very good intentions."

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Where are my letters?

No one must have any complaints or opinions this week; I have not received one letter to the editor! Faculty are also encouraged to write in; we want to know what you guys think, too.

Well, I have good news! *The Mercury* is going to remain under the guidance of the Division of Language and Literature. Also, *The Mercury's* web page is coming along nicely. We aren't finished yet, but I hope all our fans will take the time to check out our site. Now all we need is our carpet!!

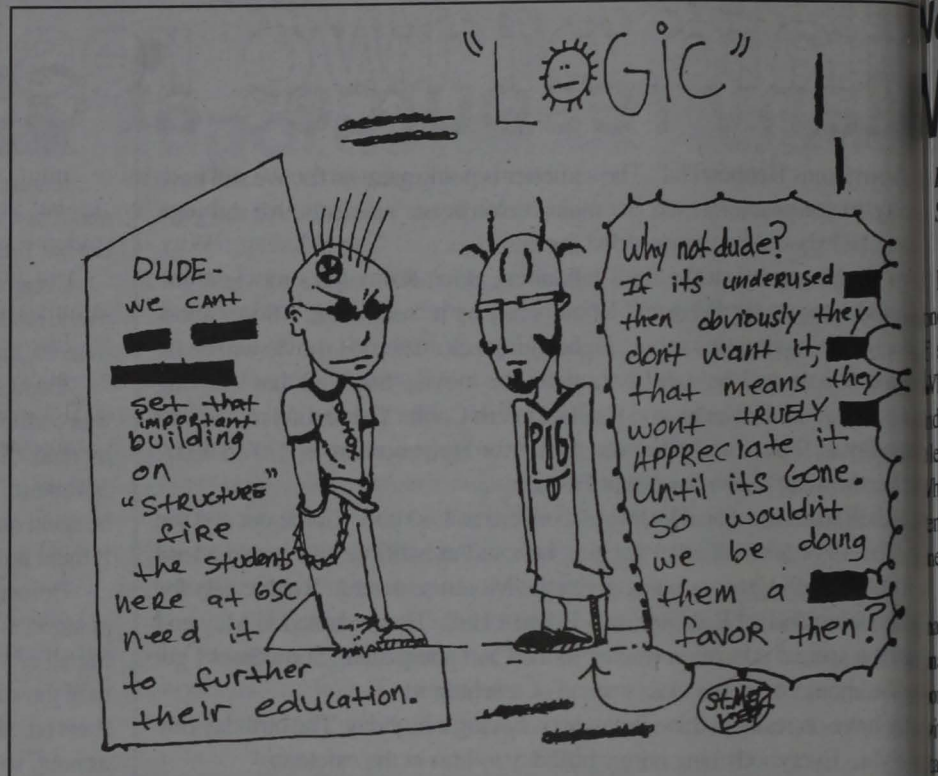
Is everyone geared up and ready for Homecoming? I know I am; it has always been a blast in the past. Homecoming is one of the busiest times of the year for this paper, with so many activities to cover. I am especially looking forward to the fall break that follows homecoming; the break will unquestionably help those of us who are on the verge of burnout!

Two thumbs up to our new cartoonist, Molly Calame, a student here at Glenville State College. Now, if we could only get a few more of you artists working here, we would be set.

Just a note to all the @\$\$holes here on campus: if you are serious about meeting a girl or asking her on a date, try talking to her as a person instead of degrading her. If she does, in fact, look good, she probably already knows it and doesn't need to be told in a rude and crude manner. Although, as a woman, I must admit, sincere compliments are always nice.

There are tons of scholarships available to students on this campus that are just going to waste. I suggest all of you to go down to the Alumni House and fill out an application. This is free money!!

I would like to give a huge congratulations to all the music majors who participated in last week's Music Fest. You all were awesome! I particularly liked the first song; would any of you be willing to teach it to me?



Education: Here and There

By Samuel Berhe
Staff Reporter

In many ways the education system in Ethiopia is similar to that of the United States. We have elementary, junior and high school, which are free, and a four-year university. Since teachers don't get any incentives, the public schools provide mediocre lessons. There are many people with the potential and an interest in learning who don't get the chance to fulfill that potential, just because there aren't such basic facilities as organized libraries.

We take English beginning in elementary school, and it is a compulsory subject. From junior high school onward, every subject is taught in English. But there is a major difference between the English proficiency one finds in public schools compared to private schools.

Private schools have effective teachers and provide any materials needed by a student, not only in English, but in all subjects. However, these few private schools are only for the privileged who can afford to pay the astronomical sums these schools demand.

There is a standardized test, the equivalent of the SAT, that everybody is required to take in order to get a place in the few universities. On this test, one can take exams from the required five subjects, and up to eight others. Each year, hundreds of thousands take this test. But from this huge number, only ten thousand will pass. The rest will try the test another time, but without the same energy they had on their first. Eventually these people will end up unemployed or doing some menial work. The lucky ones will, if they are really lucky, end up

with a degree in the field of their interest. But they will finish their university career in a field in which they have little interest.

Five years ago, there were only two internationally accepted universities in Ethiopia, both in the city of Addis Ababa. The government decided to open universities in different parts of the country in order to encourage students in rural areas. Thus, small colleges which were providing year diplomas suddenly became four-year colleges. This huge leap made it offer limited courses. Therefore many students were forced to go into a field which they have little interest in. I, myself, was in a field in which I had no interest whatsoever.

This is the reason why many students from back home really try to get a scholarship to study in the U.S.A.

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Nothing to do in Glenville?

Many resources at GSC are underused

By Mary Wildfire
Staff Reporter

During the past week, I conducted an informal survey of staff and faculty to ask, "What do you think are the underused resources at Glenville State College? What do you think more students might use if only they knew it was out there?"

Several people remarked that the greater problem is unavailable resources; nonetheless, I did come up with a list of items that could stand more use. It focused on three places.

One of these places is the library. Ben Bruton named the West Virginia Collection upstairs, with its town, college and genealogical information, as something that should be more used. He also mentioned the Media Center in the basement, singling out for special attention the "vast collection of records, especially jazz, rock and soul," which are available for checkout. If you don't have a turntable, you can check that out of the Media Center too.

For class-related use, you can check out a video camera (and these are pretty well

idiot-proof-- I even used one) or an overhead, slide or computer projector. The Media Center also does passport photos, video editing and copying (non-copyrighted material only), binding and lamination. They have CD Roms and poster paper.

Another thing Ben said is that students need to know where the computer labs are. "Probably the question we get asked most every week," he said, "is 'where can I print this?'" Not in the library, as of now. There are computer labs in the basements of the Administration Building and the business building (under the owls), and on the first floors of Clark Hall and Science Hall.

Ms. Prem Verma added that the Internet is overused for research purposes in comparison with other resources, especially print media. Don't know how to use them? That's what the librarians are for; they'll be glad to help you, especially Ben.

The second place full of underused goodies is the P.E. building. Steve Harold said that the pool is underused and so is the gymnasium, especially on weekends. If there

were more interest, these things could be kept open. "Why do students say there's nothing to do in Glenville?" he asked, naming also the tennis courts by Eberle Hall and the bowling alley and pool table in the Heflin Center as available amusements. He wonders why involvement in intramural sports has declined, especially among women.

The third underused place is the Office of Career Services, located in the Heflin Center. Various kinds of testing are done there, including TOEFL, the ACT, ACT residuals and CLEP. Career counseling is also available. Career Services will soon be sponsoring lunchtime workshops on such subjects as study skills, stress reduction, resume preparation, how to get into grad school, job searches and how to dress for interviews. These will be done via the Distance Learning Center so that off-campus students can also take part. The Office of Career Services coordinates Disability Services as well as the tutoring program. If you are having trouble with a subject and the teacher approves

you, you can currently get a free student tutor.

Dr Caulfield of the Math and Science department named the student science societies, Chi Beta Phi and the student chapter of the American Chemical Society, as underused resources. These groups host speakers on topics of potential interest and value to students. Miss Romeo mentioned the nature trail behind Clark Hall, and the links from GSC's homepage on the internet.

John McKinney suggested that the art gallery in the Fine Arts Building doesn't get as much traffic as it could. He also stressed that the band and choral groups might add to any student's life; "you don't have to be a music major to join." Nor do you have to be an ORCO major to audition for a part in a play, or volunteer to help backstage.

Eleanor Nicholas of the Education Department wants education students to know that they have software and test guides available to help students prepare for the PPST.

A student whose name I failed to get said that the shuttle bus from Eberle Hall,

intended to reduce the parking problem, is not being adequately used.

Dr. Nesbitt wants students to be aware that there are programs available through which our students can study abroad. Your financial aid can probably be applied elsewhere in the world. Anyone interested in exploring this option should talk to him or email his wife, who heads the program at WVU, at tnesbitt@wvu.edu.; but it's good to start asking early, as it takes a while to set this up.

Some classes might be seen as underused. For example, if students knew how much fun it is to work in the darkroom, they'd all sign up for photography.

Both Jack Barr, GSC Public Relations Officer, and Dr. Galenza pointed out that students often fail to see their teachers as potential mentors, people who can help them not only with issues specific to the class, but with advice on getting into graduate school or choosing a career in the field. "By the time they're seniors," said Dr. Galenza, "they figure out we're human, and may see us as friends." Why wait?

Russia's Yeltsin needs to stand tall in midst of crisis

Special to Newsday

Throughout his career, Russian President Boris Yeltsin has always risen to his best in times of crisis. It is in the quieter moments that he has drifted. Now, it would seem, he is facing crises everywhere he looks, and it is very hard to believe that he can successfully extricate himself from his troubles as he has so often in the past.

Although the old Soviet economy was wasteful and inefficient, Russian industry has shriveled on Yeltsin's watch, with the ruble losing three-quarters of its value in

the last year alone. Crime has flourished, with Moscow now suffering from a murder rate greater than any American city.

Above all else, corruption has grown to astronomic proportions. During the decade of Yeltsin's presidency, old Soviet-era apparatchiks have cashed in their political connections to loot the newly privatized Russian industry, snatching the richest plums for themselves and their cronies. Income from Russia's vast mineral wealth, including oil and gas, flows into private hands - and from there into offshore bank accounts.

Meanwhile, millions of average Russians no longer receive regular monthly paychecks, even those who are fortunate enough to remain employed.

As if this picture were not sufficiently grim, now Russia is experiencing a spate of mysterious bomb attacks. Three large explosions have leveled apartment blocks in Moscow, killing scores of innocent people, and another has wreaked havoc in St. Petersburg. The Russian government is blaming secessionist Muslim rebels for the Moscow blasts.

Given Yeltsin's track record in previous crises, there is every reason to expect him to resort to some dramatic political gesture. Russia is rife with rumors that, in response to these terrorist attacks, Yeltsin will declare a state of emergency, which will allow him to postpone or even cancel the parliamentary elections scheduled for December, or even the presidential elections due next June.

Both Yeltsin, and his current prime minister, Vladimir Putin, have denied that they intend to make such a move, but this has not failed to quiet the rumors.

Faculty Spotlight: Connie Meadows

By Jason Collins
Staff Reporter

Connie Meadows, a new adjunct from Glenville, is in the faculty spotlight this week. She graduated from Glenville State College in 1989 and taught for six years at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Hampshire County. It was there that Meadows became interested in teaching sign language.

Meadows went on to get a M.A. in Deaf Education from Western Maryland. After that, she became an instructor at Gilmer County High School, where she currently teaches Computer Applications and Keyboarding.

This is the first semester that Meadows has taught a sign language course at GSC. She feels that the environment is very positive, explaining "it's a nice change."

Powell, Ardaiole set to present "Liberia-Past, Present, Future"

A presentation on "LIBERIA-PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE" with Dr. Thomas Powell, President of Glenville State College and Dr. Frank Ardaiole, Vice President for Student Life of Winthrop University, will be held Monday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Verona Mapel Room of the Heflin Center.

This informal talk will focus on observations of President Powell and Dr. Ardaiole based upon their December 1998 fact-finding trip to Liberia. It will commence with a brief review of

the founding and history of Liberia with an emphasis on the establishment of a settler civilization based upon American society.

They will follow this with remembrances of Dr. Ardaiole's youth in Liberia and will offer contrasts to the current realities of a nation torn by a seven year civil war.

They will refer to their observations of the current educational system and needs for reconstruction. Pictures of the trip will be presented.

Student Congress organizes committees for Homecoming

By Ernest Kingdon
Student Congress

Our last meeting was held on Sept. 30, 1999 with much talk of Homecoming '99. All Homecoming committees gave their reports and updates. A banner committee was created, with Hector Rodriguez as head. The scheduling committee stated that Homecoming events would be posted in the *Mercury*, and would include Monday through Saturday's events. Homecoming picnic signs are finished and should be posted this week. The picnic is on Thursday, Oct. 14, so watch for signs!

I was sworn in as the new Secretary by Megan Miller. Special events will be scheduled

as soon as someone can speak with Dennis Fitzpatrick.

We then took comments on Dr. Powell's proposal for Glenville State College. After a very amusing discussion on this, we moved on to new business at hand.

Faculty Appreciation Day was held last Saturday. Did you show your appreciation? How could you? They held this special day on a Saturday! I assume the teachers enjoyed that very much.

Then we went on to medical information, and finally took nominations for Senator-at-Large. Three nominations were taken, so we will just have to wait and see who gets the honor.

As always, meetings are held on Thursdays at 12:30pm. Thank you.

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GSC Spikers go 4-1 in Concord tournament

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

The GSC Lady Pioneer Volleyball Team was victorious at the Concord tournament October 1 and 2. On Friday, in game one, the lady pioneers defeated Concord with scores of 15-7-15, 15-7 and 15-12; In game two, Rio Grande defeated the Lady Pioneers with scores of 15-11, 11-15, 15-5, 3-15 and 13-15. On Saturday, the lady pioneers defeated all three oppo-

nents. In game one against West Virginia State, scores were 15-11, 15-7, 15-18; game two against West Virginia Tech, scores were 15-12, 11-15, 15-10, 4-15, 15-7; game three against Concord, scores were 5-15, 15-13, 15-6 and 15-3.

Leaders of the pack were Crystal Affolter, with 69 kills, 44 points, 71 digs, 12 blocks; Abbie Burge, with 55 kills, 59 points, 58 digs, 20 blocks; Sarah Crowell with 58 kills, 43 points, 48 digs, 11 blocks;

Stacy Robinson with 206 assists, 46 digs, 36 points, and LaToya Parks with 53 kills and 38 blocks.

Coach Tracey Fluharty is very exhilarated about her team. She states, "In the second and third games, the freshman contributed to the success and win over the opponents. We have a lot of talent with the freshman and if you were at the last games, you would have seen it. Every player is a leader whenever they play. They have more spirit and



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

enthusiasm than any other team in the conference. The three keys in playing for success are heart, mind and soul."

Abbie Burge (9), rallies the troops at the tourney

GSC wins conference opener



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

Action in the trenches: Despite committing ten turnovers, Glenville State downed West Virginia Wesleyan by a score of 17-7. It was the first conference game for both teams.

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THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Page-jacking

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist

You've heard of "car jacking", but what about "page jacking"? Yes, "page jacking" is the latest method that obnoxious Internet advertisers, or "spammers", use to capture unassuming Internet users like you and me. Spammers will do anything to get our attention, even if it means tricking us by substituting perfectly wholesome web pages for filthy pornography!

Spam, as we all know, is a popular (urgh!) luncheon meat made out of processed pork and possibly road-kill. Spam is also the name of

unwanted and unsolicited e-mail advertisements that pile up in one's e-mail box, and are often of a pornographic nature.

Lately, the porn sellers who send us spam are getting bolder with their advertising tactics. If you visit an Internet search engine like Yahoo or AltaVista and type in keywords like "sex" or "XXX", literally thousands of pornographic web sites will appear in your search results. The online smut peddlers are beginning to lose money and must resort to tricking Internet search engines into giving them more prominent billing.

One way that spammers

do this is by incorporating perfectly innocuous, non-pornographic keywords like "kids Internet games" or "home schooling" into the meta tag of the spammers web site. The meta tag is a special HTML tag that provides information about a web site. The meta tag does not affect how a page looks or is displayed, but it does denote which keywords represent the page's overall content. Most major search engines use the meta tag of a web site when building their subject indexes.

All a spammer needs to do is appropriate someone else's harmless-sounding meta tag, which is available

in the HTML coding of the page, use it to camouflage a porn site, and viola, an unsuspecting Internet user seeks information on video games suddenly finds himself on the Smutland homepage.

Those spammers are crafty devils, and lately they have gotten even worse, actually stealing other people's meta tags or "page jacking". By stealing the original web page's meta tag and then registering the site with a search engine, would-be pornographers can redirect unassuming Netizens from the sites they intended to visit to adult-themed sites that would probably make them

blush,

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission has stepped in to take control of the meta tag misuse and prevent future occurrences of page jacking. The good news is that page jacking has become so popular on the Internet now that many search engines are beginning to wise up and have stopped using meta tags for their indexing.

So the next time you are surfing the Net for a research topic and suddenly find yourself looking at naughty pictures, don't panic. You've just been conned.

Unless of course, you like looking at naughty pictures.

Particle Lady: Not tonight, I have a headache

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

Everyone gets a headache from time to time that rest and Tylenol usually take care of. For the migraine sufferer, however, these home remedies don't alleviate the pain. In this column, I wish to look at the migraine headache, its prevention, and treatment.

The most common type of vascular headache is migraine. Migraine headaches are usually characterized by severe pain on one or both sides of the head, an upset stomach, and disturbed vision. A person may have trouble with his/her eyesight, difficulty with speech, weakness in a limb, tingling of the face or hands, and confusion. These are all part of what physicians describe as an "aura." The occurrence of an aura is a signal to a person that a migraine is imminent.

The pain of a classic migraine headache is described as intense, throbbing, or pounding and is felt in the forehead, temple, ear, jaw or around the eye. The headache generally starts on one side of the head and may last from one to several days in duration.

The common migraine is not preceded by an aura, although some people experience a variety of symptoms before hand. These symptoms include mental fuzziness, mood changes, fatigue and retention of fluids.

Both the classic and common migraine may strike as often as several times a week or as rarely as once every few years. Usually these headaches occur near a woman's menstrual cycle or are caused by excessive stress.

Migraines are related to heredity in 70 to 80 percent of sufferers. Approximately 65 percent of women with migraines complain of headaches immediately before, during or after their menstrual cycle. The absence of attacks during pregnancy is experienced by 75 to 80 percent of sufferers, while the use of oral contraceptives tends to elevate the occurrence of migraines.

There are other triggering factors for those experiencing migraines such as an alteration of the sleep-wake cycle, missing or delaying a meal, and medications that cause a swelling of the blood vessels. Excessive noise and bright lights, sunlight, fluorescent lights, television, and movie viewing

may also induce migraines.

Research scientists are unclear about the precise cause of migraine headaches. There seems to be a general agreement, however, that a key element is blood flow changes in the brain. People who get migraine headaches appear to have blood vessels that overreact to various stimuli, which in turn, create a spasm in the nerve-rich arteries at the base of the brain. The spasm closes down or constricts several arteries supplying blood to the brain. At the same time, blood clotting particles called platelets, clump together. This process is suspected to release a chemical called serotonin. Serotonin acts as a powerful constrictor of arteries, further reducing the blood supply to the brain, which reduces the brain's supply of oxygen.

What treatments are available to migraine sufferers? During the Stone Age when a person had a migraine, part of the skull was cut away with flint instruments to relieve the pain. During the ninth century, residents of the British Isles were given a potion of elderberry juice, cow brain, and goat dung dissolved in vinegar when afflicted

with headaches.

Today physicians offer the migraine sufferer a variety of treatments. Drug therapy, biofeedback, stress reduction, and elimination of certain foods from the diet are the most common treatments. Regular exercise, such as vigorous swimming or walking can also reduce the frequency and severity of migraine headaches.

During a migraine headache, temporary relief can sometimes be obtained by using cold packs or by pressing on the bulging artery found in front of the ear on the painful side of the head. Any of these treatments need to be discussed between the physician and the migraine sufferer to find what works best on an individual basis.

The next time a friend tells you that they have to miss class because of a migraine, think of this article and you will understand some of what they are feeling.

Until next week, take care 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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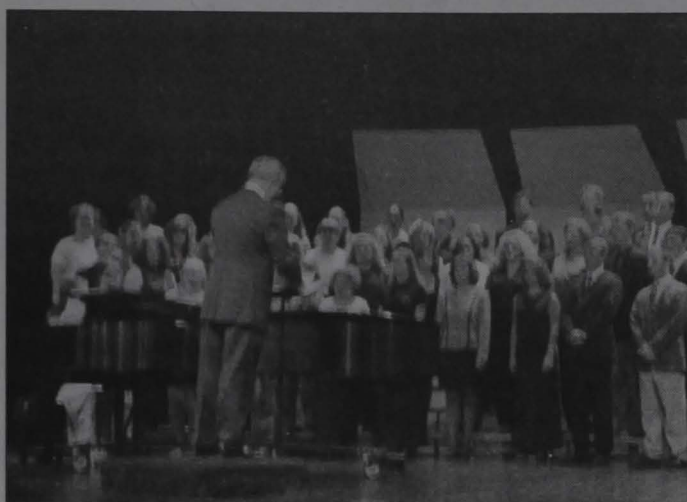
Student musicians present Music Fest

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

On the evening of Tuesday, October 5, the Arts Auditorium was filled with all sorts of people. Parents, alumni, professors, students, and high school marching bands from seven surrounding counties gathered to see this year's performance of Music Fest.

This event is a scholarship and alumni benefit concert put on by the Glenville State College Department of Music and the Alumni Association.

The evening started off with the concert choir singing "Once in Love with Amy" under the



Amy Smith, Mercury

Scenes from the 1999 Music Fest at Glenville State College

direction of Charles Miller. After their performance came the Chamber Singers with "Autumn Leaves." Next came instrumental music from the Trumpet Ensemble with "The New Century - 2000 A.D." followed by the Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble which played

"Salvation is Created" and "Liberty Bell." Both of these ensembles were directed by Harry Rich.

As the evening progressed, the audience was entertained by the Woodwind Ensemble with a light and airy performance of "Jingo Jango," directed by Philip Rossano.

The following performance by the Jazz Band included solos performed by Andrew Harper on trumpet, Sarah Gower on saxophone, Jeremy Beasley on trumpet, and Nathan Calvert on trombone. The audience gave a standing ovation as Jeremy Beasley played a trumpet riff.

After a short intermission, the much acclaimed Percussion Ensemble made its appearance on the stage. They played three of their songs from last semester's performance: "The Children of Sanchez," Garth Brooks' "Two Pina Coladas," and Alanis Morissette's "Uninvited." This was followed by an additional standing ovation.

The last to perform was the Marching Band, who played "March of 1941," "Spinning Wheel," "Daydream Believer," and "More and More." The band finished off the evening with a medley from "Fiddler on the Roof."

Reznor, Nine Inch Nails make a "Fragile" recovery with new album

The Washington Post

What kind of mood is Trent Reznor on "The Fragile," Nine Inch Nails' much-anticipated, long-awaited follow-up to 1994's "The Downward Spiral"? Foul but hopeful.

Perhaps that's what you'd expect from a man who has spent the past five years battling depression - mild, he insists - and a suffocating writer's block built on the great expectations of critics and fans alike.

That explains why it's taken Reznor so long to finish "The Fragile." He was busy, if not finishing himself, at

least improving himself, slowly lifting himself out of the self-loathing, despair and anger that have fueled his writing since NIN's 1989 debut, "Pretty Hate Machine," and culminated in the psychic and sonic brutality of "The Downward Spiral."

"The Fragile" (Nothing/Interscope) is a double CD, clocking in at more than 100 minutes. Reznor, who is NIN, clearly sounds as if he's trying to move out of the dark shadows of his own soul. The new album has plenty of industrial rock bombast, but overall there's more subtlety than assault, more guitars and odd strings (cello, ukulele

processed on computers) than synthesizers.

And though Reznor's home address is still Bleak House, you'll hear something new - post-therapy hope and optimism - on tracks like "The Way Out Is Through" "We're in This Together" and the title track, in which hard-won self-love must be defended again and again against those pesky and persistent demons. But "The Fragile" also acknowledges the continuing power that self-destructive, suicidal impulses have over Reznor. In "The Wretched," the singer suggests he's found temporary

release, except that eventually "the clouds will part and the sky cracks open/ And God will reach his (expletive) arm through just to push you down/ Just to hold you down." Then he's "back at the beginning, sinking, spinning. ... You can try to stop it but it keeps on coming."

Experimental textures inform the album's half-dozen instrumental tracks, which have a mesmerizing, cinematic feel. Several, like "La Mer" and "Pilgrimage," underscore the sense of a journey that courses through "The Fragile." At the end, you'll think the journey's far from over.

Big Dawg

By
Molly Calame



GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE HOMECOMING 1999

Monday, October 11, 1999

- 6:00 p.m. Volleyball: GSC vs. Concord Gymnasium-PE Building
 7:30 p.m. Presentation-Liberia: Past Present & Future
 Dr. Frank Ardaiole, Winthrop University
 Dr. Thomas Powell, Glenville State College

Tuesday, October 12, 1999

- 9:00 p.m. Eric Passoja, Comedian Heflin Center Ballroom
 (Free Popcorn and \$.25 sodas)

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Note: The Homecoming Dance originally listed on the Calendar of Events for Wednesday evening has been moved to Friday evening.

- 12:00 noon Game Room open Game Room
 12:00 midnight (Free Bowling & Pool)
 Movie Night Louis Bennett Hall Lounge
 6:00 p.m. "Saturday Night Fever"
 9:00 p.m. "She's All That"

Thursday, October 14, 1999

- 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Picnic Amphitheater
 to 1:00 p.m. (Free of Charge for GSC Campus Community) (Heflin Center Ballroom
 in case of rain)
 12:00 noon Deadline for Homecoming Banners
 12:30 p.m. Homecoming Pep Rally Amphitheater
 (Heflin Center Ballroom in case of rain)
 6:00 p.m. to Gymnasium Open PE Building
 10:00 p.m. Swimming Pool Open PE Building

Friday, October 15, 1999

- 6:00 p.m. Pioneer Athletic Club Pig Roast Pioneer Stadium
 (Tickets: \$8.00/single; \$15.00/couple)
 8:00 p.m. GSC Homecoming Dance Verona Maple Room
 to Midnight "Disco Fever"
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Saturday, October 16, 1999

- 8:00 a.m. to Glenville State College Bookstore Open
 1:00 p.m. (Selected items will also be available during
 the football game at Pioneer Stadium)
 9:00 a.m. to Reception for Alumni & Friends Alumni House
 12:00 noon
 9:30 a.m. GSC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Conference Room
 10:00 a.m. GSC Homecoming Parade Main Street, Glenville
 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Court Coronation Amphitheater
 Post-Parade GSC Alumni Band Members Meet Bandroom
 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Brunch Heflin Center
 Ballroom
 to 1 p.m. (Tickets: \$7.00/person)
 11:00 a.m. Pre-Game Tailgate Party Pioneer Stadium
 (Tickets: \$5.00/person)
 12:55 p.m. Pre-Game Festivities Pioneer Stadium
 1:30 p.m. Homecoming Football Game Pioneer Stadium
 GSC vs. Concord
 Post-Game Reception for 1994 Alumni Football Team Jack Woodyard Room
 Pioneer Stadium
 6:30 p.m. to Reception for Alumni President's Home
 8:00 p.m.
 8:00 p.m. GSC Alumni Homecoming Dance Gilmer County Recreation Center
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