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## Hardman chosen as *Mercury* staff member of the month

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter

Sherrie Hardman has been voted *Mercury* staff member of the month for October. Sherrie has been taking pictures for the *Mercury* since the spring of 1997 and has been Photo Editor since the fall of 1998.

When asked how she felt about this award, Sherrie replied "It's an honor to get rewarded for putting a lot of hard work into the paper. I enjoy what I do, as well as the other staff members that I work with."

Originally from Gilmer County, Sherrie is a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in art education, with a minor in journalism. She is married and the mother of three children. Her hobbies include picture taking (naturally), oil painting, wood carving and burning, and spending time with her family.

Sherrie is currently teaching after school art classes on



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### Sherrie Hardman

Wednesday evenings at Troy Elementary, where her pupils range from the kindergarten through sixth grade levels.

Sherrie chose Glenville State College not only to further her own education, but as a way to instill in her children the importance of a good education.

Upon graduation, Sherrie's goals are to teach art classes and work in photo journalism.

## Senior Spotlight: Jeremy Burks

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

### Jeremy Burks

Jeremy Burks is in this week's senior spotlight. Originally from Hillsboro, Jeremy graduated from Pocahontas County High school in 1993. He is a behavioral science major and oral communications minor. Upon graduation, Jeremy plans to attend Marshall University to study for a Master's degree in Parapsychology.

Jeremy's hobbies include participating on Glenville State College based on its affordability and because he was familiar with the campus from visits he made while in high school. What Burks likes most about GSC are the friends he has made here.

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Jeremy explains that college has taught him "how to stand on my own two feet." Jeremy believes that one should "stand up and speak out" because the world won't change if you don't speak up." His dream is to make a positive difference in the world.

## Powell discusses concerns, future plans with Student Congress

By Ernest Kingdon  
Student Congress

Our last meeting was held on October 7. President Powell spoke to us about the goals and objectives that he has planned for Glenville State College.

He stated that the Nicholas County Branch of GSC would be improved. Furthermore, he announced that we need to increase our enrollment on the main campus by Fall 2000, and

that we need to retain the students we already have.

Powell plans to increase activities for the weekend and is working on a new contract with food service that will expand food choices. He is also investigating a bookstore policy that will allow students to lease, rather than buy their textbooks. Other future goals for the school include a new Student Life Center and a new student I.D. system.

Powell then asked for the student congress' help

on such matters as activity fees, possible task forces with student senators, and athletic committees.

He then allowed us the opportunity to ask him questions. Amy Nichols brought up the issue of where the money for the ceremonial mace would be coming from. Powell responded that the mace would be paid for out of school savings or donations. It would not be paid for from the operating budget.

I asked about the tag line, "A Unique Community of Learners in the Hills of West Virginia," and Powell replied that the slogan came from a book by Ernest Boyer, and was not intended as a put down to GSC. Powell said that we are all unique and can't hide the fact that we are located in the hills of WV. He then finished his address by inviting us to stop by his house and see him any time we need to talk.

We then welcomed Trena Williston as our new Senator-At-Large, Samuel Berhe as our new LBH representative. Meg then swore in Trena.

Our meeting ended on a sad note because Ernest Boyer announced that he would be resigning as leaving Student Congress and GSC. He will miss it, but all his hard work has been appreciated and Student Congress would like to say goodbye and good luck to him.

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# A tale of two residence halls

## LBH NEWS

Is everybody for the fall break? I know I am. A few days when you don't have to worry about the 10 page paper due tomorrow that you have known about for weeks. You can turn off those alarm clocks and sleep in late. You could use this time to catch up on the work you have been putting off, but remember the old saying I used to live by as a student, "I may do today what you can put off until next week."

For the ones that have been staying on campus for the long weekend, Brian Randolph's movie night will be showing "Collection" with Reese Witherspoon and Matthew Broderick at 9 p.m. on Wednesday night in the main lounge of Luis Bennett Hall.

Our lone birthday boy this week is James Smith. His birthday is Tuesday the 10th. Everybody say Happy Birthday before he leaves for your fun filled weekend.

Patrick Hall  
LBH House Director

## PICKENS HALL NEWS

Well, after all the hustle and bustle of Homecoming, there's not a whole lot going on for this week. There is however, a Halloween Door Decorating Contest which people can sign up for until October 27 in Scott Office. If you have any questions, you may contact Resident Assistant Brandi Sandy at ext. 363.

Another event, which we are saddened to report, is that our friendly neighborhood Residence Hall Director & Director of Student Activities, Eric T. Poirier, will be leaving us this week. He has been offered a position at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania. The GSC community would like to wish him the best of luck in the future. Now without further adieu, heeere's Eric to say a few parting words....

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to the people I've come to know here at Glenville State

College. I have enjoyed working with the campus community for the past two years and will recall this experience with great affection. It is with mixed emotion that I move on to Albright- on one hand I am excited about this opportunity yet I am going to miss working here at Glenville.

I think one of the greatest memories I will have of Glenville, is having worked with the students. During my time here, I've seen First-Year college students become Juniors and watching these students develop and take on more responsibilities has been extremely fulfilling. Working with the Pickens Hall Office Workers, Resident Assistants, Governing Board, Student Congress, and the Programming Assistants of Student Activities has been very enriching- and I must admit that GSC Week 1999 was the bomb!!!

In a side note, I want to mention that my very first hunting experience

was here in West Virginia with a GSC student and even though we didn't shoot anything, it was a lot of fun!

I will be officially leaving the college Wednesday, October 20, but I will be returning to WV to attend the West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators conference next week- I am truly looking forward to that.

In case you are interested, when I get to Albright I will oversee three residence halls and coordinate the Residential Education Program. I am looking forward to the new challenges and hope that my experience at Albright is as rewarding as this one has been. I will not however, miss the FIRE ALARM going off at 3:00 in the morning.....!@#!^!!

Enjoy the rest of your time here at GSC, "It will be good for you!"

Jeanne Finn and Eric Poirier  
Residence Hall Directors

## Literary Society discusses first book

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

The Literary Society met Monday, October 4, for their first book discussion of the semester. The book, "The House of the Spirits", authored by Chilean native Isabel Allende, is a national best seller.

Eight students along with Dr. Joyce Zane and Professor Wayne Fossett attended the discussion.

The story spans three generations and takes place in Chile in the early decades of the twentieth century. The DeValle family is one whose members have memorable and somewhat odd characteristics, especially sisters Rosa and Clara.

Rosa has green hair and lives in a fairy tale world of mythological creatures. Some townspeople liken her to a witch, for she possesses a beauty so great that only one man will dare ask for her hand in marriage-ambitious, hopelessly power hungry Esteban Trueba, a miner who refuses to marry Rosa unless he is capable of keeping her in the style in which she is accustomed.

Clara, the youngest child, has the ability to foresee the future. She is precocious and frank, with the ability to break her mind and shock even those

closest to her.

Rosa dies of poisoning and Clara, unable to sleep, goes wandering about the house. It is through a window that Clara witnesses the autopsy of Rosa and goes into a self-induced state of silence from which she does not emerge for nine years. Her first words are a declaration to her family that she will marry Rosa's fiancée.

In the meantime, Esteban goes to his family's ruined country estate and rebuilds everything, with the help of the peasants who sharecrop his land. Inside, his emotions are a poisonous concoction of love, hate, anguish, greed, desire, and anger all thrown together to make for a very unhappy individual. He lives this way for years, ravishing young peasant girls until one day he realizes his need for a wife. He travels to the city to the De Valle home to see if there is a suitable daughter of marriageable age.

Clara does marry Esteban, even with the knowledge that she does not love him. The couple move into their own home and have a daughter, Blanca, and then twin sons, Nicolas and Jaime.

As the children grow, so does Esteban's greed for power and control. He becomes a senator in the

Conservative Party.

Blanca, the daughter, enters into a forbidden love affair with Pedro Tercero, a rebel and Communist, as well as an enemy of her father. Blanca becomes pregnant, marries Jean de Satory, a French count whose sexual fetishes appal her, and returns home to have a daughter, Alba.

Political differences divide the country. Clara dies and Esteban becomes a bitter man, whose only joy is his granddaughter, Alba.

Alba grows up and falls in love with Miguel, a wannabe guerilla whom she met while attending college.

For a moment, the Communist regime gains control over the government. But when the Conservative Party gets the upper hand, Alba is arrested as a Communist sympathizer and put in prison, where she is raped and beaten.

With the aid of an old prostitute friend, Esteban finds out where Alba is being held and demands her release, backed by his numerous political connections.

Alba is returned to her grandfather's home and all is well. She begins reading Clara's journals and starts writing the story of her family. Esteban dies and Alba realizes she is pregnant with a daughter.

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## Where are my letters?

Did anyone else notice the Beatles being played from our Clock Tower, last Friday? Well I did, and I thought they sounded cool. I even liked last semester when the bells chimed everyday at noon. When the bells chimed on the hour, I was very seldom late for class. I hope the bells are back for good!

I became confused after reading last weeks editorial in the local paper. The editorial stated how wonderful the Multi-Cultural Fair was and that he wished the college would extend it to the community. I always thought the community was welcome to participate in the Multi-Cultural Fair. In fact I do not remember any event at this college that has excluded the community.

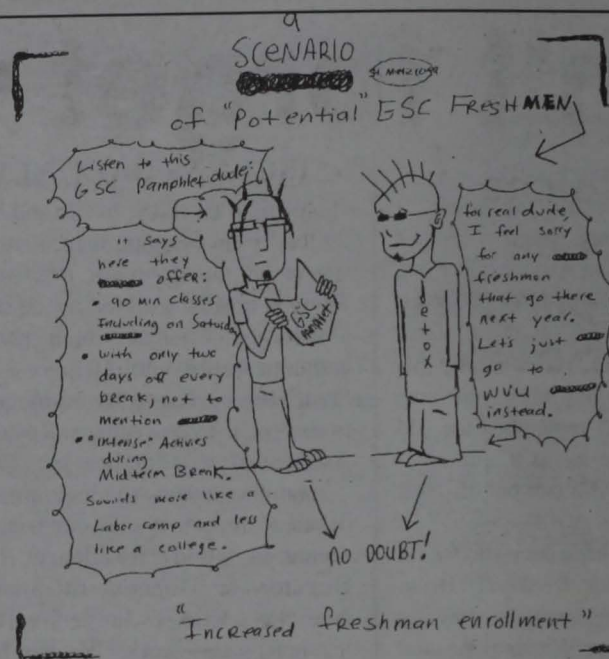
The Multi-Cultural Fair is indeed a wonderful event. This year's schedule looks especially good. I like the fact that most of our presenters are GSC faculty. IT is this type of activity that strengthens teacher-student relationships.

I hope all the hunters are enjoying squirrel season, I know I am. Last weekend a fellow Mercury employee and I found a good use for old extra copies of the Mercury. We cleaned and skinned squirrels on them! My boyfriend and her husband and children hunted while we cleaned them. I love West Virginia! I can't wait for Deer Season. Not only is there plenty to eat, but I love the whole air and energy of the season. It seems everyone has a positive attitude and I love having the week off from school!

Wasn't Homecoming Fun? I love the fall and all that school spirit just makes me all gushy inside. This is absolutely one of the best! times of the year. I told you the leave changes were beautiful.

Cheers to Dr. Zane for being one of the most inspirational yet challenging teachers I have ever had.

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## Nuclear fallout hits GOP

The Los Angeles Times

The world may be a more dangerous place today following the U.S. Senate's untimely and unnecessary rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty - a goal of American presidents for more than 40 years. The GOP leadership of the Senate must bear the responsibility for this decision, the first time the Senate has voted down an arms control pact.

The Republican leadership forced the vote Wednesday in spite of desperate efforts to postpone action, probably until the next Congress, in 2001. Why the rush? The reason appears to be partisan zeal to embarrass President Clinton, who signed the pact in 1996 and made its ratification a priority of his second term.

This could be a risky price to pay for political points. The danger is that would-be nuclear nations will read the vote as a diminishing American commitment to

nuclear nonproliferation. They might also read the action as undermining the moral authority and leadership of the United States in this field. That would be a mistake. The president must make it clear that his administration will do whatever is in its power - a power not legally diminished by the vote - to discourage proliferation.

The timing was acutely unfortunate, coming the day after a military coup in Pakistan. Both Pakistan and India, its longtime foe, tested nuclear weapons last year and missiles this year, leading to fears of a nuclear conflagration on the subcontinent. What message will Pakistani generals take from the Senate's treaty rejection? Might India now be more willing to risk a confrontation? That should not be the case, but no one can know for sure.

Treaty critics led by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the conservative chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, argued that the

pact would commit the United States "in perpetuity" to an agreement that would not guarantee its ability to verify any size nuclear test and could allow this country to fall behind nuclear capability. Helms ignores the fact that the United States could withdraw from the compact at any time that nuclear tests were needed to guarantee security.

Moreover, the treaty would not be fully operational until ratified by all 44 nations that now have some form of nuclear capability. So far, only China and Russia, looking to the United States to lead the way to final approval of a test ban treaty.

Legislatively, the treaty remains in the possession of the Senate and could be taken up again at any time. Americans should demand that Senate leaders recognize the magnitude of Wednesday's decision and reverse it with a future vote for ratification.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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



# Don't forget to daydream

**Career choices should not be based on parental advice, job availability or money, but on fantasies and daydreams.**

*By Mary Wildfire  
Staff Reporter*

When it comes to choosing a career, I think many students take the wrong approach.

Some listen to their parents—a bad idea in this case. Parents are older and more experienced and truly know what's

best—for *themselves*, not for you. *You* are the only expert on you.

All too many people simply drift into a career choice on the basis of whatever looks most readily available at the time they need to choose. You wouldn't buy a new shirt by grabbing the first one you saw in your size, would you? Surely your career merits at least as much thought and consideration.

Another mistake is to focus primarily on finding the job that pays the most. Everyone needs a livelihood, but there are more important considerations than money. "He who dies with the most toys wins" is an appropriate philosophy for a three year old.

So what are some of these more important considerations? There are dozens of factors in job satisfaction, but it basically boils down to this: finding the job that suits you. The ideal job is one that no one else could do as well as you. It uses all of your

talents, skills and knowledge while being unaffected by your weaknesses. It puts you in congenial surroundings, working with congenial people or lets you work alone, if that's what you prefer. Its end product is something in which you take great pride. Most of all, it lets you spend your days doing something you enjoy, so that you often think, "Imagine...they're *paying* me for this!" On a deeper level, the ideal job is one that lets you dive straight into the heart of your purpose, so that there need be no separation between calling and livelihood, work and pleasure.

Back to reality: you may not be able to find a job that's perfect in every respect. You also may have to work long and hard to prepare yourself for your chosen career. But, surely it's worth it to be able to support yourself without ever having to "work" in the sense of doing something that's not fun.

All right, any job has its times of drudgery, nothing will be fun 100% of the

time. But you can choose something fulfilling that's fun most of the time, or drift into something you do only for the money, watching the clock and praying for Friday.

I recommend that you begin your career choice process sensibly—by daydreaming. Use pen and paper to record the details of your fantasy job. Then start figuring out how to make reality conform to your fantasy. You'll probably want to do some research. You may want to talk to people currently working in the field(s) you're considering; you may want to check out the working conditions and projected job market for those fields in the Occupational Outlook Handbook; you might try the Interest Inventory and/or talk to a counselor in the Office of Career Services. You might go to the library and check out *What Color is Your Parachute*. It would probably make sense to do all of these things; but first of all, don't forget to daydream.

# Proposed schedule is misguided

*By Amy Smith  
Staff Columnist*

Last week, I managed to get my hands on the proposed changed schedule for the upcoming years here at GSC. This proposal confronts not only GSC faculty with a great deal of change but also our students. I hope all of you read this and seriously consider the implications of this proposal.

While it does offer a few solutions to a few problems, it creates many problems with few solutions.

It seems that the original intention of the proposal was to allow an extended summer for two reasons: one to allow students to hold jobs longer in the summer and two to allow more time for the summer session. The theory being that this would help increase the enrollment figures here at GSC; it would mean that students would spend less time in college and allow more students to be able to afford college from the income they earned in the summer.

The proposal calls for classes beginning after Labor day and ending before Christmas in the

fall semester and in the spring semester classes would begin in early January and end by April. However this would mean that GSC would lose a weeks worth of classes. Currently GSC classes are approximately 150 minutes per class per week, over a fifteen-week period, equaling 75 instructional days per semester. In order to balance this loss, the administration would expand class times from 75 to 90 minutes and 150 minutes to 180 minutes. This plan would result in 70 instructional days, with classes meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays and Tuesdays and Thursdays for 90 minutes each.

Classes meeting only once a week would then be scheduled for 180 minutes, and will only be offered at 8:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., or 6:30p.m. daily. With the exception of labs, most classes will meet twice a week. Courses will only be scheduled for Friday mornings; Friday afternoons would be reserved for faculty and staff meetings. I haven't even gotten to the good part! How would you students feel about taking classes on Saturday? Yes, the new proposal does indeed call for scheduled

classes on Saturdays! This new plan certainly makes up for the lost week, and it adds nearly two weeks of class to a semester. Instructional time, under the proposed plan calls for roughly 270 extra minutes per class. I cannot help but to wonder on the reasoning behind this.

But wait, it gets better yet! Students, faculty and staff alike would be allowed two days for our Thanksgiving and Spring recesses. That's right, I said two days. However we would still be graciously given two days in October and in March for Midterm break activities. Please notice I did not say Midterm break, I said Midterm break activities. Our administration would encourage "an intense two days of non-classroom activities." These activities would be under the direction of The Office of Student Life, in hopes of "creating a different teacher-student relationship than arises out of classroom interactions." Parents would also be encouraged to participate in the activities.

I am a firm believer in the statement, college is what you make of it. Students, like myself, who are active in their education

have extremely good relationships with their teachers. Student-teacher relationships cannot be forced; these relationships must grow on their own terms and in their own space, out of a class room environment. Student-teacher bonds are already a part of life here at GSC. Decreased vacation time will not only add stress to students and teachers, some parents may resent being asked to spend limited, precious vacation time with their children and a bunch of strangers. Not to mention the fact that many of our students would want to go home for any and all extended weekends. Vacation time is for vacation, not for "encouraged" activities.

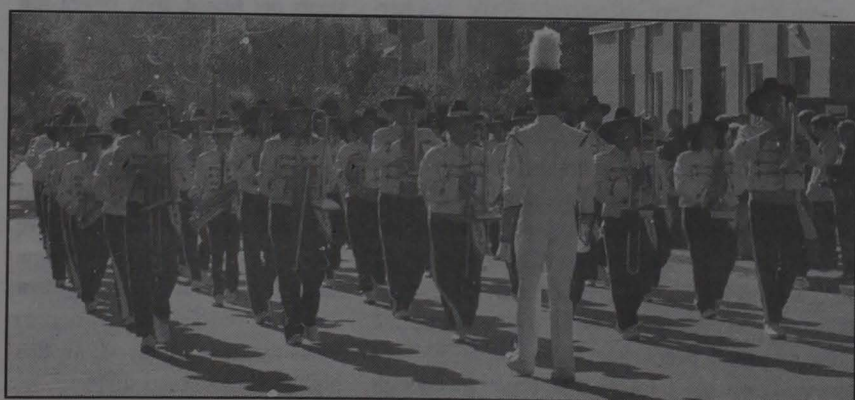
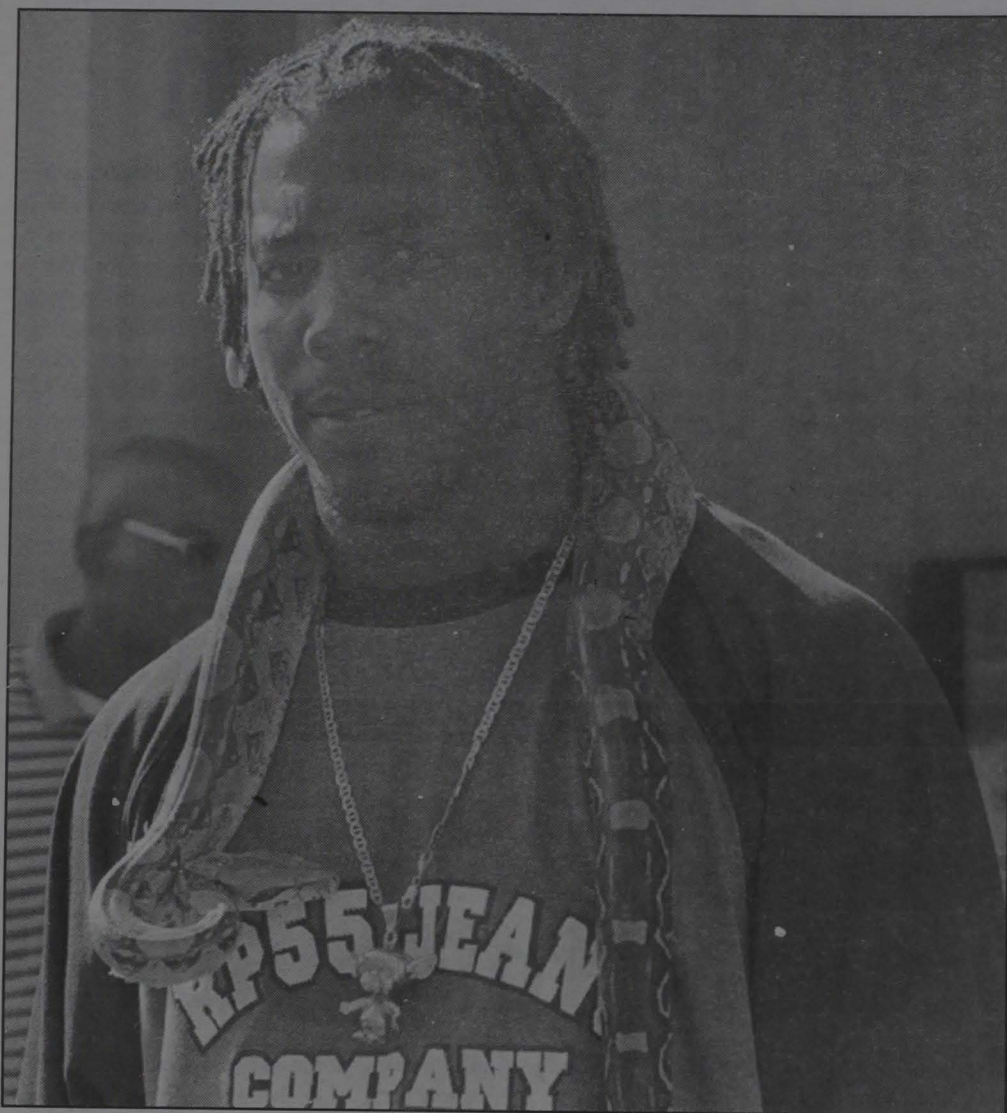
This proposition alone, will more effectively force teacher-student bonding than any activities that the administration could require. It is in my opinion that students and faculty will stand together in opposition of this proposal, for many different reasons. As a student, I view the week-long fall and spring breaks an integral part of the semester. I think many of my teachers and peers share this view.

I feel that I put in enough

time and work to school throughout the week; I am highly disgruntled when my school work spills into the weekend. Many of GSC students work, or are parents, or they, like myself simply do not view Saturday school as an option. Also, in my twenty-two years as a West Virginia, I can never remember any school or other institution that attempted to remain open during the first week of Deer Season. Students, and perhaps some faculty members will simply not show if not allowed adequate hunting time. Deer Hunting is not only an essential part of West Virginia culture, it is, for some the main source of meat for the year.

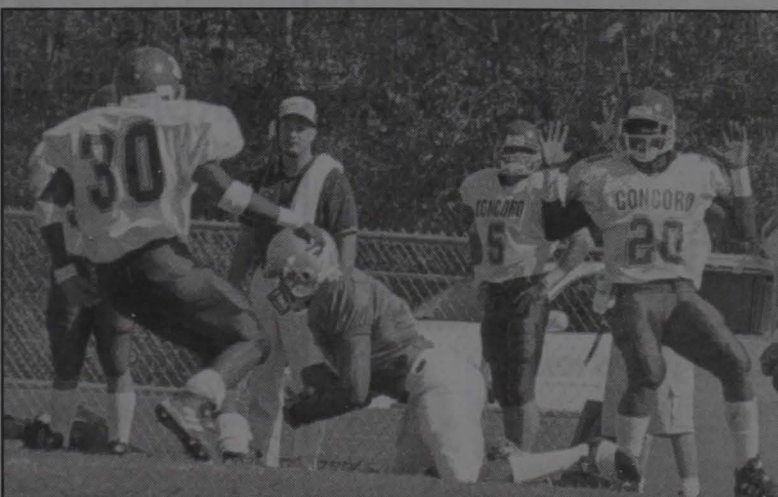
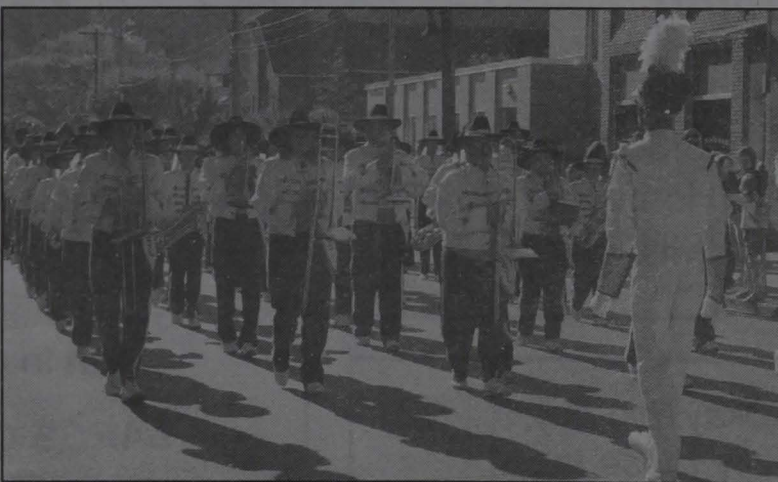
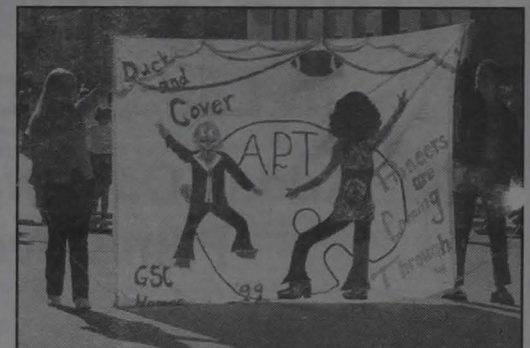
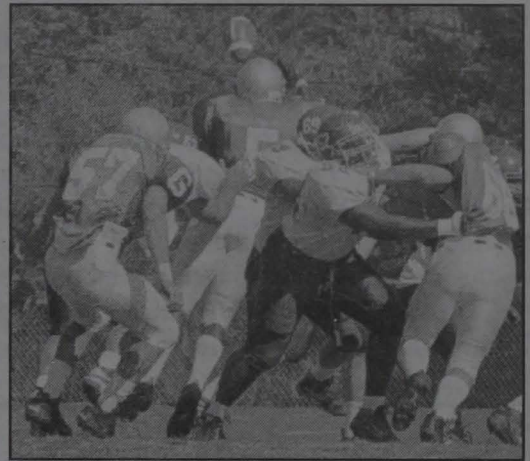
Students are not happy about this proposal. Not only do students not like it, they resent not being asked in the first place. I heard of petitions flying around the cafeteria last Thursday, against this proposal. I fear that if installed, the proposed schedule will not attract new students and will decrease the numbers we already have. I hope our new administration will take student concerns seriously and listen to what we have to say about this highly controversial subject.





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by  
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Hardman**







# GSC falls to pass-happy Falcons

## FSC clobbers GSC by a score of 49-19 at Fairmont

By Chris Vannoy  
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 10, The Glenville State College Pioneers took on Fairmont State College. Fairmont, picked to finish second in the conference at the start of the season, was celebrating Homecoming at Rosier Field.

For a while, it looked like the Pioneers might be able to spoil the party when they scored first on a 14 yard run by fullback Paul Burdette with 1:39 left in the first quarter. Just under two and a half minutes later, Fairmont tied the game at seven when quarterback Bryan Harman lofted a 36 yard touchdown pass to Todd Anderson. After trading a touchdown run by GSC quarterback Jaycee Goree and a yet another Harman to Anderson touchdown pass and catch, Fairmont was on top by a score of 14-13 due to a botched point after attempt following Goree's run.

On the ensuing kickoff, how-

ever, GSC's Jerald Brown darted 99 yards to the end zone and put the Pioneer's on top for the final time by a score of 19-14. Fairmont took the lead for good with one second left in the half when the quarterback, Harman, scored on a one yard run. At the half, the Pioneers were only down two, 21-19.

In the second half, though, Fairmont State exploded for 28 unanswered points, with most of the damage being done by Harman, who finished the game with all seven of Fairmont's touchdowns (5 by pass and 3 by run). He went 17 for 25 passing, tallying up 352 yards in the

process.

The Fairmont defense also shut down GSC's offense, and hounded Goree, wracking up five sacks in the process. Leading the way for the Falcons was Jay Spruell, who tallied 19 tackles, one pass interception and one forced fumble.

For the game, GSC outgained Fairmont on the ground 202-144 but was clobbered in the air 352-96. Thaddeus Hampton tallied for 99 yards for the Pioneers in the loss.

The loss dropped the Pioneer's record to 3-3 before last Saturday's Homecoming contest against Concord.



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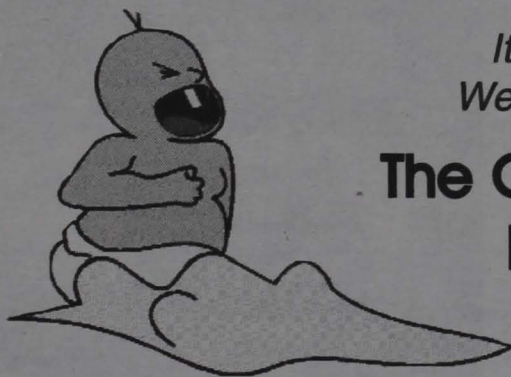
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The game is part of tradition here at GSC; it is referred to as the Commode Bowl. Although this is the first time in six years it had been inter-fraternal. Since

the absolution of Lambda Chi Alpha there has been no other fraternities for the TKE's to play against. The TKE's had been playing against their rushing classes. "This football game is one of the major keystones in bringing the two fraternities closer together," explains TKE member, Chris Fox. In the past actual commodes were used as trophies and passed back and forth between the fraternities in the winning team's colors.

Alpha Xi member, Matt Rephann describes the game as, "The most fun I've had at GSC."

Alpha Xi claimed victory over the TKEs, 41-16.

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# THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: You too can be in porn

By Ben Bruton  
Guest Columnist

What if you led a secret life on the Internet, unbeknownst to your friends or co-workers? An what if your secret online alter ego were discovered, and revealed for all to see?

This is what happened to George and Tracy Miller, a husband and wife who work as critical care nurses at a private hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona.

That is, they used to work as nurses, until they were fired recently when the hospital discovered that they were leading a double life.

By day, they were nurses

and responsible parents of two young children. By night, they were Internet porn stars.

Yes, it seems that George and Tracy were operating their own X-rated web site featuring nude photos of Tracy Miller, or as she preferred to be called, "the very touchable Dakota Rae."

The amateur X-rated site was turning out to be quite a lucrative venture for the Millers. By their estimate, the site had over 22,000 subscribers, who were shelling out \$14.95 a head to see Dakota Rae, the "X-rated porno nurse," in action.

When fellow employees at the hospital learned of the

site, the Millers were summarily fired. George Miller now claims that their dismissal was in violation of their First Amendment Right to free speech, not to mention an invasion of their right to privacy.

In their defense, Miller added that they were using the proceeds of their X-rated site to help pay for their children's college education.

George and Tracy Miller sound like a pretty loopy couple to me, but they haven't really done anything wrong, at least not in the legal sense. They have every right to broadcast their sexuality over the Internet, as does anyone else. The Internet, after all,

is the last bastion of free speech in this country...for better or worse.

But did the hospital have the right to fire them for something that was clearly part of their private lives and had little or no bearing on their job performance? Well. Yes and no.

Private institutions, like the hospital the Millers work in, don't always offer the same unconditional rights to privacy for their employees that state and federal institutions do. When the Millers were first hired as nurses, they signed a policy statement that said they could be disciplined for "immoral or indecent conduct while on or off duty".

In other words, the hospital was well within its rights. The Millers were fired not so much for their porn site, but because they were supposedly trying to solicit other employees to appear on their site. Yep, that sounds like indecent conduct to me.

The Millers' First Amendment rights have not been violated in the least. If they had, they would not be still operating their web site.

I guess the moral here, kids, is this: if you're going to be an Internet porn star, keep it to yourself! Don't go telling the people you work with.

And don't ask them to join in either.

# Particle Lady: Auntie Em, it's a Twister!

By BJ Woods  
Staff Columnist

While trying to come up with an idea for this column, I watched tv and saw scenes of flooding caused by Hurricane Floyd. How did this thought lead to tornadoes?

Well, since I had already written on hurricanes, tornadoes were the next obvious idea. Then while searching for information, I realized that even though we live in West Virginia, we are not immune to tornadoes. There have been a few that have touched down in the past few years. True, they are not as big nor do they have the force of those occurring in the Midwest; they are tornadoes just the same. In this column, I wish to address what a tornado is, its causes, and the safety precautions one can take. I will also dispel some myths about tornadoes.

Tornadoes are the most violent of all wind storms. These storms can occur anytime, but are most prevalent between the months of

March and September. They usually occur during warm, humid, and unsettled weather and are the result of severe thunderstorms.

Severe thunderstorms develop when an eastward moving cold front encounters warm, moist air. These storms often produce large hail, strong winds, and tornadoes. Several states may be affected by numerous severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. During the spring in the Central Plains, thunderstorms frequently develop along a "dry-line" which separates very warm, moist air to the east from hot, dry air to the west. Tornado producing thunderstorms may form as the dryline moves east during the afternoon hours.

How is a tornado born? Before thunderstorms develop, a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with rising height creates an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere. Rushing air within the thunderstorm forms updrafts until the rotating air tilts from horizontal to

vertical, leading to an area of rotation that measures between two and six miles wide. Most strong and violent tornadoes form within this area of rotation. Softball-size hail and damaging "straight-line" winds also occur within this storm. The life spans of tornadoes vary according to their strength. Sixty nine percent are categorized as "weak," having a life span of one to ten minutes. Strong tornadoes have a life span of 20 minutes or longer. Only two percent of tornadoes are classified as "violent"; these storms may last up to an hour.

In the event of a tornado, one should go to the basement or to the innermost room on the lowest floor of his/her home. Wrap up in overcoats or blankets for protection from flying debris. If in a school, factory, hospital, or shopping center, proceed to the innermost room and stay away from glass enclosed areas as well as auditoriums and warehouses. If traveling in a car or a mobile home, stop and seek adequate shelter. Most deaths occur in

cars and mobile homes. If outdoors, find a ditch in a low area and lie down.

There are many myths about tornadoes. Myth: Areas near rivers, lakes, and mountains are safe from tornadoes. Fact: No place is safe. In the late 1980's, a tornado swept through Yellowstone National Park, leaving a path of destruction up and down a 10,000 foot mountain.

Myth: The low pressure within a tornado causes buildings to explode as the tornado passes overhead. Fact: Violent winds and debris slamming into buildings cause most structural damage.

Myth: Windows should be opened before a tornado approaches to equalize pressure and minimize damage. Fact: Opening windows allows damaging winds to enter the structure. Leave the windows alone and go to a safe place.

For comments or ideas for a future column, please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu



Sex, alcohol, impressions

# NYC Comedian visits GSC

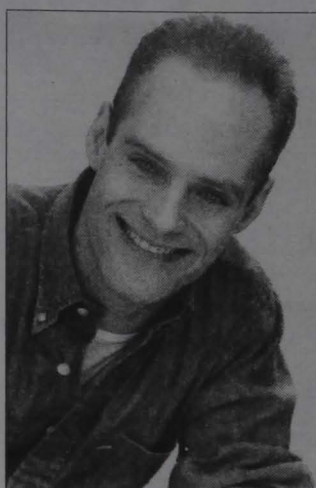
By Ann Williams  
Staff Reporter

Comedian Eric Passoja of New York City performed on the main campus of Glenville State College on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 12. He entertained about 30 students in the Heflin Center ballroom. Passoja has appeared on several television shows including "Comedy Central".

All of popular culture was fair game to this comedian who joked about everything from Jehovah's

Witnesses waking him up too early, to the college alcohol scene in general, and to Victoria's Secret models. He also stated that "while other generations have sex, drugs, and rock and roll, our generation got stuck with AIDS, crack and Hanson." Passoja also did impressions, including an impersonation of President Clinton.

Most students seemed to enjoy Passoja's comedic performance, and I consider him to be one of the better comedians to visit this



Eric Passoja

campus. Those who did not attend missed a few good laughs.

## GSC student wins art award at Forest Festival

Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College senior Michele Wellings, received an honorable mention at the 1999 Forest Festival for her watercolor picture of a scene from the back fork of the Elk River.

Wellings is an interdisciplinary student majoring in art combined with forestry. She hopes to continue her art work after finishing college and possibly start her own art-related business.

## "Communicating Doors"

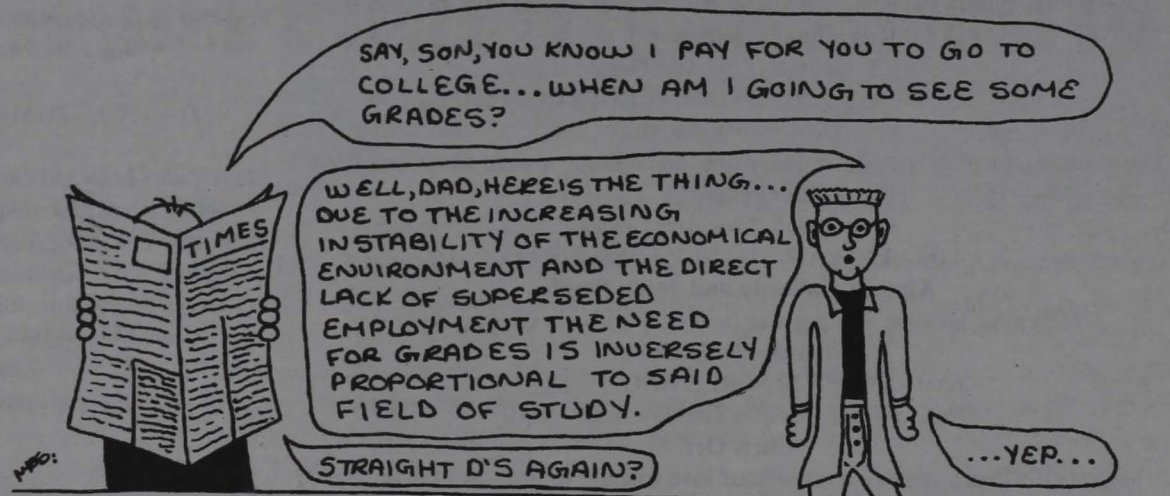
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"Good friends show up in the nick of time"

# Comics



## Big Dog

by  
Molly Calame





Glenville State College and the City of Glenville will host the upcoming Multi Cultural Fair on Monday-Wednesday, October 18-20. Presenters and performers will address and express the broad definition of "culture" as we all strive to better understand each other and our individual and group experiences. We hope that GSC administration, faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of the larger community, will attend as many sessions as possible and that we will all have an opportunity to share food, music, dance, and most of all, expressions of our diverse cultural heritages. We believe the Multi Cultural Fair will be both festive and informative. A schedule for the Fair is printed below.

The 1999 Multi Cultural Fair Committee

### MULTICULTURAL FAIR 1999

*Room designation in italics, alternatives listed in case of inclement weather*

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

11:30 - 12:50 WELCOME TO THE 8th ANNUAL MULTI CULTURAL FAIR  
FOOD FEST: Samples of foods from a variety of cultures at a small cost  
FREE ICE CREAM CONES  
"TALK YOUR CULTURE"

ITALIAN DANCERS: **West Virginia Italian Heritage Dancers**

*Amphitheater/Heflin Center & Large Ballroom*

1:00 - 1:50 AUTOPATHIC VEHICLES: SLIDE SHOW AND GALLERY  
SHOWING

**Walt McGervey**

A metaphoric presentation of culture by exploring the diversity of design, production, and use of the American automobile following the Second World War...and other stuff...

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

2:00- 2:50 AMERICAN VIOLENCE IS NOT NORMATIVE: A CROSS CULTURAL ANALYSIS

**Bruce Galenza**

A cross-cultural analysis of violent behavior shows the high levels of citizen-against- citizen crime to be a particularly American phenomenon, and therefore culturally determined.

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

3:00 - 3:50 DEATH AND DYING ACROSS CULTURES

**Dolores Mysliwiec**

Death rituals, funerals, rituals for mourning, and attitude toward death in different cultures.

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

4:00 - 4:50 LATIN DANCE LESSONS #1

**Ximena Gallardo and Jason Smith**

Merengue lessons: The popular (and simple) Latin dancing style

*Ballroom: Heflin Center*

6:00 - 8:00 FILM SCREENING: JU DOU

(Note: Film discussion Tuesday, 4:20 - 5:00)

**Chris Orr**

Ju Dou (1991) is a story of a murderous love triangle set in North East China during the 1920's and has been described by critics as a Chinese version of James M. Cain's famous novel of the 1930's, The Postman Always Rings Twice.

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

11:30 - 12:50 GAMES AROUND THE WORLD: **Tim Carney and Students**

WANDERING MUSICIANS: DJEMBE DRUMMING: **John McKinney**

*Amphitheater/ Large Ballroom*

1:30 - 2:15 SLIDE SHOW: THE VISIBLE ARTIST

**Duane Chapman**

For the public to "understand" the work, the artists have to be more visible. Their backgrounds and beliefs cannot be separated from their art. This show will be very international and very diverse.

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

3:00 - 3:50?? GENDER AND COMMUNICATION: THE SEQUEL

**Gayle Burkowski and Nancy Wemm**

More role playing of gender differences in communication with analysis of the underlying principles at work from a linguistic and communication perspective.

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

4:20 - 5:00

FILM DISCUSSION: JU DOU (Note: Film screening Monday, 6:00 - 8:00)

**Chris Orr**

Comparison of scenes from this Chinese film with Bob Rafelson's 1981 film adaptation of The Postman Always Rings Twice. Highlight the differences between contemporary Chinese and American representations of the themes of love and violence.

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

4:00 - ? CITY OF GLENVILLE: A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

4:00 - 6:00 DINNER ON MAIN STREET:

**GSC Food Service and Gilmer County CEOs**

*Corner of Main Street and Conrad Avenue*

4:15 - 6:00 STUDENT ORGANIZATION DISPLAYS

*Main Street*

5:00 WALKING TOUR OF GLENVILLE:

**Wayne Richmond, Mayor of Glenville**

*Meet in front of the United National Bank*

6:00 - 8:00 SQUARE DANCE AND DANCE LESSONS:

**Tracy Schwarz and Company**

DANCERS: Mary Alltop, Amanda Hughes Allen

*Glenville Town Hall*

8:00 - ? CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: **Mike Morningstar and Company**

*United Methodist Fellowship Hall*

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

11:30 - 12:50 NON-COMPETITIVE GAMES

**Tim Carney and Students**

*Amphitheater/Large Ballroom*

12:30 - 1:50 DRAMATIC READINGS FROM HIPPIES AND HOLINESS

NOVEL BY MACK SAMPLES

**Glenvillage Players: Mercedes Richmond, Vickie Wildermuth**

*Amphitheater/ Recital Hall*

2:00 - 2:50 GENEALOGY ON THE NET II

**Ben Bruton**

Provides an introduction to useful Web sites that permit genealogy enthusiasts trace their family history across the World Wide Web.

*Clark Hall Computer Lab*

3:00 - 3:50 EXPLAINING THE INEXPLICABLE: THE HOLOCAUST

**Tom Trice**

For decades Jews and Gentiles alike have engaged in the debate over the cause, consequences and uniqueness of the Holocaust. Addresses the Holocaust's changing place in the history of the Jews and in the lives of everyone determined to ensure that history does not repeat itself.

*Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center*

4:00 - 4:50 LATIN DANCE LESSONS #2

**Ximena Gallardo and Jason Smith**

Merengue lessons: The popular (and simple) Latin dancing style

*Verona Mapel, Heflin Center*

#### MULTICULTURAL FAIR 1999

##### ONGOING EVENTS

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW: ENCOUNTERS

**Curator: Ed Palm**

An exhibit of international and multi cultural photography. The Language and Fine Arts Divisions are sponsoring an exhibit of photographs illustrative of international travel and/or multi cultural experiences, at home as well as abroad.

*Main Lobby, Administration Building*

MULTICULTURAL BOOK DISPLAY

**Prem Verma**

Ms. Verma will collate a collection of books from our library collection that address multi cultural issues.

*Robert F. Kidd Library*

MULTICULTURAL AUDIO VISUAL DISPLAY

**Gail Hamric, Media Center**

A collection of video tapes, music, and other media dealing with culture, travel and history will be on display on the main floor of the Library.

*Robert F. Kidd Library*