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The Mercury

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An Exclusive editorial for the Mercury

From the front lines: Seattle riots

By Mary Wildfire
Staff Columnist

I'm going to try to give a coherent eyewitness account of events in Seattle because I think the mass media is distorting events here, although less than I expected. A reporter from the Charleston Daily Mail has been talking to my friend and me by phone, and his piece (which probably ran Tuesday) was pretty good. The one yesterday focusing on the big march and small riot of Tuesday primarily expressed the confusion of the day without including the issues. I believe there has also been something on public radio.

On Tuesday, there were three events. The first was a nonviolent, civil disobedience demonstration when protesters attempted to block all the entrances to the Trade Center where the World Trade Organization delegates were meeting. The rationale was that no amount of marching would stop the undemocratic agenda of the WTO. The police did use teargas and rubber bullets to break up these groups, but there was little unprovoked violence. On this day there were only Seattle police. I joined one of these groups and got tear gassed. One of my neighbors had given me advice from her army training of thirty years ago: tear gas sinks so go uphill. I found a parking garage and climbed to the sixth floor, where the gas dissipated and I had a good view.

When I managed to get away from this area, I joined the main march—the second event. At one point I stood and watched for at

least an hour. Estimates are that this march had about 50,000 people. The great majority were union workers from all over the country, but there were also people concerned about China, which is about

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to join WTO. They chanted "China! Out of Tibet! Hands off Taiwan!" Also, there were environmentalists, peace activists, human rights people, and people whose signs indicated that they were concerned about the erosion of democracy under corporate rule.

The third event happened some time in the afternoon. About 30 people, mostly self-proclaimed anarchists from Eugene, Oregon, began smashing windows and spray-painting graffiti. Some of the other protesters tried to dissuade or stop them, unsuccessfully. The police did not see fit to interfere, and the TV cameras captured miles of footage of this group's battles with the police. It ran for hours locally, not even interrupted by commercials. Ironically, there was only one second's worth of coverage of the march with its 50,000 participants from all over the world.

On Wednesday, the President, state cops and National Guard units

arrived and the attitude of the police changed. Although there was no further violence from the protesters—presumably all those punks in black had been arrested by then—the mayor declared a "no-protest zone" and a curfew. People were stopped on the street. Some were attacked and tear-gassed without warning or provocation. Protesters outside the zone were also attacked. There were 500 arrests by Thursday morning, and a lawyer had been waiting in the rain for 16 hours without being able to see her clients. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit, but it was dismissed—and appealed.

The main thing I have experienced here, which I believe you will not have seen in the news, is a tremendous sense of solidarity and bridge-building.

Asians, Americans, Europeans, Latin Americans, Canadians and a few Africans; union people, environmentalists, human rights and peace activists; little old Republican ladies and hippies and middle-aged steelworkers and Malaysian professors—all worked together and discussed the many issues at stake. The links forged here will last long beyond the time we all go home. And I've learned more here in a week than I could in a semester at GSC. I will be bringing a lot of literature home to share with anyone interested in these issues.

The other thing achieved here, in my view, is that the whole world has seen a demonstration of the kind of police state measures that an organization like WTO necessitates.

Schedule, ID's, room deposits discussed at second forum

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, November 18, Glenville State College's President, Dr. Thomas Powell, conducted a second student forum; it was held to allow students a chance to make their voices heard on the subject of the proposed schedule. Several other issues were brought to light as well.

Many music majors were present to voice their dismay about the proposed schedule because it forces them to spend more time in class, thus allowing them to take fewer credit hours. Powell responded with "What my real job is...I'm a professor first. I'm concerned when music majors

come and tell me they are taking 25 hours per semester."

Other concerns that were brought up were living conditions in the dorms and more specifically, students being required to pay \$50 room deposits when moving into a dorm room. Some students pointed out that the rooms they were moving into had not been cleaned, yet when they moved out of that same room, they were charged five dollars for a cleaning fee, whether they had cleaned the room or not. One student said that when he moved, a portion of his deposit money was not refunded—it was kept for damages done to lounge furniture. Students wanted to know where the money

was going.

Many things are in the works at the college. A new ID system will be initiated on Dec. 1. Everyone at the college will get a new ID card, free of charge, which can be used in the library, cafeteria, and bookstore.

A new food service will be chosen sometime this week. All classified food service workers will keep their jobs, as well as student workers who work with the food service.

Powell showed a sketch of the new Student Life Center that will be erected near the Heflin Center.

Security on campus and nighttime safety were also discussed, as well as counseling and health care services for students.



Sherrie Hardman, Mercur

The panel of the quilt that resided in the FA building AIDS Quilt displayed in Fine Arts Gallery

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

On November 29 through December 1, the Glenville State College Fine Arts Gallery displayed a section from the National AIDS Quilt. The Chi Beta Phi honors society hosted the display. Charlotte Henline, from Mt. Cap, spoke on November 30 and conducted a candle light vigil with the assistance of Wesley Center Minister Mike Ford in the amphitheater. This was in honor of the World Wide Aids Day on December 1. The 12ft by 12ft section of the National AIDS Quilt contains six panels that were created by loved ones of deceased AIDS victims. This section is only a small portion of a quilt that in the year 1996 commemorated over 37,000 people out of the 343,000 who have died from AIDS. The quilt in its entirety covers 16 acres and weighs 44 tons.

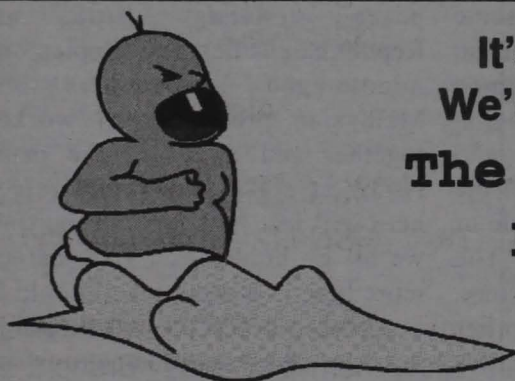
\$1000 donated from Allegheny Power to GSC Scholarship 2000 Campaign

By Ann Williams
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College Foundations Scholarship 2000 Campaign recently received \$1000 from

Allegheny Power. Employee Fred Reed and the manager for Local Government Affairs, David Riggleman, were in Glenville recently to present a check to GSC President, Dr. Thomas H.

Powell. Powell expressed his gratitude and was quoted as saying, "The gift from Allegheny Power is very important to our college and its students; it will be put to good use."



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A tale of two residence halls

LBH NOTES

How was everybody's Thanksgiving Break? You are probably saying it wasn't long enough. Right? Well cheer up. You are just 2 weeks away from the much awaited, three week long, Christmas break. The bad thing is that the last 2 weeks are probably going to be the hardest of the semester. Migraine headaches from all night cramming sessions for finals, senior finals, and from trying to find the best way to stretch a 2 page paper to fit a 10 page minimum the professor has set.

Well if you need a break from all of that why don't you come up this Wednesday at 9 pm and see the movie that Brian Randolph has picked out for us. He will be showing "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" with Chevy Chase and Randy Quaid. The movie will be shown in the main lounge so come up and get a kick start into the Christmas spirit.

We also have another Resident Assistant Program this week. This Thursday, December 9th two of our resident assistants have got a treat for you. Deer Feast 99'!!!! Frank Bibbee and Brian Randolph have acquired several deer the past couple of weeks and they are going to treat your pallet with several types of dishes - ALL FREE! Deer steaks, deer stew, and deer hamburgers will be served, so if you have never tried deer before, come up and join us at 5 pm in the LBH breeze-way for this culinary feast. All you need to bring is your appetite.

We have two residents that have birthdays this week. Mark Seese and Matthew Evans were both born on December the 8th but one year apart. Mark was born in 1979 whereas Matthew was born in 1980. When you see them around campus this Wednesday sing happy birthday to them. Except if you are in class and he walks in late. I don't think the professor would like that.

Patrick Hall
LBH House Director

PICKENS HALL NEWS

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....."

Hey everyone! This will be the last article for the semester, so I just want to start off by saying "thank you" for making this semester a great one - even if it's not finished yet.....

Great news, folks: the Pioneer Programming Board is back, and in full swing. The PPB is a branch of Student Activities, consisting mostly of students. They will be providing many on-campus activities in the next few weeks - just in time for the holidays. Calendars will be available soon with all of the details. There are plans in the works for next semester as well, so if you have any great ideas, get involved! We want to hear from you. Contact Jerry Burkhammer in the Student Life office for more information.

In addition, Pickens Hall RAs have programs scheduled, such as Stress Management (that will definitely come in handy before finals), a canned food drive, and a campus-wide Secret Santa program. Look for advertisements across campus.

I would like to wish all of you the best of luck on your final exams. I would also like to congratulate everyone graduating at the end of December, and wish you good luck in your future plans.

Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. Have a joyous New Year. (or should that be New Millenium?)

Quote of the Week: Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Jeanne Finn
Residence Hall Director

Oliver's work published in journal

By Ann Williams
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College's Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, William M. Oliver, has recently had his work published in an academic peer-reviewed journal, *Criminal Justice Review*. In this publication, Oliver argues that through presidential speeches, with attention focused on crime issues, presidents influence public opinion.

The paper focuses on the theory of presidential influence over the opinions of the American people. The theory is that the more attention presidents give to the issue of crime, the more concerned citizens become. Oliver employs a time-series regression analysis of data collected from *Public Papers of the President of the United States*, and also the Gallup Poll's "Most Important



William M. Oliver

Problem" series that ranged from 1945-1994. Media influence, controlling crime rates, unemployment rates, and presidential attention to crime is found to be important to the American citizen's discernment that crime is an important issue.

Oliver's conclusion is that presi-

dents do sway society where crime is concerned. He also concludes that the more attention presidents give to the issue of crime, the greater the concern to the people. For example, if a president wants to make crime his main issue, all he has to do is deliver speeches about it, and to convey that his administration will concentrate on crime. The majority of focus from the government is on what is known as "street crime" rather than computer fraud, and other white collar crimes. Thus, more resources are directed toward street crime at the expense of other social welfare spending because presidents manufacture crime waves.

Presently, Oliver is seeking to develop a more in-depth version of the journal article, and has a contract with Prentice Hall to publish an impending book named, "The Law and Order Presidency."

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Williams named December staff member of the month

Texas transplant cleans up our act in his first semester

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter



Chris Williams

Chris Williams, a student from Fort Worth, Texas, has been chosen as the Mercury's staff member of the month for December. He is the distribution manager/

"catch all", doing odd jobs and assignments as needed. Fellow Staff member Sherrie Hardman states, "We couldn't do it without

him. Chris has helped out a lot since he started working here. He's really helped in the office. It's been great working with him."

Chris is attending Glenville State College after serving in the Army's Air Defense Artillery branch and working as a sheriff's deputy in Tarrant County, Texas. He explains that he returned to school because "there are a lot of people younger than me who have more education. With my job, if I were to go back into law enforcement, I'd need more education in that field. I've got my associates

degree in Criminal Law and working on my associate Criminal Justice, but I don't know if I want to go back to that field."

When Chris isn't doing school work or odd jobs around the office, he enjoys singing, karaoke, cleaning, freestyle climbing, parachuting, and jumping. He comments that he believes people should "live to the fullest and don't worry about the small stuff."

He also thinks "it's cool" to be chosen as staff member of the month.

Education Division receives continued national accreditation

NCATE continues Glenville State College accreditation since 1954

By Ann Williams
Staff Reporter.

Professional accreditation is one important way to ensure that

state schools are turning out well-qualified teachers who are ready for the classrooms of today. It is also well known that teacher quality is a vital factor in K-12 student achievement. So, in order to assure that teacher quality, national accreditation is needed.

The Division of Education at Glenville State College has recently achieved continuing accreditation under the standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, NCATE. This organization is performance oriented, and is responsible for profession-

al accreditation of teacher education. NCATE stresses rigorous standards that colleges must meet. Only 501 institutions have earned national accreditation out of the 1,500 teacher education programs nationwide. Glenville State College is one of the 501. These schools are re-examined every five years by an NCATE team to continue accreditation.

Since 1954, Glenville State College's Division of Education has maintained its accreditation. Two of the reasons NCATE continued our college's accreditation were the high rates of employ-

ment of GSC graduates, and technology that is used and taught to education majors. They include the use of Inter resources and educational software used in the classroom.

GSC President Dr. Thor Powell stated in a message to the college that the vote to continue accreditation "is a particularly impressive accomplishment on our campus. Since our last review, the NCATE standards were significantly modified to be more rigorous and involved in areas of review. We successfully passed all criteria."

JURIED IN-HOUSE SHOW

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Administration gets first-hand look

A night in the dorms

Mosalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

December 1, 1999, a group of Glenville State College administrators experienced a slice of student dorm life. Led by President Powell, selected administrators were given the opportunity to get an inside look at the residence halls as well as mingle with students.

On Wednesday afternoon, the following staff members checked in to designated resident halls: President Thomas Powell, Vice President of Enrollment Debra Simon, Vice President of Student Life Cheryl McKinney, Alumni Coordinator Dennis Fitzpatrick, Athletic Director Steve Harold, Foundation Director Ed Hamrick,

Head of Public Relations Jack Barr, Vice President of Human Resources Bill Diehl, Community Pro Boast Coordinator Nolan Browning, Head of Academic Affairs Joe Evans and Head of Resident Life Jerry Burkhammer. During their one night stay, the group toured Louis Bennett and Pickens Halls, ate dinner in the cafeteria,

attended a Pioneer men's basketball game, assessed the security of the campus, attended movie night at LBH, and participated in board games at Pickens Hall. The following morning the faculty ate breakfast in the cafeteria, then checked out. Jerry Burkhammer stated "This short visit was just a start. We hope to continue longer visits in the future."

Tree a success, says Burkhammer

By Jason Collins
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College participated in the Adopt-an-Angel program for the past 11 years. Community Resources, located in downtown Greenville, compiles a list of needy children from applications each year. From each application, workers change the child's

names to a code, then copy each code onto a paper angel, along with the child's age, gender, shoe and clothing sizes.

The angels are placed on Christmas trees located at the GSC amphitheater and in front of the United National Bank for anyone to take.

Gifts are dropped off at either the Office of Student Life at GSC or Community Resources.

Jerry Burkhammer, Director of Student Life, works with CRI to get these angels on the tree.

He says "this is a wonderful program because of the opportunity to get the college and community working closer together toward one goal."

Joann Stewart, Director of CRI, and Tina Aldridge, Office Program Assistant, both comment that "it's

unbelievable how much stuff comes in."

They would like to thank everyone for taking part in the Adopt-an-Angel program and making it a success.

GSC's Maintenance department wishes to invite each division, faculty, and student to put at least one decoration on the tree at the amphitheater because all the angels are already taken and the Christmas tree is bare.

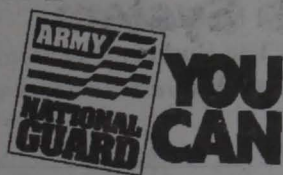
A Poem

"Filler"

The time for finals is here once more, and students alike curl in dread. For now is the time to make a score, or break again and cry yourself to bed.

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Vannoy scholarship is established by GSC

By Christopher Williams
Staff Reporter

A new scholarship has been established to honor the late Herman W. Vannoy through the Glenville State College Foundation. Vannoy was born in Tanner, Gilmer County. In 1934, he graduated from Harrisville High School, and received an athletic scholarship to play football at GSC from 1934-36.

After graduating from GSC, Vannoy moved to Washington D.C. and was employed as a "lineman" for the C&P Telephone Company. He then spent four years during World

War II in the communications field for the White House. He also worked on the construction of the Pentagon, which led to management positions and promotions within his company. Vannoy retired with 35 years of service in 1973. Afterward, he traveled extensively throughout North America.

Vannoy married his wife, Virginia, in 1940; the couple had two sons, Robert and Donald, who live in Virginia.

The scholarship was established in the memory of Vannoy by his family and will be awarded to students who show strong academic and athletic perfor-



mance. President Powell stated, "We very much appreciate this important gift from the Vannoy family and recognize the significant impact it will have for future GSC students."

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and quite a bit that isn't."*

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Voting and Thanksgiving

Everyone, please, please vote in the Student Congress elections. This is extremely important, as Student Congress will most assuredly be deciding how student activity money will be spent. This could mean major changes in some of our student activities and their budgets. Don't you want to make sure OUR Student Congress is disbursing OUR student activity fees in a way that accurately represents how all students would want them to be spent?

The Student Congress and *The Mercury* will be planning a survey, in order to learn student comments, questions and concerns about *The Mercury*. This survey will allow both groups to work together, helping to make *The Mercury* a better campus communicator.

The Mercury staff wishes to Thank President and Mrs. Powell for the wonderful reception held for Mercury staff. We all had a good time, and it was nice to be recognized for something other than our faults.

Congratulations to Mary Wildfire, for reporting on one of the nation's hottest news stories to our own Mercury! I can't wait until she returns so that I can hear more of her travels, I am sure they will be interesting.

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving break went well. I know my freezer is now filled with lots of deer meat. Quite tasty stuff, I recommend you try it, if you haven't already. I really enjoyed the week, although I wish I could say that I spent it doing nothing. Is it time for Christmas yet? I love Christmas, the lights, music, good cheer, and not to mention a long break from school. Enjoy it while it lasts, trust me, it will go more quickly than you think. Christmas is my favorite holiday other than my birthday.

Well, this is it, the last issue of *The Mercury* for the semester. It has been real, I can say that for sure. I really enjoyed working with this semester's Mercury staff and I look toward working with them again next semester. Thank you everyone for taking the time for filling out our student surveys; I was impressed with the results. Be sure and look for more surveys in the future.

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My Two Cents

By Jeremy Burks
Staff Columnist

On December 1, 1999 several members of the administration spent the night in the dorms. Included in this group of administrators was President Powell who stayed on the forth floor of Pickens Hall Wagner wing, just down the hall from my own room. Sometime during the Presidents visit some person or persons left a message for the president written on the presidents door. Now I can not repeat the message because the language used was rather foul. From my understanding the matter was turned over to the police for further investigation.

I must admit I am not very surprised by this action, we do have some real winners here at GSC. In fact sometimes I feel like I am back in High school with the way some of the people around here act. Writing on

the Presidents door, the bathroom stalls, the walls, and in the elevator. What purpose does it serve other then to proclaim your own ignorance? Grow up, you are in college, you are an adult who must take responsibility for your own actions. That is why we don't have nice things in the dorms or in our rooms. Back in 1994 there use to be pin ball and arcade games in the small side lounge in Pickens Hall the reason we do not have them now is because people tore them up. Students should be outraged by the fact that some people around here destroying, defacing and degrading the place where we live. If we took all the money that this school had to spend on repairs for damage done to the dorms we would all have new furniture and other nice things by now.

The reason GSC is the way it is now is because we let it get that way. It has taken me several years to

learn to play the game. I am still learning every day but the number one thing I have learned is that you have to get involved. Most other people around here I like to gripe about things but unlike some people I do something about it. I get out and tell people what is going on, educate the public about how the school is spending our money and what changes the administration wants to make to the school. Just recently I was appointed as a senator for large for our student congress and I get to give two cents in the paper every week. This is how you make change, this is how you make things better, and this is why you get involved instead of writing on the walls or on the Presidents door pick up a pen write a letter and send it to the Mercury. It is the fool who gets laughed at; it is the educated person that people listen to.

Letter to the Editor

Dear GSC students,

The Glenville State College Student Congress wishes to extend to all students the opportunity to get involved in the student governance process.

This year many students have shared their opinions and voiced their concerns about the many issues facing our student body and campus in general.

There is no better time to get involved and help make a positive impact on the future of Glenville State College than right now. So stand and be counted.

Nominations for Student Congress elections for the 2000-2001 academic year will be accepted beginning on

January 18, 2000 and will end at noon Friday, February 11, 2000.

The voting and election itself will take place on Wednesday, February 24, 2000 and Thursday, February 25, 2000 with the new Congress taking office late March.

So don't be one of the many who complain and do nothing to help, be one of the few, one of the leaders, who is willing to be a visionary and make an effective, positive change.

Sincerely,

Cheryl McKinney

Jerry Lee Burkhammer II

Student Congress Advisors

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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.

Before the storm: Seattle

Mary Wildfire
Staff Reporter

In the evening of Friday, November 26, and all day Saturday, November 27, I attended a teach-in sponsored by the International Union on Globalization, here in Seattle, Washington. This sold-out event was titled "Teach-In on Economic Globalization and the Impact of the World Trade Organization." There were about 40 present speakers from all over the world, but I missed two sessions about seven speakers due to jet lag and the very concentrated sched-

The audience included many young people. As I have commented about the apathy of my fellow Glenville State College students, you can guess that this appealed to me. There were also many people my age and many older people. There were several black and Asian people at the event, but the group was white com-

pared to what I see in the streets of Seattle (the diversity here is wonderful; I love West Virginia, but it gets tiresome looking at white faces all the time). There were many Canadians, not surprising as Seattle is close to the Canadian border; and a few other foreigners.

Different panels focused on labor issues, agricultural issues, biotechnology, the threat to democracy from non-accountable international institutions such as the World Trade Organization, and ideas for the creation of a citizens' agenda to replace it.

Speakers hailing from the U.S., England, India, the Philippines, France, Ethiopia, Canada, Thailand, Chile, Nigeria, Ladakh, Mexico, Malaysia, Ghana and Brazil highlighted the environmental and social damage resulting from a system which answers to corporations but not to people.

Vandana Shiva of India pointed out some myths. The WTO and its rules are not about "free trade" at

all, she said; they're about forced trade. One of the items on this week's official agenda, "competition policy," is actually about creating monopolies. And, globalization is not inevitable. She also said that the legal measures stopping farmers from saving their seed, and sometimes forcing them to use pesticides, have pushed many Indian farmers into bankruptcy and sometimes suicide.

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz of the Philippines pointed to the connection between environmental and social impacts. "The destruction of our lakes, our forests and our waters is also leading to the undermining of our identities as peoples," she said. "The task before us is to challenge the Eurocentric concept of development. Otherwise, sooner or later, those of us in the margins will be defined out of existence."

Cipriana Jurado of Mexico told us that the average wage in the maquiladoras is less than three dollars a day.

Patty Goldman of Seattle quoted a Cree prophecy: "Only after the last tree has been cut down, only after the last river has been poisoned, only after the last fish has been caught, only then will you find out that money cannot be eaten."

Many spoke of impacts and problems, but there was much good news and hope, too. One speaker mentioned reading in the current issue of the Economist that the protesters are winning. Tony Clarke of Canada said, "We're living now with the corporate-security state. We need a participatory-democratic state."

The audience interrupted every speaker with applause; it was as much a rally as an educational event. Nonetheless, I learned a lot and I picked up piles of literature from the dozens of tables in the lobby. I will distribute some of this information to students in my Global Studies class, but should have plenty left for anyone who wants to talk about these issues.

Christmas in Ethiopia Finals Schedule

GSC Student reflects

By Samuel Berhe
Staff Reporter

In Ethiopia, Christmas is called *ganna* and is celebrated on January 7. It is celebrated on December 25 because Ethiopia follows the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian calendar. This older calendar is about eight years behind the Gregorian calendar. It just turned 1992 in mid-September in Ethiopia. Both modern and tradi-

tional Christmas celebrations are held in Ethiopia. Modern celebrations are similar to those of the western world and usually take place in urban areas.

A fir tree is decorated with lights and other ornaments and *aba ganna*, known as Santa Claus, comes through the chimney and brings with him presents for the whole family.

Traditional celebrations are held in most rural regions; they are more religious and take place in ancient churches all over the country.

Men and boys clad in traditional clothes sit separately from girls and women and follow the cer-

emony, deeply absorbed by the intermittent songs the choir sings.

In addition, Ethiopian hockey is played all over the countryside. Legend has it that the game was being played by the shepherds who were tending their flocks on the night that Jesus was born.

The food served at Christmas usually includes *injera*, a large pancake like bread, which serves as both plate and fork.

The main meal is called *Doro wat*, a spicy chicken stew. The *injera* is used to scoop up the *wat*. Before the meal everyone in the family gathers for a coffee ceremony, which lasts at least an hour.

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6:45 F		Friday - 7:30-9:30 p.m.	

Nichols on his way

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

Chad Nichols, Glenville State College student recently participated in the West Virginia Theatre Conference auditions held at Institute, which is a preliminary step to moving on to audition at the South Eastern Theatre Conference, the largest job market for people in the theatre field. Nichols was one of 11 people chosen from a pool of 100 actors who auditioned. As a result, he could be well on his way to a dream career in professional theatre.

Participants were taken into a little room with a tiny stage and placed before three judges who observed and took notes during auditions. Nichols said "One was a casting director,

one a director, and the other was an author on how to audition. They knew what they were doing." Next, participants were divided into groups of fifteen and each person in the singing/acting field was given 90 seconds to perform a monologue and a song.

Nichols will now compete with other participants from the entire east coast for his chance to be discovered in the theatre world. He will be required to do a 90 second performance before an audience of 500 talent scouts. Nichols explains, "If you do that, you are called back, which means directors or producers, or anyone who is interested in you will call for an actual audition. I have to have at least six songs prepared and several genres, including bal-

lads, musicals, jazz, etc., with head shots and resumes. If I'm called back, I will be taken to a room and be required to perform on the spot. They can say 'Here's a cold read or 'read this,' or "Do something from Shakespeare.' You can end up signing a contract right there. This is the final step to professional theatre."

Chad is a senior from Charlotte, North Carolina, with an interdisciplinary major in Psychology and Oral Communications. Chad's other acting accomplishments include parts in movies, such as "The Lottery", "The Secret", and "Carrie II", along with various commercials and modeling jobs. He will play the role of "Christian" in next semester's production of "Cyrano de Bergerac."

Woods wins Chi Beta Phi award

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College Senior Barbara (BJ) Woods is the first person in Gilmer County to receive the Chi Beta Phi National Key Award.

The award ceremonies were held on November 5 through 7 at the Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA.

Woods is a Chemistry and Biology major with minors in Math and

English Literature.

She was Chi Beta Phi chapter secretary in 1997 and president in 1998 and 1999.

Woods is a full-time student who participates in many activities and organizations on and off campus.

A few of her many accomplishments are co-authoring an article "Using the Movie *Apollo 13* to Teach Chemistry", which was published in *Journal of Chemical Education*, presenting a paper at an

ACS meeting in Las Vegas, and working as contributing photojournalist, columnist and reporter for the Mercury.

Dr. Peck of the Math and Science Division stated that in describing BJ's contributions to the Alpha Iota Chapter of Chi Beta Phi "her energy and enthusiasm, which is contagious, has helped in recruiting new students to our chapter and has raised the standard of chapter president to a new level."

New CNG scholarship

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State College Foundation recently received a gift of \$2,000 from the Consolidated Natural Gas Company (CNG) to aid first generation college students.

Area Superintendent Phyllis Hinterer commented, "It is very important to support higher education and

CNG is pleased to be able to assist GSC in its service to the students of rural, central and western West Virginia."

Hinterer, and Director of Communication Planning Alan J. Dole, were in attendance to present the check to Dr. Powell.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the scholarship, contact Ed Hamrick at 462-4125.



President Powell accepts the check from Hinterer (L) and Dole

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the season's end

Glenville wins finale 44-34

by Chris Williams
Staff Reporter

The 1999 Pioneer football season comes to an end. Pioneer field was in great shape as West Liberty State (6-3) and Glenville State (4-6) shared the field at 12:59. In the first seven seconds after kickoff the Pioneers led. Jayce Goree kicked a 31-yard pass to Gerald Lovett in the first half of the game. Gerald Wilburn then makes the field goal. The first quarter ended by GSC. With a 25-yard run made by Thaddeus Hamton and another field goal by Gerald Wilburn. Bring out a 0-14 score at the end of the 1st quarter.

At the start of the 2nd quarter West Liberty has the ball only to give it up with 09:58 on the clock. Then six plays later Jayce Goree has a 6 yard run to the touch down line. Gerald Wilburn makes his third field goal. The game is now 0-21 with Glenville still in the lead. The next play was well thought out and performed. Another 31-yard pass is propelled down field from Jayce Goree to Lavioris Adams. With a hippie, hippie, shake GSC has collected another touch down. The fanatics in the stands are showing their enthusiasm with great shouts of conviction. "Go team Go" comes from almost every GSC fan young and old.

Gerald Wilburn kicks and makes his last field goal of the first half. The scoreboard now reads 0-28 with 03:59 left on the clock. This is when West Liberty wakes up from the shock of the first play of the game. With the next two touch downs going to West Liberty, the score now reads 14-28 at the end of the first half.

With the first touch down of the second half, West Liberty moves back into the fight. Closing the gap with Glenville too within one touch down and a field goal (21-28). Form this point on it is time to run that pigskin. Both teams are starting to fill the momentum and fatigue work against them as they

struggle with each other on Pioneer field. GSC takes the challenge with a 12 yard run by Thaddeus Hampton. Ending the 86-yard push for the score. Gerald Wilburn attempts his fifth field goal but it is blocked by West Liberty. Leaving the score at 21-34. Until Thaddeus Hampton kicks out like the runner he is for a 91 yard run up field. In his sixth attempt for a field goal Gerald Wilburn brings the reckoning or tally to 21-41. West Liberty, with 00:24 on the clock, makes a 6 yard pass to make it 28-41. GSC has the lead by 13 points to end the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter both teams are playing against the clock.

Glenville State needs to maintain their strong lead by keeping control of the ball. At 07:38 on the clock Gerald Wilburn makes his last field goal of the game. It was a 23-yard kick. This puts a 16-point difference between GSC and West Liberty. In the last few minutes of the game West Liberty makes the last touch down. West Liberty then tries to pass for extra points. It fails to work for them. The final game of the 1999 Pioneer season ends as a victory for Glenville State 34-44.

We all should show each Pioneer football player how much we support them. By telling them in person the great job they did this year.

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Computer Dude: Virtual friends

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

The internet has become one big playground for the computer savvy. You remember the playground don't you?

Ah, that elementary school bastion of teasing, laughing, kickball, and gossip is alive and well in cyberspace. Now, they're called "chat rooms."

Of course, the kickball is gone, but all the rest is hanging on. Users type away insults, argue about music (often in all capital letters), and generally have merriment over the

phone lines.

So, you want to be in on the fun, do you? Well, you have a host of options.

Easiest, and for that reason, among the most juvenile, is web-based chat.

Yahoo (www.yahoo.com), TalkCity (www.talkcity.com), and a host of other web-sites sponsor these browser-based chat rooms. They require no extra software to be downloaded and installed, which means that after signing up, you are whisked away to one of their rooms.

There are also several

stand alone programs, such as ICQ (www.mirabilis.com), AOL Instant Messenger (www.aol.com), and Microsoft Messenger Service (www.msn.com). These three are basically clones of one another, with all containing much of the same features.

The programs allow you to chat generally with one other user at a time, and you can set up chat rooms to accommodate larger numbers of people.

One major drawback (at least of ICQ) is the annoyance factor. There is very little that is more

annoying than being interrupted from something important by an ICQ message. What makes this most annoying is ICQ's random function, which will enable users to make contact with a random user on the system and chat with them, regardless of the other party's willingness.

Finally, there is a stand-alone program called mIrc (www.mIrc.com). IRC (Internet Relay Chat) is the granddaddy of all chat rooms, and while it's interface takes a little while to get used to, it aptitude at

customization makes keeper.

Using scripts found over the web, you can your IRC program to all sorts of nifty things, such as log all discussions (try doing on a web-based room), let users know you're going to be away from the computer for an extended period of time, and find out how long behind you are in the conversation (aka. "lagged").

Internet chat can be a lot of fun, but it can also be very addicting. Be careful, especially with finals week coming up.

Particle Lady: A deadly bug

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

I recently had my flu shot and while waiting in the doctor's lounge, I overheard two gray haired ladies talking about getting a pneumonia shot. I thought about getting one, but like most people, I chickened out. Why? I don't know. But, it did set me wondering about this illness. As usual, I pulled out my Merck Manual and, of course, searched the web.

Pneumonia is a serious infection or inflammation of the lungs. Air sacs in the lungs fill with pus and other liquid. Oxygen has trouble reaching the blood, causing one's cells not to work properly. Because of this and the spread of infection throughout the body, pneumonia can cause death. Pneumonia affects the lungs in two ways. Lobar pneumonia affects a section of the lung. Bronchial pneumonia affects patches throughout both lungs.

Until 1936, pneumonia was the number one cause of death in the United States. Since then, the use of antibiotics have brought this illness

under control. In 1996, pneumonia and influenza combined ranked as the fifth leading cause of death.

What causes pneumonia? Pneumonia is not a single disease. It can have over 30 different causes.

Bacterial pneumonia can attack anyone from infants to the very old. Alcoholics, the debilitated, post-operative patients, people with respiratory diseases or viral infections, and people who have weakened immune systems are at greater risk. Pneumonia bacteria are present in some healthy throats. When body defenses are weakened in some way, such as by illness, old age, malnutrition, general debility or impaired immunity, bacteria can multiply and cause serious damage. When a person's resistance is lowered, bacteria work their way into the lungs and inflame the air sacs. The infection quickly spreads though the bloodstream and the whole body is invaded. For a person suffering from bacterial pneumonia, the symptoms can vary from gradual to sudden. In the most severe cases, the patient may experience chills, chattering teeth, severe chest pain, and a cough that

produces rust-colored or greenish mucus. The patient will usually have a temperature, sometimes as high as 105 degrees; s/he will sweat profusely, and his/her breathing and pulse rate will be rapid. The mental state of the pneumonia patient may be confused or delirious.

Over half of all cases of pneumonia are caused by viruses. Most of these cases are not serious and last only a short time. The influenza virus, however, may be severe and occasionally fatal. The virus invades the lungs and multiplies, but there are almost no physical signs of lung tissue becoming filled with fluid. The illness occurs often among those who have pre-existing heart or lung disease or are pregnant. The symptoms of viral pneumonia are the same as those of influenza: fever, a dry cough, headache, muscle pain, and weakness. Within 12 to 36 hours, there is increasing breathlessness; the cough becomes worse and produces a small amount of mucus. There is a high fever and there may be blueness of the lips.

Mycoplasma pneumonia, fungal pneumonia, and tuberculosis pneu-

monia are other forms of pneumonia that round out the types of pneumonia. They occur infrequently and symptoms are nearly the same as those of bacterial and viral pneumonia.

Most people can be treated at home with antibiotics if they are young and in good health. The key with treatment is not to rush recovery.

It is possible to avoid contracting pneumonia; getting a flu shot every fall is good pneumonia prevention. There is also a vaccine available that helps fight pneumococcal pneumonia. Your doctor can help you decide if you or family members need to get this vaccine.

Pneumonia can be classified as a winter time killer and it does kill many people every year. The key is to be educated about what pneumonia is and what to do if you suspect that you have this illness.

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

Guns N' Roses new live album relives glory

Jeff Wickland
Reporter

After five years of silence, the band returned five years since the death of its founding member, Axl Rose. Guns N' Roses released the double disc set *Live Through This* in 1993. The album is composed of various live performances during the band's '80s and early '90s, taking the band from their days as a hard rock band to their mammoth, stadium rock orchestra status. Looking in at just over 100 minutes, the two disc set features every major song from their studio recordings: *Appetite for Destruction*, *Lies*, and *Use Your Illusion I & II*, as well as a

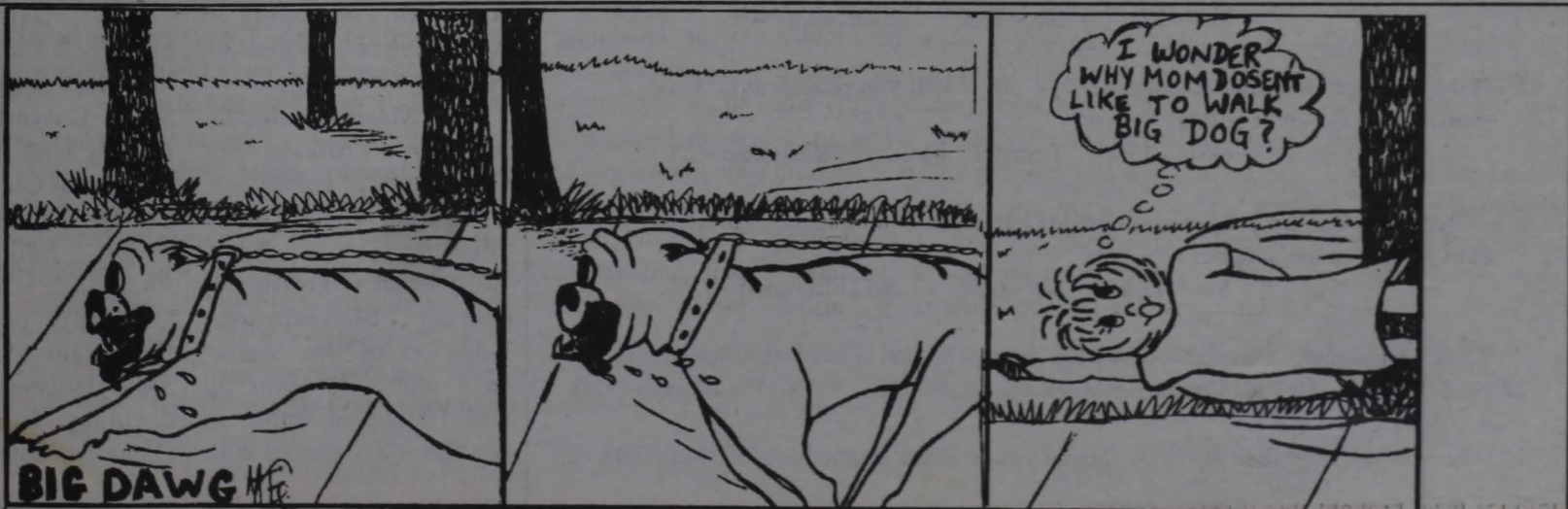
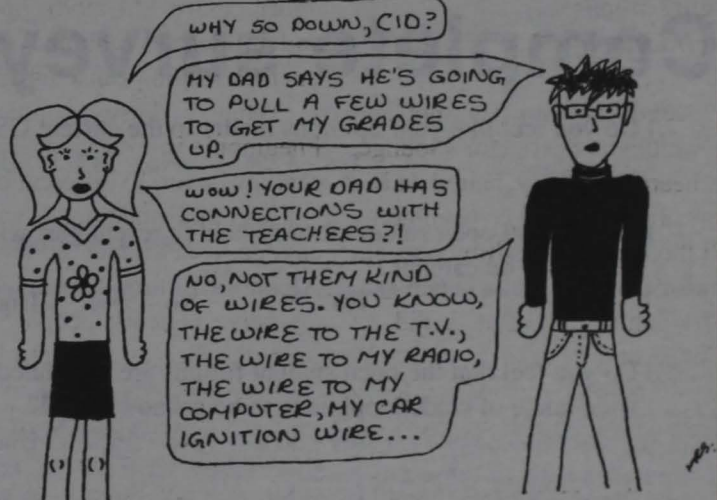
cover of the Black Sabbath classic "It's Alright". Being the last of a dying breed of notorious, over-the-top rock 'n' roll frontmen, Axl Rose is captured in top form on the double disc set. From the venomous, lethal screech of "Welcome to the Jungle" and "Nightrain", to the lush, sympathetic melodies of "Patience" and "November Rain", his voice has an unmatched diversity that seemingly spans the register of human capability. Rose's ability and presence are supplemented to near perfection by the heavily blues-influenced, signature axework of band mate, lead guitarist Slash. Backed by a solid rhythm section, he scorches out virtually every solo, note

for note. From start to finish, his precision shredding is a constant throughout. The first disc is mainly composed of material from *Appetite* and *Lies*. "Nightrain" and "Mr. Brownstone" are played particularly well, capturing the fierce urgency of their early live performances. The acoustic blues ballad "Patience" is excellent as well, although crowd noise virtually buries the first verse, and "Used to Love Her", despite its off-the-wall subject matter, stands up to any classic Aerosmith blues jam. The disc finishes out with an extended version of the already nine minute epic "November Rain". Much of the second disc

was culled from the two year, 192 date *Use Your Illusion* tour. Despite an internal lineup change and the addition of keyboardist Dizzy Reed, as well as backing female vocalists, the band doesn't lose its edge. "Yesterdays" and "Pretty Tied Up" cut as deep as the original recordings and "You Could Be Mine" is the most solid track on either disc. Slash blazes through one of the most recognizable riffs in rock history on "Sweet Child O' Mine" (giving it a much needed return to glory after Cheryl Crow recently butchered it beyond recognition), and continues to shine through on "Knockin' On Heaven's Door" and "Estranged". The disc ends with a performance in Las

Vegas of "Paradise City". After only a six year reign, Guns N' Roses rose to a level of worldwide success that no other rock band has since reached. Although the future of the original band is unknown, an updated and far less potent incarnation will emerge early next year with the release "Chinese Democracy". As seen in recent years by such megagroups as Black Sabbath, The Eagles, Kiss, and Fleetwood Mac, a GN'R reunion is hopeful, perhaps inevitable, though not foreseeable. *Live Era: 87-93* is a reminder of what raw, aggressive hard rock was, and what made GN'R one of the most successful rock bands of their era.

Comics



Student survey results radical

By Amy Smith
Staff Columnist

Response to the student survey published in *The Mercury* in its November 15th issue demonstrated strong student opinion. The Mercury asked its readers to answer seven questions concerning the student body's relationship with the current administration and proposed changes that may influence the life of a student at GSC. Out of surveys distributed on campus, 124 were returned to the Mercury office. The results were tabulated and calculated by Mr. Kennedy's Nature of Math 110 class.

The administration can relax a little, when student's were asked if they felt their opinions mattered to the current GSC admin-

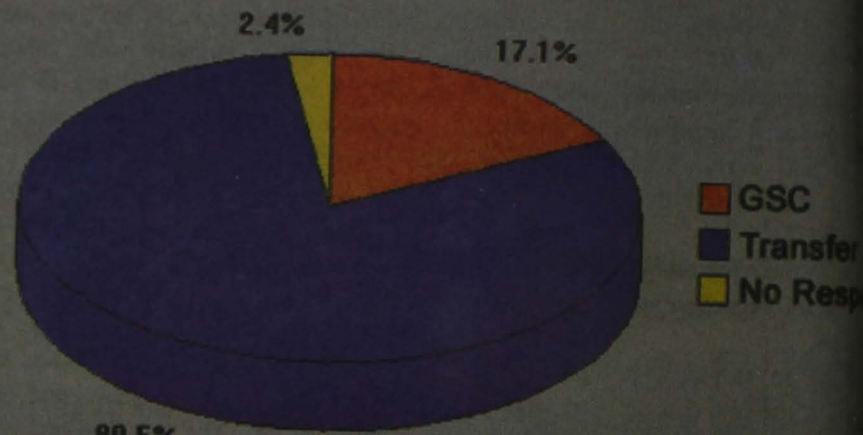
istration, 78.2% answer yes, while 12% said no and 9.6% were undecided. The student forums held by the administration in recent past, as a way to communicate with the student body first hand, appeared to have some impact on this relationship. However, 54.5% of students polled answered that open student forums were not scheduled in a way that allowed a wide range of student opinions to be acknowledged. Lack of advertisement and the actual scheduling of the forums appear to be the biggest complaints about the forums. Students who commute, have class or are involved in extra curricular activities have not been able to attend.

Students who responded to the survey were very

concerned about the proposed schedule changes. 95% were opposed to the proposed schedule changes and 80.5% of polled students said they would trans-

fer to another school if these changes were to go into effect. Students were not as concerned about summer school scheduling. 43% percent of student's polled would prefer seven week summer session, while 16.1% would rather have a week session, but 3 had no preference.

If the proposed schedule changes go in effect will you remain at GSC or transfer



125 students surveyed. Mathematics by Dave Kennedy

Complete survey results

- 1.) Do you feel like your opinions matter to the current GSC administration?
Yes - 12% No - 78% Undecided - 10%
- 2.) Do you feel open student forums held in recent past will make or has made a difference on campus?
Yes - 21% No - 53% Undecided - 26%
- 3.) Do you feel that the open student forums are scheduled in a way that allows a wide range of student opinions to be acknowledged?
Yes - 30% No - 55% Undecided - 15%
- 4.) Are you in favor of the proposed schedule changes?
Yes - 1% No - 95% Undecided - 4%
- 5.) If the proposed schedule changes go into effect will you remain at GSC or transfer to a different college?
GSC - 17% Transfer - 81% No Response - 2%
- 6.) Do you feel that the proposed schedule changes would enhance your ability to earn money in the summer?
Yes - 12% No - 63% No Difference - 25%
- 7.) Would you be more interested in a 14 week summer session or two seven week sessions?
14 week session - 15% Two Seven week sessions - 43% No Preference - 32%

124 students returned their surveys. Thank you to Dave Kennedy for his help with the Mathematics.

Smith and Gallardo present papers in Albuquerque meeting

Two Glenville State College instructors from the Division of Language and Literature will be making presentations at the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association's meeting in Albuquerque this coming February.

Dr. Ximena Gallardo, Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature, will present her paper "Erasing Race: Hollywood's Politically Correct Shakespeare." Later on in the conference she will team up with Dr. Jason Smith, an instructor associated with GSC's Division Language and Literature in a combined presentation named, "Femina Futura: Projections of Female in the Albuquerque Series."

Dr. Gallardo, who hails from Chile, received her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. She teaches both English and Spanish at Glenville State College.

Dr. Smith holds a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. He taught at Louisiana State University before deciding to teach at Glenville State College.