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Faculty to mull over newest schedule proposal

The Final Word?

By Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

The administration has revised the scheduled proposal and circulated the new proposal among the faculty. Faculty Senate discussed the new proposal during their January 26th meeting, but did not make any decisions concerning the proposal because not all of the divisions had an opportunity to discuss the changes. Faculty Senate plans to make a decision on the new schedule at their February 11th meeting; although it is not clear if the new schedule proposal was formally submitted to Faculty Senate. Student Congress has not yet received the copy of the new proposal, although they plan to discuss it during their February 3, 2000 meeting. Even if Faculty Senate and Student Congress reject the new proposal, it could still go into effect.

If the proposal is finalized, GSC will be able to accommodate three, 15 week semesters: Fall, Spring, and Summer. The Summer semester would be divided into two seven-week terms. In the fall, classes will begin before Labor Day and in Spring graduation will be held before the end of the first week of May.

The new schedule proposal will allow Glenville State College Students to have a week long break during both the Fall and Spring semesters. A study day would also be included before the week that finals will be held. This has not changed from our current schedule.

<u>DAILY SCHEDULE OF CLASSES</u>	
Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Tuesday-Thursday
8:00 - 9:00	8:00 - 9:30
9:15 - 10:15	
10:30 - 11:30	9:45 - 11:15
11:45 - 1:15 (MF) or 11:45 - 12:30 (MF) & 11:30 - 12:15 (TR)	
11:45 - 1:15 (W) No Classes - Meeting Time for Faculty and Students	
1:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:00
2:45 - 3:45	2:15 - 3:45
4:00 - 5:30 (MW) or 4:00 - 6:50	4:00 - 5:30 (TR) or 4:00 - 6:50
7:00 - 9:50	7:00 - 9:50
Saturday and Weekend Classes: Customized	
All Summer Semester Courses will follow the T-R time schedule and meet daily for one term or every other day for the full semester.	

What has changed is the amount of time spent in classes and how classes are scheduled.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes will now meet for a full hour, adding ten minutes of seat time per class. Tuesday and Thursday classes will meet for an hour and a half. No classes would be offered on Wednesday between 11:45 and 1:15 to allow meeting time for faculty and students. No set schedule has been set for weekend classes; they would be customized according to need. All summer courses will follow the Tuesday, Thursday time schedules and meet daily for one term or every other day for the semester.

While actual seat time has been added, the amount of weeks classes are scheduled remains the same, as do the credit levels. A student carrying a 15-credit hour course load would actually be spending between 17 and 18 hours of seat time in class, and still only receiving 15 credits for the semester.

There is a good possibility that students may have a harder time making their schedule as the times classes are available would be less flexible. The question has been asked, if the new policy goes into effect would it now take longer for students to fulfill the set credit hours needed for graduation requirements.

Up Top scheduled for re-opening in February

By Samuel Berhe
Staff Reporter

Students who were disappointed by the closing of the Game Room, located in the basement of the Heflin Center, due to insufficient funds might take some solace by the news of the soon going to be opened, up top room on the 7th floor of the Wagner wing in Pickens hall. The exact opening day is uncertain, but according to Mr. Jerry Burkhammer, President of student Life, it is sometime in the first week of February.

Mr. Burkhammer, also informed me that the idea to open the Up Top room, which was closed last



Chris Williams, Mercury

Action in the soon-to-be-opened UpTop at Pickens Hall

semester for insufficient funding and mismanagement, came from students. It is basically for any students to socialize and hang around in their free time. There will be a big screen for movie nights and a bar for sodas and pool, with

theme nights like a "talent show" where students can perform any talents they might have. The Up Top or "penthouse" as some people call it, is accessible for any student and is going to be opened from 7p.m to midnight.

Palm donates photo to charity



Dr. Edward F. Palm, chair of the Division of Language and Literature and professor of English, has donated a prize-winning photograph to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of his aunt, Mrs. Josephine Sickenger, who is pictured in the photo and at the time was in the terminal stage of Alzheimer's. The Association indicated the photo will be used on their web site and in traditionally published brochures.

Administrators and faculty attend national education conference

By Sherry Newsome
Staff Reporter

During January 9 and 10, Dr. Thomas Powell, Dr. Joe Evans, Dr. Kathy Butler, and Professor John McKinney attended the "National Conference on Teacher Education," which was held in Washington, D.C. The conference, hosted by the US Department of Education, was by invitation only.

Prior to the conference, a Presidential Summit was held by Richard W. Riley, the Secretary of Education. During the summit, which was held in September, Riley extended invitations to presidents of several colleges and universities from throughout the nation, asking them to attend the conference in Washington.

Over 900 participants and representatives from over 150 institutions of higher learning attended, with the primary focus of the conference being placed on raising teacher

quality in colleges public schools. Teacher preparation and support for new teachers were also issues that were discussed.

Participants were invited to attend workshops dealing with specific topics and GS representatives chose separate workshops that each member could learn about a different topic and collaborate with the other members about what he/she learned at the conclusion of the conference. Butler said "We tried to gather information to use in our own program."

Butler noted that "a shortage of teachers such a big national issue now...within the next years, over 2, 400,000 teachers will be needed in the United States. It is important to retain them."

Evans concluded with "We felt we had a good program, went to DC with a feeling we had a good program, but we were looking for some modifications."

May Graduates:

wishing to order graduation announcements should place their order with the bookstore by February 11th.

Payment required when ordered.

A tale of two residence halls

LBH NOTES

Let me start off by saying WELCOME BACK! I hope you had a great Christmas/New Year's vacation. I don't know about you, but I was ready to be back to Glenville after the first week. You love your family but you only hear the story about your grandpa's goiter so many times before you just got to have a break.

Let's talk now about Head R.A. Brian Randolph's movie night. This Wednesday he will be showing "Mystery Men" with Jeanne Garofalo and Steve Stiller. It will be shown at 9 pm in the Louis Bennett Hall Lounge. Come up and join us.

Patrick Hall
Residence Hall Director

The continuing saga of student dorm life at GSC

PICKENS HALL NEWS

Welcome back, and happy 2000! Hope your holidays were bright and fun-filled. I'm glad to see everyone back and in full swing for the Spring semester.

Well, it's that time again: Pioneer Programming Board recruitment time. We need people with fun and creative ideas to provide activities for the entire GSC community to enjoy. Contact Jerry Burkhammer in the Student Life office, or talk to Patrick Hall (LBH Director) or myself for more information. Meetings are held every Thursday at 5:00 pm in the Snack Bar, so stop by.

Thank you to all who participated in the Self Defense Seminar Tuesday evening. Special thanks go out to Mickey Metz and his students for sharing their knowledge and expertise with us.

Not much else for this week. Remember, if you have any news items you would like to see in print, contact myself or your friendly neighborhood Resident Assistants. Until next time...

Jeanne Finn
Residence Hall Director



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Powell kisses pig for Criminal Justice fundraiser

By Chris Williams
Staff Reporter

On Friday, January 14, the President of our campus kissed a pig. Yes, I said a pig. This act was the result of a fund raiser hosted by the Criminal Justice Club last semester.

The club took up a collection to see who would kiss the pig. The nominees were posted on a jar and anyone could vote. By donating excess pocket change or a couple rolls of quarters, one was able to pick a nominee. Each vote was received and tabulated for each nominee, allowing

the club to have the nominee with the most votes kiss the pig.

When President Powell's jar was tabulated, it had the most coins. A total of \$23.02 was contained in his jar. Dr. Galenza was the runner up.

The event took place in the common room of Louis Bennett Hall, where several students and faculty members witnessed our President kissing the pig "Wilbur".

Wilbur, on loan from the stockyards in Weston for this event, was not too happy to be here. Powell was nevertheless able to

kiss Wilbur on the forehead. With a gesture of appreciation,

Dan Gutierrez presented a very large ham and a toy pig to Powell. To his credit, Powell accepted his nomination and performed it with good humor.

The purpose of the fund raiser was to gather monies to send members of the Criminal Justice Club to a national conference this semester, at which two abstracts were submitted to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). The papers will be presented at the annual ACJS conference, which is



Chris Williams, Staff Reporter

President Powell puckers up for student organization fundraiser

a national conference held in New Orleans. The club is currently trying to raise money to help pay some of the costs involved.

The conference will take place during the third week in March and will be it raised approximately \$85.00 in October with the Kiss the Pig contest.

Your Student Body Prez



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

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New Activities Director to be hired

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College Vice President of Student Life Cheryl McKinney and an appointed committee are currently conducting a search for an Activities Director.

Residence Life Director, Jerry Burkhammer, explained that the search for a new

director begins by placing job opening ads in newspapers and on the NASPA news board. The search committee then reviews all applications received, narrowing the process to three or four applicants.

Next, applicant interviews are scheduled and the most suitable candidate is referred to McKinney, whose approval could lead to a

further interview with GSC President, Thomas Powell.

Burkhammer states that "the search committee has currently set three interviews and hopes to have a new Activities Director in February. No specific deadline has been set, allowing ample time to find the best candidate to meet GSC student needs."

We Need Art

The Trillium, GSC's literary magazine is looking for black and white photos and artwork to grace the cover of this year's edition. Black and white art/photos only, please. Submissions will be taken until Feb. 29.

Submissions may be given to Dr. Gayle Burkowski or to Criston Gravely.

Dining room receives new food service

by Chris Williams
Staff Reporter

At the beginning of the spring semester, Aramark Food Services began providing the students of Glenville State College with a new food program.

President Powell has made this step to satisfy the changing needs of the campus. In a bold and very competitive world, Aramark, Inc. was able to win the bid to provide food services to GSC. Along with a remodeled dining room, there will be a change in the food offered to students and staff.

The same meal plan options will still be used, but students are given more choices. There is a choice between 19, 16 and 11 meal plans, which can be used anytime, seven

days a week, with all meals.

Bill Manners, new food service director, said that another scheme is in the works for a meal plan that operates like a debit system. Students will have an account and draw against that account to eat in the dining room.

This plan will replace the writing of checks, which was canceled when Aramark took over. When asked why this policy was changed, Manners stated "We at Aramark have a policy in our contract not to take checks."

The dining services at the moment are in a state of transition. With the start of this semester, all the planned changes have not been implemented. Students and staff are asked to

work with Aramark during this period. It won't be long until all of the services will be up and running.

Some of the changes to be made will be a food concept called "The World's Fare." Manners said that "it will offer a meal prepared on-demand in front of the students who can select from a wide variety, such as pasta dishes one week and tacos or stir-fry the next."

Another service being offered are meals all day long. Starting at 7:00 a.m., you can get a hot breakfast, followed by a continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m., with lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch is offered at 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.. Dinner begins at this time and runs until 7:00 p.m..

May Graduates:

Please stop by the Bookstore and place your cap and gown order before March 3rd!

The graduation fee assessed in the Cashiers Office covers the cost of your cap and gown, however we ask that you provide us with a copy of your receipt when placing this order (if your fee has already been paid).

IF THIS FEE CANNOT BE PAID UNTIL LATER, WE STILL NEED YOUR MEASUREMENTS NOW!

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Politics and Change

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Glenville has become a winter wonderland in recent weeks. The cold and snow may seem a curse and add inconveniences, but I see it as a blessing. This area has suffered drought in the past months and we have not really had a winter in years. The snow will not only bring much needed water to the land, but it will help freeze out the pollen and bug larvae that add to our misery in the warmer months.

Change is no longer a new word on this campus; in fact, I am willing to bet that is now the most common word used at GSC. I urge all my fellow students to be aware of changes that are happening, because they will affect us all. It is also important that we all speak our minds and share our ideas concerning these changes.

I am curious as to how many students actually have direct input on many of the changes that affect us. I know the student forums allowed students to communicate their opinions on matters, but how many students actually sit on and have a voice in the committees that dictate new campus policies? In my opinion, there should be at least one student on these committees. As a student, and Editor of the Mercury, I demand that the administration allow students to have a more active role in the policy making on this campus. However, my voice alone will not be heard—others need to make this demand as well.

Over break, I experienced some of those nasty growing pains that we all go through. As hard as these times are on us, they always come with valuable lessons. The lesson that I learned is that some people are more concerned with "playing the game" than being themselves. As simple as this lesson may seem, it caused me to question my respect for certain individuals and in some cases, these people lost my respect. Doubtless this didn't mean very much to them, as I am not a person that can better their position in this town, or in life. All I can say is that I am proud of who I am, and God forbid the day that I can not be myself and still function in my community.

I am looking forward to the upcoming general elections. This election is not only crucial for the nation, but I have a feeling that the outcomes in this town will have a huge impact on how this town and college grow politically and as an institution of higher learning. Who says small town politics are of little significance? I say they are of the most significance.

Pioneer Programming Board

Dear Editor,

You are probably asking yourself, what is the Pioneer Programming Board? The Pioneer Programming Board is a committee that is open to all students, staff, and faculty to join but is mostly comprised of students. The members design and implement simple activities that can be done to enhance student life on campus. Students already have activities that are planned by resident assistants and the Office of Student Activities, but there are many dates on the calendar where there just is nothing planned. The Pioneer Programming Board would fill in some of these open dates with fun activities.

The Pioneer Programming Board was re-established just last semester, but we already have been doing small activities around campus. You may have seen us decorating a Christmas tree in the Heflin Center on November 30th. We also had some more activities that took place over the holiday season. You remember seeing us doing these activities or you may of read our name on the calendar.

We just wanted to introduce ourselves to the students of Glenville State College and let everyone know that any-

one who wants to be a part of the Pioneer Programming Board is welcome. All you have to do is see Jerry Burkhammer in the Office of Student Life and tell him to sign you up. Even though we have started with small programs this month, we would like to grow in the spring and supply better activities for all students. Make Glenville State College a better and more enjoyable place to be by joining the Pioneer Programming Board.

If there are things that you would like to see going on here on campus, come to one of our meetings and let us know what they are!! After all the Pioneer Programming Board's job is to get the things you like to be going on!!!

If you want to join the Pioneer Programming Board see Jerry Burkhammer in Student life, Patrick Hall the House Director of LBH, or Jeanne Finn the house Director of Pickens Hall. We will be holding meetings Thursday nights at 5 pm in the Heflin Center's Snackbar. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

P P B

Explanatory Mass

Dear Editor,

A special explanatory mass will be held at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Camden on Sunday, February

6th, at 4:00 pm. The ioners invite people of gious backgrounds to The purpose of this Mass is to allow those unfamiliar with Catholic ship to better understand faith expressions of Catholic friends and rel

During this Mass part will be explain detail. At the end of the there will be ample oppo ty to ask questions.

This will not be an to recruit new members Catholic church. Nor wi any kind of fund-r effort. No offering bask be passed during this ex tory Mass.

The people of Boniface parish asked pastor, Father John Finn arrange this event in on respond to the frequent tions they receive about Catholics worship. They been pleased with the le interest expressed by people in the surrou community.

This celebratin wi enriched by the music c Lewis County Senior Cit Choir. Following the M light refreshments will served in the church hall.

St. Boniface Church located on U.S. Route 33 miles west of Weston, a midway between the Car and Alum Bridge Offices. For more info tion, please call the church 269-1767.

Sincerely,

Rev. John H. Finnell,
pastor

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My Two Cents

By Jeremy Burks

A new semester has turned here at GSC and with it has come several changes. The first change I saw when I came back was new carpeting on the second and third floors of Williams wing. I was very pleased to see this change. I could not wait to set eyes on all the new choices at the cafeteria. When I finally made it to the dining hall, I was delighted to see that it, too, had changed. That was until I found out that the only differences were in looks, access and food. We have new food from a different supplier which is fixed in place where, brought here, and warmed up. I have also learned from going up to the dining hall that if a table cloth is thrown over just about anything and set with bottles of mustard and what not on them, then you might be possessed by the spirit of Martha Stewart and have the ability to turn a simple, bland dining hall in to a warm, comfortable environment. Let us not forget that now a person can walk into the dining hall and eat at any time from 7:00a.m.-7:00p.m. Did I forget to mention that if you would like something other than fruit and cereal, then you must wait until lunch, dinner, or breakfast to have a hot meal?

I looked over the GSC dining services pamphlet and found a sentence that struck my twisted sense of humor. It reads "The hours of service in the dining room have been expanded to serve you at any time throughout the day." I also asked Jerry Burkhammer during a student congress meeting about the new dining hall before I went on break and he told me that if I wanted a cheese burger at ten o'clock in the morning, I could get one. Well Jerry, I want my cheeseburger at ten o'clock in the morning and they won't fix me one. What is the problem? Is

there a mis-communication somewhere because I do understand English?

I want to get back to the new carpeting in the dorms for a moment. Just a day or two after we returned from break, some people decided to have a paint ball fight on third floor Williams. This floor had new carpeting—until it was covered with paint balls. When I found this out, I was flabbergasted. What kind of idiot would have a paint ball fight in the dorms in the first place? This kind of behavior is not what one would expect from an adult. Thank goodness the carpet is mostly clean now and the only damages are cigarette burns in the carpet. That's another thing—let me educate whomever it may concern on the subject of ashtrays. They are not just for ashes—you can also put cigarettes out in the ashtray, too.

The big news on campus now is the latest class-schedule and academic-calendar proposal. This proposal, if passed, would require students to attend classes for longer periods of time than they would be given credit for. Let's say a student is taking a three hour English class. Under the new schedule, the student would be in that class long enough to earn four hours of credit. Let's compare the amount of time you would be in a MWF class this semester compared with next semester. During the week, we spend 150 minutes in a class now; next semester, we will spend 180 minutes a week in that same class—that's 30 extra minutes of class time a week. That's about four and half-hours of extra class time a semester, which works out to almost seven extra days of classes when compared to this semester. Sit down with a copy of the schedule and discover for yourself the magic of shift-

ing numbers around and discover how much extra time the new schedule requires you to spend in class. I have an idea—lets just have MW and TR classes that last one hour and fifteen minutes and let every one go home Thursday evening, so students can work all day Friday and the during the weekend. No one stays here at GSC any way.

We have been dealing with this schedule problem for a couple months now and no one has given a decent reason why we have to change it. The reason for this whole schedule change is that the President Powell is trying to beat the state legislature to the punch. There is a bill that legislators are trying to pass in Charleston that would make all students in college attend classes for an additional 270 per semester. By changing our schedule now, we will be well within the new guidelines by the time it becomes state law. This is why President Powell wants to change the schedule. I, for one, think that it is a good idea to have a plan ready if, and only if, the bill is passed that would cause class time to increase. If we do not have to change it to fit the new guide lines, then let's not. Leave it be.

I also noted that in the modified academic calendar that some one has no faith in the faculty here at GSC. I personally do not think that it would take an instructor here at the school a full week to prepare for a class they have been teaching for years. It's the same stuff in a new book.

So, what have I discovered in these first few days back? The dining hall still sucks, some of the students still have not learned anything about growing up, we should not fix what isn't broken, and that 42 is the answer, but not to last semesters final.

Give it time

Food service will get better

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

Unlike Mr. Burks have found the change in the dining service to be a welcome one. Admittedly, there are still some problems to be worked out, but on the whole, selection, service, and convenience have been drastically improved.

You have to keep in mind how many people they're cooking for. When you're cooking meals for hundreds of people, it's rather hard to make gourmet food.

In fact, it's even harder to make gourmet food when you only have a span of weeks to change companies for supply and preparation. Give them some time, and everything will be to your liking.

This is not to say that what's there now isn't good by itself. Consider a situation from last semester. Let's say you go to supper last semester and they're not serving anything you like. It's salad bar-time.

This semester, if the main line is devoid of food you like, you still have at least two options: the grill line and the new World's Fare. You still have a choice between burgers and whatever the guy in the funny hat is frying up today, which has been uniformly good the past few days.

If you ask me it sure beats the choice between brussel sprouts and brussel sprouts.

As for the burger at

10 in the morning, give it time. Word on the street is that by fall semester your dining card will have debits on it that you can use at the snack bar, which we can probably also expect to get a bit of a makeover by fall.

There's still a lot of room for improvement in the dining service, such as that ice cream maker that everyone keeps screaming for, but I sure they're working on it diligently.

It's all a matter of time at this point.

Also, I am a pretty regular eater of the "lite lunch" section of the day, and, yes, it is possible to get a full-sized meal straight from the salad bar. You just have to work at it a little.

For instance, the other day, I managed to make myself a turkey rueben (add turkey with swiss cheese, russian salad dressing, and some coleslaw on a bun). When you combine that salad bar with a microwave and a toaster for your bread, you've got a pretty powerful weapon.

So, in other words, have some patience, be a little creative with your food (and I don't mean by flinging mashed potatoes in each other's hair), and eat lots of burgers. Lots of burgers.

And no, I'm not just in this for the extra portions. I honestly believe the dining service has improved, and I see nothing but clear skies ahead.

Of course, if they're there, I'll take them.

Rocking in the New Year with Metallica and Co

By Jeff Wickland
Staff Reporter

The Pontiac Silverdome located in Pontiac, Michigan, was the site of the second largest New Year's Eve concert in America, with a bill including Sevendust, Kid Rock, Ted Nugent, and Metallica.

Y2K-hyped apprehension and the contingency of rioting seemed to plague the atmosphere from the beginning. Although attendance was excellent, the crowd remained unexpectedly calm throughout much of the show, appearing even a bit subdued considering the circumstances.

Newcomers Sevendust took the stage shortly before 6:00 p.m. Boasting emphatic riffs with the near growl-like intensity of front man Lajon Witherspoon, the Atlanta-based quintet performed a consistent set, which was anchored by "Denial."



Metallica's Hetfield and Kirk Hammet jam in the 2000's from the Pontiac Silverdome

The abrasive grind of Sevendust soon gave way to the trendier sounds of Detroit native Kid Rock. Complete with inflatable stage props and rapping midget Joe C., Rock's set was diverse, if nothing else. His industry savvy, rap-rock hybrid made up the majority of the set, although it was mixed with a few equally diverse cover songs as well. The highlight came as Rock, with backing band Twisted

Brown Trucker, paid homage to fellow Michigan natives Grand Funk Railroad with a cover of "American Band." With the aggression-fueled performance of Sevendust preceding and the line of rock royalty which followed, Kid Rock's set came off as little more than a misplaced novelty act.

Next in line was the Motor City Madman himself. After arriving on stage courtesy of

his highly esteemed pet buffalo, Nugent belted out a solid set of up-the-gut classic rock, including "Fred Bear," "Cat Scratch Fever," and "Stranglehold." Nugent's bassist, Brownsville Station graduate, Tony Driggins performed a cover of their 1973 classic "Smokin' in the Boys Room" as well. Being a customary occurrence at any Nugent performance, Ted finished the set by displaying his archery skills as he ignited a guitar via a flaming arrow.

The head liners Metallica assaulted the stage around 9:30 p.m., and played a variety of material spanning their 18-year reign. Front man James Hetfield's spitfire urgency seemed to breathe new life into the otherwise passive audience. "Bleeding Me," "Whiskey in the Jar," and the pyrotechnic-charged "Fuel" were obvious stand-outs. Other notables included "Sad But True," "Master of

Puppets," "One," "2x4," "The Page," and "Nothing Matters." Perhaps the low point came as the band performed "No Leaf Clover" to a pre-recorded symphony which failed to capture the mood of the live S&M version. The set was capped off shortly before midnight with the liberating strains of "Enter Sandman."

After the turn of the millennium, all four acts took the stage to perform a cover of the Kiss anthem "Detroit Rock City," which was followed by Metallica's performance of "Phantom Morgue."

Although it took time to gain momentum, the six-and-a-half hour performance as a whole was excellent. The lingering uneasiness of Y2K did seem to put a damper on the overall mood of the audience. However, there were no difficulties of any kind, violence or otherwise, throughout the entire show.

Fine Arts Gallery to display student art

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College Department of Fine Arts is holding the 10th annual in house art show "The Creme de la Creme" in the Fine Arts Gallery from January 17 to February 11. The gallery will open Monday through Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm and one hour prior to evening performances.

The show is a display of art work ranging from realistic to non-objective abstraction created by GSC art students. Professor Duane Chapman stated that "this show is one of the strongest and most consistent shows that I've participated in organizing during the past three years."

Over 100 entries were juried by Tamra Hough, an adjunct instructor with the GSC Division of Fine Arts and Gary Gillespie, Professor of Fine Arts. The show features 56 entries from students listed below: Julie Snider, Stephen Metz, Robin Burkowski, Amber Minney, Rebecca Chandler, Terry Glover, Michelle Martin, Muriah Barker, Abbie Burge, Beverlee Linger, Carla Hanson,



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

An example of the artwork of Julie Snyder on display at the FA Building

Kyoko Muto, Darci Pritt, Opharah Hall, Matt Rogers, Amanda Nicholas, Karen Williams, Ali Hurley, and Kristy Howard. Professor Chapman would like to extend thanks to all participants, judges, and to John Church for assisting in hanging the exhibits.

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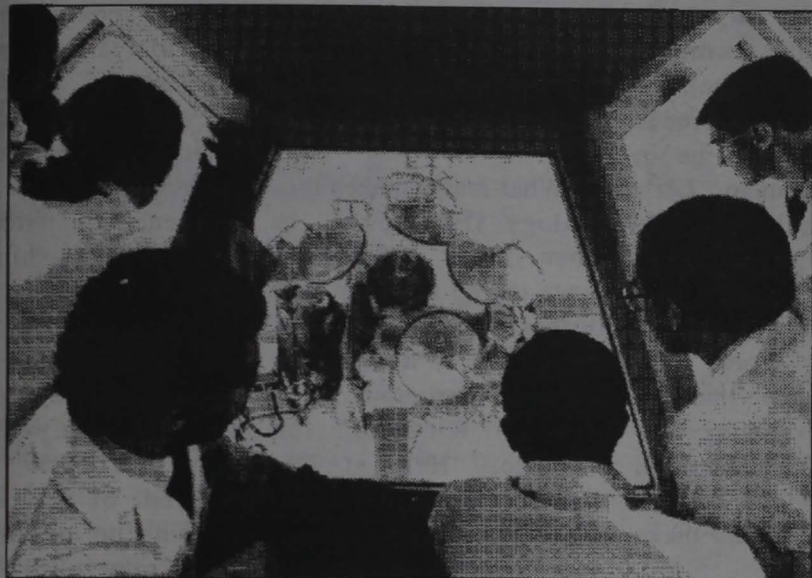
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Computer Dude: Gene's Bits

By Chris Vannoy
Staff Columnist

Have you ever thought about how much a computer's programs resemble human genes?

No, really, stick with me here. Every strand of DNA is filled to the brim with these blocks of coding called genes, which control how we humans will turn out, from eye color to sneezing style.

Now, computer programs aren't made up of long strands of various

chemical compounds, but of these tiny bit of information called bits. You want to see a bit? Here goes. 1. Bits are a single, well, bit of information in binary code (they can also be "0").

These bits are kind of analogous to the thymine, guanine, adenine, and cytosine in our genetic makeup. Individually, they don't matter much, but they tend to clump together. In humans, these clumpings are referred to as genes, in

computers they're called bytes (simply put, that's eight bits, for example, "00101101" is a byte).

Now, if a whole gene is wrong, you could be in trouble in a human. Let's say the gene that controls your urinary function is a little screwy. Get ready to make frequent trips to the bathroom. Worse yet, suppose the gene that's in charge of developing your brain is bad. Chances are, you're not going to live past infancy, if you make it that far.

In a computer, these bytes can do the same thing. If they're in the wrong spot or order, you could be in a heap of mess.

What really makes this analogy fly, though, is when these genes and bytes clump together still further. In humans, you have DNA, in a computer you have a program.

Take Windows, for instance. Here at *The Mercury*, we have a couple of bytes that are bad in our program called

Windows. That's a takes to reduce our puter to a large, expensive paperweight. Our screwup deals with tecting the integrity of program as a whole, n like genetic mutations influence and hinder person's immune sys Windows can't pro itself, so it shuts do Our body can't pro itself, and it to, will eventually shut down.

Kind of gives a meaning to a computer "virus", doesn't it?

Particle Lady: Pest vs. Pest

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

Yesterday afternoon, while thumbing through one of my husband's agriculture magazines, I found an article that seemed interesting. It was about farmers using insects to control other insects instead of using pesticides. According to the article this is a more economical and consumer safe way to control pests on the farm. I thought that this deserved further study since West Virginia has so much farm land.

Integrated pest management is an approach to managing pests such as insects, diseases, weeds, and animals by integrating appropriate physical, biological and chemical tactics that are safe, profitable and environmentally compatible. More specifically, an integrated pest manager must understand both the biological environment and the economics of the agricultural system. Pest management decisions are based upon the monitoring of pests and their natural controls in the field. Computer models may also be used to predict pest outbreaks.

Dwight Isley provided the earliest record of the integrated pest management concept as a formal

agricultural practice. His work began in the 1920's when Isley pioneered modern pest control by using principles of scouting economical thresholds and trap crops along with insecticides to control the boll weevil population in Arkansas cotton. Initially, progress in integrated pest management was slow, largely due to that abundance of inexpensive, effective, synthetic pesticides and limited knowledge of the long-term effects of pesticides on organisms and the environment. Even after all of this, it was not until the late 1960's when the government started looking into the side effects of the pesticides on the consumer. Ray Smith, University of California, and Perry Adkisson, Texas A&M, were at the front of pushing for the integrated pest management. These two men won the World Food Prize in 1997 for their work associated with the integrated pest management.

Management decisions are based upon established economic or aesthetic injury thresholds. These thresholds are developed by examining the physical damage capable by a pest population, the economic loss resulting from that damage, and the cost to treat the problem. When the potential damage is sufficient enough to pass these thresholds,

then some action is taken. The action may be a combination of legal, cultural, physical, genetic, and/or biological.

Legal control is following the state and federal guidelines that are designed to prevent the spread of diseases. The cultural control is the use of crop rotation, cultivation, sanitation, habitat modifications or removal of sources of pest infestation. The physical control is the use of traps, barriers, adjusting planting, fertilization, tillage or harvest times of various crops. The genetic control is the use of a variety of plants that are resistant to pest injury. The biological control is the conservation or introduction of predators, parasites, and diseases that suppress or attack the pests.

How does all this relate to the student at Glenville State College? Very simply put it is the food that you are putting into your mouth. Many people, today, are going with wholly organic foods. This is great, but there is still the use of pesticides. Would you want to purchase food that has been grown without the pesticides being used? In test markets in North Carolina, shoppers stated that they would switch stores to be able to purchase foods that are under the integrated pest manage-

ment programs from those that selling organic foods. These same consumers stated that they would be willing to pay a higher amount to get foods that have not been treated with pesticides. I would and this is why I found this information interesting. There is an alternative out there for the food growers of the world. They don't need to use all the pesticides and herbicides that they use.

Currently the FDA is looking into labeling foods that are grown under the integrated pest management program. In test markets, more than 90% of consumers in the New York area stated that they would like to know if their foods were being treated, and that they would purchase foods that are under the integrated pest management program versus foods that are not.

I am not pushing the integrated pest management by any means. I am merely stating the facts about it. I can tell you this, as for me and my little garden every year, I will really consider using this program instead of pesticides.

Until next week, take care and you travel the halls of science. For comments or questions, please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu

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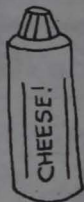
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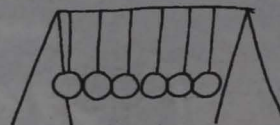
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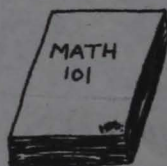
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(MMMMM!)



THAT THING WITH THE BALLS
WHERE YOU SMACK THE ONE
ON THIS END AND THE ONE
ON THE OTHER END FLY'S
OUT... YOU KNOW.



THE BOOK

OK PEOPLE, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING, "WHAT GOOD IS A CRUMMY
BOOK?" JUST THINK ABOUT IT. HERE'S
A COUPLE IDEAS:

1. USE AS A TABLE
2. USE AS A COASTER
3. USE TO LENGTHEN THE LEGS OF FURNITURE
4. HIDE THINGS IN IT
5. HIT PEOPLE WITH IT
6. KILL BUGS WITH IT
7. USE IT TO SLEEP BEHIND IN CLASS
8. MAKES EXCELLENT FIREWOOD!
9. OUT OF TOILET PAPER? USE THE PAGES!
- NOTE: WATCH FOR PAPER CUTS (OUCH!)
10. USE AS A DOOR STOP
11. USE AS A PAPER WEIGHT.
12. GOT A BUNCH OF 'EM? PUT 'EM ON A
SHELF... THEY'LL MAKE YOU LOOK SMART!
13. USE AS A FRISBEE
14. MAKES ONE HECK OF A WEAPON! (HEE! HEE!)
15. I GUESS YOU COULD READ IT... BUT WHY?

Campus Calender

Recurring Events

Lunch & Chapel

WAC 12 noon every Tuesday)

ellowship of Christian Athletes

(WAC 9 pm every Tuesday)

Baptist Campus Ministry

WAC 9 pm every Wednesday)

Movie Night

(WAC 8 pm every Thursday)

Monday- January 31, 2000

Women's Basketball

Glenville vs. Concord

(Away 5:15 pm)

Tuesday- February 1, 2000

Men's Basketball

Glenville vs. Columbia Union

(Home 7:30 pm)

Wednesday- February 2, 2000

PPB Activity

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To Be Announced)

Thursday- February 3, 2000

Women's Basketball

Glenville vs. WVU Tech

(Home 5:15 pm)

Men's Basketball

Glenville vs. WV Tech

(Home 7:30 pm)

Saturday- February 5, 2000

Women's Basketball

Glenville vs. Wheeling Jesuit

(Home 2:00 pm)

Men's Basketball

Glenville vs. Wheeling Jesuit

(Home 4:00 pm)

Monday- February 7, 2000

Men's Basketball

Glenville vs. Bluefield

(Away 7:30 pm)

Tuesday - February 8, 2000

College Day

Comedian Greg Fitzsimmons

(Heflin Center Ballroom 7:30 pm)

Thursday- February 10, 2000

Women's Basketball

Glenville vs. WV State

(Away 5:15 pm)

Men's Basketball

Glenville vs. WV State

(Away 7:30 pm)

Friday- February 11, 2000

Last Day to Apply for May

Graduation

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(Office of Student Life 12 noon)

Saturday- February 12, 2000

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Glenville vs. Salem-Teikyo

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