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# The Mercury

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## Despite low attendance Student Congress Forum addresses con- cerns about graduation, reorganization

*By Chris Vannoy*  
*Staff Reporter*

On Tuesday, February 1, Glenville State College Student Congress held a student forum to gather opinions from the GSC student body. Despite poor attendance, the congress and attendees broached over 30 different topics, ranging from the hijinx of sixth floor Wagner to two key issues involving the congress's representation and the graduation ceremony.

Heading off the forum, a student inquired about the new regulation prohibiting the wear of honor cords during the GSC graduation ceremony. These cords include the ones that have been traditionally worn for membership in national honorary fraternities.

Student Body President Mo Tzoneva explained, "I talked to Debbie Simon, and she told me that [the honor cord proposal] was going on. I asked her why it wasn't brought to Student Congress. She said that it wasn't a Student Congress issue."

President Tzoneva pledged to send a formal letter asking for a student review of the policy.

"We're the students. We are the people who are wearing them. We'll try to take care of that," Tzoneva reiterated.

Also broached was a proposal to restructure the make-up of Student Congress itself. The proposal would reduce the number of senators from their present 24 to 15 by eliminating the senators at large.

"The reason behind it is because



*Chris Williams, Mercury*

### Student President Mo Tzoneva fields questions from students at the Student Congress forum held on February 1

there's a lot of people who get on the congress that get there because we want something on their resume." Tzoneva clarified.

Reaction by the students present at the forum was decidedly negative to the proposal. Several students were worried about the effect the change in representation would have on the variety of opinions expressed in the congress. Some also questioned the motives behind the proposal, even asking if the proposal was being pushed upon the congress by their advisors.

The lack of attendance, possibly enhanced by a scheduling conflict with a home basketball game, also irked many congressmen.

"This thing's been posted all over the dorms and stuff, and when you get only eight people here, it's hard. It's like anything else on this campus, you just can't get people to do anything. You couldn't offer them ten bucks to get them to come to this meeting." Lamented Senator at Large Chris Birkhimer.

The original eight that were in attendance were later joined by latecomers, bringing the total to a still abysmal 20 or so.

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# Powell asks legislature for \$7 million

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

Recently, Glenville State College President, Dr. Thomas Powell, has been a man on a mission. He has been frequenting legislative sessions at the Capitol in hopes of gaining some attention for the college and thus some much needed funding. In order to implement these proposed changes and renovations, the money for these projects has to come from somewhere. However, because of a three percent budget cut imposed by Governor Underwood, GSC's purse strings are tighter than ever. Over \$227,000 has been cut from the college's budget this fiscal year. As a result, departments and organizations across campus have felt the pinch put on expenditures.

On a positive note, however,

GSC has some news worth celebrating—the Board of Directors has given the college permission to proceed with the construction of ten townhouses to be built on Mineral Road, where the college owned trailer park is located. The trailers, which house married GSC students and students with families, will be available for purchase by students residing in them, although they will have to be moved upon purchase. But in order to begin construction of the new complexes, the school needs money.

In order to aid him in his efforts, Powell has designed a legislative agenda packet which contains factual information about the college, a Presidential letter to legislators, and a highlight of GSC's commitment to Tradition, Innovation, Leadership, and Community as well as a prioritized "wish" list of much needed renovations and improvements.

ovations and improvements.

The first priority on the agenda are the residence halls. Powell has asked for \$250,000 for renovations to Picken's Hall. Louis Bennett Hall is beyond repair, thus the need for the townhouse complexes, which will cost an estimated \$2,500,000.

The second priority is to obtain enough funding to purchase the building which houses the Nicholas County Campus. GSC has paid \$150,000 in rent annually since 1986.

The third priority is for the complete renovation of the Heflin Student Life Center. In 1990, a North Central Accreditation report noted the poor conditions of the center and recommended changes to better accommodate GSC students. The price tag for this upgrade is \$2,000,000.

Fourth, safety and security have

been much neglected issues at GSC. Powell's proposal is to re-route L Street, as the brunt of the school's pedestrian traffic crosses from the Heflin Center to classrooms. Other improvements and additions include an increased number of outdoor lights, emergency call boxes, and a keyless entry system for use in residence halls and computer labs.

Lastly, Powell has asked for funds to complete the Fine Arts Center. Music practice rooms were never built when the building was constructed in 1988.

The total amount of money Powell is requesting from the legislature is nearly seven million dollars. Since the President has changed quite a few things here at the college since his arrival, perhaps he can shake things up in the legislature in GSC's favor.

## Mountaineer Food Bank participates in Y GO 2 WASTE

By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

The Mountaineer Food Bank, located at 180 Enterprise Drive, Gassaway, West Virginia is participating in a national food drive to encourage people to donate their Y2K leftovers to local food banks.

Fortunately, most of us have made a smooth transition into the new year. With computer systems intact and

basic necessities met, it is time for us to turn our attention to the millions of Americans who are not able to enjoy such security. Thirty-one million Americans have begun the new year either hungry or not knowing where their next meal will come from. The Millennium Food Drive is an effort to address the stark reality of hunger in America. The Kellogg Company has partnered with

America's Second Harvest to launch a national food drive for the new millennium. The company is a long-time partner of America's Second Harvest and in 1999, donated more than 20 million pounds of food to the food bank network. The millennium food drive, Y GO 2 WASTE, is designed to redistribute food and supplies that many Americans stockpiled in anticipation of a Y2K crisis.

Current statistics indicate that more than 40 percent of U.S. households planned to stock up on food and other basic staples in anticipation of Y2K disruptions. Three-fourths of those households planned to purchase at least a month's worth of products.

America's Second Harvest would like to invite individuals to bring excess goods to food banks and other collection sites between January 15 and

February 1, 2000.

Most participating food banks have designated drop off sites for donations. These nonprofit charities include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior nutrition sites, after school programs and day care centers.

Anyone wishing to donate food or personal care items can call the Emergency Hunger Lifeline at 1-800-Hungry2 or 1-800-486-4798.

### The Office of Career Services

will be offering workshops on the following subjects:

Resume Writing - February 8, 2000  
Interview Skills - February 15, 2000  
Professional Dress - February 22, 2000

*All workshops will begin in the afternoon at 12:15 in the Distance Learning Center located in the basement of the Robert F. Kidd Library.*

If you have questions concerning these workshops or other career related needs contact the Office of Career Services at 462-4118 or stop by our office - room 204 in the Heflin Student Center

### May Graduates:

Graduation announcement orders should be placed with the bookstore by February 11th.

*Payment required when ordered.*



# New smoking policy to hit GSC

by Christopher L. Williams  
Staff Reporter

There was a task force formed by President Powell and headed by Bill Diehl to address the issue of smoking in the workplace on the Glenville State College campus. The new policy, which is only a draft at this time, will take effect in March 13, 2000 of this year. It will make a lot of changes for nonsmokers and smokers here at GSC. One of many changes included in the policy draft is that if you are here you will have to be in a

posted "smoking zone." If you are a nonsmoker you will be able to stand outside of any entrance and not have to breathe in second hand smoke from all the smokers standing in the door way leading to your next class. Smoking zones are as follows: outside the south entrance of the Fine Arts building, the north entrance of the maintenance building, the west entrance of the library, two east entrances of Louis Bennett Complex, the north entrance to Louis Bennett complex, the breeze way of the Heflin Center, the north eastern entrance of Clark Hall, the north eastern

entrance of the Health and Physical Education building. These are the only zones listed on the policy map. These smoking zones are listed on the campus map posted along with a draft of the policy. If you need a copy, please contact a student congress member or look on a notice board around campus. The policy states that GSC "ensure that all workplaces maintain a healthful, smoke-free environment to make employees, students, and members of the general public who work, attend class or events, or transacts business at Glenville State College."

President Powell wanted the task force to implement his need to make the campus a "more healthful environment." The college will encourage smoking cessation programs to employees and students. Employees will be reimbursed for time lost while attending a college-sponsored program. While students are advised of such programs, they will not be given any compensation or credit for said program. Please contact me at : [Topher1970@hotmail.com](mailto:Topher1970@hotmail.com) with any suggestions or information about this policy.

## Student Congress News

### Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of GSC Student Congress Feb. 1, 2000

#### Article III-Membership in the Congress

Membership in this governing body shall include all officers and elected members of the Congress.

Section 1- The general officers of the SC shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

Section 2- Each class shall elect one representative, to the SC. This representative shall act as coordinator for the class activities and as the spokesperson for the class in SC.

Section 3- There shall be one Residence Hall Representative elected by the governing Board of each residence Hall in the fall semester.

Section 4- One Commuter Representative shall be elected during the general election.

Section 5- One International Representative shall be elected per 200 full-time international students, with no less than one International Representative.

Section 6- One Nicholas County Representative will be elected during the general election by the Nicholas County Students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Student Congress representative or the President of Student Congress, Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva at 462-4113/ext. 113.

YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT TO US!!!!!!

### Student Congress Elections

It is that time of the year when you get to elect your new Student Congress for the year 2000/2001. Here is the schedule of all the events concerning the elections.

Feb. 11, 2000, deadline for nominations by 12:00pm in the Student Life Office (Heflin Center).

Feb. 14, 2000, posting of the ballot.

Feb. 22, 23, 2000 ELECTIONS at the Heflin Center and the Residence Halls at the designated times.

Campaign can start the day the ballot is posted and will end the day before elections. A debate for all the candidates for officers will take place within that week. Please, watch for the signs with the date and time.

If you are interested, don't hesitate to nominate yourself or other people.

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# Japanese students host Friendship Dinner

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

On January 27, 2000 Glenville State College with combined efforts of the entire ESC (English as a Second Language) class hosted a Japanese Friendship Dinner.

Preparation for the dinner took ESC Professor Gayle Burkowski and Japanese students weeks of planning. The Japanese students spent two days cooking, and three fourths of the food was prepared in the Japanese students

homes prior to the dinner.

Faculty member stated "that it would be nice if the American students would do something similar for the Japanese students."

The food and ingredients for the meal were authentic and some had to be purchased in a Japanese Food Store in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Approximately 75-80 Faculty and students attended the dinner. The Japanese students also demonstrated Japanese hand writing and played Japanese music pro-

viding the guest with a more authentic atmosphere.

Programs were provided upon entering the dinner, which contained the recipes for the food that was prepared, boiled beef and vegetables, Teriyaki Chicken, Miso soup with pork and vegetables, Japanese deserts, salad bar with Japanese vegetables and Curry and rice.

Junior Libby Hudkins stated "Most everything was similar to the types of food you would find in a Japanese restaurant."



Chris Williams, Me

**GSC students line up a taste of Japanese cooking and culture**

## HEAPS offers grants to adult part-time students

By Allison Tant  
Staff Reporter

In January, the West Virginia State Legislature passed a new program designed to help adult part-time students obtain financial assistance for school. This program is called HEAPS, the acronym for West Virginia Higher Education Adult Part-Time Student Grant Program.

It is set up to give financial aid to students carrying six to eleven credit hours. It is possible for a student to receive the full amount of tuition, and the grant is renewable each semester up to nine years.

Financial Aid Administrator Karen Lay comments, "these are free dollars students are not required to repay."

In order to be eligible, a student

is required to first fill out a FAFSA form. Other requirements include that recipients must have been out of high school for at least two years, have been a resident of West Virginia for the last twelve months, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an associate or bachelor's degree, be making satisfactory progress, have an independent student status, and have the need for financial assistance.

Lay states that "we still have some money remaining for this semester and we will have this funding next school year. We are encouraging people who we know are going to be part time students to apply."

If you are interested or want more information, speak to Karen Lay in the Financial Aid Department.

*The forecast is in...*

## Six more weeks of winter

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

Well folks, the verdict is in and it came straight from the horse's er...the woodchuck's mouth. We are in for six more weeks of bad weather, according to Pennsylvania resident and renowned weather expert, Punxsutawney Phil.

Phil, roused from his hole on Wednesday, delivered a bad prediction to those of us looking forward to an early spring.

According to weather researchers, the groundhog has only been right 28 times out of 60

in the past 60 years.

Groundhog Day draws an average crowd of 500 people to Gobbler's Knob, where Phil is unceremoniously roused from his slumber by the rude tap of an acacia wood cane at the mouth of his burrow.

According to legend, if the day dawns sunny and bright, the groundhog will see his shadow and winter will last an additional six weeks. On the other hand, if the day is overcast, the groundhog will not see his shadow, symbolizing an early spring. Unfortunately, we weren't so lucky this year.

## 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.*

## NEW LIBRARY HOURS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2000

Sunday	3 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.



# Alumni hired in Public Relations Department

By Ann Williams  
Staff Writer

GSC alumnus Lisa Hayes has returned to Glenville State College as a new Staff Writer and Head Webmaster in the Public Relations Department. Hayes transferred to GSC from Washington State Community College in Marietta, Ohio where she received an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. Professor Wayne deRosset was a major influence on Ms. Hayes as a student. She stated the deRosset actually called class early one day during summer session to speak with her and her mother and spent over an hour helping her transfer to GSC. This played a major role on her decision to transfer to Glenville State.

While in her first year as a student, Hayes joined The Mercury staff as a reporter. During her senior year, she became managing editor of The Mercury, and her duties included

assigning articles, doing a weekly editorial entitled, "Scratching the Surface", and newspaper layout. At the time, The Mercury was under the guidance of the Public Relations Department, and Hayes wrote several pro-GSC pieces during her reign as managing editor. She was also editor of the Kanawhachen during her senior year, and was named an "Outstanding Young Woman on Campus" in 1994.

After graduating in 1994 with a B.A. in English with a writing emphasis, and a minor in Journalism, Hayes worked for Hampton Ridge Magic as a desktop publisher. Her duties included maintaining the web page, photographing products, writing instructions for magic tricks and designing packaging and advertisements. During that time, Hayes modeled for the packaging of a magic trick, and as a result, her face has been seen in over 100 homes with a pen through her tongue. She has performed magic tricks on line, one of which can



Chris Williams, Mercury

**Lisa Hayes**

be viewed at: <<http://www.hamptonridge.com/gallery/sympcard.htm>> She has also written two booklets, 101 Tricks with a Stripper Deck and 101 Tricks with a Svenglai Deck, and over 5000 copies of each have been sold worldwide. When Hampton Ridge was purchased by Fun Incorporated in Chicago, Hayes elected to stay in West Virginia. Until she joined the college community as Staff Writer, she did free-

lance work for companies nationwide.

Hayes' new duties primarily deal with maintaining GSC's web site, which now has over 300 pages. The new version of the site was released last week with the new logo, although the site is not yet complete. She also designs advertisements for different newspapers and education magazines around the state, and writes a weekly Pioneer Profile for the Glenville Democrat/Pathfinder. Other responsibilities include press releases, editing, and proofreading.

When asked about her new job at Glenville State College, Hayes stated, "Very few people get the privilege to go to work every day to do something they enjoy. I am fortunate because I enjoy my work immensely. Working at my alma mater, I now get to see people who taught me and whom I have respected for years showing respect for my work. That is, I think, one of the biggest compliments I could ever receive."

## \$20,000 land donation

## Construction of new entrance planned

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College was recently received a land donation worth over \$20,000.

Ike Morris, Phil Reale, and Kenny Greenleaf donated the land, which is near the north entrance of the college. To be specific, it's the area directly below the "pit".

The land, which is basically a hill, will be demolished and restructured so

that the front entrance of the college can be changed. With construction of the new entrance completed, direct access from Rt. 33 & 119 will be possible.

Upon completion, the new entrance is anticipated to improve traffic flow and possibly create more parking spaces. A walking trail is being designed and there will be a kiosk containing a map of the school at the new entrance. Improved lighting is also planned. The project is slated to begin in May.



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## Make that Change

I am tired of hearing students complain about the college, administration and policies in class. It is not that I don't want to hear what they are saying, but just sitting around talking about these issues will not change anything. If you really want things to change, may I suggest a letter to the editor, or perhaps a civil student protest? Believe me, I know that changes do not occur by sitting around and whining about them; change requires action. Positive actions and energies will result in positive results.

It also seems to me that lately there has been a lot of things going on behind closed doors on this campus. At any rate there are enough gossip and rumors flying around to make me suspicious. I just don't understand this practice, at all. Are we all not adults? Is this not an institution of higher learning that thrives on differing opinions, discussion, learning and change? I can't help but wonder what types of things could possibly be such a big deal that they have to be hidden or only discussed in hush hush conversations.

Now for a few good notes. The changes happening on the campus are bringing positive results. In all my classes more and more students are beginning to take an active role in their education. Professors seem to be more enthusiastic about their classes. Unfortunately, in the past this was the exception rather than the rule. I am not sure if it is the students affecting the teachers or vice-versa; all I know is that is the best possible change that could have happened on this campus.

The Women's Conference planned for April will definitely be a good thing. Hopefully it will grow and expand into an even bigger and better conference. Anybody who doesn't check it out, will most assuredly be missing out.

Is it time for another snow day yet? Although they can make classes a little more hectic, the extra un-planned day off is well worth it. Playing in the snow is something I hope I never outgrow. Plus, I never thought I would say it, but I forgot what it is like to sleep in! Geesh early mornings are especially hard on night owls like me.

## My Two Cents

By Jeremy Burks

Have you ever wondered why some people get all bent out of shape when a person uses "foul language"? What the f\*\*k is their problem? Oooooooh I am, so very, very sorry I used that kind of language. Give me the chance to redeem myself in your eyes. What I meant to say was, what the intercourse is their problem?

What I am trying to point out is that sometimes one word is all you need to hit a nerve. At the January 27 meeting of the Student Congress, two student representatives chose to use "foul language" to stress a point they were both trying to make. The first senator made the statement "... if we do that, then we are f\*\*k\*d." And the second statement made was "This is a crock of S\*\*t." At this point, Cheryl McKinney harshly criticized both members of Student Congress for their choice of words.

I could understand the fact that Mrs. McKinney did not appreciate the "foul language" used, but to meet with those two peo-

ple about it outside of the meeting to discuss their behavior is going way overboard. This is still a free country, is it not? Should we post the Bill of Rights just to remind us that we do have the freedom of speech and the right to express our point of views at Student Congress meetings?

Let's not forget what happened at a IFC meeting last semester when the TKE representative, Dave Bragg, made the statement "F\*\*k the IFC," and walked out.

In all three instances "foul language" was used and in all three cases the speakers were threatened or punished because someone did not like what they had to say. The "foul language" was only used to accent a point the person was trying to make. The language used was not directed at one person or used in a context that degraded any one person or groups of people. The words were used very carefully and with skill.

So what now? Am I to be dragged off, my mouth

washed out with soap and water just because someone thinks that they are f\*\*k\*\*g parents. I know what will happen, Student Life will pull a new rule regulation out of some deep dark orifice just to ruin my day. Get real, I would have already talked to a lawyer and started a case against the college for violating my constitutional rights and the rights guaranteed to me by the school.

What is the big deal? They're just words. Words labeled by society as bad or dubbed "foul language" by certain members of society. You can not see past the labels placed by society on these few words, then how are we to see past larger differences?

Students, stand up and tell Student Life you will not keep quiet. Today it's freedom of speech, who knows what it might be tomorrow. Let them know that we will not go quietly into that good night. We will not let this administration take our rights away from us. We will not lie down for any of them.

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# Questions surround smoking policy

**BJ Woods**  
**Staff Columnist**

I wish to take this opportunity to express my opinion on concern about the new smoking policy that will go into effect on March 13, 2000. One thing that I wish to happen is that whoever is setting the policy in place will take a few minutes to respond and answer the questions that I am incorporating into this letter.

I wish to go on record that I will stand behind the no smoking policy. As a United States citizen, it is totally up to me whether I choose to frequent a business establishment that has no smoking arrangements. However, I am not of the legal age to purchase cigarettes and it is my decision to smoke.

I have had many medical problems over the past 15 years. I fully understand what I am doing to my body. I am a smoker by choice, and I will not hide behind the smoke screen of saying I'm addicted and can't quit. I have quit, or I guess I should say that I abstained from smoking for over three and half years

before lighting up again approximately one year ago.

My concerns are very specific. I have spoken with professors, faculty senate members, fellow students, as well as my representative for Student Congress. It seems that when it comes to this policy, there is no one on the campus who can fully answer my questions.

First, I spend 95% of my time in Science Hall. I was sorry to see that on the draft of the policy there was nowhere in that area for a smoker to go for her nicotine fix. The closest place is the breeze way between the Mercury office and the bookstore, and of the other locations listed there were no seating facilities for the smoker. Why is this? There is a flat area outside Science Hall that would make a nice place to install picnic tables for smokers.

I have even been given the name of a young man who has graciously volunteered to make as well as install the picnic tables free of charge. I don't have a clear or concise answer for protecting the smoker from the weather that won't cost the college much

money, but I do think this is something that the administration should look into. I can say that the hospitals that I have been to over the past few years have smoking shelters in place for both employees and visitors. The restaurant where I am employed has a smoking as well as a non-smoking section. Both of these conform to state and county non-smoking policies.

Second, with no smoking places allowed around the Science Hall, the professors who are teaching classes over 90 minutes run into a problem during breaks. Instead of allowing for a 10 minute break, the professor is going to have to allow for extra time so that students who smoke can get to one of these designated areas and then make it back to class.

Third, the policy states that smokers technically are not able to smoke in their private vehicles when they are not parked in one of these designated smoking areas. Many smokers will have a major problem with this. As stated, it is their personal vehicle, so by law what they do in it is their business whether it is parked

in a designated smoking area or not. I think that there could really be some messy legalities involved.

Fourth, the way the policy reads I will not be able to have a cigarette while going from class to class unless I am in a designated smoking area. Why? I am not walking into a building with a lit cigarette. I am merely walking across campus. Usually, I walk alone but there are times that I walk with friends who are also smokers, or with friends who don't smoke.

Fifth is the constitutional rights of the smoker. This is a free country, where one is not supposed to be discriminated against, but the policy allows for much discrimination. As one person on campus put this, the designated smoking areas are nothing more than ridicule circles. Putting these areas in out of the way places is a form of discrimination.

I believe that there needs to be specific smoking areas, but do they have to be so far out of the way? I know that the rights of the non-smoker are supposed to prevail, but what about the rights of the smoker? Do these rights

mean that the designated smoking areas need to be far away and in the elements? Does this mean that just because you smoke you are not allowed to sit down while you enjoy your cigarette. Does this mean that the smoker needs to be shoved off into some corner of campus where no one will see them nor they see anyone?

I was always under the assumption that GSC was a small community where we all cared about each other. It seems to me that someone totally forgot this while coming up with this policy.

Does the administration wish to alienate the smokers of the campus because they want to put the smokers out of sight? Does this mean that by putting the smokers out of sight that they will also be out of the administration's mind?

I sincerely hope not. I also hope that before this policy goes into effect that these problems and questions can be taken care of. I realize that not everyone is always going to agree, but I do believe that there is a good compromise that can come out of all of this.

# Valentine's Day rich with history, folklore

**By Sherrie Hardman**  
**Staff Columnist**

February 14, Valentine's Day, is a day when people over the country give "I love you's" and "be mine's" to one another, in various ways. School children celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and having dances.

There are different theories as to where Valentine's Day originated. Experts connect the event with an ancient Roman festival

called Lupercalia, which was celebrated to remember Lupercus, a Roman god who protected the city from wolves.

Another theory is that the name Valentine may have come from a Christian Priest, Saint Valentine, who was jailed by the Romans for his beliefs. While in jail, he cured the jailer's daughter of her blindness. On the night before Valentine's Day, Saint Valentine sent a note to the young girl and signed it "From Your

Valentine." On the next day, February 14, Saint Valentine was beheaded for performing this miracle.

Valentine's Day may have come from a combination of sources and the belief that still remains is that it is a time for lovers. Valentine's Day is a popular holiday in England and has been celebrated for over 500 years.

There are many icons representing Valentine's Day that have been passed down from generation to

generation. These include ribbons, velvet, satin and lace trimmings. The tradition of putting lace and ribbons on cards descends from the Medieval practice where knights who fought in tournaments wore tokens to remind them of their lady loves.

The red heart is a very old icon; many years ago, people thought that the heart was the center of our feelings. The red rose contains a special meaning for people in love and descends

from an old English saying that if a man wears a red rose on Valentine's Day, he will marry his sweetheart within a year. The violet is also associated with Valentine's Day because the window of the jail where Saint Valentine was held had violets growing around it.

Regardless of what an individual believes, we all agree that the purpose of Valentine's Day is to share love and compassion with others.



## The power of suggestion

# Hypnotist tests students' imagination

By Staff Reporter  
Samuel Berhe

On, February 2, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heflin Center Ballroom, 173 people turned out to watch the amazing skills of professional hypnotist, Fredrick Winters.

He has reputedly hypnotized over 95,000 people and was chosen three consecutive times for the "campus entertainer of the year" award by universities across the country.

He started his performance by challenging the whole audience to stick their index fingers together and imagine that the left one was a magnet and the other was a piece of metal.

This made many feel that they couldn't move their fingers apart.

After this preliminary

exercise which eased some of the tension from the crowd, Winters then asked for sixteen volunteers willing to be hypnotized, to which thirteen bold people ventured forward to the stage.

Then, with relaxing music, mesmerizing light and Mr. Winter's manipulating voice, he repeatedly instructed the volunteers to go to sleep and eventually made them succumb into the unconscious.

Two people from the audience who didn't volunteer, fell prey to Mr. Winters ringing voice and they also slumped into the unknown.

After the gates to the unconscious mind were opened, Mr. Winters placed well-rehearsed suggestions, that were merely for entertainment purpose only, to the



Samuel Berhe, Mercury

## Hypnotist Fredrick Winters shows off a contraption during his visit to Glenville State College

unconscious state of the volunteers. In this state the volunteers were unable to remember their own names.

Mr. Winters also managed to make the volunteers impersonate differ-

ent personalities ranging from a very vexed Police Officer who couldn't make the crowd stop laughing to a fiery politician from Washington D.C., who was trying to convince us that laughter

was against the law bad for our health.

Last but not least made them imagine there was a little guy trapped in their watches.

Half the audience watched the show standing, but Mr. Winters did not disappoint us and his performance was a delight.

Asked how he would sum up the evening, Mr. Winters replied, "it was a lot of fun, the audience was very animated, and the responsiveness of the volunteers was great."

He also explained the various ways the volunteers responded to his suggestions depended on each person's power of imagination.

Congratulations to the members of the pioneer program board on a job well done.

## Guest faculty perform concert and teach at brass workshop

By Samuel Berhe  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m., a guest faculty brass concert was held at the Fine Arts Auditorium.

On this cold, snowy night some 40 students, mostly music majors, came to witness this performance, organized by Mr. Harry Rich, brass instructor of Glenville State College's music department.

Guest faculty members played different brass instruments and performed an array of musical masterworks for the assembled audience.

Professor Schlabach from Ohio State University and Mr. Rich played trumpets. Professor Smith, also from OSU, played the horn. Mr. LaBarca of State College, Pa played the trombone, Mr. Roush, of

the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, played the tuba, and Ms. LaSalle Knox played the piano.

This was the twelfth time that this annual brass workshop had been held. Rich commented that the workshop "brings in fresh ideas about performance and teaching practices that are highly beneficial to me and my students as well."

This concert was part of a two-day workshop for brass players. At the workshop the students participated in sectional rehearsals with the guest instructors. The instructors also conducted seminars about playing techniques of the different instruments and instrument repair.

The workshop concluded on Sunday, January 23, 2000 at 3:15 p.m., when GSC brass majors performed in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

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# doubleDrive album showcases classic chops

by Jeff Wickland  
Staff Reporter

doubleDrive aren't shy, nor do they rely on overplayed theatrics. Like many modern metal bands do, their sound shows no sign of current musical trends including sampling and drum machines. They possess a quality that many bands, and the industry in general, appear to have lost sight of; making music with integrity.

After touring heavily through the south for much of 1998, doubleDrive signed to A Records in April of 1999. Upon the release of

1000 Yard Stare, their self-produced debut album, they toured with the likes of Powerman 5000, Drain S.T.H., Megadeth, and Queensryche.

On 1000 Yard Stare, vocalist Donnie Hamby, guitarist Troy McLawhorn, bassist Joshua Sattler, and drummer Mike Froedge, display a stripped-down, primal approach to modern rock music.

With an unashamed honesty, they flaunt rock/metal textures, intelligent lyrics, addictive melodies, and even a certain degree of angst, without letting it dominate the

mood of the record, the way many sloth-rock bands of the early '90's did.

The material on 1000 Yard Stare varies from slow/mid-tempo to a near punk-like drive, yet as a collective unit they blend together effortlessly. "Belief System," the album opener, begins with Froedge's pulsating drum beats and McLawhorn's jagged axework, then breaks into a melodic interlude which lifts it to one of the most impressive tracks on the disc.

"1000 Yard Stare," a term coined by Walter Cronkite used to describe the dazed, far away look

in the eyes of servicemen returning from Vietnam, is a guitar-heavy, melodic display and features Hamby's vocals, a Lane Staley/Scott Wieland-ish combination, in top form. "Dressed In Light" and "Stand By," two of the more punk-induced tracks on the album, pack more punch yet without sacrificing the melody.

"Hell" and "Reason," with their strong melodic hooks, could easily be mainstream rock radio staples if given the chance. "Smaller" is perhaps Froedge's finest moment behind the drum kit, as he sporadically detonates with a bombastic charisma

that not only carries the track, but much of the record as well.

Perhaps doubleDrive's crowning achievement is "Tattooed Bruise (Here and There)," the first single off the record. McLawhorn's stop-and-go riffing opens the track, which later erupts as the band collectively delivers a hard-hitting arena rock chorus. The disc finishes out with an unexpected cover of Wall of Voodoo's "Mexican Radio."

With a solid debut and major label support, doubleDrive appear to have all the symptoms of a major rock band in the making.

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# Particle Lady: Clone Alone

By BJ Woods  
Staff Reporter

Last night while surfing the net, I ran across an article from Japanese researchers, who had cloned a calf from a cloned bull. Needless to say, my interest was piqued.

First, there was one thing perfectly clear—it would take more than one column to write on cloning. This is the first of three columns that will be dedicated to this topic. In this article, I will be discussing the aspect of cloning known as nuclear transfer. I will also bring everyone up to date on Dolly, the sheep, that was cloned via the nuclear transfer process.

Nuclear transfer is the process of taking the nucleus, which holds all genetic material, out of an adult cell and using it to reprogram an unfertilized egg. Dolly was the first successful experiment from which complete genetic material from an adult mammalian cell has been used in the development of a new individual. This technology could allow the production of genetically identical groups of animals to be cloned.

The Roslin Institute, which specializes in the research for cloning mammals, created Dolly, the cloned ewe. The process seems easy enough. First, the donor cells are grown under special conditions. It is, at this time,

possible to make genetic modifications and to select the exact cells one wishes to use for a specific trait. Cells then multiply. These cells are then fused with an unfertilized egg and introduced into the nucleus. Fusion takes place due to an electrical current, which leads to the formation of an embryo. Embryos are then transported, in Dolly's case, into a sheep and the lambs are born naturally.

Dolly was the first mammal cloned from the cell of an adult animal. She was derived from cells that had been taken from the udder of a six-year-old ewe and cultured in an laboratory. There were 277 "man-made" eggs. Each of these eggs contained a diploid nucleus from the adult ewe and were cultured for six days. Of the 29 eggs that were implanted, only one "took".

Cloning by nuclear transfer is not a novel approach; the technique was first reported in frogs in 1952 and has been widely used in amphibians. This work showed that the first few cell divisions after fertilization produced cells that are totipotent; they can develop into all of the cell types that make up the whole animal. As the embryo develops further, the cells lose this property and the success of nuclear transfer rapidly declines. Some nuclear transfer experiments using cells from adult

frogs produced viable embryos. But these never developed beyond the tadpole stage.

Nuclear transfer in mammals proved to be more difficult. The cloning of mice using nuclei from very early embryos was reported in 1977, but this work was not repeatable and interest among developmental biologists waned. Research on nuclear transfer in cattle continued in hopes of producing larger commercial benefits. Artificial semination allows each bull to have thousands of offspring but each cow can only produce 5 or 6 calves in a lifetime. Nuclear transfer does have the ability to produce an unlimited number of identical animals.

In the middle 1980's several research groups from around the world had produced cloned sheep and cattle by transferring nuclei directly from early embryos. Steen Willasden, Granada Genetics, had produced live calves by nuclear transfer from embryos that had progressed to the 64 and 128 cell stage. This was the first suggestion that nuclear transfer in mammals was possible.

In 1995, Keith Campbell, Ian Wilmut, and colleagues produced live lambs, Megan and Morag, by nuclear transfer from cells that had come from early embryos and that

had been cultured for several months in the laboratory. The key element to the success was the induction of competence on the donor cells. However, these researchers did not know that they had stumbled upon a particularly amenable cell type simply by chance. There were many additional experiments preformed to test if successful nuclear transfer was restricted to embryos-derived cells could be carried out with a wide range of cell types.

What does all this mean for the future? In the cattle industry it means more and better meat for food consumption. Japanese researchers took skin tissue from the ear of a cloned bull when it was four months old. The outcome of this nuclear transfer was a 100 pound bull calf. Researchers state that they were conducting these experiments in hopes of finding tastier beef; however, they were also looking at the life expectancy and aging of cloned animals.

Is this the only way to clone? That is the question for next week's column.

Til next week, take care as you travel the halls of science. For comments, questions, or story suggestions, please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at [gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu)

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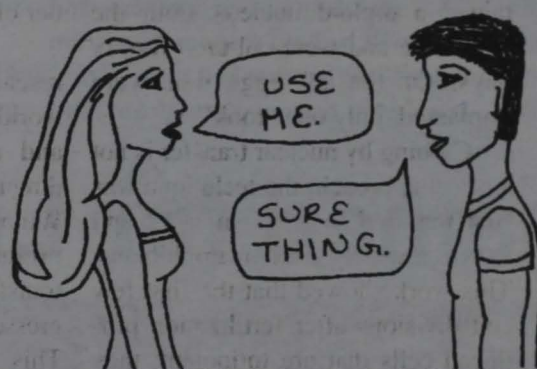
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By  
Nick Starcher

WHAT WE SAY...



WHAT WE HEAR...



## The Truth About MEN and Women

# Campus Calender

Beta Phi is holding a drawing  
for \$100 cash.  
See members or Mr. Peck.

**Tuesday - February 8, 2000**  
Performances for Children's Theater  
"The Wonder Processor" (4:00 -  
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**Wednesday - February 9, 2000**  
Beta Phi meeting (Room 302 in  
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Performances for Children's Theater  
"The Wonder Processor" (4:00 -  
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**Thursday - February 10 and  
Friday, February 11, 2000**  
Beta Phi bake sale (Heflin  
Center 11:00 - 1:00)

**Wednesday - February 16, 2000**  
PPB Activity

Spring Play  
"Cyrano de Bergerac"  
(FA Auditorium 8:00 p.m.)

**Thursday - February 17, 2000**  
ACS meeting (Room 400 in  
Science Hall 12:30)

Women's Basketball  
Glenville vs. WV Wesleyan  
(Home 5:15 p.m.)

Men's Basketball  
Glenville vs. WV Wesleyan  
(Home 7:30 p.m.)

WV All State Choir Clinic

Spring Play  
"Cyrano de Bergerac"

(FA Auditorium 8:00 p.m.)

**Friday - February 18, 2000**  
Spring Play- "Cyrano de Bergerac"  
(FA Auditorium 8:00 p.m.)

**Saturday - February 19, 2000**  
Men's Basketball  
Glenville vs. Davis & Elkins  
(Away 7:30 p.m.)

**Monday - February 21, 2000**  
Phi Beta Lambda meeting (12:15)

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Glenville vs. Bluefield  
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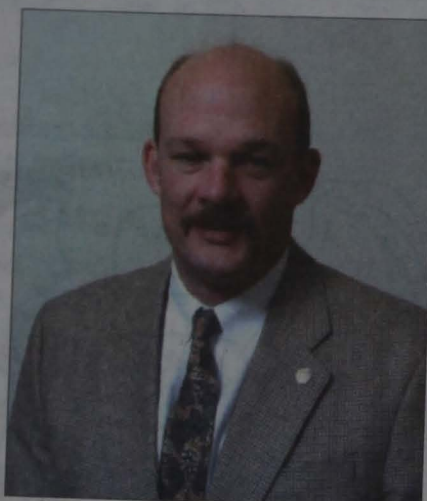
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# Shaffner named new grid coach

By Christopher L. Williams  
Staff Reporter

On Monday, Jan. 24, President Powell announced a new head football coach, in the Administration auditorium at 10:30 in the morning. A media conference was hosted by GSC to introduce Paul Shaffner as the new head football coach. Shaffner will be moving his family to Glenville and bring with him a winning, and experienced style of leadership skills. In Shaffner's welcome speech he says the reason for choosing Glenville State College was, because he liked the policies and message that GSC is presenting. His program will incorporate three basic points: "Faith", in oneself and as well as what you believe in. "Commitment", not only to the team but academics,



**New football coach  
Paul Shaffner**

and to the community. "Accountability", all players and staff will be held responsible "from A to Z". When I asked him, in person, what he meant by "from A to

Z" his response was that "responsibility is earned and the players have to earn it by showing respect to the community as well as to their studies." During my interview with the new head football coach, I asked about his recruiting policies. Where would he try to recruit from. Coach Shaffner remarked that he will look for local players then if he does find what he needs he will look within a four hour drive of GSC campus to find adequate players. If this fails to give him all his players then he will recruit as he needs to from other areas outside of the four hour driving limit. "Recruiting should start from the inside out" and this will be one of his policies.

This new coach has a long history of successful management programs to draw from. This is a

great reputation for GSC to build on. When asked about the old football staff and how they would be returning under the new program. Shaffner mentioned he will be looking for a new staff and hoped to have some comments from prospects as soon as the end of the week.

Shaffner and his wife, Donna, will be moving with their young kids to staff housing about a year. Then when they are settled in they will buy a house in the local area. Donna is the president of the American Football Coaches Wives Association and the "power" that motivates a new coach to do the best, and the best, for Glenville State College. Shaffner "I am here for the long haul and to get the job done."

## Gym renamed for Lilly

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

On January 29, Glenville State College hosted a Men's Basketball Alumni Celebration that took place in the GSC Gymnasium. The purpose of the ceremony was to honor former basketball coach, the late Jesse Lilly. The Glenville State College Pioneer Gymnasium has been renamed the Jesse R. Lilly, Jr. Gymnasium. The celebration included the honoring of fourteen of Lilly's former basketball players, Tim Carney, Tom Coates, Marion Gordon, Bob Hardman, Gene King, Dave Kuhn, Tim Moore, Steve Morris, Jackie Robinson, Richard Smith, DA Wilson, Kenny Fisher, Randy Osborne and Randy Anderson. President Powell also honored the Lilly family by presenting wife Anne Lilly with a commemorative plaque. Don Christie, Head Basketball Coach at Concord quoted, "I believe the measure of a person



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

**President Powell addresses the crowd as Coach Lilly's friends, family, and players stand behind**

is how they treat people who cannot do anything to them or for them. Coach Lilly was one of those people; he treated everyone the same. There will never be another Jesse Lilly."

Mr. Lilly, a Beckley native, graduated from GSC in 1948 and returned in 1961 as a GSC basketball coach. He served as head football coach from 1963-66, until returning to basketball in 1966, a position he

held until 1982. Under his coaching, GSC won the West Virginia Collegiate Tournament Championship in 1970 and 1972. In 1972 Lilly was named West Virginia Coach of the Year. During his total tenure at Glenville his teams attained a 271-230 record. Coach Lilly died September 30, 1999 at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury



Chris Williams, Mercury

**Christy Crow (42) drives to the hoop against Bluefield (top). Josh Foster hits the winning foul shot, also against Bluefield (bottom).**