

# The Mercury

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## Purchase of Nicholas County Center top priority on Powell's Legislative Agenda

*By Sherry Newsome*  
*Staff Reporter*

When it comes to getting his "ducks in a row", Glenville State College President, Dr. Thomas Powell seems to be doing just that. Powell has slated the purchase of the Nicholas County Center as the top priority issue on his Legislative Agenda.

GSC is currently paying rent on the building that houses the Nicholas County extension of the college, rent to the tune of \$250,000 per year, which has been paid since the college's 1986 agreement with the Nicholas County Building Commission.

This price does not include utilities, for which GSC also foots the bill.

In addition to rent and utilities, the college pays an additional \$51,000 annually to the Summersville City Library so that students may use its facilities for schoolwork.

During a meeting held in December, the commission agreed to sell the building to the school, but an asking price hasn't been decided upon yet. Two separate appraisals will have to be completed before a price can be determined. As it stands, the mortgage on the building is \$1,200,000.

Powell did say that some good things are in the works for the Nicholas County Center. Over \$14,000 has been allotted to install light fixtures in the school's parking lot; a contract with Allegheny Power has already been drawn up.



**The Nicholas County Branch campus of GSC (above) has been running \$250,000 in rent since a 1986 agreement. President Powell hopes to buy the facility from the county to eliminate this cost.**

Recently, the office of Dr. Nolan Browning, Provost of GSC, was moved to Summersville. Browning explained of the move, "It was done primarily to place more focus on the Nicholas County community and campus. We have growth in the Summersville area."

While his office is in a transitional stage, Browning has been making frequent trips to GSC, but when all is settled, the Provost should be on the main campus at least two times per week.

With the acquisition of the Nicholas County Center and con-

tinued growth in student attendance, three additional full-time faculty positions as well as a secretarial position will be advertised in the near future.

Browning said "When we first began here, we were offering courses. Then, during the second phase, we offered courses. In this third, comprehensive phase, we want to provide student services in addition to what we already offer."

Powell ended with "I hope in ten years that we have a larger population at the Nicholas County Center than we do on the main campus."



# Students petition committee's removal of honor chords

By Allison Tant  
Staff Reporter

For years students of different honorary and academic fraternities on this campus have been wearing honor chords at Commencement. It has recently been decided by the Commencement Committee that students will not be permitted to wear them or any other types of paraphernalia. Dr. Joe Evans, committee member and Vice President of Academic Affairs explains that, "the feeling was that there were so many chords and things being draped over the graduates that it distracted from the occasion itself."

It has been recommended

that the divisions plan activities for the Friday night before Commencement or Saturday morning of the event. Evans comments, "this will allow the different disciplines to do things that are discipline specific. Graduate institutions have done this forever and particularly in graduate programs; in addition to having the regular commencement activity, there will usually be something that is very discipline specific."

There have been requests for this issue to be reconsidered. Individuals and organizations feel that it is prestigious and an honor to be a part of these organizations, so graduates should be able

to display their chords at Commencement. A meeting of the Commencement Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, February 15. It was not put on the agenda for discussion because student representatives were not able to attend. The committee plans to wait until it gets some input from student representatives before making a decision—this doesn't necessarily mean that the honor chords will once again be worn. If you have any feelings about this decision, you should contact a student representative. There is also a petition being circulated. To sign the petition, contact Jeremy Burks at ext. 255.

## "Heritage and Horizons"

# African American history month

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

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through experiences of slavery and racism, African Americans were not defeated, but helped in moving our nation closer to the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality. As we observe National African American History Month each year, we will not only remember the tragic effect of our past errors, but will celebrate the achievements that African Americans have accomplished in the past and present, leading our nation into the future, toward one united America.

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# Berhe named staff member of the month

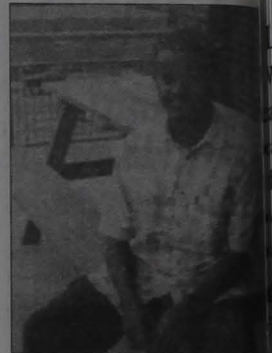
By Ann Williams  
Staff Reporter

Samuel Berhe has been named as Mercury staff member for the month of February. He is a staff reporter and an international student.

Sam came to America six months ago after leaving his homeland of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is a 19 year old freshman majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Computer Science. His hobbies include reading and watching movies.

One might imagine that it would be difficult to write for a newspaper that is not in one's native language. When asked about this subject, Berhe stated, "It is a challenge. At first it was difficult, but I have managed to learn from my mistakes."

He then went on to



Sherrie Hardman, Me

Samuel Berhe

add, "The people I work with are very nice. They help me a lot. I love them."

As for being voted staff member of the month, Samuel professes, "I was very surprised and I would like to thank everyone who voted for me."

As for his feelings about Glenville State College, Samuel notes that, "Glenville is very quiet, and very laid back. I like it, I am from a big city."

## The Office of Career Services will be offering a workshop on:

### Professional Dress February 22, 2000

The workshop 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



# A tale of two residence halls

## LBH NOTES

What's the big news at Louis Bennett Hall this week? If you have already read Jeannie's article from Pickens Hall then you know. Jeannie is leaving us for a job that is closer to her family and we at LBH wish her the best. How does this effect LBH? It will effect LBH because I am going to Pickens Hall and taking charge of the residence hall. I will be moving into the Wagner Wing House Director's apartment the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup>. This will give me enough time to get acclimated to Pickens while Jeannie strands me and leaves me for dead.

The next question has to be - what will happen to Louis Bennett Hall? My Head RA Brian Randolph will be moving in as temporary House Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor RA Cliff Simmons will be the new Head RA, and a new RA will be hired to fill the vacancy left by Cliff. CONFUSED yet???

For Brian's farewell movie on Wednesday Movie Night, he will be showing "Blue Streak" with Martin Lawrence. Come up at 9 pm and see Brian and I at the Louis Bennett Hall Main Lounge and watch his movie with us.

When I get moved into Pickens don't hesitate to stop in and say hi. Knock first so you don't catch me in my Spiderman Underoos. Also, don't forget the Pioneer Programming Board!!!

Patrick Hall  
Residence Hall Director

## PICKENS HALL NEWS

Hey everyone! Getting excited about Spring Break yet? Only two weeks away, you know.....Speaking of excitement...come to the Snack Bar tonight at 7:30 pm and experience the wonders of ESP with Christopher Carter. His act should prove to be "mind-blowing".

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Sweetheart's Dance on Valentine's Day. It was a night full of great music, good food, and fun for everyone! So much fun, in fact, that it even went into overtime. This could be a tradition in the making....

Love was certainly in the air this past week. Congratulations go out to Della Hickman and Jon Ramsey on their Valentine's Day engagement. Congratulations also go out to Martha King and her fiancée, Christopher Chad Winnell. They were engaged on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Well in case you haven't heard yet, I have received a job offer in my home state of New Jersey. I will be leaving GSC on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Don't get too teary-eyed, now.....) The next issue of Pickens News will be my last, so I will save my goodbyes until then.

Ciao for now!!!

Quote of the Week: Did you ever stop to think and then forget to start again -Anonymous

(I think I have experienced this many times myself.....-Jeanne Finn)

Jeanne Finn  
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## NOTICE: PARKING FINES

Beginning March 1, 2000, GSC students who receive notices of on-campus parking violations and who do not pay their fines by the date required will have a financial hold placed on their student records. The hold will remain in effect until the fine is paid.

Students who have a financial hold placed on their records may not register for classes or receive transcripts until the hold is removed.

Bill Diehl  
VP for Administration and Planning



# IFC, ISC set rules for fraternities, sororities

By Allison Tant  
Staff Reporter

It has been years since Glenville State College has had more than one fraternity and one sorority. Since there have been new Greek organizations pop up, it was necessary to reinstate the Inner Fraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council.

Jerry Burkhammer says, "We sat down and spent the entire fall semester going through and trying to reconstruct the constitution so that it is more current with what other schools are doing and so that we would have some ground rules to make it a level playing field for everyone. In other words, everyone would be bound by the same rules. We have restarted the IFC."

Since the Panhellenic Council is a national organization and not all sororities are nationally recognized, they fall under the Inner Sorority Council (ISC). It was agreed upon that the constitutions must be completed before there would be any rush this semester.

"Currently, the only thing our office is waiting for is everyone to turn in their copy of the constitution

with all members signatures agreeing to abide by the rules. During meetings, each organization had three representatives and at the conclusion of the fall term, all those members were in agreement to form a constitution that complies. Members then approve or reject the constitution, but not all members have returned their signed copies, so there is no rush," explains Burkhammer.

Organizations have until Friday, February 18 to turn these in. Burkhammer doesn't anticipate anyone not turning in his/her signed copy of the constitution.

"I'm not in a panic stage and I don't think they are...as long as they have them in by this Friday, there's no problem, they can start rush next week, as they're supposed to. If someone doesn't turn his/hers in then, I'll probably hold everyone's back until I get them," he said.

The constitution for the IFC states the fall rush period would end at midnight on the night of Homecoming and start exactly three weeks prior to that date. Spring rush would end at midnight the Wednesday before Spring break and

start three weeks before that. This gives everyone the same starting and ending date. Also, no one would have an advantage over anyone else.

Some other rules listed in the constitution are that each fraternity recognized by GSC must be a member of the IFC and failure to participate will result in the loss of campus recognition.

The ISC constitution is completely finished except for substitution policy, advisory board, and two of the rush regulations, which are the silent period regulation and the Sorority Fair regulation.

Sigma Rho Lambda President, Nancy Jo Mullens, said, "At this point we won't sign the constitution because it is not set. We have a meeting next Wednesday with the sororities and Mr. Burkhammer in order to get the constitution ratified and fixed. Our organization will not sign the constitution until it is fixed and ready to go."

When asked if they were still going to hold rush regardless of the signing of the ISC constitution, Mullens answered, "Sigma Rho Lambda has chosen at the beginning of the semester to hold our rush until after Spring Break when it got

warmer, so this doesn't affect. We just don't want to hold anyone else back by not signing."

According to the rules stated by Burkhammer, there is only a time when rush can take place. When confronted with this, Mullens answered, "The way we were informed and the way it's in the constitution is that you are able to rush or not rush at any time you wish and any semester you wish but you can only have a maximum of one rush per semester. You have to have a Sorority Fair within the first three weeks of each semester which we have already passed because the constitution is not completed."

There seems to be a lot of miscommunication between the sororities and Burkhammer. Because Rodriguez was not available to comment on behalf of Alpha Theta Xi due to her involvement in theater.

Alpha Xi Omega was the only organization to have signed the ISC constitution as of Thursday, February 17. Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Xi Omega have decided not to comment on their feelings at this time.

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## Conference to address women's strengths, issues

Amy Smith  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College will be hosting its first ever Women's Conference April 28, 2000.

"This conference is not merely an intellectual conference; it is a pragmatic approach to women's issues" explained GSC History Professor Tom Trice.

West Virginia college and highschool students will be participating in the conference; presentations, papers and panel discussion from any discipline relating

to women's issues will be accepted into the conference. Project deadlines are March 20, 2000.

Students are encouraged to work with a mentor teacher for projects. Projects should be submitted to the mentor teacher or in the Division of Language and Literature.

Dan Gutierrez, a GSC Criminal Justice Professor adds, "Even though this a woman's conference, I don't think you can separate women's issues from men's issues." Dr. Trice is teaching a women's history class this semester that is com-

posed of three women and eleven men; he stated, "I think that enrollment alone says something."

The primary goal of the conference is to be a gathering of information and resources for knowledge pertaining to women's issues and to also increase awareness of women's strengths, problems and issues, with an emphasis on the increasing range of opportunity available to women.

Presentation topics will range from changes in women's lives during World War II, women in the Middle East and South Africa,

female murderers and juvenile delinquents to the story of Adam and Eve. There will be possible panel discussions pertaining to women in the military, health care plus many more.

"There really isn't any issue that doesn't pertain to women," stated Trice. It is hoped that many local organizations and businesses pertaining to women's issues will also participate.

Gutierrez adds, "President and Mrs. Powell have been very helpful in the planning of this conference. Mrs. Powell appeared on Channel Five news last

week to discuss the conference. Five hundred dollar scholarships will be awarded to top presenters that plan to attend or remaining GSC.

For more information about the conference contact Glenville State College 462-4121.

Trice adds, "The conference is not just for the campus, members of the community are encouraged to attend as well."

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity and remember to bring your sisters, mothers, daughters and grandmothers.



## Gallardo, Smith attend popular culture meeting

By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

Ximena Gallardo and Dr. Jason Smith attended the West/Texas Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association meeting that was held from February 9-10, 2000 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference focused on popular culture from Shakespearean love to the recent *Dead*. On Thursday, February 10 on the topic of Shakespeare on Film and Television," Gallardo presented a presentation called "Erasing Hollywood's Culturally Correct Shakespeare," which was the 1995 film version of "Othello" starring Laurence Fishbourne and directed by Alan Parker. Parker's film replaces the

race issue with a conflict between the sexes, thereby ignoring the interracial marriage. Gallardo compared this film to Orson Welles' "Othello" and Spike Lee's "Jungle Fever." Gallardo argued that Parker whitewashed the main issue.

On Saturday, February 12, Gallardo and Smith did a co-presentation entitled "Femme Futura: Projections of the Female in the Alien Series." They discussed the character of Lt. Ripley as played by Sigourney Weaver in the four movies.

Scholars at the conference suggested the possibility of a book for Gallardo and Smith on the "Alien" series. Smith will be the chair at the Science Fiction and Fantasy Area at the year 2001 meeting.

## Signs, pool tables, games

# New business opens in Glenville

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

This week the *Mercury* features a new business in Glenville for its February Community Spotlight:

Marsh & Son Signs & Graphics plus Game Room. Owner Doug, wife Linda and son Wesley Marsh moved to Gilmer County from Weston in April 1999 and said "I saw a need for a game room to provide a place of recreation for the children of the community and also the need for a sign shop."

The game room contains one pool table and ten games. Marsh stated "My hopes are to add another pool table so we can hold pool tournaments and to receive newer games."

He will also be adding a t-shirt and hat printing shop soon and later hopes to design trophies and plaques.

Marsh added "I have had a passion for designing signs." For 17 years he has pursued that hobby. The location of new business is on Main Street in Glenville, across from the

Post Office. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday between 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

On Sundays, the business will open for group parties (such as birthdays) at no charge to the customer to reserve the building; the customer will, however, be responsible for providing his/her own decorations and money for the use of the games. For more information, contact Mr. Marsh at 462-4629.

## 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!!!!!!

**P.B.L.**

**Phi Beta Lambda**

**Fund Raiser: Candy Sale  
Being Sold by members  
around campus**

**All Business students welcomed  
to attend and join  
Next meeting will be:**

**TODAY!  
Feb. 21 at 12:15**

**Don't miss it!**



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*"All the news that's fit to print,  
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## Be Our Guest

My name is Hector Rodriguez and I normally am a sophomore in Criminal Justice who serves as one of the three Commuter Representatives on Student Congress. Due to my involvement in Student Congress, I have been following the Mercury around for the last week evaluating and gaining an understanding of what it takes to run a college paper. Consequently, I was forced, I mean asked, to write an editorial on my experiences this week and how it shocked, I mean enlightened me.

A little background about myself, I served six years as a forward deployed Cavalry Scout in such scenic places as not only Mexico but Yugoslavia. I have gone weeks without showers and days without sleep. I have gone days without eating anything that would be considered food in my previous occupation. It is this reason that working with the newspaper this week, to include the 1 am layout I am watching now, that I look back fondly on the Army.

They work like lunatics for weeks getting stories, taking pictures, and then working to the wee hours of the morning on a paper that most take as something expected. Seldom do people realize the long hours that are involved. We, the readers, don't see the Office Manager, Chris Williams, coming in at the early hours where most here at GSC are still comfortable in bed. We don't see Allison Tant, Jeremy Burkes, or Lora Conrad trekking across campus trying to get confirmation and research the various articles they are working on for us to read. We don't see Chris Vannoy at 3am Thursday looking like a cross between a Coke fiend and an Alaskan Huskie, on equipment I think made by Commodore, as he tries to piece together a paper that most look at for five minutes and the leave where we found it or discard in a convenient circular file cabinet. We don't see Amy Smith struggle with the challenges of giving us this valuable resource while juggling classes, relationships, and sanity.

This week has opened my eyes and I hope it will help others to appreciate this resource for what it is. It makes me appreciate the work that goes into Sherrie Hardman's pictures or the normal writer of this column's opinion. It makes me thank God I don't do this every week.

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## My Two Cents

By Jeremy Burks

In my last editorial I informed the public about the fact that individual students and organizations were being punished by the office of Student Life for using words that they do not like. It was my intent to let the students of GSC know that the office of student life was ignoring their rights as citizens of the United States of America. The heart of my editorial was not that we should use "foul language" in every sentence or in every situation but that we have the right to say it. Even if you do not like what a person has to say he still has the right to say it. I am sorry if some readers mistook my editorial as a promotion of "foul language". Next time do not let the words shock you so much that you can not stop thinking about them. Try to see past the words to the heart of the matter, the blatant disregard of our rights as students and as citizens.

Ever since I started writing my editorial people have been suggesting that I write about this or complain about that, I would like to thank everyone for his or her ideas but, do it yourself. It's not hard to type a letter to the editor and let the public know what you think. The more students start speaking out about things they do not like here at GSC the more we can change for the better.

Every time I tell someone to write a letter to the paper they reply with "What good will that do?" Well let me tell you what good it will do, first your concerns about issues on campus will be read by most of the students on and

off campus. All the faculty and administration read the paper so your concerns will be heard by those who make the decisions. Secondly by writing a letter you could be informing the students about things they never heard of or knew about here on campus. A third reason could be to raise support for an issue such as freedom of speech. A forth reason could be that maybe you have a good idea of how we could change something here on or off campus to make the lives of other students better. I could go on and on about "what good it will do" to write to the paper but still no one will.

Why will people not write to the paper? Why will people not stand up for their rights as citizens? Why will students let the administration do what they want? Because they are scared. They are scared to stand up for themselves and speak out. Many of the students at GSC are nothing more then lamb's being led to slaughter. Stand up, speak out, and be heard. The most powerful force at GSC is the students. Think about it for a few moments. What would happen if all student workers went on strike for a week? This place would fall apart. What if students decided they did not like the new class schedule and decided to protest it by not going to classes for a week? What would the administration do, kick everyone out of school? I don't think so.

The endless number of actions students could take to protest decisions made by the administration are

numerous. Just check any movies about ties and you could find of cool ideas but please one set themselves. Since we have a President that lives on campus would be an easy way the hill to picket and on his front lawn, especially at two in the morning.

I recall back in there was protest held at GSC. The event held in the amphitheater and the purpose was demand the resignation of President Simmons. The faculty senate gave a vote of no confidence were all outside the science building screaming yelling for him to while he met with the senate. So it goes to that there are people at who stand up for rights and do not bow heads, look at the ground and say yes sir. To people I salute you and port what you are doing. All it takes to join a group of freedom fighters to just stand up for yourself. If you think something is wrong or that they are trying to screw you then find out. Look at the rules and regulations cate yourself so you can back, throw the book at their faces, and feel good knowing that you are right. I can think of no better to end then with a quote from the song *People* by Ben Harper.

"When the people lead the leaders they will follow, and all their lies their alibis, they will have to swallow, and it's you has the authority, for one who is right, is majority."

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Mercury 200 High Street - Box 207 Glenville, WV 26351  
All articles submitted for publication in The Mercury must be typed and double spaced. Stories and announcements should be addressed c/o Amy Lynn Smith. The deadline for stories and announcements is Wednesday at 12 p.m. for publication the next week's paper. All photographs should be submitted to Sherrie Hardman photo editor.



# Letter to the Editor: GSC gripes

Dear Editor,

I would like to share my opinions on some of the changes that are happening at the GSC campus. Currently, I am not a student at GSC. I have taken a semester off for maternity leave, but I will be back in the fall and many of the proposed changes disturb me.

The first issue I would like to address is the new smoking policy. I am a smoker, but my mother has very bad asthma and cannot be around cigarette smoke. I can see both sides of this issue and am all in favor of smoking sections. However, according to the Feb. 7, 2000 issue of *The Mercury*

there is not one single place that we smokers can get out of the weather to smoke. In case no one has noticed, it does get cold here in the winter. The commuter lounge is not listed as a designated "smoking zone." I don't understand this. The commuter lounge has two doors that close and ventilation fans above windows that open. Why is this one inside smoking area to be done away with? Were there any smokers on President Powell's task force? If so, were there an equal number as non-smokers? These are questions that I would like to see adequately answered.

The second proposal that

I have a problem with is doing away with honor cords at graduation. What's the deal? We (the students) bust our humps for four years or more to earn our degrees and are now going to be denied the very symbols of how hard we worked? There is something wrong with that picture. Contrary to Debbie Simon's statement, I believe this is a Student Congress issue. The graduation ceremony is for the students and their families. If this decision is made without the input of the student body through the Student Congress, a grave wrong will have been made. The students are the ones

that work hard for the right and privilege to wear those cords, and they should be included in this decision.

The last proposal that I take issue with is the restructuring of Student Congress itself. The administration wants to increase enrollment at GSC. How can the current student body let alone a larger one be adequately represented with only 15 senators? I don't believe that it can. The make-up of those 15 senators also bothers me. The commuters will be losing two representatives, as will the residence halls, while the international students will gain. Don't get me wrong. I believe that one

rep per 200 full time international students is a wonderful idea. They need to be able to have a say also. However, according to the proposed amendment, if there are 400 international students they get 2 representatives, but if there are 800 commuters they only get one representative. Does this seem fair? I really don't think that it is.

As I said before, I am not currently a student at GSC, but I will be in the fall semester so the decisions made on campus now will affect me in the future.

Thank you,  
Sheri Connell

# Liar, liar, pants on fire: BS and you

By Jeff Wickland  
Staff Reporter

Everyone exaggerates from time to time, that's understood. Most people have even been known to twist the truth a bit. Occasionally it will happen, and more often than not, it will eventually be forgotten. However, everyone, at some point in their lives, has known an individual who has made a habit out of lying. Sometimes these individuals can help it and sometimes they can't. There are those who are proven to be psychologically out of control in some form or another, a.k.a. the pathological liar. On the other hand, there are those who suffer from an ailment far worse than a documented medical condition—sheer ignorance; or those who could be referred to as the "serial b.s.'er." Motives for their actions

may vary, depending on the individual.

Some people may feel they have wrongfully been deprived of attention somewhere along the line, and by periodically spewing out useless fictional ramblings, they will, in some form or another, receive the attention they lack.

Perhaps others feel they must construct a barrier of misinformation around themselves as a form of protection, not only by speaking lies, but living one as well. They project an image of how they would like to be perceived in a desperate attempt to bury the person they actually are. Whether it is out of fear of not being accepted or perhaps the individual just dislikes who he/she is, that person spends his/her life in hiding, only portraying the image of someone he/she isn't. In a sense, they're building a

wall so others aren't able to see there's nothing on the other side.

By far the most irritating breed of blasphemers are those who fall into the category of "serial b.s.'er." Their motives are far more shallow and tend to reflect the incompetence of the individual. Many may be lazy, selfish, or perhaps just so fed up with their own pathetic lives they simply have nothing better to do. Somewhere in their mind, a rather large stagnated pool of mental vomit, lies a disfigured logic system, which evidently leads them to believe they appear intelligent, humorous, or important by continuously expelling their dysfunctional rhetoric. While wallowing in their undignified puddle of sloth, many fail to realize how completely ignorant they actually do look. Not only are these

"b.s.'ers" degrading themselves, they are insulting the listener by implying that they are ignorant enough to believe the outrageous fabrications being presented to them.

There may be many reasons why these unfortunate individuals act the way they do, but the only thing that's

certain that something, somewhere is definitely missing. Some may need more help than others, and help should be given to those desperately in need, but in many cases it's hard to distinguish between those in need of a psychological massage or simply just a two-by-four to the face.

## Letter to students from a student Parking, a non-stop problem

By Chris Williams  
Staff Columnist

As the new year rolls around into the second month of college classes. We all started parking just about any place one could put one's car. This has made the job of the new public safety officers and their student workers become the most despised on campus. Just use common sense. If you don't it can cost you. I don't know about you but I try to look before parking my car. Loading and handy-capped parking zones are not for parking in. Ok, yes they are close to some of my classes. But if you don't have the right to park there then don't do it. Because it will make more of a parking problem if you do.



# De Rosset college NCAA faculty representative

By Allison Tant  
Staff Reporter

In 1997, English Professor Wayne De Rosset was asked to be Glenville State College's Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) with the NCAA.

"This job has required me to work closely with the President of the college, the Compliance Counselor, and

the Athletic Director in order to ensure the enhancement of academic integrity of athletes and to be an institutional representative of the college at the national convention," explained De Rosset. His focus is on the student athlete's welfare. When student athletes are having trouble academically, they are encouraged to talk with De Rosset.

De Rosset was in San Diego from January 7-11 participating in this year's National Convention meeting.

There were many activities included in the convention. In workshops for Faculty Athletic Representatives, participants discussed topics such as strengthening academic integrity in sports. There were also forums concerning athletic trainers and a main business

session. De Rosset was given the opportunity to present proposals to the conference.

The main highlight of the convention was the Academic Honors Banquet. It is at this banquet that the NCAA presents its most prestigious award, the Theodore Roosevelt Award. This year's recipient was Roger Staubach, former Heisman Trophy winner and United States Naval

Academy three-sport great. Staubach was the main speaker at the banquet.

De Rosset commented, "I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to the conference and I am honored to represent the college. I think it's important that GSC is represented at the conference and convention. Athletics are an important part of college and enhance a college."

## Carney named Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

Tim Carney, Professor of Physical Education at Glenville State College, has been named Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. He has been assigned the responsibilities of budgeting, scheduling events, fundraising, NCAA rules compliance, and game management. Among awards that Carney has

received are the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Award of Merit as President of the Golf Coaches Association from 1988-89, a special recognition award of more than 30 years of dedicated service to GSC, and Outstanding Faculty Award for invaluable service in recognition of outstanding faculty teaching.

As Chairperson of the

Division of Physical Education, Carney's duties include teaching classes, planning schedules, assigning teaching loads, and monitoring faculty evaluations.

According to Carney, "Going from classroom teaching to administrative duties will be the biggest adjustment." He will continue to teach one class each semester. One of his major priorities in

his new position is to work toward stabilization and continuity in the football program. Professor Carney states, "I believe that the first step that started the stabilization and continuity was with the hiring

of Coach Paul Shaffner. Secondly, he is striving to increase Pioneer Athletic Club Scholarship monies. Professor Carney continued, "Increase involvement of our former athletes is needed."

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ed eyebrows, blushes, laughs

## Comedian Greg Fitzsimmons entertains GSC

Samuel Berhe  
Staff Reporter

the evening of  
y 8, 2000, some 40  
showed up in the  
Center snack bar to  
comedian Greg  
Fitzsimmons perform.  
Fitzsimmons, who has  
spots on late night  
with David Letterman  
tonan O'Brien and has  
MTV's "Idiot  
at's", started his show  
making fun of Glenville.  
He made a joke about  
he was unable to find  
Glenville on the map and  
some difficulty driving  
New York on Route 5.  
He went on by saying  
he had been told the pre-  
comedian's perfor-  
mance was disappointing

and that he had a lot on his  
shoulders to make us laugh  
out loud the whole hour.

On that account, he was-  
n't totally wrong because he  
did manage to make us  
laugh with his easily flowing  
jokes, ranging from ones  
about West Virginia to New  
York, and from technology  
to religion.

Fitzsimmons worked  
well with the audience's  
mood, retracting from bad  
and offensive jokes by pick-  
ing on the audience and get-  
ting us involved, although  
this caused some raised eye-  
brows and a few blushes.

Fitzsimmons was by far  
the most entertaining come-  
dian I've seen perform on  
campus. The reason few  
people turned out compared  
to the big crowd for the hyp-

notist was because the only  
free time this popular come-  
dian had was on Tuesday  
night, which unfortunately  
conflicted with Intramurals  
and night class sessions  
being held at the same time.

The next performers  
who are booked to perform  
on campus include  
Christopher Carter, a men-  
talist on February 21, at  
7:30 in the ballroom and  
Kigana Wiseman, an enter-  
tainer who is going to per-  
form on February 23 in con-  
nection with black History  
month.

For any students, who  
wish to participate in the  
Pioneer Programming  
Board, meetings are held  
each week on Thursdays at  
5 p.m. in the snack bar in the  
Heflin Center.



Samuel Berhe, Mercury

**Greg Fitzsimmons and an intrepid  
volunteer during his stint at GSC**

## Sebastian Bach performs concert in Pittsburgh

by Jeff Wickland  
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, February 8, ex-Skid  
Row frontman Sebastian Bach per-  
formed at Graffiti in Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

After his exile from Skid Row in  
1995, Bach took a brief hiatus  
before returning with a new band in  
1996.

Under the moniker  
"Sebastian Bach and Friends," they  
released the album *Bring Em' Bach*  
which contained six new stu-  
dio tracks and 13 Skid Row classics  
recorded live in Tokyo, Japan.

Bach and Friends took the stage  
at 9:30 p.m. Although it wasn't Skid  
Row, Bach's hired guns easily filled  
the shoes left behind by his former  
band mates. Drummer Mark  
McConnell and bassist Larry Fisher  
provided a solid rhythm section  
throughout the entire performance.  
Ex-Anthrax guitarist Paul Crook  
filled in on rhythm guitar, and  
Richie Scarlet handled lead.

Much of the material was taken  
from Bach's three albums with Skid  
Row, although the band did play all  
six new tracks from *Bring Em' Bach*  
*Alive!*.

"Slave to the Grind" opened the  
show and was followed by other  
Skid-era hits "Here I  
Am," "Frozen," "18 & Life," and  
"Monkey Business," as well as a  
few obscure songs including "The  
Threat," "Livin' On A Chain Gang,"  
and "Riot Act."

Bach's new material received as  
enthusiastic response as well. "Done  
Bleeding," "Rock N' Roll," and  
"Counterpunch" easily fit within the  
boundaries of Skid Row's harder-  
edged material and the acoustic bal-  
lad "Most Powerful Man In The  
World" served as a perfect intro to

the Skid classic "I Remember You."

Although much of the set was  
no-holds-barred hard rock, they did  
perform the ballads "In A Darkened  
Room" and "Wasted Time." The 90  
minute set finished out with the Skid  
Row anthem "Youth Gone Wild."

According to Bach, a Skid Row  
reunion is "100%, guaranteed, out-  
of-the-question," but don't look for  
the 31-year-old frontman to hang up  
the mike anytime soon. He recently  
signed a four album contract with  
Spitfire Records, and plans on  
releasing a new studio album by late  
summer.

**Trust is a valuable  
thing.**

### 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.



# Particle Lady: Embryo Split

By BJ Woods  
Staff Columnist

In my last column, I wrote that this was going to be a three part series on cloning. In this column, I will be looking at the embryo-splitting. Of the two types of cloning, embryo-splitting is probably the most controversial because it can be used in treating infertility.

Embryo-splitting occurs when an early embryo is split into individual cells or groups of cells, as happens naturally with twins, triplets, and other multiple births. Each cell or collection of cells develops into a new embryo when it is placed into the womb of a host female animal, who carries it to full term.

To be more scientific, embryo splitting or blastomere separation is another word for human cloning. Embryos in the early stages of development start to divide into cells called blastomeres. The zona pellucida (a protective covering for the egg) is punctured or removed and the blastomeres are separated from each other. Each blastomere is

then covered with an artificial zona pellucida. At this point, each of the blastomeres starts dividing and becomes embryos, which can then be implanted into wombs.

Scientists have been using embryo splitting for the production of beef since the 1980's as a way to get better meat and to carry on specific desirable traits.

Cameron University agriculture researchers have been exploring the use of embryo splitting in cattle for the past nine years. These researchers and students have been studying not only the advantages of embryo splitting, but also how to preserve the embryos for many years until they are needed. This process allows for the genetic characteristics of especially good bulls to be preserved for further use as well as allowing for preserving the genetic characteristics of female cattle.

Researchers and students breed the female cattle and then harvest the embryos. At this point, they proceed with the embryo splitting process. This group uses the split embryos and

stores the rest in liquid nitrogen, until needed.

Researchers say that timing is the key to this whole process. Drugs are used to synchronize the estrous cycles of the donor cattle so that all can be bred at the same time, maximizing recovery of embryos.

Oregon researchers noted in the January 12, 2000 issue of *Nature* magazine that they had used embryo splitting to produce a rhesus macaque monkey named Tetra. She is so named because researchers had split the embryo into quarters and implanted each section into surrogate mothers; Tetra was the only one to survive. Professor Gerald Schatten, a researcher at the Oregon Health Sciences University, stated "This opens the prospect of mass identical replication. It is possible that we will have genetically identical monkeys born to different mothers."

How does cloning affect humans? The fact that early embryonic cells are totipotent, meaning that they can be split into two or more embryos with the same genome will serve the

needs of infertile couples in several ways. For couples who produce only one or two embryos, splitting embryos could increase the number of embryos available for transfer. For the couple who can produce more than enough embryos for one cycle of transfer, splitting one or more embryos may provide sufficient embryos for subsequent transfers without having to go through another retrieval cycle.

There are many ethical sides to cloning and especially embryo splitting, since none of the genetic material is manipulated. Some researchers believe that embryo splitting is the only true cloning. Whether researchers agree or disagree about the type of cloning procedure, most agree that cloning is the newest of technologies.

Next week, I will be looking into the ethical issues surrounding cloning. Until then, take care while traveling the halls of science. For comments or questions please feel free to contact the Particle Lady  
gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu

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## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman

DESCRIPTIVELY SPEAKING: Sounds like a wordplay theme

by Randolph Ross

## CROSS

1 Studies all night  
6 He-men  
2 AWOL, e.g.  
9 Took too long  
0 For \_\_\_ (suitable for everyone)  
2 One behind the other  
3 Tommy of Mötley Crüe  
5 Annexed  
6 Children's author Beverly  
7 Winner at Bull Run  
9 Nav. rank  
0 Moon lander  
1 Beethoven's "\_\_\_ Joy"  
2 Four Monopoly squares: Abbr.  
4 A little night music  
7 Moss source  
10 "\_\_\_ Want to Dance?"  
12 Colombian kin  
16 Kyrgyzstan city  
17 Revenuer's quest  
19 Capp and Capone  
20 Med. school subj.  
21 Dr. Salk  
27 Not on solid ground  
28 Sheens  
29 Greek square of old  
30 Genetic material  
31 Kuwaiti VIP  
32 Radio developer  
De Forest  
37 Brit's raincoat  
70 Champagne word  
71 "Dedicated to the \_\_\_ Love"  
72 5th qtrs.  
73 Diet-label word  
74 Acapulco gold  
75 Mm., in Monterrey  
76 Iacocca  
79 European auto

## 80 Life situation

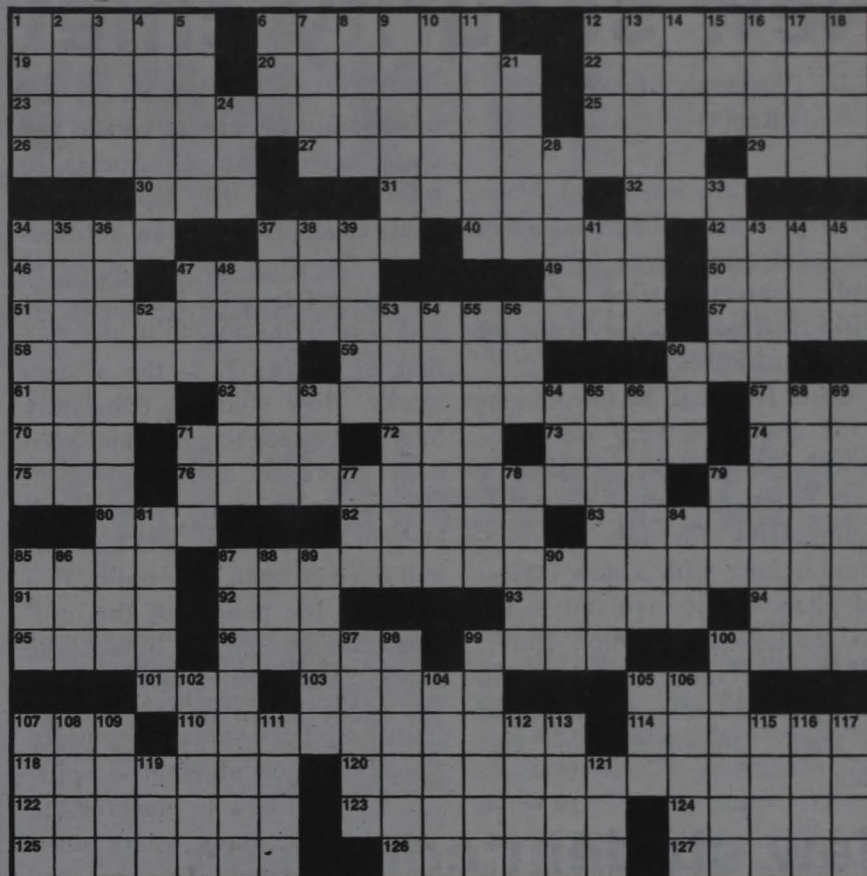
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83 Go formal  
85 Cloud  
87 Representative  
Hamilton of Indiana  
91 Even  
92 \_\_\_ pro nobis  
93 Dry  
94 Goof  
95 Sphere of interest  
96 Tolkien protagonist  
99 Inert gas  
100 First lady from Missouri  
101 \_\_\_ Tomé and Principe  
103 Exodus actor  
105 Couples org.  
107 Knightly address  
110 Peggy or Brenda  
114 Lanes  
118 Cream quantity  
120 Strasberg  
122 Book supplements  
123 \_\_\_ from the Portuguese  
124 Word before panel or power  
125 Worst  
126 Montana, once  
127 Gawlk

## DOWN

1 Hook's nemesis  
2 Actor Juila  
3 Kick in  
4 Sense of right and wrong  
5 Drum string  
6 Fannie \_\_\_  
7 Sleep like \_\_\_  
8 Colonel Mustard's game  
9 Is without  
10 Looked at impolitely

## 11 Go ballistic

12 Qum coin  
13 Neglect, perhaps  
14 Unsafe at Any Speed author  
15 Saloon selection  
16 Shoe specification  
17 Presently  
18 Itches  
21 Alliance disbanded in '77  
24 Workout site  
28 True  
33 Spotter's target  
34 Like open convertibles  
35 One who takes things for granted  
36 Actor Bruce  
37 Pale beer  
38 "Xanadu" group  
39 Sea growth  
41 Cheer for the torero  
43 Oswald  
44 Big lug  
45 Pig's digs  
47 Yonder yacht  
48 The T in FIAT  
52 Midpoint: Abbr.  
53 He gives a cold shoulder  
54 Lake house  
55 Grain bristles  
56 Washroom, for short  
60 Actress Ruby  
63 Big shot  
64 Pipe joint  
65 Rest, perhaps  
66 Ageless, to poets  
68 Lawyers, at times  
69 Barrel makers  
71 What 10 may stand for: Abbr.  
77 Part of UNESCO



78 Follow  
79 Fashion monogram  
81 \_\_\_ the hills  
84 Scarf down  
85 Mom and Dad grp.  
86 It's taken in  
87 Starts with another  
88 John Boyd- (1949 Peace Nobel)  
89 Author Wolf  
90 Cadmus' daughter

97 Ref. books  
98 How a throw to the plate may arrive  
99 Pitcher Ryan et al.  
100 Right to vote  
102 Nitrogen compound  
104 Actress Verdugo  
105 \_\_\_-10 conference  
106 Sand product  
107 Birthday cake  
108 \_\_\_-European

109 Modify  
111 Field goals, e.g.  
112 Hot times in Quebec  
113 Painter of an Art Deco alphabet  
115 First name in scat  
116 Time between Thanksgivings  
117 Dried out  
119 A pop  
121 Syr. neighbor

## Campus Calender

## Recurring Events

Lunch & Chapel (WAC 12:00 noon every Tuesday)  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (WAC 9:00 p.m. every Tuesday)  
Baptist Campus Ministry (WAC 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday)  
Movie Night (WAC 8:00 p.m. every Thursday)

## Monday - February 21, 2000

Phi Beta Lambda meeting (12:15)  
Lady Pioneers vs. Bluefield (Away 6:00 p.m.)  
Art Show (Jamie Lester)  
Mentalist Christopher Carter (Ball Room 7:30 p.m.)

## Tuesday - February 22, 2000

Prospective Music Students  
Audition Day

## Wednesday - February 23, 2000

Student Congress Elections

(Heflin Center 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Residence Halls 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Chi Beta Phi meeting

(Room 302 Science Hall 12:30)

## Thursday - February 24, 2000

Pioneers vs. Concord (Away 7:30 p.m.)

Lady Pioneers vs. Concord (Home 5:15 p.m.)

Student Congress Elections (Heflin Center 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

ACS Speaker Chris Kennedy  
"Teaching Chemistry from the Earth to the Moon"  
(Room 400 Science Hall, 12:30)

## Friday - February 25, 2000

PPB Activity

## Saturday - February 26, 2000

Pioneers vs. WV Tech

(Away 4:00 p.m.)

Lady Pioneers vs. WV Tech (Away 2:00 p.m.)

## Monday - February 28, 2000

Lady Pioneers/ WVIAC Tour 1<sup>st</sup> Round (To Be Announced)

## Tuesday - February 29, 2000

Pioneers/ WVIAC Tour 1<sup>st</sup> Round (7:30 pm)

## Wednesday - March 1, 2000

Last Day to Apply for Fall 2000 Student Teaching

## Thursday - March 2, 2000

Pioneers/ WVIAC Tour (Charleston - To Be Announced)

## Friday - March 3, 2000

Mid-Semester  
Pioneers/ WVIAC Tour

(Charleston- To Be Announced)

## Saturday - March 4, 2000

Pioneers/ WVIAC Tour (Charleston - To Be Announced)

Do you run a student organization? Would you like students to know when you're meeting? Then stop by *The Mercury* office by Tuesdays at 4 p.m. and drop off the organization name, meeting time and place.

Did we mention it's free?



# New security chief

By Christopher L. Williams  
Staff Reporter

If you have not heard it yet, Glenville State College has a new commander in charge of campus public safety office. Officer Philip Huff has taken over the job as Chief of Public safety.

Chief Huff will be introducing to the campus a very well used tactical foot patrol. It is used in large cities as well as smaller communities for law enforcement. A long with a new officer and plans to get involved in the GSC college community. Huff, will become more familiar with his duties and responsibilities to the staff, employees, and students.

Huff is well known in the community as being involved and concerned about all aspects of public safety. He has several years as an officer in law enforcement. Growing up and going to school in Glenville has made his task easier inasmuch as the fact that he knows how the system works. How students constantly hunt for a place to park, and need help going to and from night classes. So he wants every one to keep in mind that he and his staff will have an open door policy that can help the people of this college community. Contact the Public Safety Office at:

462-4132 or on the college web page for any of your needs and concerns.

## New student congress committee appointments

### Student Life Committee:

Mike Howerton, Ernest Kingdon, Trena Willison, Jeremy Burks

### Resident Life Board:

Jack Beard

### Athletic Committee:

Libby Hudkins, Hank Hurst, Tim Murry, Lorie Rader

### Academic Affairs Committee:

Amy Koon, Andy Burns

### Associate Degree Committee:

Samuel Berhe, Chris Vannoy

### Curriculum Sub-committee:

Chris Birkhimmer, Megan Miller

### Community College Committee:

Brandy Sandy, Hector Rodriguez

### Strategic Planning and Resource Allocation Committee:

Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva, Josh Martin

### Library Committee:

Amy Koon, Joann Butcher

### Activities and Cultural Affairs Board:

Frank Bibbee, Andy Colliers, Sarah Roach, Hank Hurst, Brad Wilson

## Open Debate Scheduled for Student Congress Elections

February 22, 2000 in the Scott / Pickens Lounge starting at 7 pm and ending at 7 pm. February 29, 2000 in the Snack Bar (Hefflin Center) Starting at 12:30 pm.

Ballot box to be placed on Nicholas County College Extension campus for election to Student congress.

Ken Hechler will attend the open debate on Tuesday February 29th at the snack bar at 7 pm in the Verona Maple Room. Hechler, currently seeking a congressional seat, will speak about Black History Month.

Any one can broach questions to all petitioners seeking the offices of President and Vice-President. After a brief breakdown about each candidate students can then ask question and get to know who is running for your Student Congress.



Chris Williams, Mercury

**"Academic freedom, it turns out, is anything but for the student press."**

**- Dale Harrison, Journalism Educator**

See the next issue of The Mercury for complete coverage of "Cyrano De Bergerac", including a review by Jeremy Burks and still more photographs.