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## ***"When the Music Mattered"***

# **Lecture highlights 1960's rock**

*By Jeff Wickland*  
**Staff Reporter**

On Monday, March 27, the National Association of Campus Activities' Lecturer of the Year, Barry Drake, spoke in the Administration Building Auditorium, giving a presentation on "60's Rock: When the Music Mattered." Drake opened the lecture with an overview of the entire decade; politically, socially, and musically. Through the turbulence of Vietnam, Kennedy's assassination, the hippie movement, and the generation gap, it was the music, Drake believes, that kept the country together.

Drake's multimedia presentation began with the early '60's and covered 19 different trends that influenced the decade, and ended in the early '70's with the arrival of such legendary acts as Led Zeppelin and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

The presentation began with a discussion of Uptown Rhythm & Blues in the early '60's, then forged into White Rock & Roll, Girl Groups, and The Dance Craze. The first major musical impact came with the arrival of Bob Dylan, who, along with the help of Peter, Paul, and Mary, ushered in the early-60's folk movement. That was only the beginning.

Perhaps the two most influential events of the decade occurred within two days of each other: Kennedy's assassination and The Beatles performance on The Ed Sullivan Show. The staggering success of The Beatles brought on The First Wave of the British Invasion which included acts such as The Moody Blues, The Kinks, The Yardbirds, and The Rolling Stones. While British acts reached unprecedented



*Chris Williams, Mercury*

## **President Powell greets Barry Drake (second from right) before his presentation**

ed success in the United States, native folk-rock acts of Simon and Garfunkel, The Byrds, and The Mama's and The Papa's enjoyed considerable success as well.

The only genre not influenced by the onset of the British Invasion was Soul. Acts such as Ray Charles, The Supremes, Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, and James Taylor all established themselves during this time period.

The late '60's saw the emergence of other legendary performers including Janis Joplin, The Doors, Jimi Hendrix, and The Grateful Dead. The Second Wave of the British Invasion also took place during this time. Bands such as Cream, Traffic, and Pink Floyd all achieved major success.

Drake's lecture ended in the early '70's with the emergence of heavy metal and acts such as Steppenwolf and Led Zeppelin.

Barry Drake, a New Jersey native, has been called an encyclopedia of Rock & Roll. He graduated from Manhattan College with a degree in pre-med. While growing up in New York Drake, went anywhere music was played, seeing acts such as Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, and Jimi Hendrix. During the Summer of Love, Drake was in San Francisco with The Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane. In 1970 Drake signed with Capitol Records and recorded three albums; he also performed with the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Van Morrison, The Eagles, and Jackson Browne. In 1984 Drake began his Rock & Roll Lectures which cover the '50's, '60's, '70's, and '80's.

Barry Drake has been named 1995, 1996, 1998, and 1999 Campus Lecturer of the Year by The National Association of Campus Activities and 1994, 1995, and 1998 Campus Lecturer of the Year by Campus Activities Magazine.



## Students offering free tax help

By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

Attention students! Do not miss this awesome opportunity to receive free income tax assistance, which is being offered to students and local residents. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance plan is part of an IRS program that serves the campus and Glenville community.

Three accounting

majors, Eric Brown, Francis Frame and Rhonda Hunt, are providing help in basic tax returns. Eric and Rhonda provided help last year in this service. Students are not required to take the Tax Preparation Class provided at GSC, but they have an intense testing package to complete as part of their academic requirements. Students must conduct tax research on a CD-ROM that involves tax

reporting servicing using the Commerce Clearing House software package; they receive one-hour credit for their work and learn hands-on tax experience. These skills are an exceptional asset when applying for a job in any profession.

This service will be provided just two more times, so hurry on down to the second floor of the GSC Library on Monday, April 3, or Monday, April 10.

## Senior Spotlight: Roberta Rogers

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter

This week's senior spotlight is focused on Roberta Rogers. Roberta, along with three sisters, grew up in Buckhannon, West Virginia and attended Upshur County Christian Academy. In a search for a college, the clean atmosphere, friendly people and one on one contact with professors convinced Roberta to try Glenville State College.

Currently Roberta is involved in the social science honorary club Pi Gamma Mu, is secretary of the criminal justice club, an intern at HOPE in Gilmer County, and is employed in the Scott-Wing office of Pickens Hall. Roberta has a double major of History and Political Science and a double minor of Criminal Justice and Geography. Upon graduation, she hopes to work with abused children at the Department of Health and Human Resources.

Some of Roberta's other plans include marriage and motherhood.

Roberta says college life has taught her a lot about herself. "You learn what you can and can't do and set reasonable limitations for yourself. You have to work hard to get the good stuff in life."

Through Roberta's whole college experience, she says "there have been some bad things happen to me, but I wouldn't change them for the world because nothing can beat the great friends I have met while here at Glenville."

After Roberta graduates, she wants everyone to remember all the help and positivity she has brought to the Glenville campus community.

## Barr published in education journal

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College Director of Public Relations, Jack Barr, has published an article in the journal of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The title of the article is "Indebted to Education."

Barr wrote the article in hopes of passing along knowledge to college and

university public relations departments concerning student debts and also as way to inform professionals concerning the need for students to have assistance in understanding the different types of debt they may encounter.

The main focuses of the paper are concerning grants as opposed to student loan debts, the second focus is on students with personal credit such as,

credit card debts. The article also contains web sites that can give professional information on dealing with these types of debts. Barr was invited by CASE Publications to write this article due to his ongoing concern with the issues of student debt.

GSC offers lectures on personal finance in freshman orientation seminars and basic college type courses.

## Student Marshal

The deadline for applications for Student Marshal has been extended to April 10, 2000. Please contact Dr.

Deb Simon or Vice President Cheryl McKinney if you have questions or would like an application.

## Women's Studies Conference Friday April 28, 2000

Morning session to be held in AB Auditorium, Afternoon Session in Heflin Center Ballroom and Verona Maple Room  
**Open to general public with \$15 registration fee**

## Campus Calender

**Monday- April 3, 2000**  
GSC Golf/WVIAC  
Southern Regional- Pipestem  
Elementary School Percussion Ensemble  
Concerts  
**Tuesday- April 4, 2000**  
GSC Golf/WVIAC  
Southern Regional- Pipestem  
Elementary School Percussion Ensemble  
Concerts  
Blind Man's Bluff (Ballroom 7:30 pm)  
**Thursday- April 6, 2000**  
Brent Morris- Code-breaking Seminar  
(Verona Maple Room 6:30 - 7:30 pm)  
Percussion Ensemble Concert

(FA Auditorium 8:00 pm)  
**Friday- April 7, 2000**  
Percussion Ensemble Concert  
(FA Auditorium 8:00 pm)  
**Saturday- April 8, 2000**  
Spring Open House  
GSC Track/Wheeling  
Percussion Ensemble Concert  
(FA Auditorium 8:00 pm)  
**Monday- April 10, 2000**  
GSC WEEK  
Hypnotist Ron Jeffries  
(FA Auditorium 9:00 pm)  
Inflatable Obstacle Course  
(Clark Hall Lawn 11:00 - 5:00 pm)

GSC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium Leadership-  
Lincoln Drama (To Be Announced)  
**Tuesday- April 11, 2000**  
GSC WEEK  
Star Flicks Music Videos  
(LBH Lobby 12:00 - 6:00 pm)  
**Wednesday- April 12, 2000**  
GSC WEEK  
Dash for Dollars (Ballroom 5:00 pm)  
Criminal Justice Club Lock-up  
(Amphitheatre)  
Travelin' Max- Comedy Music  
(Amphitheatre)  
GSC Golf-UP (Indiana, PA) Invitational

**Thursday- April 13, 2000**  
GSC WEEK  
Sandy Sowell's Game Show  
(Clark Hall Lawn/Amphitheatre 1- 4 pm)  
Picnic  
(Amphitheatre 11:00 - 2:00 pm)  
**Friday- April 14, 2000**  
GSC WEEK  
Ego Imaging/Funny Fotos  
(Heflin Lobby 12:00 - 5:00 pm)  
**Saturday- April 15, 2000**  
Early Bird Freshmen Registration  
High School Art Show Awards Ceremony  
(FA Auditorium 1:00 pm)  
GSC Track/Eastern Mennonite



# SC professor publishes two book reviews

Ann Williams  
Staff Reporter

SC Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Willard Oliver has published two book reviews in two recognized forums for book reviews in the criminal justice and social science fields. "Cruel and Usual: Our Criminal Injustice System" by Rudolph J. Gerber,

Praeger Publishers, 1999, is the first book reviewed by Oliver. *The Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 9, No. 12: 570-573) published his review. This publication company is affiliated with the National Political Science Association and the American Political Science Association.

Oliver's next published review was published in the *Justice Quarterly* (Vol. 17, No. 1 2000). It

covered two closely related books: "The Politics of Community Policing: The Case of Seattle", penned by Wilson Edward Reed (Garland Publishers 1999) and the *Politics of Community Policing: Rearranging the Power to Punish* by William Lyons (University of Michigan Press 1999).

Oliver stated, "These books are significant contributions to our

understanding of the politics of crime and help to bridge the gap between the two disciplines."

Assistant Professor Oliver has been with Glenville State College for six years, and was a police officer before that. Oliver is now completing a Ph.D. in political science at WVU, for which he is analyzing presidential activity on crime control policy.

## Powell hires new student worker

Allison Tant  
Staff Reporter

Every morning at 10:30, Chuck Tkack is at Dr. Powell's office to start his daily routine. He works for two hours picking up the mail, watering plants, cleaning mirrors, and mopping; he is even allowed a five-minute break with guests. Chuck is not the usual student worker—he is learn-

ing disabled and comes to Glenville State College from the United Summit Center.

President Powell serves on the National Board for the American Retardation Council. Powell contacted the Summit Center to see if there were any disabled people who would be interested in working in his office; the center referred Chuck, who has been working at the school since.

Powell was noted as saying, "We are so pleased to have Chuck Tkack working for us. He is an outstanding employee and has added a lot to the president's office in terms of his hard work. He's just a great employee, and I should have more employees like Chuck."

When asked how he felt about working in the President's office, Chuck replied, "I love my job."

## Gossett finishes first in golf tournament

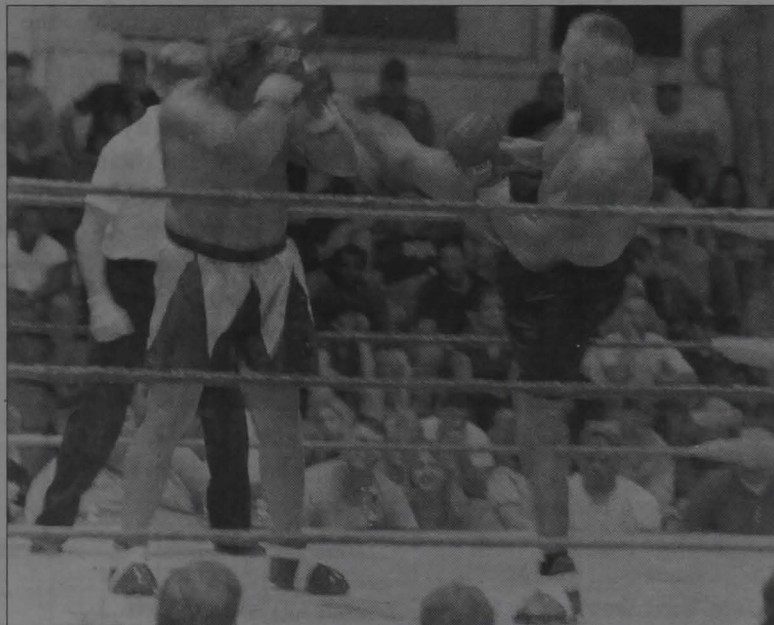
By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

Joey Gossett, a member of Glenville State College's golf team, won first place in the Oxbow Spring Invitational Competition held in Belpre, Ohio, with a total score of 150. Other individual ratings included Ben Hiener, who placed 14, Ryan Norris 20, Jerry Stutler 36, and Matt Plosila 86. The team participated in the event on March 23-24, 2000, and placed fourth in a field of twenty teams on the Par 71, 6558-yard golf course. Check the Mercury calendar for future competitions.



Chris Williams, Mercury

**Your new Student Congress Officers**  
(from left) Parliamentarian Ernest Kingdon, Treasurer Joseph Bowen, Vice-President Libby Hudkins, President James Arnold, and Secretary Sarah Suzanne Gower



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

**Mama Said Knock You Out**  
Action at Thursday night's "Rumble on the Hill", held at the GSC's Lilly Gymnasium.



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## Full of sound and fury signifying nothing

Well this is it, my last *Mercury* editorial, for my very last *Mercury* paper. Although, I don't like the idea of quitting, I feel that my resignation is not only beneficial to me, but the whole entire newspaper. My heart just isn't in it anymore. I could give lots of reasons to attempt to justify my decision, but my mother always said, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

God only knows, that I haven't always listened to my mother, but this time I am going to give it my best effort.

I believe that this paper serves a crucial role to the GSC community; I hope that *The Mercury* will always continue to play an active role in this community in the future. However, given all the campus politics and issues surrounding the very existence of *The Mercury*, I can no longer serve as the editor for the paper. In the past, *The Mercury* has provided a challenging work environment that encouraged students to write their very best, learn about journalism and channel creativity. I hope that the current Mercury staff feel this way about their jobs, and will continue to feel this way in the future.

This is the first semester, in many, that more than one or two people has applied for the position of editor. This is good; to my knowledge and rumors there are four people are applying. Not all applicants are *Mercury* staff so more people must be taking an interest in your student newspaper. I trust the Publications Committee will make the best decision on the new Editor; I hope the decision will be made on merit and ability and not for political reasons. It seems once again, *The Mercury* is about to undergo major changes.

Contrary to popular belief, I am not on bad terms with anyone associated with *The Mercury*. My decision to resign is not based on hard feelings or frustration with anyone on staff. I have been here forever and it is time to move on. Besides, if I don't settle down and focus more on my school work, my smiling face will be on this campus longer than I intend.

I wish new *Mercury* Editor the best of luck; it is not an easy task they are pursuing. Many structural and procedural changes need to be made to facilitate the production of *The Mercury*. The campus community, as a whole, needs to take a more active role in *The Mercury* so that it may unite the campus instead of dividing it.

## My Two Cents

By Jeremy Burks  
Staff Columnist

The other day I was sitting around my room rereading one of my favorite books *The Tao of Pooh* written by Benjamin Hoff. The book explains several key points in Taoist beliefs with the help of his friend, Winnie-the-Pooh. Contained in this book is a Chinese story called *The Stonecutter*, which is about a stonecutter who was not happy with his life, so one day when a rich merchant walked by, he wished that he was also a wealthy merchant. The next thing he knows, he is a wealthy merchant surrounded by gold and riches.

The next day, the now wealthy stonecutter was outside in the sun lying around, enjoying his wealth. He looked up at the sky and thought to himself about how powerful the sun is and how he wished he could be the sun; he turned into the sun, thinking now that nothing was more power-

ful than him. The wind blew a cloud in front of the sun. Next, the man thought he would like to be the wind. As the wind, he could create powerful twisters which could knock over buildings and level towns; nothing could stand against the wind. Except a large rock.

The wind blew and blew but could not move the mighty rock. The man now wished he could be the stone, stronger than anything else on earth. He was very pleased with himself, thinking nothing could touch him. He was all-powerful in his own mind. As he stood there, he heard a tapping sound. He looked down and saw a stonecutter cutting away at the stone.

The point of this story is to just be yourself, don't try to be something you aren't. Each semester students come to GSC in order to be trained in a profession. Some students try to become something they aren't and wind up being frustrated for the rest of their lives, or

worse yet, drop out of school. The easiest way to decide on a profession is to do what you enjoy doing and you will be less stressed waking up in the morning. It won't be so bad.

GSC is filled with organizations that offer a volunteer opportunity including the Greek organizations and honorary organizations. These groups are there with people doing things that they like. GSC's atmosphere is brought to life mostly by people who love theatre because they love it, not for class credit or money, just for the enjoyment they get in entertaining the students and surrounding community.

Society today places too much emphasis on material possessions and judges a person's worth based on this. So when a person who slaves behind a computer for countless hours a day wishes he could do something else, he is left wishing, others are true to themselves and their work.

## In the next *Mercury*: GSC Week

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# Inquisition

## Powell Revealed to be an Alien

By Jeremy Burks  
Roving Reporter

Can you remember what happened last Thursday? Most students will find it difficult to recall anything that might have happened to them. On Thursday, I will explain to you. Last Thursday President Powell gave a speech to the student body in the amphitheater at noon. The purpose of the speech was to raise the spirits of the GSC students by announcing that a donation of one Billion Dollars had been made to the school.

Just after the President had made the announcement he made another announcement that shocked the crowd. Grabbing hold of the top of his head and pulling with all his might Dr. Powell revealed to the stunned audience that he was in fact a space lizard named Kalex the Destroyer. Kalex went onto inform everyone that he was sent to earth to prepare for the coming invasion, in which Glenville was going to play a pivotal role as the landing spot for ground troops.

Frightened spectators ran from the scene as people were yelling and shouting, "The end is here." A loud hum filled the air as the top of the clock tower opened to reveal a large device that could only be described as a death ray.

"You pathetic creatures shall fall under the heel of my boot. I will destroy all of you!" Kalex then proceeded to explain that the death ray was in fact a Neuron Scrambler, which he planned on using to fry our brains.

In response to Kalex's statement Buddy Goodwin, a

GSC student threw a trashcan at Kalex and struck him in the head. With that, another space alien was revealed to the world for the second time that day. Buddy revealed himself to be a Giant Space Cockroach.

"We have known about your plans to take over the world and are here to stop you." Suddenly millions of cockroaches swarmed the stage attacking Kalex. Before the Space Cockroaches could stop Kalex he activated the Neuron Scrambler which let out a burst of energy which

scrambled the students brains. Almost as quickly as it happened the Space Cockroaches disengaged the device and saved the day.

The Space Cockroaches spent the rest of the day cleaning up the mess as students moved about in a daze. To replace the lost Dr. Powell the Space Cockroaches supplied the college with an android double. I would like to say to the Space Cockroaches, "on the behalf of the people of the planet Earth I thank you for saving our lives."

## TKEs Hit Vegas

By Allison Tant  
Precian Formula Reporter

What's shaking in Glenville? Fortunately it's no longer the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon. That's right! It's sad to say that we will no longer get to witness them making their "groove thangs" in the amphitheater, in front of their house, at parties, or any of the other places they like to get down. That could bring an end to such a tradition?

During last month's TKE meeting, members racked their

brains to come up with the ultimate fund raiser. They quickly shot down ideas such as bake sales and car washes. They wanted something bigger... something that would make headlines. They had almost given up and called the meeting to an end when member Tim Dillon finally had "the ultimate" idea. He stood before his brothers and told them about a cousin of his who is a belly dancer in Las Vegas. A few phone calls were made and now the TKEs are on their way.

If you care to see these lovely TKE boys, you will be able to find them this summer, dancing in a chorus line for performer David Cassidy at the Riviera hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. President Jerry Burge comments, "This may be our biggest money maker yet! I think this should provide us with a lot of opportunity for the future, too." Roger Akers was overheard saying, "I can't wait to get there! Maybe we'll even get to meet Engelbert Humperdink or Bob Hope!"

## Student Discovers the Price of Fame

By Ezekiel Rogers  
Celebrity Reporter

Nathan Summers, a junior at Glenville State College, recently discovered what, until now, only celebrities had known - the price of fame.

"I was walking through the K-Mart in Bridgeport last weekend, and the canned announcer said they were, like, having a blue light special in the underwear aisle on fame. So, like, dude, I was totally there," Summers explained.

When Summers took the value pack of fame to the register, he was amazed to discover that it cost him only 72 cents, with tax.

"I was, like, totally expecting to pay a lot more than that. I mean, fame is one of those things I've always wanted to buy, but I never knew how much it would cost me, you know?"

Summers has said that he will use his newfound fame to promote important world

issues and make out with supermodels.

"I think, like, marijuana should totally be legalized. I mean, I do my best thinking on it...I mean, when I can smell it down the hall. And now that I have my fame, I'm getting calls from Cindy Crawford."

K-Mart has since recalled the fame because the demand for it was causing overcrowding in their stores.

"I thought the rush for those damn Furbies was bad, but, man, we had people impaling each other with the Barbie dolls when we started that special," said a K-Mart spokesman.

For now, Nathan Summers is one of the lucky few, and he seems happy with it.

"I mean, like, dude, not everybody can, like, get fifteen minutes of it or something."

Parody

## GSC Nabs All-Star QB





# Texas Comes to Glenville

By Archibald Bunker  
Investigative Reporter

In a move to celebrate diverse multiculturalism, the State Legislature has allocated funds to renovate Pickens Hall to look like the Alamo from San Antonio, Texas. Unnamed members of the Legislature feel that not only will this accomplish the much needed renovations to Pickens, but will also increase tourism.

The bold move was initiated by unknown lobbyists to bring a "Touch of Texas"

to the beleaguered campus. "Everything is big in Texas and why shouldn't GSC get the same treatment?" asked one source. To keep with the theme, all beds will be replaced with hay filled mattresses and burros will be brought in for authenticity to live in the remodeled dormitory. The maintenance department reports, however, that the Chamber Pot waste disposal system will still be the responsibility of the students. Students are advised not to park next to the newly remodeled dorms.

The plan, expected to be completed by the Fall 2002 semester, calls for much celebration upon completion. The tentative plan will be campus wide with guest lecturers, the traditional meal of nothing but rice and tortillas at every meal during the week of the celebration, and to have a re-enactment conducted on a much smaller scale. Insiders say it will be composed of five residents of Pickens defending the building from everyone at LBH. It looks to be pretty exciting.

# Ebola to be Transferred to LBH

By Iona Traylor  
Gonzo Journalist

Reports out of Atlanta look good for the secretly proposed conglomeration of GSC and the Centers for Disease Control, or CDC, to move the last remaining colony of the infamous level four Zaire E-bola virus to the basement of LBH. The virus is currently being held in a level four containment facility far below the Atlanta based CDC headquarters. Their tentative plan is to move it into one of the many refrigerators

located on the first floor of LBH.

Sources at the Atlanta operation say that it should work. "A mini-fridge should work just as well as one of our dozens of liquid nitrogen cooled, double insulated, quadruple redundant systems, and if not, hey it's a rural area and no one should notice."

This, of course, comes from an initiative established by GSC administration to open up new opportunities for GSC students. Some of the perks of the recently completed agreement include an occasional guest speaker, the construction of a new building to house GSC administrative offices, and new President's House in Summersville, and a nationally certified Hazardous Material team for Weston. The old buildings will be used to house chimpanzees and other critters that will make the trip up from Atlanta.

On a side note, sources close to the above mentioned animals' say that they will be allowed to take food from the Heflin Center as part of the agreement.



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# Dr. Galenza Proved Wrong By God

By Jeremy Burks  
Religion Correspondent

On Tuesday, March 28, Dr. Galenza was finally proved wrong. During his 9:45a.m. March methods class, Galenza was giving a lecture reiterating how society has done away with gods, ghosts, and demons as explanations of why things happen. About halfway through the lecture, he was stopped mid-sentence by the appearance of a man in a white robe and a halo.

After a few minutes of shocked silence, Galenza inquired as to the identity of the newly arrived individual. The man, who looked to be about 50 years old and bore a striking resemblance to Jerry

Garcia, replied that he was, in fact, God. With introductions out of the way, the individual who identified himself as God, proceeded to explain to Galenza the nature of the universe, placing special emphasis on the body, mind, and soul connection. God did go on and explain to the class that Galenza was right somewhat by saying

"It is not my fault if people hate one another or if your tire goes flat. Life is what you make of it and sometimes sh\*\* happens."

After God's 30 minute lecture on the nature of the universe, He opened the floor up to questions from the students. The first question asked by students was "What is the answer to life's greatest mys-

tery?" God replied "42." The second question asked the deity to perform a small miracle in the classroom "... if it was not too much trouble." God said that it "would be no trouble at all," and turned Galenza into a rabbit. For the last half-hour of class, God entertained students by turning Galenza into

many different animals while answering questions. After class, Galenza was over heard making the comment, "Well you don't see that everyday."

God hopes to come back sometime in the near future and visit longer, but his schedule does not allow him much free time.

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# Nesbitt's Notes Up in Flames

By Ann Williams  
Investigative Reporter

Mayhem erupted March 30, in the Robert F. Kidd Library when a student aid working in the library set Dr. Todd Nesbitt's class lecture notes and reference materials on fire. Student Aid Sherrie Hardman lost control of her sanity when she decided Nesbitt's large mass of articles and class literature was just too much to handle.

The library has been plagued with too much material from Dr. Nesbitt, and not enough time to sort it all out. Apparently, the confused Student Aid reached her breaking point when students from an Appalachian Geography class asked for her help in finding a few articles for their next class session. It was stated by an innocent bystander that Ms. Hardman shouted, "I can't take this anymore!" before lighting Nesbitt's notes on fire.

There was minimal damage to the library itself, due to quick-thinking stu-

dents who found a fire extinguisher and stopped the blaze before it spread further. All of Nesbitt's notes were destroyed, either by the fire or from chemicals from the extinguisher.

Sherrie Hardman is now in an undisclosed mental institution, receiving weekly visits from her children, and is described by the psychiatrist who overlooks her case, as a "sane, over-worked woman who lost control. She should make a speedy recovery."

Nesbitt's comments on the situation were, "It is unfortunate that Ms. Hardman lost control. Though I do have many reference materials in the library, it is for the benefit of students taking my class. It is a shame that Ms. Hardman cost my students valuable reference materials, but I am working quickly to replace them. I can't deny my students a large part of their education, which is found in those reference materials. I hope Sherrie Hardman makes a speedy recovery, and there are no hard feelings."

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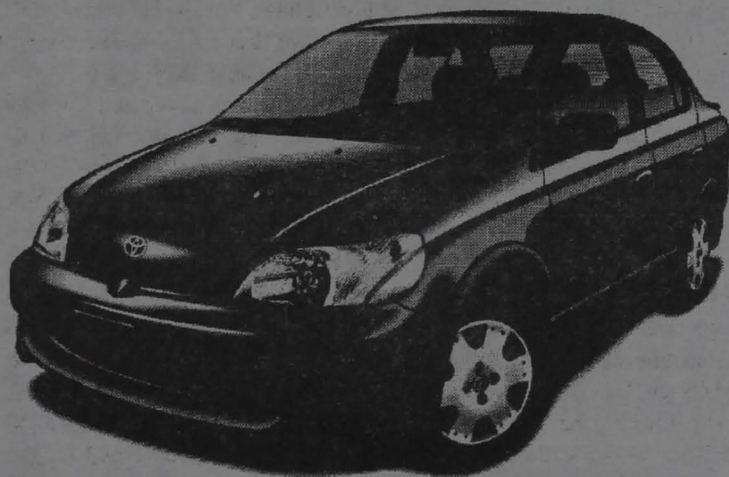
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# Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

It finally happened. The "offensive" material has been taken from my dorm room door. By me? No, of course not. However, at least I had the pleasure of talking to my Resident Assistant face to face about the situation as he carefully removed the "offensive" material; I remember quite well when this whole crusade began that many people had personal property ripped and torn off their doors without prior knowledge and by someone they didn't even know.

The only thing that bothered me about this whole situation is that the material on my door, several stickers, was deemed "offensive" by some-

one because it contained, in their opinion, foul language. However, this self-same person wrote on my RA's message board the word "shit." In fact, if I remember correctly, the message read "All shit off door 410." Room 410 is my room. I don't consider my personal things to be "shit." It is truly a wonder that the stickers on my door were removed due to "foul" language while the person who wanted them removed feels free to write "obscenities" on the RA's message board. Hmm...

This relates, I think, to a person's values. It seems that the "Door Decoration Policy" is another example of a certain person/group of people's val-

ues being forced on others. But, how seriously are we, as students, supposed to take this initiative when the people meant to embrace and enforce these values turn around and disregard them? Obviously I have a different value system than some.

One argument made about certain "offensive" door decorations, in previous editorial in this paper, was that certain decorations were considered "sacrilegious." Does that not depend on a person's religion? How can one person make a judgement like that without considering the numerous different religious beliefs on campus? There are people who are Christian,

Wiccan, Buddhist, Humanist, and even Atheist. Were these people not taken into account before that comment was made? Obviously not.

The only thing that is clear to me is that my values are being pushed aside by a "moral majority" who believe that their values are in some way better. Values that I do not share are being forced on me, and the rest of the student body, without consent. Many would call this tyranny. I just call it Glenville State Politics.

As for the decorations on my door, I have one thing to say. The more that disappears from the door, the more that will go up in its place. I

am offended that my rights, and the rights of others, are being so absurdly violated. Glenville State College needs to remember this: without students there is no college. Glenville is doing more and more to push prospective students away, but doesn't seem to care. I, however, as a current student here, will do all I can to protect my freedoms.

As for the rest of you stuck here on campus, transfer, drop-out, graduate. Do whatever you can to escape GSC while there's still time. Leave while you're still an individual, not a lobotomized value-implemented zombie. It's only a matter of time.

*Criston B. Gravely*

## Dear Eleanor

Dear Eleanor,

I am a student at Glenville State College who is having a hard time relating to the hypocrisy around here. I have recently started dating a student who is not the same skin tone as me. The comments I hear, the looks I get, and the reaction from my classmates are somewhat negative. I just want to be free to love a human being naturally. Why is there so much emphasis on skin color and not on personality? This is so confusing, please help me understand why everyone is so judgmental.

*Signed,  
Loving people*

Dear Loving,

Welcome to small town life! It is hard to believe that in this new millennium people are still hanging on to discrimination, but prejudice is not only applied to skin color. People who are poor, overweight, old, and have different sexual orientation are discriminated against everyday. My suggestion to you would be to keep on loving people! Don't worry about what anyone thinks or says. Keep your head up high when you go out with your friend, walk proud, and know how special you are to be with someone who you relate to, and not someone who looks like you!

Dear Eleanor,

I am a single woman with children. I am relatively young, have a good physique and disposition. My problem is that the men around here are ignorant. Just because I have children does not mean I can't date. It is very difficult to even hold an intellectual conversation with the fellows I attend class with. Once I tell them I have children, I might as well have farted and picked my nose in front of them. It's very distressing to be a single mom, student, and woman at GSC. Why are the guys so afraid of women like me? I know I am not alone in this. My other friends who are in the same position as me voice the same concerns.

*Signed,  
Frustrated Woman*

Dear Frustrated,

You are fortunate enough to have the brains to know that these "boys" on campus are interested in one thing, and when they know you have children, there is an overwhelming feeling of commitment that stops them short. Men are few and far between on a college campus. The time that they have here is for exploring, playing and living out their youth. Granted, there are students getting engaged all over campus, but you need to remember this is generally their first time. Yes, it is hard to be a single mom, student, and woman, but that gives you the upper hand in maturity.

Maybe you may want to let nature take its course and wait till the right one falls in your lap. It may not be today, or tomorrow, but if you keep your door open, it will happen!! He may not even be a student. Tell your friends to ease up, too. Enjoy your children, get a baby sitter and go out occasionally, and remember... your life is not bound to this campus. You will graduate and the big wide ocean of men will be all yours for the reeling.

Dear Eleanor,

My thoughts are stuck on suicide and destruction; sometimes I just want to kill everyone and myself. I don't know what's wrong with me. I have gone to psychiatrists, I have been on medication, it just won't go away. I relate to these kids who go shooting their classmates and then kill themselves off. I really don't want to hurt anyone, but myself. Please Eleanor, help me figure this out.

*Signed,  
Destructive by nature?*

Dear Destructive,

Take a deep breath, kid and learn some yoga. Look, you obviously know that you are not alone in this. It is almost like society is promoting depression and low self esteem in our youth. The music we listen to, the tragedy we see, and the

coldness of our peers only reinforces the low self esteem that accompanies feelings like yours. Now here is the key—feelings are just feelings. We all rely on our feelings to make decisions and that usually ends up getting us in deeper. It is important to have emotion, but it is just as important to think logically and analytically. If you kill yourself and others, the repercussions will all be negative! You end up being just another statistic, not a star, or lawyer or chemist.

You definitely have some sort of genius, because only deep thinkers get to your point of depression. It would be more destructive per say if you lived, formed an opinion and fought for it to become truth—then you could have a much greater impact on society! Don't be afraid to live! Accept the challenge and keep on truckin.' One more thing... find a therapist that you can relate to and don't stop trying to get better. Many of us have felt the same way you do!!

**Eleanor is not a licensed therapist. She's just an 80-year old woman who helps us a little.**

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# Particle Lady: Seizures

by BJ Woods  
Staff Columnist

Wow! I am trying hard to get back the swing of things, so this article is in part to Ms. Theresa Cowan, a physics professor who graciously came to my aid when I was trying to come up with an idea. Theresa, Thank you....

In this column, I will discuss seizures. A seizure may occur in a person with a brain defect or to someone who has suffered from severe head trauma. These two examples, however, do not rule out any other possibilities of seizure occurrences.

There are two broad categories of seizures. Generalized (global) seizures are characterized by neural discharges involving both cerebral hemispheres of the brain. A victim may lose consciousness abruptly at the onset of a seizure. There are a variety of seizures that fall in this category: tonic, clonic, atonic,

myoclonic, absence and tonic-clonic seizures.

The second category is partial seizures, which originate from a specific area of the cerebral cortex and don't cause complete loss of consciousness. A simple partial seizure may be a warning, or an aura, preceding a complex partial seizure. Symptoms may include "butterflies in the stomach", a foul taste or odor, vision changes and or numbness in the legs and arms.

Symptoms vary, depending on the area of the brain involved. Secondary symptoms arise from the parietal lobe of the brain and motor symptoms arise from the frontal lobe. There may be an abrupt loss of muscle tone, a patient falling, and an increase in the muscle tone of the torso and face, flexion or extension of the arms and legs, incontinent of urine or feces, apnea, staring and or eye blinking at a rapid rate. A seizure patient may

experience any or all of these symptoms, depending on the type of seizure he or she is experiencing. Usually in generalized seizures, a person will feel fatigue and be lethargic after the seizure.

When a person has more than one seizure or has continuous seizure activity lasting 30 minutes or more, it is classified as status epilepticus, which requires emergency intervention, because serious complications could arise after such a length of time. Complications include hypoxia, cardiac arrhythmias, respiratory arrest, and possible brain damage.

Seizures are survivable and usually not fatal, but there are some complications that one must be aware of.

Until next week, take care while traveling the halls of science. For comments and questions, please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at ladyfirefight66@hotmail.com

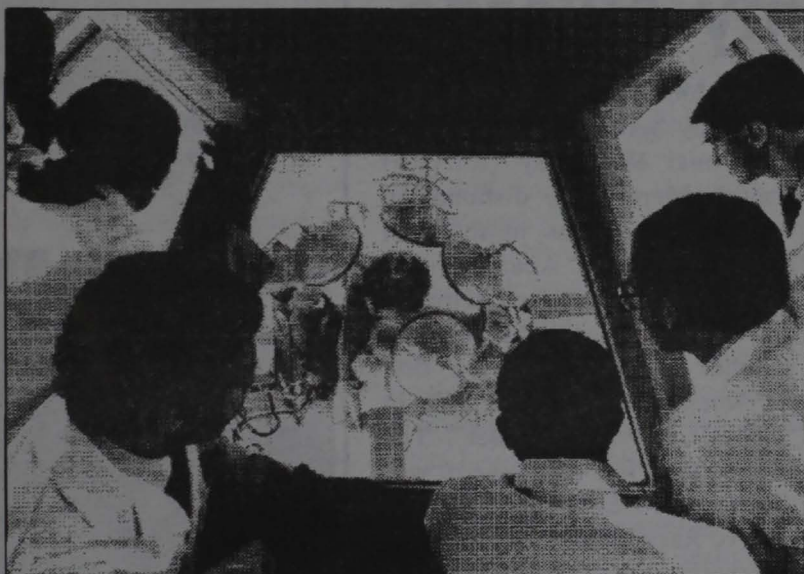
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Fine Arts Gallery hosts high school art

### Local art students bring home cash prizes

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

The Glenville State College Fine Arts Gallery is hosting the 23 Annual Juried High School Art Exhibit on March 27 through April 15.

The show was an interesting display of new talent and energy of the students coming from a total of 17 high schools.

The Best of Show award of \$100.00 went to Lindsey Chambers of Gilmer County High School, the

2nd Place award of \$75.00 was given to Ginger Conley from Roane County High School, and 3rd place went to Jordana Bitner from Liberty High School.

The two United National Bank Awards of Excellence of \$20.00 went to Travis Burdette from Sissonville High School and Lisa Montgomery from Liberty High School.

The two Calhoun County Bank Awards of \$15.00 went to Brad Looney of Roane County High School and Kathy Erb from Sissonville High school. The Director's Choice Award of \$15.00 went to Alison Toman of Paden City High School.

Fifteen Honorable Mentions of



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

### Art by Kathy Erb

\$25.00 each were given to Jessica Freeland, Josh Holloway, Helen Hussmann, Tiffany Anderson, Sean Swinger, Yoko Takeda, John

Marra, Wayne Fisher, And Judy, Lindsey Chambliss, Samantha Maxwell, Ken Fridley, Ruth Finley, Annie H

The judges for the show were John Randolph, a well known artist from Harrison County and Li Turner, President of the Virginia Watercolor Society and member of the American Watercolor Society.

There will be a reception and presentation of awards ceremony held on April 15 at 1:30p.m.

The Art Department would like to give a special thanks to the teachers who helped with the development of young artists and for making sure art work is at school for jurying.

## Long night at the Academy Awards

By Samuel Berhe  
Staff Reporter

The much anticipated and hyped up 72nd annual Academy Awards was held on Sunday, March 26. The award show lasted a record four hours and nine minutes, forcing spectators all over the world to be glued to their TV sets to watch the best of Hollywood.

The award for best actor went to Kevin Spacey for his role in the movie "American Beauty". This was the second time he won an Oscar, previously he had won for best supporting actor in 1995 for his role as Keyser Soze in the thriller "The Usual Suspects." The winner for best actress was Hilary Swank for her portrayal of a girl living as a boy in the transgender movie, "Boys Don't Cry".

The Oscar for best supporting actor and actress went respectively to Michael Caine for his supporting role in "The Cider House Rules" and Angelina Jolie for her supporting role in "Girl Interrupted." First time British Director, Sam Mendes, won the Oscar for best director for the surprise movie "American Beauty," which is about a dysfunctional family living in the suburbs.

The big winners of the night were "American Beauty", which won five Oscars for best actor, best picture, directing, cinematography and screenplay, and "The Matrix," which collected three Oscars for film editing, sound effects editing and visual effects. Actor/Producer/Director, Warren Beatty, received the Irving Thalberg award for life-

time achievement.

A day before the Oscars, the traditional Raspberry (Razzies) Awards were held, dishonoring worst achievements in the film industry for 1999. Adam Sandler won the razzie for worst actor for his role in "Big Daddy", while Heather Donahue won the title for worst actress for her role in "The Blair Witch Project". The big winner for this award was "Wild Wild West", which collected five Razzies for worst picture, worst director, worst screenplay, worst song and worst screen couple for co-stars Will Smith and Kevin Kline.

The Razzies started as a low-key spoof of the Oscars in 1980, but since then have gained reputation for dishonoring badly made box-office movies and are held a day before the Oscars.

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