

The Mercury

A Semester of Promise

— Task Force Sets Guidelines for The Mercury

By Marci Padula
Staff Reporter

Great things are in store for *The Mercury*. With a different advisor, the establishment of several new staff members, and a cleaned-up office, *The Mercury* is ready for a promising future.

Last year, there were a few bumps in the road with *The Mercury*. After problems with staffing, questionable articles and a decrease in the budget, Dr. Thomas H. Powell, GSC President, appointed a Task Force. Comprised of students, faculty and staff, the Task Force met during the summer and spent many hours drawing up a scheme for what the new *Mercury* should include.

The mission statement of the paper is primarily to provide the target audience with three basic items:

1. Reports, previews, and reviews of events, activities, and the achievements of interest to the target audience.
2. Opportunity for student organizations to report news and events.
3. Balanced editorial, staff, or

audience views on questions affecting the readership.

The Task Force made many decisions essential to a smooth-operating paper. For one thing, the Office of Student Life was responsible for selecting and evaluating an advisor to *The Mercury*. The Office decided to hire Catherine Corcoran to advise and guide the staff.

An Editorial Board for *The Mercury* was also established. This Board is not only responsible for the hiring of the editor, but to provide consultation and advice. The Editorial Board should meet at least twice each semester to evaluate, offer suggestions, and if necessary, to make changes to the paper's content. This board includes Catherine Corcoran, advisor; Sarah Gower and Carrie Propst, GSC students; Professors Wayne DeRosset and Allison Witte, Faculty Members; Jack Barr, Director of Public Relations; and *The Mercury* editor. At this time, an editor has not been appointed, but Corcoran anticipates that one will be named after the completion of the first issue. "We have two very capable

candidates interested in the position," says Corcoran.

The paper should be eight pages in length. Special issues, such as for graduation, may be longer. Each should include an editorial, a letters column, campus events, and notes from Student Congress. Once college equipment is upgraded, an e-paper for the newspaper is a possibility. Approximately sixteen issues per year will be published, with the exception that there may be extra issues with special events. The Task Force feels that the production schedule should be determined by the Editorial Board.

The Gilmer County campus students are not the only ones who can be correspondents. The Task Force recommended that one or more Nicholas County Campus students be appointed to the staff and be responsible for gathering news, writing features and taking pictures. Also, a representative from each branch of Glenville State should be appointed to report news about their center's activities.

The Mercury's budget is also determined by the Student Congress. The 1999-

2000 budget was \$32,000, which included \$3,000 in advertising revenue. Student Congress voted to have the budget set at \$15,000 for the Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 semesters. Students should be paid by the hour to ensure proper research and to provide weekly hour limits. Workshop and workstudy students are limited to 20 hours per week. A minimum GPA of 2.0 must be observed by all newspaper staff. Volunteer staff can be added if the advisor chooses to do so. *The Mercury* should be distributed to the Glenville campus, the Nicholas County campus, all centers, the Board of Advisors, presidents of other colleges, and to some extent, alumni. Most importantly, the Task Force sees a need for racks attractively designed with the GSC logo at designated distribution points.

All ads will be accepted unless they are pornographic, obscene or distasteful at the discretion of the advisor. Advertisements should make up approximately 25% of the paper—at a minimum, 20%. The new paper office has been moved to the basement of the Louis Bennett residence hall.

The Mercury Charter has also been going through some renovations. For example, since there is no Journalism minor, the purpose of the Charter should be changed to include the "Readership Functions Clause." This states that the readership or target audience of *The Mercury* is the entire Glenville State College Community, consisting of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The paper's main function is to provide students with practical experience in editorial, business and ethical responsibilities of managing a newspaper. The "Campus Publications Committee" has changed to "*The Mercury* Editorial Board." The role of the advisor is to be a person with significant professional experience in journalism and/or faculty member with academic credentials. The advisor is charged with encouraging the student staff to conform with established practices and standards of professional journalism. Miss Corcoran is also responsible for monitoring the budget and with overseeing all purchases.

Many revisions are in store for *The Mercury*. With a new purpose, a new staff and advisor, and a positive outlook, the newspaper is well on its way to serving you better.

Calendar of Events

February Activities

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| 8 — Lady Pioneers vs. Davis & Elkins College. Away. 5:15 p.m. | 20 — Music Audition Day. Fine Arts Auditorium. Free |
| 9 — Teacher Education Professional Development Day | 21 — Teacher Education Open House |
| 10 — Basketball vs. WV Wesleyan College. Away. 8:00 p.m. | 22 — Basketball vs. Southern Virginia. Away. 7:00 p.m. |
| Lady Pioneers vs. WV Wesleyan College. Away. 5:15 p.m. | WV All State Chorus Clinic. All Day. Fine Arts Auditorium |
| 12 — Basketball vs. Alderson-Broadus. Home. 7:30 p.m. | 23 — Coffee House. Snack Bar. 7:00 p.m. |
| Lady Pioneers vs. Alderson-Broadus. Home. 5:15 p.m. | 24 — Basketball vs. Alderson-Broadus. Away. 7:30 p.m. |
| 14-16 — "Blithe Spirit, 8:00 p.m.. Fine Arts Auditorium | Lady Pioneers vs. Alderson-Broadus. Away 5:15 p.m. |
| 15 — Basketball vs. Shepherd. Away. 7:30 p.m. | 25 — Senior Recital, Sarah Gower. Fine Arts Auditorium. 3:00 p.m. |
| Lady Pioneers vs. Shepherd. Away. 5:15 p.m. | 26 — 1939 Nightclub Murders - Murder Mystery Dinner. 7:00 p.m.. Ballroom. (Please see further description page 4!) |
| 17 — Basketball vs. WV Wesleyan College. Home. 7:30 p.m. | Lady Pioneers WVIAC 1st Round. TBA. 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 — Basketball vs. Davis & Elkins. Home. 7:30 p.m. | 27 — Basketball WVIAC 1st Round. TBA. 7:30 p.m. |
| Lady Pioneers vs. Davis & Elkins. Home. 5:15 p.m. | 28 — LeCount Holmes as Frederick Douglas: The Man. Fine Arts Auditorium. 7:00 p.m. (Please see further description on this page!) |

A Preview of LeCount Holmes

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

LeCount Holmes is Frederick Douglas: The Man. Dressed in period costume, and utilizing his resonating bass-baritone, LeCount Holmes recreates the life and times of one of America's finest orators, educators and most prolific of African-American historical figures on Wed., Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The audience is drawn into the recreated presence of Frederick Douglas especially when, once the formal presentation is finished, Mr. Douglas requests and answers questions from his 21st century audience.

A Glimpse into Fall 2000 Semester

Merger of Two Campus Clubs A Success

By Jason Collins
Staff Reporter

Last Semester, Psychology Professor Dave Jeffrey had an idea to form something along the lines of a Psychology Club. While talking with Social Science Chairman Dr. Jim Hilgenburg, they came up with the idea that they could go in with the already formed Criminal Justice Club.

Dr. Dan Gutierrez, advisor of the Criminal Justice Club supported the idea. He was of the opinion that the consolidation would encourage more students to participate. However, everyone agreed that changes had to be made in order to accommodate these students.

Professor Dave Jeffrey made the comment in an interview that "Criminal Justice is so closely related to Psychology that this union merely expanded the clubs' focus and created greater fundraising capabilities."

Dr. Dan Gutierrez is Head Advisor for this new Behavioral Science Club along with Professor Dave Jeffrey and Professor Molly Riddle as Co-Advisors, all of whom are Social Science staff.

GSC student Carrie Mann was elected President, Monica Bame as Vice President, Scot "Crow" Hannah as Treasurer, and Amanda Green as Secretary. All of these members are very proud to be a part of what is now being called by many students "the most active club at GSC." Most members are also very en-

thusiastic about all the heightened opportunities that now present themselves due to the merger. According to Secretary Amanda Green, "It was a good transformation for the students and the Criminal Justice Club. It changed the focus of previous clubs but it was all for the best because it allows more people to become involved."

Dr. Gutierrez further states that the merger "helped in terms of fundraising and we are able to get a lot more accomplished because the club is better organized since there are more people to share the many responsibilities."

Dr. Gutierrez also relates that the club has a page on his own personal independent website at <http://www.geocities.com/danscybercafe/index.html>, where students

can actually download 1,000 different hyper-links to one floppy disk. Everyone is encouraged to visit it!

The Behavioral Science Club also has a lot of plans for this semester but are always looking for more students to join. According to President Carrie Mann, "It is a great club and we would love to have more members to join, especially when I am sure there are still many students who do not know much about the club."

As to fundraising, they are currently taking orders on Betty Crocker candles and plan to raffle off 2 telephones, a Caller I.D., and a gift certificate to the GSC Bookstore. Anyone who is interested in joining should contact Dr. Gutierrez at Ext. 181 or check out his website.

Freshman Orientation has 'Come a Long Way'

By Marci Padula
Staff Reporter

Before there were nervous students rushing to their classes, Glenville State hosted its annual Freshman Orientation.

The event, which spanned a week in late August, is designed for students to get "acquainted" with their campus before they start classes. The key is to make incoming freshman comfortable with the college and its staff to make their college experience the best that it can be. The activities included speeches from key motivational speakers, presentations by several honored faculty and staff members, and even a visit by Governor Cecil Underwood. According to several Glenville State faculty and students, this event has come a long way from recent years.

"Our program that you see here is very different from what we used to do," according to Cheryl McKinney, Vice President of Student Life. "So the last two years have been leaps and bounds above what we have been doing the past several years. We had never had anything coordinated to the extent that we have had the past couple of years."

Jerry Burkhammer, Director of Residence Life, agreed completely with Mrs. McKinney by saying that he believed that this year's orientation went very well. "I think that we did a lot of good activities to help the students get acquainted. I also believe that it will continue to get better as we discover what the students want and

we will be able to prepare them better for college life."

The various activities kept the students busy during their six days of "transition." The first day began with general announcements and President Thomas H. Powell's welcome. The next few days included stress management programs, survival skills, and cohort meetings.

These meetings had the freshman student body divided according to majors and made presentations about what the transition to college meant to them. The last day of orientation included a commencement of the many respected faculty, staff, and Student Congress members.

During the commencement, the Honorable Cecil Underwood gave a speech about the importance of success in college and how it can shape your future. After the commencement, a community picnic was held outside the Fine Arts Center to celebrate the freshman students' formal admission into the Glenville State College family.

No orientation is without flaws, but faculty members state that they are planning big changes for next year's "Freshman Week."

For one thing, the staff of Glenville State plans to gather students who have attended previous orientations to determine what improvements can be made to suit the students. They also want to make sure that the college is doing everything they can to target all freshman, not just specific age groups. They want the college to be as comfortable for the incoming students as possible, but to also pre-

pare them for the road that lies ahead. Was Freshman Orientation effective? The faculty's answer?

It's all in the stats. "I think that one of the key ways that we can see whether or not freshman orientation was successful or not is the retention of the students," said Dr. Thomas Powell. "The burnout rate across campuses is tremendous. We are trying our very best to help students make the transition to college and to have success while they are here. We want to be able to prepare them for the future, and freshman orientation is the beginning part of that for the new students."

The student's opinions seem consistent with the faculty. One student,

Kathy Mitchell, a freshman from Ritchie County, couldn't agree more. "Orientation helped me to find my way around campus and also got me acquainted with some people who shared my major."

The students who had been through Orientation in the past also found it profitable. Kim Moore, a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education, says that Orientation aided her as well. "Orientation helped me to hone-in on my study skills, and the personal tours around campus were very beneficial."

One thing is certain about Glenville State College: Big changes are on the horizon, ones we can all benefit from.



FRESHMAN ORIENTATION — Students and faculty alike can enjoy the Orientation events. People browse through displays set up by local businesses. These displays are provided to give Freshmen a better idea about what Glenville has to offer.

What's Going On In Student Congress???

— Student Congress Faces Many College Issues

By Jason Collins
Staff Reporter

During these past weekly Student Congress sessions on Wed., Jan. 24 and Wed., Jan. 31, many concerns were heard about student issues.

When the January 24 meeting was called to order, President James Arnold was not present so Vice President Libby Hudkins substituted. When they entered the Congressional Forum, many good points were made. Congress member Megan Miller stresses that club cars should not be allowed to park in student parking spaces because it adds to the current parking problem. Also, she was concerned with the upkeep of the Firestone Lodge parking lot and that the Lewis & Nicholas lots have poor lighting.

The issue of official transcripts was also brought to light. Individuals are required to pay \$5.00 per copy. Students think this is not fair because a transcript is just a piece of paper which should cost only 10 cents. Vice President Libby Hudkins stated that the cash goes to a general college fund. She then went on to say that five dollars doesn't seem like much for one copy but what about the student who needs 15 to 20 copies? Ms. Hudkins further remarked that a set rate would be more appropriate. However, Cheryl McKinney who is Vice President for Student Life added that "it might be more convenient for students to photocopy additional copies to cut cost and if placed on a job to present the employer with a genuine copy if it is that big of an issue."

On a lighter note, congress member Brandi Sandy announced that the pool tables in the Snack Bar are up and running. Also, it was announced that a Freshman Orientation Committee is to be formed. Basically, it will be made up of two members who will seriously evaluate past Freshman Orientations and determine how it can be approved.

One more important concern was the Master Plan Compact in Response to Senate Bill 653. The motion was carried by Congress.

Former student Chris Williams made a formal request for Student Congress to investigate his unsuccessful attempt to recover his "personal effects" from the current Mercury office. He claims that after talking with Mercury advisor Catherine Corcoran on several occasions, he only received a folder and two books which did not constitute his personal effects. Student Congress agreed to further investigate the matter and would inform him at a later date of their findings.

On Wed., Jan. 31, President James Arnold quickly started the Congressional Forum to order by covering the agenda. Megan Miller was very incensed by the notice that was left on her car after parking at the

Clark Hall lot, stating spaces were going to be reserved for ticket payers to attend ball games. Dennis Fitzpatrick, Assistant Girls' Basketball coach was present and made the following statement, "Students should address concerns of that nature to Tim Carney and just because you bought a parking permit, that doesn't guarantee you will find a parking space." Congress member Chris Burkheimer quickly added, "it would be nice if students could come first once in a while," and Ernie Tingler stated that they should number the tickets by the amount of parking spaces. President James Arnold finally concluded that it was a double-edged sword. He went on to make the point that ticket payers get frustrated when they buy a ticket and can't find a place to park and students likewise become furious when they cannot find a parking space after purchasing a permit.

The issue of vacant seats in Congress was partially resolved when Jack Beard & Janene Walker were nominated for Senators-at-Large, and Chris Burkheimer was nominated for Senior Representative. Janene Walker was voted for the position of Senator-at-Large and Chris Burkheimer was voted as Senior Representative.

President James Arnold introduced the idea of setting 5 attainable goals in order to help students and leave something behind for the next administration. After much deliberation, a few very attainable goals were accepted: A Formal Dance and a State of Student Address where President Arnold would hear students concerns. According to President Arnold, President Dr. Thomas Powell was delighted by the idea and would make the necessary arrangements. The formation of a Legislative Review which would cut inactive student organizations that have little or no members went over with Congress quite well. Also, the idea of having a Student Forum where students would just get together with other students to talk about campus issues was accepted. Chris Burkheimer stated, "I love the idea of having a Student Forum and we should have one in Pickens Hall & Louis Bennett Hall."

Another important issue was raised by Parliamentarian Ernest Kingdon concerning Article VII of the Constitution under Qualification of Officers. "Anyone who pursues the position of President, Vice-President, and Parliamentarian are required to have served at least one year on Student Congress. Anyone, who pursues the position of Secretary, Treasurer, Class Representative, Residence Hall Representative, Senator-At-Large, Commuter Representative, and International Representative is required to have served at least one

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2001-2002 GSC Student Congress Elections

It's time again to elect the new GSC Student Congress and we are looking for responsible individuals who will be committed to helping serve the students of Glenville State College. This is your chance to take part in the shared governance of our campus, represent the concerns of your fellow students, let your voice be heard throughout our campus and make a difference at GSC.

The Candidate Filing Period will run from Mon., Feb. 5 through Fri., Feb. 16. Candidate Information Forms are available in the Office of Student Life. We encourage you to show your true Pioneer spirit by stopping by to file for a position on our 2001-2002 Student Congress. An opportunity for all GSC students to meet the candidates and ask questions about their platforms will be held on Tues., Mar. 13.

Elections will be held on Wed., Mar. 14 and Thurs., Mar. 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Heflin Student Union and at the main office of the Nicholas County Campus. Polling will also take place in the Residence Halls from 8 - 10 p.m. on Wed., Mar. 14.

The following 18 positions will be selected during this general election

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parliamentarian
- Sophomore Class Representative
- Junior Class Representative
- Senior Class Representative
- International Student Representative
- (Six) Senator-at-Large Representatives
- (Three) Commuter Representatives

(The Freshman Representative & the Residence Hall Representatives will be elected in the Fall 2001 semester by those constituencies.)

More information about Student Congress and this election can be found in the GSC Student Handbook on pages 13-20.



FALL STUDENT CONGRESS MEMBERS AND FACULTY — Front row, Ernest Kingdon, Joe Bowen, James Arnold, Libby Hudkins and Sarah Gower. Middle row, Samuel Berhe, John Monroe, Jerry Burge, Trena Williston, Carrie Propst, Pamela Lambert, Moe Tzoneva, Angie Reagan and Megan Miller. Back row; Brandi Sandy, Andy Laible, Andy Burns, Mike Howerton, Nathan Calvert, Ernie Tingler, Jerry Burkhammer and Dennis Fitzpatrick. Not pictured: John Ratliff, Chris Burkheimer, David Parson (Nicholas County Representative), Janene Walker and Cheryl McKinney.

Entertainment

GSC's First Spring Coffee House Features Student, Ocheltree and Renowned Artist, Skyland

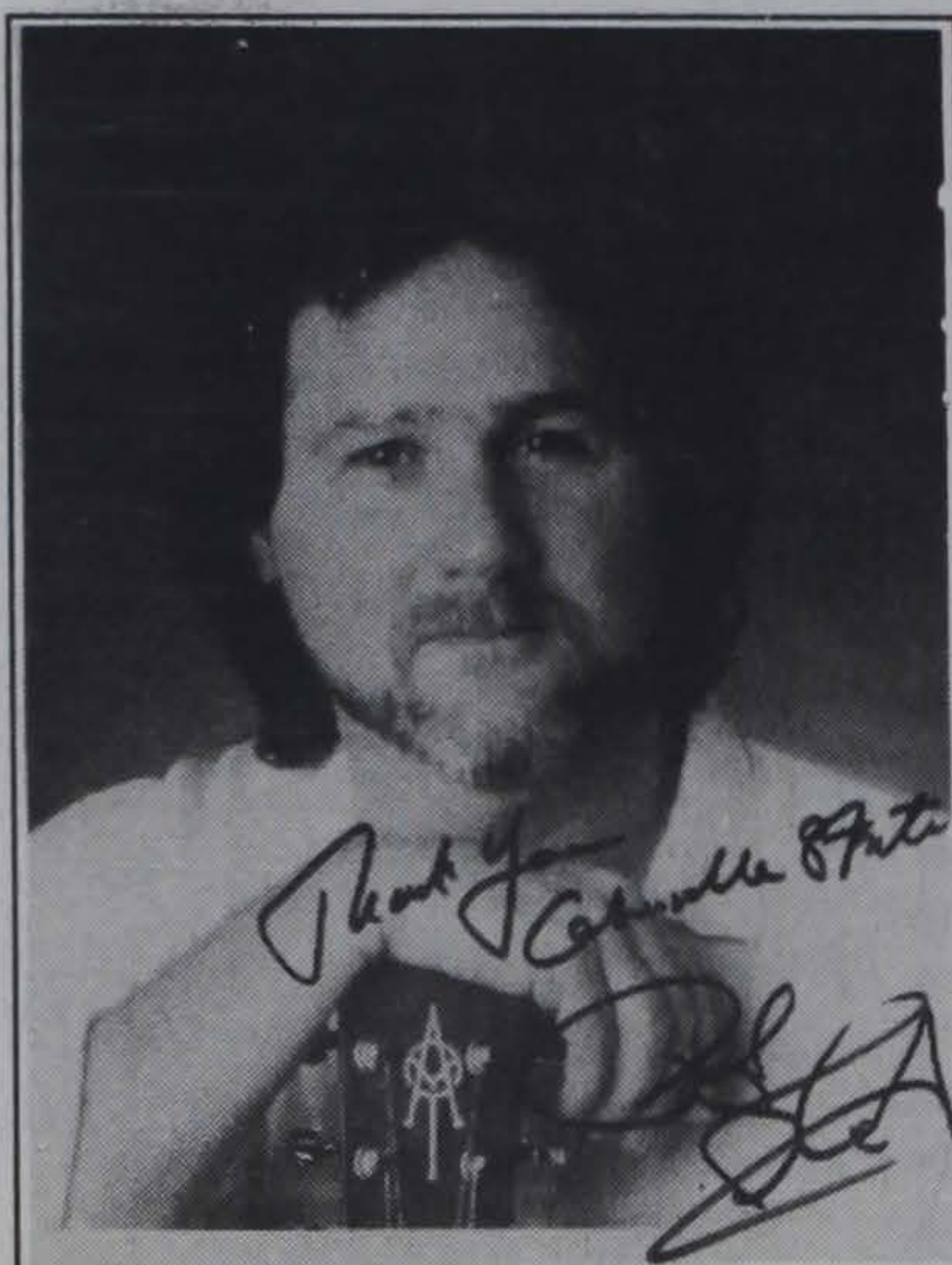
By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

Candles flicker on cloth-covered tables in the Heflin Center snack bar. Students, faculty and community residents chattered while speakers and sound equipment are being adjusted at the first spring "Coffee House" on Tues., Jan. 23.

Tara Ocheltree, a second semester freshman at Glenville State College prepares to entertain the curious audience with songs by Christina Aguilera and Mandy Moore. Ocheltree, who is majoring in Early Education expresses her confidence in singing, "I have been singing since I was three. I love to sing and share my songs with others. I hope this inspires other students to participate."

After Ocheltree's performance, renowned artist Paul Skyland takes the stage. His mellow, acoustic rock with an occasional mix of pop evoke emotional involvement from the audience.

Wayne DeRosset, Division of Language and Literature, is involved in the moment, stating "this is good music. I am given a chance to enjoy something new." He also



PAUL SKYLAND

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adds, "Angie Reagan is the best Activities Director we have ever had here." Dr. Joe Evans, Senior Vice-President of Academic Affairs, is also in attendance. He sips flavored coffee and proclaims, "I'm just here enjoying the music."

Students are offered an array of

pastries and flavored coffees at no charge, although the snack bar is open for business.

Garth Beck, a senior in Social Studies Education, expressed his disappointment in student participation. "I love coming to these activities for the entertainment, food and drinks. The shows are always great, but the participation is awful. Students need to shut off their televisions and take advantage of these awesome events."

Paul Skyland strums his last chord, the audience applauds, and he is ready to talk about the thrill of travelling and performing. Skyland states, "I love to express myself through song. Everyone has a need to express themselves, I do it through music." Skyland has been given rave reviews, his music takes him up and down the North East, but gigs in Colorado are not unusual. He has performed in local communities, performing arts presentations, Universities, local radio and television, with a recent guest appearance on the syndicated radio show, "Mountain Stage." He has produced two albums "Song Child" and "One to One." His music is available through Venture Records.

The next Coffee House is scheduled for Feb. 23.

life in general visits GSC once again

By Cassandra Huff
Staff Reporter

The Heflin Student Union Snack Bar was alive Wednesday night, Jan. 31, with the vibrations of good music and friendly conversations when *life in general* began playing.

The music of *life in general* was entertaining and appealing to everyone there, because of their witty humor between songs. The crowd estimate was around sixty according to Angie Reagan, Director of Student Activities at Glenville State College. This concert was a return performance for the band. They have played for Glenville State College students in the past and been well received.

Life in general is the duo of Jerry Chapman and Jason LeVasseur. They were originally from Charlotte, N.C., but for several years they have been playing on campuses across the country. *Life in general* has been named the National Association of Campus Activities Contemporary Music Artist of the Year 1999. They were awarded the same title in 2000, and they have been nominated for 2001. You can find them on the web at www.lifeingeneral.com.

The 1939 Nightclub Murders

In the world of interactive theater, the lines are blurred between audience and actor.

See this exciting and popular new form of entertainment in the production *The 1939 Nightclub Murders* which is being performed at Glenville State College by the professional national touring company, The Repertory Theater of America. This brand new murder mystery/comedy has been a smash hit with audiences all across the country. The current touring production successfully combines down-right hilarious dialogue with a whodunit feeling popular with audiences everywhere.

The biggest thing in entertainment these days is interactive theater. Plays like *Tony and Tina's Wedding*, *Bubba's Killer Sauce* and *Shear Madness* have been a huge hit with audiences across the country. *The 1939 Nightclub Murders* is a great new entry into the interactive theater sweepstakes.

In this event, Tiny, a businessman with a dubious reputation, is hosting a

party to celebrate the opening of his new nightclub Tiny's Place. A national radio network is there to broadcast the event. To host the evening is radio funnyman Joey J. Geste from the hit show *Metropolitan Soap Presents The Nagging Nelsons*. Also attending are national singing sensation Trudy Lightful, Tina Ramboski- Tiny's girlfriend, and a host of others. Early in the evening there is a murder. Tiny is shot in the lobby - the audience doesn't see the crime, but they hear it being broadcast live. Who killed Tiny? He had a lot of enemies, that's for sure. The fun is trying to find out who committed the crime.

The audience members make up the party guests. Some of them are given characters to play. Some are asked to come up on stage and interact with the actors. All are invited to play along in a game of whodunit.

This show is a great event for audiences looking for something a little different. Be forewarned, you will be asked to participate in the play! We're

delighted to be producing the newest interactive piece by one of the best writers in the genre.

For reservations or more information call Student Activities at 462-7361 x 172.

Student Houses For Rent

3, 4 & 6 room houses

Partly furnished

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462-7057 and 304-296-7742

We thought you would like to know ...

Is There A Doctor In The House?

Yes there is!

As of Jan. 11, Carl Nichols, MD is on staff at the Campus Health Center in the Heflin Student Union from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday while classes are in session to provide medical services to students.

Because of scheduling issues, students who need to see the doctor should visit the Campus Health Center and be evaluated by the Campus Health Nurse before seeing Dr. Nichols. You may call or stop by the Campus Health Center to make an appointment.

The Campus Health Center is open Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1 - 4:00 p.m. The Campus Health Nurse is available during these hours to students who need medical attention. If you have any questions regarding your health services, please call the Campus Health Center at

462-7361 x 248.

Dr. Nichols will not see students in his office on Main Street except in the event of an emergency. If there is such an emergency, you must see or call Melissa Hinterer, RN, BSN, Campus Health Nurse or one of the Resident Directors' Patrick Hall (Pickens Hall) or Brian Randolph (LBH) before going to the doctor in order to have GSC cover the cost of the office visit. Every attempt should be made by the student to see Dr. Nichols on campus. As always, in the event of a life-threatening emergency, students should call 911 or go to the emergency room.

There is no charge to see the nurse or doctor. Any other medical expenses incurred by the student will be the responsibility of the student.

Maintaining your confidence is very important to us!

Aramark Corporation Welcomes New Manager

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College would like to welcome Stephen Shattuck as Director of Dining Services, which has its main office in Philadelphia, Penn.

He is a culinary chef, trained in the Classical French and Northern Italian style, graduating from Hennepin Culinary Institute, in Minneapolis, Minn. and originally from the Minnesota, and Chicago, Ill. area. He will be accompanied by his wife of 18 years, his two boys, possibly his mother, and mother-in-law. Mr. Shattuck said,

"Everything that my family and I enjoy doing is right at our fingertips here in Glenville: hunting, camping, fishing, and all of the snow sports. Ramona and I absolutely fell in love with the area!" He will eventually move his family here. After he

finished culinary school, he did an apprenticeship at the White Hall Hotel in Chicago. He comes from his former employer of four years at Eastern Kentucky University. Prior to that position, he was an Executive Chef in hotels, free standing restaurants, and private country clubs.

Steve Utley is our location manager of the snack bar. Hailing from Michigan, Steve was the former manager of the "Back Nine" establishment here in Glenville. Under this new management his main goal is to actively improve the waiting time of the food. Another activity under consideration is opening for some weekend hours for students and community residents.



STEPHEN SHATTUCK

Pioneer Village Update

We know that everyone has questions about the residence hall situation for the Fall Semester of 2001. Let's see if we can clear up some of the misconceptions and hopefully answer all of your questions.

First, Pioneer Village will be completed by August 1, 2001 and ready for habitation for the Fall Semester. There will be some requirements that you must meet to be able to live in the new facility.

"You must file an application/contract with the Office of Student Life: a) Fall semester applications by May 1. b) Spring semester applications by December 1. You must have a minimum 2.3 overall G.P.A. You must have no Judicial Council Appearances involving sanctions. (Judicial Council is the next level above Judicial Board) You must have no individual damage charges due to vandalism. You must have lived for at least 2 semesters in the residence halls (a full-time summer term may be included as one of the 2 required semesters) You must have lived for at least 1 full-time semester in the residence hall directly prior to the semester for which you have applied. You must agree to adhere to the 'Zero Tolerance Policy' involving alcohol, drugs, vandalism, or any other criminal activity.

Second, the Pioneer Residence

Hall Scholarships will be honored. The value of your scholarship is based on the cost of a double room in Pickens Hall. You will be responsible for paying the difference between the value of your scholarship and the semester cost for Pioneer Village.

Third, everyone will be required to purchase a meal plan. Whether you live in Pickens Hall (Wagner, Williams, or Scott Wings or Scott Apartments) or Pioneer Village you will be required to be on the meal plan offered by the college. Remember one thing, you can choose what type of meal plan you receive. You can choose from 16 cafeteria meals and 100 in Flex Dollars down to 9 cafeteria meals and 250 in Flex Dollars. What's best for you? It is your choice.

Last, a shuttle services will be available for the residents that live in Pioneer Village. This service will enable residents to travel between Pioneer Village and campus whether it is for class or to eat it meals.

If there are still questions that you have that we have not touched on please don't hesitate to call the Office of Student Life at 462-4114 or ext. 114 from a extension phone and we will be happy to help you. You can also email us at studentlife@glenville.edu. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

GSC Dining Services

Do you need a place to relax between classes?

Our Snack Bar is open and is ready to serve you and your hunger. You can come relax and enjoy a quick meal right here on campus whenever you like! Steve is constantly working on getting your food to you quickly.

We also accept flex dollars, that you can purchase in the Food Service Office so you will save 6% over using cash!!!!



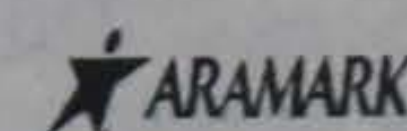
Snack Bar Hours

Monday - Thursday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	7:00 - 11:00 pm



Don't forget **Premium Night** is **Wednesday, February 14** from 4:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Come and join us for fine dining!

Dining Hall and Snack Bar are located in the Heflin Student Union.



Interested in a job in advertising?
Please send a resume to
The Mercury
GSC post office box #2803

Editorial Comments

Parking is always a problem at GSC

By Cassandra Huff
Staff Reporter

The onset of a new semester heralds an increase in traffic as well as an increased need for student parking.

The availability of parking areas for students is limited and the number of students attending classes exceeds the available parking spots for those who have purchased parking permits.

Students drive to school or have an automobile on campus and are required to purchase a parking permit that enables them to park in any unreserved parking space on the college campus. There is no overnight parking permitted except in the dorm parking areas. When a permit is purchased, the students are issued a tag to hang from the rearview mirror, to be displayed only when parked on campus.

During the Fall Semester, most students do find parking spaces on campus; however, others find it necessary to park along roadside on the sides of college access streets, on the sidewalks, courthouse parking, or in reserved areas designated as no parking zones. The illegal parking is more prevalent at the beginning of the semester, but becomes a slightly lesser problem as the number of students decreased during the progression of the semester.

Numerous complaints from remaining students were voiced as to the

availability of existing parking and, of course, those who are parking illegally or without a parking permit. The illegal parking slows traffic and hinders access to sidewalks, walkways, or driving areas. Those students parking without a permit are taking spaces that could have been used by a student with a permit. The feelings of many students were expressed by Wilma Smith, saying "students are expressing their increased frustration to me, but do not feel their concerns about parking would be seriously considered by the college. They could build more parking areas but where would they put them?"

Campus security, consisting of working students as well as college employees, makes regular circuits of the parking areas, issuing citations to vehicles with any violations. These citations carry a fine of \$10.00 each and are to be paid to the college within 10 business days. Students must pay these citations at the cashier's office before those 10 days are up. The citations have had some effect on illegal parking, but not enough to curb it significantly.

As students, we look to the college faculty to assist with the deficiency in parking spaces for students. At this time there are no plans in the works to increase parking space. Glenville State College wishes to expand its enrollment, but where will these new students park in order to attend their classes?

Thoughts from a Nicholas County Student

By Todd Pettit

Next year is the purported date of my dreaded 10 year high school reunion, and I refuse to attend even if they roll out the red carpet, give me a limo ride to the front door, and offer an all-you-can-eat shrimp buffet.

I never liked those people in the first place; I can't see myself making stilted conversation in a crepe decorated gymnasium while Debbie Gibson and Paula Abdul drone forth from overhead speakers.

Of course, there's always the urge to go and gloat, to see whose hairline has receded and whose waistline has plummeted to their knees. You might get a chance to fire off snide questions "You do what for a living?" and "You've been divorced how many times?" Much like high school, I would stand on the sidelines and pass out insults like party favors.

I wasn't treated "Carrie"-style in high school, I was mainly ignored and somehow vanished into the background. One of my classmates didn't know my first name until our senior schedules threw us side-by-side in Advanced Placement English. Years later, I got some satisfaction out of seeing her in a Kroger's aisle, pondering the life-and-death choices of Cheerios vs. Cocoa Puffs while her two kids punched each other in the grocery cart, and said, "I remember your face, but I can't remember your name." Then I walked off swinging my handheld grocery tote to pick up those staples of American bachelorhood - processed cheese and beer.

Not enough time has actually

passed for me to fulfill the vow on my Senior Will; to be lolling in a hammock while my buxom wife strolled by in a two-piece with a tray of martinis, living off the royalties of my first bestselling novel. Pom poms and ralphs have been replaced by gas bills and the price of Pampers. I spend five minutes deciding whether a pair of sweat pants and a Notre Dame t-shirt with grass stains on the elbow is actually the Epitome of Fashion before realizing I don't care.

It smacks of some personality disorder to dwell on these minor high school triumphs, as if they, like, actually matter now. I can imagine my classmates, their party hats knocked crooked, standing in the middle of the floor with a plastic glass of champagne saying, "I was part of the 1991 winning float team, My 2-pointer won the 1990 All-County Conference! I won fifth place raising an FFA speckled pig!" And so on. Of course, everyone (I hope,) has matured. The balance of what's vital to life has shifted. But I still can't believe I wasted four years of my mis-spent youth blending, like a ghost, into the gunmetal gray of lockers and chalk dust.

Besides that, I still see several of my 1992 classmates, in bars or at the grocery stores, giving me the once over before asking, "Well, what have you been up to?" My favorite answer is, "Nuttin'". That about sums it up. Maybe in the next decade!

(Todd Pettit is a sophomore/junior at the GSC Nicholas County Campus. He used to write for The Mercury in 1992 and has won several writing contests and has been published several times in various literary magazines, poetry journals and anthologies.)

Gadgets!

— Are Electronic Books the Way of the Future?

By David Cutlip
Staff Reporter

What are Electronic Books? Why should you know about Electronic Books?

Do you care about Electronic Books? Do you know the difference between an E-Book and an E-Wok?

Well friends, I am here to tell you that E-Books are electronic gadgets that you will probably have in the very near future. An Electronic Book is a piece of electronic hardware that is about the size of a small notebook, or a three-ring binder. The screen is approximately 9x12 inches. There are simple controls to select which book you will read and a page-turning control to use, as if you were turning pages in a real book.

Why and how is simple. As a

college student, you are buying various textbooks at prices ranging from \$10-100 for each and are only good for one semester of class. At the end of the semester, you have several textbooks to resell or keep forever. Instead of being stuck with all of those books you will not need anymore, the E-Book automatically loads software onto an electronic display device.

If you were using an E-Book, you could download the required text for the entire year's course into one convenient device. In addition, you would have all the texts for your other courses for up to two years of classes. This includes reference texts and any other relevant texts that the instructor thinks pertains to the course.

Hopefully, these services will

be available for a nominal fee. However, this is where the whole idea gets very sticky. The Big Publishers want to charge full price for the textbooks. The student pays \$10-100 for the information in a textbook. The student only gets the text and the pictures in the software, no book and nothing else. This can lead to censorship as well as price gouging by Big Business. However, there are other people and institutions who also have control over textbook content and they want approval over what you read. If your State College wants to get into the E-Book text service and start selling you software for their state school's textbooks, what is to stop them?

Needless to say, E-Books may make for some interesting learning in the near future.

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Dear Crew,
I would like to thank EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU for your continued support and enthusiasm.

— Catherine

FCA and BCM Gather to Serve God at GSC

By Leigh Ellen Alkire
Staff Reporter

With nearly 10 years of reaching out to the Glenville State College campus Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) have once again gathered students together to serve God for another academic year.

"FCA is very active and has many outreach programs for others," said sponsor, Janet Bailey.

Although, FCA is often considered a Christian club for athletes, non-athletic students also take part in the weekly meeting. Each meeting involves singing praise songs, prayer and a devotion presented by a student. Every week students have the opportunity to anonymously write down prayer requests on an index card. At the end of each meeting the cards are exchanged; thus allowing students to pray for each other during the week.

"When you leave the meetings you feel rejuvenated, because it gives you the opportunity to relax and be carefree," said, Kimberly Handley, junior Elementary Education major.

Jointly working to provide students with the opportunity to meet weekly in a Christian atmosphere is BCM. Although the meeting is characterized Bap-

tist Campus Ministry, sponsor Dennis Fitzpatrick wants all students to know they are welcome.

"We want all believers in Jesus Christ to feel welcome to our Wednesday evening fellowship," said Fitzpatrick.

BCM meetings are conducted in much of the same manner as FCA. Students participate in singing praise songs, prayer, exchanging prayer cards and a devotion is presented by a student. However, some students feel BCM is conducted in a more personal manner than FCA.

According to Jason Eades, senior Computer Science major. "FCA is more of a relaxed meeting while BCM focuses on a more in-depth devotion of God's word."

Students participating in both FCA and BCM have positive things to say about each meeting.

"FCA and BCM provide me with the opportunity to meet new people, fellowship with others, and worship Jesus," said Jen Butler, sophomore education major.

"FCA and BCM provide the opportunity to experience great Christian fellowship and friendships," said Eades.

FCA meets every Tuesday at 9:00pm and BCM meets every Wednesday at 9:00pm both in the Wesley Foundation across from Pickens Hall.

\$100 REWARD

Glenville State College's Athletic Department is offering an incentive of \$100⁰⁰ to the student who submits a prospective logo that is chosen to replace the Glenville State College Pioneer. There is no guarantee that the official logo will be chosen from among the submissions.

Logo specifications are as follows:

- Must be 4" x 4" maximum in dimension
- Must be able to fit on a helmet or jersey
- Must contain no intricate detail or excessive lettering
- There can be no gender involved.

Please send submissions to Tim Carney
of the Glenville State College Athletic Department.

News From the World of Intramurals

Intramural Standings as of 1-30-01

Team	Female	Records
#2	Dude, What's our name	2-0
#1	Significant Other	1-0
#6	And 1	1-0
#7	Boozers	1-1
#8	Tons of Fun	1-1
#3	3rd Floor Gang	0-1
#4	Shultz's Gang	0-1
#5	Da Playaz	0-1
#9	Psychotic Potato Slingers	0-1

Team	Female	Records
#2	VB'ers	1-0
#1	Stacy's Team	0-1

"We are trying to get the intramural program back to full status," according to Dennis T. Fitzpatrick, Student Activities Coordinator. When asked what kind of activities the students, faculty, and staff are doing, he answers, "I care about what the students and what kind of activities THEY want to do. The overwhelming choice is basketball. We have 11 teams in basketball this spring semester, nine male and two female teams. This is a very competitive sport and we have some great talent playing on both the male and female teams. It should be fun through the season and into the tournament."

The season is set up by using a round robin style of play and will have March Madness using a single elimination tournament.

There is a posting of full rosters of all basketball teams in the Heflin Student Union. If you are not on a team, see a team member and get on one. Have fun while you are in college by joining an intramural team!

2000 Football Awards

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

Pioneer Awards:

Offense, Scott Greer; Defense, Lamont Howard.

Goody Award:

#18 Quarterback, Mark Gray.

Scholar Athlete Award:

#5 Lance Linden, WR.

Rookie of the Year:

#20 Christian Amaya, SS.

All Conference Awards:

Player of the Week vs East Stroudsburg U, #45 Blake Tasker, LB

Honorable Mention:

#13 Brett Pettinger, WR; #57 Rob Hinton, LB; #72 Dave Rupe, OL; #68 Pat Sheriff, OL; #2 Lavaris Adams, as WR and as Returner.

Second Team:

#50 Justin Hackney, OL; #12 Jerald Brown, Returner.

First Team:

#45 Blake Tasker, LB; #12 Jerald Brown, DB; #97 Lou Vega, DL; #11 Gerald Wilburn, Punter.

Senior Awards:

#2 Lavaris Adams, WR; #93 Rob Gold, DL; #44 Joe Goodnite, LB/DL; #18 Mark Gray, QB; #50 Justin Hackney, OL; #45 Blake Tasker, LB; #97 Lou Vega, DL; #11 Gerald Wilburn, K/P.

Special Teams MVP:

#11 Gerald Wilburn, K/P.

Defensive MVP:

#12 Jerald Brown, DB/Returner.

Offensive MVP:

#50 Justin Hackney, OL.

Captains Awards:

#45 Blake Tasker, LB and #50 Justin Hackney, OL.

Team MVP:

#45 Blake Tasker, LB.



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By Leigh Ellen Alkire



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semester on Student Congress." Basically it was proposed that the section should be totally removed from the Constitution for the following reasons quoted from Ernest Kingdon, "It was brought to our attention at the last meeting of how this is stated and that it basically closes doors on possible people wanting to run for positions on Student Congress. As it works in our national government, no experience is needed to be President of the U.S. The position is open to anyone

past a certain age, and willing to run. We feel that by removing this section from our Constitution, we can be more like the national level, and open up Student Congress-all positions to any student wishing to run at any time." Student Congress voted to strike this Article from the Constitution.

Former student Chris Williams made a request for a copy of the Student Congress Meeting Minutes from the January 24 session where he had made a formal request for Student Congress to

investigate his unsuccessful attempt to recover the full amount of his "personal effects" of which he claims that the Mercury still has. Congress agreed to present him with a copy of the Minutes.

Vice President of Student Life Cheryl McKinney made an announcement that answered concerns about whether Pioneer Village would honor Pickens Hall Scholarships. She found out that Pioneer Village would honor the amount of money that was included in the Pickens Scholarships but students

would be required to pay the balance which the scholarship did not cover.

President Arnold announced that Dr. Nolan Browning has moved on from the Nicholas County Complex and will be replaced by Dr. Debra Simon who was Director of Admissions at GSC. Congress member Brandi Sandy announced that Spring Formal is coming along extremely well. President Arnold then made the motion for the January 31 session of Student Congress to adjourn.

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