

The Mercury

GSC and WVU Merger?

By Marci Padula
Copy Editor

Glenville State College faculty could very well be changing the way they educate college students. In response to Senate Bill 653, passed last session by the West Virginia State Legislature, Glenville State College and West Virginia University have initiated informal discussions concerning the possibility of a merging of the two schools.

Senate Bill 653 calls for the combination and use of resources, technology, and faculty to their maximum potential in a way that makes the education of students in West Virginia more productive than institutions in other states. It also calls for the state universities to ensure that every region of the state has access to stable and continuing graduate level programs, with the emphasis on teacher education.

On Thurs., Feb. 8, the GSC Board of Advisors unanimously passed a resolution empowering GSC President Thomas H. Powell to proceed with strategic discussions to explore areas for a possible combination with WVU.

"Although these discussions are at a very preliminary level, we see an outstanding opportunity for GSC students, faculty and staff, as well as the citizens of central West Virginia, to benefit from a possible affiliation with West Virginia's flagship institution,"

said Powell.

How would a merger of WVU and GSC benefit the students academically? "For one thing, we are going to be part of a much larger family of colleges," Powell says. "When you become part of that family, you become integrated to an enormous amount of resources. This campus does not have the means that we need, and by joining in that community we have more access to those resources. When you are in a [small] community like this, you also have political clout that would benefit this campus." In other words, the merger enables graduating seniors to have more prestige of graduating from a university rather than a state college.

"Another good part of the merger is that the students are going to see many more courses that transfer over between our program and the program on the main campus of WVU. It will also help us attract faculty to the campus. It will help us in recruitment of faculty, which is very important to the student body. We have been having a hard time recruiting faculty, and with a larger institution, we will not be having as hard of a time bringing new people to the campus," Powell adds.

Not every plan is without concerns. One concern of the administration is time. If the merger takes place, the two Presidents would like to see it done swiftly. Another thing is that this campus does not want to be lost in the

shuffle of WVU. With such branches including Parkersburg, Potomac and WV-Tech, it presents a concern that Glenville will become the "new kid" who no one pays attention to. Therefore, we as a college need to make sure that if the merger takes place, that we work aggressively to ensure our needs are met.

How has the integration of the colleges worked for other institutions? One college, WVU at Parkersburg (formerly known as Parkersburg Community College), speaks out about their integration with WVU. "With the combination of WVU and our school in 1989, it gave us a much broader spectrum of programs and services that we could offer the community," said Connie Dziagwa, Director of Public Relations for WVU-P. "Also, the year that our campus became affiliated with WVU, our enrollment of students rose 15%, which we attribute to the fact that more credits were transferrable, as well as having the prestige of a university." Unfortunately, as a result of this merger, tuition rates could very well increase if it takes place.

WVU President David Hardesty noted, "In July, I sent a letter to college presidents across West Virginia inviting them to reflect with us ways in which we could work to be more helpful to their regions. Since WVU's land-grant mission is to serve the entire state, and in the wake of new

legislation, it seemed right to explore collaborations in which WVU could be more beneficial. Dr. Powell presents a compelling case for considering a possible merger between the two schools. While we cannot predict the outcome, it is clear that there are enough advantages for both institutions to continue further discussions."

Not everyone in the county has given "two thumbs up" to this idea. In a recent "Letter to the Editor" appearing in *The Glenville Democrat*, local Attorney Philip Reale expressed his concern for the merger. "Interested citizens deserve to know how much can be saved through consolidation of administrative and clerical functions. Is it possible that, initially, there may be an increase in costs to effect such a consolidation? If so, where will the money come from to pay for that? Will WVU institute a strategic plan to recruit and retain students at the Glenville campus? If not, how will the problem of declining enrollments be solved?"

Some of the students have also expressed concern about the merger. Junior History major Jason Collins notes, "I worry most about a college that's been around since 1872 losing its identity forever."

There are some questions unanswered, and some details unconfirmed, but if the merger comes into effect, it will take a lot of time for the college and community to adjust.

Calendar of Events • Calendar of Events

March Activities • March Activities

1 — W.Va. Grant Deadline for Financial Aid Applicants
5 — Student Teacher Second Placement Begins
5-9 — Spring Break
11 — Senior Recital, Joe Bowen, Fine Arts Auditorium, 3 p.m.
12-13 — Golf, Smith Mountain Lake, Ferrum College, Va.
12-29 — Women's Studies National Art Exhibition, Fine Arts Gallery
13 — Poetry Reading X.J. Kennedy, TBA, 7 p.m.

Higher Education Day at the Legislature
14 — Land Resources Open House
18 — Coffee House Featuring: Magda Hiller, Snack Bar, 8 p.m.
22-23 — Golf, Oxbow Spring Invitational
23 — Women's Studies Conference
30 — The History of Rock & Roll: The 70's, Barry Drake, Admin. Building Auditorium, 7 p.m. (Please see biography of Barry Drake on Page 4.)
Teacher Education Interview Day

Ski Trip

Break away from this mundane winter with a ski trip to Timberline Four Seasons Resort to depart from GSC on Sun., Mar. 11 at 7 a.m. The residence halls will open early for those going on the trip. The cost is \$25 and money must be turned in by Thurs., Mar. 1.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Student Activities Office at 462-7361, ext. 172 or reagan@glenville.edu.

Don't miss the In House Student Show

Appreciate the fine arts at the "In House Student Show" going on from Feb. 19 through Mar. 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

Student Congress

Candidate Platforms

2001-2002

Below is a brief message from each candidate

PRESIDENT

Kimberly Jo-lynn Handley

As a Student Congress Presidential Candidate, my name is Kimberly Handley. I am a junior from Point Pleasant, W.Va. majoring in Elementary Education K-8 with a specialization in Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten. I am currently a Pickens Hall Resident Assistant and a former Governing Board Representative for the past three semesters. I am a member of Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). I am also on the Wesley-Arbuckle Center Leadership Board and a member of the Pioneer Powerline Dance Team at Glenville State College.

As a student, I know there are many profound ideas we would like to see happen at Glenville State College. In order for our ideas to be known we must be better informed of the events and issues concerning our education and the college as a whole. One issue in particular is the merging of Glenville State College (GSC) with West Virginia University (WVU). In this event in the near future, my mission will be to maintain the identity of Glenville State College. We, as a college of higher education, have more than an identity in itself and we pride ourselves on the **INNOVATION, TRADITION, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY** of GSC. As President, I would be **YOUR** voice working with the Administration and Staff, keeping the communication lines open between students and government, to obtain **OUR** goals as students.

I ask for your vote during the election of the 2001-2002 Student Congress members. I thank you for your support and interest in improving your Student Congress and Glenville State College.

Brandon L. Riffle

Heilo, I am Brandon L. Riffle, a senior here at GSC. I am majoring in Elementary Education with a specialization in General Science (5-8). I hail from Jane Lew, W. Va. in Lewis County. I enjoy the outdoors, reading and I like very much to debate current or controversial issues. I am a very open-minded, hard-

working individual who tries to make sure everyone is smiling. I'm very up-beat and honest and portray a socially active lifestyle.

I have heard students' many complaints, concerns, and questions here on campus and want so much to try to help my peers obtain answers and results. I also wish to bridge or even tear down communication barriers between faculty, administration and staff here at GSC. It is my hope that all students, faculty, staff and administration receive an equal opportunity to express their opinions, ideas and aspirations for the college as fairly as possible.

If elected, one very important goal I would like to accomplish would be to get more student involvement here on campus and in our community. For instance, school tutoring programs, reading to young children in our schools, working on highway road cleanup, campus-wide controversial debates, sit and chat lunch socials, just to name a few, would be an excellent way to give students experience and know how in today's ever changing world.

I hope that my ideas, attitudes and smiling face encourage you to get involved in the whole scheme of things here at GSC. I also hope that I have persuaded you to consider my bid for Student Congress.

I ask you for your support in making GSC an even better institute of higher learning. Thank you!!!

Ernest R. Tingler

My name is Ernest Tingler and I am a candidate for President of Student Congress. I'm a commuting senior from Big Springs majoring in Education with specializations in Math (5-12) and Driver Ed (9-12). I have served on Congress in the past as the Sophomore Class Rep. and as Senator-at-Large. I've been on the Board of Advisors for two years. I also have been the Pioneer for the past two years.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Libby Hudkins

My name is Libby Denise Hudkins. I am a senior pursuing two Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration, concentrating in Marketing and Management, along with an Associates degree in Resort Area

Management. I plan to graduate in May 2002. I am currently a candidate for Vice-President of Student Congress. I have been a member of Student Congress for almost four years, and currently serve as Vice-President. I am also a Student Tour Guide Representative and Freshman Counselor. Being involved with Student Congress provides me with an opportunity to exercise good judgement in decisions concerning the welfare of students here at GSC. I realize that working parents, students with obligations to their employers and many of life's other demands do not allow these responsible students time to manage involvement with this organization. I have an enthusiasm for improvement and creating new opportunities for students. I like challenges that allow me to take risks. I will make certain my decisions are reflective upon questioning nonsense rules, new ideas and other areas that should be approached and be beneficial to students. I am an easy going individual. Stemming from a family of seven children has challenged me to be open to new learning situations and be considerate and sensitive to the needs of others. Maintaining the position of Vice-President will allow me to continue helping the people who matter most here, the students. Your vote will allow me to be your voice in issues and concerns here on campus. Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

John Ratliff

My name is John Allen Ratliff, and I am running for Vice-President of the Glenville State College Student Congress.

Personal Information: I am a 1999 graduate from Herbert Hoover High School. My present course of study is Criminal Justice.

Background: During my four semesters of attending Glenville State College, I have taken part in many organizations. I am presently the President of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Vice-President of Pickens Hall Governing Board, Pickens Hall Representative on Student Congress, and First Floor Resident Assistant in Pickens Hall. In the past I have also been Pickens Hall Governing Board Third Floor Representative, Vice-President of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Historian of Tau

Kappa Epsilon, Sound Operator in the Theater program, Choir and Freshman Counselor.

Goals: During my term on the Glenville State College Student Congress I want to find new ways to develop better communication between the administration of the college and the students through developing new lines of communication. One of my simpler goals during my term is to create a student section for all students and people who want to act like students for all of Glenville State College Athletics. Another plan is to develop a Greek Week to help better the relations between any Greek organizations.

Sarah Roach

Student Congress is an organization that works together with many groups of people and boards in order to make Glenville State College the best that it can be, not only to present students, but incoming students as well. If elected as the Vice-President of GSC's Student Congress, I would do just that. It is very important to me that students feel as comfortable here as they do at their own homes. Glenville State College has a lot to offer within their many programs. We also have many activities that can keep students involved. As a part of Student Congress, I would keep the activities coming and continue to help make Glenville State College the best learning institution in the great state of West Virginia.

SECRETARY

Lorie Rader

First, I would like to send a warm welcome out to everyone. My name is Lorie Rader and I am running for the position of Secretary on Student Congress. I'm a commuting senior who is majoring in Behavioral Science and minoring in Behavioral Disorders. I served as a Senator-at-Large on Student Congress before. I feel that I have the experience from being on Student Congress before and being a student at GSC to get the job done right.

Trena Williston

My name is Trena Williston and I am running for the office of Secretary of Student Congress. I am a junior History/Political Science major with a minor in Criminal Jus-

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What's Going On In Student Congress???

By Jason Collins
Staff Reporter

During these past weekly Student Congress sessions on Wed., Feb. 7, 14, and 21, many concerns were heard about student issues.

When the Feb. 7 meeting was called to order, Treasurer Joe Bowen and Parliamentarian Ernest Kingdom were absent. However, Junior Representative Andy Burns submitted a letter of resignation to Congress. His main reasons for departure were both academic and personal. President Arnold asked Congress to keep him in their thoughts.

Congress also welcomed Senator-at-Large Janine Walker, who was sworn in. President Arnold then stated that there was a miscount on votes related to the appointment of Jack Beard as a Senator-at-Large. Mr. Arnold assumed full responsibility for the mistake and asked Congress to re-vote on the issue.

The Congressional Forum got the ball rolling again when Representative John Ratliff expressed interest in the Order of Diana. President Arnold remarked that some groups were concerned about the Order not being an official organization yet getting equal privileges. President Arnold went on to recite Article 14 of the Constitution which basically states that an organization has to follow up with parliamentary procedure in order to be an official campus organization. Representative Ratliff then stated it was acceptable under TKE authority.

Senator Ernie Tingler was concerned with the talk of a merger between WVU and GSC. Mr. Arnold informed him that it was simply a reaction to Senate Bill 653 in that colleges should work together and collaborate. Dennis Fitzpatrick, Coordinator of Student Activities, quickly addressed Congress to ignore the rumor. However, Residence Life Director Jerry Burkhammer stated that GSC could step out of any negotiations but stressed that GSC needs assistance from WVU to have Master's degree classes.

In light of the Wallace Book Store controversy, Senator Brandy Sandy added that online sources such as Barnes & Noble sells textbooks cheaper and even buys used books if our own store will not cooperate. President Arnold then talked about the parking problem again by saying, "we need to come up with constructive ideas, instead of reinventing the wheel all the time."

Senator Brandy Sandy gave Congress an update on how Spring Formal is coming along and stresses the importance of everyone's attendance on March 16 because "it will be something to remember." President Arnold informed Congress of the absence of valued faculty member Paul Peck in that his mother has fallen ill and should keep them both in our thoughts. The Feb. 7 Student Congress session then adjourned.

The Feb. 14 Congress meeting was a very short one. Jack Beard was sworn in as a Senator-at-Large and the official meeting adjourned.

Congress then went into an informal Strategic Planning session. Vice-President Libby Hudkins stated that the deadline to file for Student Congress is Fri., Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. It was also stated that students have until 2003 to finish GSC agenda classes. Senator Brandy Sandy also wanted to thank new Aramark Corporation manager Stephen Shattuck for donating punch, pretzels, and table cloths for Spring Formal. Even though Mr. Shattuck was not present, he still received a round of applause from Student Congress. The Feb. 14 unofficial Strategic Planning session then adjourned.

During the Feb. 21 meeting, the Congress meeting started with some very interesting points brought up during Congressional Forum. Senator-at-Large Chris Burkheimer stated that he just learned first hand that students were no longer allowed to take food out of the cafeteria. He was totally outraged because the food is paid for by the students so therefore students should be able

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Student Congress Elections

Wed., Mar. 14, 2001

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*In the lobby of the
Heflin Student Union and the main
office of the Nicholas County Campus*

8 - 10 p.m.

In the Residence Halls

Thurs., Mar. 15, 2001

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

*In the lobby of the
Heflin Student Union and the main
office of the Nicholas County Campus*

CANDIDATE ROUNDTABLE

**for the 2001-2002
STUDENT CONGRESS**

*Come out and join the entire GSC
Student Body for this opportunity to
meet and talk with the candidates
running for Student Congress.*

Tues., Mar. 13, 2001

5:30 p.m.

Verona Mapel Room

ENTERTAINMENT

Blithe Spirit

'Had Spirited Performance'

By Cassandra Huff
Managing Editor

On Wed.-Fri., Feb. 14-16, the Division of Language and Literature sponsored a theatrical production of "Blithe Spirit".

The story begins with two couples, Mr. & Mrs. Condomine and Dr. & Mrs. Bradman, who hold a seance using a Professor Arcati who they believed to be a fake. They end up contacting the ghost of Dr. Bradman's first wife.

The first wife sets out tormenting the Bradmans and sabotages their car, intending to cause the husband to die in an accident. The car is instead taken by the living wife, who is killed in an accident. Therefore, both wives haunt Dr. Bradman. "They are snide, sarcastic, domineering, funny, and they make his life horrible," notes Nancy Wemm, Professor of Oral Communications. Dr. Bradman has a second seance to try to get the ghosts of his wives to leave him alone. In the end, the audience finds out that his psychic maid, Edith, is the reason the ghosts are there. SherrieHardman, se-

nior student at GSC, notes, "The actors for the play were excellent. They did a wonderful job portraying the characters of the play. The ghost was my favorite."

Charles Condomine was played by Doug Seckman, Ruth Condomine was played by Joyce McHenry, Mrs. Bradman by Josalyn Hall, Dr. Bradman by Brian Strader, Dr. Bradman's first wife Elvira by Abbey Burge, and Edith the Maid was played by Amanda Green. The set and costume design were made by Nancy Wemm, and were made by Mrs. Wemm and Vicky Wildermuth. Lighting design was by Becky Seymour.

Rehearsal time was limited by student's classes, and set construction could only be done at night and on the weekends; leaving time for only 20 rehearsals before the play. Attendance was an average of 100 to 125 people each night. On the last night of the show, there were approximately 200 people in attendance, and according to Mrs. Wemm, "The performance was phenomenal." Mrs. Wemm has also informed us that this will be her last show.

Spring Formal

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to the 2001 Spring Formal sponsored by GSC Student Congress and Student Activities. The theme is "Something to Remember." The colors are black, white, silver and red. A premium dinner will be served at the cafeteria in the Heflin Center Student Union from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For those who would like to rent tuxedos, there will be a representative to take measurements and orders for the tuxedos. The tuxes will be \$50 and will

be delivered before the dance and will be picked up after the dance. Be sure to contact the Student Activities office for details.

If GSC students are bringing someone other than a GSC student, there will be an extra \$5 fee. Pictures will be taken for a fee of \$18 for small packages and \$20 for with large packages.

For any additional information, you may contact Student Activities at ext. 172.

Student Houses For Rent

5 & 6 room houses

Partly furnished

Walk to college

Quiet surroundings

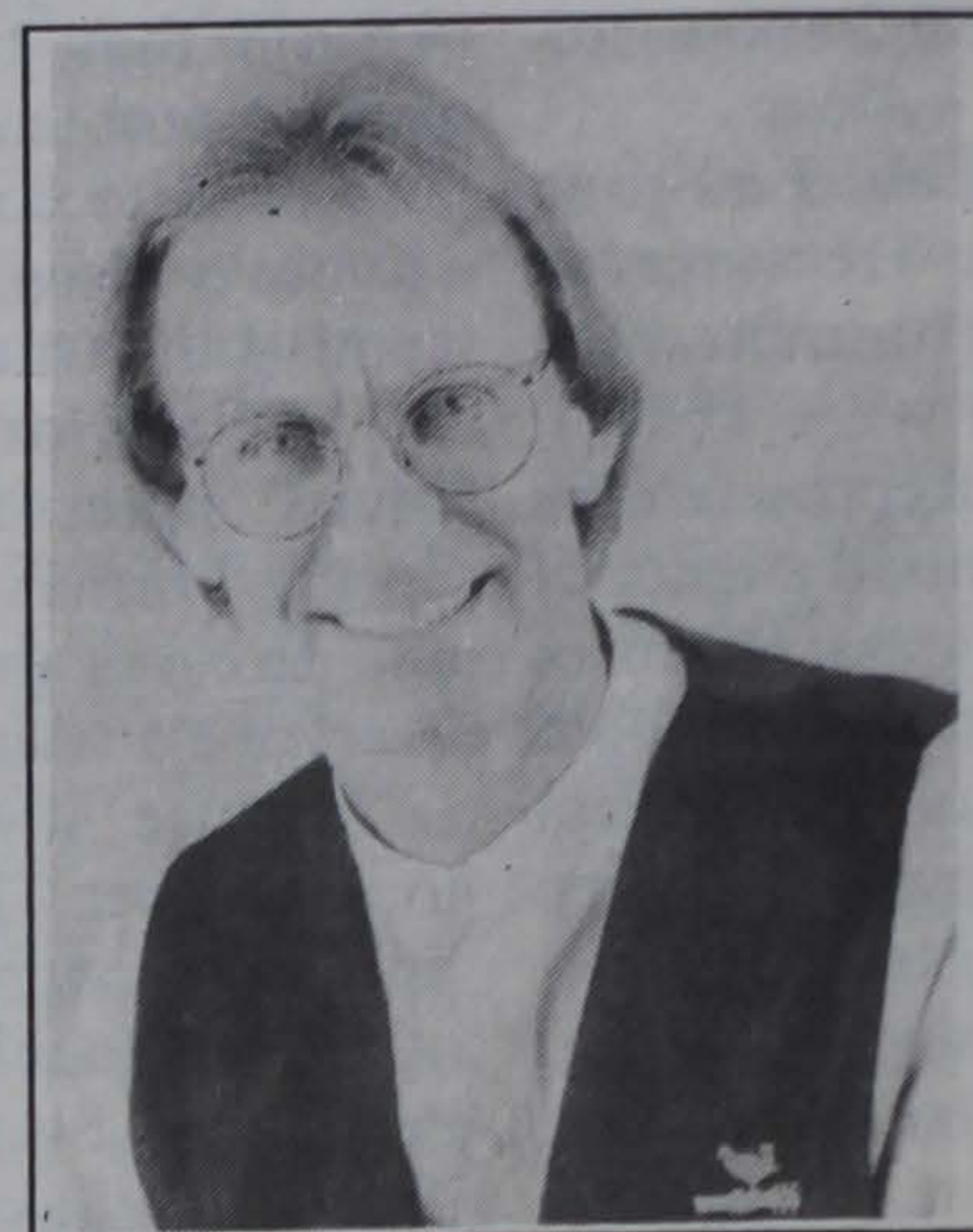
462-7057 and 304-296-7742

70s Rock to perform Mar. 30

Barry Drake has often been called a walking encyclopedia of Rock & Roll. A Manhattan College graduate, he has been totally involved in the world of music since buying his first Rock & Roll record in 1954.

Growing up in the New York City area he went everywhere there was music to be heard. He saw everyone from Buddy Holly and Chuck Berry at the Brooklyn Paramount in 1957, to Jim Hendrix and Janis Joplin at the Fillmore in 1967. When San Francisco exploded with the Summer Of Love, Barry was there, hanging out on the streets with the Grateful Dead and The Jefferson Airplane.

In 1965 Barry became a performer and songwriter and in 1970 was signed to Capitol Records. Since then,



BARRY DRAKE

Barry has recorded three albums and has extensively toured the United States and Europe. In 1984 Barry added Rock & Roll Lectures to an already busy concert schedule. From their humble beginnings, Barry's Rock & Roll Lectures on the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s have become the most popular shows on college campuses. He has

been voted 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999 & 2000 Campus Lecturer Of The Year by The National Association For Campus Activities and 1994, 1995 and 1998 Campus Lecturer Of The Year by Campus Activities Magazine.

Combining his extensive knowledge of music and his abilities as a dynamic entertainer, Barry Drake has succeeded in making his Rock Lectures the best and most exciting on the national lecture circuit.

First Annual Behavioral Science Training Seminar -Serial Killer Profiler To Visit GSC

The renowned Serial Killer Profiler Robert Ressler is to be the Keynote Speaker at the First Annual Behavioral Science Training Seminar on Apr. 26.

The costs are as follows: Professional \$40 which includes all sessions and book signing reception, student cost is \$20 which includes all sessions and book signing reception, and General Admission is \$10 which includes keynote speaker address only and the book signing reception costs an additional \$5.00.

Robert Ressler is an expert of violent crimes. Mr. Ressler is an author and former FBI agent and is known throughout the world for his work in the area of

serial killers, sexual predators, mass homicides, and violent criminal offenders. He has interviewed and worked with famous serial killers such as Ed Geins, Jeffery Dahmer, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, and David Berkowitz. Robert Ressler also coined the term "serial killer" and has been a consultant for several films including Silence of the Lambs.

To find out more about Robert Ressler visit his website at: Pre-registration for the conference is required and all tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information or to register contact Professor Daniel Gutierrez at 462-7361, ext. 181. Registration forms are also available on-line at www.glenville.edu/behavclub/training.htm.

Chess Club

The GSC Chess Club is held on Tuesdays 11:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 300 in the Science Hall. Newcomers are welcome.

Please Give Blood

The American Red Cross will be set up at the GSC Wesley Foundation Building on Wed., Mar. 14 from 12-6 p.m. Please give blood because if you don't, who will?

We thought you would like to know ...

Scholarship & Grants Available from Mountain State Arts & Crafts

Mountain State Art & Craft Fair Scholarship and Grant Fund announces the availability of scholarship/grant applications. They are now available to be awarded by the Mountain State Art & Craft Fair.

Fund President, Bernie Hale, states that grants and scholarships are available to West Virginia residents 18 years or older. They must be used for education or training for advancement in disciplines in the visual arts or traditional music or dance.

Applications may be obtained by writing to: Mountain State Art & Craft Fair Scholarship & Grant Fund Board of Trustees, P.O. Box 389, Ripley, W.Va. 25271. People are encouraged to apply now so that your application can be completed and received by the Fund by May 1, 2001. Applications will be reviewed by May 15 and awards will be made by June 1. Typical awards are in the \$1000 range. Further inquiries may be addressed to Bernie Hale, Fund President, at (304) 256-6702.

Campus Health Center News ...

The Campus Health Center is open to meet the health care needs of GSC students. Melissa Hinterer, RN, BSN is available Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Dr. Carl Nichols is available from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Mon., Wed. and Fri. and from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on Tues. and Thurs.

Now available in the Campus Health Center for a co-payment of \$5.00: Antibiotic Treatment; and PPD Testing. As always you may visit the

Campus Health Center to receive treatment at no charge for colds, flu, nausea, injuries, STD treatment, health education, counseling, sports physicals, etc.

Maintaining your confidence is very important to us. Please stop by and visit the Campus Health Center located in the Heflin Student Union or call us at 462-7361 ext 248. Coming soon...a new location for the Campus Health Center...where Career Services used to be!!!

Tech Notes:

Napster's Success and Problems

By David Cutlip
Staff Reporter

Today, dear friends, we are going to talk about Napster!

No, no, not the old person that lives down the road from you and sits down on the porch stealing 20 or 40 winks as he or she decides on what to do today. This article is about the Internet site. It's the place where you go to find and exchange computer music files for free music. Chances are, any music that has been written and recorded in the last ten to twenty years can be found on the site.

Napster has become a huge success in recent years by anyone's standards. The biggest problem with Napster is that anybody could exchange downloaded computer music files with anybody else for free from anywhere on the Internet.

This site is a source of either great excitement and/or unparalleled disaster, depending on who in the music industry is either talking or suing in court. The big-recording companies are suing Napster for copyright infringement. In essence, Napster is giving away for free what the BIG recording corporations charge you BIG bucks to purchase.

When you go to your favorite music store to buy those, you have to purchase them on CDs.

As a result, Napster is under a Federal Court Injunction to cease and desist from anymore free music exchanges. (FYI: don't worry about what an injunction is; take my word for it that this is bad news.) Because of this, Napster is desperately attempting to reclaim their site's legitimacy. It seems that they have finally found their "White Knight" to rescue them. They have offered the recording industry one billion dollars to back off and let them become the "cash cow" or "piggy bank" that Napster knows that it can become.

The story is far from finished for Napster and there will be more to repeat on this story as the Federal Court docket turns.

(This article was compiled from several articles in that distinguished and responsible magazine and important internet site "Wired." Also, a news report was downloaded and used from that remarkable, accurate News Wire Internet site "AP newswire." Unless these big, rich corporations are about to sue me for use of their copyrighted material. In this case, it was all my acting editor's fault. In plainer English, please! Don't sue me! I'm poor! I just barely have a job and it pays only minimum wage and you wouldn't get anything even if you WON, which you would, because I can't afford a lawyer anyway.)

Phi Beta Lambda Updates and Fundraising

This past summer nine Phi Beta Lambda members, and advisor Jenny Dawkins from Glenville State College went to the National Leadership Conference in Long Beach, Calif.

PBL is a Nationally Acclaimed Business Organization, which trains individuals proper business etiquette and communication skills needed in today's ever growing business world.

While in Long Beach, they competed in various competitions and attended workshops to help them increase their skills needed for future employment. Some of the workshops were aimed towards helping businesses get involved with the Internet, while others helped to prepare your resume. The competitions were about different subjects in several different fields and categories such as Computer Concepts, Telecommunications, Public Speaking, and Job Interviews. Josh Metz who graduated in May placed fifth in the nation for Computer Concepts.

The group also did other things while in California. For example, PBL members took a tour of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood with featured sites such as the famous Chinese Theatre, Walk of Fame, and Capital Re-

cording Studios. Some of the members ended up on the TV show *Politically Incorrect* and their families got to see them on live television. The Aquarium of the Pacific and the famous battleship, the Queen Mary, were also sites of enjoyment.

During the fall semester, PBL elected new officers for the 2000-01 school year. For information about Phi Beta Lambda, please contact the following officers: President Robin Ritter email ritterrob@hotmail.com, Vice President Annaliza Lane email Annaliza@wolf-web.net, Treasurer Rachael Anderson email smileyranderson@hotmail.com, Parliamentarian Eric Marks email eric@dangerousminds.com, Secretary Ernest Kingdom email emale20@yahoo.com, Reporter Matthew Wilson email elrik45@hotmail.com, and Advisor Jenny Dawkins email dawkins@glenville.edu.

Currently PBL is selling candy bars (BE SURE TO BUY SOME) and magazine subscriptions to raise money for the summer National Conference in Orlando, Fla. For more information, please check with a member, there is a complete list on the bulletin board in the basement of the Admissions Building.

Intramural Updates

Submitted by Dennis T.
Fitzpatrick-Director

Last Feb. 21 the two top teams played, "And 1" captained by Larry Courtney and "Dude, What's our name" led by Kenny Hinton and it was a very good game to watch. Sorry I couldn't watch, but I had to referee.

There is some really good talent on these teams and it would be worth your time to come and watch these games. The players will even be happy to tell you about their great talent!!! Ha ha! We will have no more games until the spring break is over and then we come back and have one regular season game left and then into the tournament. We will be starting the tournament Tues., Mar. 13 and run every night excluding Friday and weekends, until it is over. These games will be played like regular games, north and south on the floor versus east and west (small courts).

Come and watch your favorite teams play....it will cost you nothing but time AND you will

see some great basketball.

Any questions, please call me at ext. 289....I would love to hear from you with any questions or comments.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MEAL?

Have we got a treat for you!

Why not stop by the Heflin Student Union Dining Hall or Snack Bar and choose from a variety of foods. We have simple snacks or full course meals that are sure to satisfy your hunger.

Glenville State College Dining Services

Dining Hall
Monday - Thursday
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday
7:00 am - 6:30 pm
Saturday - Sunday
Brunch
11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Dinner
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

We hope you all
have a safe
and enjoyable
Spring Break!!

Let us welcome you back right on March 16 as we have *Premium Night* extended until 7:30 pm in conjunction with the Spring Formal

ARAMARK

Black History Month

'Martin Delany' visits GSC

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

Dr. Duke Talbott, professor of History and the West Virginia Humanities Council turned back the clock for Glenville State College students by bringing Joseph Bundy of the Afro-Appalachian Performance Company who portrayed Martin Delany, a leading African-American abolitionist orator and journalist, a medical doctor and the first Black to earn the rank of major in the United States Army. Born in Charles Town, Virginia (now West Virginia), in 1812, Delany was the foremost advocate of Black Civil Rights for his era. He spoke of his tribulations and his accomplishments as a black major in the Civil War. The audience was permitted to ask him questions during his impersonation and then as himself.

Disclosing his personal life, Bundy explained that he graduated from Marshall University with a BA in theater and began his career as an impersonator in 1990. James Weldon Johnson, Booker T. Washington, JR. Clifford, W.E.B. DuBois, John Stewart and Philip Randolph are just a few of the historical African-Americans that Bundy portrays. Bundy is a third generation West Virginian from Bluefield, he comments on his motivation for being a theatrical impersonator, "I believe there is a void in the education system, when it comes to Black History. A lot of information doesn't get out there. Doing impersonations allows me to engage in conversation with the audience." Other projects Bundy engages in are play writing, poetry, theater camps where he works with teenagers. He has just done a musical review for the African American Arts and Heritage Academy in Martinsburg, West



JOSEPH BUNDY

Virginia entitled, "Night in a Harlem Cabaret."

When confronted about the lack of African American students in the audience, Bundy stated that, "Black awareness in my era was more of a topic, Black segregation was just coming to an end legally, but as African Americans we had to unite and stand are ground. The lack of turn out is distressing for two reasons; this generation seems not to be aware of the prejudice that our generation overcame in order to be here, and it's pretty bad when white Americans know more about our heritage than we do." He went on to mention such inventions as the Banjo and Jazz music, "How many Black people know that the banjo or Jazz was an African-American invention? The agitation comes from the lack of understanding that this generation is benefitting from our sacrifice."

Historical Impersonation of African-American Poet, Anne Spencer

Brucella Wiggins Jordan, historical impersonator, portrayed the life of Anne Spencer, Wed., Feb. 7, at noon in the Glenville State College Heflin Student Union Ballroom. It was held in conjunction with History Professor Duke Talbott's African-American History class, and funded by the West Virginia Humanities Council, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

When the Harlem Renaissance began in the 1920s, Anne Spencer was almost 40 years old and had been writing poetry for many years. Her first poem was written when she was a teenager living in Bramwell, W. Va. Spen-

cer became a representative of the emerging significant number of African-American intellectuals and artists who found themselves suddenly educated with something to say and available avenues through which to say it.

Performer Brucella Wiggins Jordan is actively involved in the preservation of African-American history. She holds a B.A. in History from West Virginia Tech and an M.A. in Public History from West Virginia University where she is presently working toward her Ph.D. in History. She has taught African-American History at WVU and Marshall and is co-founder and curator of the African-American Heritage Family Tree Museum in Anstead.

Black History Display at Robert F. Kidd Library

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

Black History has become a recent phenomena at Glenville State College. Prem Verna, Head of Technical Assistance/Research Associate Professor, has been responsible for Black History Awareness for the past three years.

Verna has provided access to an array of African American information. She provided historical knowledge, such as the fact that Black History Month began as "Negro History Week" in 1926. Dr. Carter G. Woodson is accredited with the beginning of celebrating Black History. He was a Harvard graduate who realized that African American History was virtually omitted from historical studies, except when it came to depicting their inferior social status.

Woodson organized the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. It is currently known as the Study of Afro-American Life and History in the year 1915; by 1916 he founded the Journal of Negro History. By 1976, Black History Week had progressed to Black History Month because of all the African American accomplishments, births and tragedies that occur in February.

W.E.B. Dubois was born on Feb.

23, 1868, the XV amendment was passed on Feb. 3, 1870, the first black senator Hiram R. Revels took oath of office on Feb. 25, 1870, the NAACP was founded Feb. 12, 1909, a Civil-Rights movement protest was incited at a segregated Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C. on Feb. 1, 1960, and Malcolm X, was assassinated by three Black Muslims on Feb. 21, 1965.

With this plethora of happenings in the month of February, a tradition of historical acknowledgment for African Americans has become fundamental. According to Verna, "Students have been browsing around the display, showing particular interest in the collection of mixed media we at Robert F. Kidd have acquired."

The display has grown since the first one in 1998. Verna would like students to be aware of the resources in the library on a "visual level." By displaying available materials students can have an instant contact with the library's collection. Verna also notes that, "Students must not be afraid to ask questions, that's what we're here for. In the past few years we have acquired many new books and tapes on cultural issues, technology, art, and many others. This information is here and available for the students."



PROUD OF HER DISPLAY — Prem Verna poses next to her Black History Month display in Robert F. Kidd Library.

Cooking School for Diabetics

Calhoun and Gilmer County Offices of the WVU Extension Service is sponsoring a cooking school at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center on Mar. 13, and 19 and Apr. 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is free to diabetics, their family members, and care givers. Nutritious and delicious recipes will be given using artificial sweeteners, low-fat products, herbs and spices.

Call by Mon., Mar. 5 to register at: 354-6332 or 462-7061.

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tice. I am currently involved in Student Congress (Senator-At-Large) and have served for two years. In Student Congress I have served on the Public Relations Committee, the Homecoming Committee, the Installation Committee, the Constitutional Revision Committee and Residential Life Committee. I am completely dedicated to serving you, the students at Glenville State College and will continue to do so if elected as Secretary.

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Megan Miller

Hello GSC! My name is Megan Miller. I'm a junior marketing major. I'm running for Student Congress Parliamentarian for the 2001-2002 school year. The past three years I have represented the students; two years as Commuter Representative and one year as Parliamentarian. I also have experience in leadership positions in other organizations: SIFE, Student Marshall and STARS.

Jeanine Walker

My name is Jeanine Walker and I am a candidate for the Parliamentarian position of the Glenville State College Student Congress.

Personal Information: I am a 1999 graduate of Parkersburg South High School. At this time I am double majoring in Secondary English and Social Studies Education with a minor in Psychology.

Background: In my first two years at Glenville State College, I have played an active part in several campus organizations. These include Pickens Hall Governing Board Representative for four semesters, Glenville State College Student Congress Senator-at-Large,

Theater, Residential Life Board Chairperson, Freshman Counselor, Choir, BCM and FCA. I am also the Head Lifeguard at the Glenville State College Pool and have worked to keep up communication with Glenville State College Alumni by assisting with newsletters and mailings.

Goals: If I am elected to serve on the Glenville State College Student Congress, I plan to help open up the meetings to the entire student body, so that we can gain more participation from the students. I would like to have at least one representative from each campus organization at all Student Congress meetings. This will improve communication on campus and will provide an opportunity for all organizations to give their input on decisions that the Student Congress makes. I would also like to improve communication by having student forums led by the Congress. Many rumors that run throughout the campus could easily be expelled by students addressing students in an informal setting.

SENATOR-AT-LARGE
Jennifer Butler

My name is Jennifer Butler and I am a freshman at GSC. I am majoring in Elementary Education (Pre-K) and Math Education. I am running for 2001-2002 Glenville State College Congress for the position of Senator-at-Large. I have served as a member of my high school's Student Congress for four years as well Vice-President of our group and President of my senior class. I love to be involved in leadership and enjoy being an active part of campus organizations. As Senator-at-Large, I will take an active

part in the governance of our campus and represent the Student Body to the best of my ability. Glenville State has made some huge steps in the past few years and I would like to see that improvement continue. Thank you for your time and don't forget to vote!

Andy Laible

For the past three years I have represented the student population and voiced their concerns. I would like to have the opportunity to do this again for GSC students. I feel that I am very easy to get along with and am open to all ideas. I am here for the students. To help voice their concerns and make GSC a better place.

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to do what they please with their food. President Arnold then stated that the best thing that we can do is to encourage fellow students not to litter, which is what brought about the new rule in the first place.

Senator Brandy Sandy wanted to clarify the rumor that a new grand piano was purchased for the Heflin Center Ballroom. Vice President of Student Life Cheryl McKinney stated that no new piano was purchased for the ballroom. Mrs. McKinney went on to say that an old piano which wasn't being used was repaired by a paid individual and set permanently in the ballroom.

On a completely different note, International Representative Andy Laible congratulated Senator Brandy Sandy for doing such a great job with props for Spring Formal. Also, Senator-at-Large Ernie Tinger and President Arnold announced the formation of a new campus organization, The Roundtable of Red Robes. The RRR is an organization for which "constituents

can get away from the outside world, and can freely be themselves." Dr. Kennedy is the advisor and students can obtain membership by invitation only. The only obligation is that members have to purchase a red velvet robe to wear at all meetings. President Arnold further relates that any student can become a member regardless of membership with other student organizations.

In Mr. Arnold's own words, "It will be like a Moose Club atmosphere which will also help students deal with their problems."

Senator Brandy Sandy announced that there are now notices posted around campus on tuxedo rentals for Spring Formal and we need to encourage all students to attend. She also wanted to thank Angie Reagan for doing such a great job with student activities and getting those events publicized properly. Another comment was made pertaining to the poor condition of the elevators in the Residence Halls. Mrs. McKinney commented that they need to be replaced. After discussing that matter, Student Congress accepted the motion to adjourn.

BCM Retreat

By Leigh Ellen Alkire
Staff Reporter

Ten students from Glenville State College gathered together with students from seven other colleges from across West Virginia to attend the annual winter Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) retreat.

"Being Imitators of God," was the chosen theme for the three-day retreat, which was held Feb. 16-18 at Parchment Valley in Ripley, W.Va.

"I chose to attend the retreat because it is a great way to meet new Christians and share your experiences with others who have the same passion for God as I do," said Amy Hamblin, senior Behavioral Science major.

Dr. Lloyd Hamblin of Parkersburg, W.Va. served as the speaker for the weekend's event. As speaker, Dr. Hamblin led three separate sessions, which focused on ways of becoming "Imitators of God."

The first session highlighted the light of God, while the second focused on the love of God. On Sunday morning the last session in-

structed students on speaking as the wise, not as the unwise.

"Learning about the light of God was most beneficial to me, because of the implications it has for us as Christian students on campus," notes Jen Butler, sophomore Elementary Education major.

To conclude the weekend's events a communion service was held. Two lines were formed, which gave students the opportunity to look into a mirror and ask themselves if they were being "Imitators of God" and then proceed to the communion table. Hamblin and her mother, Barbara, provided music during the service.

"I was extremely moved and inspired as I stood before a congregation of students waiting to take communion; music is a great way to express yourself and your feelings toward God," Hamblin said.

Glenville State College students attending the weekend retreat were Ashley Williams, Brett Pettinger, Raymond Nottingham, Amber Gano, Amy Hamblin, Mike Dolin, Jen Butler, Ronnie Bell, Leigh Ellen Alkire and Justin Ritter. Dennis Fitzpatrick sponsor of BCM also traveled with the students.

Board of Advisors Meeting Addresses WVU Merger

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

A Board of Advisors meeting was held in the Verona Maple Room at the Heflin Center Student Union on Thurs., Feb. 8.

Various issues were discussed; among them was the inability to accept I.L. Morris's donation for the football field project due to legislative law. Another program discussed was to allow the high school football team to utilize the Pioneer Stadium.

A proposition was also made for reduced rates for high school students who take college classes. The endeavor proposes to split the current cost of \$500 in half with the high school. The credit hour changes for academic programs also stated the following: Bachelor's 130 hours;

Associate's 64 hours; and minors 21 hours. Also, degrees in Chemistry, Biology and Education were renamed.

The most curious topic was the proposition to align academic programs in Glenville State College's Education department with West Virginia University. Currently WVU offers a five year program in Education where the student can receive a Master's degree along with their Bachelor of Arts.

Jack Barr states, "This proposed alignment of programs with WVU is purely an Academic proposal which can help students receive an advanced degree in the same amount of time they would receive a BA." He was also adamant in stating that, "The budget situation has nothing to do with the academic collaboration of GSC and WVU."

Wesley Center Wed. Night Chapel

By Leigh Ellen Alkire
Staff Reporter

Each Wednesday at 11:45 students from across campus have the opportunity to gather at the Wesley Center across from Pickens Hall for an informal lunch and chapel service.

"The purpose of chapel is to give students a word of encouragement, as well as a place where they can come and feel at home and turn away from the daily stresses of college life," James Upton student advisor to the Wesley Center said.

The idea of having a lunch

and chapel service was started to bring all Christian organizations together and give students an alternative to the cafeteria once a week.

"Chapel is non-denominational so it gives me a chance to go and worship with my friends, it is casual and you don't have to dress up, plus it gives me a break from eating in the cafeteria," Ashley Williams, freshman Biology major said.

Upton said, "We are not trying to substitute chapel for church we just want all students to know they can come and feel welcome each Wednesday."

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