

The Mercury

GSC Cuts the Budget

By: Student, Robert Kerns

In recent months, the budget has come to the forefront of many people's concern in regards to the college. Mr. Robert Hardman of the Business Office graciously agreed to give me a few minutes of his time and condense this issue to the bare facts. This is what we discussed.

The current goal is to balance the budget so that the college is not forced to dip into its reserve funds. To accomplish this goal, a plan must be submitted by early January to reduce the budget by \$225,000. In the long-term view, the budget must be reduced by \$560,000, and work is underway to make plans for increasing the reserve funds.

To accomplish these goals, a number of steps have been taken. First, the operating budgets around campus were reviewed and reduced as much as was feasible. At that point, the area of personnel became the center of attention. Overall, four positions have been eliminated, and three positions were downgraded. One positive aspect, though, is that the people who held those eliminated positions will retain their rights for such cases as bumping other personnel.

A note-worthy item, though, is that student positions have not been affected. Indeed, work-study and work-

ship positions were not reduced, and in some cases, additional funds were allocated to budgets so that more student workers could be hired to help take up the slack.

Now, as always, there are complications regarding these budget cuts. The past two years, the governor's office has mandated budget cuts for state agencies. Last year, higher education (state colleges and universities) was exempt. However, this year, the governor mandated a three percent (3%) decrease across the board for all state agencies. This is complicated by a twelve percent (12%) increase in PEIA costs, the agency that provides medical insurance for all public employees, and a ten percent (10%) increase in the BRIM insurance costs. To further add spice to this mix, the college must also fund roughly \$160,000 for required salary raises.

The horizon is not as dark as it may first appear, based on the information presented above. As mentioned earlier, the short-term reduction quota is \$225,000. Over last year, the budget was cut by over \$500,000. So, by all appearances, the college is better off, and with a little wisdom and intelligent planning, it will probably continue to be so.

Bush's New Plan Against Terrorism

By: Managing Editor, Todd Hull

On Dec. 13 2001, history will have been made. In order to fully begin preparing and testing a Ballistic Missile Defense Shield; President Bush will have withdrawn the US from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

If you do not know what the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (better known as the '72 ABM) here it is in a nutshell.

In 1962, the Soviets (not to be confused with the Russians) and the Americans were in a stand off with nuclear war hanging in the balance. It was during this time of tenseness that the idea of MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) was developed. The theory went that if any nuclear power were to unleash it's weapons on another the subsequent reprisals would be enough to destroy the entire planet.

So to overcome the idea of killing everyone, including those without nuclear weapons. The Americans and Soviets hammered out the first nuclear weapons reduction treaty, the ABM. In the ABM the ground rules for safeguarding from total nuclear destruction. The ABM stipulated a drastic reduction in the amount of actual nuclear

weapons. That simply meant less chance of all parties involved had a smaller chance of blowing themselves into component atoms. The part of the ABM that caused Bush to withdraw, involves the use of Anti-Ballistic Missile systems. The idea dawned on the creators of the '72 ABM that if one country could shoot the other countries missiles out of the air then maybe all out nuclear war wouldn't seem so bad, because they could fire all of their weapons without fear of getting hit in return. That worried some people considering the Soviets and the Americans at the time had the fire power to destroy Planet Earth by themselves let alone together. So, it was stipulated that only one such device could be built by either country, the system could only be used to defend either the capitol of the country or it's nuclear weapons, but not both. That meant again you still risked the chance of getting yourself blown up if you decided to pull the trigger. It was kind of like Russian roulette (no pun intended) with hand grenades.

Now, lets fast-forward a few years and several other missile treaties later, to 1989, to the fall of communism. The USSR (that's United Soviet Socialist Republic) is no more now we have just Russia and a few scattered territories. Who needs nukes now? Our biggest foe for almost a half-century is turning to us for help in trying out a new form of government... "Democracy". So as we approach the Nineties and the turn of the Century we start looking at other not so US friendly countries and wondering if they pose a real threat. So we see a few communists here and there. No, worries we still have the firepower to wipe them off the face of the earth. Why, because they don't have nuclear weapons. Or, at least they didn't. With the fall of communism a lot of unused weapons grade nuclear materials and weapons plans were left lying around gathering dust. Until, some enterprising group of individuals started to find them and put them to good use. So now the US is not as big and bad as they thought. Several smaller "Rogue" states have finally been able to field some pretty good ICBM's and MBM's (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile and Medium Range Ballistic Missile). That opens

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Exam Dates For Class Meetings

Exam Time	Tuesday, December 18	Wednesday, December 19	Thursday, December 20	Friday, December 21
8:00-10:00am	Study Day	MWF 8:00-8:55	TR 8:00-9:25	MWF 10:30-11:25
10:15-12:15pm		MF 11:45-12:30 MF/TR 11:45-12:30/ 11:30-12:15	MWF 1:30-2:25	TR 12:30-1:55
1:00-3:00pm		MWF 9:15-10:10	TR 9:45-11:10	MWF 2:45-3:40
3:15-5:15pm		MW 4:00-5:25 W 4:00-6:50	M 4:00-6:50	TR 2:15-3:40
5:30-7:30pm	T 4:00-6:50	M 7:00-9:50	TR 4:00-5:25 R 4:00-6:50	F 4:00-6:50
7:45-9:45pm	T 7:00-9:50	W 7:00-9:50	R 7:00-9:50	F 7:00-9:50

World Aids Day Celebrated Dec. 1

By: Valerie Henry, Advertising Manager

Have you seen a lot of red ribbons being worn lately? If so it is because on December 1, 2001 the world came together not in celebration, but in compassion, hope, solidarity, and understanding in every country of the world for World AIDS day. The red ribbon is a symbol of awareness about AIDS and it tries to promote support and commitment to those who are deal-

ing with AIDS. The goal for World AIDS day is to promote awareness and compassion of this very contagious disease in every country of the world north, south, east, and west. This very emotional day occurs annually on December 1st, but they are trying to get events going year round. It started in 1988, as a World Summit of Minister of Health on programs for AIDS and soon moved on to be much more. World AIDS day is supported by the World Health Assembly, the United Nations, and government, communities, and individuals who care about this fatal disease. Caring was the key to this year's theme "I care. Do you?", it

was promoted by news broadcasts and celebrations of the progress they have made in the battle against the deadly disease. Even MTV got in the on the act by broadcasted the third edition of Staying Alive to help promote World AIDS day. Staying Alive shows the lives of people who are diagnosed with AIDS. AIDS is the aftermath of the virus known as HIV, which deconstructs the immune system and everyone is at risk. This disease can be spread to anyone anywhere. It has made a humongous impact on the small state of West Virginia according to <http://www.avert.org/usastats.htm> West Virginia by itself has 469 reported cases

of AIDS and 560 reported cases of HIV. With these statistics it proves that caring has to be displayed to help these people. World AIDS day has been doing a two year campaign focused on the role of men in this aids epidemic, but they choose this slogan to include all genders, races, and ages along with the campaign about the role of men in this fight. Aids will be a continuous threat, but the World Aids day is going strong and it proves that people facing or know some one who is facing this deadly disease have people to turn to for knowledge and emotional strength.

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morning or only attend
for a few minutes,
we hope you will join us as we
celebrate this Holiday Season with
fellowship and entertaining surprises

The Reality of AIDS

By: Valerie Henry, Advertising Manager

AIDS is a worldwide phenomenon that has affected 800,000 to 900,000 Americans alone, and that is only counting those who are alive. AIDS has affected more people than the most recent wars have killed. There is one major difference: victims who die at war die with respect, dignity, and honor, but those who die from AIDS die after a life of being chastised, ridiculed, and insulted. Those fighting a war are fighting for their country and what they believe in, but those who have AIDS are fighting a different type of battle: they are fighting everyone around them, they are fighting to receive respect, they are fighting a personal battle to deal with their disease emotionally, and a constant physical battle trying to keep their white blood cells in count so they can fight other diseases and viruses associated with AIDS.

The seriousness of this disease should make it something that everyone understands and comprehends. So many people either do not know or do not care. Is the lack of knowledge the reason for the teasing? If it is, then one day, when they know or are related to someone who is diagnosed with AIDS, they will realize how much just knowing someone with the disease can take out of you. I can personally speak about this sickening realization that people go through. You never think that anyone you know will be diagnosed HIV, never mind anyone you know getting the sickening news known as AIDS. I will let you know, when you find out, your heart does sink. It sinks so far into your soul that, for a split second, you feel as though you were the one who was diagnosed with AIDS. You wonder: how did they get it? How long do they have? How long have they had it? I found out when I was twelve that my uncle had AIDS. My parents warned me not to go near him if I saw him bleeding and to always wait a minute or two after he used the bathroom before I went

in. When we went to the mall in Parkersburg, he endured shouts of, "faggot," "dumb queer," and "stay away from me, you disease." He applied for jobs all over Parkersburg, and that even includes places like McDonalds and Hardees. Because of his honesty and openness about his disease, he was denied the jobs although he was a college graduate. Every time we returned from one of these trips, he would go to the bathroom and when he came out, I would see tears still dripping from his eyes. I had to watch as he got skinnier and more frail everyday. As he got smaller, the taunting and teasing seemed to increase. He didn't go out the last few months he lived in this state. He couldn't take the physical pain he was in during these last stages, but worst of all he couldn't take the emotional pain that people had no trouble bestowing upon him. He moved back to San Francisco before he died. He said he wanted to go to a place where even with this disease he would still feel like he had a life besides the disease.

Before he left, he couldn't even hold bodily functions. He had to constantly keep heavy clothing on so he wouldn't get sick; a mere cold could kill him. For a state known for its hospitality and friendliness, the people are very closed-minded. As soon as people found out about him, they shut him out. The idea of "staying friends to the end" didn't pertain to him. When he moved out of my father and grandmother's apartment, they showed it to a friend who was thinking about buying it. The friend said to his son, "Please do not touch anything; a dumb faggot lived here who had AIDS!" This man didn't even have enough respect for my grandmother, my uncle's mother to whisper it so at least she couldn't hear him.

I hope this article gives people a different perspective about AIDS and helps them show a little respect for people who endure the daily torment. This disease is painful physically and emotionally. Please give your support for World AIDS Day. In my personal opinion, World AIDS Day is a celebration of the strength, courage, and character displayed by victims of the disease.

ENTERTAINMENT

Christmas Choir Concert

By: Valerie Henry, Advertisement Manager

Go tell its Christmas in the mountains, that is what the Concert Choir and the Chamber singers did in the Mountains of Glenville. Mr. Charles W. Miller brought out the wonderful voices and the joy of Christmas in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Dec. 11, 2001 at the Winter Concert.

The Chamber Singers consist of 14 very talented singers who performed three classic Christmas carols. They performed Sing We now of Christmas, The Holly and the Ivy, and I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm. The Chamber Singers are also in the Concert Choir and neither group could have stunned the crowd quite as well without the help of their pianist Anita White. The Concert Choir consists of 52 exquisite singers. The Concert Choir retrieved the crowd's attention by stretching across all four entrances of the auditorium with the lights out and each singer with a candle in

hand sang Fanfare for Christmas Day as they made their way to the stage. They performed 14 scheduled songs and even did the Star Spangled Banner, which was not scheduled, and an encore of Fa-La-La where the Concert Choir proved to have a

funny bone and an encore of O Holy Night. The next scheduled choir concert is April 16, 2002 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Jazz Band Concert

By: Advertising Manager, Valerie Henry

Where did the Glenville students, faculty, and community go to hear various tunes played in Big Band Style? They attended the jazz band concert on December 5, 2001 in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Twenty GSC students "jazzed" it up playing Christmas carols and some good 'ole rock-n-roll.

They played each tune with such energy that the audience couldn't help tapping their feet and cheering for the incredible solos some of the students performed.

The jazz band has another concert scheduled for April 29, 2002 So don't let the blues get you down; let the jazz band "jazz" you up!

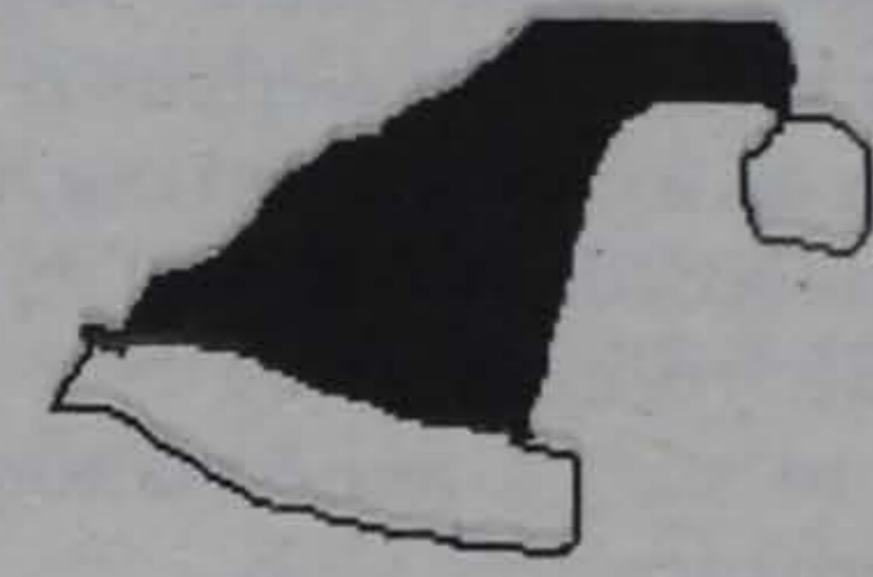
Writers Wanted

Do you want to provide a service to the community and make some money too? Interested in hearing what is going on around campus first? Do you want to have a little more say in what goes in your paper?

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The Mercury is in need of some more good writers. With this semester coming to a close you may think the Mercury would be winding down. No way. We are just priming ourselves for next semester, and we need your help. Sure we have a staff of dedicated writers, but we want more. We want layout people, typists, general go-getters. We need everything. So if you think you've got the skills and the brains to put your money where your mouth is. Step up. We are always taking applications. Come and be a part of a GSC Tradition.

For more info contact: Patrick Hall at 462-5984 and leave a message, or Travis Wells and Todd Hull at 462-4810.



Untitled Poem

By: Anonymous

There's something inside of me
 Something screaming to be let out
 It's scratching at me to be free
 It wants out without a doubt
 I take a knife and stab it through my chest
 I tear at the flesh to form a gash
 The blood pours out of my body
 making a mess Yet I rip apart the skin
 very carelessly and fast I tear out the
 nerves and veins Trying to discover
 the hurt that wants out Hoping that it
 will ease these pains It hurts like
 Hell, but I do not shout I thrust my
 hand deep inside
 And pull out my heart This ache has
 been there for quite some time
 So I must take my hands and rip it
 apart
 I reach inside to release the sadness
 Since it so vulgarly wants out of my
 soul
 Perhaps it will end all of this madness
 I am waiting for the secret to unfold
 I feel a hand and pull with force to
 begin
 The person inside thanks me without
 saying so
 Finally, I see your face, and shove
 you back in
 I'm just not ready to let you go.



Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony- Everyone was invited to the recent ceremony at Pioneer Village which they officially turned on the lights on the giant tree. Trena Williston says that there were 200 glass ornaments, 450 feet of lights and one big red bow from each Village House. Minigh Florist donated the making of a giant bow to put on top of the tree.

Ms. Williston adds that she would like to thank all the people who helped decorate the tree especially, Tiffany Linville, Jessica Riffle, Heather Roebuck, Brandon Riffle, Stephanie Davis, and Michelle Davis. Vice President of Student Life Cheryl McKinney expressed a few heartfelt sentiments about the GSC Community at this time of year

Looking Beyond

By Student: Carol Nethken

Every year the trees lose their
 clothing
 Standing naked along the
 skyline
 Everyone can see their bare
 flesh
 Yet they stand tall and proud
 Limb spread broad and open
 I am proud of what I am
 Their voices echo through
 dreary winter air.
 Every year the trees grow
 new foliage
 Standing beautiful along the
 skyline
 Yet they are the same tree
 Limbs spread broad and open
 I am what I have always been
 Beyond the leaves, they stand
 naked along the skyline

GSC Radio Station

By: Valerie Henry

"Music makes the people come together." (Madonna, "Music".) Is that possible for the quaint county of Gilmer? Hopefully in the near future this theory will be tested. A group of college students on campus is coming together to try to start an organization for radio-broadcasting in all its aspects.

There have been multiple attempts to start a radio station and/or radio-broadcasting club.

As Professor Denis Wemm recalls, there was a radio broadcasting organization and a radio station in the early eighties, but it disbanded in 1982 with only two members remaining. Only the program director and the technician director worked for the radio station. There was another attempt in 1994, but it was surrounded by problems. The only pieces of equipment left from the last radio station were the "45 turntables", but they still created the organization. Soon it failed due to financial problems.

How does this group of people plan to succeed when, in the past, it hasn't worked out?

Dedication, knowledge of the past, and not letting it repeat itself are the answers from Zachary Conrad, Gary Moats, and Kevin Crivelli. Zach, Gary, and Kevin are working together to get this project started. They have already begun preliminary meetings to work on a constitution and all the legalities to make the group recognized as an organization on campus.

If they become an official organization on campus, their goals are to promote broadcasting, citizens ban radio, amateur radio, commercial broadcasting, short wave, growth of radio operators on campus, and to have testing sessions for amateur radio licenses. If they do have an actual radio station, they want to include all genres of music, college sporting events, Fine Arts Center activities, Coffee House appearances, Mountain Aire, and community centered events.

There will be preliminary meetings every Monday at 9:30 pm., and everyone is welcome to attend. This group is working hard to make their dreams a reality. Hopefully someday soon the residents of the Gilmer County can "turn the radio on and listen music in the air!" (Ray Stevens, "Turn the Radio On.")

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE FITNESS CENTER WISHES EVERYONE A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY

Open House on January 10,
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Holiday hours will be limited and are listed below.

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Sat. Jan. 5	11:30-2:00
Sun. Jan 6	2:00-5:00
Mon. Jan 7-Tue. Jan 8	11:30-2:00, 4:00-8:00
Wed. Jan. 9	11:00-9:00
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The Birth of Hybrid

By: Advertising Manager
Valerie Henry

"Let me hear that rock-n-roll music," (SOURCE) is the backbone of Hybrid, the hard-rock band formerly known as Deep Submerge. They performed live on December 4, 2001 in the GSC Ballroom. Hybrid, along with DJ Shaun Oldaker, made the Christmas Bash a memorable experience.

Shawn Oldaker was known as "DJ ShaunO" at the Christmas Bash. He kept things rolling with his DJ and comedic skills. He picked members out of the audience to perform in various skits and dances to the music he selected. Shawn has been a DJ for two years and said that he would definitely like to be partners in music with Hybrid in the future. DJ ShaunO also had the honor of introducing the biggest surprise of all: Mr. and Mrs. Clause.

Hybrid consists of five unique

individuals: Rob Fowler, Ryan Wenmoth, Mike Facemire, Sparky Toothman, and O'Dell (Joshua) Frye. All five of these gentlemen are music majors here at Glenville State College. Hybrid performed some classic hard rock such as Pink Floyd. They covered the modern hits by Linkin Park, Marilyn Manson and others, but they also did many originals that the band wrote. They take the most pride in their own original work. Hybrid's main goal, as Rob Fowler explained, is "to go as far as we can and have fun along the way." Sparky Toothman added, "We want Ozzy Osbourne to open for us!"

Hybrid has a long way to go before their dream will become a reality, but they are headed in the right direction. They plan to do some concerts in January or February. So, if someday in the near future you see Ozzy lurking around Glenville, you know Hybrid has made it big. In the mean time, keep an eye out for concert listings around campus and get the autographs now!

The Tech Junky: My Xbox Review

By: Nathan Calvert

Today, the gaming world has four main console options: Sega's Dreamcast (which was recently lowered in price to \$49.99, and has become a third party developer (designs software for multiple systems)) Sony's Playstation 2, Nintendo's Gamecube, and Microsoft's Xbox. The Xbox will be the topic of this review, so let's go on to the weigh in...

The Xbox features a Pentium III 733mhz Mobile Celeron Coppermine "mutant" processor, and a customized Nvidia Chipset. Also in which is one of the revolutionary features of the Xbox is the 8-gigabyte hard drive. This can be used to store game saves, options, and rip some of your favorite CDs for use in games. The Xbox also features a 5x DVD drive that can be used for Music CDs, DVD movies, or the games. For Networking, the Xbox has a built in Network card for Broadband Gaming. Gamespy (<http://www.gamespy.com>) has recently set up a free service to use this capability now instead of waiting until next summer when the official service is online. If you're an audio enthusiast, then you will be happy to hear that the Xbox is capable of delivering your games and movies in Dolby Digital 5.1 and DTS sound. The controller is a bit on the large side, which is a minus for small hands.

Most people are probably saying "That is nice and all, but what about the games?" The first generation games for the Xbox look better than any other for a new system. Some of the most notable games so far have been impressing gamers everywhere. Halo has revolutionized the First Person Shooter genre. NFL Fever 2002 will have your jaw dropping at the im-

pressive stadiums and player detail. Dead or Alive 3 has raised the bar in terms of detail. This game has some of the best in game graphics ever in a console, or arcade game. Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee is a great adventure game and deserves credit for being one of the most original games for Xbox's launch.

By this time next year, we should be seeing the real gaming power of the Xbox. Games such as Metal Gear Solid 2, which will be an enhanced edition of the Playstation 2 version will be released sometime in 2002. Also making an appearance on the Xbox will be Rocky Balboa, Clubber Lang, and Apollo Creed in Rocky. Bruce Lee will be making an appearance as well in Bruce Lee: Quest of the Dragon. Dino Crisis 3 will show its face exclusively on the Xbox. Finally... the WWF will be making a spectacular entrance to the Xbox with WWF: RAW, during Christmas 2001.

The Xbox shows a lot of promise in the console gaming world, by listening and giving the gaming fans what they want. With online play you don't have to play alone or limit yourself to a few friends... You'll have the whole world to battle with. Want to save a game, and you don't have the money for a memory card? Save it on the hard drive. Don't like the music in your favorite game? Put in your favorite music CD and rip the songs you want to put in the game. Microsoft has a true gem and can be a force to be reckoned with if they play their cards right. Take my suggestion, and run to the nearest store and begin your hunt for the Xbox... However, it could be a long hunt since a lot of the stores are currently sold out due to the high demand.

Vandalism Becomes a Problem on The GSC Campus

By: Jason Collins,
Staff Reporter

One of the greatest benefits currently available to GSC students is something that probably goes unnoticed—the renovated classrooms in the Administration Building. The rooms went from having a worn out stained, ragged yellow carpet with primitive wooden desks to a fabulous new carpeted floor with new padded adjustable chairs that are better than what some instructors & administration now have. Also, consider the added luxury of Pioneer Village and one should think that students would respect those things and not destroy them. However, that is not true. According to Suzetta Burton, Building Service Worker, vandalism is steadily increasing. She goes on to say that students are screwing off the knobs off the backs of the chairs and either stealing them or throwing the knobs down into the holes in the desks that were made for internet cables. “Students are even abusively damaging the chairs and tearing the bottoms out.” Ms. Burton continued to talk about the small compartment or “tunnel” under the table in the AB classrooms and how difficult it is for anyone to clean up all the soda bottles and trash that students continually throw under there. She further relates that all the pencil sharpener handles in the AB building 2nd floor classrooms have been stolen and the entire sharpener will probably have to be replaced.

Suzetta ended the interview with saying that she doesn't mind if students bring food in classrooms but they need to be responsible and the Faculty needs to police students by making them clean up their area before leaving the room. Molly Wilson, the other Building Service Worker in the AB Building does the early morning to noon shift. She noted how irresponsible some students are particularly in the Mens Restroom on first floor. Ms. Wilson talked about students constantly urinating on the floor & stall and doing graffiti. She says that she checks the restrooms at least three times a day and tries to erase all graffiti off & clean “messes” as soon as possible but “you can only clean a restroom so many times in a day.” Bob Du Bray, Director of College Operations stated that indeed 6 classrooms in the AB Building were renovated. “It cost around \$120,000 and most of that money went for new furniture for the classrooms.” He notes that he put up signs of no food allowed on the classroom doors yet students still leave snuff, spilled beverages, and candies all over the classrooms. He further comments that both Molly & Suzetta are responsible for cleaning 60,000 square feet of building space per day and “that amount of space is equal to 30 residential houses.” In other words, Mr. Du Bray is saying that those two ladies clean 30 houses per day and he says they are very proud of the work they do to make this campus a better place but can't spend all their time in the restroom or fixing broken chairs. One of the newest and most luxurious buildings at GSC is Pioneer Village but it too is being vandalized. Mr. Du Bray warns the students that Pioneer Village is different from Pickens Hall in saying that if one student vandalizes something at the Village then all four roommates will be held financially accountable. “So far, we have repaired 100 door knobs, replaced 20 toilet seats,

and combining that with the vandalism in the AB Building, if this continues at this rate we (at the Physical Plant) will not have the resources to repair the damage.” Du Bray adds that the Maintenance done a really generous favor for the Village Residents by adding at their expense, 1,900 feet of wood trim in each room so students could hang posters without damaging the walls. Basically, Du Bray is giving a message to the students that we done this for you now you help us by taking care of your room. Mr. Du Bray talks a little about how student vandalization has a tremendous impact on student recruitment. He says to think about the prospective student coming to GSC for the first time with his or her parents. He as well as Molly and Suzetta agree that if things are not clean, the parent will usually not allow their student to attend GSC. What parent or wealthy family

would want to leave their children in a place that has wet toilet seats? Something every immature “destructive” students should think about. Du Bray ends the interview in stating, “The appearance of this campus and the maintenance of this campus is everyones responsibility.”

Library Busting at Seems

Cramming at the Library- As the semester is drawing to a close, students are feeling the increase of pressure to do well on the Final exams. Traffic is increasing at the RFK Library, specifically in the Computer Lab where you are lucky to find an available computer to use as these young scholars are pushing the Libraries' resources to the limits.

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opens the book to where we are now.

As we speak, those all-to-small and hard-to-watch “rogue” states have the ability to drop a nuclear weapon on us from across the Pacific. (No, their missiles aren't that great, that is just the shortest distance from them to us.) So, George W. decides we should finally dust off the idea of having an Anti-Ballistic Missile system to protect ourselves from those smaller (but no less threatening) areas. Only one problem... The ABM is still in effect. With it up and working, we can't even test the idea of an Anti-Missile system without violating the treaty, and if we violate the treaty, Russia gets to start doing whatever they want again. Even though they don't want nuclear war, if the treaty is rendered void, the Russians will start putting multiple warheads on their still existing missiles.

Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin decided to sit down and discuss the idea of the US building the Anti-Missile system, to protect themselves from the so-called “rogue” states. After several attempts to persuade the Russian President of the threat, President Bush has been forced to begin the withdrawal process from the '72 ABM treaty.

Now we have the ability to begin full tests of the Anti-Missile system that will help defend the US from wonton acts of aggression like those seen on September 11th. True, this time the terrorist may not have launched nuclear weapons at us, but with the constant changing political structure of the world, sometimes it's better to be safe then sorry. Next time we may not be so lucky.

Money For School

Financial Aid For 2002-03

January is Financial Aid Awareness Month. Students should begin collecting paperwork to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students can apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A paper FAFSA can also be used. The FAFSA should be mailed/transmitted to the processor no earlier than January 1, 2002 and by February 14th for optimum processing. The processor must receive the FAFSA by March 1st to be eligible for the WV Higher Education Grant. Many other aid programs also have early deadlines. Later applications are accepted; however, some funds may already be exhausted.

Once the FAFSA is processed and the Student Aid Report is received, the student needs to complete the financial aid file in the Financial Aid Office at the school. Contact the Financial Aid Office for forms or questions you may have.

Internet scholarship searches can be done as well. High school seniors need to contact the high school counselor about applications for the Promise Scholarship and other opportunities.

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From the office of Campus Security

Campus Security wishes to say with Christmas break almost upon us and most of us will be on the roads traveling we would like to remind everyone of some travel do's and don'ts.

Do's

-Do use your seat belt and child restraining devices at all times
-Do call 911 in case of a roadside emergencies

-Do move your vehicle as far off the roadway as possible in case of a breakdown. Make sure your vehicle is visible with flashers and other equipment.

-Do make sure your vehicle is roadworthy. Check fluids, tire condition, tire pressure, spare tire, lights and emergency equipment. A flashlight is a must.

-Do let others know your intended travel plans and notify them if your plans change

-Do travel with your headlights on during daylight hours.

-Do monitor weather conditions and allow for construction and heavy travel periods.

-Do reduce your speed in snowy and icy conditions.

Don'ts

-Don't drink and drive...ever!
-Don't take unnecessary risks. If you experience vehicle trouble, it is better in cases, such as nighttime and bad weather, to wait in your car until law enforcement arrives.

-Don't travel fatigued
-Don't play chicken with your fuel level.

-Don't drive into flooded areas and low water crossings.

-Don't drive into smoke if you encounter a wildfire by the side of the road.

-Don't give in to road rage.

GSC Campus Security hopes you have a happy and safe holiday season. I can't think of a better holiday gift to Glenville State College than to have all our students, faculty and staff return safely.

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Fri 01-11-02 9am to 7pm

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Tue 01-22-02 Begin regular store hours M-F 9am to 5pm

AIDS Awareness QUIZ

1. Who is at risk of getting AIDS?

Prostitutes
Homosexuals
Hemophiliacs
Everyone

2. When is World AIDS Day?

Nov. 30
Dec. 1
Dec. 2
None of the above

3. What are some possible origins of AIDS?

Black Ops
Government Bio-Weapons Project
Spraying of too many pesticides
Chimpanzees
All of the above

4. When was the first case of AIDS discovered in the United States of America?

1980
1981
1982
None of the above

5. What part or parts of the body does AIDS affect?

Heart
Lungs
Immune system
All of the above



by *Tonya Brady, Staff Reporter*

A Good Samaritan Lend a Helping Hand to a Car Wreck Victim

On Thanksgiving Day Rt. 5 was experienced a temporary traffic jam, while aid was given to a young girl who wrecked her car. The young lady was driving down Rt. 5 towards Glenville from Burnsville, (apparently to visit family for the Thanksgiving Holiday) when she came around a sharp curve too fast about 1 1/2 -2 miles outside of Burnsville. Her car flipped over on its roof and slid down the road. A big-hearted man from the Sand Fork area was not far in front of her. He looked behind him, startled by the sound. When he saw the accident, he quickly ran to help her. He pulled the girl from the burning wreckage, and when she told him she was all right, he ran to call for help. Soon after the Fire Dept arrived to put out the flames and not long after that the car was removed and traffic resumed as normal.

Food For Thought

Tuesday, December 18

Midnight Breakfast

10:00 p.m. till midnight

Dining Hall

(Served by Staff & Faculty)

Wednesday, December 19

Taco & Karaoke Night

9:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. Snack Bar

Thursday, December 20

Ice Cream Break

9:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. Snack Bar

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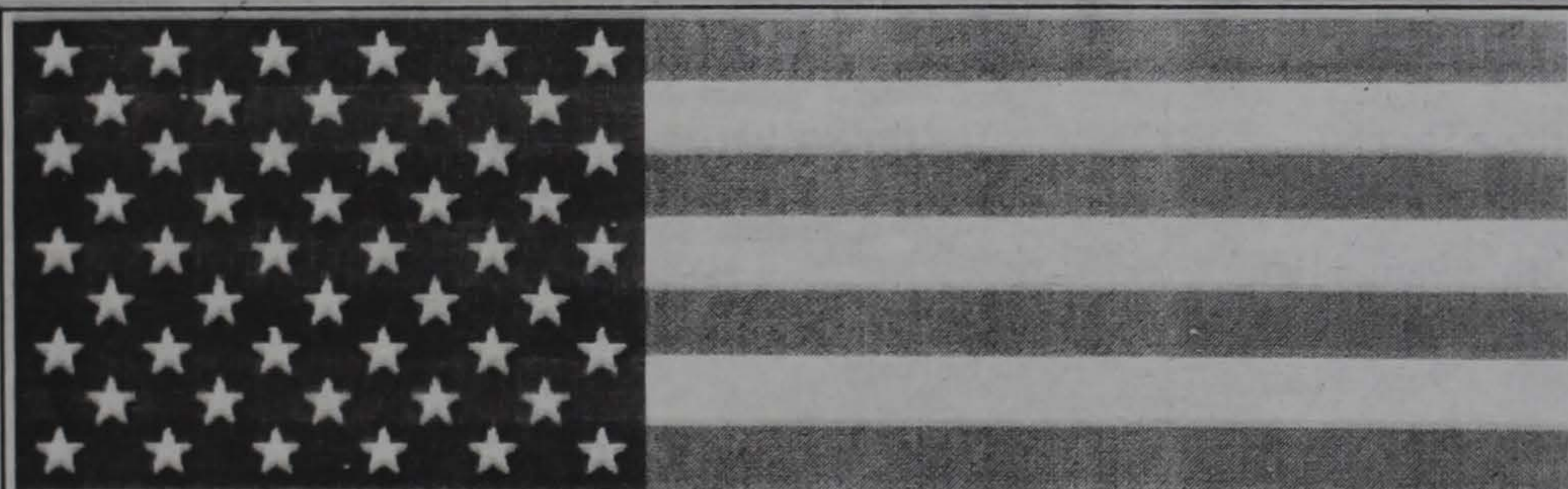
Cafeteria Hours

7:00am-7:00pm M-F

Snack Bar Hours

7:00pm-11:00pm Every Day

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THE LADY PIONEERS DUEL THE HIGHLANDERS
December 7, 2001

How big is too big and how small is too small?

Our Lady Pioneers proved that, in basketball lingo, this doesn't matter at all.

On December 7th our Ladies traveled to Radford University
To practice their skills in order to gain more conference wins.

Radford is a really big school that looms tall on the Virginia horizon,

At least 9,000 strong plus, perhaps, a few solid dozen,

With a pedigree that shines high in their basketball league.

They were Big South Conference Champs TEN times in ELEVEN years.

('86, '87, '88, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, and '96)

And they were NCAA Tournament Champs in '94, '95, and '96.

I tell you, my friends, Glenville State had to be quick!

But that was no problem, for, quick our Lady Pioneers are,

Giving those "Highlanders" a really BIG JAR!

Yes, it was a duel to the finish with Radford 2 points ahead at half-time,

But throughout the game our Ladies did shine.

Tracy scored 18 points, Elise scored 11, Colleen and Amanda each came through with nine.

OUR LADY PIONEERS ARE REALLY 13 OF A KIND

(Carrie and Tammy each scored 6, Samantha 5, and Rebecca 2)

(GSC had 13 steals and Radford had only 8 steals)

Three-point baskets became quite a thing,

For Radford held in a toll a three-point Queen.

Kylie Williamson had made 6 three-pointers against East Tennessee State, (1-28-01)

But our Ladies made Kylie sit back and wait.

The Lady Pioneers had made 7 three-pointers and the Highlanders had made 6,

When Elise Pettinger decided this was not a really good mix.

So at the very last second, Pettinger shot one more three,

And all those Glenville fans stood up and screamed!

Our Ladies became CHAMPS at that Highlanders' camp, winning 66 to 65,

Proclaiming to the world that our Pioneer Ladies really have drive.

Yes, it was the Highlanders who built this city, but it was the Pioneer Ladies who took it down.

Our Pioneer Ladies then ate pizza and calmly returned to their small town.

(Highlanders warm-up song, "We Built This City"; GSC enrollment 2,198)

But our Lady Pioneer fans are not quite so calm!

For they watched the magic that night on the Highlanders' Farm!

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE OUR LADIES WILL STAND TALL IN OUR STATE,

AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHAMPS ON THAT MARCH 2002 DATE!

GREAT GOING LADY PIONEERS, COACH HAROLD, and COACH FITZPATRICK!

Mary Ann Radabaugh, Retired Teacher

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Lady Pioneers, Getting The Job Done

*By: Staff Reporter,
Ronnie Bell*

The Pioneers have started off their season playing in two tournaments, the California Tip-off Tournament and the Disney Challenge. The team walked away from each tournament with one win and one loss. The Lady Pioneers (2-2) opened up with their conference play against Ohio Valley College on Monday, Dec. 3rd. When it was all said and done, the ladies came home with an overall record of 3-2 and a conference record of 1-0. The Lady Scots came out firing on all cylinders as they jumped on top of our Lady Pioneers with an early lead (that was very short-

lived). The ladies started off to a bit of a rocky start in the first half, but soon picked up control of the outing. The Pioneers took a fairly comfortable half-time lead with them into the locker room during the break, but faced many potential challenges in the second half. Fouls presented themselves as a sore thumb and oftentimes seemed to be a block on one end of the court and a charge on the other. There were also some early season mistakes that both teams committed, but nothing that was out of the ordinary for this time of the season. All in all, the Lady Pioneers capitalized on their opportunities and flat out got the job done. The Lady Scots fell to our Pioneers 66-49.

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Radford Who????

By: Staff Reporter, Ronnie Bell

The Lady Pioneers (4-2) entered the Dec. 7 game at Radford as decided underdogs. But facing an NCAA Division I opponent on their home court didn't deter Glenville from pulling off a 66-65 upset of the Highlanders (2-5).

Radford led 34-32 after the first half, but the Lady Pioneers never gave up. With 12:02 remaining, GSC was trailing 53-40 but went on a 12-2 run to pull within three points (55-52) with nine minutes remaining. The Highlanders weren't able to pull away again, and that was all the Lady Pioneers could ask for. In the closing minutes, the two teams traded baskets with RU keeping a two-point edge. With 37 seconds remaining, Elise Pettinger took charge, stealing the ball and taking it in for a lay-up to even the score at 63. With 10 seconds remaining, Radford took the lead on an Amanda Neby jumper. Following the bucket, Glenville brought the ball upcourt, but a Highlander defender knocked the ball out of bounds. After a Lady Pioneer

timeout, the stage was set for Pettinger. Trailing 65-63 with 3.7 seconds left in the game, Pettinger banked in a 3-pointer from just behind the line as the buzzer sounded to give the Lady Pioneers the victory. The play wasn't designed for Pettinger, but she didn't hesitate to take the shot with the game on the line.

The Lady Pioneers are in action again for their home opener at the Jesse R. Lilly Gymnasium on Jan. 4 and 5 in the GSC Classic. Other teams participating include Winston-Salem State, Livingstone and West Liberty. Game times on the first day of the tournament are 6 and 8 p.m.; game times for the second day are 2 and 4 p.m. On Jan. 7, the women travel to Fairmont State for a 5:15 p.m. duel with the Eagles, then are back in action at home on the 10th versus Wheeling Jesuit University. Salem-International comes to play Jan. 12 for a 5:15 p.m. showdown, and the ladies travel to Pitt-Johnstown on the 14th for a 6 p.m. contest.



Glenville State College Christmas Vacation and End of Semester Break Residence Hall Procedures

The Residence Halls will be closed on Friday, December 21, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. and will re-open on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be the last meal served on Friday, December 21, 2001. Dinner will be the first meal served on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

Students that plan on not returning to the Residence Halls for the Spring 2002 semester need to see their Resident Assistant (RA) and follow the proper withdrawal procedures.

Please Note: Registration will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 with the first day of classes beginning Thursday, January 10, 2002.

Check-Out Procedure

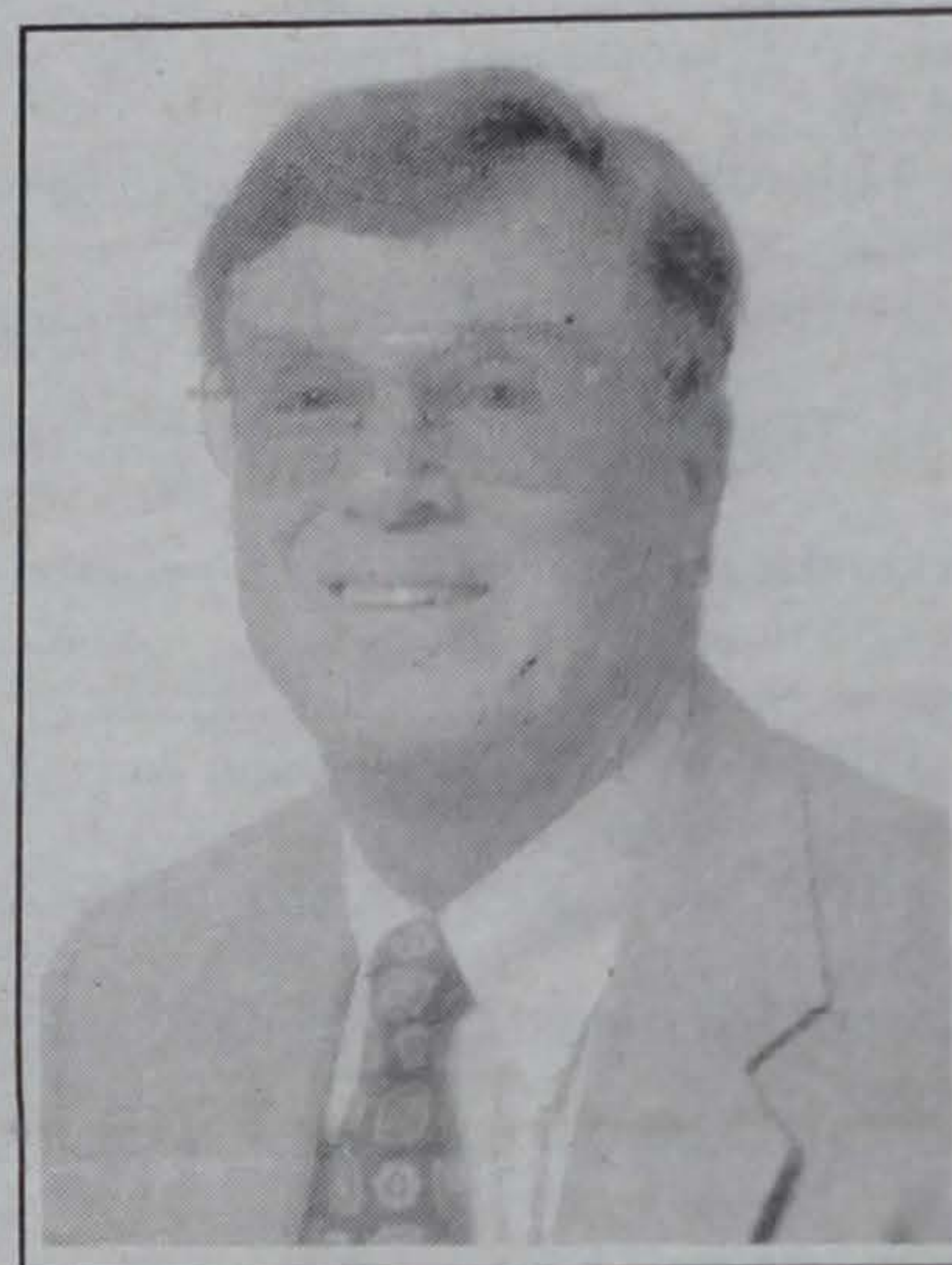
Before you leave the Residence Hall for the break, PLEASE be sure that:

- 1) You have unplugged everything in your room (clocks, stereos, etc.)
 - 2) You have turned out all lights.
 - 3) Your curtains or blinds and windows are closed
 - 4) Your doors and windows are locked. Please note: The College is not responsible for anything lost or stolen from your room. We will be checking your room to see that you have complied with the above requests.
 - 5) Turn in Room Key to Office. Pick up key upon return to campus.
- Be aware, Residence Hall Staff will be insuring that compliance with these procedures are being followed.

Carney bids GSC Farewell

By: Staff Reporter, Ronnie Bell

In the fall of 1958, Glenville State was blessed for the first time with the presence of Tim Carney; an incoming freshman who, would become an athlete playing basketball and baseball and even a sportswriter for this newspaper. In the spring of 1962 he would say goodbye to Glenville for the first time. Six years later he decided it was time to return. In the fall of '68 Tim Carney returned as the Head Golf Coach and Asst. Men's Basketball Coach. Some other various titles Carney has held during his stay are Women's Basketball Coach, Chairman of the Physical Education Department, and Athletic Director. He currently holds the level of Associate Professor.



Now, Coach Tim Carney says goodbye for the final time. "I will miss the classroom the most after leaving Glenville. When I took over as Athletic Director (a job that was my most difficult at GSC by far) I was a little burned out on teaching, but the toughness of being an A.D. made me appreciate the classroom that much more." He may

miss the classroom, but every part of Glenville State College will miss him.

When asked what job "clicked best" for him, Carney noted that he had the most success and also the most fun with the golf team. He said during his 28 years of coaching the golf team, the school captured 12 conference championships and rostered a handfull All-Americans. In 1995 the golf team presented him with a gift that was the highlight of his career: they became the National Champion Runners-Up, finishing second to Western Florida. Coach Carney also pointed out that some of his most memorable moments were in 1972-73 as an Asst. Basketball coach, when his teams played in Kansas City for the National Championships. Another thing he remembers and likes very well is when past students and athletes come back and thank him for his help. Carney says one of his favorite things about Glenville, as a school and a community, is that it is personable. "Being a name as opposed to a number is a very big plus, and the smallness helps things roll along." As far as changes that have taken place under Carney's era, the enrollment skyrocketed in the early 1970's. "It went from primarily a teacher education school to one with several programs," noting the greatness of the music and forestry departments. The cosmetic changes that Dr. Powell has implemented have been a nice, noticeable change. Carney mentioned some of the things that have disappointed him along the way as well; lack of student interest is the biggest. "Student apathy is a real disappointment. The kids used to want to be involved, but now they have too many other things to do." Another disappointment is the trickling numbers Glenville State has seen in recent years. "I think Glenville needs the school to do well in order to survive as a community."

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