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Program participants rehearse for Christmas Assembly.

Assembly Prepared

"Take Joy." GSC Campus Religious Council will present the annual Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 9:30 a.m. A new slant has been adopted this year to make the program more interesting.

Under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Luzader, the all campus assembly will no longer be comprised of the traditional visiting speaker and sermon. Several students and faculty members are taking part in this program.

Mr. Carl Kerr will present a poem that he has written for the occasion, entitled "A Christmas Denial: 1968." Other participants in the program include Mary Kay Ball as the "Queen of Light," the GSC Concert Choir and several people who will recite poetry or prose.

Dr. D. Banks Wilburn will start off the program with "A Christmas Story." The Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. Mark Aamot is presenting three selections including "The Mysterious Birth" and "Oh Day Full of Grace." Soloist Jayne Beer and accompanist Shirley Cunningham will present "O Holy Night."

Poetry and prose in the program include Philip Brook's "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Night," presented by Betsy McCoy; Shakespeare's "Christmas Voices" with the voice of Pat McCartney; Longfellow's "Christmas 1863," recited by

Woodrow Wilson; Tennyson's "Christmas and New Year Bells," as told by Bubbles Campbell; Rossetti's "Heaven Cannot Hold Him," by Julia Murin and Sandburg's "Star Silver" with Mike Ireland reciting. Mrs. Chico will read three selections by Helen Keller.

As a special feature of the assembly, Mr. and Mrs. James White will present a chamber theater presentation of "The Gift of the Magi." A summarization of the theme of the program will be given by Pat McCartney. To close the program and open the Christmas season, all will "Take Joy" and sing "Joy to the World."

Jobs Now Available

Summer jobs lasting eight to twelve weeks are available in social welfare agencies in Boston and counties throughout the state of Maryland.

All jobs are under the supervision of trained social workers and involve actual work with people and their problems. Students may work with individuals, with groups, with community or all three. The work may involve children, teenagers and/or adults.

To qualify the student must be 18 years of age or older attending an accredited college in Maryland or it's bordering states and be planning to enter the junior or senior year in the fall of 1969. The applicant must also be able to show that he or she is truly seeking to test a career interest in social work.

For application blanks and further information contact Mrs. Ruth C. Schwartz, Director, Summer Jobs in Social Work, Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area, Inc., 10 South St., Baltimore, Md., 21202. Apply before Feb. 8, 1969.

Larry Lamb, Financial Aid Officer, made known an off campus work study program. Positions available for 25 students willing to work in their home town are open. Apply with the Financial Aid Office before March 1, 1969.

FAO Christmas Dinner Featured Friday, Dec. 13

A Christmas dinner for the college faculty-administrative staff will be held in the new cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Merchants who entertained the college staff earlier this year will be guests at the dinner.

These guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sayre, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Minnich, Mr. and Mrs. Goff Summers, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Westfall.

Mrs. Eileen Wolfe is chairman of the social committee planning the dinner. Other members of the committee are Miss Patricia Dillon, Miss Ann Hollandsworth, Mrs. John Chisler, Mrs. John White, Mr. Al Rauch, and Mr. James Rogers.

Holiday Season Is Heralded By Open Houses, Parties

The Christmas spirit is beginning to spread throughout the campus at Glenville State. Dec. 15 seems to be the day for Christmas festivities. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. Women's Hall is having its annual Open House; while Open House at Verona Maple Hall will begin at 2:00 p.m. President Wilburn and Mrs. Wilburn will then enter into the Season's spirit with their annual Christmas party for faculty members, administration members, and all maintenance employees.

However, the tiny tots will not be forgotten. Under the direction of Mr. Stewart Beach "The Night before Christmas," will be presented for the children of the guests. The Glenville State College Concert Choir will round-off the day with its annual Christmas Concert at 8:00 p.m.

Bells ring, paper rattles, and sounds of excitement fill the corri-

dors of Women's Hall. Yes, Christmas is just around the corner and the 400 girls who live in Women's Hall have entered into the Christmas cheer wholeheartedly.

During open house Women's Hall will be adorned with Christmas decorations. Each floor and every door in the dormitory will be decorated in the traditional Yuletide trimmings.

"Christmas Surprises" will be the theme for the first floor; while second floor will take on the guise of a "Winter Wonderland of Cards." From "Winter Wonderland" the guests will move to third floor and "Christmas Around the World." The theme for fourth floor will be "Christmas Above the Clouds." "Songs of Christmas" is the theme chosen by fifth floor. A plaque will be presented to the floor with the best decorations.

Occupants of each room are working diligently on their respective doors as a prize also is awarded for the best decorated door. Winners of the first place will receive \$5, \$3 goes to the second place winners and \$2 to the third place winner.

Judges for the event will be Mr. Gary Gillespie and Mr. Jerry Morris.

Everyone is invited to tour Women's Hall during open house and enter into the spirit of Christmas with the girls of Women's Hall.

Verona Maple Hall open house will last from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The girls will decorate their doors, but each room will choose its own theme rather than try to co-ordinate the doors to one central theme.

The lobby will have a "singing Christmas tree" composed of Rita Burdette, Katie Smith, Carol Bell, Diane Brown, Deloris Betler, Ravena Lewis, and Connie McCallister.

Santa Claus will be on hand in the lobby to give treats to the children. All visitors will be served cookies and punch.

Open house at Louis Bennett Hall will be between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to visit LBH at this time, particularly relatives and friends of dorm residents. Refreshments will be served to visitors in the dormitory lounge.

Christmas decorations are going up at Louis Bennett this week. According to LBH president Jack Albert, the decorations are to embody the theme "Christmas in Hawaii."

President Wilburn and Mrs. Wilburn are again this year giving a Christmas party for all Glenville State employees and their families. This includes the faculty members, administration members, and all maintenance employees.

The party will be held at the Wilburn's home on Dec. 15 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The program for entertainment includes several choral selections sung by the Madrigal Singers. Also there will be group singing by everyone. Of course, Santa will be present and will have treats for the guests.

Norma Jean Barker will be assuming the role of hostess and will be assisted by a group of Delta Zeta girls.

The Glenville State College Concert Choir will present its annual Christmas concert at 8:00 p.m. in the GSC auditorium.

Among the selections presented by the 55-voice a cappella choir, will be two Appalachian folk tunes, a portion of Bach's motet "Sign Ye," and a sampling of choral literature ranging from the Renaissance to the present. All of these selections will be performed without accompaniment.

The audience will help present the Christmas story in song by joining traditional carols which will be accompanied by the brass ensemble.

Honorary Society Will Host A Banquet

Kappa Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi honorary society will sponsor their semi-annual banquet Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the new cafeteria. The cost is \$2.50 per person to be paid at the door. The theme of the banquet will be initiating school improvements.

Daniel B. Taylor, Superintendent of Wood County Schools, and Gerald M. Cummings, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools, will be guest speakers. They will speak about the problems faced by the county superintendent attempting to get a community to move forward, using levies and bond issues. The speakers will also point out the roles teachers should play to get those bond issues and levies passed and how to involve citizens of the community for the need of educational improvement.

Previous to the banquet, the society will initiate new members. These people must have a 3.0 average. All eligible members are invited to the ceremony and banquet.

Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education, has announced the development of a group of programs

for the year. The theme for these programs is "Problems Facing the Profession of Teaching." The meetings and programs are as follows: Dec. 18, Initiation School Improvement; Jan. 22, Professional Rights and Sanctions; March 26, Educational Television; April 23, Teachers Image; May, Curriculum Trends. These series of meetings have been developed to inform students who are concerned with these problems. All program speakers have been selected from GSC as well as other institutions throughout West Virginia.

Initiations for members will be held during the December and May meetings. To be eligible for membership one must be invited into the society by vote, be at least a junior majoring in teacher education, and have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

All students and faculty members are urged to attend meeting regardless of whether they are members. Signs will be posted designating the time and place for meetings.



The Christmas spirit is shown by a decorated tree in Women's Hall.

Letters

To: The Glenville Mercury
An Open Letter, or an Open Lecture (perhaps)
Re: Miss Janet Kesterson's editorial (sort of)

If you went home on Wednesday (Nov. 27) and ate turkey on Thursday for the reasons outlined by Miss Kesterson in her Thanksgiving editorial, I hope you gagged.

Miss Kesterson said we should give thanks because "We are living in the most prosperous nation in the world. We are living, for the most part, comfortable lives, free from very many earthshaking problems. . . . As students, faculty, and staff, we are part of an institution which helps to make the leaders of tomorrow. For all of this, for all the opportunities and accomplishments made possible unto us, we should, indeed, be thankful."

Living in a prosperous nation has little to do with the meaning of Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims lived in a very poor emerging nation.

And, if you can't find an "earthshaking" (which I assume means major) problem that relates to you, that's unfortunate. Because you're sitting on a hill right in the middle of one.

And, if you think this institution is consciously creating tomorrow's leaders, that completes the myth. Tomorrow's leaders aren't going to spring full blown tomorrow. They have to serve their apprenticeship and I don't see any future leaders on campus practicing leading.

It is time for Glenville State College (all of us, both great and small) to stop being thankful for the privilege of stagnating. Aren't we cute sitting up here thanking ourselves for creating an intellectual (?) miasma. It's such a painless way to die. It is time (It's been time, for a long time.) that G.S.C. took a long hard look into itself.

Such an investigation might reveal the possibility that Glenville State College isn't really a college. Stop and think about what a college is supposed to be. Think back to before you came here. What was this place supposed to do for you? Perhaps "college" involved the following elements:

1. A difference. It wasn't going to be four more years of draggy education. It wasn't going to be highschool. It was going to be freer, harder but worth it, more exciting, it was going to be adult (and so were you).

2. Thorough preparation. College was going to get you ready to hold a job. Which involves the ability to march off this hill and into the world (cold or not) with an adult sense of self reliance. You better be able to cope with problems greater than attendance sheets and lesson plans.

3. Not home. At last you were going to be able to decide your own fate. A chance to sew and grow and pluck your own oats. And smoke in public.

Maybe G.S.C. hasn't earned a "C" yet. Although I shudder at the idea of reverting to the tag of "Normal."

If none of this has made any sense, then you can be sure that everything is fine, that I am a quack, that life is a bowl of cherries, and that there is no reason to read any further. (It would be interesting to know how many people have stopped reading.) I shall continue for the benefit of those who feel that G.S.C. needs the "C."

Before anyone begins pointing a knowing finger at anyone else, it should be understood that both parties (both the greats, and the smalls) are guilty. The issue lies in which party is heir to the greatest portion of the guilt. To some extent, it is a question of which came first? the chicken? or, the egg? (If you are interested, you can do this: chicken=faculty and administration; egg=students. It is the chicken's job to hatch the egg. But, the chicken might forget its obligation and so become nothing more than dead weight. In which case, the egg must assume the difficult task of hatching itself, and then it must peck the chicken in the hind side so the chicken will get off.)

The conclusion to the quandary may be that both parties (chicken and egg, greats and smalls) are equally guilty, and that each forces the other to perpetuate the sin. And so Sleepy Hollow slumbers on.

To some extent, both parties do share, but this doesn't lessen the guilt, it only makes it uglier. But in terms of a solution, the logical point of origin for a program of change must be within the students. You see, I really have little to lose by being a lousy teacher, I still get paid every month. But at the same time I can flunk you out of school and you may never get paid very much. (It's no skin off my nose if I have to give comprehensive examinations twice a year. It's not hard and it doesn't bother me at all, unless of course, you start dripping the blood from your nose on my tie.)

The reason colleges exist is for students. They aren't around because the faculty creates them. The essence of a college is determined by the students. The faculty and the administration to a large degree exist to serve the students. This doesn't make us lackies, it makes you responsible for your education. This doesn't mean that you are supposed to motivate the teacher, it means that you demand something from your instruction (for your money) and if you don't think you are getting it, then you ought to make some purposeful noise.

Before you came here, you knew what college was supposed to do for you. If you want to be treated like an adult, you have to assert your desire. If in all honesty, after appraising the situation, you feel that Glenville State College is not meeting the responsibilities that you would place upon it, then you ought to openly try to do something about it.

If an automobile salesman sells you a car and you discover that it has no motor, you don't hide in a corner and fume. You don't go behind a closed door and complain to your neighbor. You go back to the dealer and you tell him you'd like the motor - or else. But, dear sweet Jesus, you don't thank him.

Stewart Beach

Rep Reports Increase In Fees Discussed

(Editor's note: The following is a statement by Congressman Ken Hechler.)

WASHINGTON - - "Coal miners don't have to die. In a civilized society, it is nothing short of criminal to allow the present conditions to continue in the coal mines. Federal and state mine safety laws are weak, most coal companies seem to know when the inspectors will appear, enforcement of safety standards is weak and entangled in red tape, the union leaders seem more interested in high wages than in health and safety, there is no aggressive attack on the health hazards of coal dust which cause 'black lung,' the coal miners and their families have been steeled to take a fatalistic attitude toward death and injury, and both Congress and the general public have been complacent and apathetic.

"From Monongah to Mannington, the same script is grimly familiar. The national spotlight is focused on a disaster. The company officials promise that everything possible is being done. The families wait stoically. The union leaders say that everything possible is being done. The surviving coal miners and their sons say that, of course, they will go

back into the mines. Soon everybody goes back to the status quo until the next disaster strikes in the coal mines.

"Coal miners have a right to live, to breathe, and to be protected by twentieth century safety standards. The nation must rise up and demand that strong and effective mine safety legislation be passed by Congress."

Food Committee Meets On Campus

Two "food planning companies" have surveyed and analyzed the current school cafeteria food and services and have offered their criticisms and presented what programs they would use if they were in control of the management of the Glenville State College cafeteria. This information was released after a recent meeting of the committee on foods held Nov. 13.

"The first company offers the same service now in the cafeteria only at higher prices which would be senseless to accept," according to the minutes of the meeting. The second company's criticism had yet to be completed at the time of the meeting, but their program was stated as quite expensive.

Mr. Robert Kulp, director of the GSC cafeteria, mentioned at the meeting that the availability of foods was much hampered by the inability of the grocer's who received bids for food to produce needed supplies and the difficulty of handling the "red tape." Kulp also gave a brief outline of the process of ordering the necessary canned foods supply. This process involves: (1) requisition for food presented and signed by President Wilburn; (2) the requisition goes to the state Purchasing Department in Charleston and then placed up formal bid (3) which must be placed in the newspaper and run twice a week for two weeks; (4) The bid opening and the bid award follows and by the time the goods have been delivered an approximate two months have passed.

An all-campus assembly was held Thursday, Dec. 5, 1968 in the auditorium for the purpose of explaining the proposed student activity fee. Garry Ramsey, SGA president, presided over the assembly with speakers talking from the standpoints of the SGA, athletic department, music department, speech department, and the Glenville Mercury.

John Collins, speaking for the music department, informed students of goals and costs. If you were one of the 47 students present you can plainly see that from the standpoint of the music department an increase is not unquestionable. Some time ago the marching band purchased 60 new uniforms which cost approximately \$8,000. Each year they are forced to buy additional uniforms to accommodate new members. However, the band is only one portion of the department. Robes for the concert choir cost \$300 for the entire organization and robes for the 60 members of the college choir cost \$1,800. As of present many of these robes are still not paid for because the music department only receives \$4,971 a year from the present activity student fee. At present, majorettes and the drum major must supply their own uniforms. The band and choirs would like to take additional trips for ballgames and out-of-town concerts but they cannot afford them.

The speech department has plans of reactivating the debate team, adding speech labs, besides displaying better dramatic and theatrical efforts. The proposed increase would add 25 cents per student in extra fees.

At the present time the Student Government Association is using its \$1.40 fee from each student to provide trophies for the awards assembly, sponsor a freshman mix, purchase beanies and handbooks for the freshmen, cover expenses for uniforms and trips by the cheerleaders, buy equipment for the Pioneer, purchase a trailer for the freshman class to use in building the Homecoming Queen's float, sponsor Homecoming and buy flowers for the Queen and her court for the coronation and ballgame at Homecoming, and a concert. Future plans consist of a new public address system and plans for an inaugural ball for future Student Government officers (or Student Senate members, as the case may be).

Steven Barnett made the motion for the increase in activity fees and it unanimously passed. However, these were notes from only 47 students. You will have a chance to voice your opinion at the polls on Dec. 19 if you care. Get on the ball, students, voice your opinions. Get interested in something. Remember, you're in college now.

Are Comps Valid?

It does not seem fair to the students of Glenville State College to study four years and make satisfactory grades then to be deprived of the degree because of a poor grade on the comprehensive test. This is especially unfair since the test is a poor one.

Why is this test called a poor one? Designing questions for this kind of a test is impossible. How can a test to be given in one day, or even one afternoon, test what it took a student four years to learn? Another fault of the questions on the tests is that they call for minute details which the student has already forgotten.

There is no exam that can test how well a student can use the methods of education. The test never includes real life situations with children. How can an exam test how to direct a play, or give a speech, or coach a game, or determine music and art talent?

Some teachers have said publicly that they are insulted by the test. If the teacher is teaching well enough and inspiring the student to learn, then the test is not necessary.

Comprehensive results show that the same students who have done well in classwork do well on the comprehensive, and students who have done poorly in classwork do poorly on the comprehensive. This shows that the test reveals nothing new.

If the test is not valid for non-teaching students, why is it valid for teachers? What other colleges give a comprehensive to under graduates?

In conclusion, Glenville State College does not give a comprehensive test, but a test that is little in scope and narrow in content.

Sincerely,
A Non-Education Major

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16 Singers Bring Motet To Banquet

Have you ever dreamed of spending an evening at court in 16th century England? If so, the Christmas season this year will offer a special attraction at GSC. A Madrigal dinner will be held in the cafeteria at 6:15 on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17.

The madrigal was introduced to England in the late 16th century, and the dinner will have an Elizabethan setting. The cafeteria will be decorated with the atmosphere of an Elizabethan court complete with costumes and settings.

While the diners feast on roast beef and flaming pudding, court jesters and other musical acts will entertain them throughout the dinner. Following the banquet, the Madrigal singers, a group of 16 students, will perform in concert.

The price of admission will be \$2.75 for faculty and townspeople and \$2.25 for students. Admittance will be by ticket only. These may be purchased from the music office or from members of the Madrigals. Tickets are limited.

Arts and Crafts Class Visits Basket Weaver

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 4, 12 students from Mr. Scott's Arts and Crafts class visited the home of Mr. Currence Dobbins for instruction in basket weaving. They were Ruth Ann Cosner, Rebecca Kay Duval, Patricia Ann Metz, Connie Lynn McCallister, Clarence Charles Mills, David Howell Nelson, Thomas Oren Pickens, Ronald Dean Riggs, Brenda Gail Short, Candice Kay Warren, Jerome H. Dean, and Carolyn Jean Burke.

Mr. Dobbins showed the students how logs were cut into pieces and then split into thin strips to be whittled smooth. Then he explained how to make ribs for the sides of the basket, how to put in the bottom, and how to weave the sides.

BSM Attends Conference

On Friday evening, Dec. 6, the members of the Baptist Student Movement left for the West Virginia Institute of Technology at Montgomery where they attended a student exchange conference. While residing on the campus of the college, the group attended various discussions, group meetings, and speeches centered around the theme of "Christ on the Campus." The program speaker was Danny Light from Huntington. The group then returned to GSC on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, for classes on the following Monday.

A pizza party was held for the group on Nov. 23 at the Wesley Foundation beginning at 7:30 p.m. Plans are now underway for a Christmas party to be held by the group in December. Members should observe bulletin boards for the date and time. According to Mike Boggs, president of the B.S.M., beginning with January meetings the time will be moved back to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings.



Madrigal singers rehearse Medieval Dinner.

W H Plans Party

Tuesday, Dec. 17 is the date set for the annual Christmas party for the residents in Women's Hall. The party will be held in the Ballroom from 10:00 to 11:00.

Singing and other entertainment will be provided. Refreshments will be served to all guests.

Special guests for the Christmas party include: Dr. and Mrs. Wilburn; Mrs. Emma Jean Wright, Dean of Women, and her daughter, Bonnie; Dr. A. T. Billips and family; Mr. Stanley Hayward, Dean of Men, and fam-

ily; Mrs. Smith, House Director of Verona Mapel Hall; Mrs. Brown, House Director at the Delta Zeta Sorority House; Mrs. Lula Fittro, House Director at Louis Bennett Hall; Mrs. Eva Taylor, House Director at Women's Hall; Miss Alice Strader, assistant House Director at Women's Hall. Other special guests include the custodians at Women's Hall. They are: Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Frymier, Mrs. Curry, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Men's Dormitory Celebrates Dec. 16

Louis Bennett Hall is planning its second annual Christmas party for the residents of the dormitory and their guests. Dec. 16 is the date of the celebration and the ballroom of the Pioneer Center is the place. The "Philly-Loo Bird" will provide music for dancing, and refreshments will be served at intermission.

Among the guests to be invited other than LBH residents and their dates are Dr. Alfred T. Billips, Dean of Student Affairs; Mrs. Emma Jean Wright, Dean of Women; Mr. Stanley D. Hayward, Dean of Men; and Mrs. Lula A. Fittro, House Director of Louis Bennett Hall, as well as the house directors of both Verona Mapel and Women's Hall.

Those employed on the custodial staff of LHB will also be invited to the Christmas party. Gifts will be presented to the members of the dormitory staff as well as to the house directors and to other special guests.

Dalton's Store

Glenville, W. Va.

GSC To Form Debate Team

Glenville State College will soon have a debate team. Extensive efforts on the part of Mr. James Murphy and interested students have been made to promote this team.

A meeting was held on Dec. 9 and another will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the team. Anyone interested in being a member of a Glenville State College varsity debate team should attend.

Plans for the team include debates with colleges in West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. According to William Hairston, several people have wanted to start a debate team at GSC.

If the team has sufficient membership, separate teams will be chosen to have trial debates. After preparation is completed by trial debate and visiting experts in this field, GSC will invite other schools for debate. If all plans are achieved, the team will prepare for a debate tournament by the middle of January.

The topic for national debate this year is "Federal Control." All colleges in the United States debate on the same topic. Recently Mr. Murphy and four students attended the Novice Tournament in Morgantown to observe. This will aid the program in organizing a well prepared debate team for GSC.

D & V Auto Parts

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Glenville, West Virginia

Emergency Actions Group Is Planning Campus Club

A new independent organization, the REACT Club, is in the planning stage on the campus of GSC. REACT Clubs are primarily organized teams of people specifically trained in dealing with emergency situations.

Such teams are scattered throughout the United States with nearby clubs located at Buckhannon, Weston, and Fairmont. The main core of the REACT Clubs centers upon the use of Citizens Band radios and walkie-talkies for quick communications during emergencies.

According to Donald Black, a senior at GSC who is the main instigator of the organization, the REACT Club will be concerned more with assisting those in need of help rather than advancing the operations of CB radios. Gilmer County has no formalized organization to help in times of emergency such as floods, lost or missing persons, or hunting mishaps. There is a lack of qualified personnel such as an auxiliary police unit.

The REACT Club will be composed of both local citizens and college students who are interested. Starting at the college, the club will later expand into outlying areas with the college serving as meeting places.

The proposed advisor for the club is Mr. Jerrold Helmick who is the local constable as well as campus security officer. Mr. Helmick can be notified of emergency situations, whether on campus or off, and, if necessary, can contact the REACT Club for assistance.

Training for the members of REACT will include such phases as the Standard Red Cross First Aid Course; life saving; lost and found procedures dealing with missing persons; and perhaps others, partially depending upon the local VFD's cooperation.

Black estimated that there are probably 200 CB radios in Gilmer County, including walkie-talkies, gas company and Dowell company units. There are at least 12 privately owned CB radios in the county and the college has five walkie-talkies: one for the security office, one in each dorm and one at the DZ House. With this coverage in the communication network, REACT should be able to contact its members within one hour.

This is the first endeavor of the Mercury staff to set its own type on the new IBM Selectic Composer. Complete paste-ups were done by the staff.

The FCC license required for such a club to operate permits 50 units to operate under the same call sign. It is hoped that the dues received at the first organized meeting will finance application for the license.

Interested persons met on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre for the purpose of making plans for the formal organizing of the club. At press time, results of the meeting were unavailable. For further information, contact Donald Black at 613 Mineral Road, or see future issues of the Mercury.

DZ's Have Party, Plan Committees

A party was held by Delta Zetas Dec. 7 at the Spencer State Hospital for the older men and women in Ward C and Ward 3. The party began at 2 p.m. and refreshments were served and recreation provided. Transportation was furnished by members of the sorority and CCD Miss Jane Powell.

This semester's pledges have announced their plans for redecorating the bathroom in the chapter house. They plan on panelling the walls and putting tile on the ceiling. They will also decorate the house for Christmas, and open house will be held on Dec. 15.

A Christmas party for members of Delta Zeta will be held on Dec. 17. Caroling has been planned as one event for the night.

Formal rush begins Feb. 23 for upperclassmen and second semester freshmen. Various committees have been organized by the vice-president of membership, Roberta Shank. The committees and chairmen are as follows: Peggy Adams, costumes; Sue Hale, outside decorations; Nicky Boso, inside decorations; Helen Wilson, favors committee; Sylvia Comer, nametags; Pat Jay, refreshment; Vicki Saunders, song sheet; Diane Duffield, coats; Ellen Hartley, entertainment; Debbie McMillion, invitations, and Diane Davis, pick-up.

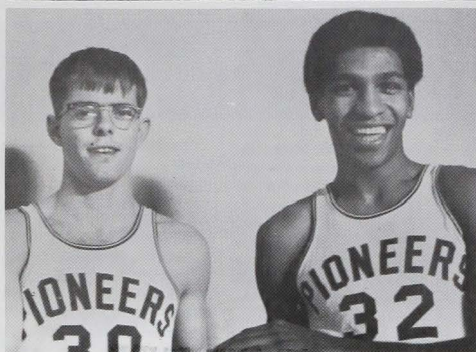
The Student Education Association is raffling off a candy dish. Chances for the dish will be sold for ten cents each.

Proceeds from the recent hot dog sale and raffle will be used to defray costs of the SEA Homecoming float.

Howes Dept. Store

Shoes and Clothes for the Entire Family

"A Business Built on Quality"



James Archer and Jackie Jo Robinson win trophies at Shrine Tournament Game

Fairmont Wins Tournament Glenville Tops Wesleyan, 67-63

The Pioneers of Glenville State College bowed to Fairmont in the first game and out played Wesleyan in the consolation game to take third place in the annual Shrine Tournament at Weston Nov. 21 and 22.

In the opening game against Fairmont, the Pioneers, who have lost the last four outings with Fairmont by a total of 13 points, fell by their highest losing margin to the Falcons in those outings, 66-61. The score was 32-26, Fairmont, at the end of the half and the Pioneers outscored the Falcons by one in the last half.

Archer led Glenville scores with 15 followed by Robinson and McGhee with 10 each. Sloan, Jamerson and Moody led Fairmont with 18, 14, and 12 points respectively.

Chess Club Wins Match

The Glenville State College Chess Club began its season of activities with a victory of 5-0 over the Salem College team in a match held here, Nov. 20. A return match with Salem is planned for Dec. 14, at Salem.

A match with the Morris Harvey chess team is scheduled for Dec. 21. According to club secretary-treasurer Dennis Cunningham, the Glenville chess team will participate in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Chess Tournament also to be held at Morris Harvey, in Charleston, at a yet un-appointed date second semester.

The Glenville State Chess Club would like to extend an invitation to any student on campus who has an interest in chess to join the club. Those interested need not be accomplished players; Cunningham declared that members would be willing to teach anyone. The club meets weekly in the multi-purpose room of the Pioneer Center, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

In the consolation game with Wesleyan, the Pioneers handed the Bobcats their 32nd consecutive loss, 67-63. The Pioneers held a three point halftime advantage 27-24, and held on in the second half for the four point edge. Robinson and Perry led Glenville scorers with 25 and 18 points each while Mendlesen and Bailor collected 28 and 15 for the Bobcats.

Creightons Take First

Men's intramural volleyball season came to an end on Nov. 21 with the completion of a single elimination tournament.

First place went to Creightons which was composed of the following members: David Kuhn, Gary Norris, Larry Silcott, Kenny Squires, Gene Watson, Ernie Williams, John Wymer and Charles Thomas, Manager.

Second place went to the Fire-dogs while Theta Xi Animals and Hardway Hallows took third and fourth place respectively.

As the intramural program is providing extracurricular activities for students, this year's intramural program was successful.

The percentage of students participating in volleyball intramurals this year was 16 per cent of all the male students at Glenville.

Broken down into classes, 7 per cent of the freshman class participated in volleyball, 29 per cent of the sophomores, 18 per cent of the junior class and 17 per cent of the senior class.

Forty per cent of the participants in this year's intramural volleyball program were from fraternities.

Robinson Is High Scorer

Glenville opened its regular season of basketball last Thursday night against the Salem Tigers at Salem. The Pioneers led by co-captains Robinson and Archer stayed close through most of the game, trailing by only three, 40-37, at half. The game was close throughout most of the second half before the Tigers broke away to gain a nine point victory at 75-66.

Robinson paced Glenville with 21 counters aided by Archer's ten while Noem Dinwiddle led all scores with 25. He was followed by teammates Frank Kulius with 18 and Clark Delmonico with 14.

The Pioneers faced the undefeated Falcons at Fairmont last night, but results were unknown at press time. They will entertain the Golden Bears of Tech at Glenville on Thursday evening.

GSC Is Represented By Three On Team

Three defensive and offensive stalwarts have been named to represent Glenville of the 1968 all-conference football team.

Offensive tackle, Bill Bogges, defensive middle guard Jim Frasier, linebacker Dale Sheets and half-back Jim Sprague won starting berths on the recently named honor squad.

Bogges, who came to Glenville three years ago from Colorado State, was a starting defensive tackle for the Pioneers last year and moved into the offensive front line this year, doing an excellent job of opening holes and downfield blocking.

Sheets, a standout at Glenville for four years, was one of the binding forces of the defensive unit for that period of time. He was always in the right spot at the right time, reading plays and meeting them.

Frasier, the most valuable player in the Fish Bowl Classic game and for ten straight weeks the fifth man in the opponents backfield was much like Sheets in his hard nose, 100 per cent play. He was always fast on the trail of roll out quarterbacks or end runs and many times was the man who made the tackle on either side-line from his middle guard position.

Sprague, the leading punt return man in the league and second in pass interceptions was the fourth Pioneer on the all-conference team. He ran two punts back for touchdowns in



Pioneer Robinson trapped by two Battlers from A-B.

Glenville State Rolls Over Visiting A-B

The Pioneers jumped out to a 12-0 lead over the Battlers of Alderson-Broaddus and held on for a 71-68 victory to even their record at 1-1.

Glenville held a 39-32 halftime lead but lost the lead with 15 minutes, 10 seconds left in the contest when Butch Powell hit a field goal to give A-B a 43-42 lead.

Glenville went back ahead at 44-43 but Powell again gave A-B a lead at 45-44. The Pioneers then ran off seven straight points and held the lead until Andy Jennings tied it at 67-67 with two minutes left to play in the game. Bill Perry hit on a lay-up to give GSC the lead at 69-67 and Jennings made a foul shot to put

the game within on at 69-68. Perry again hit for two to finish the scoring and give the Pioneers the 71-68 win.

Jack Robinson paced Glenville with 22 points and David Barnes added 18. Jennings led A-B with 22 followed by Miller with 18.

Glenville Pioneers Hosts High Schools

Another kind of basketball - high school basketball - will be played on the GSC court tomorrow night. Gilmer County High School and Doddridge County High School will meet at 6:15 p.m. in a preliminary to the Pioneer - W. Va. Tech game.

This game is a first of its kind and will furnish local Doddridge and Gilmer fans an opportunity to see these two teams in action.

Gilmer County High School in its first year of consolidation of Glenville, Normantown, Sand Fork, and Troy High Schools is coached by Larry Gainer, GSC alumnus.

College students will be admitted by ID cards to both games.

If anyone wants to give a kitten as a Christmas gift, please contact Mrs. Rucker at 462-5286. The four kittens, born Nov. 2, are males named Nixon, McCarthy, Humphrey and Wallace. Their mother is a remarkable Mouser and their father is a respectable 'cat' around town.

Mrs. Rucker notes that Nixon is the cutest and smartest; McCarthy is the most lovable; Humphrey is the fattest and Wallace 'hollers' the loudest.

the season and picked off seven passes to match his last years total

Final statistics released on the '68 season showed senior halfback Jim Heaton the leading rusher on the team with 396 yards in 125 attempts and a 3.15 average. Heaton was also the leading pass receiver with 15 catches for 232 yards and 170 followed by Haight with 11 catches for 76 yards. Heaton and Frost tied for the scoring lead with 30 points each.

Anyone interested in bowling on Glenville State College's varsity bowling team must turn in a total score for three consecutive games to Dr. Dollgener by Dec. 20.

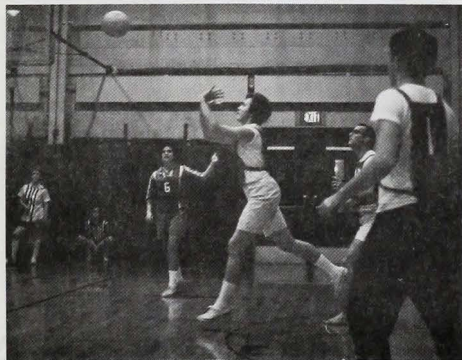
Dr. Dollgener stated that the three games must be rolled consecutively and either rolled in league play or in one's own spare time. If the three games are not rolled in league play, the score sheet must be turned in with the signature of the alley manager on it. These games must be rolled at the Glenville State College Lanes.

32 Teams Compete

As Glenville's varsity basketball season is beginning, so is the intramural basketball program getting under way.

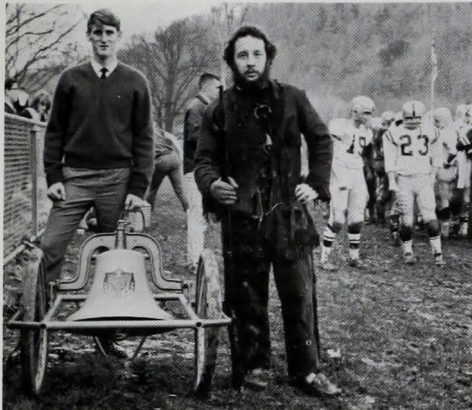
This year's program with 32 teams, is the largest ever at Glenville State College. Because of this number of teams, this year's program will be broken into five flights. Each flight will play a round robin tournament with the first and second place teams in each flight advancing to a single elimination.

The basketball games started Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30.



Hey Coach, Where's that new secret weapon You were talking about?

GREEK NEWS



TKE 'Spirit'

Symbol Of TKE's Spirit Is Recovered For Chapter

By Thomas Thomas

Social fraternities, regardless of how different their ideals, may be still quite similar in their traditional activities. All fraternities, and this is not an unproven assumption, have objects that symbolize inspiration and spirit, especially at campus athletic events. Tau Kappa Epsilon is no exception.

One of the primary objects used by TKE to exemplify campus spirit is a bell. Nearly all chapters of Tau Kappa Epsilon have a bell which accompanies the fraters to athletic events, and is used to incite enthusiasm not only within the ranks of TKE, but throughout the student body as well.

For the past three years, the TKE's here at Glenville have had within their possession a bell that has been present at all home football games, in addition to many away games. That is until this year.

Last spring the bell was stolen from the front porch of the TKE house. For the remainder of the school year and throughout the summer no information as to the whereabouts of the bell could be obtained.

Finally, at the beginning of this school year, small bits of information began to turn up, and soon the whereabouts of the bell were determined. However the problem of proving the bell belonged to the TKE's here at Glenville remained.

Many suggestions for regaining possession of the bell were discarded until the validity of the TKE claim to ownership was proven beyond a doubt. This validity of ownership was proven early in November.

President Wilburn was then informed of the situation and he immediately contracted the president of the institution where the bell was being kept. In order to prevent action being taken against the fraternity responsible for the theft by their own national headquarters, President Wilburn and his counterpart at the offending institution handled all details in obtaining and returning the bell.

After a quick paint job, the TKE bell was present as Shepherd College fell victim to GSC in the last game of the season, a little late to instill enthusiasm for the 1968 Pioneers, but there is always 1969.

Sorority Plans Christmas Party

Nu Lambda Psi sorority is currently making plans for a Christmas party and a toy for tots workshop. The sorority is also planning a Christmas party Dec. 17, in the old Louis Bennett Lounge for all actives and pledges in which further plans for a workshop to repair toys for needy tots will be discussed.

Toys were brought back by the members after Thanksgiving break, and are to be repaired, packaged or whatever for delivery before season break. The organization also hopes to participate in the open house festivities at Women's Hall along with performing in the dorm party talent show. Caroling during the Christmas season before the break has been decided upon and further arrangements are being made.

PDP Pledges Named

The Phi Delta Phi Sorority held their business meeting on Dec. 3. The pledges were invited to part of this meeting.

The pledge session began with a slumber party held at the Home Management House on Nov. 22.

The new pledges are Sharon Burkhammer, a sophomore from Weston; Sandra Davis, a junior from Pennsboro; Marie Marlene Parsons, a freshman from Evans; June Turner, a freshman from Sandyville; Carolyn Butcher, a freshman from Weston; Donna Fultz, a sophomore from Buckhannon; Joyce Savage, a freshman from Hazelton; Patricia Childers, a freshman from Clay; Jean Fields, a freshman from Mineral Wells; Elsie Jane Dyer, a sophomore from Flatwoods; Rebecca Duval, a sophomore from Williamstown;

Banquet and Dance Planned By Tekes

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity will hold a Christmas banquet on Saturday, Dec. 14 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Pioneer Center. Scheduled guest speaker for the evening is Stanley D. Hayward, Dean of Men at GSC.

Later there will be a Christmas dance at the Conrad Hotel from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. Music for the dance will be provided by the Spektrum, who have recently purchased two new amplifiers and a new Public Address System.

The dance and the banquet are for Tekes and their dates only. Dress for the dance is semi-formal and refreshments will be served. Frater Tom Dooley, who was named December Tke of the month, is planning the theme for decorations at the dance.

Tekes are again planning for the annual Christmas party for underprivileged children of Weston and vicinity. This party is the result of joint efforts of Tekes and contributing merchants who want to assure some joy at Christmas for those who might otherwise be forgotten.

Washing, Waxing Tickets Are Sold

The pledges of Omega Kappa Phi are now selling tickets to wash and wax cars. The price of these tickets is \$7 per car of any make.

Tickets may be obtained from any OKP pledge and information about the project may be obtained from any member. The work will be done on Friday nights and Saturdays.

The brothers of OKP are now in the process of compiling a total history and record of accomplishments to be presented to the national fraternity representatives that will be viewing the brothers throughout the year. It is hoped that OKP will be affiliated with a national fraternity by the middle of the first semester of the 1969-1970 school year.

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha are two of the more prominent nationals being considered that are considering Omega Kappa Phi. In the near future a delegation from both of the above will visit OKP and compile data on the group.

Catherine Downs, a freshman from Salem; and Susan Barnhart, a freshman from Chester.

Guests at the Dec. 3 meeting were Jack Albert, William Monk, and Sharon Erwin, members of the Senate Committee.

The Phi Delta Phi Sorority also made plans for a Christmas party to be held Dec. 17.

The Glenville State College Radio Club has planned a tentative meeting for Jan. 14 with Harry M. Brawley of the State Department.

The purpose of the meeting with Mr. Brawley is to discuss sources from which funds can be obtained to establish a radio station at GSC. At present, the station is still in the planning stages.

Plans are being made for a Founders Day Celebration on Friday, Jan. 10. Among these plans are an invitation to a TKE national officer to attend the celebration and to be guest speaker at the banquet which is to be held. A dance is also being planned to finish off the celebration.

Renovation of the basement of the chapter house has been completed. House parties are being planned to be held in the new room after Christmas. The fraters invite any interested freshmen to visit the chapter house any time.

Pledges will be initiated into the bonds of Tau Kappa Epsilon in a formal initiation ceremony Saturday Dec. 14.

Theta Xi Plans Annual Party

On Dec. 17, the brothers of Theta Xi Fraternity will sponsor their annual Christmas party for the underprivileged children of Gilmer County. Every year the children receive gifts and treats and, in many cases, these are the only presents they receive. The party will be held in the social room of Town Hall and Santa Claus will put in an appearance.

Collecting the toys is perhaps the largest job because one has to travel so far to get them. Most of the toys are collected from Parkersburg, Weston, and Spencer and the pledges of Theta Xi have been spending their Saturdays collecting them. Although the party involves much work, the work is very rewarding.

After the children's Christmas party, the actives and pledges will have their House Christmas party. The fraternity house will be decorated and gifts will follow the social hour. The house mother, Mrs. Nettie Turner, will serve the guests.

Before semester break, there will be another new look to the fraternity house. A new fraternity flag has been ordered from national headquarters and will be flown under the American flag.

Student gift packs have been given out to all women in Women's Hall and men in the Louis Bennett Hall. These gift packs are supplied by a firm out of Memphis, Tenn.

The purpose of these gift packs, which are free to all students, is to encourage the students to use the products included in the package.



Miss Elaine Rahaim

Alpha Sigs Await Visit

Gamma Kappa chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha is awaiting the arrival of a National Field Representative to visit the chapter this month. Miss Elaine Rahaim will visit Gamma Kappa from Dec. 14 to Dec. 18.

Miss Rahaim received her B.F.A. in Art Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in June, 1968.

Alpha Sigma Alpha, a national social sorority and a member of the national Panhellenic conference, was founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., in 1901, and at present has more than 150 collegiate and alumnae chapters established throughout the country. The national headquarters of the sorority is located in Springfield, Mo., the state of its incorporation.

The national philanthropic project of the sorority is to aid the mentally retarded. Contributions from members and profits from designated projects are used to furnish various types of services to or for the mentally retarded, including not only direct aid to institutions for the retarded, but also scholarships and fellowships for persons enrolled for study in the field of retardation. In addition, the sorority also furnishes loans and/or scholarships for selected collegiate and alumnae members of the organization.

Alpha Sig members are currently selling towel calendars. On Dec. 18, Janice Reed, Gamma Kappa Chapter chaplain, is giving Gamma Kappa a Christmas party at her home. The actives recently gave the pledges a surprise party in the sorority lounge.



Phi Delta Phi Pledges

Alpha Delta Lists Pledges

Alpha Delta Epsilon business fraternity will bring 24 new members into the organization during their first semester pledge session.

All pledges are required to have a major in business education, business administration or secretarial studies. Students must also have a 2.0 point overall scholastic average.

Pledge session began under the supervision of James Hinter, vice-president of Alpha Delta Epsilon on Nov. 18.

The pledges were introduced to the fraternity and to their big sister or brother at the Nov. 13 meeting.

The pledges are as follows: Sharon Backus, a junior from Mt. Nebo; Richard Barnett, a freshman from Glenville; James Beeghley, a senior from Glenville; Richard Beer, a freshman from Buckhannon; Alan Boggs, a senior from Gassaway; Connie Byers, a sophomore from St.

Marys; Larry Carpenter, a sophomore from Buckhannon; Randall Chapman, a freshman from Weston; David Gibson, a freshman from Clarksburg; Kathryn Harper, a freshman from Walton; Stephen Hayhurst,

a senior from Pennsboro; Beverly Kay Herndon, a sophomore from Heaters; Loreta Hinter, a sophomore from New Milton; Danny Hylbert, a junior from Reedy; Michael Jarvis, a junior from Spencer; Francis Ly-

don, a senior from Weston; Martha McClung, a sophomore from Rupert; Thomas McCullough, a senior from Pennsboro; Nelson McKown, a senior from Arnoldsburg; Wayne Mencer, a freshman from Glenville; Marvin

Morris, a freshman from Clarksburg; Duane Riggs, a junior from Pennsboro; Elaine Shields, a freshman from Parkersburg; Christy Ann Villers, a freshman from Sistersville; and Charles Joseph Will, a junior from Alum Bridge.



Alpha Delta Epsilon pledges

Glenville Area Folklore Enhances Atmosphere

Time after time students have said, "Glenville. Boy, is this place bad news!" But I wonder how often these people have tried to "overturn" some interesting facts about the surrounding area? Much to my surprise, there is more to Glenville than meets the eye.

For instance, did you know how "Bar-b-que" got its name? It's been said that a band of renegade union soldiers used to hide out in this valley. While there, they would rustle cattle and such from the surrounding farms and cook them over an open-pit fire. Thus, the name of "bar-b-que" came to be.

Another unusual story relates to name of "Letter Gap." It seems that during the time of the Civil War, soldiers would leave secret messages in an old hollow tree. The receiver of the message would gallop through on horseback; pick up the message and proceed on his way. And so the name of "Letter Gap" came into being.

A GSC professor found an axe-like weapon in a creek bed adjoining his property. From this he assumed that this weapon of war was much like those used during the time of

the Civil War. Interesting?

Another perhaps more humorous fact relates to an old "out-house" found on a private farm outside of town. The owner of the property states he has seen as many as 15-20 cars lined up to see this unusual building. There have been offers from a Baltimore Art Society to buy this piece of "art" for display. To sell or not to sell—that is the question.

It's been rumored that a Civil War trail used to run through the campus, but this rumor has not been proven to my knowledge.

So you see, Glenville and surrounding areas are not really so bad. Matter of fact it is rather unusual!

Air Force Offers Student Program

Sgt. Barber, Air Force Recruiting Officer, announced that the Air Force has opened a new program designed specifically for college graduates.

This program, called the college graduate delayed enlistment program, allows college graduates who have not received their draft notice to enlist now for active duty within 120 days.

One enlisting for this program must meet all qualifications for regular enlistment including the Airman's qualifying examination.

Upon enlistment into the delayed enlistment program, a copy of the individual's college transcript is forwarded to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. A classification and assignment data questionnaire will also be sent. Job assignments will be determined by college subjects and individual preferences.

Once a job classification has been determined, the college graduate will then be furnished an enlistment date for active duty.

Additional information on this program can be obtained from Sgt. Barber at the Student Union, every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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38 Students Serve FAO Committees

Thirty-eight Glenville State College students are now serving on standing committees of the Faculty-Administrative Organization. The FAO, as the organization is known, is composed of all teachers of courses for which academic credit is given, the President, the Dean of the College, the Registrar, the Business Manager, the Deans of Student Welfare, the Librarians, the Director of Alumni Services, the Director of the Community Development and Research Center, and the Director of Guidance and Counseling.

Faculty and administrative members are appointed by the Executive Council of the FAO.

Two students are serving as chairmen of FAO committees. Thomas Dent, vice president of SGA, is chairman of the Activities Committees. Ruth Orendorf is the secretary of this group.

Sharon Neely, editor of the *Kanawhachen*, is chairman of the Publications Committee. Dr. Delmar K. Somerville is chairman of the Affairs Committee. Mr. Beryl Langford is chairman of the Admissions Committee. Mr. Nicholas Murin is chairman of the Athletic Committee. Dr. John Chisler is the chairman of the Campus Planning Committee. Mr. Langford is the chairman of the Commencement Committee. Dr. Max Ward is the chairman of the Comprehensive Examination Committee.

Mr. James H. White is the Chairman and Joseph Davis is the secretary of the Convocation and Lyceum Committee. Mr. Stanley Hall is the chairman of the Curriculum Committee. Dr. Espy Miller is the chairman of the English Proficiency Committee.

Shirley Starcher is the secretary and Dr. John Chisler is the chairman of the Faculty Welfare

and Academic Freedom Committee. Mr. Kermit Kinder is the chairman of the Testing Committee. Mr. David Gillespie is the chairman of the Library Committee.

Mr. Ronald D. Ross is the chairman of the Loans and Scholarship Committee. Mrs. Jean Wright is the chairman and Ellyn Meadows is the secretary of the Student Life and Welfare Committee. Dr. B. E. Ross is the chairman of the Teacher Education Committee.

Some of the committees meet each month, and each committee is empowered under the FAO Constitution "to formulate all necessary policies, rules, and regulations, and shall carry out all activities necessary to fulfill to obligation and functions assigned to each committee."

Le Cenacle Holds Party

The French Club will hold a Christmas party today from 3:30 to 5:30 at the home of Mr. Carl Kerr, associate professor of English and French and co-advisor of the French Club. This is one of the first activities of the newly formed French Club. Refreshments of pizza and soft drinks will be served and Christmas carols will be sung in French. The planning committee for this event consists of Sue Bumgarner, Lester Berk, Majorie Moss and Sharon Dutton. Chaperones for the party are Mr. Kerr and Mr. John Muir, instructor in French and co-advisor of the French Club.

"Le Cenacle" has been chosen as the name for the French Club. This name designates a group of people of letters.



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