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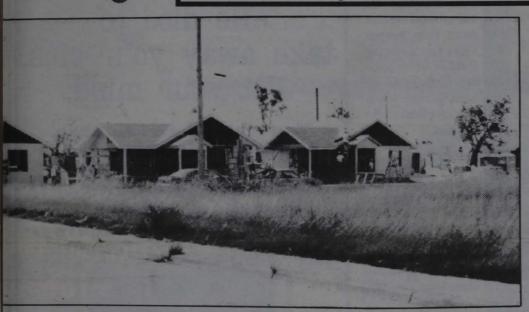


photo by John Putnam

Pictured above are two of the six houses which were built by West Virginia College students in Dade County, Florida, during Thanksgiving break.

# GSC Students Spend Thanksgiving Helping Florida Hurricane Victims

by John Putnam

In August of 1992, Hurricane Andrew ripped through thousands of homes in southern Florida with winds and rains exceeding 150 mph. The hardest beaten area was a township called Homested, located in Dade county south of Miami. Twenty-six year resident John Hawrylak, 70, survived to give this account:

"It came howling like a coyote on a Texas range. I was running down the hallway after my daughter Rosemary when I heard a loud crash. I looked back down the hallway. The wind had just sucked my steel front door right out into the yard. Without thinking, I started toward the doorway to try to keep my furniture from being

blown out. I could feel Andrew pulling me down the hall toward the door. Rosemary was screaming, 'Daddy, get in the closet, get in the closet!' Crouched in the closet, we held on to each other listening to the sounds of the house being pulled apart. It wasn't until the morning that we worked up the nerve to come out of the closet. It was like the movie, "The Wizard of Oz," except my house had been torn to pieces and dropped in a jungle."

There were thousands of victims like John Hawrylak whose homes were seriously damaged. During Thanksgiving break a group of 125 West Virginia college students volunteered one week in south Florida to assist hurricane vic-

tims. Students United for Relief in Florida (SURF) was coordinated by John Unger, a WVU student, and included participants from WVU, Concord College, WV Wesleyan, Fairmont State, Shepherd College and GSC. Food and lodging was provided by Miami State

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HERE'S MY CHRISTMAS LIST, MA'AM. I MAILED MY HOME-



9 shopping days to Christmas

# Second Annual WV Student Accounting Conference held at GSC

by David Graham

The second annual West Virginia Student Accounting Conference was held on the Glenville State College campus on Friday, November 6.

Accounting students of all academic ranks from every college and university through West Virginia were invited to join together with their peers for a unique day of professional

development. Seventy-five students attended.

Students came from the University of Charleston, Concord, West Virginia State, Fairmont and GSC. They all converged to hear speakers such as Robert W. Morris from Tetrick Bartlett and Company, Jennifer Nottingham, GSC Career Planning and Placement director, and William M. Ellis from Ellis and Ellis, CPAs, to name a few.

# **Dates To Remember**

Wednesday, December 16 Yearbook Distribution, 10:00-2:00, Heflin Center

Thursday, December 17
Residence Halls close at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12
Residence Halls open at 12:00 noon.

Wednesday, January 13 Registration

Thursday, January 14 Classes begin.

Wednesday, January 27
Mercury resumes publication.

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# Christmas Traditions-Where Did They Come From? 2nd Why Opinion.

### by Sharon Gladwell

Christmas is a time for giving, hope and joy. It is a time when millions of people all over the world decorate to herald the greatest of feast days and holidays.

Christmas began in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and in harmony with the spirit of the season, many Christmas traditions are practiced. Although the meaning of this festive day has changed over the years, many of the same traditions that began in medieval times are still practiced today. Among them are lighting candles, burning the Yule log, decorating with greens and preparing food.

# Wreaths and Garlands

Decorating with wreaths and garlands made of cones, fruits, fragrant herbs and evergreens is a wellknown tradition. Living plants are used to dispel the gloom of winter, and the evergreens, in particular, are a symbol of eternal life.

# **Lighted Candles** in Windows

The custom of lighted candles in windows was brought to America by the Irish. During the English persecution, religion was suppressed throughout Ireland, and the people had no churches. Priests hid in forests and caves and would secretly visit

farms and homes during the night. On Christmas day, families left their doors unlocked and placed burning candles in the windows as a sign to the priest that he was welcome in the home.

### Christmas Tree

The origin of the Christmas tree dates back to the medieval German plays. One of the most popular plays at that time was the Paradise play, which represented the creation of man and why Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden of Eden. In the play the garden of Eden was represented by a fir tree hung with apples. The tree was a symbol of both the "Tree of Life" and the "Tree of Discernment of Good and Evil." After the suppression of the mystery plays, the Paradise tree found its way to the homes of the faithful. Then came the custom of decorating the tree with fruit, pastries and other ornaments.

## Christmas **Plants and Flowers**

Decorating homes with plants and flowers is a natural expression of joy mingled with solemnity. Evergreens are traditionally the most frequently used plants in Christmas decorations. The plants and flowers used to adorn churches, homes, communities and workplaces are fir, spruce, holly, laurel, mistletoe, yew, rosemary and the poinsettia.

### Saint Nicholas

Saint Nicholas was one of the most beloved of all saints long ago. He was impersonated by a

> man wearing a long, white beard and dressed in the vestments of a bishop. He was believed to come down from heaven once a year to visit the children. After questioning the children, Saint Nicholas would then give them candy and fruit.

## Santa Claus

After the Reformation, the veneration of St. Nicholas was abolished. In Holland, a nation of seafarers, Saint Nicholas wasn't so easy to forget, and he became known as Sinter Claus. Dutch boats carried a statue of the Saint on board. The words "Santa Claus" resulted from the

Dutch pronunciation of Sinter Claus.

From legendary practices, Santa Claus acquired his home and work factory at the North Pole, the sleigh and eight reindeer and the custom of sliding down the chimney. All of these were popularized with the publication of Clement Moore's poen, "A Visit From St. Nicholas" in 1923. And, soon children began writing letters to Santa requesting such things as dolls, trains and drums.

## **Exchanging Presents**

One of the main purposes for exchanging gifts has to do with an old custom in which priests would empty the alms-boxes on the day after Christmas and distribute the gifts to the poor. The custom eventually became known as "boxing" (giving and receiving presents).

# LEAFY LEGENDS

If you're the superstitious sort, you might heed this list of legends about the plants of Christmas. A sprig of mistletoe hung over a stable door keeps the cattle healthy. To let mistletoe fall to the ground is unlucky. Anyone not kissed under the mistletoe won't marry the following year. Placing sprigs of holly in windows will protect a home from evil. · A sprig of holly on the bedpost will bring you happy dreams. · Those who fail to take down all evergreens and destroy them by the twelfth day after Christmas will be haunted.--Reprinted from Country America, January, 1993.

# Can "We are the World" Save Somalia?

Can anyone in the reading audience tell me why America is sending troops to Somalia, Africa? What happened to the large fortune collected in the "Live Aid" concert with Michael Jackson? ("We Are the World" was the song and introduction to a collection campaign for the starving children in Africa.)

It's my understanding that the money has never been spent. Somebody was supposed to inform the President of the U.S., but didn't. Can't they still fork that money over and build "forts" on wheels or something to save American tax payers some big bucks.

> Mrs. H. Westfall **Webster Springs**

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# How do you plan to spend Christmas vacation?

by Don Hays



NAME: Janet James

POSITION: Assistant Professor in Physical Education and

Athletic Training

**HOMETOWN:** Glenville

ANSWER: "Spending it with my sister and family, finish

shopping and come back and cover basketball practice.'



NAME: Rob Cline

OSITION: Lecturer of Developmental Science and Botany

IOMETOWN: Little Birch

NSWER: "Traveling and visiting my brother from the Air







NAME: Jeremy Deal RANK: Senior

MAJOR: Social Studies (5-12) **HOMETOWN:** Summersville

ANSWER: "Working and spending time with my girlfriend and

playing Santa Claus."



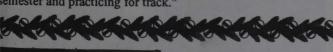
NAME: Lori Nichols RANK: Senior

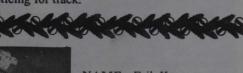
MAJOR: Multi-subjects (K-8), Learning Disabilities (K-8),

Physical Education (5-8) HOMETOWN: Orma

ANSWER: "With my family, resting and recooperating from this

emester and practicing for track."







NAME: Erik Kemper RANK: Sophomore MAJOR: Undecided **HOMETOWN:** Weston

ANSWER: "At home eating and going skiing and accepting

generous gifts from my family."



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# Editoria

The Mercury staff has spent many hours and has worked hard to put together this publication this semester. Although we have experienced long evenings on press days and have had our ups and downs with the computer, it has been a pleasure serving the community college.

I am surprised at the input we received from the student body. It's nice to know that readers do think about what they read and respond to it.

With the Christmas and New Year's break coming, I hope you have a safe holiday season, and may peace, love and joy find a home in your heart.



# **Letters Policy**

We invite your letters, however they must be signed and include a phone number. In some instances, the editors may choose to withhold the name at the request of the writer. In any case, the editors will not publish a letter without knowing the identity of the writer.

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# EER Sean



Mike Fallon goes over a UC defender in hoops action earlier this week.

# Pioneers Knock Off Salem, UC in Last Week's Play

The GSC men's basketball team moved its record to 5-1 on the year as they picked up wins against WVIAC foes Salem-Teikyo and the University of Charleston.

On Wednesday, the Pioneers turned up the defense and held one of the best teams in the league in check as they beat Salem-Teikyo 64-55. Point guard Bruce Boldley's 19 points

Pioneers to the win. Dedsi Saunders added 10 points for the Pioneers.

On Saturday, the Pioneers hosted last year's tournaments winner the Golden Eagles of University of Charleston and won 94-86. Saunders led the way with 18 points, 6 rebounds. Steve Shuff scored 17, Boldley added 15, while Mike Fallon

and 8 rebounds propelled the and Josh Sirch each scored 11. The Pioneers out rebounded a much bigger front line of UC, 45-38 in total rebounds.

> The Pioneers now head into the break at 5-1 overall while undefeated in conference play at 3-0. Head Coach Gary Nottingham, pleased with his team's progression said, "We've come along a little quicker than expected."

# GSC Lady Pioneers Head Into Break at 6-2

The Lady Pioneers basketball team lost on Saturday to Bluefield State, 77-84. The women were led by Jackie Myers with 21 points and 17 rebounds, while June Shriver and Nikki Cale each scored 16 points. Christy Fitzwater scored 12 points on four of seven 3point shots.

On Thursday the Lady Pioneers were to host SalemTeikyo, but due to bad weather it was cancelled. It has been rescheduled as part of a doubleheader on January 13 at 5:00 p.m., while the men will play Fairmont at 7:30.

The women were on the road at Davis and Elkins. They came away with a hard fought 85-70 win December 7. Once again the women were balanced in their attack as they put five

players in double-figure scoring. June Shriver and Nikki Cale each scored 16 points, while Lauri Slaughter added 14, Jackie Myers, 11, and Jodi Hill tallied 10.

The Lady Pioneers' record stands at 6-2 and 3-1 in conference play. The women will be off for break until January 5, when they travel to battle with the Scots of Ohio Valley College.



Action from last Tuesday's karate demonstration.

# Have a great vacation, Pioneers!



photo by Chris Deric

June Shriver in action against Bluefield State last Saturday.

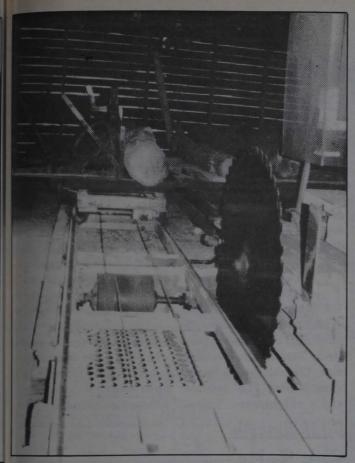


photo by Tina Messenger

The sawmill is located beyone the barn on Sycamore Run

# GSC's Sawmill Gives Students Hands-On Experience

by David Graham

Probably not many students are aware that GSC has a sawmill which has been in operation since 1972.

The sawmill is operated by the Forestry Department in order to give the forestry students hands-on experience with the inner workings of a sawmill.

Students get a better understanding of trees and learn how to grade logs. Grading logs distinguishes the quality of the wood based on whether the wood is free of knots or rough spots and the overall value of the wood once it is cut into boards. This training should

prove beneficial to the student in their future work.

The forestry classes cooperate on project with the logging class cutting the wood in the fall which provides the material for the mill in the spring.

Ed Grafton, chairman of the Division of Land Resources, said, "The sawmill is not for profit. The mill is strictly for education purposes."

Another little-known fact is that there is a nature trail nearby. On the side of the saw-mill is a map of the surrounding area which tells a little about the trees the students have planted which someday other students may use in the sawmill.

The GSC Forestry Club sells firewood for \$35.00 per pick-up load.

As a fund-raising project, the Forestry Department sells Christmas trees for \$15.00. The trees are grown on Fred Grafton's Farm.



# **Glenville State College Pioneer Roster 1992-93**

WI	BL	NAME	POS	HI	YR	HOMETOWN
4	4	Joe Hampton	G	5'9	Jr	Springfield, OH
11	10	Vershon Saunders	G	6/2	Fr	Gastonia, NC
12	12	Keith Gilliam	G	6'3	Jr	Charlotte, NC
14	14	Josh Sirch	G	6'4	So	Elida,OH
20	20	Bruce Boldley	G	6'1	Jr	Dares Beach, MD
22	22	Mike Meredith	G	63	Jr	Mount Hope, WV
24	24	Steve Shuff	G	63	So	Ansted, WV
30	30	Mike Fallon	F	64	Jr	Weston, WV
32	32	Eric Contee	F	64	Fr	Upper Marlboro, MD
33	33	Chuck Hython	F	6'3		Steubenville, OH
34	34	Dedsi Saunders	F	6'5	Sr	Moundsville, WV
40	40	Jim Stewart	C	66	Fr	Sutton, WV
42	42	Aaron Mann	F	65	Jr	Martinsburg, WV
44	44	Jeremy Rodda	F	65	Jr	Parkersburg, WV
41	52	Andre Dekok	C	611	Sr	Stads Kanal, Holland

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# Entertainment uts &



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The GSC Brass Ensemble is shown above performing in the lobby of the Cultural Center in Charleston on December 8 as a part of the Brown Bag Lunch Concerts for the employees of the Capitol Complex.

Commonwealth Brass Quintet to Perform

# 4th Annual Brass Workshop Slated for January 25 and 26

The GSC Music Department will host a Brass Workshop for brass instrument majors on January 25 and 26. As a part of the workshop, The Commonwealth Brass Quintet will perform on Monday, January 25. The quintet was formed in 1981 by faculty members from several schools in Pennsylvania to promote the performance of brass chamber music. The ensemble has performed at colleges, churches, community arts

festivals, music educators' conferences and for The Empire Brass Quintet Workshop at the Tanglewood Institute. Members include Victor Rislow, trumpet, Susquehanna University; Michael Trego, trumpet, Tuscarora Junior High School; William Kenny, French horn, Bucknell University; Robert LaBarca, trombone, State College Area School District; and Donald Stanley, tuba, Mansfield State University.

The GSC Brass Workshop consists of two days of ensemble rehearsals, clinic session, and concerts. Guest faculty provide expertise both in teaching and performance.

The 19-member GSC Brass Ensemble will perform in concert on Tuesday, January 26. Both concerts will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. There is no charge, and the public is invited.

# Yet Another Review

# A Life All Its Own-

by Todd Pettit

Bringing "Dracula" to life in the theatre would be a challenge for any director, but GSC senior Mike McKibben pulled it off with finesse in the recent stage production of the 1897 Gothic. Based on the novel by Bram Stoker and written by John Balderston and Hamilton Deane, the play centered on Dracula (David Miller) terrorizing Purley, a suburb 20 miles from London. In his exploits he has already murdered the daughter of Dr. Seward (Keith Miller), a notable psychologist, and is

transforming his other child, Lucy (Stephanie Adams) into one of the undead. Seward enlists the help of Dutch occultist Abraham Van Helsing (Dennis Wemm) to combat the unknown disease killing his surviving daughter. In the meantime, Lucy fights her own soul and newborn bloodlust against her fiance, Jonathan Harker (Brad Workman).

The unique flavor of the play is provided by an eccentric supporting cast including David Rich as a Cockney-spouting sanatorium guard, Lori Crouter as an outspoken maid, and a delectably crazy Katherine Burgess as Renfield. With her long hair flying and a British accent kicked into full gear, Burgess breaks tradition as a fly-eating female vampire slave.

Stakes literally pounded into people, trap doors, and smooth acting give "Dracula" a life all its own. It may be different from any Dracula ever presented before, but a fine cast makes the blood of the vampire legend a little easier to, uh, swal-

# Drugs, Drugs & Rock 'n' Roll

America's Chart-toppers Take the Reefer Plunge

by Todd Pettit

The government doesn't want you to have a good time, and sometimes your parents don't want you to have a good time. Guess what, baby? The Black Crowes want you to have good time.

> The Black Crowes **April**, 1992

While this may sound like an invitation to relax and rock 'n' roll from any other band, the Black Crowes mean something more. They, along with Seattle breakout group Pearl Jam and Irish songstress Sinead O'Connor, are suddenly promoting the wonders of marijuanathe above quote was gleaned from 1992's Piedmont Parl Great Atlanta Pot Festival, the third such annual event. The Crowes, who request an ounce of pot and rolling papers backstage at every concert, are throwback to an earlier era, ar era that consumed legends in cluding Jim Morrison and Janis Joplin. In the year of people who didn't inhale, celebrities are not the only ones promising a better lifestyle if the public just follows their advice.

# Book Review

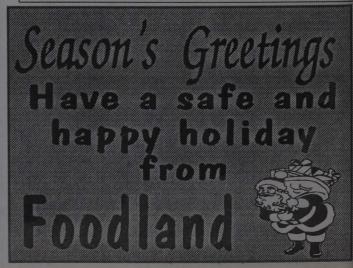
# **Sex Sells**

by Todd Pettit

"What if Madonna lit a sexual bonfire and no one came?" asked a Newsweek pundit a few weeks before Sex arrived at Waldenbooks in mylarwrapped secrecy. Apparently, this question was never resolved. Over 150,000 fifty-dollar of the fantasy book were sold within hours of reaching bookstores. For all the tantalizing rumors and promises associated with Madonna, and a variety of perversities, however, Sex is boring, and worse, unerotic. Super photog Steven Meisel may have added class to the black and white pictures, which reveal Madonna in various sexual positions with everything from a dog (not a shocking as you might think) to top black model Naomi Campbell, but Sex is less voyeuristic innovation than a shocker calculated to be controversial in a year of family values, unwed mothers, "Basic Instinct" and AIDS awareness. It's a saltier version of Playboy, and expensive answer to Hustler, and it's suffocatingly dull. It's also a monstrous bestseller, which means, of course, that Sex sells.

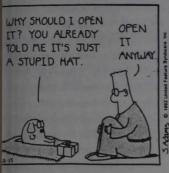
# **Mercury Deadlines**

The deadline for news and letters for The Glenville Mercury is Thursday at noon. News from organizations should be submitted by Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.



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# Organizations

# Tri-Sigma-

Congratulations to our new pledges, Kandi Smarr, Heather Hoffman and Mary Reaser. Good luck as you begin the pledge program. We look forward to having you as one of us. We love you!

A reminder to all Tri-Sigmas that our Christmas party will be December 16 at 4:00 at Susan's house. See va there.

Good luck to the Pioneer

and Lady Pioneer basketball teams as they begin the season. Go, Glenville State!

If you are interested in Tri-Sigma, contact any member or stop by the Vandalia Room in Heflin Student Center any Wednesday at 5:00.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday

# **GSC Students Spend Thanksgiving Helping** Florida Hurricane Victims

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Even though it had been three months since the storm had hit, Dade County expressed catastrophic devastation. Homes for miles were seriously damaged. Most communities still had no electricity. Some farming communities were still living in tents. In many cases it appeared that the storm had hit three days earlier.

SURF's personnel had three projects. The first was the construction of six 30x30 foot houses in the Homested community. The houses were externally completed in four days, and some interior work was completed later in the week. The residents of the community welcomed the West Virginia students and often told us their feelings about the storm and how they were coping. Resident Gwendolyn Lee told us about her sister who had her two-year-old baby pulled from her arms by the wind during the storm. The child was never found. One of the newly constructed houses will be given the Gwendolyn's sister, which may help but still will not replace what the storm has taken.

Another task that SURF undertook was to give assistance to this group of people was coordinated by Anibal Rubeo-Serrano, a Spanish professor at GSC. Most of the people were bilingual except the children who had not yet been to school and spoke only Span-

The third task involved helping victims clean up and repairtheirhomes. For example, at John Hawrylak's home, thirty people worked ten hours removing debris and fallen trees from his 1.5 acre home. Many people like Hawrylak didn't have adequate insurance and thus repairs just are unaffordable.

On Thanksgiving Day, SURF volunteered to help a local church serve Thanksgiving dinner to five thousand homeless people. Besides preparing and serving the food, the students also performed puppet shows for the children while they were waiting in the lengthy

The students involved with SURF sacrificed their week of vacation, Thanksgiving with their families and even the first week of deer season; however, at the end of the week, the group felt that they had received a gratification that only giving can

John Putnam, along with fellow GSC sophomore Doug Moss, was among the West Virginia college students who volunteered their time and energy to hurricane victims Thanksgiving week.



Those attending the American Chemical Society meeting in Arlington, Virginia, were, from left to right, Wes Gladwell, Dr. Mary Jo Pribble, Alex Canfield, Vivian Carr and Kevin

# Students Attend Meeting in Virginia

by Wes Gladwell

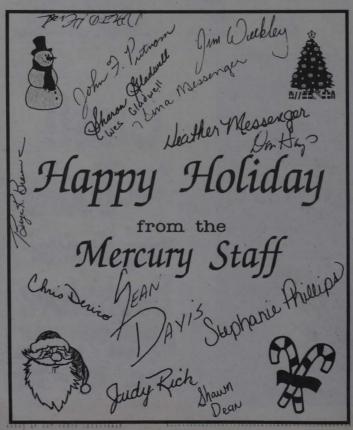
On Sunday, December 6, Dr. Mary Jo Pribble, a professor of chemistry at GSC, and four students (Kevin Brown, Alex Canfield, Vivian Carr and Wes Gladwell) departed from GSC to attend the 44th Southeastern-26th Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society at Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

The students attended workshops, short courses and exhibits where they were able to talk to professionals of chemistry and other disciplinary sciences.

Dr. Pribble and the students would like to thank the Alumni Foundation and the Alumni Association for its assistance in making the trip possible.

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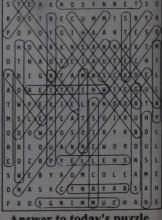
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