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## Messenger Begins Reign

by Melissa Riggleman

As she stood still in the windy afternoon, her full length purple beaded gown blowing gently in the breeze, our Homecoming Queen was extremely nervous and excited. It all felt like a dream. Finally, as she knelt and the tiara was ceremoniously placed on her head, Tina Messenger began her reign as the 1993 Glenville State College Homecoming Queen.

When Tina was asked what went through her mind, as the final results became known, she said, "I took pictures of the coronation for *The Mercury* and I thought that being nominated Queen would be the biggest honor that I would be able to think of! When my sister, Heather told me I won, I didn't really believe her until I saw the results with my own eyes."

Our Queen was escorted by Jason Cleve Barnette, a Criminal Justice/Forestry major at GSC. Tina is a senior Art Education major with a Psychology minor. After she graduates in December of 1994, Tina would



President William Simmons crowns 1993 Homecoming Queen Tina Messenger.

photo by Scott Villers

like to become an art teacher, or an art psychologist out west.

Tina is thankful to everyone who helped make this possible. "I still can't believe that it happened.

Homecoming '93 will be a memory that I will always cherish and an experience I will never forget. It has helped me to realize how wonderful my GSC friends truly are."

## Criminal Justice Department Receives New Equipment

by Craig Craft

Glenville State College's Criminal Justice Program is now more exciting than ever.

The Criminal Justice Program recently received federally allocated funding known as the Carl Perkins Grant.

The purpose of the grant is to assist educators in purchasing equipment for vocational and occupational programs. GSC used the grant to purchase crime scene equipment. The more students enrolled, the more funding is provided.

In speaking with Mr. Tom Todd, the Criminal Justice Program director, it was learned that the department received approximately \$10,000 for the newly acquired equipment

His plans for the program include a detailed lecture course for one semester, and a challenging lab course for the following semester.

During the lab course a mock crime is to be staged. Utilizing the new equipment, the participants in the class will then collect and decipher evidence from the crime scene, thus, building a "case." The case would then come to a climax with a mock trial.

Todd said, "We have probably acquired more equipment than local police departments," alluding to the benefits of taking the course.

The equipment and materials purchased for the department, and the classes, include: narcotic testing kits

for testing commercial and over-the-counter drugs for their contents; fingerprinting kits; plaster-casting kits, for the extraction of footprints outside, etc.; 35 mm cameras, for taking photos of the "scene of the crime"; crime scene sketching kits; a variety of evidence-collecting jars and bags; and sex crime testing kits to collect evidence from rape victims.

The courses are introductory courses of the Criminal Justice Program, and anyone is eligible.

If you would like to find out more about the program, or other courses, please call Mr. Tom Todd at 462-7361/ Ext. 175, or stop by his office located in the Social Sciences Department, #233 LBH.

## GSC Passes the Big Test

by Melissa Riggleman

In 1987 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education established eighteen new and rigorous standards to evaluate Teacher Education. At this same time Glenville State College began implementing programs to upgrade our Teacher Education program.

Two of these plans were Beginning Teacher, and STEP, Student Teaching Enrichment Programs. GSC revised curriculum to comply with these new standards. In steps used to revise curriculum, new qualified faculty members were hired.

In March of last year NCATE sent six people, known as the Board of Examiners, to evaluate Glenville State College's Teacher Education program. The members of this board visited Glenville for three days. The BOE interviewed students, faculty, examined documentation, and observed Teacher Education classes.

As a result of the information given by the BOE, the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board held meetings in Washington, D.C., from September 30-October 4, 1993. In these meetings the Board, "Accredited Glenville State College at the basic level," as stated in a letter from Arthur E. Wise of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, which means GSC was given a positive report.

The Unit Accreditation Board complemented our Teacher Education Department for strengths we possess in certain areas.

Also stated in the letter sent to President Simmons was, "The strong ties faculty members have with local school districts, and the positive re-

lationships they establish with students are exemplified in a unique program for the support of student teachers who are having difficulty. The Student Teacher Enrichment Program, known as STEP, is a formal program to support these individuals. Students can be referred to the program by college supervisors or by cooperating teachers. The program has been so effective in meeting the needs of individual student teachers that some now refer themselves into STEP because they feel they will benefit from the enrichment it provides."

Dean of Teacher Education, Dr. Steve Creasey, is very proud of the accreditation and made the statement, "I think the whole school deserves to be complemented, because it was a college effort to make NCATE work. Faculty, staff and students in the Teacher Education Program and all persons in general at GSC are what made it successful."

President Simmons also stated, "The National Teacher Education Program at Glenville State College represents a high quality of program, personnel, and commitment to teacher education."

He continued, "I am extremely proud of all those who have worked so hard to maintain national quality standards in Glenville State College teacher education."

Everyone is proud the GSC Education Program has met such high standards. This accreditation validates Glenville State College as an excellent teacher's college. The next NCATE visit is scheduled for Spring 1998.

*See Special Homecoming Pull-Out Section, Pages 5-8*

# Commentary



By John Chevas National Student News Service, 1993

## In My Opinion . . . . .

by Todd Pettit

Bill Clinton was smart enough to capture the faith of the '90s generation with his sax-playing, hand-shaking and his promises of change.

For me, and for other 18- to 25-year olds representing the crucial demographic group Clinton fought so long and hard for, he seemed to be a breath of fresh air, a welcomed change from conservative ideals and politicians in the same age bracket and frame of mind as our grandparents.

We thought he understood us; he seemed to remember what it was like to be young and confused in a world that seemed to be falling apart. We hoped maybe he could help patch it all back together.

Guess what? The world is still falling apart before our eyes, and the "man with the plan" has failed us.

I'm 19, and everyone keeps telling me these are the best years of my life. Young, inexperienced and na-

ive, I heard the same thing about high school. I spent my high school years working at \$4.25 an hour jobs to save money for college and a car instead of jitterbugging at proms and football games and sweet-16 dances.

The money paid for one year of college; after that, I was broke. The car was a used clunker that lasted about as long as my dreams of college-degree grandeur.

Suddenly, riding the media waves, came Clinton and his "education for everyone" policy and his "change" song and dance.

What else could I do but put my faith in him? What other choices did I have—a man who had put us in a war and a billionaire? How could I trust a man who was willing to kill me for politics? How could a billionaire understand the common people?

We invested our hopes in Clinton, and he has failed us. Everyone keeps saying to give him time,

but a man with that much power should be able to accomplish more in the months since his election than getting a \$200 haircut.

These are supposed to be the best times of my life, but I dread the future. Do you blame me?

I've got taxes, a decrepit health system, environment collapse, the loss of Social Security and AIDS to look forward to. My president has failed me; who else do I turn to? No one—no commentator, politician or prophet, has an idea of what the future holds. But if 1993 has been any indication, we're all in for some hard times.

Thanks, Bill.

*Todd was a reporter on The Mercury last year. He now resides in Ravenna, Ohio and sent this to us. Reprinted from The Daily Kent Stater.*

## A Material World by Dave Trippett

"If you have your health, you have everything." This may be a true statement in an impoverished third world nation, but it has no meaning in our society today. The American drive to get ahead, stay ahead, and be comfortable in the process, along with the need to impress our peers, has put us on the top rung of the materialistic ladder.

Imagine the days when a good car to go to school in was a second-hand Chevy given to you by a proud father. Music in your room was a cassette player from K-Mart. How about having friends over to play a relaxing game of cards? Do these things have value any longer? Of course not.

If your car won't break the sound barrier while sucking rocket fuel, or your stereo fails to crack a window and cause serious ear damage, you just don't fit in.

If your idea of an evening of games doesn't include a thousand

dollars worth of high-tech shoot-em-up video, don't expect company to arrive.

Where does it start? The truth of the matter is, we become obsessed with bigger and better belongings when we are so young, that we shouldn't really even care yet. Some time ago, my seven year old son invited one of his friends over to play. His friend stayed no longer than five minutes. Concerned, I asked him what the problem was. His response was simple, to the point, and included two words . . . "NO NINTENDO."

My reaction was not one of surprise, but of disgust. Not for my son, or the boy that had hurt his feelings, but for myself for letting this situation happen.

So I did what every good father in our society would do. I went and bought the machine, and a handful of games to go with it. I did not buy it because he deserved it or needed it, but because he had been ridiculed and

embarrassed for not having it. The perfect attitude, and I am solely responsible for passing it to my heirs.

For years I bought bigger boats because John did. I bought faster cars because Bob did. I bought bigger houses, more furniture, and enough sporting goods to open my own sporting goods store, just because the Jones' did. This is America and I was going to keep up with, or when ever possible, stay ahead of the next guy.

Creative financing is so readily available for all walks of life now, that we can easily live beyond our means, be comfortable, and still impress most people. Money no longer means anything to most of us and debt is just another word.

Why do we do it? To avoid that embarrassing moment? To have more friends? To keep loved ones happy? Yes, to all of the above. But these are only a few of the reasons we use to forget all common sense and justify those famous words, "gotta have it."

## Scratching the Surface

by Lisa Hayes

Fall is at its peak now, and with it comes the weather that instigates the sniffing, sneezing, coughing, aching I need to rest season. Then, just when students should be caring for ailing bodies and studying for midterms, the whole campus seems to throw all discipline to the wind and get wound up for homecoming. After two days of festivities, (one in the pouring rain), I realized that somehow I had gotten a week behind. Who scheduled homecoming at midterm anyway? Were they thinking rationally and academically, or did the excitement of dances, pig roasts, football and queens cloud their better judgment? Now that the fun is over, there is a mad scramble of cramming and catching up to do that seems pointless against the snowballing assignments. Ah, homecoming. What fun, what spirit, what reckless abandon for academic affairs! And, (sniffle) Oh, (cough) what a price (sneeze) to pay.

## The Staff Says...

The editorial for this week entails pluses and minuses of Glenville State College. Although I would like to begin with the pluses, I need to note that the topic of parking was off limits since the whole campus knows that parking is a chaotic affair and will more than likely never be properly addressed.

The Mercury staff overwhelmingly agreed that one of Glenville States greatest assets is that it is small and personalized. This allows for more one on one instruction and attention between instructors and students. We also feel that our instructors are an asset, that they are "helpful and knowledgeable." Other topics addressed were the fine performance of the football team, and the emerging behavioral science program in Criminal Justice.

The complaints of the staff, (other than parking) were much more diverse. They ranged from the usual "nothing to do," to a wish for a graduate level course of any type. A complaint was made that the intramural programs (as well as other athletic activities) are not entirely open to new non-traditional students or commuters. There were many complaints about campus attitude; one word that came up often was apathetic. A more specific complaint was addressed to the "conservative administration." One person went so far as to say, "The majority of people who gravitate to this school display remarkable ignorance toward the feelings of other people." Maybe that would explain our aura of apathy. Maybe not.

MEET THE STAFF: Tina Messenger is a 21 year old art education major from Weston. She is minoring in psychology and is our photo editor.

Tina has been a cheerleader at GSC, and was co-head cheerleader 1991-92. She has been a photographer on The Mercury/Kanawhachen staffs since 1990. She has been active in Student Congress and is on the Student Development Committee this year. Tina was also recently crowned Homecoming Queen 1993.

"As photo editor, I obtain the photo list for the week and assign pictures to the other photographers. I think we (the photographers) work equally as a group. Each person is responsible for their own pictures and at the end of the week I check to make sure that all the pictures have been done and turned in. Due to our small work area and late hours The Mercury staff is like a "family." To me working as a photographer is the ideal job, because it's one thing I enjoy doing."

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# Faculty Spotlight



Nancy Wemm photo by Heather Messenger

## Wemm Getting Ready for Murder

by Craig Mills  
Nancy Wemm is undeniably busy. "Rehearsal for Murder" is underway. When there is not "Rehearsal for Murder," there is class. When there is not class, there is her newly injured car (victim of a less-than-average-attentive GSC student) which needs to be taken to the shop. Her hours spent at GSC prompt her to predict that her dog will soon not recognize her. "In theatre," she says, there is never enough time."

While her current schedule may be hectic, it is hardly a new experience. She first began working in theatre as a teen at a local college in her hometown of Warren, Ohio. She later attended Kent State University where she worked as a theatre carpenter (she would later explore stage management and directing) while earning her degree in Fine Arts. She later earned her masters degree from Akron University.

She then moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, where she spent three years as house manager of Stage West, regional theatre, while her husband, Dennis, earned his MFA degree from the University of Massachusetts.

She speaks fondly of Massachusetts as a state that, "values its educational system and treats it as a profitable business, and realized fund-

ing was needed at all levels to produce good products; educated citizens."

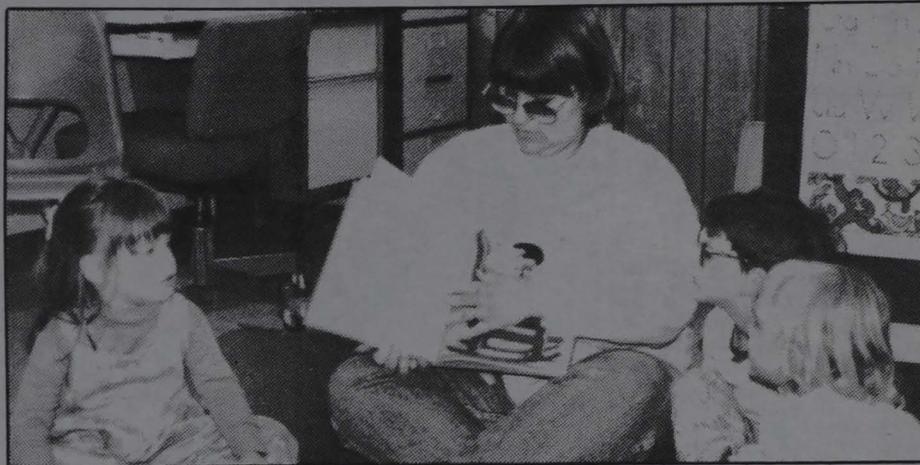
Prompted by the desire to start a family and the many hours demanded by theatre work, the Wemms' after a brief stop in Maine where Dennis taught for the University of Maine, relocated to Glenville. She was initially hired as a technical director and master theatrical carpenter. Wemm became a full-time instructor a year later. She now teaches introduction to speech, play production, oral communication, and stage management.

The best part of her job is getting to work with students from her past and present cast of players, whom she says are, "the best I've ever run into. They take challenges and are intelligent and very creative."

In addition to her teaching duties and "Rehearsal for Murder," Nancy is helping develop Glenville's first forensics team in almost ten years. The students on the team will compete in individual competitions such as public speaking and impromptu speaking. "This is a totally new experience for me," she says.

Nancy lives in the central West Virginia area with her husband and children, Stephanie, age eight, and A.J., age five.

# The Child Learning Center-- What a Great Place to Start



Children at the CLC enjoy reading time.

photo by Tina Messenger

by April Ludle

Are you looking for a place to help your child learn? Do you want your child to benefit from the experience? And, what about college students helping to make the experience greater? If so, welcome to the Child Learning Center, located in the basement of Clark Hall.

Mrs. Rita Kight, head teacher, explains that CLC is, "a great experience for everyone." When watching her in action with children, you can see that she has a wonderful rapport with them. She stated, "The children benefit greatly from the CLC. They participate in hands-on activities, they learn their ABC's, they learn how to count, and they learn other important skills."

When I arrived at CLC, the children were gluing leaves and pine cones they found during their hike on the nature trail the day before, to paper. Also, while I was with them, we went to the PE building to the mat room. Here the children can participate in some physical activities.

Not only do the children benefit from this experience, but the student education majors participating in the CLC benefit as well. The students use this time as observation time or work hours that go toward one hour credit.

While working with the children, the students receive hands-on experience to prepare for field work.

Kight explained some of the ways the CLC operates. The hours for

the CLC are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The CLC is open to anyone. The usual number of children they take is five, but now they have seven children.

The cost of CLC daycare is \$200 a semester. The funds go directly to the CLC-- so the money you pay goes directly to your child's learning. The average age group at CLC is three to four years old.

If you are interested in your child starting out on the right foot, the CLC is for you. As Kight said, "It's a wonderful experience for the student education majors, and for the children."

For more information contact Mrs. Rita Kight at Ext. 271.

# State College Board Holds Meeting

by Kim Groves

On October 18, 1993, Glenville State College hosted a meeting of the State College System of West Virginia Board of Directors. Included in the meeting was a presentation by the GSC Faculty.

Dr. Pamela Cain and Dr. Kathy Butler gave a presentation on the growing relationship between the GSC Education Department and the local school systems in the surrounding counties.

One program they are both particularly fond of is the Literacy Outreach Program. This involves helping adults who are illiterate.

Another issue discussed was the P.P.S.T., Pre-Professional Skills

Test. Anyone majoring in Education at GSC will at some point come into contact with this test. The P.P.S.T. consists of three major testing parts: reading, mathematics, and grammar. A student must make a passing score on all three parts of this test before being admitted into the Education Program.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Phillip A. Reale, was interested in knowing if there should be a limit on the number of times a student can take this test.

Dr. Steve Creasey's reply was, "Yes, I feel there should be a limit placed on the test." However, he did point out that help is available through the Education Department for those

students having trouble with the P.P.S.T.

Also speaking during the meeting were members of the GSC classified employees. Mr. August Kafer of the Financial Aid Department pointed out that over 70% of GSC students receive financial aid.

Mr. James Chapman, spokesman for the Custodial Department, discussed the changes needed in landscaping, in efforts to make our campus more attractive.

The Board of Directors meets once a month, rotating meetings between their center in Charleston and statewide college campuses. Glenville State College hosts the meeting once every three years.

## GSC Campus Crime Report

September 27 @ thru October 3rd  
Felonious Assault 0, Other Assaults 0, Public Intoxication 1, Breaking and Entering 0, Burglary 0, Larceny-Theft 0, Motor Vehicle Theft 0, Vandalism 0, Bomb Threat 0, Sex Offenses 0, Drug Overdose 0, Brandishing 0, Weapons Possession 0, Drug Use/Possession 0, Vehicle Tampering 0, Forgery 0, Arson 0, All Other Offenses 2, Parking Tickets Issued 71.  
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## Attention GSC

Linn Street will be closed to traffic and parking Friday October 22, 1993 for repaving. This will also result in closing the Clark Hall and Health Building lots. Parking will be available in the upper Linn Street lot, Pickens

Hall and administration lot, and the Heflin Center lot if you access via the hill between maintenance and the Heflin parking lot. Please pardon the inconvenience, but we hope you enjoy the results.

# Pioneer Sports



Wesleyan's defensemen try to stop Pioneer offense man, #88 Walter Wilbon.

Coach Dean Hood directs the defense from the sidelines during the Homecoming game.

photos by Heather Messenger

## Bobcats Upset Pioneer Homecoming

by Sean Davis

The GSC Pioneer football team's five game winning streak came to an abrupt halt Saturday as the West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats upset the Pioneers, 17-16. The loss came on Homecoming for the Pioneers and was their first set back in the WVAC series.

The Pioneers beat the Bobcats in every aspect of the game, except on the score board. Offensively, GSC rolled up 491 total yards, but the Bobcats held GSC scoreless on five separate occasions within the 10 yard line.

Quarterback Jed Drenning completed 33 of 55 passes, and two touchdown passes. Receiver Chris

George continued to play well, as he caught 12 passes for 162 yards, and a touchdown reception.

Wide receiver Gerald Lewis caught seven passes for 74 yards and Walter Wilbon caught seven passes for 64 yards, and caught a 25-yard touchdown pass.

The defense played a solid game. They were led by linebacker Shane Beatty and Ed Kowchuck's 10 tackles. Linebacker Rodney Fox recorded nine tackles, while defensive end Chuck Hython added seven tackles and a safety as he tackled WV Wesleyan's quarterback Jeff Palladino in the end zone.

The Bobcats scored first on a 95-yard touchdown pass from

Palladino to Derrick Forte in the opening quarter. The Pioneers were unable to score an offensive point until the fourth quarter.

Turnovers also proved costly as the offense struggled, until they scored twice in the fourth quarter. It was a huge comeback, with two touchdowns being scored, the first for eight points, the last for six points, with 12 seconds to go on the clock. But, as chance goes, the extra point attempt to tie the game was missed. You could feel the team heartbreak, even though it was a great comeback.

Saturday, the Pioneers plan to get back on the winning track as they travel to Fairmont State for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

## Golfers Place Second At Wheeling Tourney

by Sean Davis

The GSC Golf team played in the Rhododendron Classic at Wheeling October 10 and 11, finishing the tournament second, behind Indiana University of Pennsylvania. IUP finished first with a team score of 605 during the two-day tournament, as GSC scored 607 as a team.

Vance Fitzsimmons led the way as his two-day scores were 76-81, for 157 total. Roy Hammond shot a 77-81 for a 158.

Fitzsimmons & Hammond were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

Other scores turned in by GSC golfers included Gary O'Flaherty with a 79-80=180, Aaron Dillon 83-77=160, John Moran 81-83=164, Andy Brode 84-83=167, and Dave Wanstreet 93-93=186.

According to Golf Coach Tim Carney, the national ranking for the fall team comes out this Friday. He expects Glenville to be picked either number one or two in the country.

Carney says three qualifiers will be held for the final tournament of the year to be held at the Francis-Marion Invitational in South Carolina November 13 & 14.

## Lady Spikers Fall to 8-13

by Sean Davis

The GSC women's volleyball team made two long road trips last week to Shepherd College and Bluefield College, coming up on the losing end at both schools.

Last Wednesday the Lady Pioneers lost a five-game match to Shepherd College by scores of 10-15, 17-15, 6-15, 15-3, and 12-15.

Setter Patsy Buckles was busy in the match, as she recorded 38 assists and 15 digs. Nikki Hardman led the attack with 17 kills and seven

blocks, while Tracy Fluharty added nine blocks and also scored five serving aces.

Then, Thursday, the women traveled to Bluefield College. They struggled and lost in three games to a tough Bluefield team by scores of 6-15, 14-16 and 10-15.

Fluharty led the Pioneers with 11 kills and 16 digs, as Buckles tallied 22 assists in the match.

The Lady Pioneers fall to 8-13 on the year. Their record in the WVAC falls to 0-2.

### Scoring Summary by Quarter

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
WV Wesleyan	7	0	0	10	17
GSC	0	2	0	14	16

### Statistics

#### Quarter

1	WVW	88-yard pass to Forte from Palladino (Myers kick)
2	GSC	Chuck Hython sacks Palladino for a safety
4	GSC	George pass from Drenning (Bellamy from Drenning) (2 pt.)
4	WVW	Paynter 11-yard pass from Palladino (Myers kick)
4	WVW	Myers 27-yard field goal
4	GSC	Wilbon 25-yard pass from Drenning (kick failed)

### Game Statistics

	GSC	WVW
First Downs	29	19
Rushing Attempts/Yards	31/98	35/114
Passes Comp/Att/Yards/Int	35/56/393/2	13/20/244/1
Total Offense Plays/Yards	87/491	55/333
Fumbles/Lost	2/3	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/70	13/122



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# Homecoming '93

## Queen and Court Shine at Coronation

by Rick Conklin

Saturday, following the Homecoming Parade, the 1993 Homecoming Coronation was held in the Amphitheater. The Amphitheater filled to capacity as Katherine Burgess welcomed the audience and introduced President Simmons for an opening speech.

The GSC Brass Ensemble performed a processional as Mr. Wayne deRosset introduced the 1993 Homecoming Queen and Court. The Queen, Tina Messenger, was escorted by Jason Barnette. Senior princess Lori Nicholas was escorted by Jason Gladwell, Junior princess Patsy Buckles was escorted by Allen Flores. Sophomore princess Tracie Lloyd was escorted by Kermit Moore, and Freshman princess Dawn Harpold was escorted by David Rich.

Other participants in the ceremony were Crown Bearer--Jedidiah Sirk, Flower Girl--Rachel Sprouse and GSC Pioneer--Marty Hersom.

The crowning of the Queen was performed by President Simmons. This was followed by the GSC Brass Ensemble's performance of the GSC Alma Mater.

Student Congress Vice-President Angie Meadows closed the ceremony by thanking the audience for coming and encouraging everyone to attend the game and help cheer on the Pioneers.



1993 Homecoming Court: (back row) David Rich, Allen Flores, Jason Barnette, Jason Gladwell, Kermit Moore; (second row) Dawn Harpold, Patsy Buckles, Tina Messenger, Lori Nicholas, and Tracie Lloyd; (front row) Rachel Sprouse and Jedidiah Sirk. photo by Jim Weekley

## Half Time Hoe-Down

by Rick Conklin

The halftime show at this year's Homecoming game was a sure delight. I don't know about the rest of the crowd who watched and listened to the GSC marching band's performance, but my attention was drawn mostly to one individual.

During the performance the band was joined by several GSC marching band alumni.

The band literally ran onto the field and immediately began to entertain. Dressed in their personal Pioneer attire, the band members hammed it up a bit for the crowd before taking their assigned positions. They were then joined by the alumni, and that is when I spotted her.

Wearing a light blue rain coat and carrying a trumpet, she took a spot right in the middle of the formation. She seemed to be in her early sixties and was very relaxed.

As the announcer introduced the first song, "Showdown," and the band began to play, I tried to pick out the other alumni, but was unsuccessful. So, I just sat back and enjoyed the show.

After "Showdown," the band brought back some memories for the older generation of the crowd by play-

ing the theme song from the TV western "The High Chaparral."

They then snapped into another oldie, "Hey Good Lookin'."

After representing several generations, the music jumped into the nineties with Mary Chapin Carpenter's "Down At The Twist and Shout," and then into Brooks and Dunn's "Boot Scootin' Boogie." During this tune, several members of the band and Band Director John McKinney, stepped out in front of the band and did a little boot scootin' boogie of their own.

During the performance I kept an eye on the lady in the light blue rain coat, but when the band filed off the field, I lost track of her. I really wanted to get a statement from her about performing at her Alma Mater.

At this point Athletic Director Dr. Russell Shepherd was introducing the 1973 GSC football team. This team went 10-2 and were NAIA runners-up. As the players and cheerleaders were introduced, each stepped forward with a wave and a big smile. After the introductions, the crowd honored the team with a great round of applause and the team walked off the track with their heads held high.

After halftime, my search for

the lady in the light blue rain coat was on again. After talking with several people, I obtained her name, but had no clue of where she was sitting. As I scanned the crowd of 5,000 plus, I spotted her.

As I approached her, she was following the game very intensely. I sat down next to her and asked, "Are you Winoma Spurgeon?" She replied with a big warm grin and a nod of the head to confirm that she was.

I told her that I would like a statement from her about coming back to her Alma Mater and performing with the band. She replied, "Oh, I just love it. I played last year, too!"

She then began to talk about the music professors she had while at GSC and old college friends. It was quite clear she enjoyed her time at GSC.

Spurgeon is a graduate of the class of 1952. She played trumpet in the band and violin in the orchestra. She is a retired music teacher of 34 years. Twenty-two of those 34 years were spent in the Randolph County school systems. Since retiring in 1989, she has continued to teach music in Belpre, OH and Parkersburg. She has truly devoted her life to teaching the art of music.



photo by Scott Villers

After speaking with Mrs. Spurgeon and reflecting back on the smiles on the faces of the members of the '73 football team, I realized what Homecoming is all about. It's about remembering those days gone by. The days when good times were plentiful and not enough could be learned.

But truly the best part of Homecoming is the people. The people

with whom you experienced many changes: people you performed with, competed with, even someone you dated a few times, or an old professor.

Halftime at the 1993 Homecoming Hoe-down Showdown was an eye opener for me.

The days here at GSC are memories that will stay with us forever.

# HOE-DOWN



1993 Homecoming Queen Tina Messenger at the Coronation ceremony.



President William Simmons presents flowers to Flower Girl Rachel Sprouse.

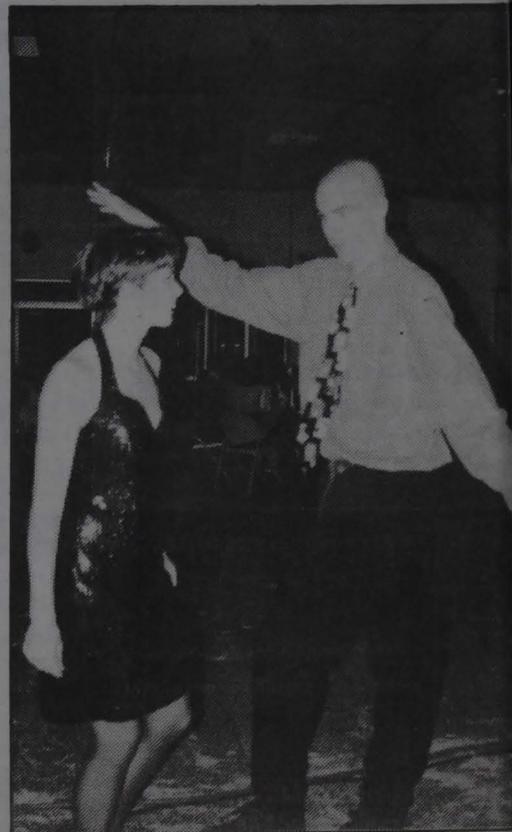


Parade Marshall Roy Clemons leads the parade.

Flower Girl Rachel Sprouse poses for the camera during Coronation.



Crown Bearer Jedidiah Sirk waves to the crowd as he rides on the Court float with Queen Tina Messenger and Senior Princess Lori Nicholas.



Tracy Wilson and Clint Windland dance to the beat during Saturday's dance.

photos by Heather Messenger, Jim Weekley, and Scott Villers

# SHOWDOWN



Members of the cheerleading squad in the parade.



Members of TKE fraternity display their "rally bell" in the end zone at the Homecoming game.



Clark displays his trophies won in OK run.



Mr. Wayne deRosset of the English department served as parade announcer.



Alpha Psi Omega took first place in the Banner Contest.



The MENC float "GSC Corral" captured first in the float competition.

photos by Heather Messenger, Jim Weekley, and Scott Villers



The GSC Marching Band entertains the crowd during the parade.

photo by Jim Weekley

# The Pride of the Pioneers

by April Ludle

It all started with a bang; then there was the kick off. The 1993 Homecoming game was under way. The show-down had begun. Spirit was in the air and the band had much to show for it.

As the game got underway, the band students were disappearing and reappearing, but not as band students. Their uniforms were gone. Aren't they going to play anymore? As these thoughts ran through the minds of fans, the band just sat back and cheered for the team.

Then, all at once they were all gone. Not one band student in the bleachers. There was this loud roar from below. There they were, coming out of nowhere. They were screaming and yelling and just running everywhere. They were having a good time.

The band was dressed in Western and Hillbilly styles. The halftime show was great. They played an arrangement of Country Western music sure to please everyone.

The band would like to thank

the alumni for coming out and joining in the fun.

The 90-member band is under the direction of Mr. John McKinney and assisted by Mr. Harry Rich. McKinney and Rich are both very excited about this year's band, and the students as well. McKinney responded by saying, "The band is working hard this year. The GSC spirit is alive and strong in the marching band and the dedication shows in the sound of their music."

He continued, "I am pleased to work with these young men and women and proud to be a part of their efforts. This is the strongest band yet at GSC. We appreciate the fine support of the fans and families of the band."

The field commander for the marching Pioneers this year is Tim White. White, a senior, returns for a second year leading the band on the field. White was re-elected this year because of his fine work last year.

He will be presenting his senior recital in April, along with his brother, Dan White. When talking

with White about the marching band, he was very excited, "I believe we have the best band since I've been here at GSC. We have stronger players, not only on the field, but in the department as well." Being the field commander, he shows great enthusiasm. He's proud of the band, on the field and off.

Rich is also very pleased with this year's band. He commented, "The marching band is made up of talented and exciting musicians, all of whom are wonderful to work with. The support of fans for the band is equally exciting and appreciated by all of us."

Being a member myself, I feel a higher amount of excitement on the field and in the stands this year. Everyone is full of spirit.

The team is doing great and the fans are going wild. The playing power of the band is a awesome.

Another exciting thought for me and for others, I'm sure, is being a part of the biggest state college band in West Virginia. This season has been a real thrill. Go Pioneers!

dance was Williams Award athletic winner Patrick Geraghty.

A Homecoming Parade would not be complete without the Queen and her court.

This year's Homecoming Queen is Tina Messenger and the court consisted of Senior Princess Lori Nicholas, Junior Princess Patsy Buckles, Sophomore Princess Tracie Lloyd, and Freshman Princess Dawn Harpold.

Organizations that participated in the banner contest were as follows: first place Alpha Psi Omega, second place Chi Beta Phi, and third place MENC chapter #577. Other participants were the Student Accounting Society, the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, Student Governing Board, Collegiate 4H, Pioneers in Nursing, and Phi Beta Lamb.

Winners of the float contest

were: first place MENC, second place Delta Zeta, and third place FCA. Other participants were Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, the GSC Forestry Club, and the Gilmer County Head Start Preschool.

The parade also provided us with some excellent musical performances by the GSC Marching Band, Gilmer County Marching Band, Crichton Jr. High Band, Ritchie County High School Marching Band, and Richwood High School Marching Band under the direction of GSC alumna Greg James.

Other participants in the parade were the GSC Cheerleaders, members of the GSC 1973 NAIA runner-up champion football team, the Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, Tail-Twisters 4H Club, Brownie Troop 4103, Junior Troop 2609, and the Little Kanawha Riding Club.

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## Homecoming Parade Full of Participants

by Rick Conklin

The crowd stood in anticipation with camcorders and cameras ready, as announcer Wayne deRosset welcomed everyone. The Glenville State College Homecoming Parade was underway.

The Parade Grand Marshal was Roy Clemons. Clemons retired from GSC after serving 39 years on the maintenance staff.

A loyal football and basketball fan, Clemons ran the time clocks for these events for 20 years, and was welcomed by a gracious round of applause.

Other personal appearances were made by GSC President Dr. William Simmons and Mrs. Simmons, West Virginia Senator Joe Minard, West Virginia Angus Queen Susie Erwin, Miss West Virginia Coed Tina Martin and Montrose Award athletic winner Tami Simons. Not in atten-

# Arts & Entertainment

## Martell Enchants Packed House

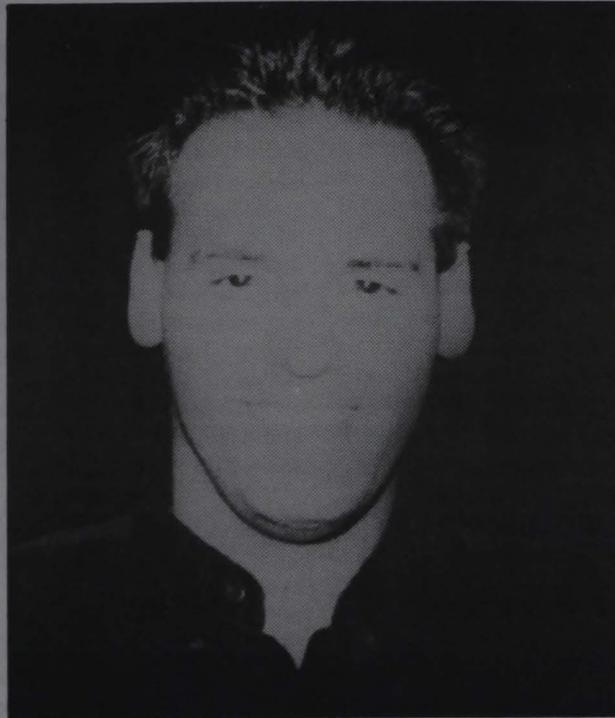
by Angie Meadows

Thursday, October 14, at 7 p.m., laughter rang into the halls of the Administration Building as Joe Martell performed.

Martell began the show by doing a card trick. Cindy Skiles was the first victim, as Joe amazed students with his card tricks. Other tricks included: making Lea Ann Smithson's ring disappear, hooking rings together, sticking a pointer through his tongue, mind reading, restoring a torn newspaper, and many others.

Student participants included Tom King, Steve DeGray, Monica Bame, Tina Messenger, Kathy Szeliga, and others. The students who participated, along with the rest of the audience, enjoyed the show.

After performing some magic, Martell decided to play the guitar and sing. Songs ranged from "Friends in Low Places" to "All Shook Up." This was a favorite among students, who clapped their hands and sang along.



Joe Martell

photo by Jim Weekley

For his finale, Martell let three students put him in a straight jacket. Tom King gave Martell the ultimate wedgie as he pulled the straps tight between Martell's legs. This was a true highlight as Martell jumped around the stage trying to work his way out of the jacket. After about six minutes Martell managed to get the jacket off, stating, "This was the hardest time I've ever had." He didn't want King to help anymore.

Students were pleased with the performance. "It was great. The straight jacket was the best part. I would pay to see Joe perform," said Barb Cunningham.

Richie Ward added, "The singing was really good. It was like a concert and a comedy show together. I would like to see Mr. Martell return to Glenville State."

Martell enjoys doing colleges—he finds them more challenging and he can do what he wants with the show. He does comedy in clubs, but has moved toward colleges in the last two years. He now tours about 40 colleges a year.

When Martell was 12, his uncle bought him a magic kit, and he has been hooked ever since. He is now 32 years old and has added comedy to his show because, "it gives me a variety of things to do and places to go."

Martell's next performances are at Syracuse and Boston. As Martell departed, he stated, "I would love to come back to Glenville State College. The students here are good when it comes to interacting. The audience was great."

## "Murder"--It's To Die For

by David Graham

The new GSC theater production, "Rehearsal for Murder" was presented last night to a very receptive crowd. As in all plays, the show has its up and downs, but on the whole the play proved to be very fluid.

Grayson Samples played Alex Dennison, a playwright who is obsessed with finding the killer of the leading lady starring in one of his plays. The leading lady, Monica Welles, played by Lori Crouter, turns out to be involved with Dennison and is discovered dead the night before they are to be wed. Crouter and Samples are the foundations of the play. They act with a zest and freshness that must be used only by experience, and the experience shows with this two actors via voice and stage

movement.

Other impressive performances were by Heath Hershberger (Lloyd Andrews), Darek Igo (Leo Gibbs) and Stephanie Johnson (Bella Lamb). The three actors were very believable in their parts and stayed in complete character throughout the play. Other cast members appeared to have some trouble keeping focused on what was happening on stage (possibly opening night jitters).

Hershberger and Igo supplied the comic relief with ease. Comedy came natural to the two of them. I think they may have stumbled onto the secret of comedy. If the line or situation is believable and honest to you, then it will be funny to the audience. A word to both however—don't read this and overact Thursday and

Friday. You have found a nice level of energy—keep it there.

On the other hand, the rest of the cast could use some energy. Don't make the amateurish mistake by substituting energy by overacting. The rest of the cast needs to do something to bring out the color and fullness of the play.

Nancy Wemm's directing was very original for GSC. The use of light to indicate places and to move scenes were well planned. I know this is an old concept and the devices were used here before, but tonight they seemed new. I think much thought and planning went into the production and "Rehearsal for Murder" should be a play Wemm should be very proud of. All in all, this is a good play. Check it out.

## Quote of the Week

"Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it's important.

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# On Campus

## Tau Kappa Epsilon

by Jim Weekley

The Iota Omega chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon had its regular meeting Monday, October 11. We discussed current rush activities and Homecoming events.

Rush is still going well as planned. To the associate members: this is the last week of rush, so keep up the good work guys. You are going to make it. Formal initiation will be Monday evening, October 25 at 8 p.m. at the "TKE House."

Homecoming activities went

well this past weekend. Thanks to all the alumni for stopping by. We hope you enjoyed the festivities, we enjoyed talking with you and renewing the past. Feel free to drop by again real soon. Special thanks to Howard, Mark, and Jeff for providing the food for the barbecue. A speedy recovery to "Airborne Randy" for his float dive during the parade.

Get your whiffle ball bats swinging. We have a team signed up for intramurals. See Sammy for all of the details.

## BCM

Hello from BCM! This week BCM enjoyed an informal meeting at the First Baptist Church with fellowship, sharing, and testimonies. Last week Alan Carr spoke about the difference between a contract and a covenant.

October 29 there will be an overnight lock-in at the Wesley Foundation. Our BCM is hosting it for the Northern BCM's. Everyone is welcome to attend. Next week we hope to see you at the Verona Maple Room at 7 p.m., Monday. Have a good week!

## Wesley Foundation

This is the day that the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it! God has blessed and showed his mercy and grace one more week toward all of us. Remember Jesus died on the cross for everyone, and your sins have already been forgiven. All you have to do is receive Jesus as your personal savior and receive that wonderful forgiveness. It's your choice!

To remind you of upcoming activities: the "Cass Railroad" trip is planned for October 23. If you can go,

contact Mike Amory or Marvin Prevost. Tuesday, we have chapel starting at 12:45 p.m. with a luncheon starting at noon. Bible study is in conjunction with BCM and the Wesley Foundation. We had 11 people at our meeting, Thursday, with five new people. Bible study is every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the chapel. Also, at 6 p.m. movies start in the Wesley Foundation. Free popcorn and soda!

Praise the Lord for everything that is happening. In Jesus name.

## NEWS FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

### Graduate School Fair:

WVU is sponsoring a Graduate and Professional School Fair Wednesday, October 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is an opportunity for you to obtain literature and admission applications and discuss opportunities with a number of grad schools.

Attendees include: Austin Peay State University of Tennessee; Marshall University; Penn State University--College of Earth and Mineral Sciences; University of Kentucky; University of Pittsburgh (Arts and Sciences and Public Health Programs); Virginia Commonwealth University; Washington and Lee School of Law; Waynesburg College of Pennsylvania; Youngstown State University of Ohio; and various graduate programs from WVU.

If enough students are interested, the Careers Office will arrange transportation. Sign-up at the Careers Office.

### Internships:

Summer internships are available with a number of federal offices and programs. The Careers Office has information on the opportunities available.

### Workshops:

We will begin workshops on resume writing, interviewing and job search skills in November. Watch for posters and Mercury articles for dates and times.

If there are additional workshops that interest you, let us know and we'll add them.

## Yearbook Pictures



Sign up in the Mercury Office to have your picture taken for the 1994 Kanawhachen. Pictures will be taken October 25-29 in the ballroom of the Heflin Center.

## Sigma Sigma Sigma

by Melissa Riggleman

The Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma held its regular meeting Sunday, October 10, at 6 p.m. We discussed fund-raising ideas for the next few months, and we are in the process of planning Thanksgiving Dinner for the Delta Zeta Sorority.

Our Education Director Stephanie Adams held a Date Rape Seminar at her house October 12 at 8:30 p.m. It was a very interesting seminar. The decorating committee held a meeting to plan for our Rush Party. Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting. Good luck to our new sisters during new member meetings. Study hard and that test will be a breeze! Also, Big Sis/Little Sis week was this week and it's almost over. Are you curious as to who your Big Sis' are? Or, do you think you have

it figured out? Nancy already knows hers is Crack, so she doesn't have to guess. Just joking Nancy, you'll never guess!

Remember ladies, Tri-Sigma is having a Halloween Rush Party October 25 at 8 p.m. in the Verona Maple Room at the Heflin Center. Come and join the fun, and wear a costume. Get into the Halloween season! Also, we are having our Halloween Dance in Pickens Hall Lounge from 8-11 p.m. It's only \$1.

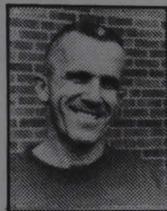
We hope everyone enjoyed Homecoming Weekend! Congratulations to Tina Messenger as Homecoming Queen. It was a great weekend. Come to our next Rush Party and find out what Sigma is all about! Our Sigma Sweetheart for the week is Tracey Dobbins. Thank you for letting us use your truck in the parade!

# Campus Kibitz

by Heather Messenger

What was your favorite thing about Homecoming?

**NAME:** Jerry Collins  
**POSITION:** Building Service Worker  
**HOMETOWN:** Glenville  
**ANSWER:** "I loved seeing old friends and Alumni that I haven't seen in years. I also enjoyed attending the dance with my special lady."



**NAME:** Rob Sovine  
**RANK:** Senior  
**MAJOR:** History  
**HOMETOWN:** Summersville  
**ANSWER:** I like the spirit during the homecoming week and especially the school spirit the TKE's expressed. I really liked the bon fire!

**NAME:** Jenora L. Wine  
**RANK:** Sophomore  
**MAJOR:** Music Education  
**HOMETOWN:** Orlando, W.V.  
**ANSWER:** I liked performing with the band the most because we got to show our spirit by dressing up and playing at half-time.



## Delta Zeta

by Angie Meadows

The Theta Xi chapter of Delta Zeta held a formal meeting, Sunday, October 17. Upcoming events were discussed and we talked about the success of Homecoming.

We would like to thank I.L. Morris for the use of his building and materials for our float building. Jeff Roberts was also a big help because he let us borrow hay.

Congratulations to Kacie on her recent pinning. We love you and are glad you chose Delta Zeta.

Our associate members are raffling off a \$50 gift certificate from Foodland. It is a \$1 donation. Contact a Delta Zeta to purchase a ticket. The drawing will be held October 30 at the Pioneer Football game.

Thanks goes to all those who purchased items from the associate members bake sale.

Remember big sis ceremony

Thursday, October 21 at 8:30 p.m. Also remember formal meetings have been changed to Sunday's at 6:30 p.m.

The Founders Day Ceremony will be Sunday October 24. Remember to be there; it is very important.

We would like to welcome our field representative, Christy. She will be here Thursday.

Thanks to the float judges on picking us as second place winners. We appreciate this recognition of our hard work.

Staci and Amy have you seen your ball boy lately?

Congratulations to Mikki and Rob and Gwen and Scott on their recent engagements.

Any interested girls are encouraged to stop by the DZ house, or call 462-5963.

Good luck to the Pioneers against Fairmont this week. We also hope the play is a success.

# Potpourri

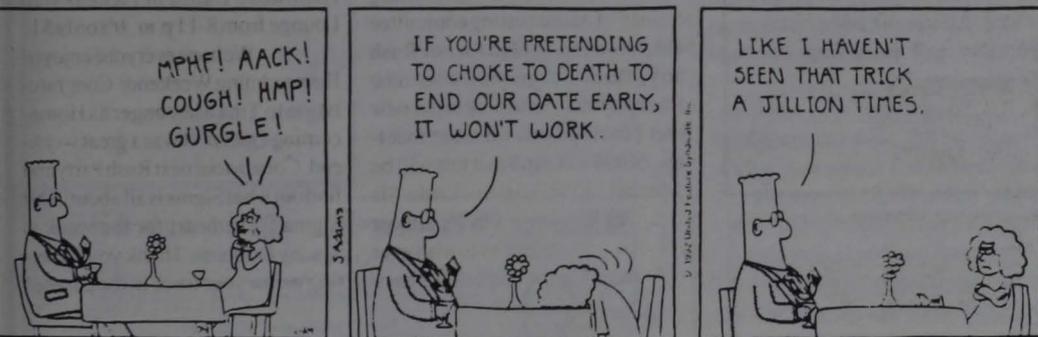
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Women	Pts.		Pts.
1. FBIO	408	6. Magnum Ho Ho's	58
2. Heat	313	7. Skyers	30
3. Sigmas	-23	8. Keeblers Elves	14
Men	Pts.	9. TKE	0
1. Nakeds	500	10. D-Dawgs	0
2. TCB	423	11. Office Team	-25
3. Magic Kings	149		
4. Lucky Charms	146		
5. Pepper Crackers	111		

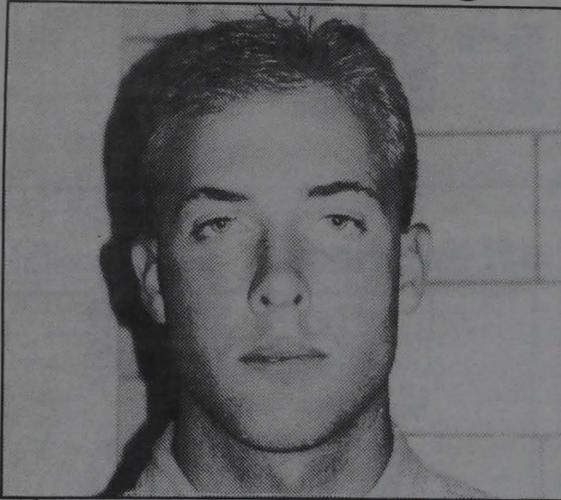
Winner of Punt, Pass & Kick  
 Heat-Rhonda Yost (Women)  
 Nakeds-Steve Shuff (Men)

Winner of Beach Volleyball  
 FBIO - Nikki Cale/ Jackie Myers  
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# Student Spotlight



Brian Fisher

photo by Tina Messenger

## A Team Player Who Stands Out

by Melissa Riggelman

The citizens of Lewis County should be filled with pride of the knowledge that Brian Fisher is representing their county on the football field at Glenville State College. Brian is the only football recruit to come from Lewis County in years, and he is doing a terrific job.

Fisher stated he chose Glenville State College because, "I thought I would get a chance to play." When Brian's out on the field, he does an excellent job and improves as time goes by. His punting average is 40.1. Brian is also the second string quarterback for the Pioneers.

Brian has set high goals for himself and has hopeful goals for the team. He plans to reach these goals to the best of his ability. Fisher would like to make All-American and also wants to see the Pioneers win the WVIAC Conference.

In regard to playing, Brian was asked how he controls his ego.

He said, "I control my ego by not letting things get to me. I stay focused at all times, and give everything I have in practice and in games." He also feels he will be given the opportunity to display his best playing, and he respects his coach's decisions. Brian plans to do his best to make his team proud.

In answer to the question of how he thinks he will do after Jed Drenning graduates, he stated, "I feel as though I could come in and do the job. No, I'm not Jed Drenning, but I would do my best at the position, but, I have not wrapped up the position for next year. Everyone on the team must work hard and play well in whatever position we play." By what we have seen of Brian's playing so far, he will do an excellent job at whatever position he plays.

Brian's major at GSC is sports management and after graduation he plans to find a job in his field of study. Good luck to Brian and the Pioneers.

## Get Involved With Student Congress

by Kim Groves

The week of October 18, GSC Student Congress is sponsoring Annual Drug Awareness Week. They hope to call attention to the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. During the week of October 25, Student Congress members will also be participating in the state-wide Drug Awareness Program. They will be encouraging GSC staff and students to wear a red ribbon announcing they are drug free. They encourage all who will, to participate.

Student Congress is also involved either directly or indirectly with all activities involving GSC.

They are responsible for the movies shown on campus, plan Homecoming and all activities during GSC Week in the spring semester.

According to Angie Meadows, vice-president of Student Congress, they also get involved with the Glenville community. This year they plan to donate trick or treat bags to local elementary schools.

Student Congress meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. in Heflin Center room 102 S, beside the bookstore. These meetings are open to the students. According to Angie, "We want to know if the students have a problem. We are concerned and will do our best to help in any situation."

### For Your Information...

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The 8:15 p.m. performance in L.L. Loar auditorium on Meade Street is free and open to the public as part of the West Virginia Music Teachers Association state convention.

For more information about the program, which is being presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, contact Jeanne Defoe in Buckhannon at 472-0667.

#### West Virginia's Magazine Makes Debut

What started as a quarterly publication primarily for the Kanawha Valley has expanded into West Virginia's newest magazine. David A. Jenkins, founder and editor of the *Charlestonian Magazine*, said the current issue not only marks the final issue of the first year of publication, but also the first issue with statesmanship coverage and distribution. "West Virginia needs a magazine which covers every aspect of life in the Mountain State. That coupled with requests for articles and subscriptions from around the state led us to expand both our coverage and distribution," Jenkins said.

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