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Corporal Speaks on State Laws

by Angie Meadows

Corporal Jeff Swiger, a local state policeman, spoke to students Wednesday, February 23 at 10 a.m. in the ballroom. He is a resident of Frametown and has been with the force for over 18 years.

Swiger began by talking about the safety belt law which was implemented September 1, 1993. This law states that those persons in the front of the car must wear safety belts at all times. Those persons in the back seat who are under 18 years of age, must also wear one. An individual cannot be stopped for a seat belt violation, but if stopped for another violation the individual can be fined \$25 for not wearing a safety belt.

He then spoke about the child passenger device law. This law states that children three to eight years of age must wear a seat belt, and those three and under must be in a car seat. Officers can stop individuals for this and issue a citation. No other violations have to be observed.

Swiger stated, "It is a lot cheaper to wear a seat belt than to pay a court cost of \$75 and a citation fee." He continued, "I personally questioned wearing a safety belt, but have since felt it is important. It is important to continue wearing a seat belt even if you don't think there is going to be an accident. Never forget. Wearing a safety belt keeps you in your seat and allows you to keep driving."

Another reason for wearing a safety belt is so you will not be thrown from the vehicle. If thrown out, you may be dragged by the car or it may roll on you. One's chance of survival increases 50 percent when wearing a safety belt.

Swiger continued by talking about drunk driving. He told of the penalties for first, second and third offense DUI. There is currently a bill in the legislature to reduce the legal intoxication limit from .10 to .08.

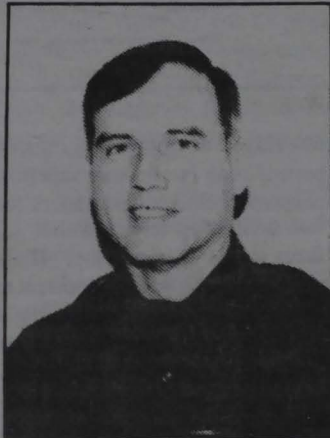
When an individual is stopped for DUI, a sobriety test is given. A secondary test of blood, breath, or urine is later taken if necessary.

In West Virginia, most agencies use the breath test. If the individual refuses to take the test, his/her license is automatically suspended for one year to life. If one takes the test and fails, the individual loses his/her license for six months to a year.

In 1992, 43.7 percent of the accidents in West Virginia involved alcohol. There were 366 fatal crashes in 1992. 179 people were killed in alcohol-involved fatal crashes. These include 144 males and 35 females.

Swiger concluded by speaking about the Highway Accident Reduction Program which is paid by a federal grant.

This involves setting up check points in target areas. The dates and locations of these check



Corporal Jeff Swiger
photo by Tim Derico

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points are published in newspapers and broadcasted via radio beforehand. During the checks, vehicles are randomly stopped and evaluated to check for abuse of alcohol. This is not used to arrest more people, it is used to increase public awareness.

"The seminar was a great learning experience. Knowing more about the drinking and driving law helped me better comprehend the state law of West Virginia," stated Claudia Phillips.

The seminar was co-sponsored by Delta Zeta sorority and the Criminal Justice Club.



The cast of Anything Goes photo by Jim Weekly

Review--

"Tremendous"

by David Graham

Last night I saw a tremendous show. The Glenville State college music and theater department presented Cole Porter's nautical romp "Anything Goes." The musical will be playing now through Saturday. I strongly suggest seeing this musical. This is by far the BEST piece of theater GSC has produced since I arrived on campus in 1989.

The plot of the show is simple: people falling in love, mistaken identity, and jokes. The perfect brew for musical comedy.

In this case a simple plot summary won't do. No, attention must be paid to the superior cast of "Anything Goes."

Never have I been so entertained at GSC. Before I comment on the leads, I feel that certain acknowledgments must be made. I stand and cheer for the ensemble of actors (from here on I refer to both sexes as actors. I find making the distinction between actors and female actors pointless and clumsy. If I'm not PC please forgive). This fine group of actors really held the

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Tournament Update

Glenville Beats Bluefield 78-65

by Sean McAndrews

In first round tournament action in Charleston last night, the Pioneers defeated the Big Blues of Bluefield State College with a decisive 78-65 score. The Pioneers led at the half with a score of 39-30, with scoring led by Bruce Boldley, Joe Hampton and Steve Shuff. In the second half, the Pioneers came out strong and ready to defend their lead, at times by as many as 18 points. At the 4:46 mark a Shuff lay-up brought the score to 71-53. The Big Blues would come no closer than 13

points, making the final score 78-65.

For those who would like to see the Pioneers battle Salem-Teikyo (#1) tonight at 9 p.m. at the Civic Center, there will be a van leaving today at 6 p.m. for the first 15 people there. The cost will be \$3 for those who did not attend last night's game; for those who did attend the cost will be only \$2.

In ladies' action, the Pioneers lost in the first round Monday night to Davis and Elkins 64-58. The high scorer was Lori Charnoplosky with 18 points.

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Commentary

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?



By Robert Stack

National Student News Service, 1994

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

First, let me state that I have no desire to belittle anyone with my opinions, after all, they are just that, opinions. Secondly, I have no malice toward Ms. Hayes, or the staff of *The Mercury*. Thirdly, I am very aware of the unimportance of other peoples opinions, especially if they refute the make-believe Utopia that is depicted in the college brochures and commercials. Therefore, I have no unreal expectation that my letter, or complaint, will be of any significance to anyone other than myself. Likewise, the same can be said for Ms. Cavalier's letter. Although it was very well written, and well-intentioned, she'd have gotten a more expedient reply from her so-called, "superiors" if she'd written it on the rest room walls of the dorm.

I'd like to take this time to answer Ms. Cavalier's question, for I know she most certainly will not receive a response from the campus administration, beyond a sympathetic hand-holding session with Sean McAndrews, who will no doubt tell you how wonderful things really are. Anyone could have answered her question, in fact, I believe Ms. Hayes has been trying (with or without the aid of her thesaurus) to do so for weeks. Though, I question her disregard for professionalism, and the lack of integrity she has shown by calling her readers names, she none the less, brought up many good points. However, I suggest that she refrain from intentionally insulting her readership, because her opinions, no matter how true, are of no use to anyone if they are not read, or as my grandmother says, "You can catch more flies with sugar..."

The answer to Ms. Cavalier's question (Why?) is apathy. Perhaps not on her part, after all, she wrote the letter, but a chorus sings

louder than a lone voice, and unfortunately, Ms. Cavalier is a soloist, or so it would appear from her solitary complaint.

The administrators at GSC are a lot like parents who try to keep their children from growing up. If you don't believe me, try visiting a real college campus, some of those heathens are even allowed to drink beer. The administration presides over a fairy tale world, their kingdom sets majestically on an enchanted hillside, like Cinderella's castle, and no crime or controversy can break through the magic bubble that protects the inhabitants of this never-never land from the evils of the outside world. It is, indeed, a magical place, where the children never grow up, and nothing bad ever happens during your four years of happy ever after. Take a look around you during GSC week, notice the people dressed up in Barney-like costumes in the amphitheater, or adults carrying free balloons and ice cream cones across campus, that should tell you something. Ms. Cavalier made an excellent point about 24-hour visitation, that's what the adults in the dorms wanted, but the children in the dorms got a giant sand box to play in. Wake up people, you're adults, demand to be treated like it, take a stand, on ANYTHING.

The illusion of paradise exists so the administration can use the low crime, high tolerance atmosphere to bolster enrollment, as well as their primitive policies. The circle continues each semester when new students arrive, who, like yourselves, submit because they don't believe they have any option. Perhaps they don't, but you have to try to climb a mountain, before you can reach the top.

As for *The Mercury's* deliberate suppression of real news, I agree whole-heartedly with Mr. Rowan. I find it very ironic that

Ms. Hayes, who obviously regards herself as an intellectual superior, constantly chides her readers for not submitting letters which address issues of importance, (I assume, now, she meant important to her) when she herself is as guilty, if not more so, of the crime she has condemned others for--complacency. She had no problem "ruffling the feathers" of every *Mercury* reader, but she did, however, spare one person her egomaniacal wrath, herself. Her vanity, it seems, has clouded her judgement, she must've been so busy relentlessly criticizing others, that she neglected to read her own words, or perhaps, stand by them. She, as an editor of *The Mercury*, admits to endorsing, for various reasons, cover-ups of important issues, she alluded to some of them in her February 10 article. Perhaps, endorse is too harsh, but she certainly is an accomplice, none the less. Public relations, or not, as an editor it is her responsibility that your newspaper reports news, not just the news that a certain few think is important, all the news, good and bad. Otherwise, call it what it is, a very large pamphlet. Ignoring issues, such as crime, won't make them disappear, as much as the administration would like them to, if anything, it only helps to encourage offensive behavior, because the perpetrators receive little, or no, retribution, let alone any recognition for their unlawful acts, and that isn't fair to the victims of their crime. I speak from experience.

If you elect to censure topics, in an attempt to elude the public, and leave them "untouched," regardless of your sensible intentions, you are, in effect, assisting in the perversion of truth, and in doing so you have depreciated your newspaper to no more than a tabloid, its pages devoid of substance, and you have done your readers a

Scratching the Surface

by Lisa Hayes

I'm afraid I have ruffled a few feathers recently, and although I've had to take some heat as a result of that, I am still rather pleased with myself. I've received more letters in the past three weeks than I did in the entire four months of fall semester. I did what I intended to do. I wanted my audience to participate and be a part of the paper. I wanted the Commentary Page to be an active page. I wanted students to voice their concerns and complaints, to call attention to topics we haven't covered to help us tackle the issues the campus creates.

However, the Commentary Page is also space available to applaud those who do well, to recognize those who brighten our environment, to thank those people who deserve our gratitude.

Yes, we take complaints, but we are not The Complaint Department. We welcome opinions, negative and positive. It seems that only anger can inspire our readers to write. I am afraid it may be my fault since I am the one who set the tone. I hope I can rectify this situation by recognizing someone who has been very important to my college career. This person is my advisor, Professor Wayne deRosset.

I couldn't have asked for a better advisor, and only happened to luck out when I showed up at the last minute to register for fall classes. I'm a non-traditional transfer student, and I came to this college with three sets of transcripts. I imagine this could be an advisor's nightmare. Prof D. (as I call him) was the only English professor available the day my father and I drove to Glenville to seal my fate. He sat with my father and I, taking time out of a class to help prepare me for registration. He put me at ease, and impressed my father very much. Most of my anxiety about transferring dissipated the day I met Professor deRosset.

Since then, he has been an admirable influence in my life. I have been picked up, dropped, and picked up again a minor, changed my major, and been through many other things that caused me to wind up in his office. He has always had his door open, and gives the best pep talks around. But the thing he has done for me that has put him a step above all others is that when given the opportunity, reason, and justification to give me a speech or sermon, he gave none. He remained supportive, professional, and as an advisor, helped me to academically deal with some very difficult situations. He has seen the skeletons in my closet and to him, I can't see that it has made any difference. That my friends, is someone who deserves to be recognized. How many people do you know turn down the opportunity to place judgement? I know very few. Thanks Professor deRosset, it is an admirable quality to find in a person, and I'm happy I found it in you.

great disservice. The rumors of the events you have left "untouched" are widespread, and are far more damaging to the campus, than the truth, no matter how sordid. Just ask the people whose lives are the focus of the fraudulent hearsay. Once you start weeding out the "touchy" issues, you can no longer consider yourself a journalist. Journalists who weren't afraid of "touchy" issues exposed Water Gate and the Iran Contra affair. Even now journalists who aren't afraid of "touchy" issues, are uncovering details of President Clinton's alleged misconduct in the Water Front Scandal. That, my friends, is journalism. Ms. Hayes equates good journalism with a good paycheck, I imagine a lot of good journalists would take offense to that analogy. Journalism is a highly respected field, and a good

journalist will go after the important stories, regardless of the monetary rewards, because they believe in the public's right to know. If, Ms. Hayes suggests, an alleged report of a student with AIDS is to be left "untouched," then *The Mercury's* pioneering slogan is inappropriate, and very misleading.

This letter may be considered too "touchy" for some egos, and its length could easily be used as an excuse to either censor, or discard it, but if you decide not to print it, don't condemn your readers of complacency, instead, I suggest you select an inoffensive, non-controversial, non-campus related topic each week, such as Ms. Hayes's mother's owl collection, and ask your readers to respond, and spare us the self-serving lec-

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In My Opinion

by Dave Trippett

Recently all of us experienced a few weather extremes. Be it snow, flood, or ice, everyone on this campus has been effected by it.

During all of this, the question came up as to what a two-hour delay is. Thursday past, the TV and radio stations said we were on a two-hour delay. I know what that means to primary and secondary schools, but what does it mean to us students? Does it mean an eight o'clock class starts at ten? Does it mean a class scheduled to get out at three now gets out at five? Who places the starting point and where does it end?

Seems just a bit vague doesn't it? Because of the attendance policy at GSC I was in a tad of a dilemma. Since I know they were having my class I felt obligated to attend. The other contributing factors were the water surrounding my house and my furniture sitting in a high school classroom. So what to do? I didn't go to school. My choice, yes; but what options did I have?

The point here is, there needs to be a definite line of action, or reaction, to that given situation. I hope, if a two-hour delay is attempted again, the delay must at least be spelled out so no confusion will exist, such as GSC classes will begin with 10 a.m. classes tomorrow.

This of course brings me back to the attendance policy at Glenville State College. This, along with other discrepancies have been brought to my attention lately. It seems there are members of the student body who may have a valid gripe.

The "manual," which is afforded to each and everyone here, states we are allowed three absences. These three, excused or not, are about the limit you can push. The same three, it seems, are at the discretion and interpretation of the individual teacher. To some, an athletic event for a member of a team is excused. To others, it has to be a death or severe illness, and then only with a note from a doctor. I quit bringing notes when I was about twelve years old.

The next complaint would be the visitation hours in the dorms. What is the point here? The only thing that crosses my mind is trying to prevent sex. Yes, I said sex.

Let's pursue this a bit further. If keeping members of the opposite gender out of the same

room is a concept, then why not ban it all together? After that why don't we do a survey to find out who is homosexual and disallow their visitation as well?

I personally have a hard time believing it's more conducive to study for a chemistry exam in a public place. A private dorm room makes more sense. I don't care what sex my best friend or study/lab partner may be. It just makes sense to study with them.

On the same line, if the idea is to prevent sex after visiting hours, why bother? Birth control comes in boxes. Safe sex comes from education. It cannot be prevented by lording over people. It is possible that more sex is had in the dorms during class hours than any other time.

I have only two more points of discussion. After that I'll get off my pedestal.

Grading systems have caught my attention. If the "manual" says a 90 percent qualifies an "A," why do some teachers say it takes a 93 percent? Are these instructors so advanced they don't have to adhere to the state college system? It baffles me.

The other one is forestry majors. Why do their classes add up to less credit hours than everyone else's? Take the number of hours in class and lab as compared to all other majors and you'll find a discrepancy of no small proportion.

I know some folks think of these people as second-class citizens. I'd like you to re-think that the next time a forest fire is coming down a hill behind your house.

Rules, good or bad, do exist. What it all comes down to is personal responsibility. Each student enrolled here is charged with making their best effort to be responsible adults. Yes, we are all in one way or the other, paying for a service that GSC offers. We must accept that offer.

On the other hand, it should not be the state college system's policies to govern our adult, non-criminal, actions. The option to go or not, to do or not, and accept or not should be yours. If you have a complaint you should complain to the right ear. Sitting around a dorm room and fussing will never change anything. You have a student congress. You elected them (or had the option to elect them). If they don't bring up your issues don't let the next election be a popularity contest. Vote for, or even nominate someone, who will speak your point. Believe it or not, this is a Democracy.

Dave Trippett's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of The Mercury staff.

Editors Response

Dear Mr. Shock:

I will not be responding to what you said about Ms. Hayes or Ms. Cavalier's letter to the editor because those comments were about their personal views, of which I cannot respond.

I am quite familiar, however, with *The Mercury* and what it does and does not print. What our readers are not aware of is the "Closed Door", I'll call it, that certain divisions of this college seem to have.

As responsible reporters we cannot print a story without first getting the whole story with both sides of the issue. If both sides of the issue aren't reported on, the story becomes a slanted, irresponsible story of no substance. A story in which our liability is questioned, someone's rights are violated, or we could be sued--a story in which we could lose our rights to publication. As a college newspaper funded by the state, there are certain legal and ethical guidelines we must adhere to.

Hearsay cannot and will not be printed in a story in *The Mercury*. That is exactly why some stories are not printed, because we constantly come up against "closed doors"--that is, those people with supposed knowledge of the event suddenly don't know anything about it. In defense, we did report on the recent crimes that occurred on campus (although they did not appear on the campus crime report).

So you see, Mr. Shock, what we're up against. If some responsibilities aren't taken, no stories would or will be printed. I think *The Mercury* (controversy or not) still serves as an excellent catalyst of on-campus news.

So, it's not the fact that issues are "touchy," the problem is that we cannot get beyond the "hearsay" or "gossip" because of those pesky "closed doors." It is as if some offices have no respect for our paper--nor the fact that we do put out the news. If all of the offices had as much openness as some do, you would see a happier *Mercury* staff.

I do very much agree that the omission of "touchy" stories is evident, but when we can't or are blocked from investigating, what are we to do?

I do, however, resent you saying *The Mercury* presents a watered-down depiction of life. We make our best efforts to cover news on all facets of campus life, as long as there is a story. The fact that it is "watered-down" (if you mean the fact that there are no "touchy" stories) is not at all because of our perversions of the truth or our weeding out of certain topics. It is due to a lack of "the other side of the story."

Maybe if certain parties were more willing to openly communicate, we could provide a greater service to the student body.

And as for submitting to *The Pathfinder*, we, on many occasions provide them with news of campus events. And, if they did attempt to report on campus occurrences considered "touchy," I guarantee they would find the same closed doors.

Holly Wilkewitz
Copy Editor

Editorial Policy

We welcome your letters to the editor and opinionated commentary so long as the letter does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, religion or creed or is not libelous or slanderous without truth and accuracy. *The Mercury* reserves the right not to publish unethical or libelous material which could be rendered illegal by National Student Newspaper guidelines. All letters and opinions must be typewritten, signed, and double-spaced. The Managing Editor reserves the right to edit letters for legal and ethical guidelines, style, grammar and punctuation.

The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.

—Franklin P. Jones

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Pioneer Sports

Slaughter Dominates Season-Ending Games

by Sean Davis

The GSC women's basketball team ended the regular season with two losses to Bluefield State and Alderson-Broaddus College.

On Wednesday, the Lady Pioneers hosted Bluefield State on "Senior Night." The three seniors for the Lady Pioneers included June Shriver, Lauri Slaughter, and Nikki Hardman, who played their final home game for the blue and white. In the game that followed, the Lady Blues proved to be too strong as they won 67-49. Slaughter led the way by scoring 16 points and pointguard Christy Fitzwater added 13 points, nine rebounds and four assists in the loss.

In their final game of the regular season, the Lady Pioneers were at Phillipi to battle Alderson-Broaddus College. The women trailed by only four points at half time (27-23), but shot only 11 percent from the floor in the second half and lost 59-36. The women hit only 4-35 shots in the second half to lose going away. Slaughter again led the team in scoring with 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while center Mel Moody hauled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

The Lady Pioneers finished the regular season with a 12-13 record while placing eighth in the WVIAC with a 9-11 record.

Pioneers Roll Over Bluefield State 91-80

by Sean McAndrews

Last Wednesday, February 16, the Pioneers ended this year's home season against the Big Blues of Bluefield.

The Pioneers started the scoring on an Aaron Mann rebound of his own miss to put the Pioneers up 2-0 at the 19:32 mark. Bluefield responded to that bucket with one of their own. In fact, the first half presented eight ties and 13 lead changes. The Pioneers went into the locker room with a four point lead 41-37.

After the half, the Pioneers increased their lead to eight on the slashing layups of Steve Shuff and the powerful layups of Chuck Hython. The Big Blues made a comeback with the deep threes of Scott Meadows to pull within two. With the Pioneers leading, Coach Nottingham used a time-out. During that time-out an unknown assailant came out of the crowd and took the Pioneer flag from the mas-

cot, and began to get the crowd rowdied up. The Pioneers responded by turning up the defense, and adding the layups of Bruce Boldley, Eric Contee, and Aaron Mann.

The Pioneers played their final tune as the Blues started at the 4:50 mark. The Pioneers went on a 13-8 run to up the lead to 11 on a variety of shots by a slashing Steve Shuff, the power rebounding of Chuck Hython and Eric Contee, and the precision free throws of Jeremy Rodda. The final score was 91-80, Pioneers.

The Pioneers were led in scoring by Steve Shuff with 24, Bruce Boldley with 21, Aaron Mann with 14 and Chuck Hython with 11.

The Pioneers out rebounded the Big Blues 51-36. The Pioneers were lead by Eric Contee with 10, Chuck Hython with nine, and Davy Fox and Steve Shuff with seven rebounds each.

Congratulations Pioneers!

All WVIAC Team

Men--Second Team--Steve Shuff, Special Honorable Mention
--Bruce Boldley, and Honorable Mention--Joe Hampton.

Women--Second Team--Christy Fitzwater and June Shriver,
and Special Honorable Mention--Lauri Slaughter.

Football Awards Banquet Held



Head Coach Rich Rodriguez honors senior Ed Kowchuck at the football banquet February 6.

photo by Jim Weekley

by Sean Davis

For the first time, the Pioneer football team's banquet was open to the general public. Held February 6 in the Verona Maple room, everyone had the opportunity to see this season's award-winning team honored. Among the accomplishments for the team were a runner-up finish for the NAIA Division I Championship title and the title of WVIAC Champions. Head coach Rich Rodriguez was named NAIA and WVIAC Coach of the Year. The awards for this season included:

1993 Defensive Rookie	Brian Topping	1993 Offensive Rookie	Kevin Waterfield
1993 Special Teams Rookie	Ryan Walton		
1993 Gridiron Gladiator Award		1993 Most Valuable Player	
Defense:	Rodney Fox	Offense:	Jed Drenning
	Roger Cunningham		Chris George
Offense:	Matt Powenski	Defense:	Jerry Pitts
1993 Ideal Pioneer Man		1993 Coaches Team Awards	
Offense:	Shane Haddox	Defense:	Tony Gibson
	Wendell Green		Brian Greenlee
Defense:	Mike Milliken	Offense:	Derrick Bellamy

Pioneers Fall to Concord by 9 Points

by Sean McAndrews

The Pioneers ended the 93-94 season on the road with the Mountain Lions of Concord College. The Pioneers were looking to average a triple overtime thriller in January at the P.E. Building.

The Pioneers jumped out to a 10-5 lead on a variety of shots from Chuck Hython, Joe Hampton and Bruce Boldley. Concord would roar back on the outside shooting of Thaddeus Breckenridge and the inside scoring of Troy Lawrence to take a 49-38 halftime lead.

The Pioneers would get as close as five and six points during the second half on a variety of smooth layups by Steve Shuff and

strong post moves of Chuck Hython. Concord would hold on to win 97-88 by hitting free throws down the stretch and key buckets by Thaddeus Breckenridge and Jeff Suto.

The Pioneers fell to 14-10 (10-9 WVIAC) and played the Big Blues of Bluefield in the first round of the WVIAC tournament. The Pioneers were led in scoring by

Steve Shuff with 23, Joe Hampton and Chuck Hython with 13, Davy Fox with 11, and Bruce Boldley with 10 points.

Corrections to Feb. 17

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Marcus Garvey was incorrectly identified as Marcus Garvey.

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GSC Men's Track & Field: The Powerhouse Returns

by Rick Conklin

The GSC men's track team is heading into the season with experience and depth. For the past two years, the Pioneer tracksters have reigned as the WVIAC Champions and look forward to competing for the three-peat. With great optimism, Coach Steve Harold is relying on the strengths that have acquired his program two straight conference championships. "I once again look for us to be strong in the sprints, relays, and hurdles."

Sprinter Chup Robinson returns for his final season with the Pioneers. This season promises to be his best. Last year, Robinson was named the WVIAC Track Athlete of the Year and was conference champion in the 100 and 200 meters. Robinson is also a strong competitor in the 400 meter dash and as anchor of the sprint relay teams.

After suffering injuries last season, 110-meter high hurdle conference champion, Kent Pilant, returns this season healthy and ready to compete. 400 champ Chris Cress is back and will also produce points for the Pioneers as a sprint utility man. With the addition of newcomer Jeff Wilson, the threesome will produce strong competition in hurdling events.

Other strengths lie within

field events, as Randall Olds and Aaron Mann lead the way. Olds, the 1993 WVIAC Field Athlete of the Year, returns to defend his conference title in the shot put. Returning to defend two conference titles is Mann, in the long jump and triple jump. High/long jumper Jason Fisher also returns to be a key producer. Freshman Miquel O'Valle, WV's A-AA high school shot and discus champion should also compete well this season.

Coming off of a good cross country season, the distance runners are looking strong. Sterling Beane returns after placing second in the 10,000 meters in the WVIAC meet last year. With an improved Ernie Shreves, a healthy Kevin Lake, newcomer Scott Davies and freshman Daniel Edgell, the Pioneer distance runners promise strength and depth.

Coach Harold looks forward to the distance runner's high production and commends them for their hard work and dedication. "These young men have trained hard during the fall and winter months and have returned respectability to the Pioneer distance program."

The Pioneers begin their season March 26 in Charleston at the Mountain State Invitational to be held at Laidley Field.

James: "Events Will be Much Stronger"

Women's Outdoor Track Preview

by Monica Null

The 1994 women's outdoor track roster is the largest it has been in years, with 15 women total.

The team has already started working out in preparation of the upcoming season. The extreme weather conditions this winter have made getting outside to run a very difficult task. Most of the ladies have had to join the fitness center just to keep in shape.

Shelley Coffman and Melissa Bennett lead the team in intercollegiate track experience, as both are in their final year at Glenville State College. They both competed last year in the Heptathlon at Knoxville, TN. Shelley qualified for nationals in the high jump event with a leap of five feet, six inches. Coffman has also been selected "Outstanding Female Track Athlete" in the conference for 1991, 1992, and 1993.

Coach Janet James says to "look for the throwing events to be the strongest ever with Holly Riley, Mel Moody, and Mandy Nicholson returning and freshman Summer

Cavalier. Freshman Stacy Bonnett are adding much more strength to the line up."

Coach James is also excited about the strength that will be noticed in the distance events this year. "With help from newcoming freshmen and transfers, Allison Yates and Monica Null, the distance events will be much stronger than they have been in the past here at GSC."

Middle distance specialists will be Carol Kelly, Allison Yates, and Monica Null. Rhonda Yost will contribute to relays while competing in the 3000- and 5000-meters with Michelle Wagoner. James added, "Janette Nichols will add depth in the sprinting and throwing."

James commented that the women's team "looks 10 times much better this year than they did last year at this time in the season."

According to Coach James and assistant coach Jesse Giles, the women's track and field team has a very good chance of being successful at the conference meet this year.

GSC Intramurals

Standings as of Friday, February 18, 1994



Individual Scoring

	Points	Avg.	High Game
1. D. Heater	62	20.6	29
2. K. Gillam	120	20	31
3. J. Lloyd	56	18.6	21
4. M. Queen	130	18.5	24
5. R. Rodriguez	127	18.1	21

Individual Ft %

	FTM	FTA	PCT
1. E. Ross	7	8	87.5
2. D. Heater	6	7	85
3. M. Kelley	5	6	83.3
4. C. Adolf	9	11	81
5. R. Rodriguez	25	31	80

Team Scoring

	PPG
1. Abuse	88.6
2. Staff	70.5
3. TCB	70
4. NAKEDS	64.2
5. Hooties	57.1

Team Defense

	PPG
1. Abuse	36.5
2. TCB	47.3
3. Staff	50.7
4. Lucky Charms	51
5. Hooties	51.1

Women

	Points
FBIO	1145
GLENVILLE HEAT	841

Men

	Points	Record
NAKEDS	977	3-2
TCB	854	5-1
LUCKY CHARMS	396	5-2
PEPPER CRACKERS	332	4-3
HOOTIES	290	5-1
ABUSE	218	6-0
MAGNUM HOHO'S	205	0-6
MAGIC KINGS	204	----
BUTCHERS	178	3-3
SKYERS	160	----
KEEBLER'S ELVES	144	1-6
STAFF	130	6-1
TKE	99	0-7
WHITE LIGHTNING	87	4-2
HTOK	86	2-4
D-DAWGS	79	1-6
CANES	41	2-3

Women's Track

Returners:

Shelley Coffman
Keyser, WV
Melissa Bennett
Meadow Bridge, WV
Rhonda Yost
Berkeley Springs, WV
Carol Kelly
Berkeley Springs, WV
Janette Nichols
Harrisville, WV
Holly Riley
Buckhannon, WV
Mandy Nicholson
Charleston, WV
Mel Moody
Weston, WV

Newcomers:

Allison Yates
Strasburg, VA
Monica Null
Elizabeth, WV
Clarissa Scott
Proctor, WV
Summer Cavalier
Jefferson, WV
Stacy Bonnett
Glenville, WV
Patsy Buckles
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Special Feature:

Governor Speaks to Press on "Vision"

by Holly Wilkewitz

On a beautiful, unseasonably warm day in the state's capitol, Governor Gaston Caperton held a press conference for the state's college newspaper editors.

Last Thursday afternoon in the Governor's Conference Room, selected members of WV collegiate press were given an informal opportunity to speak with the Governor on several issues relating to higher education and the state of the state. Governor Caperton began the meeting by explaining his reasoning behind the invitation. "One of the commonalities with people writing stories is that they have no sense of a vision or goals," he explained. "They have what I call a 'gotcha mentality' which is unfair to readers. There are a lot more positive things going on in the government that need to be addressed."

Among these is *The Washington Post's* recent praise of West Virginia being the most frugal state (best at managing its money) in the nation.

The Governor then opened the floor to questions. Since GSC is predominantly a teacher's college, *The Mercury* asked the Governor about the lack of jobs in education.

"Out of 2,000 students graduating with a degree in teaching, only 200 are employable in WV," Governor Caperton responded. "Higher education needs to be more sensitive to their customers. Obviously the job market is changing,



Governor Gaston Caperton responds to one of several questions asked during the press conference February 17. photo by Tim Dertico

and the reality is you must gear education to a job."

But, if you do choose to teach, the Governor said simply, "you must excel" in order to secure a job.

WV State College was concerned with issues of public access to student judiciary hearings and college foundation funds.

"I think it is perfectly right; they should show how they spend money," Caperton responded. "But anonymous donors certainly should be protected. They are a lot of good work."

Another college asked if capital punishment would ever be an option for WV. "I am opposed to capital punishment, it's just part of

my philosophy and is a moral decision," the Governor explained. "I will support 'three strikes you're out' but I realize violent crimes can not be cured solely by any one means."

Governor Caperton feels that building a sense of community could help deter some of the causes of violent crimes.

"We must rebuild a sense of community in West Virginia; we need to come together," he commented. "I would like to see, for example, schools open to the community, all year, to all people--for senior citizens, or to provide college classes."

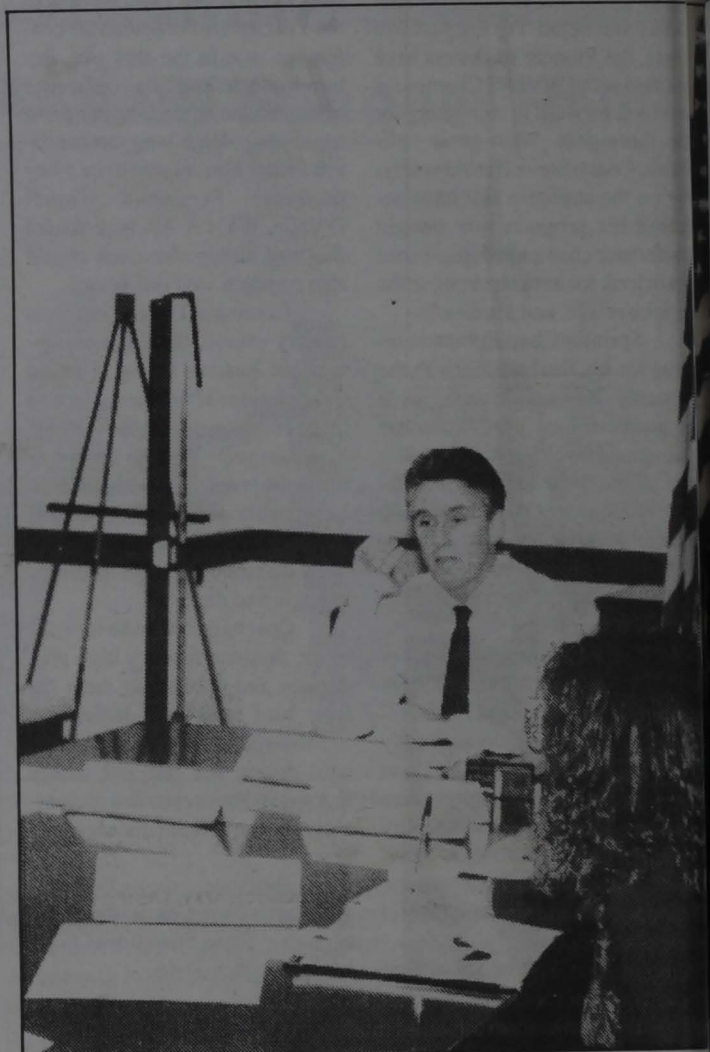
Back to college concerns, Salem-Teikyo's newspaper editor asked about meeting the needs of non-traditional students.

"Non-traditional students are actually becoming the traditional, they are growing in number rapidly," he explained. "In speaking with President Clinton, I find him very aware of the need to make re-training available. It's about life-long learning."

Currently, the average age of a college student in WV is 25, making this an important issue for higher education.

The session ended with a discussion of health care, a major area of concern for the nation. WV has been seen as a leader in the development of community health care systems in the United States. "I'm real proud of what we're doing in the area of health care," the Governor commented.

The Governor's goals for his term can be reviewed in his "Vision Statement."



Governor Gaston Caperton listens to an inquiry from one of the college students Thursday at the capitol.

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The Mercury's Holly Wilkewitz reviews her material before asking WV's Governor Gaston Caperton a question February 17. photo by Tim Dertico

WV Government

Students Serve as Political Assistants

by Terry Collins

The 1994 session of the West Virginia Legislature began recently with a full agenda. Two Glenville State College students attended the legislature last week through the Frasure-Singleton Student Legislative Internship Program. Terry Collins and Kelly Holcomb served as political assistants to State Senators Schoonover and MacNaughtan.

Throughout the busy week, Collins and Holcomb attended floor sessions with their host senator, as well as committee meetings. On occasion, the senator would request that the intern attend the meeting in his absence and bring back a full review of what was discussed and any plans made.

Collins and Holcomb were also required to answer constituent letters and phone calls; do legislative research; meet with lobbyists; and assist their host senator in any possible way. During evening sessions, the internship program sponsored guest speakers who included the House Minority Leader and Majority Whip, professional lobbyists, Supreme Court Justices, members of state and national press, and top political scientists who lectured about their roles in the legislative process.

Several pieces of legislation were discussed throughout the week that are of great importance to the state. One, a topic of much debate in the House, is a Depart-

continuation of Governor Caperton's Super Tax Credit Proposal which would allow businesses who created 20 new jobs this year to receive tax credit at the end of the year. The proposal was tabled by the Small Business Committee until some revisions can be made to make the bill more viable to the interests of small businesses.

The second proposal is to

"I was under the impression they had an easy job and mostly played a political game; however, these people work extremely hard..."

--Terry Collins

lease state parks to private industry to provide for better management of our parks and forests. However, the proposal is still in the development stage and has not been referred to the House or Senate at this time.

The legislature is currently considering a bill that is of interest to West Virginia educators. The "Magic 80" bill would allow teachers and administrators to retire when their years of service and age equal 80 total years.

The bill is being considered very carefully and has produced many petitions supporting its passage throughout the House and Senate.

Both students agree that the week was an educational experience. Holcomb commented, "The things you learn by being a part of the legislature can never be accurately explained in a text book or by a professor."

When asked how effective the legislature was running this term, Collins stated, "I was shocked to find our legislators actually working hard during the session. I was under the impression they had an easy job and mostly played a political game; however, these people work extremely hard for their money."

Glenville State will have its "Day at the Legislature" Thursday, March 3, and will be sending students to Charleston to observe the law-making process. Check with your professors to find out more about this trip.

"The things you learn by being a part of the legislature can never be accurately described by a text book or by a professor."

--Kelly Holcomb

ment of Environmental Protection bill that could take away certain landowner rights in dealing with coal and timber industries. An amended version of the bill eventually passed the House late last week. However, the bill has not been taken up by the Senate at this time.

There are two proposals from Governor Caperton's office being considered by legislative committees at this time. One proposal is a

Government Opinion Poll

by Tim Derico

What would you most like to see accomplished by the West Virginia State Legislature this session?



Name: Lowell Peterson

Rank: Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Hometown: Weston, WV

Answer: A long term commitment to support competitive salaries for higher education faculty and classified staff.

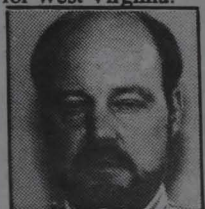


Name: Gary Arbogast

Rank: Assistant Professor

Hometown: Elkins, WV

Answer: Pass some meaningful legislation that will promote economic development, and a higher standard of living for West Virginia.



Name: James F. Hilgenberg

Rank: Chairman, Social Science Division

Hometown: Denver, Colorado

Answer: Full funding of an up-to-date and nationally competitive salary scale for faculty and staff with no reductions in faculty or staff and no additional costs to students (i.e., state acknowledge its responsibility to higher education).



Name: Brent Messenger

Rank: Freshman

Major: Undecided

Hometown: Weston, WV

Answer: It would be beneficial to college students if there was a bill introduced that said college tuition would remain the same throughout your four-year college career as it was upon entering as a freshman.



Name: William Cottrill

Rank: Senior

Major: Marketing

Hometown: Cowen, WV

Answer: Programs that will promote the prosperity of the state, through cutting governmental bureaucracy and spending, without harm to the taxpayer.



Name: Thomas G. Cook II

Rank: Senior

Major: Education (Math/General Science)

Hometown: Summersville, WV

Answer: For the state legislative body to pass substantial programs for the state will be a miracle. But, if they were to surprise us--serious legislation that regulates the state natural resources would prove most effective.

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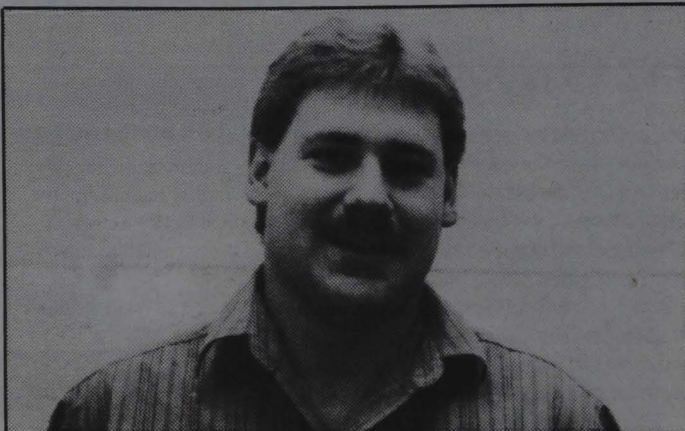
On Campus

Faculty Spotlight: Robert Cline

by Melissa Riggleman

Instructing this semester in the science department is Robert Cline. Cline graduated from Glenville State College with a bachelor of arts in education, in biology and general science. He teaches chemistry, biology, and developmental math. This is Cline's fourth semester at Glenville State College.

Along with classes, Mr. Cline is taking nine hours of graduate classes at West Virginia University, in which he is working toward a masters in higher education and a doctorate of the same. Mr. Cline decided to be a teacher when he "began tutoring in high school." He discovered a knack for teaching, and is successful at it. When asked what he enjoys most about teaching, Cline smiled and stated, "Student accomplishment--when the light comes on in their mind, and you can see understanding



Robert Cline

photo by Jim Weekley

come into their faces." In addition he also assists the basketball coach at Braxton County High School.

A couple of summers ago, Mr. Cline participated in a mentorship at Glenville State College. This program consisted of math and science students from all over the state of West Virginia, parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Ohio. He was an instructor, teaching science methods, and head mentor during the program. His

duties consisted of teaching the students, and properly guiding their activities throughout the day and evening.

Robert Cline originates from Fair Dale, WV. He and his wife Donna are expecting a child this April. Along with a hectic teaching schedule and courses he is taking, he plans to be very busy. Mr. Cline states, "I am very excited about our child arriving, it promises to be a wonderful experience!"

Campus Views

by Tim Derico

In your opinion, do you feel that all Americans should observe President's Day as a National Holiday? Why?

Name: Denise Ellyson

Rank: Secretary - Language Division

Hometown: Glenville, WV

Answer: No. All famous Americans should be celebrated as one holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr., Lincoln, Washington, etc.) to be determined by the federal government.

Name: Claudette Greynolds

Rank: Junior

Major: Elementary Education

Hometown: Glenville, WV

Answer: Yes, but I feel all famous Americans should be celebrated on one day instead of having several.

Name: Stacy Brannon

Rank: Sophomore

Major: Elementary Education

Hometown: Glenville, WV

Answer: Yes. We should have a day set aside to show the gratitude we have for our past presidents. It also shows patriotism.

Name: Mark Bennett

Rank: Senior

Major: Management

Hometown: Buckhannon, WV

Answer: Yes, Washington and Lincoln were very important in the formation of our nation and deserve our honor as much as Martin Luther King, Jr., or anybody else.



Students Help During Flood

by Wade Samples

Do you remember where you were on February 9, 1994? If you were like me, you were probably sitting by the television or radio to see if classes were cancelled by the impending onrush of the Little Kanawha River. For some Glenville State College students, however, there were more important things to consider.

Two of these students, Gary Lockney and Tom Simmons, were at the Small World Daycare Center on College Street helping waterproof the building.

"We weren't really doing anything," said Lockney, "and when we heard that they were in trouble, we figured that it was the least that we could do to give them a hand. I think that it was worth a couple of hours of work to help them out."

Many readers may remember the house at 7 River Street that caught fire at about 2 p.m. that same afternoon. While the fire was

being subdued by the Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department, Jeremy Rodriguez and David Taylor, two TKE brothers, decided that they should do something to help out as well. After receiving the proper approval, they began hanging posters and asking for donations for the family as well as going door to door in the dorms.

"I just thought that we should do something to help these people, because they really lost a lot of their clothes and things. It's the middle of winter and they don't have anywhere to live, so they need all the help they can get," said Rodriguez when asked what had prompted his and Taylor's actions.

After reading these accounts of Glenville State College student's good deeds, it is hoped that next time a disaster strikes Glenville, more students will be willing to lend a friendly hand to those townspeople who aren't lucky enough to live in a brick building that sits at the top of a large hill.

Belmear to Speak March 1

by Craig Mills

GSC has hosted several events in conjunction with Black History Month. The movie *Beyond Racism* was shown at the Wesley Foundation. Last week, several African-American GSC students went to area schools and performed as teacher's helpers.

Glenville State was also scheduled to host speaker Michael Belmear, assistant vice-president of academic affairs at Fairmont State College, Thursday, February 10. Due to inclement weather, the speech was cancelled.

Last week, Belmear was rescheduled to speak at GSC by Jennifer Nottingham. He will speak Tuesday, March 1, at 10 a.m. in the Heflin Center Ballroom.

Mr. Belmear holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations, and a masters degree in counseling from WVU.

Belmear also serves as the faculty/staff advisor to FSC's Student Congress. The topic of his speech will be "Why Have Black History Month?"

Mr. Belmear is looking forward to finally making it to Glenville, as he did try during the bad weather, but was unable to get here, because of closed roads. "It will be nice to speak at GSC--I look forward to making students aware of why Black History Month is so important. Plus, I'll get to see some friends."

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Arts and Entertainment

Reality Bites

by David Graham

Not very often does a movie really hit home. While "Philadelphia" and "Schindler's List" are wonderful movies that I suggest everyone wholeheartedly, without any hint of hesitation whatsoever, should see, "Reality Bites" is a movie that involves me and my friends. And yes, some of you too.

As the film opens we see Lelaina Pierce (Winona Ryder) presenting her Valedictorian speech the day of her graduation from college. She speaks of the damage her yuppie predecessors have done to the country. She speaks of how she is not striving for the BMW, just happiness. This, in essence, is the theme of the movie. The voice of the twenty-something age. The movie focuses on the philosophy and the view, the hopes and fears, and the triumphs and failures of the Generation X age.

The movie centers around a very close nucleus of friends: Lelaina (Ryder)--a talented woman with big plans for the broadcasting business.

She also is making a documentary of the lives of her close network of friends, Troy (Ethan Hawke)--a Bohemian/Grunge rocker, and Vickie (Janeane Garofalo)--a promiscuous woman, who finds happiness at the Gap.

A love triangle forms when Lelaina meets Michael (Ben Stiller, who also does a fantastic job at his

first shot at directing). Michael is a successful music-video executive who not only falls in love with Lelaina, but falls in love with her video work as well. This infuriates Troy, who would like the relationship between Lelaina and himself to grow into something more.

The performance of this young group of actors is solid and impressive. They make the characters three-dimensional. Not one of these people are stereotypes. It is very refreshing to see other people your age going through the same feelings that you are. The movie is very therapeutic.

But, and this is a big but, the movie's ending could have been a little stronger and a bit more realistic. In case you don't want to know the ending, STOP READING.

Lelaina chooses Troy over Michael. This decision to me seems romanticized. Movie love. The only possible reason I could justify the directors reasoning was the old war horse, destiny. When all else fails in movie logic, say it is destiny. Michael did not abuse her, chide her, condemn her, judge her, humiliate her, or anything else bad to her. He probably didn't even leave the toilet seat up.

To me the ending seemed weak, but to you it may be justified. Either way the movie's strong point lies in the writing (done superbly by Helen Childress) and the great group of actors that make up "Reality Bites."

Grammy Nominees

by David Graham

The nominees for the Grammy Awards have been announced. They will be given out March 1. Major nominees and categories include:

Record of the Year:

"A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)"--Peabo Bryson and Regina Belle, "I Will Always Love You"--Whitney Houston, "The River of Dreams"--Billy Joel, "If I Ever Lose My Faith in You"--Sting, "Harvest Moon"--Neil Young.

Album of the Year:

"Kamakiriad"--Donald Fagen, "The Bodyguard (Sound-track)"--Whitney Houston, "River of Dreams"--Billy Joel, "Automatic

for the People"--R.E.M. "Ten Summoner's Tales"--Sting.

Best New Artist:

Belly, Blind Melon, Toni Braxton, SWV, Digable Planets.

Best Pop Vocal:

"Dream Lover"--Mariah Carey, "I Don't Know Why"--Shawn Colvin, "I Will Always Love You"--Whitney Houston, "Miss Chatelaine"--k.d. lang, "I Don't Wanna Fight"--Tina Turner.

Best Pop Vocal Male:

"The Crying Game"--Boy George, "The River of Dreams"--Billy Joel, "Don't Take Away My Heaven"--Aaron Neville, "Have I Told You Lately"--Tod Stewart, "If I Ever Lose My Faith in You"--Sting.

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show together for me. If they were not singing as chorus members, they filled in as characters on the ship. I normally ignore these people because they drive me insane, because they usually either A) don't stay in character and/or B) they look onstage as if they are so bored that they can't wait to go home. Ah, but not the case with this cast. Mr. Dennis Wemm prudently used them to create a pleasing stage picture and obviously gave them excellent instruction, because the cast stayed in character and sang and danced their hearts out. By the way, was that John Mark Walkup standing there attentively keeping bar on deck?

I would like to point out Benjamin Price and Mrs. Cheryl McKinney from the group. Both actors really came alive on stage. Energy, that's what theater is all about. The diction award goes hands down to Harry Rich. I had absolutely no trouble hearing his lines, clear as a bell. Also note that Mr. Price is a fine dancer and I hope he continues to do theater at GSC.

This show kept my feet 'a tappin' and as I left the theater I could not help but hum the songs. Songs like "Bon Voyage," "Anything Goes" and "Let's Step Out" were truly powerhouse numbers. I felt that the cast was stronger when they appeared in unison. The choreography was clever. The one

complaint I have about the choreography is that Tonia Quesenberry seemed to ignore the movement for songs like "Let's Misbehave" and "You're the Top." While she dazzled the audience on the big number, the smaller ones seemed a little motionless. The actors appeared as if they wanted to move--don't hold back.

There was a myriad of new talent that emerged on the stage to display their ability. Jim Flesher truly shined on stage as Moonface Martin, Public Enemy #13. This comic timing was there and early in the show he developed a good relationship with the audience. They knew him and liked him. He developed a fine character. Another talent who surfaced was named Charles Satterfield. He played the stuffy English twit Sir Evelyn Oakleigh. I could see his performance strengthen onstage. With every passing line he grew into his part, became more at ease. If he continues to act he will be a name to watch.

Anne Smith and Heather Davis both sang and acted with a "Take No Prisoners" attitude. The weight was heavy on both of their shoulders and they carried the load, and more. They sang wonderfully and acted just as well. Heather Davis, Ann Smith, Jim Flesher, and Mr. Satterfield--I have one question for you: Why haven't you done theater in the past here at GSC? This goes for all cast mem-

bers I saw tonight. If you let the talent that I saw tonight go unused you are not only doing a disservice to the audience but to yourself also.

The two most consistent actors I know, Lori Crouter and Heath Hershberger, gave me just what I expected: perfection. In Crouter's numbers, "Heaven Hop" and "Let's Step Out" were fantastic; very energetic and full of life. I can tell she loves her craft and thus it makes it a delight to watch her perform. Heath Hershberger proved tonight that he is a jack-of-all-trades. He sings, he dances, he acts. He can probably fix plumbing, also. On stage Heath has such charisma that you would probably like him even if he played an ax murderer. However, his Spanish/French accent was, at times, frightful. Sometimes I wasn't sure if I was watching "Anything Goes" or watching a Cheech and Chong movie. I have no doubt that either one of these actors could find their way to professional theater. I can't say it enough--this was the best cast I have seen assembled here at GSC.

But to me, the star was the band. Under the leadership of Keith Haan, the orchestra provided a high-quality sound that brought music back to GSC. This past summer when I saw Mr. Haan drive his U-haul into Glenville, little did I know he was carrying musical theater with him. To the cast and crew: thank you for an outstanding night of theater!

Symphony on the Way

by Gary Gillespie

The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra opens its second season at GSC at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 1994, in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Oliver Lake, internationally acclaimed composer and jazz saxophonist, will be the featured guest artist when the orchestra performs

a program called "All That Jazz" under the direction of Rachael Worby.

Tickets for the concert are required. For all GSC and public school students admission is \$2 and \$10 for all others. The costs for this concert are paid in part by Glenville State College student fees

and by support of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation Outreach Fund of the Wheeling Symphony, the N.E.H. Challenge Program, generous grants from the West Virginia Commission of the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundations.

See next week's Mercury for a Wheeling Symphony feature.

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Feature

Welcome to the Mountains

by April Ludle

Welcome to the "Mountain State," West Virginia. The "Mountain State" is the perfect name for West Virginia, because of the Appalachian chain that cut through a millenia ago. These mountains, some with elevations above 3,000 feet, are located in the east/central part of the state.

These mountains wind their way south from as far north as New England to the tip of northern Georgia. The Appalachian mountains are the oldest mountains in the world. They reach their peak in West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. But, as far as land area goes, West Virginia is blessed with the largest area of mountainous terrain, and thus, the name sake.

These special mountains dominate most of the land area in West Virginia. Randolph, Pocahontas and Tucker Counties are known as "Mountain Region." The mountains have blessed the counties with the most beautiful country side. Most of the mountain land that was once isolated and inaccessible is now known as the Monongahela National Forest and as the east coast's "Playground." West Virginia is easy to get to and an excellent choice for vacation.

The Monongahela Forest spans the length of the mountain range. The forest consists of 901,883 acres. The land is federally owned.



Cedar Creek State Park, Glenville, West Virginia

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West Virginia offers recreation for all seasons. The boundaries are endless. There are so many things to do: skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping, pleasure drives, site-seeing, rock climbing, picnicing--even a cool dip in the river.

The Monongahela Forest gives West Virginia its natural beauty. Several things make this region special.

The Highland Scenic Highway falls along the Monongahela Forest. It is 45 miles long, and has been named a National Scenic Byway.

The Allegheny Trail extends from the West Virginia-Pennsylvania state line northeast of Morgantown, extending some 300 miles to connect with the Appalachian Trail near the West

Virginia-Virginia border in Monroe County. Currently, there are 245 miles of trail completed, 180 of those miles lie within the National Forest.

There are also federally designated wildernesses to enjoy, including: Otter Creek, Dolly Sods, Cranberry, and Laurel Fork North and South. These four include 78,000 acres of the Monongahela Forest.

The Smoke Hole Caverns are one of several naturally formed phenomenon. Smoke Hole was formed 225 million years ago, about the same time the Appalachian Mountains were forming.

Seneca Caverns are the largest in West Virginia with formations estimated to be 300 million years old.

For the climbers, Seneca

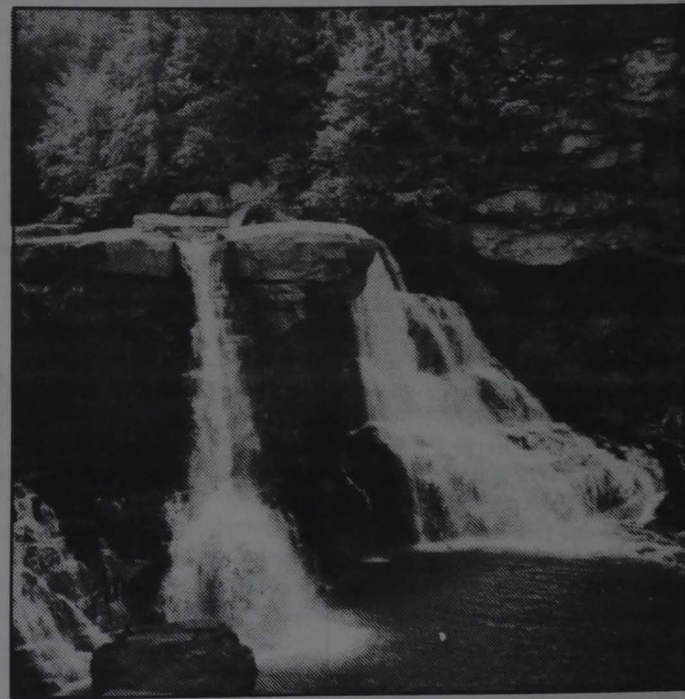
Rocks is a 1,000 foot quartzite formation rising above the North Fork Valley at Mouth of Seneca.

Blackwater Falls is named for its water source, the Blackwater River, whose waters plunge five stories and twist and turn through this eight-mile gorge. The "black" water results from tannic acids from fallen hemlock and red spruce needles. Blackwater is one of the most photographed sites in West Virginia.

There is so much to do and see right in our backyard. The mountains are beautiful, but also

can be challenging. For a vacation full of excitement, come to the mountains. Enjoy hiking and climbing at Seneca, or in the winter months, do some skiing at Snowshoe or Canaan Valley.

For a more relaxing vacation, West Virginia still offers endless possibilities. At Blackwater Falls you can soak in natural beauty, while state parks provide picnics and relaxation in the sun. There is so much more West Virginia can offer you. So look in your backyard--and see what beauty you can discover.



Blackwater Falls, Davis, West Virginia

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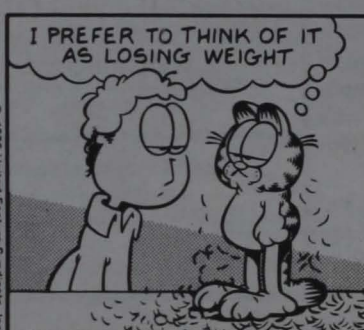
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The American Baptist Women's Ministries of the First Baptist Church of Glenville would like to invite all ladies in the community to join us for a day of Christian fellowship and fun Saturday, March 5, 1994. The theme of this year's retreat is "Windows of the Heart" and our scripture is Psalm 139:23.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee, tea, and breakfast breads. Soup and sandwiches will be provided for lunch. Our activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with group singing, workshops, and fun activities to help us grow as Christian women in today's world and will conclude around 3 p.m.

All ladies, especially high school and college ladies, and new mothers, are encouraged to come. There will be no child care provided. There is no registration fee.

Plan to share in a wonderful day with other Christian women in our community.

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An analysis of training and experience as shown on an Application for Examination form plus GISA supplemental form and transcripts determines an applicant's eligibility and/or score. An Application for Examination, GISA supplemental form and transcripts of college semester hours submitted together should be postmarked no later than March 18, 1994, to be eligible for consideration. A GISA supplemental form is available by calling the Division of Personnel office ONLY. Monthly salary range: \$2020-3286.

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We want this show to encompass every facet of entertainment and show business. So, can you sing, dance, act, do impressions, magic, play any musical instrument or anything else that would hold the attention of an audience?

We understand that there is a tremendous amount of talent at Glenville State and we hope they all come out and find their place in the line-up. It will be great fun. We cannot promise there will be talent scouts lurking in the audience, but we will, at least, get your talent show-cased and off to a running start.

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