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a time."

Student Congress Addresses Concerns

by Craig Mills

In a meeting lasting three hours Student Congress discussed several controversial issues which culminated in considering a confidence/no confidence vote in President William Simmons last Thursday.

The vote will be deferred to September 8 because there was no longer a quorum after the long three hour discussion.

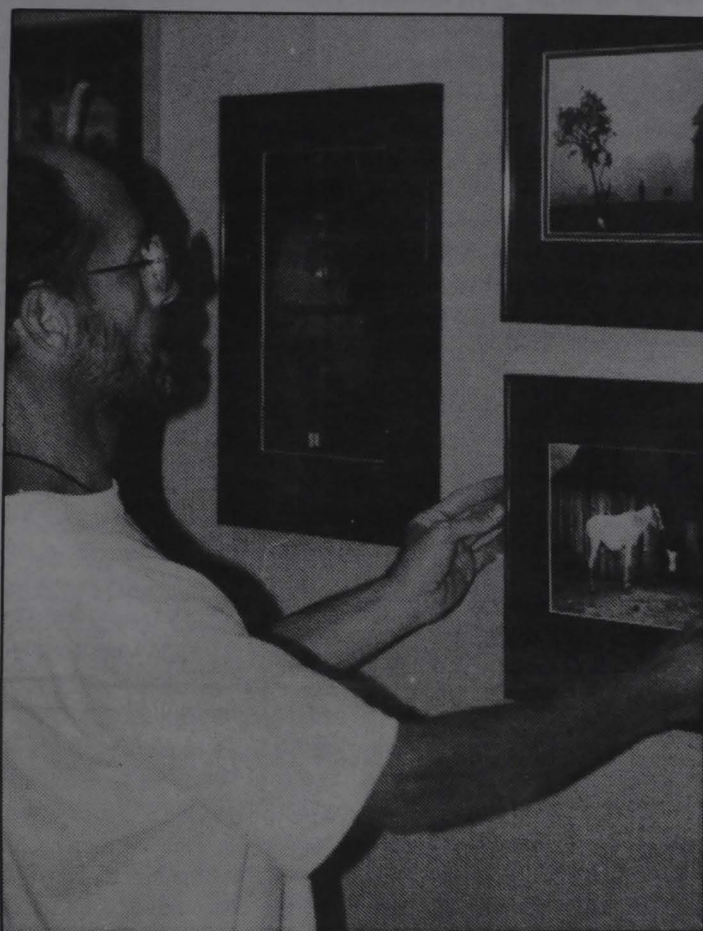
About 30 members of the student body attended to voice their views on both parking and administrative problems. This was the biggest show of student concern in several years.

The parking discussion was lengthy as students, mostly commuters, relayed their experiences with limited parking. Congress then moved on to establishing solutions to the problem, open to student comment. Several options were brought up, including shuttle buses. A parking committee was formed with both Congress members and other members of the student body to form more concrete solutions.

The discussion then changed its focus to administrative problems, including alleged incorrect procedure in the reorganization of the admissions office. There was also discussion over the possible legal issues surrounding former forestry department research land now being used for non-college purposes.

A Congress member asked for a confidence/no confidence

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MacDowell hangs his photographs for the exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery to be open as part of the Multicultural Fair now through Oct. 6.

Multicultural Fair Photo Exhibit Opens In Fine Arts Gallery

by Kris O. Phares

"Faces of Central America" is an unique photography exhibit that has been included in the activities of the third annual Multicultural Fair.

The photographer Ric MacDowell was born outside of Philadelphia and graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa.

He first came to West Virginia with the VISTA (Volunteers in Service To America) program and settled in Lincoln County as a school teacher after receiving his master's degree in education from Northern Illinois University.

MacDowell is presently a Youth Development Agent with the West Virginia University Extension. He works with youth in drop-out prevention, education and family counseling.

When MacDowell first came to Central America in 1986-87 it was over political motives. His trips with the Witness for Peace program to Nicaragua were dangerous due to the Contra War. MacDowell took photographs to document the inhumanities against the people of Nicaragua.

These photographs were to convince the people of the United States to change the Reagan-Bush administration's foreign policy.

MacDowell said that it was not only to stop the government's funding of the war, but "to re-emphasize humanity and the fact that we are all the same."

MacDowell returned to Central America with the Witness for Peace program in 1991. This trip was to Guatemala. Also in 1991 and 1993, he went to Mexico in a 4-H director exchange for a month-long summer project.

These later photographs were taken to educate and expose the people of West Virginia to the people and culture of Central America. MacDowell says that he tried to show how similar people are no matter where they live. The photographs of these trips are also a part of the exhibit.

When asked if he was going to return to Central America, MacDowell commented, "It seems like I manage to get there every couple of years."

This colorful photography exhibit is being displayed in the Fine Arts Gallery from now until October 6.

Putting Geography on the Map

by Jim Shock

If someone were to ask you what your favorite subject was in elementary or high school, it is doubtful geography would be the first response of many. Not because it can't be as interesting, or useful as other subjects, but because of the lack of exposure, and instruction in practical methods of applying this subject, that has left geography, for the most part, unexplored in public schools. Dr. Robert Sirk, assistant professor of geography at GSC, plans to provide better exposure to this long neglected subject, by putting geography on the curriculum map.

Dr. Sirk's office displays his interest in geography. Ev-

erywhere one looks there are reminders of his passion. A large world map almost covers the entire wall beside his desk, and another wall is lined from floor to ceiling with books relating to his field. He sits confidently behind his somewhat cluttered desk, seeming quite at ease while working on his computer, but graciously makes time to discuss his favorite topic, and his goals for improving geography instruction in the future.

Dr. Sirk, as well as other professionals in the field, became concerned with the declining use and instruction of geography in public schools, a decline that was so severe, in fact,

that it threatened to disappear from curriculum's all together. Finally, geography professionals at UCLA became so concerned that in 1983 they organized a meeting with public school teachers and government officials to brainstorm for solutions to this decline. Their main objective was to find ways of adapting geography to the individual needs of their region, and to return it to prominence in their area school's curriculum. This meeting was so successful that other states soon began to organize similar meetings of their own, thus, the West Virginia Geographical Alliance (WVGA)

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Commentary

Editorial Parking: An Idiot's Study

By Jim Shock

Each new semester brings inevitable problems and complaints which usually diminish over time, and are buried under the soil of more important concerns, such as, how does my hair look today, or where am I going to find \$4.75 for a pitcher of beer? However, one zombie roams the campus refusing to stay put in that over-crowded grave of lost causes and gripes. What, you may ask, is this pervasive force which the very mention of can strike terror in the hearts of the bravest GSC students? In a word--PARKING!

As long as I can remember, parking has been, if not merely a mild gripe, certainly a topic of great debate and angst among the faculty and students, but never before has it been more so than this year. The prospect of losing the northern entrance gravel lot has only fueled this never-ending parking saga.

Rather than offering unrealistic solutions, or merely stating what has most assuredly already been discussed at great length, and to little avail by numerous others in the past, I chose to do my own study, which, admittedly, is in no way scientific, into the validity of these complaints.

You aren't likely to find my research published in parking journals, or *Commuter's Quarterly*, but I feel it is sufficient enough to be of some importance to *The Mercury's* readership. Also, I invite others to substantiate, or denounce my findings with their own research, however, this does not include hate mail which, in my opinion, has no scientific merit.

My study involved trying to find a parking place in sev-

eral locations around campus, and then recording the amount of time it would take me to walk to selected destinations from that spot. Since, I had an 11 a.m. in the Administration Building I decide to begin there.

My commute takes about 25 minutes, and I was late arriving on campus, so I thought this would present an exciting challenge for my study. I was wrong. I arrived two minutes before class, and in what must have surely been optimism on my part, decided to try securing a spot in the lower lot of the A.B. Building. To my amazement, there was one spot available. Not only was I not late, but I beat my professor to class. Time from parking to class was a brisk one minute.

I assumed this was random luck, and nothing more, so when I got out of my class early, rather than walk to another building from my much treasured, and all too easily attained spot, I decided to risk losing it by venturing to find another. I hesitantly bid a sad farewell to my parking space knowing it would be gone when I returned, and drove to Clark Hall.

There I found what I had been searching for, not a parking space, but a parking mess. Motorists had created parking spaces where none had existed before, by double parking in the middle of the road. As I maneuvered through this maze of cars I could understand the frustration of those who had decided to tempt tickets rather than be late to class, or worse, have to walk. Still, I thought there must have been at least one space left somewhere on campus, but the P.E. Building's lots were also filled to capacity.

Upon descending the hill

toward Pickens Hall I noticed a sole vacant spot in the Heflin Center lot that I knew my tiny car would fit into nicely. I quickly took it completing the giant parking puzzle, and to insure the accuracy of my study, I slung my book bag over my shoulder, weighted it with essential class paraphernalia and began the brutal march up to Clark Hall. As I approached the Science Hall, I glanced down the steps toward the library, which I knew were only a few minutes away from anywhere on campus. I arrived at the Science Hall in 40 seconds, and a mere 20 seconds further to the P.E. Building. My study would have to come to an end there, because it was almost lunch time, and the thought of 300 cars all leaving for McDonalds at the same time was not appealing.

I remembered, as I was leaving campus, that there was a gravel lot just off the hill beside Picken's Hall. Out of curiosity, I decided to drive by to see what the parking situation was like there. I was surprised to find only four cars parked in that lot. My only explanation for this, and again let me state this is hardly scientific, was that students had developed some type of walking aversion that rendered them unable to utilize these spaces. I, however, would remember this vacant lot in the future when my unfaithful spot below the A.B. Building would give herself over to some other uncaring motorist who would not appreciate or need her as much as I would.

No study is complete without comparisons and since *The Mercury's* budget would not allow me visits to other campuses, phone calls seemed like a suitable, and economical, alternative.

I called three colleges to inquire about the price of a parking permit, as well as the availability of space. I was not surprised to find out that none of

Conversational Green

by Jeremy Dean

Are you back? Good, I was hoping you would be. Last week my column was called "Dean of the Mercury" because I was so busy writing the thing I forgot to title it. Thank goodness for quick thinking editors who make up for my mistakes. There is a problem with the title though, I don't have a Ph.D. so I can't keep it. Since a new title is a must, I have decided to have a name Jeremy's column contest.

That's right, let me hear your ideas, and the winner gets a date with me! I'm just kidding. Actually I'm naming the column "Conversational Green," because I can.

them could assure me that a parking permit would guarantee me a space, it would only prevent me from getting ticketed if I was lucky enough to find one. Fairmont State's permits were a modest \$2, but students at WVU were given the option of paying \$35 for a gravel lot permits, and \$65 for a cushy paved lot. Marshall University, on the other hand, required a \$10 fee just to get on a waiting list for a permit, and an additional \$30 once a permit was issued. Glenville State College was well below the average of these institutions, in terms of price, and gravel was no more costly than asphalt, like your car can tell the difference anyway.

If my research proved anything, it was what I already knew, college students are among the most creative people around. If you don't agree, take a drive through campus and notice the various places and styles of parking these crafty devils come up with, I suggest you do not try some of them without four wheel drive, or a friend with chains. The bottom line, though, is that parking here is a problem, but it is certain no worse here than anywhere else, and if you're willing to compromise, and exercise a little, you will find a space---maybe?

Speaking of dates, though I would like to say to all of you ladies who have boyfriends "back home," very few long distance relationships work. Some do, but most don't, and I just happen to know a few eligible bachelor's who are right here in

Glenville looking for you. I am opening a dating service so if your looking for a man call 900-... I'm kidding again, sorry.

Have you ever seen or new parking lot, me neither. My advice must have not been heeded. Point taken? I hope so, but I hope you're not discouraged either. Stand up for your right to park. No one should have to commute here every day before 7:30 to go to nine o'clock classes. Of course for those who do, we have a lovely grassy area to set and gaze at for that hour and a half every morning.

Quite a bit of biting sarcasm published this week by "the real mercury." I especially liked the "Plenty of Parking!" article. Good eye grabbing headline. I missed all the fun games and puzzles on the back page though. Every good newspaper should have crossword or word search in it!

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Attention Departments, Organizations, Readers

Deadlines for all copy, announcements and letters are one week before scheduled publication. This means that all copy, announcements, etc. for next week's issue are due in today. For the week after, the Thursday before that. If something comes up and you need inclusion, please call extension 290 and we may be able to work something out. Join the Mercury in making this a great year for GSC students!

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Over the past few weeks I have received some letters concerning the dismissal of one of my administrators at Glenville State College, and I wanted to make a response.

Personnel decisions at any level are generally viewed from many different perspectives. There is often a tendency for people to react without full benefit of the facts concerning those decisions. As president, I have the responsibility for making key personnel decisions that I believe are in the best interests for the college I serve. My recent decision was not made haphazardly or recklessly; and, while there has been some public airing of the matter, I am not legally or professionally in any position to make public statements.

Any negative publicity that has been generated has not come from my office, and I would not resort to a negative campaign. The fact is that the negative publicity has been generated by some friends and supporters of Mack Samples. They have planned and carried out a series of letter-writing strategies designed to discredit Glenville State College. There have been acts of vandalism and destruction of State property for which students have to pay. An anonymous newsletter filled with vulgar statements and innuendo against several employees of the college has appeared; and, there is evidence that students have been influenced unprofessionally to generate problems. Additionally, there has been an attempt to link the future of the State Folk Festival with this decision. Since other festival leaders were not college employees, this decision has nothing to do with the continuation of the Folk Festival, an event that I support. For those who claim to love the college, the above actions are ironic.

We have started the school year in a very positive way. The enrollment is excellent (which has created a parking problem, however); we have some exciting new academic programs; the Pioneers are rated Number One in the nation in football. Rest assured that Glenville State College is "Pioneering into the

Twenty-First Century" in the fine tradition that you have known and expect.

Sincerely,

William K. Simmons
President

To The Editor:

We seem to be forgetting one of the oldest journalistic principles that is followed by newspapers all across this country, source confidentiality. We see the Real Mercury and think "I can not believe they wrote that." We should be thinking, "I wonder why they wrote that?"

The Mercury has made great strides in the past year to expand coverage for the readers. Now is not the time to be timid. The student newspaper of Glenville State College has a responsibility to cover all newsworthy events that happen on campus. The student newspaper has a responsibility to cover those events or people that affect the quality of our education whether or not those events or people cast a favorable light on Glenville State College.

The dissident students have a right to express their opinions, even if we may disagree with certain statements, or the format employed for that expression. We, the members of the affected student body, need to question and investigate why these students are promoting a different point of view. If these students are correct in their views we should join and support them. Talking with many students a recurring theme has surfaced, academic honesty versus academia honesty. The students attending Glenville State College, as well as past students, deserve to be afforded the same consideration afforded to this institution.

In closing, let me also state, the student newspaper, *The Mercury*, is not part of the English Department, as one would assume. The student newspaper is part of the public relations department. The Random House Dictionary of English, Second Edition, Unabridged, defines journalism as "a course of study preparing for careers in

reporting, writing, and editing, for newspapers and magazines. The same reference defines public relations as, "the actions of a corporation, store government, individual, etc., in promoting goodwill between itself and the community, employees, customers, etc." As we can plainly see, the student newspaper of Glenville State College needs to be used as a teaching tool, not a public relation gimmick.

J.B. Parker
Weston, WV

New Faculty Welcomed

In addition to the horde of incoming freshmen, GSC also has many new faces in the faculty. The following is a complete list of newly installed faculty members:

New to the business department is Dorman C. Batson, visiting Professor of Business. Kathy Butler is the director of the Child Learning Center and Debbie Simon holds the position of Director of Field Experiences.

Also new to the education department are Robert Burkowski, visiting Assistant Professor of Education and John Taylor, Assistant Professor of Special Education. Visiting Assistant Professor of Music, Keith Haan is the new face in the Fine Arts department. Recently installed to the physical education department is Herbert Hand, lecturer in physical education.

Willard Oliver, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Dawn Rager, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and Robert Michael Smith, Associate Professor of Political Science are all new additions to the social science department. Theresa Cowan is serving as Coordinator for the GSC/WVU Joint Nursing Program and Thomas Vallombroso is Instructor of Chemistry in the Science and Math departments.

Pickens Speaks to Fall Student Teachers

Mrs. Karen M. Pickens, a seventh-grade world geography teacher at Robert L. Bland Middle School, addressed the Glenville State College Fall 1994 student teachers and their college and public school supervisors at a reception Thursday, August 25, at GSC's campus. Mrs. Pickens discussed the important components of supervising student teachers in a public school setting.



Karen Pickens

Pickens was asked to speak as a result of her success in the supervision of GSC student teachers. Mrs. Pickens has served as a cooperating teacher for Glenville State College since 1977. Pickens stated, "GSC's education of teachers has continuously improved over the last ten years."

Pickens graduated from Glenville State College in 1970 and has completed graduate work at West Virginia University. Mrs. Pickens' husband, Tom, is also a Lewis County teacher and a GSC graduate. The Pickens' have one son, Josh,

who is a junior at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Pickens was the Lewis County Teacher of the Year in 1988. According to Mrs. Pickens the key to successful student teaching is "good communication between student teacher and cooperating teacher and high expectations from both."

Pickens most recently supervised Nicole D. Hardman, who was awarded the Outstanding Student Teacher Award for the Spring 1994 semester.

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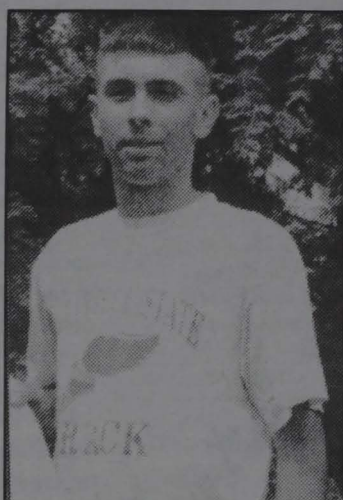
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Sports

Shriver and Davies Chosen Conference Scholar Athletes



Congratulations to June Shriver and Scott Davies, recipients of the WVIAC Scholar Athlete Awards.

These awards are presented to one female and male scholar athlete from each conference school. Individuals must be juniors or seniors and have a minimum GPA of 3.3 at the end of the term of attendance in which the sport season for which the student athlete is nominated is concluded.

Pioneers Open '94 Season on the Road

by Sean Davis

The defending NAIA National Finalist Glenville State College Pioneers will open this year's season on the road as they travel north to play the Vulcans of the California University of Pennsylvania.

The Pioneer's opponent opened their season by beating Fairmont State College 53-37 Saturday. Tragedy struck the Vulcans last week as two players were lost for the year after both were involved in a shooting.

Starting quarterback Johnny Mattress and fullback Eric Carter were shot during a domestic dispute at the California field while practicing last week.

According to Pioneer head football coach Rich Rodriguez, "This will not slow California, (PA), very much. Their fullback was one of the best players on offense. Their offense will still be a strong one." When asked of his team's preparation in anticipation of the upcoming season opener, Rodriguez commented, "We are not ready at this time, but we hope to be by the end of the week. We have a

lot of new faces this year we haven't played for us before that will be a factor, but we hope to be ready by Saturday."

WVU transfer Scott O' looks to start on Saturday. Rodriguez commented on the quarterback situation, "Scott Otis is the forerunner to start Saturday but Rod Smith and Brian Fisher are pressing him for the starter position." Otis, 6-5, 235 pound junior has two years of eligibility remaining.

The Pioneers will continue to use the fast paced high powered run-and-shoot style of offense. Look for All-American Chris George at wide receiver to lead the offensive assault. The defense will look to new Defensive Coordinator Her Hand to direct them. Hand replaces Dean Hood, who took over coaching position in Kentucky.

Glenville must deal with confident California University of PA, led by head coach Kevin Donley, who commented, "I suppose seeing us play last week is an advantage to Glenville but they still have to stop us. Glenville State is a very good football team with a lot of size and talent."

California-Glenville Starting Rosters

California Offense

POS.	NO.	NAME
QB	7	Todd Hirt
RHB	8	Tony Todd
LHB	3	Dan Pifer
LE	9	Fred Temoney
LT	68	Ryan Kadlecik
LG	74	Dave Cheskey
OC	53	Gary Dunn
RG	67	Rob Tepsich
RT	73	Scott Munchinski
FB	39	Heath Johnke
PK	89	Bryan McCabe
TE	87	Craig Suba

Glenville Offense

POS.	NO.	NAME
QB	10	Scott Otis
FB	34	Barrett Embry
WR	25	Chris George
WR	1	Derrick Bellamy
WR	88	Walter Wilbon
LT	61	John Jackson
LG	66	Brian Greenlee
OC	76	Scott Tomlinson
RG	78	Shawn Robinson
RT	79	Tom Curry
WR	5	Brad Bradley

California Defense

POS.	NO.	NAME
DE	51	Antonio Effiong
DT	99	Ag. Brookins
DE	75	Marc Pilon
LB	24	Tony Marino
LB	54	Rich Vogel
LB	32	Jeff Lowden
CB	25	Desmick Louis
CB	13	Damian Brown
SS	19	Qwyn Durrett
RE	10	Jim Fields
PU	32	Jeff Lowden
KR	1	Ken Cahoon
PR	1	Ken Cahoon

Glenville Defense

POS.	NO.	NAME
DE	55	Chuck Hython
DT	65	Kevin Jenkins
DT	54	Todd Grahman
DE	92	Craig Carpenter
OLB	57	Shane Beatty
MLB	52	Brian Topping
OLB	4	Brian Johnson
CB	15	Tony Gibson
SS	6	Carlos Parkers
FS	17	Tom Reid
CB	33	Tommie Williams
PU	14	Brian Fisher
KR	25	Chris George
PR	25	Chris George

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Fall Teams Gear up for Competition

Cross Country Preview

by Monica Ann Null

The cross country team will open their season with a meet in Wheeling. According to Randy Maxwell, coach, the men's and women's teams are going to be ready for this event.

The men's team has four runners returning, which gives the team an advantage. New-comer Jimmy Galloway "is a big plus" according to Maxwell. Also new to the program are Charles Dunbar and Brian Morgan, who, commented Maxwell, "are going to be helpful" as well.

With Scott Davies finishing eleventh, Daniel Edgell twelfth and Sterling Beane fourteenth last year, Maxwell feels the guys "might have an outside chance of winning the conference meet this year."

With the loss of Allison Yates, who finished eleventh last year, the women's team has added some new faces to the program. Jennifer Pingley is going to be a "pleasant surprise"

said Maxwell, "and Amy O'Dell has the potential of being one of the top 10 in the conference."

Maxwell feels both teams are "way ahead of where they were last year at this time" and he hopes to have several all-conference placers in November.

"Both teams are much better than last year, but we won't know where we are compared to the rest of the conference teams until Saturday," Maxwell concluded.

Maxwell is in his second year of coaching the GSC team. Last year he took the men and women to capture third place finishes in the WVIAC. Previously, the teams have finished low or incomplete.

With more experience this year and a positive beginning, who knows where Maxwell will lead his team. He has proven to be an excellent coach and an asset to the GSC cross country program.

Cross Country Roster

Men	
NAME	YEAR
Ernie Shreve	Sr
Scott Davies	Jr
Sterling Beane	Jr
Daniel Edgell	So
Jimmy Galloway	So
Charles Dunbar	So
Brain Morgan	So

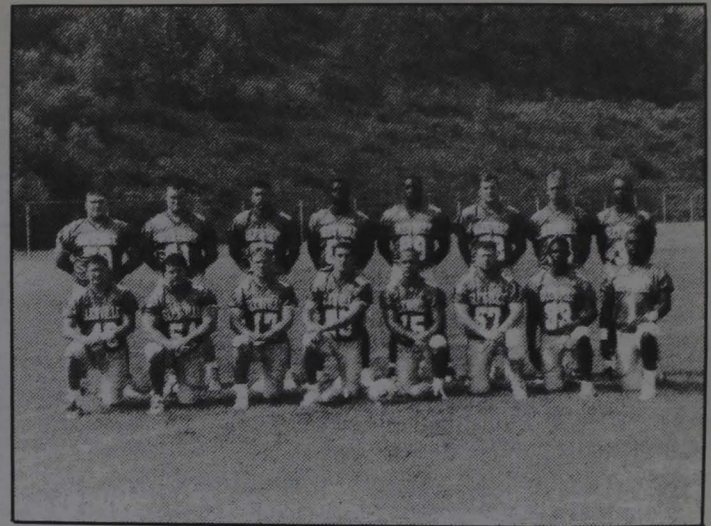
Women	
NAME	YEAR
Janette Nichols	Jr
Monica Null	So
Clarissa Scott	So
Ginger Cottrell	Fr
Amy O'Dell	Fr
Jennifer Pingley	Fr

Meet Schedule

Sept. 10	Wheeling Jesuit
Sept. 17	Indiana U. of PA
Sept. 24	Davis & Elkins Festival
Oct. 1	Big Blue Chal. (Bluefield)
Oct. 8	Dickinson College
Oct. 15	D & E Invitational
Oct. 21	GSC Invitational
Oct. 29	Open
Nov. 4	WVIAC Meet--Wheeling

Attention Students!!!

There will NOT be a bus for the Pioneers vs. California University of Pennsylvania game this Saturday.



Pioneer Football Seniors

Pioneer Football

Sept. 10	at California, PA	1 p.m.
Sept. 17	NEWPORT NEWS	1 p.m.
Sept. 24	SHEPHERD	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	WV STATE	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	at West Liberty	1 p.m.
Oct. 15	at WV Wesleyan	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	FAIRMONT STATE**	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Concord College	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	WV TECH (Summersville)	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	at Georgia Southern	2 p.m.

** Homecoming Game

Lady Pioneer Volleyball

September 7	West Liberty	Away	6 p.m.
10	Fairmont Tournament	Away	1 p.m.
14	Fairmont State	Home	7 p.m.
16/17	Bluefield Coll., VA	Away	TBA
	Tournament		
19	Ohio Valley	Away	6 p.m.
21	U. of Charleston	Away	6 p.m.
27	Alderson-Broadus	Home	7 p.m.
29	Salem-Teikyo	Home	6 p.m.
	College of West Virginia		
October 4	WV Wesleyan	Away	7 p.m.
7/8	Concord College	Away	TBA
	Tournament		
10	WV Tech	Home	5 p.m.
	Ohio Valley		
11	Salem-Teikyo	Away	7 p.m.
15	Shepherd	Home	7 p.m.
17	U. of Charleston	Home	6:30 p.m.
20	WV Tech	Away	7 p.m.
25	College of WV	Away	6 p.m.
29	Wheeling Jesuit	Away	12 p.m.
November 1	West Liberty	Home	6 p.m.
4	Concord College	Away	7 p.m.
10-12	WVIAC Tournament	TBA	TBA

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Todd Moves to NCC

by Susan Hutchinson

Mr. Tom Todd, head of the criminal justice program at GSC, recently relocated to Summersville in Nicholas County.

Todd, who has taught Saturday classes at the Nicholas County Center for the past two years, is now teaching three days a week at the center. He still, however, commutes to Glenville Tuesday and Thursday to instruct main campus classes.

In addition to instructing classes at the center, Todd serves as an advisor for students who are currently enrolled in the criminal justice and behavioral science program.

Todd states, "I spend a lot of time advising students. I help direct them in their studies as well as inform them of opportunities the program can provide."

"There is a huge interest at NCC in both the criminal justice and behavioral science programs and the students are glad to have a full time faculty member there," he continued.

Currently at NCC all

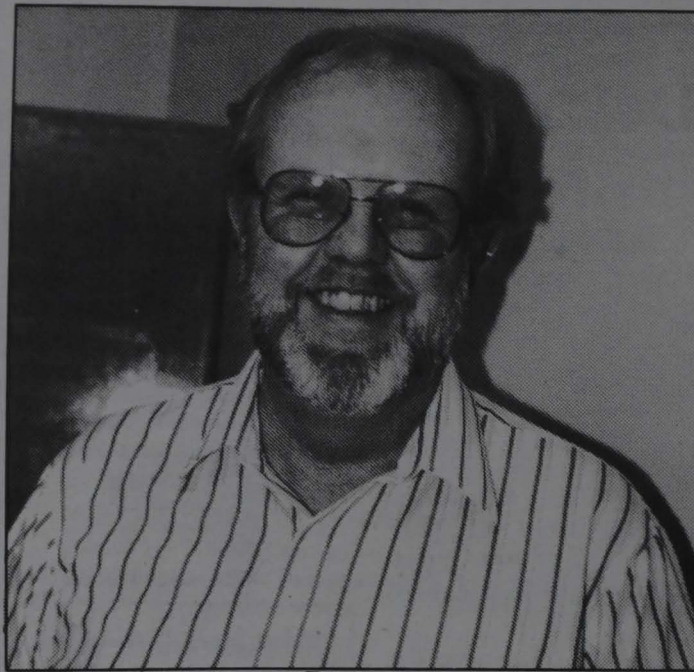
classes required for the two-year criminal justice program are available and can be completed within two and a half years.

The addition of classes in these fields has been made possible by Todd's relocation and the instruction of adjunct faculty at the center, who Todd considers "very qualified." Todd can foresee the further expansion of the behavioral science program as well.

As to the community of Summersville, both Todd and his wife "love the area" and have already made friends.

When Todd was asked how he liked commuting, he replied, "I like it. It gives me time to think and plan things in my head. It also gives me the opportunity to discuss department issues with Dr. Browning, with whom I carpool."

Now that Todd has joined the ranks of the commuters, he was asked if he had any advice for fellow "road warriors." With a chuckle and a twinkle in his eye he replied, "Leave early to avoid construction on Rt. 5."



Tom Todd

The Buck Stops Here

by Anne McCourt

It seems every person who walks out of the Financial Aid Department is on the verge of a severe panic attack. The blame lies not with the people who work in the department itself, heaven knows they work their backs off.

They usually deal with 200 people a day, and they have to process everything from loans to scholarships, and a bunch of paperwork in between. With only four people on staff, it gets pretty hectic back there.

With a new computer system to get to know as well, they rarely take a break. Susie Persinger related, "I have worked lunches, overtime, weekends, and I stay late after the usual office hours just to get things done."

According to the new system, a check has to go through the computer system, then through the bank for a credit check, then back to the office before it can be given to a student. This is the reason why many people are being forced to apply for an emergency loan to buy their books.

That is not the only problem, according to Persinger, all of the emergency money was given out the first day for books, leaving the office strapped with only \$25 vouchers to give.

August Kafer, director of financial aid, stated, "It would be easier if everyone could get their financial aid forms in on time. Then the department would have more time to deal with each student's case."

With 70 to 90 percent of students receiving financial aid at this college, students cannot wait until the last minute to process their paperwork. Kafer feels that even though the new system may take longer initially, in the long run it will pay off. In the past students were being over-awarded, and then forced to pay the college back the money they were given. With the help of the new system this will be eliminated.

For those students who did not have their paperwork turned in on time, and are not receiving any financial aid, there is still hope.

You now have the option of paying 60 percent of your tuition and fees upfront. At the end of 30 days you must pay the remaining 40 percent or withdraw from school.

A lot of people are not aware, however, that you can charge this on a credit card. VISA and Mastercard are both being accepted by the cashier's office, though this may be the only place they are accepted on campus.



This student models the latest fashion.

Formal Rush to Start

by Angela Shamblin

Something special is coming up for the ladies of GSC. The Panhellenic Council will hold Formal Rush September 18-25. Ladies, this is the time for you to meet the sisters of both sororities and see if Greek life is for you. This is your chance to become a part of something fun and exciting, so don't miss it. You can sign up for formal rush September 13, 14, and 15 in front of Pickens Hall 11 a.m. -1 p.m. or 4 p.m. -6 p.m.. You may also sign up in the Heflin Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. The party schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 18 7 p.m. Panhellenic Joint Party
- Sept. 19 7 p.m. Tri Sigma Theme Party-Treasure Hunt
- Sept. 20 7 p.m. Delta Zeta Theme Party-Hawaiian Luau
- Sept. 21 7 p.m. Tri Sigma Theme Party-South of the Border
- Sept. 22 7 p.m. Delta Zeta Theme Party-Country Dance/Hayride
- Sept. 23 7 p.m. Tri Sigma Preference Party
- Sept. 24 8 p.m. Delta Zeta Rose Preference Party

All parties will be held in the Verona Maple Room of the Heflin Center. Please come and see what Greek life is all about.

Sorority Rush

by Angela Shamblin

Would you like to have fun like to develop your leadership skills?

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Delta Zeta and Sigma Sigma Sept. 18 thru 25. If you are interested how great sorority life can be. Sign up in front of Pickens Hall from 11 a.m. -1 p.m.. All open located at 305 East Main Street the house.

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able for comments.

Dorms Face Problem of Overcrowding

by Amy Jo Rowan

For the first time in recent years overcrowding became a problem in the male dormitories. Louis Bennett Hall (LBH) and the Wagner Wing of Pickens Hall were both faced with this dilemma.

Currently, there are about 474 students in the dorms. That is statistically consistent with last year's number. However, GSC saw a substantial increase in its male population this fall.

There are a total of 272 dorm residents between LBH and Wagner wing. That is approximately a nine percent increase from last year's 250 males. In addition, many students chose to have a private room, thus limiting dorm space.

How did the college handle this predicament? They had to begin by assigning roommates to residents in private rooms. In order to be fair, private rooms are operated on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, those who signed up last were the first to be assigned a roommate.

Housing officials were certain this would be a temporary situation. That is because many students register for a

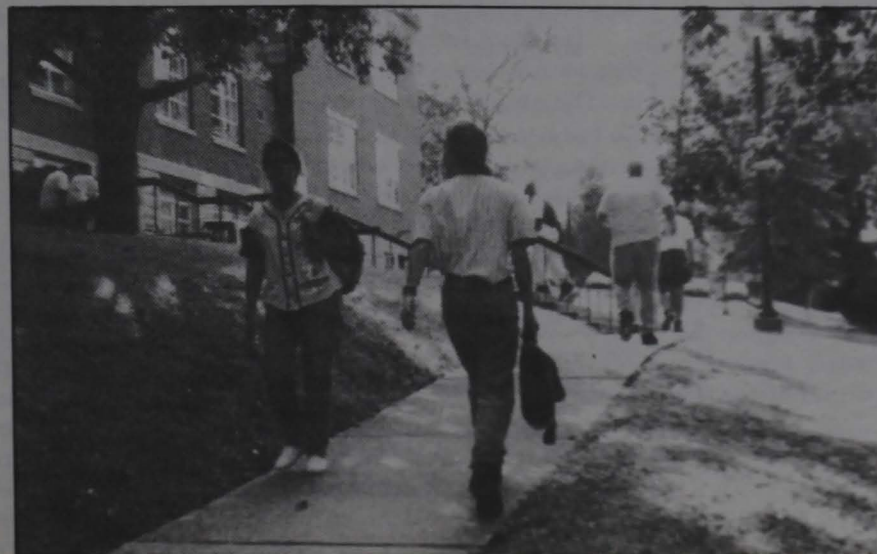
dorm room, but never move in. Also, many whom have moved in decided college was not for them and withdrew from classes.

The situation did prove to be temporary. All residents were back in their chosen rooms by Monday, August 29. Also, everyone was cooperative and understanding about the necessary changes. And, the dorms are still filled to capacity.

LBH House Director Jerry Burkhammer speculated the reasons behind the male increase. "The dorms provide reliable housing at a decent cost. Residents don't have to worry about cooking their own meals and they have built-in laundromats," he explained.

Dean of Student Services Al Billips noted other reasons for the increase. Among these were the dorms' new furniture and the prospect of cable by spring. The volleyball court is another positive aspect.

Pickens Hall House Director Sean McAndrews shares another point of view: "The lack of quality off-campus housing in Glenville makes the dorms attractive. However, student housing is bad everywhere."



Students walking to class in front of the Administration Building.

Carr, Phares Receive State Scholarships

by Amy Jo Rowan

Two GSC students were chosen to receive the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholarship. The scholarship offers research training at WVU to approximately 15 state college and university students. GSC's Vivian Carr and Chris Phares were among those honored.

Carr is a junior majoring in biology and chemistry. Phares is a senior also majoring in biology, but minoring in English.

This summer, both spent 10 weeks at WVU conducting research in biology-related

By studying tissue samples from the morgue she found the accumulation of the RB protein in Metastatic Lymph Nodes played a role in early death. This is a very early finding based on nine case studies.

Carr found the experience very interesting and edu-

cational. She stated, "Anyone in the biology field should apply for this program. It teaches you a lot and could be very helpful when applying to grad school."

Phares researched at the Forest and Plant Pathology Lab

"It was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

--Chris Phares

fields.

Carr's research took place at the Health and Science Center. She worked in connection with the Mary Nabb Randolph Cancer Center studying colon cancer.

From May 23 through July 29 she studied the effects of proteins on tumors. Her objective was to see how the appearance of these proteins in colon tumors correlated with the early death and survival.

during the same period. She studied the fungus that causes Chestnut Blight, a disease that destroys Chestnut trees.

Her objective was to discover how Chestnut trees treated with a special strain of blight reacted to the disease. Her data revealed trees treated with the strain, called Hypovirulence, survived longer than untreated trees.

Phares felt the research experience was beneficial to her chosen field. She said, "I learned lab techniques I wouldn't have been exposed to here at Glenville. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

GSC Professor of Biology Dr. John Chisler announced the scholarship to all biology students. He was very excited two GSC students had received such an honor. "It was a great opportunity for the young ladies. I just wish we had the facilities here for students to do more research," he explained. "They both came back very excited and I hate to see that excitement ruined by limited research opportunities at GSC."

Arts and Entertainment

Where in the World is Edward P. McKown?

by David H. Graham

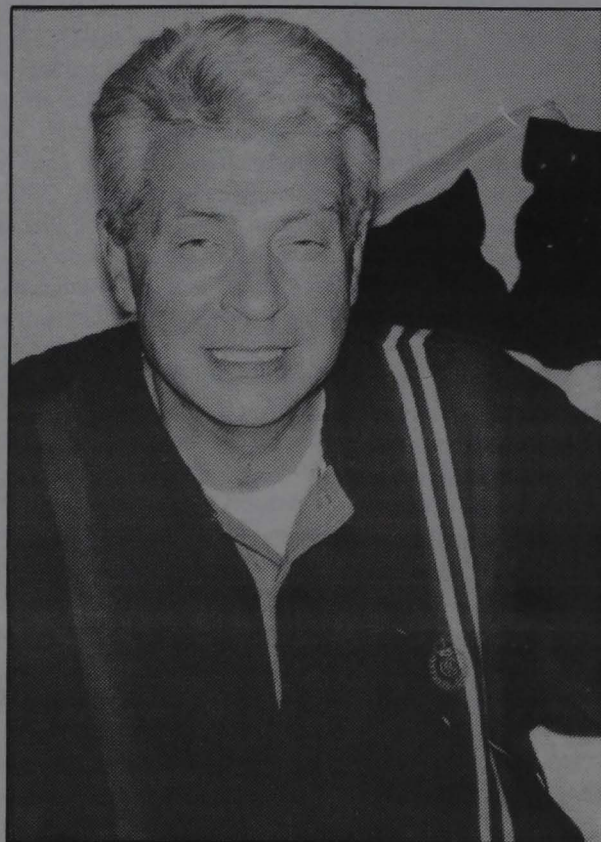
When GSC's music students returned to the Fine Arts Building this fall, they found all fairly the same as they left it. All except the occupants of room 217. The Wolfgang Mozart coffee cup, the splashy artwork, and the "Lift the military band" poster is all obviously missing.

Edward P. McKown, the instructor who formally inhabited room 217, went in search of employment out of the boundaries of West Virginia this summer. Sadly for GSC, McKown, who taught here for 15 years and was Faculty Teacher of the Year in 1993, found employment in Savannah, Georgia. I took advantage of the long Labor Day weekend and set out in search of Edward P. McKown to see if I could find out what he is up to now. The following is what I found.

I left Glenville as soon as I could on Friday and after a grossly long drive I arrived at McKown's house somewhere in the blurry area of three in the morning. Even though I was driving through Savannah at the wee hours of twilight, I could not miss the beautiful houses that line the historic streets of this elegant city.

It wasn't until dinner Saturday night that I had a chance to walk and examine the streets and the buildings closer. McKown and I walked down Bay Street searching for a place to have dinner. Bay Street, which runs parallel to the Savannah River, is dotted with a myriad of parks and restaurants all with their own individual style and personality. Finally settling on a cajun restaurant we sat down and the interview began.

McKown first wanted to make it clear that he wanted to retire from teaching in West



Ed McKown

Virginia. His choice to leave the state was made because he still wanted to teach on some level. However, in order to continue drawing retirement from West Virginia he had to leave the state. He wanted to emphasize that his leaving had, in no way, anything to do with the administration or the college. Reflecting back on his career, McKown had this to say, "I enjoyed every minute I spent at GSC and I truly miss my fellow faculty members and students."

McKown now holds two music teaching jobs--one at Gadsten School of Performing Arts and Pulaski Elementary School (pre-kindergarten

through fifth grade). His reason for settling on the city of Savannah was that, "I found the job extremely challenging. Since all my students are inner city children my whole approach had to be changed. This job challenges my teaching skills."

I told McKown, at least as far as I was concerned, Glenville lost a little bit of its personality. He had just this to add, "I am very happy here and I will always keep in contact with my friends and I will never forget the wonderful time I spent in Glenville."

I smiled and reassured McKown that Glenville is not soon likely to forget him either.

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Charleston Ballet to Host Guest Artist Campaneria

The Charleston Ballet announces its upcoming 1994-95 season concert series. Among the diverse offerings will be outstanding guest artists from the Boston Ballet and Cincinnati Ballet, works of several guest choreographers, and performances of classical, contemporary and comic works.

Miguel Campaneria, principal dancer of the Municipal Ballet de San Juan, will return to perform in the fall concert series on October 28-29, 1994. Mr. Campaneria will co-stage and perform in the traditional favorite full-length production of COPPELIA with the company of local artists. Several guest dancers from Point Park College will perform additional roles in this major work. Campaneria also plans to teach master classes, sponsored by the Charleston Ballet. The company, along with its guest artists, will dance for Kanawha and surrounding county schools in daytime performances for students on October 26-27, 1994.

The winter concert series February 3-4, 1995, will bring guest artist Devon Carney, Boston Ballet principal, in a collaboration with choreographer Oleg Briansky's and Charleston Ballet's Kim Pauley for the creation of a world premiere ballet to music of the late country singer Patsy Cline. The last work of Briansky performed in Charleston was the beloved

mini-drama ROMEO AND JULIET PAS DE DEUX. "Mr. Briansky is an incredible talent with an international reputation and the Charleston Ballet is extremely fortunate with his interest in us for this exciting project," says Pauley.

Spring concert series April 28-30, 1995, will include two evening concerts and a Sunday matinee performance. Principals Daniela Buson and Marcello Angelini from the Cincinnati Ballet are to perform. The staging of the ethereal ballet LES SYLPHIDES and contemporary RHAPSODY IN BLUE will be company ensemble offerings.

Season tickets are now available for purchase with adults at \$30 and students/seniors for \$21. Performances will be at the Civic Center Theatre with curtain time at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. for the April matinee. Call the Charleston Ballet office now for your tickets and more information at 342-6541.

Now in its 39th season, the Charleston Ballet, Official West Virginia State Ballet, was organized in 1956 by Andre Van Damme, premier danseur étoile of the Brussels Royal Opera, who came to West Virginia to start the civic troupe. Partial funding for these performances is made possible by grants provided from the West Virginia Commission of the Arts and the Fund for the Arts.

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PBL Members Learn Leadership Skills in CA

by Amy Jo Rowan

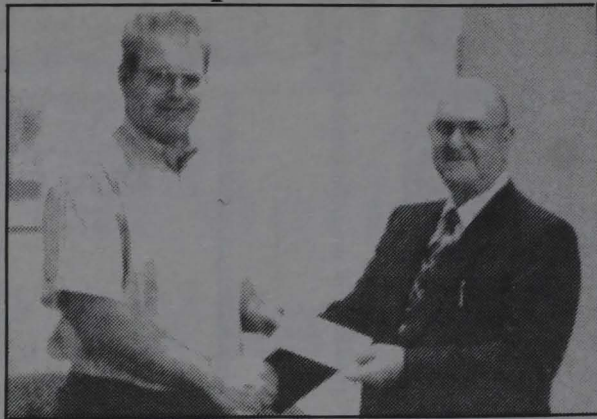
Three GSC representatives were among thousands at the PBL National Leadership Conference this summer. The conference was held in Anaheim, California, July 9 through 12.

GSC instructor Jenny Dawkins was among the PBL advisors representing West Virginia. Students in attendance were senior Terry Godfery and sophomore Lisa Hardbarger.

The theme of this year's conference was "Education Through Leadership Opportunities." Competitive events and leadership workshops and seminars were held throughout the session. Interviewing skills, career outlooks, and financial planning were a few of the topics discussed.

In addition to educational activities the trio enjoyed sight seeing. They traveled to Universal Studios and Tijuana,

Scholarship Monies Presented



Last Wednesday, September 28, Tom Ratliff, of Monogahela Power presented an annual check to GSC. Shown here is Ratliff presenting the check to President Simmons. The \$500 check will be deposited into the General Scholarship Fund, which is designed to aid students with financial need. Students receiving such aid must be nominated by faculty advisors, the admissions office or financial aid. Students must also have a 2.5 or higher GPA.

Mexico July 11. The following day they visited Disneyland.

Dawkins was excited by the opportunities the conference gave her students. She explained, "These conferences give students a chance to network with other students from around the nation. They get to share their business knowledge and make new friendships."

PBL national officers were elected during the session. Also, a motivational speaker proved to be one of the conference high-

lights. The speech advised members to take opportunities as they come and to be a leader.

Hardbarger enjoyed the experience very much. She stated, "It was exciting to be in a different area of the country. Also the conference enabled us to learn many things while having fun at the same time."

Anyone interested in joining PBL can contact advisors Jenny Dawkins or Marty Armentrout for details and requirements.

Nursing Program Sees New Highs in Enrollment

by Debra Johnson

One of the fastest growing programs at Glenville State, as well as the country, is the nursing program.

Why has nursing become so popular lately? Well, according to Theresa D. Cowen, RN, MSN, coordinator and instructor of nursing at GSC, it is because, "Health care is a great profession to be in at this time and the nursing program here at Glenville is very well respected because of two reasons: (1) GSC has already been well established and respected as a teaching college and (2) the joint effort with West Virginia University."

Cowan added, "The students receive degrees from both GSC and WVU, two institutions with the well known programs."

There are between 170 to 200 students enrolled in pre-nursing at both the Nicholas County Center and GSC, involving all phases of the nursing program, so only 20 positions are available for the second year level. Glenville also keeps track of the third and fourth year students who go to Charleston. Right now there are 40 students from GSC studying in Charleston.

Every year the number of people interested in nursing goes up. Just a few years ago there were fewer applications for the space available on the second year level, now there are around 90 applicants for only 20 positions, making the nursing field very competitive.

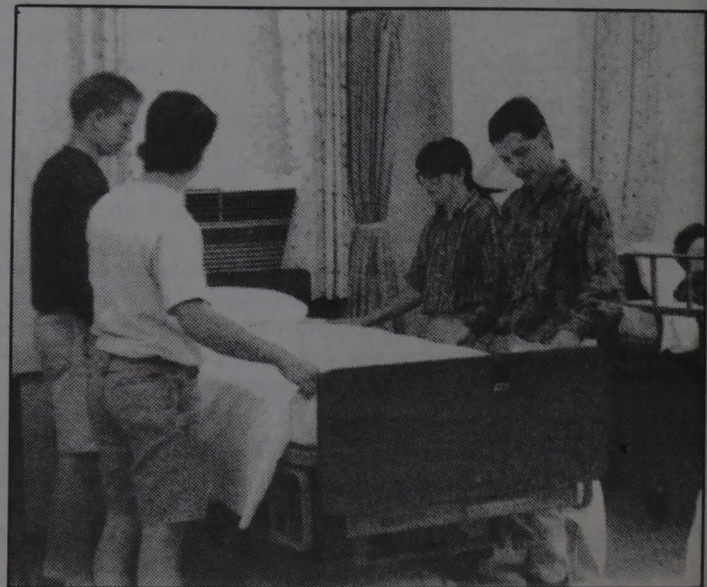
Cowan, who has just returned to Glenville after three years, says, "Anyone interested in the nursing field needs to be dedicated and caring and be willing to put in a lot of time and effort because you can't be half sure when dealing with people's lives."

She adds, "Nursing is not only an exciting profession but rewarding as well. The patients bring something special to a nurse's life." Cowan stresses that nursing is "not only for women. More men have enrolled in the nursing program than ever before. Nursing is about caring for people--not being male or female."

In commenting on her personal feelings about nursing and the program here at Glenville, Cowan says, "I feel it is a strong profession and the faculty at GSC are dedicated to making sure the student is prepared."

She added, "The rural setting of Glenville helps expose the students to the small town life. Then when they move on to Charleston and the Medical Center they have a more acute population to work with."

Allison Witte, nursing instructor and advisor for "Pioneers in Nursing" agrees. "This is the best group of students GSC has ever had and there are a significant number of men in the program now." Witte added that Pioneers in Nursing are off to a great start. "We've already elected officers and everyone is really excited about the year and nursing."



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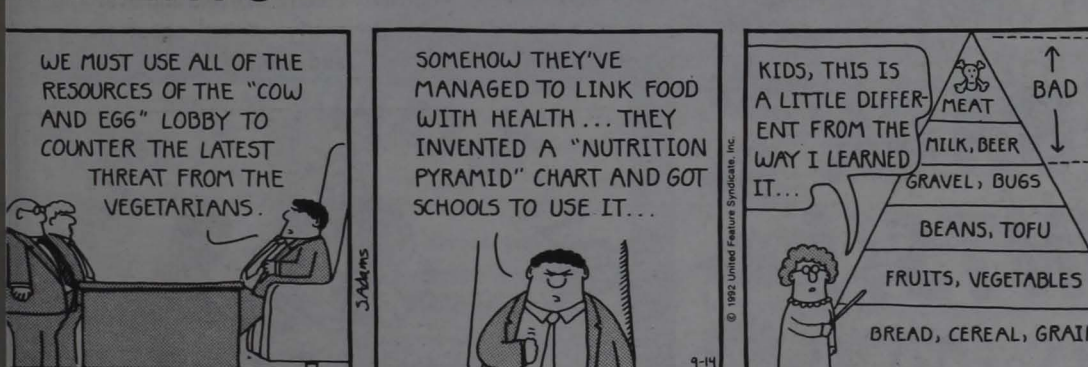
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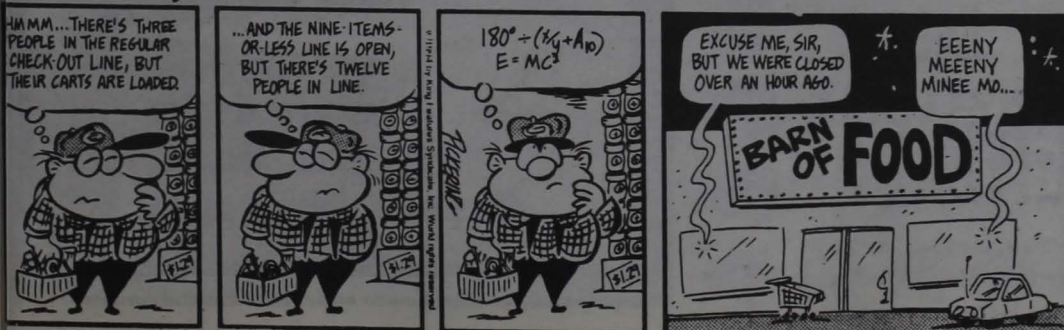
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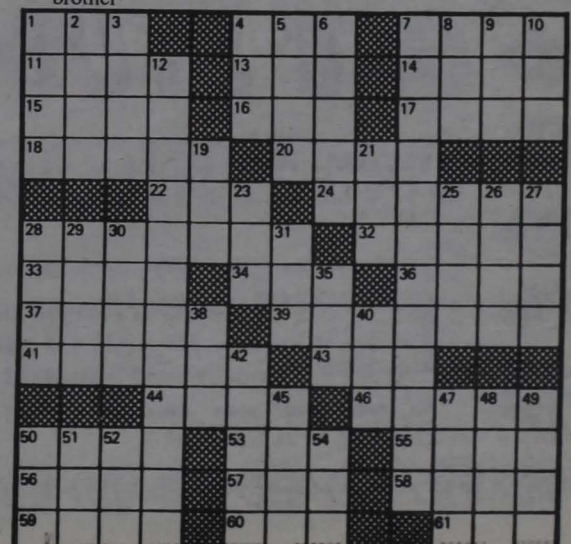
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Sorority Rush to Begin

by Angela Shamblin

Would you like to have friends you can always depend on? Would you like to develop your leadership skills? Do you like the feeling of accomplishment?

Well Delta Zeta has something to offer you. Our sorority is a group of women who share a special bond, a true and lasting friendship. Delta Zeta is the largest national sorority. Wherever you go you can be sure to find a Delta Zeta. We have six chapters in West Virginia alone. Delta Zeta sisters stay friends for life.

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If you like the feeling of accomplishment then you'll love sorority life. You will feel proud when you see a job well done that you helped make it work. In our sorority everyone is important--no one is left out. We work together to reach a common goal. We also help each other to reach their personal goals. Delta Zeta is an exciting and rewarding experience. The friendship and love between sisters is a deeper bond than most. A Delta Zeta always has time for her sisters. Just look around and you'll see them together and always smiling.

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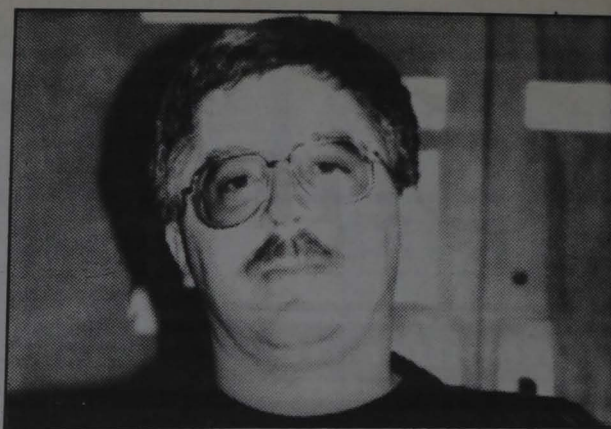
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Dr. Sirk has very specific concerns about the way this subject is currently being taught in public schools. He worries that geography is not being utilized to its fullest extent as an educational resource. When asked what he felt was wrong with the current method of instruction he laughed, "We don't have that much time." After careful thought, he continued, "Text books make geography a study of maps, and divorce geography from other disciplines." He noted history as a rare exception, because the two subjects often correlate, or in many cases, should.

He feels, however, that it could be applied to many other subjects, which would enable not only a better understanding of the other subjects involved. It is for this reason, he is an ardent supporter of the WVGA and is in charge of facilitating and organizing their upcoming workshop to be held October 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heflin Center.

The National Geographic Society is the major contributor



Dr. Robert Sirk

to the WVGA. They provide instructional resource such as media materials and maps. They also provide grants and workshops to further aid in the study of geography, and provide additional training for geography professionals. The Association of American Geographers also lend its support to WVGA.

Because the emphasis of the WVGA is local, attendance for the upcoming workshop is by invitation only. Dr. Sirk's reasoning for this is to ensure that at least 30 local educators have an opportunity to attend the workshop. Since the focus of the workshop is providing ways of implementing a geography curriculum that is relevant to this region, it will be far more beneficial to local educators.

Dr. Sirk is very committed to changing the perception of geography, and when asked what he hoped to accomplish through the upcoming workshop, he responded, "I want geography to be taught systematically and comprehensively with other topics." If his enthusiasm is any indication, the upcoming workshop should be successful in helping him realize that goal.

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vote in the President to be taken at the next meeting since many members had to leave, resulting in no longer having a quorum.

Faculty Senate will also be considering the confidence issue in their meeting Thursday.

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