

# The Mercury

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Glenville State College

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Merry Christmas  
to all  
and to all  
a good break!

## Faculty Senate Submit Concerns

by David Graham

The Faculty Senate, in an effort to better communicate with President Simmons, submitted a document of 50 pages addressing the concerns of the faculty in relation to President Simmons and his leadership of GSC.

After the September 6 vote of "no confidence" the Faculty Senate initiated efforts to help resolve any problems and present concerns which led to the vote of "no confidence." However, after several meetings with President Simmons, the Faculty Senate felt that little or no ground had been made.

In the "Summary of Concerns of Glenville State College Faculty," dated November 10, 1994 by the Faculty Senate, the issues and concerns were broken down into four main categories: 1. Communication and Leadership, 2. Trust and Credibility, 3. Treatment of Personnel, and 4. Personnel Decisions. The summary says that it "articulates concerns which led to the senate call for the confidence/no confidence vote in September" and that the "no confidence vote was not due to any one presidential action, but rather an accumulation of repeated actions and non-actions over the years."

Under the first headline "Communication and Leadership," the Faculty Senate conveys their belief that President Simmons "ineffectively tries to lead a professional organization with '50's' style leadership." The summary also says that "auto-

cratic, top-down, information controlling, sanction bearing, paternalistic leadership does not well serve the citizen clients of a state college on the verge of the twenty-first century." Other points of grievance under the "Communication and Leadership" headline include: the controversial sale of the Jake's Run property, prohibiting use of state vehicles so the President could be photographed with them for publicity purposes, the cost and liability of the under-used, non-academic rifle range, dismissing Dr. David Gillespie, an alumnus, from an alumni meeting, and extravagant spending for administrative furnishings when academics lack adequate funding.

The next category in the summary, "Trust and Credibility" speaks of an "erosion" of their "trust in," and their "perceived credibility of President Simmons." Topics outlined include: faculty belief that President Simmons holds the integrity and academic welfare of the college to be secondary to playing politics in Charleston and courting local, influential citizens; the sheltering of Mark Loudin's credentials; the "Parkersburg Conspiracy" is viewed as dramatically overstated; and faculty feel that disagreement with or criticism of administrative actions are taken as personal affronts by the President.

In the summary, the senate questions the President's treatment of faculty and staff in

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## Staff Members Cash in for the Holidays



Six GSC staff members recently won \$5,000 in the Powerball lottery. Gary Kight, Robin Stalnaker, Roger and Evelyn Jean Weese, Wilford "Bud" Bush and Bruce Hathaway, all will receive \$833 before taxes. "We have been playing for 46 months, and this is our first big win," said Kight.

The ticket, purchased for the October 1 drawing, went unchecked for two months before Mrs. Weese got the ticket from Kight to check. She took the ticket to Mountaineer Mart and confirmed the winning numbers.

photo by Dave Sagan

## Faculty 'No Confidence' Votes Not Sanctioned By State College System

CHARLESTON, WV

Recent actions by college faculty units at two state colleges, Shepherd College and Glenville State College may have caused some misunderstandings regarding the status and evaluation of the college presidents in the West Virginia State College System according to Chancellor Clifford Trump.

The Board of Directors has

the responsibility for the employment and the termination of college presidents. The presidents are evaluated on a regular basis, at least annually, and every four years a more comprehensive evaluation occurs using outside consultants.

Recent votes of no confidence are not part of any sanctioned process or procedure for discharging a president.

"I view such votes as an

advisory that may or may not represent a majority opinion. It is information that is carefully considered by the Board but is not included in the formal process of evaluation," said the Chancellor.

The Board of Directors favor as much institutional autonomy as possible and prefers that concerns be solved in a consultative and deliberative manner at the campus level.



# Commentary

## To the Editors...

Dear Editors Three,

Attention: This problem will not go away! Yes, problem. The longer I sat around the more outraged I became. It seems that everyone is out for something. The Nov. 10 *Mercury* editorial is great. Holly is absolutely right. How "tacky" of those rabble trash to put the plane in the sky. Did I mention unprofessional? Speaking of unprofessional, how professional was the Administrations meeting with the Forestry Division? Let me tell you. The Administration cursed several of the students and a few even became so outraged at the students that they found it necessary to leave the premises. Professional? How about threats of bodily harm on a student? Professional? What about the way that International students are being discriminated against? What about the missing scholarship money. Professional or Oliverio? Why does the paper have to be so tacky? I agree that the world would be much better if papers all over just printed the good stuff, but there are bad things in the world and they do happen. Why don't you all start putting out real news about real issues and try to cover both sides of those issues also. Or are you allowed? I am making a personal challenge to the entire *Mercury* staff to cut through all the bull that you are fed and in turn start feeding the reader, and print some real news. Can, or are you permitted to do so? I hear that you can start at the Music Department. Ha. Ha. **Till next time,**  
**John Park**  
P.S. I hope Mr. Loudin approves this for print.

Dear Editor:

I am very frustrated with a number of matters on the campus of GSC. As a member of *The Mercury* staff and a student-athlete, I have been subjected to a variety of information that does not necessarily fascinate me. In fact, it upsets me greatly.

An issue that has been

bothering me for quite some time is the fact GSC is going to become NCAA next year. True, there are some advantages to this transition, but I don't feel people are informed of the hassle it has caused and continues to create.

As a member of the women's cross country team, I have experienced a season I will never forget. The season got off to a good start with six women running. As time passed, we lost more and more runners, leaving only three of the original six.

For those of you who have not been informed of the requirements for being a member of the NCAA, this probably does not seem to be a problem. However, it was a BIG problem!

According to NCAA rules, GSC needed five women to finish (as a team) five races during the season. There were only eight meets scheduled, with the conference meet being one of them.

If this was not accomplished, cross country would not count as one of the five women's sports needed to be offered for NCAA regulations. This would mean GSC would not be eligible for entrance to NCAA and would have one full year of no sports. Big deal now, isn't it?

With this pressure put on the coach and the team, recruits had to be found immediately. Two members of the women's basketball team volunteered their time and ran for the rest of the season. These women were Cher Mischovich and Jodi Forsythe. Just to be on the "safe side" Denise Wagoner was a volunteer student who acted as our "security blanket."

The truth is, if these three women had not made personal sacrifices and ran during the end of the season, the school would be in desperate need of another women's sport. These three women deserve a round of applause from the football, men's basketball and golf teams. They saved your asses too!

Now, my main concern is this--if a small, insignificant team sport as cross country is not needed at GSC, then why

were the women put on such enormous pressure this season?

We are not as unimportant as everyone once believed. This leads me to another question--if we are just as important as other sports, then why was our budget smaller AGAIN this year?

Coach Randy Maxwell stretched our budget as far as it would go, but we still had to cut corners for lack of money.

With only one full tuition waiver to split between 10 runners (men and women), it is a miracle the men's team did as well as they did this season.

I understand we are not a private institution and therefore do not have the advantage of private funding, but I have seen high schools with higher budgets than ours.

Women's track is going to be another long stressful season with the added worry of having to have 14 women competing in at least one event for five meets.

As of now, we do not even have 14 women on the team. Looks like we are going to have to do some heavy recruiting AGAIN.

Going to the NCAA is great for some, but I do not feel it is rewarding for me personally as a student-athlete. I feel certain the cross country budget will either stay the same next year, or again decrease.

Maxwell has done a fine job coaching and managing funds, but when he is gone I am glad I will not be around to see the confusion.

It is difficult enough to find worthwhile recruits to come to GSC to run. I can't say I blame these prospects for not coming here. I would go where the money is too!

Come on GSC, are we really ready to go NCAA?

**Stressed,**  
**Monica Ann Null**

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## The Art of Driving the "Wright" Way

by Susan Hutchinson

Recently I had the opportunity to take a driving course, "Driving the Wright Way." I learned several excellent tips from a seasoned commuter, Daniel Wright. They were so helpful, that I felt passing them on to other commuters was a must. The tips are basically used for the commute between campus and the Nicholas County Center, but could be applied elsewhere. The tips can be found in Course 101, "Driving the "Wright" Way."

(1) Passing "Semis," especially eighteen wheelers with a large load, is a greater excitement than anyone could ever imagine. To pass properly, one must begin breathing rapid and heavy once they begin to accelerate to pass, and continue doing so until the pass is completed. The only greater thrill is passing a string of at least five cars when approaching a no passing zone. Note: This thrill applies only to two lane roads and is enhanced when accomplished while there is a double yellow line.

(2) The key to getting to Summersville from Glenville in less than an hour is to pass all R.V.'s, "Semis," and cars with license plates from Canada, PA, VA, NY, GA and FL before getting to Rt. 19.

(3) If while headed toward Summersville, you have made a stop at a gas station or McDonald's, and you see a Semi or slow vehicle heading in the same direction, do NOT hesitate to leave. Regardless of whether the person has handed you your order or not, leave immediately to get in front of the slow vehicle.

One can pull out in front of the slow car and still be legal no matter how close to hitting the car you come--as long as there is no metal contact.

(4) Watch out for people taking their vehicles for a walk. In this case, pass at all opportunities and at all costs watch for cops. One should be aware of all hiding locations and have an adequate radar detector.

(5) When driving the "Wright" way, one must have great coordination. One must be able to watch the road, radar detector,

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## A Holiday Message to Students:



President William K. Simmons

As this year draws to a close, final exams will become history, and you will be looking forward to the holidays and another new year of challenge and opportunity.

Christmas is a very special time. The excitement of childhood is rekindled in all of us as we share the spirit of the season with family and friends.

As President of Glenville State College, I get too few opportunities to express my appreciation for the fine student body we have at Glenville. I am proud of you, and I do appreciate your positive attitude and the fine image you project for the college.

Have a safe journey home. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*William K. Simmons*

**William K. Simmons, President**



# State Police Investigate Threats on President

by Rick Conklin

The West Virginia state police are investigating several pieces of mail received by GSC President, William Simmons, that suggest possible physical harm. Shortly after the termination of former Dean of Admissions, Mack Samples, Dr. Simmons began receiving the implied threats, and have continued throughout the course of the semester.

One of the notes pertained to Dr. Simmons' safety during the Homecoming parade. "It is quite disturbing to receive something of this nature," said Dr. Simmons.

All material received by Dr. Simmons has been turned over to the state police. Sergeant Bill McGraw, of the state police,

## Nolan Named Fall Semester Outstanding Student Teacher

*Student teacher Carla Nolan, multi-subjects K-8, preK-K, was honored with the Outstanding Student Teacher award last Friday. President William K. Simmons presented the award to Nolan, who was chosen by Kappa Delta Pi members in their December 1 meeting. Members were challenged to pick the recipient out of a pool of several highly recommended and worthy nominees. Kappa Delta Pi awards this honor each semester.*



photo contributed

did confirm that an investigation was being conducted, but could not comment any further.

The Mercury has confirmed at least one mailing was hand-written. All were sent through U.S. mail. If classified

as threatening material, the mailings will be considered a federal offense. If found and convicted, the person(s) responsible for this felony could face a \$1,000 fine and a maximum of five years in jail.

## Vietnam Class To Be Taught Next Semester

by Angela Mick

In the spring semester of 1995, Dr. Ed Palm, language division chair, will be teaching a class on Vietnam. The only prerequisites are English 202 and an "open mind." This will be a multi-media, interdisciplinary course which will study films, books, poetry and music from the time of the Vietnam War.

Dr. Palm himself is a Vietnam veteran. He enlisted in the Marines in 1965, just after graduating from high school. He arrived in Vietnam in 1966, where he first worked as a supply clerk, or "in the rear with gear" as Palm put it. He found this job to be one without challenge, so he volunteered and was accepted for the Combined Action Program, the Marines' equivalent to the Green Berets.

For six months he lived and worked with Vietnamese. The objective of the Combined Action Program was to win the hearts and minds of the villagers, eventually rooting out the VC infrastructure.

In these last six months of his tour in the war, Palm continued to serve as an infantryman

and patrol leader with the Combined Action Program, leaving him "disillusioned about our goals and methods in Vietnam."

After returning home from Vietnam, he attended the University of Delaware for his undergraduate and master's degrees. He then went to the University of Pennsylvania to get his Ph.D. in English. Hoping to distance himself from the memories of Vietnam, Palm first specialized in Shakespeare and Milton. However, in time he began to read novels written by the soldiers who returned from Vietnam War, as well as books pertaining to the history and culture of the country he had fought in. Because of this rekindled interest in Vietnam, he decided to write his dissertation on the moral vision of Vietnam novels.

In 1980, Dr. Palm returned to the Marines, and in 1993 he retired as a major. During this time, he wrote and published articles on Vietnam, military affairs and on literature in general and served with the English department at the Naval Academy.

Dr. Palm wishes to "recre-



Dr. Ed Palm

photo by Tim Derko

ate the whole confusing tenor of the times" in his Vietnam class. He wants his students to study the war as a two-theatre war--fought "in country" and "back in the world." "In country" refers to the soldiers in Vietnam, and "back in the world" to the people home in the U.S.

Palm believes Vietnam can only be understood within the broadest possible context of American popular culture. That is why the focus will be on those who fought and those who protested the war. "This course will be an effort to arrive at a coherent vision of one of the most troubling times in our history," Palm said.

Dr. Palm feels that people should take an unbiased look at "the kind of America we were." He also wants his students to

## Williams To Teach Environmental Tech

by Kris O. Phares

Dr. John Mark Williams joined the GSC faculty this semester to teach environmental technology courses. The courses Williams will teach are part of the new environmental technology associate degree program at GSC in cooperation with the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center.

Williams received his doctorate in educational research from Virginia Tech. He holds a masters degree from University of Virginia. Also, Williams has bachelor of science degrees from Marshall University and Frostburg State University and an associate degree from Allegheny Community College.

Before coming to Glenville State College, Williams worked at the Appalachia Educational Laboratory, Inc. in Charleston, which is a federally funded research center for West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

"I have always been interested in environmental improvement," said Williams. Being in an environmental technology instructor's capacity, he feels this will satisfy his interest.

Although Williams is not teaching classes this semester, he



Dr. John Williams

photo by Dave Sagan

has been hard at work. He is developing the curriculum for the new program.

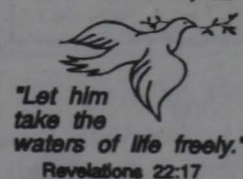
"This is a very different program," commented Williams. "This program is designed as a high school technical preparation program, so that those students can enter a college's associate program prepared." Those students not having the tech-prep program would have to pick-up four additional courses to complete the two-year degree.

Williams resides in Putnam County with his wife Carol. They plan to move to the central West Virginia area.

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understand "the people we sent to fight did the best they could in what was eventually a larger 'cultural contest' between America and Vietnam."

Dr. Palm believes it is

important to study this war because the Vietnam syndrome has not been overcome. This country is still living with the effects of the war. This course will discuss why.



# Sports

## Men's Hoop Team Boast 6-2 Record

by Sean McAndrews

The University of Charleston Golden Eagles made the trip north on I-79 to visit the home of the Pioneers. This would be the only regular season game between these WVIAC foes. This would be the WVIAC opener for the Eagles and the second WVIAC home game for the Pioneers on the young season.

The University of Charleston jumped out to an early first-half 12-2 lead on the strong inside play of Scott Yahnke and Willis Thompson at the 17:19 mark. The Pioneers would fire back, led by Senior Jeremy Rodda's 12 points and sophomore Jeff Brockell's 10 points, to take a 45-35 lead at half time.

The Golden Eagles would come out fired up, outscoring the Pioneers 12-1 to take a 47-46 lead and 49-47 lead, before the Pioneers would tie it 49-all at the 16 minute mark. The Pioneers then went on a 17-7 run led by the long range shooting of Steve Shuff, two point shooting of Eric Contee, and culminated by Fred Wilson's three point play, to lead 66-56 at the 11:32 mark. The Golden Eagles

got as close as eight points on the three point shooting of Mike Smith with 1:04 left in the game. The Pioneers' Fred Wilson would hit six of seven in the remaining minutes to seal the 95-85 win.

The Pioneers were lead in scoring by Steve Shuff with 26, followed by Jeremy Rodda with 16, Jeff Brockell with 15 and Fred Wilson with 11 points. The Pioneers are now 6-2 overall, and 2-0 in the WVIAC.

The Pioneers completed a rough first half of the season: seven games in 15 days, wins over three WVIAC opponents and the Joe Manchin Tournament title. The team's only setbacks to Division I Radford University and Division II Ashland were both on the road.

To be 6-2 and have a 2-0 WVIAC mark, must be a pleasant surprise gift under Coach Nottingham's Christmas tree.

The Pioneers don't hit the hardwood again until January 4 at Fairmont State. Tip off will be at 7:30 p.m.

The Pioneers will host the Shepherd College Rams for the second-half home opener, January 7 at 4 p.m.



Mercury photographer Dave Sagan catches a unique bird's eye view of Pioneer guard #32 Eric Contee's pass to an up court teammate, despite Charleston's defensive coverage.

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## Lady Pioneers Net First Win

by Sean Davis

The GSC Lady Pioneers opened the 1994-95 campaign losing their first seven games. But, they turned it around Saturday as they beat the Shepherd College Lady Rams in overtime, 76-66.

The game see-sawed back and forth, but GSC dominated in the overtime period to win by 10 points. Freshman Jody Forsythe hit six 3-point shots to lead the Lady Pioneers in scoring with 22. Sophomore Lori Charnoplosky added 21 points, while freshman forward Tanisha Brown scored 18 points.

Head Coach Russell Shepherd was pleased to see his team get their first win before the Christmas break, "It's really been a struggle, we lost a total of six players from last year's team. We have worked really hard. The mistakes we've made are mental mistakes and not from playing hard."

Earlier in the week, the

Lady Pioneers were on the road at WV Wesleyan. The Lady Bobcats overwhelmed GSC and won easily, 79-41. The only scorer to reach double digits for the women's team was Lori Charnoplosky with 10 points.

On Saturday, the Lady Pioneers hosted Davis and Elkins College for a WVIAC match up. The Lady Senators led throughout the contest and pulled away in the second half to win by a final count of 83-65. In the loss, four Lady Pioneers scored in double figures. Charnoplosky led the scoring with 19 points and Marty Rose scored 15 points. Senior Christy Fitzwater and Jody Forsythe each contributed 10 points.

The women will not play again until January 3, when they travel to Tacoma Park, MD to take on Columbia Union for a 4 p.m. tip off. The Lady Pioneer record now stands at 1-7 overall, while they are 1-3 in WVIAC play.

### Attention December Graduates



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# Maintenance Department Works on, Completes Improvements for Campus

Angie Shamblin

The maintenance department is working diligently at Luis Bennett Hall to complete a project which will make the division of business more accessible to the public.

Currently, entrance to the business division must be through the social science division. With the new walkway,

direct entrance will be possible.

According to Bruce Hathaway, physical plant director, the entrance, which includes a bridge, will be completed before the spring semester, weather permitting (of course).

Hathaway and his staff are also working in the Verona Maple Room to box in the heating vents. This will make the

room, which serves as a meeting and banquet room, more aesthetically pleasing and will also make the room more quiet.

A new stairway was recently constructed in Luis Bennett Hall to replace the temporary wooden structure. These are all jobs the maintenance department has been looking forward to completing.

## Beane Speaks to Education Class

Monica Ann Null

Mrs. Judy A. Beane presented an overview of the "High Scope" program being used in early childhood programs to Mrs. Kathy Butler's Education 19 class last week.

Beane is an early childhood teacher at Davis Elementary School in Braxton County. She also works in conjunction with the State Board of Education to train early childhood education instructors in this area.

According to Beane, the "High Scope" program is designed to teach children between the ages of two and a half and six years to be more socially interactive. It helps the children to develop appropriate manners as well as address all other areas of child development.

Beane presented a video of a typical day in her classroom which currently uses the "high scope" program. This allowed the students to develop a clearer sense of what actually occurs within this program.

"The High Scope program is more child-oriented and less teacher-directed," explained Beane. "This allows the teacher to be more personal and to act as a playmate in a sense," she added.

Beane discussed what the program addresses as "work time" to the class. Many were surprised to find that it only consisted of 15 minutes and it still was not fully teacher-directed. This time was used to help students work on a specific area of difficulty.

With this type of structure, teachers may observe more when direct. This enables them to effectively evaluate the stu-

dents fairly.

Beane explained to the class that, "Discipline is a learning situation not a punishing one. At four years of age, students are not expected to be able to spell their names or write it down."

Beane informed the class that "repetition and consistency are the keys in successful learning at this early of an age."

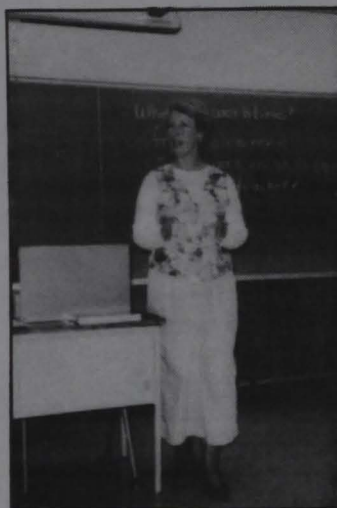
Beane is a graduate of Braxton County High School and Glenville State College. She has a degree in early childhood and elementary education. Upon graduation from GSC in 1985, Beane began teaching at Davis Elementary. She taught kindergarten for two years and then moved to pre-kindergarten.

She is married to Sterling Beane who is also a GSC graduate and has one son Sterling Beane, Jr. who presently attends GSC. She currently is working toward her masters degree from WVU.

Beane is very active with the "High Scope" program. She has spoken at the Leaders of Learning Academy in Charleston, and other institutions as well.

She will be attending "Operation Tadpole," at which child care professionals will develop a program that will create a smoother transition into the public school system for children.

Beane expressed that the major concern of the early childhood program is that the children "learn to be very confident in themselves to ask questions and most importantly, to develop the thinking skills necessary to solve problems."



Judy Beane

photo by Monica Null

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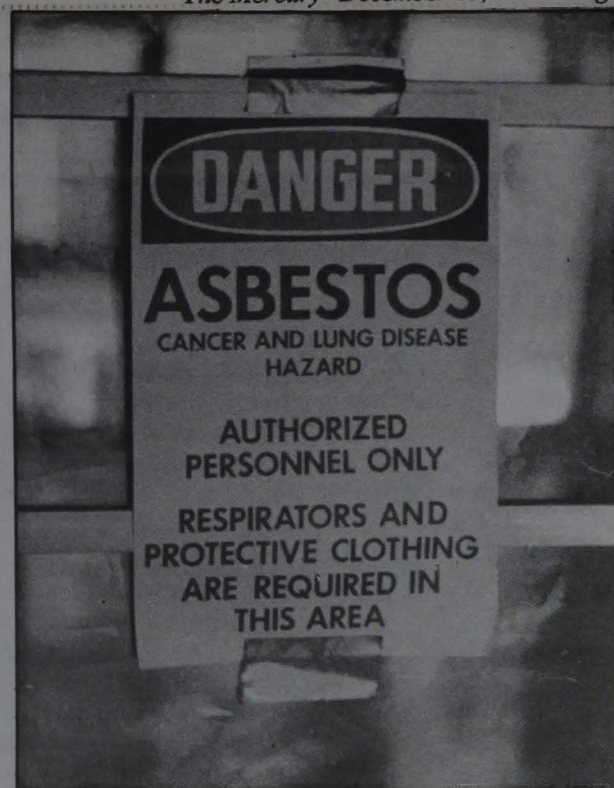
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### Mercury Corrections:

To December 9, 1994  
Mercury--

On Page 1, the Pioneer Hoopsters were incorrectly identified in the headline. The Mercury apologizes to the basketball team and all those involved. On Page 9, the Holiday Dorm Schedule is incorrect. The Mercury apologizes to Student Services for the incorrect schedule, and to the dorm directors and residents. The correct Dorm Closing Schedule for Christmas Break is on Page 8.



One of the Maintenance Department's projects includes not only boxing in the heat ducts in the Verona Maple Room, but also making sure asbestos is cleared from the site. photo by Dave Sagan

### Library Finals Hours

Thursday, December 15 to Friday, December 23

Dec. 15, today 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
16, Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
17, Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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# Arts and Entertainment



The historic Blennerhassett mansion, located on Blennerhassett island. The Friends of Blennerhassett hosted the third annual Christmas celebration December 3, 4. photo by Joshua Bonnett

## A Federal Style Christmas at Blennerhassett Island

by Joshua Bonnett

Christmas of 200 years ago was brought to life December 3 through 4 as the Friends of Blennerhassett welcomed guests to Blennerhassett Island for the Third Annual Blennerhassett Christmas.

To visit Blennerhassett Island one must travel via an authentic sternwheeler on the Ohio River. After a short walk to the mansion, visitors are greeted by Elizabeth Novod, coordinator of the Blennerhassett Docent program. She is dressed as a period parlor maid, and welcomes us to the Island. She takes us into the mansion where we are introduced to the lady of the home, Margaret Blennerhassett.

Lady Margaret, depicted by Jo Ann Brookhart, welcomes us to her home and apologizes for Harman who is absent, due to business. Margaret then explains many of her holiday traditions to the guests. She always supervises the preparation of all meals, usually doing the baking herself.

Decorations of the time may be different from what one may think. Instead of having a tree that reached from floor to ceiling, only mild holly, ivory and candles are used. Fruit and branches from magnolia trees were used for accents. The large

trees we are familiar with today, were used in the Victorian period, fifty years later. She then invites her guests to the dining room, where a quaint holiday banquet is about to be served. From there, her company is led up a graceful circular staircase to the ballroom--and just by luck the Christmas Ball is about to begin!

Traditional dances of the time, choreographed by Bob and Ann Marie Crum, were about to begin. Three dances, a minuet, a reel, and a cotillion were performed. The Blennerhassett's were known for their extravagant galas, with the Christmas Ball being the most elaborate.

With the island excursion drawing to a close, guests were escorted back to the landing where they once again boarded a sternwheeler, bound for Parkersburg. With good-byes exchanged, Margaret wished us well, and invited us to soon return to her island paradise.

1994 marks the third year the Friends of Blennerhassett have hosted Christmas on the Island. Friends President Diane Anderson, a key person in the planning, hopes that guests depart from the island with a greater appreciation to all the work that has been put into the island for the past nine years. Many people I spoke with re-

ferred to Linda Watkins. Ms. Watkins spent several months researching the federal period, and how the holidays of the time were celebrated. She proceeded to create the Christmas atmosphere currently present on the island. Also Jo Ann Brookhart has been involved for the past two seasons. The Belpre native who now lives in Parkersburg says she "enjoys meeting people from around the world when they visit the island, but I mostly enjoy just the absolute beauty of the island."

Anybody wishing to support the park, may become a member of the Friends of Blennerhassett by sending \$10 to the Friends at P.O. Box 911 Parkersburg, WV 26102. For those who simply wish to visit the island, the 1995 season will begin May 3 with sternwheelers leaving every half hour (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) from Point Park, Parkersburg. Other special events for the 1995 season will include Rendezvous on the River, May Fair, West Virginia Day Celebration, and Christmas Open House. Also, for theatre buffs, the spectacular musical drama "Eden of the River" is presented each July at the Smoot Theatre, and depicts the Blennerhassett's life on the island and their association with Aaron Burr.

## December Movie Picks

by David Graham

Over the Christmas break, after you've stuffed yourself with roast beef and drank so much eggnog that it is obscene, you might want to check out the local theater to see what is playing.

A wonderful thing about Christmas time movies is that a wide range of movies come out, blanketing the genres. One can find a serious Oscar caliber movie or simply relax with a holiday feel-good flick. This season serves up a large helping of both.

For those of you who would like a peak at some possible Oscar contenders you might want to check out "Nell" (Dec. 14). "Nell" stars multiple Oscar winner Jodie Foster as a backwoods recluse discovered by Liam Neeson. Or, perhaps Tommy Lee Jones as the baseball bigot Ty Cobb, in the movie "Cobb" (Dec. 2), would be the winning run for you.

If you are in the mood for some wicked fun, Hollywood has served up a terrible duo. If erotic vampires are your fancy, then "Interview With The Vampire" (Nov. 11) is the movie for you. To complete the duo is the Michael Crichton sexual harassment switcheroo, "Disclosure" (Dec. 9) starring Demi Moore and Michael Douglas.

This holiday season also offers a couple of variations on Kris Kringle. If prime time's Tim

Allen is your speed, then you might want to inspect Disney's "The Santa Clause" (Nov. 11). And, if you have seen too many colorized version of "It's A Wonderful Life" and you are in the mood for something different, you should see the remake of another Christmas classic, "Miracle On 34th Street" (Nov. 18).

If you would like to see the 14 year old movie star, Macaulay Culkin, before he hits the "awkward" age, your last chance may be "The Pagemaster" (Nov. 23) and "Richie Rich" (Dec. 21). In the first film, Culkin discovers his imagination through books (BOOKS!?! Yech!) and in the latter film, he plays the super rich cartoon character Richie Rich.

If fast and furious is the way you want to spend the holidays, then maybe the action genre is the one to explore. Speaking of exploring, the crew that has "boldly gone where no one has gone before" treks onto the big screen in the film "Star Trek Generations" (Nov. 18). But, if high speed chases interest you, then Wesley Snipes in "Drop Zone" (Dec. 9) is sure to grab your attention.

Whatever your personal tastes are, there is surely a movie for you. So go, get yourself a big bag of pre-popped popcorn and enjoy.

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listen for radar detector alert, steer, and drink an extra thick milkshake through a straw simultaneously. It also helps to be partially or totally insane.

(6) If you see a truck on Interstate 79, two or three miles ahead of you, speed up so you can "take them out" before reaching the Summersville exit. This is an excellent time-saving technique.

(7) People who drive Rt. 19 are very polite. One would not believe how courteous some people are when they see you heading toward them in their lane. They will drive off the berm, over the hill, just anywhere to be courteous and let you by.

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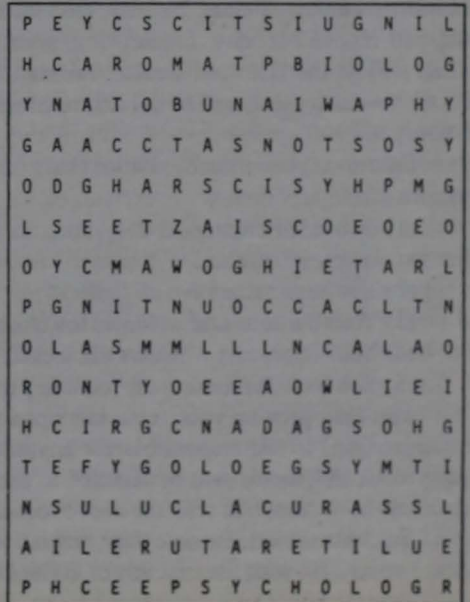
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## Spring Semester 1995 Clarification

January 9, Monday.....Spring Faculty Meeting  
January 10, Tuesday.....Registration  
January 11, Wednesday.....Classes Begin

From the Office of Academic Affairs



## "Faculty Senate"

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the category "Treatment of Personnel." Some of the points they include: President Simmons' attempt to trivialize the faculty vote of "no confidence" with the insulting characterization that the faculty cannot think for themselves; and the absence of presidential interaction in the academic setting. The faculty also feel that they are not adequately involved in decisions effecting them or their divisions, and that President Simmons has been unable to develop a sense of collegiality which would encourage, respect, and actively seek faculty, staff and student participation in pertinent decisions.

In the last category, "Personnel Decisions," the faculty voice concerns relating to search procedures, employee dismissals and concerns about the quality of the administrative staff. Other points include: the belief that President Simmons has surrounded himself with staff who do not have adequate experience in higher education and/or seem disinterested in their position, and faculty report that changes in assignment or responsibility occur without the first line supervisor being involved or even informed.

The summary concludes with the point that President Simmons should be aware that

the Faculty Senate's concerns are valid and all the reasons stated in the summary are explanations justifying the faculty vote of "no confidence."

The Faculty Senate sent the "Summary of Concerns" after Thanksgiving Break to state sanctioning bodies, including the Governor's office, Chancellor's office, the Board of Directors and the Board of Advisors, as well as to President Simmons and college offices. According to senate members, the summary of concerns is an effort by the senate to communicate faculty grievances, in hopes that both parties can resolve their conflicts.

The Faculty Senate is now awaiting possible feedback from those who received copies of the "Concerns."



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## Christmas Dorm Closing Schedule

A.T. Billips, dean of student services has announced the dorm schedule to be followed in lieu of the holidays. The Residence Halls will close Tuesday, December 20 at 5 p.m. and will reopen Monday, January 9 at noon. Lunch (noon meal) will be the last meal served Tuesday, December 20. Dinner (evening meal) will be the first meal served Monday, January 9.

Before you leave the Residence Halls for break, please be sure that:

- (1) You have unplugged everything in your room including clocks, stereos, etc.
- (2) You have turned out all lights.
- (3) Your curtains and windows are closed.
- (4) Your doors and windows are locked.
- (5) You have turned in your room key to the office.

You may pick up your room key upon your return to campus. GSC is not responsible for anything stolen from your room. All rooms will be checked to see that all dorm residents have complied with the above requests.

Students should also note that registration will be Tuesday, January 10, with the first day of classes being Wednesday, January 11.

## 1 Year Anniversary Celebration



Drawing for two bikes  
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Sunday December 11	Monday December 12	Tuesday December 13	Wednesday December 14	Thursday December 15	Friday December 16	Saturday December 17
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All you can eat Hot Cakes 79¢ with purchase of medium drink Open till 6 pm	Pizza Personal Pizza all varieties 99¢ with purchase of medium drink	Family Night 4 pm till close Free balloons for kids under 12 39¢ Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers	Pizza Personal Pizza all varieties 99¢ with purchase of medium drink	12 oz Soup and Side Salad for \$1.99 with purchase of medium drink	Pizza Personal Pizza all varieties 99¢ with purchase of medium drink	99¢ Bacon, egg and cheese biscuit and Egg and sausage with muffins with purchase of medium drink
Free Super Sizing on all Value Meals Discount Super Size 39¢	6 pc. Chicken Nuggets 99¢ with purchase of medium drink	Free Pie with purchase of any Value Meal	Free Regular Size Sundae with purchase of any Value Meal	6 pc. Chicken Nuggets 99¢ with purchase of medium drink	99¢ Big Mac's, 1/4 lb and McChicken with purchase of medium drink	

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the generous people of Gilmer County and Glenville State College, for your encouragement and patronage during our first year. To express our gratitude, we are inviting you to be our guests of honor during our week long anniversary celebration. During the week of December 11 thru 17, we will be offering a variety of McSpecials each day. Stop by and check out the fantastic McSpecials for yourself.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support and may you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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