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The 1994 Miss Kanawhachen nominees. From left to right, Tracy Lloyd, Mary Grace Gainer, Holly Wilkewitz, Vickie Shultz, Jolleem Harris, Patsy Buckles and Sammy Legg. Not pictured are Debbie Blake, Alice Lattea and Kacie van Dyne. photo by Dave Sagan

## President Helps Implement Change

by David Graham

In the State of the State address, Governor Gaston Caperton called for a change in higher education.

The Governor, in an effort to cover all forms of higher education, formed five separate committees with specific tasks. The committees are: Quality, Access, Change, Community Colleges, Technology. Each group will meet individually and discuss their assigned topic and then report back to the Change committee. The Governor has put a deadline for each committee to come up with their solutions and advice by early February so that there will be time to have the proposed action introduced as a Higher Education Bill.

Glenville State College's President Dr. William Simmons, has been assigned to the Access committee. Dr. Simmons said, "This bill will open up a world of flexibility for the students." He spoke of several

topics that head the committee's agenda like television courses and state wide requirements for core classes.

President Simmons said that this will enable any student to transfer anywhere inside the state and not lose a single credit. This will also create, as Dr. Simmons said, "An agreed upon level of quality."

The standard of Colleges will be raised significantly through this bill.

Students will be expected to produce more through their college career, as well as instructors. One goal of the committee is to raise the percentage of college teachers who earn a doctorate.

In reflection of the Governor's request, President Simmons said, "I am excited about the changes and I am very proud that Glenville State College is well ahead of the game, because most changes were already included in our Master Plan."

in the band and choir. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Lloyd and a graduate of Tucker County High School.

GSC Ambassador's Program is sponsoring Vickie Lynn Schultz. A 20 year old junior, Schultz is majoring in special education, a member of WVSEA, a Sigma Sigma Sigma alumni and an Army Reservist. She is the daughter of Charles Dean and Betty Tatterson of Reedy and is a Spencer High School graduate.

Kacie Van Dyne is sponsored by Delta Zeta sorority. Van Dyne is a 20 year old junior

majoring in sports management. She is an athletic trainer and social chairman of Delta Zeta. A graduate of Tyler County High School, Van Dyne is the daughter of Mark and Ellen Van Dyne of Middlebourne.

Holly Wilkewitz, who is sponsored by *The Mercury*, is a 22 year old senior and a social studies education major. Besides being on the Mercury staff, Wilkewitz is on Student Congress and a member of Kappa Delta Pi. She is a graduate of Braxton County High School and the daughter of Larry and Kathy Wilkewitz of Summersville.

## Miss Kanawhachen to be Elected

by Kanawhachen Staff

The Kanawhachen yearbook staff is sponsoring the 1995 Miss Kanawhachen competition with voting beginning Monday, February 6, through Thursday, February 9, in the Hefflin center lobby. The penny per vote balloting will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The winner will be announced during the halftime of the Bluefield State vs. Glenville State basketball game on Monday, February 13. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Contestants need to be by the concession stand at the game five minutes before the half.

This year, 10 young women are competing for the title. The nominees are: Debra Blake, Patsy Buckles, Mary Grace Gainer, Jolleem Harris, Alice Lattea, Sammie Legg, Tracie Lloyd, Vickie Lynn Schultz, Kacie Van Dyne and Holly Wilkewitz.

Debra Blake, age 23, is a

senior majoring in English Education. Blake is sponsored by Kappa Delta Pi. She is a graduate of Lewis County High and is the daughter of Barbara Goldsmith of Weston. Blake, wife of Gary L. Blake, is the secretary of Student Congress, president of Kappa Delta Pi, and on the Budget Committee.

Patsy Buckles is a 21 year old senior majoring in physical education and safety. Buckles is sponsored by FCA and spent four years on the Lady Pioneer Volleyball team and is part of the athletic training staff. She is the daughter of Bill and Sudie Buckles of Vienna, WV and a graduate of Parkersburg High School.

Nineteen year old Mary Grace Gainer is a music education major and is sponsored by Delta Zeta. Gainer is a second year member of MENC. She is a graduate of Calhoun County High School and the daughter of Willis (Tom) Gainer of Sand Ridge, WV.

Sophomore Jolleem Harris,

age 20, is a forestry major sponsored by the GSC Forestry Club. She is a '93 graduate of Sistersville High School and the daughter of Andrew and Katherine Harris of Friendly, WV.

Alice Lattea is a 21 year old junior majoring in marketing and is sponsored by PBL. Besides being a member of PBL, Lattea is a part of the Lady Pioneer volleyball team. She is a graduate of Parkersburg South High School and is the daughter of Kenneth and Donna Lattea of Parkersburg.

Freshman Sammie Legg is sponsored by Student Congress. Legg is 18 years old and is majoring in special education. She is a graduate of Braxton County High School and is the daughter of Beverly Legg of Clay.

Tracie Lloyd, sponsored by MENC, is a 20 year old senior majoring in music education. Lloyd is a first year member of Kappa Delta Pi and is also



# Commentary

Dear Editor,

Citizens BEWARE! Just four issues could make the current legislative session the worst in WV history.

The statewide property tax reappraisal is entering, with laser vengeance, its second three year cycle. Proper corrective legislative measures are needed. The following examples illustrate some of the problems.

1. The County Commissions of Boone, Wyoming and Webster report over \$54.9 million decrease in class 3 real estate values since 1993--allegedly favoring absentee landlords, timber & coal barons and other elite.

2. Properties of common citizens, without owner upgrading, have been increased during the past few months for some Wood County residents by over 186 percent above 1994 appraisals.

3. Mineral tax increases of over 30,000 percent have been reported for common people owning marginal to worthless mineral rights in Marion, Wayne and other counties.

4. A Ritchie County farm appraised about \$70,000 for tax purposes in 1994 was recently, prior to deletion of non-present structures, reappraised at \$82,700. Four hours later, when the structures were deleted from the CAMA, the new reappraised value was entered at \$89,600! No owner improvements were made, and it is interesting to note that a Ritchie County farmer with grade A woodlot yielding \$590 tax could not be expected to be happy about a big "farm" operator in Pocahontas County with a 1995 tax bill of \$43 on the same grade and number of woodland acres!

5. A December 21, 1994 tax lien sale supplement of over 15 pages in the Charleston Daily Mail illustrates what is happening to private ownership of properties in WV--before the new three year cycle kicks in. Less than 500 properties, including BIG corporate interests, were purchased by individuals--but over 5,000 properties were purchased by the state of West Vir-

ginia! Additionally, unelected state bureaucracy has threatened to fire and replace several of our elected assessors--allegedly for not coming down hard enough on common citizens.

Draconian provisions of H.B. 2074 with respect to expanding powers of County commissions and municipalities to require property owners to demolish their "substandard" homes and other properties at their own expense--even for the most shallow reasons--further endangers private property ownership.

Under H.B. 2073 proposed by Governor Caperton, private homeowners within 300 feet of school facilities, motorists passing within 300 feet of school facilities, pedestrians passing by within 300 feet of school facilities, hunters not estimating their distances correctly, etc., could face felony charges and not less than two years in the new state penitentiary! No, its not only for possessing loaded or unloaded guns. Slingshots, compound bows, hunting knives, steak knives, a club for self defense--or any other weapon defined as deadly by authorities could be used as an excuse to fill up the regional jails and penitentiary. One of the governor's weapons control bills of 1994 containing his long term agenda for "REGULATION OF THE USE AND POSSESSION OF DEADLY WEAPONS GENERALLY" did not pass--but the long term agenda was lifted word for word out of the failed bill, inserted into S.B. 46 in dark recesses of conference committee--and then expanded further in the current H.B. 2073!

The BIG CONTRACTOR'S RURAL CLEANSING BILL, H.B. 2027, is lurking in dark recesses of House Political Subdivision Committee. It is part four of a major four--part offensive against many, perhaps most, rural property owners.

H.B. 4188 of 1992 is part 1 of RURAL CLEANSING. On January 17, I attended a meeting in Wood County where disabled families, poor Christian families and others are in real

danger of losing their struggle for homeowner survival. Once formed, a so-called "Rural Maintenance Association" under this bill can impose any desired fee under the guise of "fair share" to protect the "health, safety and welfare of the general public" within the association boundary. Tour rich property owners, for example, who control 60 percent of the frontage on any designated section of an orphan of subdivision road which they conspire to control can dictate both the meaning of "fair share" and what is best to protect the health, safety and welfare of everyone within their mandatory association. If there are six other property owners who are poor and the County Commission approves the minority petition, then the poor majority must pay "fair share" right along with the rich! If the rich want a four lane superhighway with street lights, etc., then the poor have no recourse under this "Law." Everyone who can't pay will have a lein, possibly with interest, placed against their property!

H.B. 2027 would expand the authority of the rural elite to form Rural Maintenance Associations along state or public roads in unincorporated areas. Passage of this bill along with House Bills 2073 and 2074 would bring us much closer to a Facist Police State.

Sincerely,  
James C. Rymer,  
Board of Directors,  
"Concerned Citizens of  
West Virginia"

## Pioneers vs. Bobcats

There is a van going to see the Pioneers and Bobcats at Buckhannon Monday, February 6. Sign up in Wagner office noon-11:30 p.m. daily. Cost is \$1 plus ticket, make sure you bring your student I.D to the game.

## Conversational Green

by Jeremy Dean

So how are you all this week? I'm sitting here at my desk listening to the new REM album (thanks Bob), sucking down a Big K decaffeinated sweet tea, and feeling pretty good.

Student Congress is on the move! A work order was put in by Al Billips to put hand rails on the sloping sidewalks between LBH and the AB building, and also in front of the Heflin Center. This was a result of a question of safety by a member of the congress. Don't let us down Dr. Billips.

I found out this week why the school doesn't put salt on the ice patches they call steps. The salt causes the concrete to deteriorate after years of use. Apparently someone would rather see the people in disrepair than the sidewalks.

It seems to me a few million dollar lawsuits would be more expensive than sidewalk repairs, but then again I am an English major and not a math major. It doesn't take a law student to know who would win in that case though.

Craig's article, "In the Ditch," was hilarious once again. I hope this is going to be a weekly thing, I'm loving it. If you haven't read it find some back issues of the paper and check it out. It is Great!

Before I go I would like to encourage anyone, and everyone who is listening to join us at the student congress meetings every Thursday at four. Believe it or not we will listen to your concerns, or at the very least I will. Run for an office on Student Congress if you can, and if you can't, at least come out and vote on the 20, and 21. Let your voice be heard. Get involved!!! Write me a letter here at the paper, let me hear how you feel, and I'll keep you posted on how I feel. I'd love to see this place shook up a bit, something as simple as a letter to the editor will get some attention. Always remember your opinions matter. You pay to go here after all, so why shouldn't you have a voice. Use your power. God Bless!

## Vote for Jeremy Dean

Student Congress President  
Feb 20 and 21!

Paid for by Dean and Friends, campaign to elect Jeremy Dean

## Ambassadors Announced

The Office of Records and Enrollment Management under Dr. Nancy McClure, and the Visitor's Center, under Jill Harman and Ewana Hayhurst, wish to announce the first ambassadors for the Glenville State College Ambassador's Program.

The ambassadors are: Josh Bonnett--Coordinator, David Graham--Coordinator, Mark Allen, Annette Caldwell, David Cook, Tom Cook, Will Cottril, Chuck Dunbar, Jill Hardman, Heather Harris, Delilah Hoffman, Kristina Radcliff, Ryan Riddel, Vicki Shultz, and Kenneth Wilkens.

The ambassadors held a workshop this past Saturday. A very special thanks to those who attended--you will help make this program a success. **Congratulations and Thanks to these outstanding student leaders!**

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# Science Hall Gets New Lab

by Carl G. Sears

Scenario: You casually walk into the Science Building to look around and just see what you can see. You float your way around on each floor and finally find yourself on the fourth floor. The little bit of breath you have left within your being (after climbing the many flights of stairs to get to the fourth floor) is slowly pulled from your lungs. You have not prepared yourself for what you are about to see. You are truly left breathless by the beauty of the new chemistry lab that is located in the Science Hall.

The lab opened this semester after much planning and hard work by the science department staff. This is a brand new state of the art lab that will accommodate over 100 students each semester.

According to Dr. John Chisler, chairman of the division of science and mathematics and instructor of biology at Glenville State College, the lab will be used by students in the two introductory chemistry and the two general chemistry classes.

All students on campus can use the lab, from general studies classes, to nursing majors and science majors. When asked about the new lab, Dr. Chisler said, "It is a whole lot neater and just looks cleaner and much brighter than the other labs."

The lab was paid for through all state appropriated funding. The lab is top of the line and contains state of the art equipment. The lab is divided into six stations with four work spaces at each station. There is environmental control in the lab—it is air conditioned as well as heated.

The lab also has space for the handicapped students. Every student here at GSC should be very proud of the new facility in the Science Building. Dr. Chisler also stated that, "any student taking a chemistry class on campus should feel comfortable in the new lab and should be happy with the facilities they have to work in."

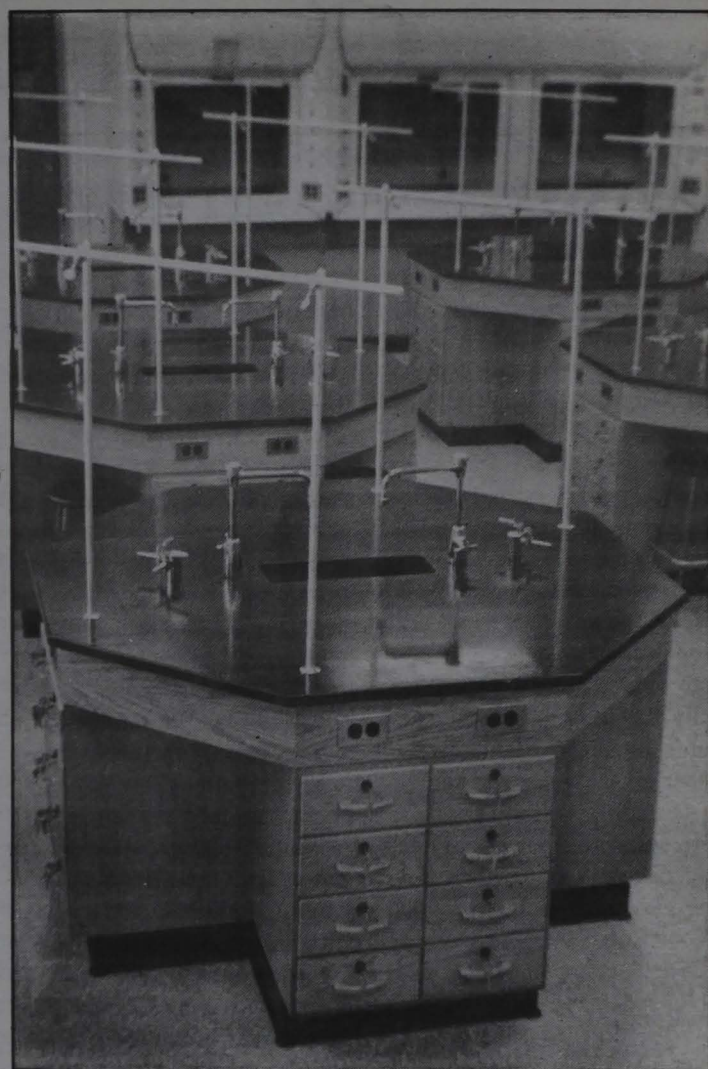
Tom Vallombroso, the chemistry instructor, is just as pleased to have the new addition to the building. He noted the lab

to be, "extremely well lit" and he is "very happy with the lab."

Vallombroso expressed his overall satisfaction with lab, by adding, "The only negative thing about it is that we lost shelf space because of the new hoods (that carry out fumes), but we gained plenty of storage space underneath."

Dr. Chisler also told me on a more humorous note that they are having a small problem with the heating of the lab. He says that in order to keep the lab at a comfortable temperature that they have to keep the rest of the building at 90 degrees. He says they keep most of the bottom doors open throughout the day so it doesn't get too warm in the building.

He isn't complaining though, he says, "we are very happy with what we have gotten with this lab." So if you are strolling around campus on one of these bitter cold days, stop in the Science Building and warm yourself up. While you are there be sure to look in on the new lab as well. I think you will appreciate what you see.



The new and improved Science Lab. photo by Dave Sagan

## Comedian Has His Ups and Downs

by Jeremy Dean

Tuesday night comedian Master Lee packed the Administration Building auditorium here at GSC. Lee is from New York, and has been in the business of making people laugh for ten years now.

He has performed on MTV, "Caroline's Comedy Hour", and "Showtime at the Apollo."

When asked about Glenville he said, "It seems nice. I'm from New York City so it's nice to see trees and stuff."

The show had its ups and downs. "He had a good stage presence, but his comedic timing can use some work," remarked Anne McCourt, an audience participant in the show.

McCourt did origami with Master Lee. They made snowflakes with paper napkins.

The highlight of the show was when audience member Earl Reynolds tore the head off the Barney doll, and then threw it out into the audience when Lee asked him to, "Show me how you feel about Barney."

Reynolds later said, "I didn't know if he wanted me to do it or not." He did and turned what was just another tired Barney bash into the best moment of the evening.

Another participant, who gave his name as only J-Bird, said it was fun being on stage. "It was odd being up there, it was my first time on stage." J-Bird walked through a reenactment of an old Chinese kung fu movie with Lee and another audience member Elliot Lofties.

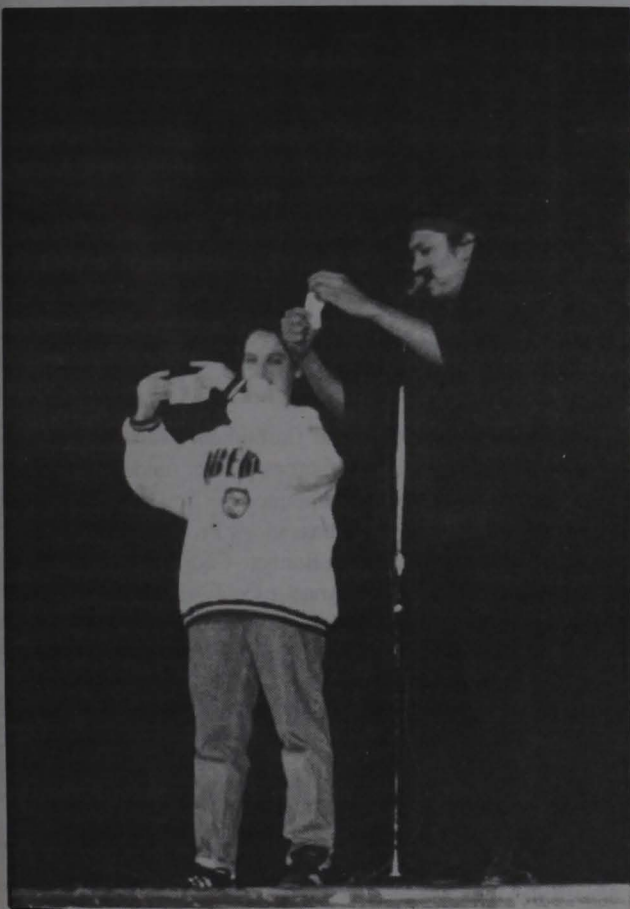
The audience participation made the show. There were lots of hecklers in the audience that night. In fact it was said by more than one that the audience made the show.

"He wasn't as exciting as they hyped him up to be," said Elliot Lofties, "The audience participants were funnier than the comedian."

At one point during the show Lee made some offensive Biblical jokes. This caused a few people to get up and leave the show early.

There were other times during the show when Lee got excessively offensive with the audience. This just got the audience more involved in heckling and cat calls.

In my opinion Master Lee's show was just not as funny as the comedians GSC has had here in the past. Many of the people at the show seemed to enjoy it though.



Student Anne McCourt and Master Lee folding cocktail napkins for the audience's enjoyment. photo by Jeremy Dean



# Sports

## Pioneers go One-Up and One-Down on the Road

by Sean McAndrews

### GSC vs WV Tech

The Pioneers traveled south down I-79, past the capitol city of Charleston, getting on the Midland Trail road, Route 60 East, to the city of Montgomery in Fayette County and the home of the West Virginia Institute of Technology Golden Bears. This would be the first of two meetings between the WVIAC rivals.

The Pioneers would jump out to a 5-2 lead early in the first half on the scoring ability of Steve Shuff. The Golden Bears would fight back to knot the score up at 11 all on a Patrick Weaver jumper with 11:58 remaining. The Pioneers would take their last lead of the first half on an Eric Contee long range three, 14-12, with nine minutes remaining.

The Pioneers would go stone cold from the field, lucky to hit the floor with a shot, much less the iron of the rim, for 5:45 minutes, before Kenny Gross would stroke two free throws in front of a hostile Tech audience. During the Pioneer drought, the Golden Bears could only score nine points, to lead 21-16, with 3:44 remaining. The Pioneers would outscore the Golden Bears 7-4 on the strong driving lay ups of sophomore Jawayne Jenkins in the waning minutes of the first half to trail 26-23 at the half time.

The Pioneer's second half would start as slowly as the first, not taking a lead until Fred Wilson's jumper at the 17:59 mark, 27-26, and taking the lead for good on an Eric Contee three point play, 39-36, with 11:40 left. Another Eric Contee three point play at the 1:17 mark would put the Pioneer lead to 57-51. The Golden Bears would get as close as two, on a Frank early three, 61-59, with 23 ticks on the clock left. However, the Pioneers would prevail, as Steve Shuff and Al Thornton would

each hit a free throw to seal the 63-59 win.

The Pioneers would shoot 56.5 percent from the field in the second half, compared to 39.3 percent shooting for West Virginia Tech. In fact, of the 40 points scored by the Pioneers in the second half, all but three points would be scored Steve Shuff-18, Eric Contee-10, and Fred Wilson-9. The Pioneers would win the battle of the boards, 34-20.

For the game, The Pioneers were led in scoring by Steve Shuff with 23, and Eric Contee and Fred Wilson splitting 26 evenly. Al Thornton would assist the scoring with five handouts and Eric Contee with four handouts of his own.

### GSC vs WJC

The Pioneers woke up early Saturday morning, traveling North on I-79, catching I-70 in Washington, Pennsylvania and go west to Wheeling, West Virginia to play the Cardinals of Wheeling Jesuit College in the new spacious McDonough Center. This would be the last scheduled game north of the Mason Dixon Line for the Pioneers.

The Pioneers would score first on a Jeremy Rodda jumper inside the lane, followed by an Al Thornton three pointer to lead, 5-2. The first tie of the half (9-9) would occur on a long-range, pull-up three by the Cardinal's Scott Bittner with 12:30 remaining. Scott Bittner would hit another, before GSC's Kenny Gross would retaliate with his own three point bomb to tie it, 12-12, at the 10:10 mark. The Cardinals would take the lead to four, before a Jeremy Rodda putback would give the Pioneers the lead, 20-19, and a Steve Shuff jumper would increase it to 22-20 with 4:26 remaining. The game would be tied again, 23-23, when Kenny Gross hit one of two from the line with 3:19 remaining. The

Cardinals would outscore the Pioneers in the remainder of the half 10-4, to lead 33-27.

The Cardinals would take their six point lead to 11 points as late as 10:54 in the second half, before the Pioneers would mount a come back and make it exciting for the 500 fans in attendance. The Pioneers would cut the lead to seven over the next 4:17 on a variety of long range three's by Jeremy Rodda, Steve Shuff and Jeff Brockell.

The Cardinals called a time out to turn the tide. Instead, the Pioneers turned up the pressure going on a 10-0 run after the time out to lead 67-64 with 3:58 remaining. During the 10-0 run it was the fine passing of Steve Shuff and the ability of Jeremy Rodda and Eric Contee to finish the play that gave the Pioneers the lead.

Wheeling Jesuit used another time out and diagramed a play for the long range shooting of Justin Rowe, who hit the shot to tie it 67-67 with 3:40 showing on the clock. Wheeling Jesuit would take the lead on a steal by Justin Rowe, followed by a John Reasbeck dunk to lead 69-67. The Pioneer's Jeff Brockell would tie it with two free throws, 69-69, at the 2:58 mark. Wheeling's Scott Bittner's jumper would be countered by Glenville's Eric Contee's layup, to have the score tied with less than two minutes remaining.

In the waning moments, Wheeling's home court advantage let jumpers fall as Pioneer shots fell short. Cardinal free throws rimmed in and Pioneer's rimmed out to give the Cardinals a 80-73 win over the Pioneers. The Pioneers were lead in scoring by Steve Shuff with 19, Jeremy Rodda with 18, and Eric Contee with 14 points. The Pioneers were lead on the boards by Eric Contee with seven rebounds, Jeremy Rodda with six rebounds, and Fred Wilson, Jeff Brockell, and Steve Shuff, all with five rebounds.



Pioneer Eric Contee hoops one up for the camera.

photo by Dave Sagan



Lady Pioneer Lori Charnoplosky, surrounded by defenders, still makes the shot.

photo by Dave Sagan

## Lady Pioneers Claim Two Wins

by Sean Davis

The GSC Lady Pioneers basketball team picked up back to back wins the week of January 16 over WV Tech and Bluefield State College.

On Thursday, the women's team hosted WV Tech and came away with a 80-66 victory. Guard Lori Charnoplosky led four Lady Pioneers in double figure scoring with 26 points.

Freshman Kimbra Hott came off the bench to score 16 points. Forwards Marty Rose and Tanisha Brown added 14 and 10 points respectively. Brown led all rebounders with 15 total.

Senior guard Christy Fitzwater came back from a se-

ries of injuries to score eight points and add 11 assists.

On Saturday, the squad was on the road as they traveled to play the Bluefield State Lady Blues and came away with a 58-55 win. Charnoplosky and Brown each scored a game high-19 points. Marty Rose and Brown each collected 10 rebounds. Charnoplosky also added five steals.

The Lady Pioneers moved their record to 4-12 and 3-8 in WVIAC. The women are led in scoring by Charnoplosky who is averaging 17.56 points per game after 16 games. The Leading rebounder is Rose with 7.62 per contest while Fitzwater is averaging 5.28 assists a game.



# Lady Pioneers Drop Three Straight Games

by Sean Davis

The GSC Lady Pioneers basketball team struggled last week to find consistency as they lost all three contests.

On Monday, the Lady Pioneers were on the road at U. of Pitt-Johnstown, PA.

The host school proved too much as they beat GSC by a final tally of 85-38. The only player to score in double figures was Marty Rose with ten. Lori Charnoplosky ended the game with three steals.

On Wednesday, the women hosted the Lady Bobcats from W.V. Wesleyan. GSC kept the contest close, but came up short with a 74-63 score. The Lady Pioneers could not overcome a 37-31 halftime deficit to lose by eleven.

Leading scorers for the Lady Pioneers were Tanisha Brown and Lori Charnoplosky. Brown scored nineteen points, five rebounds, and blocked four shots. Charnoplosky added eight points.

On Saturday, the Wheeling-Jesuit Lady Cardinals were here to battle the GSC Lady Pioneers.

GSC continued to struggle, but they ended up losing 81-44.

The Lady Cardinals shot 51.9% from the field to open up a 21 point lead at halftime, 50-29. The leading scorer for GSC was Marty Rose with twelve points. Tanisha Brown added ten points, blocked two shots, and collected two steps. Christy Fitzwater collared seven rebounds, while dishing out seven assists.

The Lady Pioneer's record now stands at 4-15 overall and 3-10 in the WVIAC.

The Lady Pioneers are heading down the final stretch of the regular season, they are jockeying for position while the WVIAC tournament is quickly approaching.

On February 2nd, the Lady Pioneers open up a three game homestand as they host W.V. State for a 7 p.m. tip off. On the fourth, the Concord College Lady Lions set play at 4 p.m. Then on the February sixth they will host the West Liberty Lady Hilltoppers for a 5:15 game time.

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the attention of everyone at the S.C. meeting that you were a lousy teacher and that you would not arrange a class for her. The warning that I am about to give you stems from her complaints. Dr. Billips accused you as an example of why President Simmons has the will and pleasure contract with nearly everyone associated with the college. He said, 'This is a way to sort out the terrible and uncooperative faculty at G.S.C.'

Messenger and Billips deny saying any of what was

## Delta Zeta News

by Mary Elizabeth James

The Delta Zeta sorority held a formal meeting in the Verona Maple Room on January 30, where we discussed the upcoming events. The Academic Banquet will be held February 15. Formal rush schedules will be posted. If you have any questions call Angie Meadows at 462-5964 or contact any Delta Zeta sister.

We would like to remind everyone about the raffle for \$50 in cash. The tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the Pioneer basketball game February 18 at halftime. We would like to thank everyone for their support.

We would like to congratulate Mary Beth on her Heartsis. Good Luck Pioneers!

## Student Evaluation Requests for 80 Hours

Once students have completed 80 hours toward a four year degree or 40 hours toward a two year degree, they should request an evaluation of their credits.

Students seeking non-teaching degrees should make their requests at the office of records and enrollment management. Students seeking teacher certification should contact the teacher education office.

written in any of this. Several congress members also confer that Billips and Messenger did not say those things written in the letter.

At the January 19 meeting Messenger accused a member of Student Congress, John Park, of fabricating the letter based on the word of several sources.

This poses a dilemma. On page 28 of the GSC student handbook under Article II, number four, it says the purpose of SC is to "Strengthen cordial relations among administration, faculty, and students, and community." If Park, who was accused of writing the "anonymous letter," did fabricate these lies, then he certainly wasn't doing his job to strengthen anything.

Messenger brought this to the attention of SC January 19,

and a motion was passed whether Park would remain on SC, or be voted out by a two-thirds majority, at the next week's meeting, giving Park the seven day waiting period to defend his case.

That is exactly what Park did.

Student Congress received Park's resignation/defense letter at the January 26 meeting. It was read to all of us present by House Director, Sean McAndrews, and we were each given a xeroxed copy of the original. In this letter Park offered many insights to defend his case. The strongest of which, Park's "reputation for being seen, quoted, signing, and offering myself

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## Happy Valentine's Day!



## St. Mark's Episcopal Church



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## Social Science Division Arranged Course Policy

1. No student in a 4 year program may arrange a class prior to the completion of 75 credit hours and no student in a 2 year program may arrange a class prior to the completion of 30 credit hours.
2. No student may arrange any class that he/she has previously taken and failed or previously taken and dropped unless by recommendation of instructor of the class dropped or failed.
3. No student may arrange any class that is currently being offered, was offered during the preceding semester (if that student was enrolled at GSC) or is scheduled to be offered in either the upcoming summer or the following semester.
4. A student wishing an arranged class must first state in writing what they need to arrange and why to the division chairman. The chairman will refer the student to an appropriate member of the department who may, upon his review of the student's case, choose to arrange the class.

## CRUISE JOBS

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# On Campus

## Shop Talk

by Professor Will Oliver

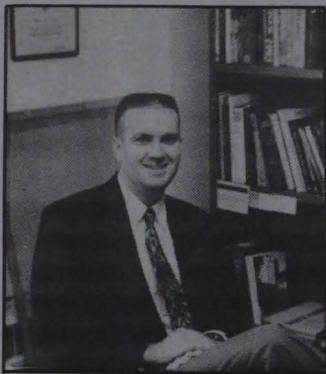
In a recent issue of the Mercury's "Shop Talk", Mr. Tom Todd wrote an article about the criminal justice program at Glenville State College. In his concluding paragraph he mentioned that if you stopped by our offices we would be glad to tell you about the career opportunities available with a criminal justice degree. Since this seems to be a recurring question from both criminal justice and non-criminal justice students, I felt this column would present an excellent opportunity to communicate at least some of the career opportunities.

When I talk about the job opportunities I generally provide students information on all three components of the criminal justice system: the police, courts and corrections. I also broaden the possibilities by including local, state and federal positions within my soliloquy. Finally, I generally emphasize the private industry of security and the continuing education opportunities. That is what I hope to provide in this column.

Local police and sheriff's agencies, along with the regional jail system, provide for the most job opportunities in the immediate area. The opening of Mount Olive and currently established federal prisons in the area also provide for much of the employment in the criminal justice field. Nor can we forget about job opportunities with the West Virginia State Police and the Department of Natural Resources. However, once one begins contemplating job opportunities beyond the immediate area a whole new world opens up.

The fifty states all have police, sheriffs, state police departments and some have special police agencies. Looking beyond West Virginia opens up over 17,500 police and sheriff departments on the state and local level. Just call the city, county, or state police depart-

## Job Opportunities with a Student Criminal Justice Degree



Professor Will Oliver  
photo by Dave Sagan

ment personnel office and receive an application. The same goes for state prison systems and positions within the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Also on the local and state level is the opportunity to work in probation/parole, with a State Alcohol Beverage Control Agency, or as an investigator for the various Departments of Motor Vehicles.

If we make the step to federal agencies in the area of policing, we increase the job opportunities tenfold. The most famous perhaps are the Federal Bureau of Investigations, responsible for investigating most federal crimes; and the Secret Service who have a dual role investigating any and all counterfeiting and protecting the lives of the President and Vice-President. The U.S. Secret Service also has a Uniformed Division, that patrols the White House and Camp David. There are the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; the U.S. Marshals Service; U.S. Customs; and the Drug Enforcement Agency. A good entry level law enforcement job to the federal system is the Border Patrol, securing our nation's borders; and the General Services Administration, which has a large police force securing government buildings and installations throughout the country. Other agencies with police authority are the Immigration and Naturalization Services and the Internal Revenue Services Investigators.

If we broaden our horizons to the world, job opportunities abound with the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department with its Diplomatic Security, and the Foreign Service. There are also opportunities overseas guarding military and U.S. Government Installations as well as working for the United Nations Police Department, headquartered in New York City.

There are also various little known federal organizations that have police/investigator positions. The U.S. Post Office has Postal Inspectors, the Environment Protection Agency has guards, and the Department of Energy provides installation security of its nuclear facilities. The FDIC has its own police, as does the Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Supreme Court, N.A.S.A., the National Gallery of Art, the Food and Drug Administration and there is the Capital Police guarding the nation's capital in

Washington D.C.. There are also positions with many of the railroads working as a police officer, to include Amtrak.

If you have a penchant for the great outdoors, there is the park police and park rangers. Job opportunities abound in the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. The federal and state parks as well as historic sites across the country all have the need for various forms of security and police.

The military also provides many opportunities in the criminal justice field for both citizens and military personnel. Citizens are employed at the Naval Investigative Service and the Defense Intelligence Agency without ever joining the military. Others may want to join the military and each branch: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard have some form of military police and some form of criminal investigation division.

If the military is not for you, nor public service, there is also the private industry route. A criminal justice degree can land a student a management job in any of the large private security firms such as Wells Fargo, Pinkerton, and Wackenhut. All of these offer many positions in various parts of the country and overseas. Insurance companies also hire individuals with bachelors degrees in criminal justice as investigators to investigate fraud and crimes such as arson.

Furthering your education is also another possibility, which in turn increases your job opportunities and flexibility tenfold. A graduate degree in criminal justice or a related field, law school, or attending a forensics science program or academy can open up many new doors of opportunity.

The small amount of space here cannot truly touch on all the job opportunities with a criminal justice degree, but it may orient you in the right direction. If you have any questions regarding the address, phone number, and what services these agencies perform, see either Brenda Peyser in the Careers Office located in the Heflin Center, or Tom Todd and myself in the social sciences division. Also, stop by if you would like more information on the criminal justice program here at Glenville State College.

## News

by Annie McCourt

On January 26th, the members of Student Congress were surprised to see a record number of attendants at their regular weekly meeting. The reason, conflict. It seem conflict always draws a crowd.

This time conflict came in the shape of Commuter Representative, John Park. To accept his resignation, or not to accept his resignation, that is the question. "It does not make any difference to me," spoke Student Congress President, Heather Messenger.

"If you accept his resignation then he is free to run for president, which I have been told he wants to do," relayed Doctor Billips, "if he is expelled by this group, for what he has done to Heather, then he has one full year that he can not serve on congress."

Let's get to the bottom of things. A letter was written to Dr. Sirk containing things supposedly said by Messenger, and Billips at the last meeting of the fall, 1995 semester.

This anonymous letter, of which copies were given out at the January 19th, Student Congress meeting, stated "Student Congress President, Heather Messenger recently brought to

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## Campus Yearbook Pictures to be Taken

It is that time again--time for yearbook pictures. This year, *The Kanawhachen* staff will be taking pictures of faculty divisions, departments, staff and organizations on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Small Ballroom of the Heflin Center.

All campus organizations, departments and divisions will be scheduled during this time.

The dates available for your group to get their pictures taken are: Today, Feb. 7, Feb. 9, Feb. 14, Feb. 16, Feb. 21 and Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursdays.

Please call *The Mercury/Kanawhachen* office at extension 290 for details and information, including scheduling.



## Staff Spotlight on Wilma Myers



Wilma Myers takes time out of her busy schedule to smile for the camera.  
photo by Dave Sagan

by Kim Sees

Mrs. Wilma Myers makes getting a state car a whole lot easier for you.

Myers is from Linn, West Virginia. She started working for Glenville State College after graduating from high school. This summer will make 26 years of employment at GSC.

Her title position is office assistant in the maintenance department. Her duties are inventory, time sheets, various other office duties, and of course, seeing that we all get that needed state car.

Mrs. Myers is married to Charles Myers. They are working on their celebrating their 30th anniversary in February.

She has a daughter Sharon, 27, who graduated from

GSC in 1991 with a business degree; and a son Jerry, 21, who will be graduating in May with a biology degree. She is a member of the Upper Ellis Church.

When asked what she liked best about Glenville, she said, "It's close to home."

She likes to go camping in the summer. Her priorities are to keep working and see that the family is cared for.

Since she has been here for several years, I asked her what would she do if she won the lottery?

Myers replied, "If I won the lottery, I would retire, stay at home, and enjoy myself. No big vacation, just staying at home."

Mrs. Myers ended with, "I have enjoyed working here and the people are really nice."

# In Celebration of Black History Month Maya Angelou, Portrait of a Great American Woman of Our Century

by Sandra Gibson

Maya Angelou perhaps had one of her most shining moments as she read her poem, "On The Pulse of the Morning" during the inauguration of President Bill Clinton. Her words and her passion rang out with a depth that inspired and moved her audience to truly believe in the power of healing and joining in unity and harmony. There is little doubt as to why the president would choose one with such dynamic force in her words to speak at his special occasion.

Growing up in the face of poverty and uncertainty, Angelou learned the art of survival through solitude and the burial of herself in books. Some of her greatest inspirations came from the Bible, Shakespeare, Poe, Arnold and Dickens. Here she learned to use words and the power of language to pull her from the depths of despair.

Angelou was born Marguerite Annie Johnson, April 4, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. Her name, Maya came from her younger brother naming her "My" and "Mine." Angelou came from a variation in the spelling of her first husband's surname. Her childhood took her to Long Beach, CA after the breakup of her parents and then back to Stamps, AZ when her mother found it difficult to work with two young children, and

had to send her to live with their grandmother. At age seven, she returned along with her brother to live with their mother but, returned to Stamps shortly after becoming a rape victim by her mother's boyfriend.

After graduating high school, Angelou received a two year scholarship to study drama and dance at California Labor School. A stint in George Gershwin's opera, "Porgy and Bess" sent her on a tour through 22 nations in Europe and Africa.

A second marriage took her to Cairo, Egypt where she took a job as associate editor of the *Arab Observer*. Later, she moved to Ghana and took a position as an assistant administrator and teacher of Music and Drama at the University of Ghana. There she became actively involved in African culture and its role in American life. In 1966 she returned to the states and also took a stand for the political rights of African Americans.

Angelou has performed in a wide range of artistic ventures in addition to being a poet and a writer. She has written plays, screen plays, television scripts (She writes for Oprah!), recorded calypso songs and poetry, worked as a singer, a dancer, actress, producer, and has taught and lectured at uni-

versities and organized civil rights activists.

Her literary tributes include five volumes of autobiography ranging from childhood to her present day. Among them are "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings," a story of her earliest years until the birth of her son at the age of 17.

She has also published six volumes of verse. "Still I Rise," "Weekend Glory," and "Seven Women Blessed Assurance" are among some which audiences shout out for her to read. Her themes are of love, fellowship, community, friendship, racial tensions and African-American history. She credits the slave narrator, Fredrick Douglass as one she found herself modeling.

In an interview for *USA Today* (3-5-85) Angelou summed herself up this way, "What I would really like said about me is that I dared to love." Later, she added, "By love I mean that condition in the human spirit so profound it encourages us to develop courage and build bridges and then to trust those bridges and cross those bridges in attempts to reach other people." Maya Angelou has definitely established herself as a formidable presence on the American literary scene, as well as a great among American women and leaders of all races.

## Students Parking In Private Driveway Will Be Towed

by Amy Jo Rowan

Since August, Glenville resident Sylvie Osborne has awakened every morning to find her driveway blocked. Each day parked vehicles obstruct traffic to and from her Lynn Street residence, at the North Entrance of the college. All of these vehicles contain GSC parking permits.

Often, her daughter Sherry Osborne has left notes on these vehicles explaining that it's a private drive. She even con-

structed a sign with that message and placed it at the bottom of the driveway. Yet like many of the the notes, she found the sign destroyed.

The younger Osborne reports they can't tolerate this any longer. "We have tried our best to be nice, and they've just ignored our notices. They're either going to stop parking there or their vehicles will be towed."

She also noted that her mother is in poor health and now

ambulances are not able to reach the residence. She added, "Last week mom was very sick and we had to have a blue Blazer towed just to get her to the hospital."

Students parking in this drive are tearing up the road. Furthermore, they are blocking the water company's passage to a tower at the top of the hill.

Vehicles parked there will be towed by Titan Towing of Sand Fork. It will cost \$75 to have these vehicles released.

## TKE News

by Tom Anderson

Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity will be hosting the first annual "Ballroom Blitz" to be held February 22, in the Heflin Center ballroom from 8:30 p.m. until midnight.

Live entertainment by Dover Crossing and another band to be announced. Pizza and drinks provided. No admis-

sion charge and everyone is invited.

The annual TKE softball tournament held every spring is now being planned. Anyone who is interested should start assembling a team now and look for flyers to be out soon announcing time, dates, and entry fees. The President's words of the week: Just call it "Rhonda"!

## Attention May '95 To-Be Graduates

Friday, February 10 is the last day for making application to graduate in May. Applications may be picked up from the office of records and enrollment management in the Administration Building.

Also, do not forget to go to the Bookstore and order your cap and gown.

## Color TV Raffle

Raffle for 27" TV will be held in PH Lounge, Sunday, February 5th, at 9 p.m. If interested in purchasing tickets, contact Mark Allen or Scott Wing Office.



# Arts & Entertainment

## Wemm Discusses Play



Mrs. Nancy Wemm

photo by Dave Sagan

by Jim Shock

Every inch of Nancy Wemm's cramped office is filled with things she treasures. Pictures of her family are proudly displayed on her desk, her walls are papered with posters from previous productions, and her book shelves are gorged with plays, and Communication texts.

Although the semester has barely gotten under way, the calendar hanging in her office is already nearly filled with upcoming events. Aside from her responsibilities as Oral Communications instructor, she is also an advisor to the GSC Forensics team, and will be directing "Bad Habits", one of the two theatre productions scheduled for this Spring. It is the latter which has brought us together.

With so many great plays at arm's length in her office, I was curious how she came to choose the Terrence McNally comedy "Bad Habits?" It seems it was a collective effort. She submitted it for consideration to some students, all of whom, after reading it responded, "I love it, it's hysterical, they are weird." Mrs. Wemm also felt that the play's theme was one of universal appeal, "The emphasis is more interpersonal relationships, be it marriage, or roommates, and how bad habits drive each other crazy." She, herself, could relate to this idea, as she and her husband share a

bad habit of their own, "I like to be organized, Dennis has an opposite view of organization, he likes creative organization."

The play, which was originally written in 1974, was updated by McNally in 1990. Mrs. Wemm plans to combine the best of both works into her production. Her reasoning is simple, "I want to make it more applicable to our audience."

The play, as described by Mrs. Wemm is, "Basically two one act plays." The first act takes place in an extravagant spa where people go to be cured of their bad habits. Act two deals with how these changes affect the character's lives.

Today, it seems everyone has become a self-help expert, and there is a lot of money to be made "curing" people. McNally's prophetic play was an accurate foretelling of this trend in 1974, but the current lunacy must have prompted the 1990 update. One character, seems to have been inspired from any number of infomercial quacks. Mrs. Wemm was hesitant about giving away too many surprises, but she did say, "It's somebody who is making a lot of money telling people he can fix their problems, although his qualifications are questionable at best." She wants to explore this idea even further to find out, "How useful are these modifications?"

Mrs. Wemm was specific about her intended message, and

## The Wall of Sound Continues

by Joni Rittenhouse

The sounds of Bach, Mozart, Hadyn and many others were heard on Saturday morning as the Brass Conference '95 opened with its Solo Masterclass recital.

Early Saturday morning, Mr. Harry Rich and five other musical hosts put the event into swing as they prepared to spend two intensive days creating what would be known at the end as, "The wall of sound."

Alderson-Broadus, Concord and Fairmont State colleges all connected with Glenville for two fast paced, lip splitting days of nothing but brass.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday afternoon the four colleges met to show each other what they were made of. Kicked off by Mr. Rich, Glenville filled the Fine Arts Auditorium with three tunes which exemplified the strength and solidarity of Glenville's brass program.

Concord College, under the direction of Mr. Randy Budd, started out with an old Irish tune and ended up with the audience swinging to a swift Sousa march.

Fairmont State had a style all of their own as their

quintet performed. The students under the direction of themselves played five tunes each exemplifying a different instrument.

The Alderson-Broadus College Brass Choir under the direction of Dr. Timothy DeWitt played beautiful renditions of two familiar tunes. They started out with an old Irish tune better known as Danny Boy and ended with a well known hymn and four variations on it.

The students enjoyed watching each other perform. It was a time when they could learn, as well as show off their own personal talents.

Perhaps the highlight of the conference was the 8 p.m. performance by the Michiana Brass Quintet, a professional performing ensemble from Athens, Ohio. The students sat quietly and listened, as the melodic, full sounds of the brass choir filled the auditorium.

Taught and directed by the members of the Michiana Brass quintet, the instruments were broken down into "like-instrument ensembles" for rehearsals.

On Sunday, January 29th, at 4 p.m., two days of intensive knowledge filled workshops finally came to an end as the ensembles came together in the auditorium and presented a final

concert. Each ensemble played for the others. The student's true talent and love of music came shining through as the auditorium filled with the "Wall of Brass."

A common feeling of success was felt by Mr. Rich and the hosts from the other schools. "It's terrific for the brass students," Dewitt noted.

"It's an opportunity for our brass students to see what everyone else is doing musically and educationally," said Rich.

"We can't isolate ourselves," said Dewitt. "The way West Virginia is structured, it is as if the individual schools are in a hole. This conference helps to keep isolation from happening."

"The kids get to make new friends, and see old ones," Rich added.

Even though it was a lot of hard work, the students seemed to love it. They are really dedicated, and thrive to learn all they can about their specialized instrument. They worked hard toward a common goal. Through teamwork, practice and a common love of music they made it happen.

the affect she hopes the play will have on her audience, "I hope they will leave with a little bit of cynicism in terms of looking at these self-help claims." The play may provide some self-help of its own, if, as Wemm remarked, the audience, after seeing the characters on stage, leaves thinking, "Gee, I'm not nearly that strange."

As for the actors, Mrs. Wemm plans to rely heavily on their creativity, "The way these characters are written, it's going to be self-definition by the actors." The play will require the talents of 2 women and 6 men. The ensemble cast was also an important consideration for Wemm in choosing "Bad Habits", but more importantly she

noted, "All the characters are of equal size, I like that, there's no 'star'." Space will not permit a description of them here, but Mrs. Wemm offered to make scripts available to anyone interested in auditioning. She suggested students, or citizens, who are interested in auditioning, come to her office on Monday or Wednesday to pick up scripts, as she is more likely to be available on those days. Auditions will be held on February 27th and 28th.

If Mrs. Wemm's enthusiasm is any indication, this should be another fine GSC production. See for yourself when it premieres April 5th in the Administration Building theatre.

## New F.A. Gallery Exhibit This Month

The Department of Art and The Cultural Affairs Committee would like to announce the opening of The Mark Tobin Moore Exhibition on the 7th of February in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building. The show involves collage works about our contemporary society and the various social and political aspects that cause conflict and joy in our daily lives. Mark Moore will be discussing his work on the 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the gallery and this talk is open to the public. Mr. Moore is currently exhibits director at the Cultural center in Charleston

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# The Fantastic 'Voyager'

by Jim Shock

Although, "Star Trek: Voyager" is not a big screen film, the hype that led up to its launch, sure made it seem like one. In fact, if it hadn't been for the commercials, along with the confinement of my 27 inch screen, it would have fooled me.

I, like many others, eagerly awaited the latest addition to the "Star Trek" franchise, the proof was in the ratings. With "Voyager," came the hope of a suitable replacement for "The Next Generation," which, when it premiered, did not strike my fancy. Unfortunately, I did not catch 'Generation' fever until it had nearly warped into syndication, thus leaving me at the mercy of video rentals, and reruns to decipher the interwoven plots and characters. I will not make that same mistake with 'Voyager.'

I never wanted a replica of "The Next Generation," just as it was not a replica of "Star Trek," but rather a show that stayed true to the original concept of both, exploration. That is why "Deep Space 9" never appealed to me, they never went anywhere, people came to them.

'Voyager,' literally, pushes the boundaries of exploration, when a plasma storm (don't ask) propels a Federation ship 70,000 light-years into space. Once there, the crew of Voyager who survived the convulsive time leap, must join forces with a group of rebels, called the Maquis, who, like Voyager, were sucked into the time rift.

The Maquis, were outlaws

being pursued by Voyager, but when their ship is destroyed, due to a lack of hull integrity, (an often used 'Trek' term) they are beamed aboard Voyager. Coincidentally, the Maquis crew are perfectly suited for positions vacated by Voyager's casualties. Thus, the conflict of the show, enemies forced to work together for a common goal, is established.

Kate Mulgrew, as Captain Katherine Janeway, was perfect casting. She has the toughness to get the job done, and a flawed sensitivity that makes her more human than Captains of the past. I defy anyone to watch her, and not be reminded of a young Katherine Hepburn. The voice, the attitude, the determination, heck, even the name, it's all there, and I'm sure the similarity is intentional.

Other characters who appear to belong on the bridge are: Chakotay (Robert Beltran), first officer, and former Maquis leader; Ensign Harry Kim (Garrett Wang)--he reminds me of a young sulu; and Lt. Tom Paris (Robert Duncan McNeill), the as of yet, do nothing pilot of Voyager. Although, Tim Russ, who plays the Vulcan security officer, Tuvok, seems to be doing a bad impression of Leonard Nemoy, he's got his emotions completely in check.

As for the rest of the crew, only time will tell if they will become as endearing as their 'Generation' predecessors. If future episodes are anything like the first, I don't doubt they will.

# Twenty-Second Annual American Music Awards Presented Monday

by Jim Shock

Twenty-two awards were presented during the 22nd annual American Music Awards show, which was telecast live to 120 countries from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Nominations were based on record sales information compiled by Sound Scan, the point of sale tracking system, with additional assistance from music trade publications, and the record buying public.

The show was hosted by Tom Jones, Lorrie Morgan and Queen Latifah, and featured performances by several of the worlds biggest recording artists. Highlights of the evening included a surprisingly subdued Madonna singing a duet of her latest single "Take a Bow," with R&B artist Babyface, and a circus menagerie staged to a medley of songs by the pixy-like artist formerly known as Prince. I don't have his unpronounceable symbol on my keyboard, so that's what I'll have to call him. Whoever he is, he received The American Music Award of Merit for his work.

In addition, there was a tribute to the legendary rock group Led Zeppelin, who performed "Black Dog," live via satellite from London, as well as a salute to the 10 year anniversary of "We Are the World," the all-star recording to raise money for famine relief in Africa. Few of the original artists returned for this tribute, and other artists, who joined them from the audience, were less than enthusiastic to do so. Most notably the artist formerly known as Prince, who sucked on a lollipop throughout the performance, and refused to sing.

Awards were received by the following: Favorite Pop/Rock Single, "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz to Men; Favorite Country Single, "Whenever You Come Around," Vince Gill; Favorite Soul/R&B Single, "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz to Men; Favorite Country New Artist, Tim McGraw; Favorite Pop/Rock New Artist, Ace of Base; Favorite Soul/R&B New

Artist, All-4-One.

Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist, Michael Bolton; Favorite Rap/ Hip Hop Artist, Snoop Doggy Dogg; Favorite Heavy Metal/ Hard Rock Artist, Nirvana Favorite Soul/ R&B Album, "Toni Braxton," Toni Braxton; Favorite Country Album, "Read My Mind," Reba McEntire; Favorite Pop/Rock Album, "The Lion King," Original Soundtrack Recording; Favorite Country Band, Duo or Group, Alabama; Favorite Soul/ R&B Band, Duo or Group, Boyz to Men; Favorite Pop/ Rock Band, Duo or Group, Ace of Base; Favorite Country female Artist, Reba McEntire; Favorite Soul/R&B Female Artist, Anita Baker; Favorite Alternative Music Artist, Counting Crows; Favorite Pop/Rock Female Artist, Mariah Carey; Favorite Country Male Artist, Garth Brooks; Favorite Soul/ R&B Artist, Babyface; Favorite Pop/Rock Male Artist, Michael Bolton.

## Scholarships Available

FIND/SVP an information research company will award eight scholarships (either \$2,500 or \$5,000) to eligible students. To be eligible you must: be a full or part-time student in fall 1995 and major in business, library science, computer technology, market research or journalism/communications. An application (including essay) needs to be submitted by April 28, 1995. The Careers Office has applications and information.

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## Mercury Feature

# Death to the Penalty

by Jeremy Dean

There was a man once, who was on a ship. The ship was tossed and torn in a storm that had suddenly sprang up, like storms at sea often do. In the course of the storm the man was thrown overboard, but, luckily for him, he found a large piece of debris floating in the water. He roared this piece of flotsam to a nearby island. Not knowing where he was or where to go, the man decided to explore the island. Before he had gotten very far, and much to his relief, he found a gallows erected, and he knew civilized people must live nearby.

We have been hearing a lot recently about capitol punishment, with the Susan Smith case ready to get underway, the crime bill being pushed in our national congress, as well as the bill being pushed in our own West Virginia congress. It makes one wonder what the future means for the people of this state and country.

The West Virginia state congress is divided right now on how they stand on the subject. Senator Frank Deem, R-Wood, told *Parkersburg News* reporters last Thursday that he did not believe people who commit heinous crimes deserve to get their livelihood from the state. On the other hand, economics experts would tell us that by the time a case involving capitol punishment is tried to its completion (when all the appeals have been heard) much more money has been spent than it would have cost to house the prisoner for a life sentence.

It costs approximately \$1.2 million to convict a person and hand down the death penalty. In contrast it costs approximately \$30,000 to house an inmate for one year. After years of appeals it does become cheaper to simply lock them up for life. Either argument has truth and substance to it, and can be argued convincingly.

When discussing an issue such as capitol punishment, the Bible, and religion is a major factor. "The Bible says thou shall

not kill," says one GSC student, "so to take a life under any circumstance is wrong." Another will argue, for the very same reason, (thou shall not kill) that the death penalty should be used in murder cases.

Entire chapters of the Mosaic law were dedicated to actions deserving of death, while the New Testament speaks of forgiveness for the sinners. While God finds it in his grace and mercy to forgive the most vile sinner, deserving of death according to his own law, most people will find it hard to let the man who raped their wife, or the woman who killed her own child, go free on good faith. This again leads us to a point of impasse.

For a period of about four years the United States Supreme Court ruled capitol punishment unconstitutional on the grounds that it was "Arbitrary and Capricious." What this basically means is that, in the court's opinion, too many times the death penalty was handed down, not because of the crime, but because of the race of the person committing the crime.

This ruling was made in 1972, and by 1976 the Supreme Court decided individual states could reinstate the death penalty, providing they could prove the rulings were neither arbitrary or capricious. Since then many states have reenacted capitol punishment in their boarders. West Virginia has not become one of them, yet.

"What it boils down to," says Will Oliver, criminal justice professor at GSC, "is mo-

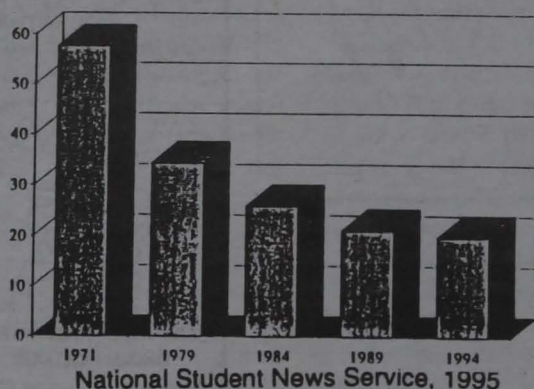
rality, and revenge. Is life imprisonment a better retribution for the crime or is the death penalty?" The statistics, he believes, can be used to show either side of the story, so it really does become a question of what you believe the criminal deserves.

"Kill them all!" said one enthusiastic GSC student. This student believes the death penalty represents "the most good for the most people." Another student said the death penalty should be used on violent repeat offenders of the law, and also on white collar criminals, because they are educated and should know better. While most were not quite this adamant and extreme, the vast majority did believe in capitol punishment for crimes. "If someone is up to killing someone, they should be up to dying themselves."

A smaller but still significant number were concerned with abuses in the system, such as the ones that caused the Arbitrary and Capricious ruling in the early seventies. "It is too easy for someone to slip through the cracks," claims one student. Though this is a very significant and real concern, it did not deter some students from favoring the death penalty. "I'm sure it happens sometimes, but should we let everyone go because some get falsely accused. We can't empty the prisons because someone may be in there that was framed, we shouldn't stop the death penalty either."

The proposed bill on the West Virginia congress floor right now calls for the death

Percentage of Freshmen Agreeing that "Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished"



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penalty only in first degree murder cases, and only under certain mitigating, and aggravating circumstances. Public opinion at GSC would likely add rape, and violent offenses toward children to the bill.

As far as the bill in West Virginia goes, it will more than likely be vetoed by Governor Caperton, if it gets passed in the congress where it will also meet strong opposition. According to *The Charleston Gazette* it is believed anything short of a state constitutional amendment will be thrown out by federal courts anyway, so the future looks kind of dim for the bill. Then again, according to which side of the courtroom your on, the future may look a little brighter.

## Rasta Band To Headline GSC Week

by Annie McCourt

Rasta Rafiki is a six man rock and reggae band based in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The band members are; Derrick MacDonald on lead vocals and percussion, John Schmitt on lead guitar, Thomas P. Batchelor on rhythm guitar and vocals, Andy Lindsay on bass, Steven Markle on drums, and David Lloyd on keyboards.

Rasta Rafiki band members have been harmonizing and grooving together for four years, producing mind provoking and body swaying music.

The purpose behind the band is to promote peace, equal-

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(himself) up for public scrutiny," seems to shoot the idea that Park did it, down a notch.

All of this taken into account, Student Congress took a vote. Four people abstained from voting. This country is democracy, yes even this campus, and our forefathers developed the theory that a man was innocent until proven guilty of a crime.

Nine people still believed that Park should be removed from Student Congress. According to the rules, however, a person can only be "voted out" by two-thirds vote, and nine just did not cut it. Two people believed in Park's innocence and voted that he should remain Commuter Representative, but those two votes were not enough to sway the matter.

In the end, Park's resignation letter was accepted because Park has a class on Thursdays during Student Congress meeting times, making him free to run in the up-and-coming election, and giving you, the students, the chance to decide whether he deserves a chance on Student Congress in the future.

In other congress business, last week, the upcoming trip to the Fairmont Leadership Conference was discussed, as well as the purchasing of handrails across campus for icy weather.

ity, and understanding in an ever desensitized world, while at the same time displaying a healthy dose of fun.

Rasta Rafika was chosen to headline this year's GSC week by Pickens Hall House Director, Sean McAndrews. Who fondly remembers the band from his college years at West Virginia University.

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Rasta Rafiki



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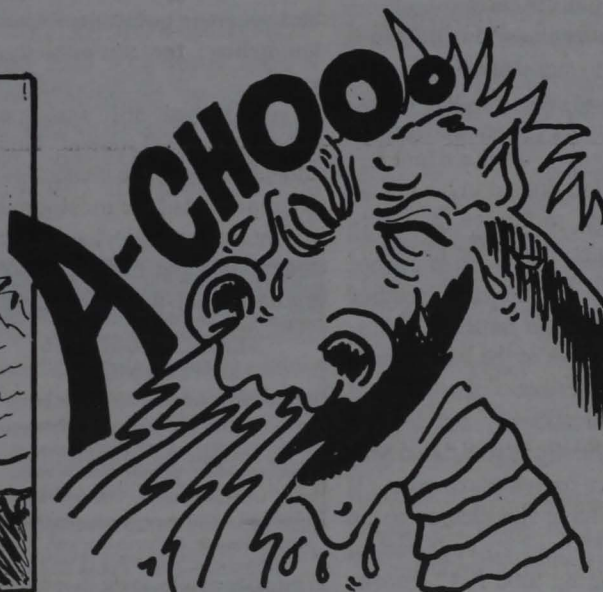


## off the mark

by Mark Parisi



## WITCH OF MISERY



## PATIO BARBEQUE

By Susanne Bieber



## DORMITORY BARBEQUE

By Chad Crouch



This I conceive to be the chemical function of humor: to change the character of our thought.

—Lin Yutang



# The Uno-Innsbruck International Summer School -1995:

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The University of New Orleans will sponsor a special 20th Anniversary session of its annual INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL in Innsbruck, Austria during the summer of 1995. Over 250 U.S. and European students as well as some 30 faculty/staff members will experience life and learning in the magnificent setting of the towering Tirolean Alps in the "Heart of Central Europe".

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All instruction is in English, with field trips and European guest lectures as integral parts of the academic program.

Among the distinguished faculty and guest speakers for the special 20th Anniversary program are **Dr. George McGovern**, former U.S. Senator and Presidential candidate; **Prof. Stephen Ambrose**, biographer of Eisenhower and Nixon and author of the best selling *D-Day: The Climactic Battle of W W II*; **Prof. Douglas Brinkley**, author/director of the award winning *Majic Bus: An American Odyssey*; Poet-in-Residence **Robert Hunter**, English translator of the great German-language poet Rike, specialist on the modern Austrian poetry scene, and lyricist for the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and other contemporary musicians; **Dr. Otto von Habsburg**, head of the former imperial house of Habsburg and member of the European Parliament; **Prof. Heinrich Neisser**, House Speaker of the Austrian Parliament; **Dr. Alfred Lugert** of the Lugert Corporation for Social Science Research in Vienna; **Prof. Rolf Steininger**, Director of the Institute for Contempo-

rary History at the University of Innsbruck and prolific author whose recent works include *Der Umgang mit dem Holocaust: Europa-USA-Isreal (Dealing with the Holocaust: Euope-USA-Isreal)*.

"Academically, the overall learning is just great," said Dr. Guenter Bischof, a native Tirolean now on the faculty of the University of New Orleans. "A student may read less, but see much more. It is a true living educational experience."

During the summer, students are housed in the Studentenhaus at the 300-year-old University of Innsbruck, which is only a short walk from the many inns, cafes, and beer gardens in the "Old Town" of Innsbruck. Three-day weekends offer ample time for students to travel to many different destinations in Europe, to hike the Alps and even to ski the nearby glaciers.

From Innsbruck, the efficient Eurial system reaches all of Austria and much of Europe within a few hours. "Spending the summer in Innsbruck, Austria was one of the most broadening experiences of my life, not only educationally, but socially and culturally as well," said Meg Hanks, a former participant. "If I ever have the chance to go again, I'll have my bags packed ready in no time flat." Former student Robert Styron stressed the learning experience of mingling with local residents: "You get to meet and talk with people and look at their perception of the United States."

THE UNO-INNSBRUCK INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL will convene with gala opening ceremonies on the 2nd of July and will end on August 12, 1995. For those who wish to enrich their European experience further, UNO offers an anthropology field school program in Northern Italy during the month of June. The field school is not far from Innsbruck and ends in time for students to attend the INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL as well.

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FA Gallery, continued from page 8 and has shown his work both in the United States and Europe. This exhibition runs from February 7 through March 10, 1995 with gallery hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and one hour before scheduled evening performances in the Fine Arts Auditorium. So come by for a look at how art can reflect our ever changing social concerns.

### Glenville State College Campus Crime Report

**December 12-18:** Felonious Assault, 0; Other Assaults, 0; Public Intoxication, 0; Breaking and Entering, 0; Burglary, 0; Larceny-Theft, 0; Motor Vehicle Theft, 0; Vandalism, 0; Bomb Threat, 0; Sex Offenses, 0; Drug Overdose, 0; Brandishing, 0; Weapons Possessions, 0; Drug Use/Possession, 0; Vehicle Tampering, 0; Forgery, 0; Arson, 0; All other offenses--hit and run, 2, Parking Tickets Issued, 0, Locked Vehicle, 0; Jump Start, 1; Assistance to Other Law Enforcement Agency, 0.

**January 9-15:** Felonious Assault, 0; Other Assaults, 0; Public Intoxication, 0; Breaking and Entering, 0; Burglary, 0; Larceny-Theft, 0; Motor Vehicle Theft, 0; Vandalism, 1; Bomb Threat, 0; Sex Offenses, 0; Drug Overdoses, 0; Brandishing, 0; Weapons Possession, 0; Drug Use/Possession, 0; Vehicle Tampering, 0; Forgery, 0; Arson, 0; All Other Offenses, 0; Parking Tickets Issued, 0, Assistance to College Community--Locked Vehicle, 1, Jump Start, 0, Assistance to Other Law Enforcement Agency, 0.

**January 2-8:** Felonious Assault, 0; Other Assaults, 0; Public Intoxication, 0; Breaking and Entering, 0; Burglary, 0; Larceny-Theft, 0; Motor Vehicle Theft, 0; Vandalism, 0; Bomb Threat, 0; Sex Offenses, 0; Drug Overdose, 0; Brandishing, 0; Weapons Possession, 0; Vehicle Tampering, 0; Forgery, 0; Arson, 0; All Other Offenses, 0; Parking Tickets Issued, 0, Assistance to College Community--Locked Vehicle, 1, Jump Start, 0, Assistance to Other Law Enforcement Agency, 0.

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### GSC Week Tentative Time Schedule April 24-29, 1995

Day/Place	Time	Activities
<b>Monday 24</b>		
Amphitheater	11:30-1:00 All Week	Ice Cream
Amphitheater	12:00-2:00 All Week	Balloons
Shooting Range	4:00-7:00	Skeet Shoot
Verona Maple	9:00-11:00	Bingo
<b>Tuesday 25</b>		
Ball Room	6:00-11:00	Novelty Night
Pool	9:00-12:30	Pool Party
<b>Wednesday 26</b>		
A.B. Building	8:00-10:30	Game Shows
<b>Thursday 27</b>		
Stadium	3:00-7:00	Field Day
Stadium	5:00-7:00	Campus Picnic
Verona Maple	8:30-11:30	Casino Night
<b>Friday 28</b>		
Amphitheater	3:00-7:00	Reggae Band
Ad. Building	7:00-11:00	Variety Show
Pickens Hall	10:00-3:00	Movie Madness
<b>Saturday 29</b>		
Glenville	9:00-Noon	Bike Race
Ball Room	8:00-12:00	Spring Ball