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## Schultz Crowned Miss (Mrs.) Kanawhachen

by Jim Shock



Miss Kanawhachen winner, Mrs. Vickie Schultz

photo by Dave Sagan

For 10 GSC women the wait is finally over. Miss Kanawhachen was announced Monday, February 13 during the men's home basketball game against Bluefield State.

The annual event is sponsored by the GSC yearbook staff, and all proceeds are used to improve the quality of the yearbook, which is entitled *The Kanawhachen*.

Voting for the competition was held last week in the Heflin Center lobby. Votes for participants came from the GSC students, faculty and staff who placed money in the jars of their favorite nominee.

Vickie Schultz was this year's winner. Schultz, who was sponsored by the GSC Ambassador Program, will be featured in the upcoming yearbook, as well as write this year's introduction. She is a native of Spencer, WV, and a junior at GSC majoring in education with an emphasis on special education. Schultz was also the recipient of the Underwood-Smith Scholarship.

Schultz accepted the early Valentine's present before an enthusiastic home crowd. None of the women were notified in advance of the voting outcome, and it was an anxious time for her, as well as the other contestants, "I was really nervous, and my knees were shaking."

The yearbook staff was

overwhelmed by this year's response to the voting, as was Schultz who was surprised by the number of people who had voted for her, "I was definitely overwhelmed, I thank them a lot, it meant a great deal to me to know I had friends out there who supported me."

This year's Miss Kanawhachen is a Mrs., and, unfortunately, Schultz's husband, Michael, was unable to share in her celebration, "He doesn't know yet, my husband is overseas."

Schultz has already begun thinking about her contribution to the yearbook. She felt there were a number of positive things to be addressed in her introduction, "We have very friendly people, and a very good education system, with very good teachers."

According to Schultz, the Ambassador's Program is an excellent example of that GSC spirit, "Although it's a new program, a lot of friendships have already grown out of it, and a

lot of the Ambassadors really supported me."

Schultz was crowned by last year's first-runner up, Becky Frashure. Along with the crown, she received a bouquet of pink carnations. With her husband away, it was a welcome Valentine. As for the crown, Schultz has it displayed proudly in her home, in a place her husband will be sure to notice, "Right now it's sitting on my stereo next to the flowers."

Schultz was not the only one honored. Tracy Lloyd, who was sponsored by MENC, was named first-runner up, and the second-runner up honor was presented to Jolleen Harris, the Forestry Club's nominee.

GSC students will be winning as well. Because of their generosity, the yearbook will benefit. The staff of the *Kanawhachen* wishes to thank everyone who supported a Miss Kanawhachen nominee, and looks forward to doing it again next year.

## Samples Has Last Appeal

by Jim Shock

Former Dean of Admissions and Records, Mack Samples, had his fourth, and final, appeal heard before Administrative Law Judge Nedra Coval, of the level four Employees Grievance Board of Wheeling last week.

The dismissal of Samples sparked the fire-storm of controversy which engulfed the GSC campus last semester. The rumors and innuendo which followed, fueled the flames making what was already bad, much worse.

The conclusion that many wanted, and most expected, was to come from this hearing, but instead, it seems to be only the beginning.

Although results of the hearing won't be known for an estimated 60 days, both sides

were optimistic of the outcome. Samples, who has since found employment as a WVU extension agent in Clay County, had reason to be hopeful, "They could have dismissed it on no grounds for appeal." However, that was not the case, "We were allowed to enter almost anything we wanted into record."

Mr. Tim Butcher, local legal counsel to the college, and assistant to the Attorney General's office, did not share Samples' enthusiasm. In fact, he was pleased with the State's presentation, "The college feels real good about the way things came out, too."

Rosemary Humway, who represented the college, was hesitant to predict the judge's ruling, however, she did offer a

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## Foresters Prove GSC Program's Quality

by Rick Conklin

Saturday, February 11, the GSC Forestry Club sent four representatives to the annual "Forestry Quiz Bowl" held at Penn State University.

The "Quiz Bowl" team, consisting of David Duffield, Jason Cain, Stacey Jiles and alternate Shon Butler, placed second out of six competing teams. Besides GSC, the competing teams consisted of Penn State University, Penn State-Mont-Alto, Penn Tech, Allegheny Community College and West Virginia University.

Format for this competition is much like that of a "Quiz Bowl" seen on TV. Questions are read for teams to respond for the right to answer. After answering a question correctly, a team receives a bonus question, each

worth five points.

The GSC foresters defeated Penn Tech in the first round and West Virginia University in the second, to advance to the finals. WVU eliminated Penn State in the first round.

Penn State-Mont Alto, also a two-year program like GSC, found their way to the finals by defeating Allegheny Community College and receiving the bye in the second round.

The second place finish for GSC and the championship for Mont Alto gives much credit to the two year forestry programs.

GSC forestry adviser, Don Wildermuth stated, "What this competition has done, is prove to our students that they are receiving the same forestry education as the four year institutions."



# Commentary

Dear Editor and GSC Students,

I've been thinking a lot about why I want to be your Student Congress President. I guess everyone who reads *Conversation Green* every week knows what I'm all about. I want to see people involved here at Glenville State College. There has been, I feel, a more active voice coming from the students this year than any year I have been here before, and I want to see this continued, and even expanded.

It is my goal to see the needs of GSC students be met. There are many problems here at GSC, and I have tried in the past to do my part to put these problems before the students, faculties, and administrations eyes. I have continually asked for input from you, the students, so I will know what your wants and needs are, and I will continue to do this. I hope each one of you will continue to be as helpful as you have been to me.

If I'm elected as your president I will continue to be a voice for you in that office. I feel confident that I can hold this office, and give to you through it, the voice you deserve. That is what I'm all about, changing things for the better for the students of GSC.

I don't care about titles and reputations. How great of a reputation can a guy have who writes about bathrooms and Alpha-Bit's cereal every week? What I want is to see the improvement of GSC for the students. You pay every year to be here, so you should be getting more than you are.

I come from where you are. I live in the dorms, I go to the same classes every week, and I eat in the cafeteria with you. I understand the concerns of students who commute, because some of my best friends on this campus are commuters. I want to do the best job I can for everyone here.

Sometimes these problems can be solved as easily as addressing the fact that there is a problem. Others take time and work to fix. Whatever your problems are, they will be heard by me, and I will do what I can to fix them.

I guess if I had to come up with a campaign slogan it would be something like, "Jeremy Dean, the candidate who will listen to you," because that's who I am, and that's why I'm running. *I'm on your side.*

Jeremy Dean

To the Editor and Students of GSC,

My name is David Rich, and I am running for Student Congress President. I feel that it might be important for people who don't know me to have a chance to form their own opinion. Although I haven't put any posters up supporting my campaign, I don't feel that posters alone do the student body justice. That is not to say you will not see any posters before the election.

I lived in the dorms for two years, and this is my first year off campus. I believe this gives me somewhat of a better perspective on the situations that trouble many GSC students. First of all, from a commuter stand point, there tends to be only one major problem--parking. I have become familiar with this myself. It is a proven fact, that you can only carve up so much of a hill side for parking. That might be a harsh way of looking at the problem, but any of the proposed alternatives only create a wave of backlash from the group that is on the short side of the idea.

With that said, there are two problems on campus that I feel could be looked at differently. Both of these problems deal with the way our money is

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## Commentary on Black History Month From Oppression to Misunderstanding

by Phillip Wilson

Here it is, the month of February, again. This is supposed to be Black History month. It's 1995, and some people still don't know the meaning of Black History. Sometimes I wonder if people really care about Black History.

I say this because it is 1995; some of the same things that happened in the early 1900's are still happening today. In the early 1900's, blacks knew where they stood. They knew where they could go, and were they shouldn't go. Now in the 90's, instead of signs, you get the undercover blues. The history of the black people starts with oppression, and continues today, through misunderstanding.

Black people were not only oppressed by whites, they were also oppressed by their own people back in Africa. First, people must understand that the slave states of the New World were not the first states of slavery, African tribes fought wars and captured other tribes members. They would use these captured people as slaves.

This system was not created by whites but by blacks, and whites were just able to use the system to work for them. So, one could say that slavery was not a problem of one people, but of many. Oppression became a way of life for many blacks.

When blacks, or Africans, arrived in the New World, they were used in many different ways. Some were used as farm hands, butlers, cooks, nannies, drivers breeders. The breeders were usually the stronger and bigger of the slaves. The Masters would sell their babies to

make money, or keep them for more slaves. Every black man, or woman, had a different role in the colonies. They also had no rights.

Even though they were oppressed, they seemed to be able to overcome some of their problems. Some formed churches, schools and basically had their own little communities. Some raised families, and some lived almost normal lives. Though they were oppressed, they were the center of southern society.

In the south, slavery was a way of life. Not all people liked slavery, but they knew what side their bread was buttered on. The southern economy revolved around slavery. The slaves in the south made the south what it was.

They were the actual movers and shakers of the south. The southern leader's knew that without slavery, the south would fall. This realization brought about the Civil War. The Civil War was fought for a way of life. When slavery fell, so did the south.

People soon found other ways to oppress black people. Some of the world's most distinguished professors and writers, published misleading information about black people. This led to the age of misunderstanding. These writers were published in mainstream publications. According to the book, *The Assassination of the Black Male Image*, by Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Ph.D, one person responsible for this was Walter F. Wilcox, chief statistician for the U. S. Census Bureau, along with the blessing of the American Social Science Association. Wilcox predicted that blacks were "several times" more likely to commit crimes than whites. He also said the blacks were going to go the way of the Dodo Bird and dinosaurs because of "Disease, vice and profound discouragement."

In 1901, then Virginia Uni-

versity professor, Woodrow Wilson (who would later become president), in the *Atlantic Monthly* asked what could be expected of individuals who were really little more than a "Host of dusky children," and "insolent and aggressive, sick of work, covetous (sex craved) of pleasure?"

*Popular Science Monthly*, *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, and *Medicine and the North American Review* were just a few of the intellectual magazines that endorsed those and many other writings. These research papers had supposedly proven that blacks were hopelessly inferior, crime-and violence-prone deviants of which society had to be protected.

When people who are supposed to know better, don't, it creates misunderstanding among people. I don't like to use the word race, because I believe we are all one race, so, for lack of a better word, I say set.

The history of black people, from oppression to misunderstanding, goes deeper than anyone is willing to admit. For things to change we, as a people, must change the feelings of the past. Oppression happened in the past. We must remember the past, but not live in it, because if we live in the past we will have no future. We need to learn, for ourselves, so we can let go of those misunderstandings of each other.

One group of people cannot be blamed for all the problems that exist in the world today. But all people can be blamed if everyone doesn't try to improve upon them. The beliefs people have will not be broken down over night; so we all must do our part to help change these beliefs. Well, here it is February, again, and I wonder who really understands what Black History Month is all about?

I call it politeness if he who could command, persuades.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

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# Conversational Green

by Jeremy Dean

Hey everyone, how are you doing? I thought with all this political happiness in the paper this week, with the election and all, it would be good to tell you a little about my Valentine's Day.

For starters, let me tell you, never wait until the day before Valentine's Day to get a card for your sweetheart, because the stores have already run out. I went down to the Towne Bookstore, and all they had left was this corny card with a bear on the front, and some pun on the word Honey inside.

I thought, well, I guess the flowers I was going to order for my adoring Valentine would have to be enough. I didn't foresee the troubles that were ahead.

I called long distance to a flower shop back home to place the order. I was going to have them delivered to her as a big surprise. Well, this really rude lady answers the phone, who apparently had sniffed one too many gardenias that particular day.

"May I help you?" she asked in her best Elvira Gultch impersonation.

I said, "I would like to order a..."

"Have you ordered from us before?" the beast cut me off.

"Well no I..."

"You have to have an account with us to order flowers," Beelzebub intoned. "If you don't," she continued, "you must pay for them before we deliver."

I tried to reason with her. I said, "But I'm in Glen..."

"Well then, I can't help you. You must have an account." Then the mega-beast hung up on me. Slowly, before my very eyes, Valentine's Day was slipping away from me, until suddenly a revelation came to me.

I went out and found my friend Abdule (who consequently still hasn't gotten his car fixed thanks to his insurance people.) He had ordered flow-

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spent. In the two years I spent living in the dorms, I ate breakfast during the week maybe ten times. I don't think I reflect everybody on campus, but I do know that everyone pays for either a fifteen or nineteen meal plan whether they eat it or not. While this might make it easier on the food service and business office, I don't think that McDonald's is hurting because they don't make their customers order everything on the menu just in case they might eat it someday. One possible solution would be to create a student credit card plan similar to Marshall University's plan. The other thing I never understood was why the females living in the apartments in Pickens Hall Scott Wing were allowed off the meal plan, but the men in either dorm and women who didn't live in the apartments were not. I know that the apartments

have kitchens, but every floor in Wagner Wing has a stove and a refrigerator and Williams Wing has stoves and a refrigerator in the basement. This being the case, why can't the rest of the students living in the dorms have the option of cooking for themselves? I believe this is certainly a question to be raised.

These are just a few of my ideas. The student body should have some idea of what the candidates for Student Congress President believe in. I hope this letter has helped.

David Rich

## Mercury Corrections

To February 9, Mercury--

In the *Future of Education* is in the Air, Dr. Palm's quote should have stated, "We have been careful not to lapse into a talking head approach." Mrs. King's quote should have stated, "There are so many courses that could not be taught on that basis, like laboratory sciences, you'd have people blowing up their houses." The Mercury editorial staff apologizes to those involved.

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## In The Ditch

by Craig Mills

"And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt..." --Revelations 9:10

It was clear when I opened the door that the woman who lives downstairs was very upset. Her arms were crossed and she had an aggressive scowl.

"I've already called Go-Mart and got a hold of the police," she asserted, "they said as soon as they finished their coffee they'll be up here."

I was straining to hear her. In the next room my roommate, Buddy Lembeck, who was nearly dead, was moaning and gasping. Crazy Eddie was hovering over him screaming verses from the book of Revelations and, I think, performing some sort of exorcism (Eddie has a strange religious background, his father was a snake handler and his mother sold Am-Way).

The woman from downstairs turned to leave. "I always told Harold you all was a buncha drug addicts--"

"Please ma'am" I caught her arm, "It's not our fault, really. My roommate--he's almost dead. They hurt him severely, see for yourself."

I led her back to Buddy's room and she nearly fainted. Buddy had been beaten so badly he barely looked human. Eddie and I had rigged up an I.V. with Glad sandwich bags, sewing needles, duct tape, and part of a beer bong. Eddie was kneeling by his bed, apparently wrestling some unseen demon.

The woman was so aghast she could barely speak. "Who.....Who did this to him?"

"Financial Aid," I answered solemnly.

"At the college?!" she yelped.

"Yeah. You see, Buddy had a tuition waiver. In fact, he's had it for the past four years, he got it for his ACT score; it's why he chose Glenville. Anyway, this semester he got a West Virginia Higher Education grant and they took away the waiver. Which was bad because he was counting on that money.....rent, car payments. Finally, he went to talk to the Financial Aid people--"

"AIIIAIEEE," Eddie screamed "And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were the teeth of lions!!! Lions I say!!!"

"Eddie," I yelled, "calm the hell down. Where was I? Oh yeah, the Financial Aid people, I guess Buddy just asked them too many questions."

The woman was appalled. "Can they do this and get away with it?"

I sighed, "Yep."

Eddie now stood up and outstretched his arms. "Smite ye devil, ye satanic Financial Aid forces. Cast ye down ye demons, ye who sodomize the innocent, ye who have no mercy. Be goooone," he yelled.

The woman shook her head and sighed, "I just can't believe it."

EPILOGUE: Mr. Buddy Lembeck survived but may never fully recover from the severe beating. Crazy Eddie now preaches regularly at the intersection in downtown Glenville.



# Sports



Steve Shuff goes up for the jumper.

photo by Dave Sagan

## Players Honored at Banquet

by Phillip Wilson

On Sunday, February 12th, the Pioneer football team was honored at the annual GSC football banquet. The dinner held on the Glenville State campus, had a turnout of nearly two hundred people. The crowd included not only GSC players, coaches, trainers and administrators, but fans and family alike.

Glenville State Public Relations Director Mark Loudin handled the master of ceremonies duties, while GSC President Dr. William K. Simmons was on hand to offer his remarks and congratulations to the WVIAC championship Pioneers. All-American wide receiver Chris George acted as the senior spokesman. Speaking on behalf of his fellow classmates, George stated that the seniors wanted to be sure to thank those "behind the scenes" who had a hand in their success, not only on the field but off as well.

Head Coach Rich

Rodriguez handled the awards presentations, which began with the individual recognition of the '94 seniors. Coach Rodriguez thanked the seniors for their dedication and commitment to the program, stating that they leave GSC as the most winning class in school history.

Also honored were the Pioneer All-American and All-Conference selections. Coach Rodriguez also handed out a number of "special awards" to various players, as chosen by the GSC coaching staff.

He then took notice of the three newest members of the Pioneers' "Quarterback Club" Bill and Mary Ann Radabaugh of Glenville, and Larry Smith of Morgantown. The "Quarterback Club" is comprised of GSC substantial football boosters who have continuously given over the past three to four years.

Coach Rodriguez presented the new members with an iceberg plaque, thanking them for their support and generosity toward the program.

## Lady Pioneers Drop Two Last Week

by Sean Davis

On Saturday, the GSC Lady Pioneers basketball team traveled to Montgomery, WV, to battle the Lady Bears of W.V. Tech. The women trailed by only two points at halftime, 35-37, but struggled in the second half to lose 83-67.

Lori Charnoplosky scored a team high 21 points and collected three steals. Point guard Christy Fitzwater dished out a game high 13 assists.

On Monday, the team was on the road to take on the Alderson-Broadus Lady Battlers. The Lady Pioneers kept it close in the second half but lost by a final score of 79-62.

Charnoplosky again led the team in scoring with 23 points and ended the game with

five steals. Center Marty Rose finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Valerie Gilliam scored four points but collected a game high 12 rebounds.

With only one regular season game left, it is unsure who they will face in the WVIAC playoffs which will take place from February 20-25.

The Lady Pioneers have two players on the conference statistics list. Lori Charnoplosky is fourth in scoring in the WVIAC with an 18.2 points per game average. She is also third in steals with 3.1 per game. Christy Fitzwater is the conference leading free throw shooter hitting on 86.4 percent of her foul shot attempts. She is also third in the conference with a 5.7 assists per game.

## GSC Wins Abroad and at Home

by Sean McAndrews

### GSC vs. D&E--Game 22

Bee Pop-Spaghetti-Smooth and the rest of the gang made their second trip east on 33, passing the bad memories and play of Buckhannon to Elkins. The Pioneers would be playing the Senators for the second time this season. In the first game, the Pioneers were flat and almost lost to Davis & Elkins.

This game would resemble or follow the normal Pioneer pattern, playing well in one half and completely utterly clueless in the other half. This cluelessness can be at either the offensive or defensive end of the court and in either half.

The Pioneers chose the first half of the game to be clueless on both the offensive and defensive ends. The Senators would take a seven point lead, 14-7, on a Dave London jumper with 15:19 remaining. Glenville would shoot their way into the lead, taking a 39-37 lead into the half.

After a halftime pep talk,

the Pioneers woke from their stupor to play DEFENSE, holding the Senators to 23 second half points, and win 88-60. Steve Shuff lead the way, scoring 26, followed by newcomer Troy Sexton with 18, and Jeremy Rodda with 11 points.

It would be scary, if the Pioneers' top eight players would focus and play defense for 40 minutes--then a conference title could be a reality. Instead, we have MIA's coming off the bench and hurting the overall team performance.

### GSC vs. Bluefield--Game 23

The Big Blues came a rollin' into Glenville seeking to sweep the regular season from the Pioneers. GSC was looking for two wins in a row, some much needed momentum going into the last two games and the WVIAC Playoffs.

Shuff and Jeff Brockell led the way, 29-15, at half time. A combination of decent defense, rebounding and poor Bluefield shooting allowed for the 14 point lead.

The second half would be a different story, having mental lapses on the defensive end and forgetting how to attack the Blues' trapping zone defense. The Pioneer lead would fall to four, 38-34, with 12:40 showing on the clock. As the clock would wind down, Shuff would heat up, scoring 30 second half points on a variety of inside and outside shots.

The Pioneers would shoot 66 percent in the second half to counter Bluefields' 46 percent, to win the game 87-72. Shuff would lead all scorers with 42, followed by Rodda with 13, and Brockell with 11 points.

Brockell would lead the board work with 11 caroms, followed by Rodda with seven rebounds and Shuff with six boards.

The big question will be answered Wednesday--can the Pioneers put together three wins, can they stop Concord's Thadeus Breckenridge and can they win on the road at a tough opponent?

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# VITA Tax Help Available

by Jeremy Dean

This is probably the only time the words tax and free will ever be that close together. The accounting department, in connection with the IRS, has started a program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) on GSC's campus. This program will give free tax help to GSC students and the people of the surrounding Gilmer County area.

This free service will be available on the second floor of the library, in the classroom located at the back, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 3 - 5 p.m. on Thursdays. The service will be totally confidential and professional. The service will help prepare basic tax returns only. They ask for everyone to be sure and bring all the pertinent tax information when coming to use this service. Also, if you are filing returns in a state

other than West Virginia please bring the forms for that state, because the West Virginia forms are all they have available.

In order to be a part of the VITA program each of the students participating have to study from an IRS curriculum, and pass a certification exam.

The volunteers must then work a total of 20 hours over the course of the tax season. This breaks down into two hours a week lasting until April 13 when we go home for Spring Break.

There are four students this year who are involved in the VITA program. They are Richard Accord, Caren Jenkins, Tonya McCumbers and Mark Starcher. Each of these students will receive one credit hour for their service. To receive the credit, in addition to the tax help in the library, they also have to do a tax research project using CD-Rom.

There are regular class

meetings to give these students help with the project. The students are allowed to receive up to three hours credit through this class during their time at GSC. Two of the students currently working in the program are doing so for two credit hours--this means they must complete two research projects, and work four hours a week in the library.

"This program gives the students real life, out of class experience," says Mrs. Cheryl McKinney, the program's director.

She is glad that students are taking advantage of this additional training in their field. She also thinks that the program will help with professional and interpersonal skills.

McKinney concluded, saying that the hours may be expanded during the last week before the April 15 tax deadline, "But don't put off filing until the last minute."

## Delta Zeta News

by Mary Elizabeth James

The Delta Zeta sorority held a formal meeting in the Verona Maple room February 13, where we discussed the upcoming rush parties. We would like to thank everyone for coming to our Valentine party.

The sign up dates for rush are the 15th, 16th, and the 17th. The cost of signing up will be \$1.

The rush party will be the 20th, and will have the theme of DZ playtime. There will be games and refreshments. We can return to our carefree youth with piggy-tails. The party will be Barney-Free.

The rush party will be in the Verona Maple room at 6:30 p.m.

The next rush party will be Wednesday, February 22, and the theme will be the South Pacific. The party will have all tropical themes. There will be mock-cocktails and other refreshments. Come on out and be part of DZ fun.

This is the last week of the raffle. If you are low in cash, then spend only \$1 on the chance to win \$50. The tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.

The drawing will be held at the Pioneer home basketball game February 18, at halftime. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Mary Beth on her big sis, Gwen.

Congratulations to the new Mrs. Kanawhachen.

Good luck Pioneers!

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# Let Your Voice Be Heard!

## We believe:

Student Congress should be a voice of the entire student body, not just special interest groups.

Student Congress should work with faculty, staff and administration to solve the honest concerns of GSC students.

If elected, our positions will be used as they were meant to be (a fair representation of the students, not as a soapbox to push for one person's agenda).

If we've learned anything from our time here at GSC, it is that certain factions on campus create unnecessary grief for the entire student body. This is not what Student Congress is for!

It is our opinion that, rather than being a problem, we should concentrate on solving problems.



Josh Bonnett & Chad McVane  
President & Vice-President

photo by  
Heather  
Messenger



# On Campus

## Shop Talk about the Psychology Field

by Ewanna Hayhurst

In my position as admissions counselor for Glenville State College, I see many different students with just as many career choices. I can't deny my partiality for one particular field though, psychology. When reading through each information card, I often pause to examine those who have denoted a social science field and wonder, "Do they really know the time and effort that must be devoted to such a career?"

I can give some very practical information to the up and coming psychological minds. Information that I have gained through literally gallons of work, sweat, and an occasional kind professor.

However, I can say that I owe a great deal of my beginning to one Dr. John Seago, who, by virtue of torturing me 24 hours a day my senior year, prepared me for what lies ahead as a future psychologist.

The field of psychology, or even as broad as social sciences, can be the most flexible career choice one could possibly make. As a bachelor-level professional, there are several options. Social service agencies often are in search of BA people for counseling, outreach positions and to coordinate services for clients. The biggest employer in the state is the Department of Health and Human Resources, and it is run by the state coincidentally.

In order to secure a job with the state, you must first take a civil service test. The classifications change constantly, but some that are standard include: Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services and Economic Services. There are testing sites throughout the state, and it may be difficult to get into your first choices of day and site. These opportunities are what I would consider "good building blocks" for a private agency, or to support yourself through graduate school. One word of caution, the DHHR is prone to hiring freezes.



Ewanna Hayhurst

photo by Dave Sagan

Private agencies such as the Summit Center, Braley and Thompson, and Seneca Mental Health are also great places to start. I started at a private agency, and gained some very important experiences. It is crucial to learn which agencies provide certain services and for what population. While I'm at this crossroads, population is a term that you will have to have some clue about. I was asked in a job interview what 'population' I was interested in working with as a professional. I honestly had never heard this term mentioned in that context. Population is merely the subgroup, i.e., Chronically Mentally Ill, that you would prefer to work with, or to service.

A third option, and a necessary one I feel, is graduate school, where I am now. To get into a graduate program in psychology is possibly the hardest thing you will ever attempt (barring childbirth--but only because I'm not experienced at this--I'll let you know if I ever find out). The minimum requirements stated in any catalog are somewhat misleading.

Translation--if the catalog states the GPA requirement to be at least a 3.0, people with 3.5's are being turned away. Your best bet is to call the school and ask the following questions:

1) How many students do you accept each year?

2) How many applied last year? (NOW - do the math)

3) What GPA and GRE scores were the average of the accepted applicants?

4) What is your theoretical orientation?

I do not mean to discourage anyone, but to offer a realistic point of view, a view that I am most thankful Dr. Seago shared with me in my idealistic youth.

Other graduate options include counseling, education, and individual interests. Counseling is a popular choice, and is a great opportunity to be a creative helper. It is similar to a psychological basis, but not as testing-oriented. Theory is still crucial, and the professional is still providing a similar therapeutic service.

In education, teaching on the college level is always an option. Educational psychology is an expanding field that has great research possibilities. Admissions work and guidance counseling are two of the most rewarding positions, and it's the best feeling when you work with younger students.

To practice in a private psychology setting, you should plan on gaining a doctorate level degree. The state of West Virginia currently licenses masters-level psychology professionals with five years of supervision, however this will be changing

## Wesley Foundation to Present "We Are The World" Ethnic Food Festival

In conjunction with campus observations of Black History Month, the Wesley Foundation and the Cultural Exchange Club are sponsoring an ethnic food festival Monday, February 20, at 5 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

The idea for this event comes from the realization that all people, with the possible exception of Native Americans, have emigrated to this country at one time or another. We have persons living in Glenville, attending GSC, whose ancestors emigrated to this country from

Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. We are asking people to come and bring a covered dish that represents their native land, and share in the informal conversation that will follow our ethnic food sampling. Come hungry--and be ready to try a food item you've never eaten before.

Come and enjoy the wonderful cultural diversity that make our lives together rich and abundant.

Remember, Monday, February 20, at 5 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation!

## New Method in Social Science Division for Hiring

by Kim Sees

For those students who say they do not get to make a choice or difference here at Glenville State College, here is their chance.

The social science division has developed a method of demonstration teaching for filling vacant positions. The demonstration teaching is added in with the interview; to help the student get their money's worth out of an instructor.

How does all of this come together? Along with the resume, there is a predetermined topic given to the incoming candidate. That person is to present it to a group of people who evaluate on such things as preparation, organization, presentation, and effectiveness.

"The key point to GSC is an institution for teaching undergrads and we want people who are effective for our undergrads," replied Dr. James Hilgenberg, chairperson of the division.

Hilgenberg also stated, "Anyone can look good on paper, but can they apply it effectively to our undergrads?"

This is the first time the social science division has allocated the chance to use this method. Hilgenberg hopes to use this method in years to come.

If you are interested in participating, contact Dr. Hilgenberg at ext. 135 or the social science division at ext. 176. Everyone is welcome.

soon. All other states I can think of require a doctorate degree, and for the candidate to have passed the licensing test--which I understand is expensive to take (\$300) and difficult to pass.

To practice as a counselor, a professional must pass the licensing test, hold a graduate level degree, and be supervised for two years.

I hope to have provided a good outlook into the social service field. If I have one last piece of advice, it would be to truly love what you do or you will get burned out quick and possibly do more harm than good! The jobs are out there, graduate school is a must, and this is a fast growing field, so I hope you like to run.



## News From the Office of Records and Enrollment Management

Alderson-Broaddus College is sponsoring an international banquet and music festival to be held on Saturday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m. The College invites everyone to attend. Tickets should be purchased in advance: \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students and children. For further information, call Fran LaFon, international student advisor at AB College, 457-6312.

1. When applying for graduation, please note on the form that you will graduate with honors (if you feel that you are eligible).
2. If you decide to withdraw from Glenville State, you must make an appointment with Dr. McClure, interim register and director of enrollment management, to begin the process.
3. Look for the new "Commuter Newsletter" to be published within the next month!
4. Coming next month--the Visitors' Center will be moved to the suite of offices in the Office of Records and Enrollment Management. It will be renamed the "GSC Visitors' and Information Center" and will be operated by Admissions Counselors, Jill Harman and Ewanna Hayhurst. Construction is tentatively scheduled for Spring Break week.
5. Remember to request your senior evaluation!

## Elliot Fund Tops \$100,000

by the GSC Foundation

On Friday, February 3, the Evelyn E. and Dr. Lloyd Elliot Scholarship Fund topped \$100,000. The fund was established five years ago to provide scholarships for students of Glenville State College.

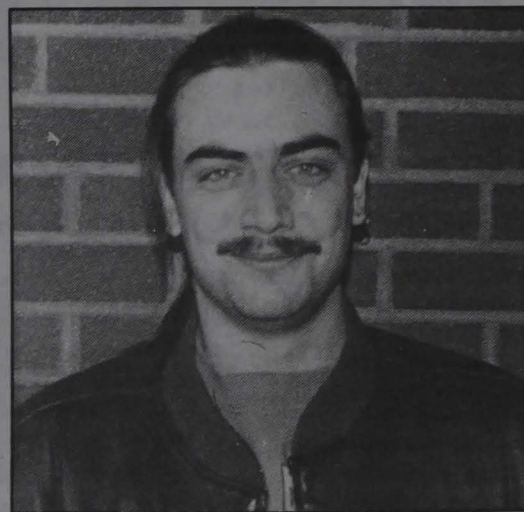
Upon graduating from Glenville State College in 1937, Dr. Elliot began his career in education as a teacher in Clay County, WV.

After a tour of duty in the Navy during World War II, Elliot began a career in higher education which culminated with his appointment as President of George Washington University. Dr. Elliot was the 1967 GSC Alumnus of the Year.

A matching contribution of \$2,500 from Bell Atlantic pushed the Elliot Scholarship Fund over the \$100,000 mark, making it the second such scholarship fund to reach that plateau. The only other fund to reach that level being the Moyers Academic Scholarship Fund.

Glenville State College President, Dr. William K. Simmons praised Dr. Elliot for his devotion to education and support of Glenville State College. "We are very fortunate to have one of the nation's prominent leaders in higher education today supporting our institution," said Dr. Simmons.

## Candidate Profile An In-Depth Look at Jeremy Dean



Jeremy Dean photo by Jim Shock

by Sandra Gibson

Jeremy Dean is a 20 year old student from Ravenswood. He is currently enrolled in his third year of school. A first glance at Dean, and one perceives him to be pretty much an ordinary student. However, a deeper look shows that Dean is anything but ordinary.

Dean's activities begin with him being editor of the *Trilium*, a college publication consisting of poems and short stories. He also writes a weekly column for *The Mercury* titled *Conversational Green*. Here he converses on topics of common interests to students and faculty.

Dean's interests do not end with writing. He is president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletics (FCA). His interests here began with his involvement in sports during high school and later, with him running track one year at GSC. Because of a clash with his academic affairs, Dean decided not to pursue track at the present time.

He is also an active member of the Wesley Foundation, an organization offering Christian activities for college students. Dean is presently playing his drums with a group there, who hope to perform publicly with future shows.

Writing, fellowship and music are not the end of his interests, however. Dean is also very concerned with the governing issues of GSC and he is presently running for Student Congress President. He feels very confident that his background in Student Congress will offer some special insight to the student needs that exist at GSC.

Where does this 20 year old powerhouse get his strength? Dean attributes his success and the need to achieve from the strong family values instilled by his loving mother, "My mom has always pushed ahead for what she wanted out of life. I think the example that she set before my younger siblings and me has always been one to make believers in ourselves; if you want something you must go after it." Dean's mother is the manager of a local Walmart store.

And what does the future hold for Dean? He is currently writing his first novel with the help of his friend and teacher, Dr. Barbara Tedford, and when he is not writing, he is continuing with his love of music by playing his drums with his newly organized band. Dean seems to be a guy with a definite plan, and so far he has proven that he's quite capable of administering it.

## New Handrails To Be Installed On Campus

by Monica Ann Null

According to Student Congress President Heather Messenger, GSC will be adding new safety features to its campus. It was decided in a regular meeting of Student Congress to install handrails at dangerous locations on campus.

The project has been approved by the college and construction is said to begin once the work order has been completed and the supplies are delivered.

The areas of sidewalk connecting LBH to the AB Building and from the Heflin Center to the Maintenance Building will soon have handrails installed.

"The handrails are necessary in these areas as the sidewalk is very slick during the winter months," explains Messenger. There are no current handrails in these areas, making the areas very dangerous to students and faculty on campus.

Completion of the project is expected before the end of the spring semester.

person not only in her position at GSC, but in the community as well.

She was a member of several organizations including the Glenville's Women's Club.

"She was a true saint to GSC," recalls Dr. Robert Sirk of the social science division. He is not the only one to remember her in a positive way. She was appreciated by many fellow

GSC employees and students. Funding for the scholarship has been donated by some of the organizations Grottendieck was a member of, faculty and staff members, as well as from existing funds in the Staff Council.

Applications may be obtained from Evie McPherson, Gayle Hamric, Mark Loudin or the Financial Aid Office.

## Ginny Grottendieck Memorial Scholarship Available

by Monica Ann Null

The GSC Staff Council is sponsoring a scholarship made available to incoming freshmen for the fall semester of each academic year. Formerly known as the "Classified Staff Council" Scholarship, its name has been changed to serve as a memorial for Virginia "Ginny" Grottendieck.

Grottendieck was an active

**National Decline in Greek Life--**

## Delta Zetas of GSC Deal with the Effects

by Amy Jo Rowan

Co-ed interest in Greek life is declining nationwide. Like other colleges and universities across the U.S., GSC is dealing with the effects of this decline.

GSC's chapter of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority lost their national charter last

year. Now, due to declining membership and a rising cost of living, the Delta Zeta sorority members are losing their house on Main Street, a house they have had for many years.

Delta Zeta's acting chapter director, Angie Meadows, attributes the loss of the house

to numerous factors. "Presently, only three girls live in the house, and with increases in property taxes, insurance premiums and gas prices, we just can't afford to keep it open."

She also explained with such low membership, it is impossible to raise dues enough to

cover these expenses. "Participation in Greek life is at an all time low on all campuses," she stated. "With so few members in our chapter, it would be unrealistic to expect a raise in dues to cover these costs."

Presently the Delta Zetas still own the house. However,

Meadows reports the national division will probably make the decision to sell. If that happens, their chapter will be reimbursed with the revenue from the sale.

Meadows concluded, "We would rather keep the chapter and lose the house, than to face losing everything."



# Arts & Entertainment

## Moore Works on Display in Gallery

by Carl G. Sears

In the mood to see good art that pertains to our ever-changing social concerns? If so, then stop at the Gallery of the Fine Arts Building soon. You will be very impressed by what you will see on exhibit in the Gallery until March 10.

On February 7, the Mark Tobin Moore exhibit opened in the Gallery. The art on exhibit is a collaboration of college works about our contemporary society and the various aspects that bring us happiness and sorrow on a daily basis.

Moore was in the Gallery last week, February 7, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss his work to art students and other members of the public who wished to attend.

The Gallery was filled with students who wished to learn more about Moore and what it is that inspired, and con-

tinues to inspire him, when it comes to his artwork. Moore gave a brief description of his background in art and enlightened the audience on certain aspects of his life in general.

Moore has showed his work in the United States as well as Europe. He was in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era and he portrays his feelings of this in some of his artwork. Moore earned his bachelor's degree in studio art from the University of Charleston, and after being discharged from the Navy, earned a master's degree in painting and printmaking from Marshall University. Moore is currently the exhibits director at the Cultural Center in Charleston, where he has been employed three years.

Moore showed many slides of artwork that he had not brought to be put on exhibit in

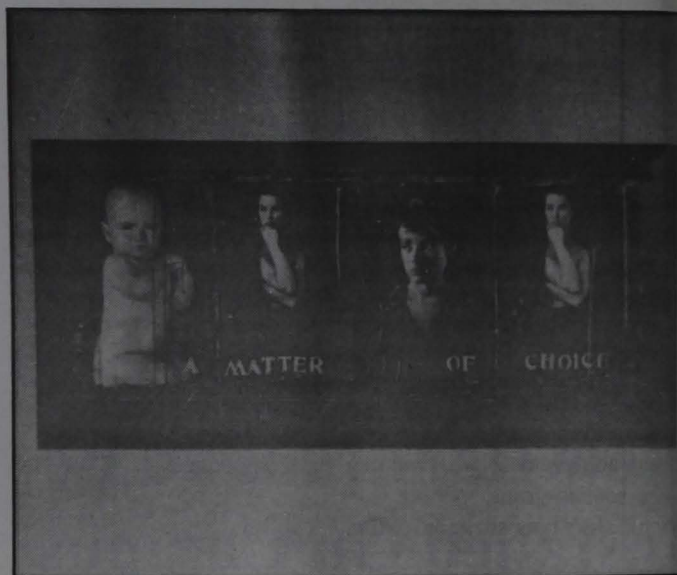
the Gallery, due to their unavailability.

Moore ended his discussion by going around to each individual work on exhibit in the Gallery and told a little bit about the individual works. This gave the audience a small insight into the inspiration and meaning of the works.

Moore said, "Most of my works are a personal expression of what has happened in my own personal life and the lives of our society as a whole."

The exhibit will run through March 10 with gallery hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to scheduled evening performances in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Make plans to take a friend and visit the Gallery in the Fine Arts Building to check out the astounding artwork by Mark Tobin Moore.



Mark Tobin Moore's work can be seen in the Fine Arts Gallery.  
photo by Dave Sagan

## Third Annual Literature Symposium for Undergraduate Students to be Held

What is a symposium? It's a conference where opinions and essays on a topic are shared. If you are interested in advanced literature study or if you plan to study literature in graduate school, you should experience a literature symposium.

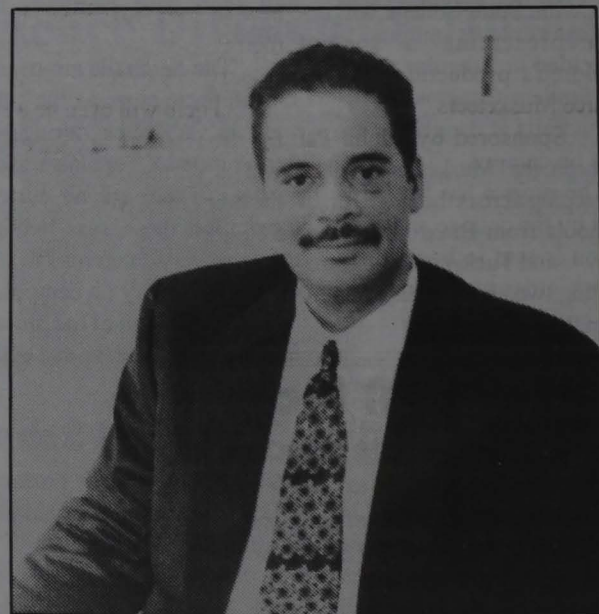
On Saturday, February 18, West Virginia University is

sponsoring a literature symposium in which the presenters are undergraduate students from across West Virginia.

You can attend this conference for a fee of \$5. The conference will include: hearing 12 student essays on authors like Flannery O'Connor and Toni Morrison; a keynote ad-

dress by Dr. Brian McHale, Eberly Distinguished Professor of American Literature from WVU; refreshments; luncheon; and a free ride to and from the WVU campus.

If you want more information, call Mrs. Burkowski or the English/language division at extension 211.



Michael Belmear

photo by Heather Messenger

## Belmear to Speak for Black History Month

by Joni Rittenhouse

Michael Belmear, associate vice-president of student affairs at Fairmont State College, will speak Tuesday, February 21 to GSC students.

His topic is "He who travels the road best." His speech will involve ethics, morals, and values.

"The people who came before me worked so I could have it all, my job is to remove ob-

stacles for others."

Mr. Belmear has a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations, and a master's degree in counseling from West Virginia University.

After a brief lunch with students, Mr. Belmear will speak to Ms. Mysliwiec's 1:30 p.m. minority groups class in room 307 AB. If you would like to attend, please call Ms. Mysliwiec for more information.

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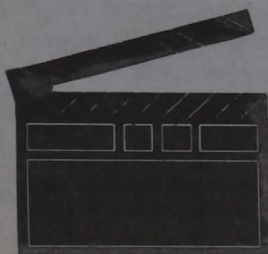
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## Adam Sandler is Hilarious as "Billy Madison"

by Jim Shock

Anyone who has listened to "Saturday Night Live" star Adam Sandler's gold selling comedy album "They're all Gonna Laugh at You" is familiar with his irreverent sense of humor. Most of which can be found in his latest film "Billy Madison."

Fans of Sandler will love this film, others will be dumbfounded. Sandler plays the moronic son of a hotel tycoon. When his father announces his retirement, he wants Billy to take over the business. The problem is, up to that point, Billy's only real achievement was winning the second-grade spelling bee, which he's later shattered to find

out was fixed by his father. In fact, his father had paid all his teachers to graduate him, so to prove his worth to his father, he decides to go back to school. No, not college, grade school, starting in the first grade, and working his way up through high school.

This plot is absurd, but so is the movie. I didn't anticipate any Oscar nominations for this film to begin with (although "Billy Madison" makes "Forrest Gump" look like a Harvard professor), just stupid fun.

Chris Farley had a hilarious cameo as the school bus driver on a class field trip. He's almost as scary as mine was. In

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## The 'Musketeers' are Coming

by Joni Rittenhouse

Starting February 21, theatre will be doing something new to our current entourage, they will be traveling to Lewis County to perform.

Sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega, the "Musketeers" will be sweeping across the stage for 14 schools from Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis and Tucker counties, providing two shows a day, at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Co-directed by Keith  
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## In Honor Of Black History Month West Virginia's Proud Heritage

by Sandra Gibson

West Virginia has long been a place stemmed with deep roots bonding us to a proud past. It was among these mountains, that some of the greatest inspirations were born.

Whether men looked to the mountain tops for their hopes, the clouds for their dreams, or whether the rich land trodden under their feet lead them to their dedication, we can be certain, however, that some of the greatest educators of our nation arose out of West Virginia.

Two of the most prominent and important educators to come forth were Carter G. Woodson and Booker T. Washington. Both, born in Virginia, later moved to W.Va., where they lived and made great contributions.

Carter G. Woodson moved to W.Va. at age 17. He worked in Fayette County as a coal miner for six years. He also attended Douglas High School at Huntington, where he later became principal. His teaching career began, however, at Winone, W.Va.

Woodson was educated at Berea College (Kentucky), the University of Chicago, and Harvard University in the United States; and Sorbonne University in Paris. He served as supervisor of schools in the Philippines and as a faculty member of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Later, he served two years as Dean of West Virginia

State College.

Woodson organized and founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 and started the *Journal of Negro History*. He also established Associated Publishers, Inc., in an effort to publish and circulate valuable books about black people. He promoted an annual Negro History Week in the schools, which was a forerunner to Black History Month, and established *The Negro Bulletin*.

Booker T. Washington made Malden, W.Va., near Charleston, his boyhood home. There he worked in salt furnaces and mines owned by General Lewis Ruffner.

In his autobiography, *Up From Slavery*, Washington credits Mrs. Ruffner for inspiring him to obtain an education. He learned of Hampton Institute, a vocational training school for blacks in Virginia from his fellow workers, and attended there. After graduating from the Institute, he returned to Malden to teach in the Black school there.

In 1881, Washington became the director of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. He soon transformed it from a small, poor school into a world-famous center for vocational training. It was the first school of its kind in the United States.

Washington advised blacks to seek opportunity where they lived. One of his most famous phrases was, "Cast down

your buckets where you are." His suggestion, "In all things that are purely social we (blacks and whites) can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress," earned him the respect of both races.

Washington is only one of three West Virginians to be honored in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University. Daniel Boone and Stonewall Jackson are the only others similarly honored.

Thanks to the strong love and dedication for education that our forefathers shared, we are able to pass down this great legacy from our past.



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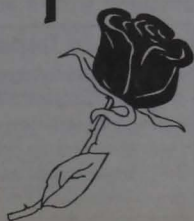
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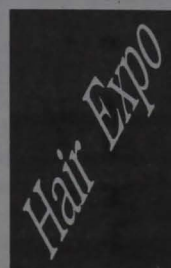
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# Feature

## Sorting Through the History of Valentine's Day

by Gene Breza

Did you ever wonder how Valentine's Day originated? Or why we see red heart shaped candy boxes trimmed in white lace in store windows? Why do you send roses, or roses she can wear, to your wife or sweetheart? Have you looked in elementary school windows the days leading up to February the 14th?

The name Valentine has come down to us from Rome some 1700 years ago. The customs we now celebrate originally began in Etruscan antiquity when wolves roamed the dense forest that once surrounded what became the city of Rome.

There were two persons named Valentine mentioned in Roman and Christian histories dating from 270 A.D. One was a priest from Rome, the other the bishop of Interamna. St. Valentine and the holiday customs became so confused that one source says that February 14th was his birthday, another the day he was beheaded. Probably, in the manner many saint's days were set, the church assigned a St. Valentine feast upon the ancient feast day of Juno who was after all the queen of all the gods, Jupiter's wife.

One legend credits St. Valentine's patronage of lovers, to his charity to Roman soldiers. They were ordered not to marry by Emperor Claudius II, in order to uproot them easily for his imperial wars. Valentine it seems, was caught preforming secret marriages for which he was imprisoned. Another legend tells of St. Valentine's flower garden. He loved to give them to the local children. He was jailed when he refused to pay homage to the Roman gods. While in jail his young friends picked his flowers, tied notes to them, then tossed them through to Valentine through the window. Another legend involves a miracle. While in jail Valentine befriended the jailer's blind daughter. He prayed unto God, day and night, to return her sight. The blind girl was cured. For the miracle he was beheaded. On the way to the chopping block he handed the girl a good-bye note signing it "from your Valentine". For these good works, Valentine was canonized a saint.

The days in the middle of February on the Mediterranean were the first days of spring. Juno,

queen of the gods and Lupercus, the destroyer of wolves, were honored by the Romans at this time. One of the most important holidays of the year, Lupercalia was celebrated for at least a week beginning February 15th. The god Lupercus protected the Romans and their flocks from the fierce wolves inhabiting the forest surrounding Rome. The Romans played games, sang and danced. The goddess Juno helped in the preparations the day before February 14. The luscious-lipped goddess instructed maidens to drop their names on a slip of paper into an urn. Young men would then pick one of the names out. The maiden whose name he drew would be his partner at games and dances of Lupercalia. Some sources say that they would be partners for the whole year.

Where Cupid entered the picture is anyone's guess. Perhaps the swaddled-winged cherub son of Venus was always lurking behind a column ready to shoot gold-tipped arrows into human hearts. Cupid (the Greek Eros) shot his arrows with little regard of the outcome and from this fact the old and wise declared to whomever would hear, "Love is Blind."

Curiously, February 14th is the day birds are said to pick a mate. Whether it is a Roman or Celtic tradition we don't know. Mating birds are a symbol of love and faithfulness because many birds choose a mate for life. If one of the pair perishes, the other, it is said, and is true, of geese and swans, do not mate again. From old Geoffrey Chaucer's writing in the Parliament of Foules we read: "For this was Seynt Valentyne's Day

*When every foul cometh there to choose his mate"*

Even today we call a couple obviously in love, lovebirds.

Long ago those in sore need of love or a lover, chanted spells or performed magic rituals in the manner of the Druids. Sometimes a maiden would go all alone to a cemetery at night carrying a handful of hempseed. As the midnight hour arrived she scattered the seed on the ground and sang:

*"Hempseed I sow, hempseed I mow,*

*He that will my true love be Rake the hempseed after me!"*

Then she ran home, looking over her shoulder, hoping to see

her true love following her, which meant they would be married within a year. Bayleaves pinned to the four corners of a pillow (some say five leaves), would reveal a lady's true love in her dreams, who, of course, she would marry soon. It became the custom in England for people to call out "Good Morning, 'tis Valentine's Day!" The person who said this would expect a present from the person he/she greeted the way. Can you imagine the scene on a crowded London street at 7 a.m? Another less demanding more romantic variation of this theme and probably an older presaged, the first boy a girl saw on Valentine's Day would be "the one."

By the 17th century, gift-giving became common among French and English rich men. Ordinary men gave gifts too, often portraying the symbols of love on their well-considered valentine. The ornaments these men placed upon their valentines would speak reams to the lover's heart, hearts being the most common symbol. If he gave her a fan, it meant, "open up your heart," a ribbon, "you are tied up" or "you are my girl." Lace in Latin means net, so lace ruffle surrounding a heart valentine meant, "you have caught my heart in a net." Now if a man gave a red cutout heart trimmed with lace, with a fan tied to it by a red ribbon, she would just have to melt .... that is, if she loved him!

Other symbols associated with love and Valentine's Day are flowers, especially red roses and violets, birds, butterflies, new born lambs, all of which are associated with spring. Then there are angels and children whose presence bless a couple, and harps and lyres upon which the divine music of love is played.

In colonial America, life was too harsh for frills. Once homestead was established, a young man could spend hours making a valentine. Let's face it there wasn't much to do in early February. A young man had plenty of time to think of spring and that little girl down the way. He'd fold and seal his valentine with sealing wax and deliver it himself. Often the valentine contained a proposal of marriage. The Pennsylvania Dutch were known for their fancy cutout work. A lock of hair was often enclosed. Sometimes a silhouette was included. If the lady liked it,

or him, she would hang it on her wall.

Miss Anna Green Winslow lived in Massachusetts in the late 1700's. One fine Valentine's Day, she went to a party hoping a fine gent to snare. She was winked when a farmer's name she drew, with Valentine's Day she was through. In her diary dear did declare "My valentine was an old country plow-jogger."

A Miss Esther Howland had a father who owned a writing supplies store in Holyoke, Massachusetts. In 1847 she received a small valentine all trimmed with printed lace fresh from the mills in England. Mr. Howland bought supplies for the ensuing year. Esther, a college student, had so many orders for valentines, she soon had an attic full of ladies assembling the heart shaped wonders. Shortly thereafter she owned a factory grossing over a hundred grand a year. This was THE beginning of the greeting card industry in America.

At Glenville Elementary School, first and second grade teacher, Kim Jones, was kind enough to share her Valentine's Day activities. All the kids have a valentine "basket" they have made taped to the front of their desks. A home room mother helped with the festivities at 2 p.m. Nutritional treats were served. (No candy or anything with a sugar content



above 39 percent.) The kids were their own 'post person' and delivered the valentines themselves. When asked about the traditional red box, the box which was the modern version of the urn, the carrier of the 2600 years ago symbolizing, Ms. Jones replied, "I used to do that, but it takes so much time."

There's a certain excitement in the young school kid's hearts. For once, they are encouraged to tell classmates and maybe someone special, "I care." If you didn't get yours in the mail this week, you missed your chance this year. But hey, there's only 363 days till next year!!

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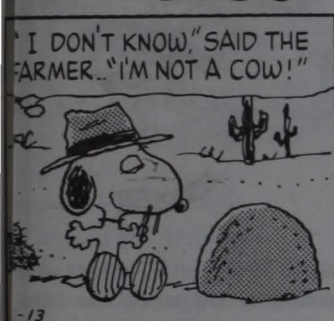


# The Funnies

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## off the mark

by Mark Parisi



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Miller and Darek Igo, and stage directed by Holly Riley, the play proves to be a smashing success.

Faces both new and old will be seen as the show opens. Cardinal Richilieu will be played by John Baxter, while the three musketeers, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, will be played by Pat Graham, Heath Hershburger and Chris Kenna. Audiences will be delighted to find that the part of D'Artagnon will be played by Jamie Adkins.

There definitely will be plenty to keep both young and old minds busy in this action-packed adventure.

There is lots of sword fighting and gun duels, many get stabbed or hurt, but there is no blood, and only one on-stage fatality, so parents don't have to worry about bringing young children.

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cautious statement, "I never second guess on outcomes, but I feel very assured of the college's decision."

In the event Samples loses his appeal, he still has the option of going to court. When asked if he intended to pursue the case further, he gave an immediate response, "Yes, I do."

For Samples, it seems the battle is just beginning. Accord-

ing to Butcher, the state is committed to taking further action if the results of the hearing make it necessary to do so, "If he appeals, the college will have to pursue it, and will."

Samples, although employed elsewhere, has no plans of relocating, "I want to see if they like me and I like them." His optimism regarding the hearing's outcome may be the reason for his hesitation. When asked if he would return to GSC if the court ordered his reinstatement, he announced, "I certainly would consider it."

Aside from seeking employment, and spending time on his case, Samples has been occupied writing his second book entitled, *Let's not do What Simon Says*.

During the hearing, Mr. John McKinney, chairman of fine arts at GSC, while testifying on behalf of Samples, allegedly made comments questioning the performance of the GSC recruiters who are under the direction of Dr. Nancy McClure. McClure, filled the recently retitled position vacated by Samples.

McKinney, when asked about his statements during the hearing, declined to comment.

McClure, however, did not. When asked her feelings about the comment, McClure stated, "I find it rather amusing,

actually." She added, "We have a letter commending then from Mr. McKinney." The letter, as read by McClure, was a complete contradiction of McKinney's alleged testimony, and was dated December 1, 1994.

McClure could not speculate as to what could have happened in the two-months since she received the letter to change McKinney's position, "I can't imagine, because I don't know that I've done anything to change his mind." She confidently added, "And the recruiters are doing an excellent job, above and beyond the call of duty."

McClure, in an attempt to address McKinney's hidden concerns, will be having a meeting with him later this week.

The hearing results will be announced within 60 days and *The Mercury* will have a follow-up then.

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fact, this whole movie may make you recall those carefree days of yesteryear, when the lunch lady was a frightening beast of a woman. Like a huge hair net clad warrior, she would dispense "sloppy joes" and tater tots before her, she could evenly distribute them without ever having to peek through her clear plastic gloves--six per soldier, no more, no less.

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The film made me wonder if I could survive going back to school. Oh sure, I could get through the noodle necklaces and cottonball snowmen of elementary school, even Billy reclaimed his spelling bee championship by spelling "couch," but high school, that's something completely different.

Billy finds out during his freshman classes just how cruel kids can be when he goes to

school wearing an REO Speedwagon shirt with the collar of his denim jacket flipped up like some hip vampire. I, for one, can remember those days, and shutter still at their memory.

If you go see "Billy Madison" with that attitude, you can't help having a good time, but if you go to be educated, you'd have a better chance going back to school.



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ers for his girlfriend from the same flower shop, so he had to have an account.

He called them up, and put in the order for me. He told them about twelve times to put Jeremy Dean on the card saying who they were from, and this confused them.

They kept asking what his name was, and he would tell them, and then he would say to put Jeremy Dean on the card. Finally, they got the point, so now all that's left is to hope they don't get the two orders mixed up.

Anyway, to make the story even worse, my friend Annie tells me on Valentine's Day that women really like things like handmade valentines because they show that the dude really cares enough to make something with his own hands.

Oh well, I hope everyone out there had a good Valentine's Day. Don't forget to get out there and vote on February 20 and 21. There are a lot of good people running this year, so let's all get out and vote! God Bless.

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However, most locations do not have street addresses in Gilmer Co. and box numbers tell us little, so it is important that we have some extra information to be sure that a dispatcher will be certain about where the call originated in the least possible time.

We are creating computer files to provide quick and easy access for this information, but computers are only as complete and accurate as the information entered into them.

You, as a resident or business owner of Gilmer County can help us by taking the time to complete the following form for each phone you have in Gilmer County. If you have more than one phone number, please make sure that we have the information for all numbers. The information will be kept in confidence and only used to assist you in an emergency. Please help us get ready to help you!

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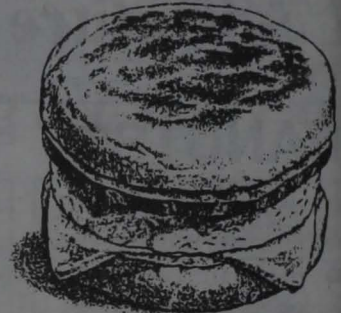
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