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Glenville Theater Has "Bad Habits"

by Joni Rittenhouse
Staff Writer

On April 5, 6 and 7 Glenville State College's department of fine arts will be bringing to you "Bad Habits," a play by New York playwright, Terrence McNally.

McNally is probably best known for his long-running Broadway musical "Kiss of the Spider Woman." He is also currently running "Love! Valor! Compassion!" on stage at the Walter Kerr Theatre.

Directed by Mrs. Nancy Wemm and stage managed by Keith Miller, the play will be brought to the public in the Administration Building Auditorium.

Smoking, drinking and trying to kill ones spouse are just a few of the habits addressed in the play. The two acts of the play explore two very extreme ways of curing them.

The first act uses overindulgence, while the second uses binding methods.

It features a cast of seven old pros to the stage and one new face. Audiences will be pleased to see Joshua Bonnet, Lori L. Crouter, Heath Hershberger, Stephanie Johnson and Grayson Samples back together again. Many will remember them acting together in GSC's "Rehearsal for Murder" last year.

However, the audience will be pleased to find Jeremy Burks, Ron Frye and newcomer to the stage John Park.

"It resembles a typical day in the commuter's lounge," said Frye.

"It's very interesting and complex," stated Bonnett.

"I'm really excited," added Park.

The two main reasons Wemm chose this play are "There are eight characters with equal roles and no star."

"I love Terrence McNally's writing, especially his biting sense of humor, it's like a two sided sword," said Wemm.

Another reason is "Students will identify with the characters."

"Students will relate because it's on satirical relation to everyday life," Bonnett reported.

The first act takes place in a very extravagant, expensive resort type of center for the unhappily married. It uses unorthodox, over-indulgent methods to help its patients work through their problems.

Act two opens at Ravenswood. This hospital is the complete opposite of Dunlawn, the resort from the first act. This cheaper retreat goes to torturous extremes to help its patients through their "bad" habits.

The play proves to be an entertaining evening for adults (Mrs. Wemm recommends that it is for mature audiences).

The play is free to students and requires a small fee for the greater Glenville community.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, contact the GSC fine arts department at 304-462-7361, ext. 350.



New Student Congress members proudly pose for the camera. photo by Dave Sagan

New Student Congress Members Inducted!

by Craig Mills
Copy Editor

Brand new Student Congress members were inducted on March 22 in an elegantly decorated Verona Maple Room. Outgoing Student Congress President Heather Messenger served as master of ceremonies and attendees dined from a menu that included steak, shrimp, sauteed mushrooms and other delights.

After dinner, Dr. Al Billips, dean of student services, and Heather Messenger presented 1994-95 GSC Pioneer Grayson Samples with the pioneer musket. Billips stated that

the Pioneer and the clock tower are the most recognizable symbols of Glenville State College. Billips added that he liked the colonial-type shirt Samples had worn as Pioneer and reminisced about his brawl with the West Virginia Wesleyan bobcat.

Upon receiving the musket Samples declared, "This redneck has one more gun to put on his wall."

Before swearing in the new members of Student Congress, President William Simmons related a humorous story from his days as GSC mascot which involved tobacco and hard cider.

New officers sworn include: president, Jeremy Dean;

vice president, Chad McVane; secretary, Annette Caldwell; treasurer, Kenneth Wilkins; Parliamentarian, Clarissa Scott.

Class representatives, senior, Heath Hershberger; junior, Ray Moore; sophomore, Sammie Legg.

Senator-at-large, Jackie Carter, J.D. James, Sara Riffle, Jill Hardman, Blake McNally and Amie Sparks. Commuter representative, Grayson Samples.

New Student Congress President Jeremy Dean commented, "I am really excited about the new Student Congress. And I'm looking forward to a heck of a year."

Teacher Forum to be Held Tomorrow

The education division at Glenville State College will once again be sponsoring a teacher's forum for teachers, administrators and parents to discuss the recent implementation of inclusion in public education.

The forum will be held Friday, March 31 at the Heflin Center. Guest speakers will include: Dr. Louise Savage, WVU fac-

ulty; Dr. Sharon Kraus, Mrs. Terry Reale, and Mrs. Deanna Foxworthy, GSC faculty; Shelly Kraus and Tina Norman, Lewis County schools faculty; and Mr. Tom Stephenson, GSC student.

This year's forum will address questions regarding inclusion, offer a practical, working definition of inclusion, and demonstrate some techniques that

appear to aid in teaching students with diverse levels of abilities in the same setting.

Those wishing to participate in this year's forum are asked to contact the GSC education division today at ext. 119.

All GSC faculty, staff and education students are encouraged to attend and learn some new, useful methods.

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Editorial

Rick Conklin

With the passage of the higher education Bill 547 on March 11, future college students will be faced with another expense of furthering their education by the mandatory purchasing or rental/leasing of a personal computer for all full time students.

Computers are being implemented into all facets of life and eventually the knowledge of computer systems will be necessary for everyone to function in the future job market. The sooner higher education begins to implement computers into all facets of education, the earlier institutions can fine-tune programs to guarantee a quality computer based education.

I believe this. I believe computers should become part of every major field of study, but to mandate that every student own or rent/lease a computer is asking too much, too early. Why does the bill support the expansion of computer labs if everyone is being asked to have one of their own?

The transition should be a gradual one. Incoming freshman in the year 2000 could be required to own a computer, but not 1996. This would allow more time for the preparation of such drastic changes in a well-established system.

Instructors could find the best ways to implement computer lessons into their curriculum while high schools would do the same to prepare students for a higher level of computerized education. If time is not allotted, students who have not had the opportunity to work with computers will start off their college career with a disadvantage.

What if a student already has a computer, has spent much time learning how to use it, and all the wonderful things it can do to make life less complicated? The student decides he/she wants to become a teacher and chooses to go to Glenville State College because of the excellent education department. But, what if GSC is not using computers that are compatible with the computer of the student's?

Who is to dictate the type of computer and software is to be purchased and used?

Has this question been asked? Does anyone know why this part of the bill is to go into effect so quickly?

These questions make me wonder who has who's hands in who's pockets tickling this section of the bill through so quickly. Will state schools be under contract to purchase computers from certain distributors dealing only with certain brands--forcing private consumers with children to do the same?

More questions should be asked about the urgency of this section of Bill 547. Are consumers going to be forced to limit their purchasing choices by a piece of legislation? Does the mandatory ownership or rent/lease policy really make more sense than the expansion of computer labs, leaving personal purchases up to the consumer?



Conversational Green

Jeremy Dean

Can you believe what the legislature has done now? Incoming freshmen in 1996 have to buy or lease a computer in order to be admitted to college in West Virginia.

How are a bunch of high school seniors going to come up with the money to buy a computer? Most of them can't come up with the money to come to college in the first place.

Now, they have this extra burden of buying a computer that will be obsolete almost before their money gets in the cash register drawer.

And how about the nontraditional students? These people are working jobs just to try and stay less than a month behind on their bills. How are they going to be able to pay for that computer?

I know some of you are wondering what this has to do with you. You're already in col-

lege; you won't need to buy one, you don't have to worry about it.

What happens if you want to go on to grad school? I don't know either, but if it's going to entail shelling out two thousand more dollars for an IBM, I think I'm just going to have to accept the fact that my education ends with my BA from Glenville State.

I think it's really disgusting that a bunch of overfed politicians in Charleston who probably have family in the computer business, think they can do this to West Virginia's students.

We have been trying to make a West Virginia education high quality and now it's nearly priced out of range for the majority of West Virginians.

It's high time some people in the legislature remember there is more to West Virginia than the little piece of land Charleston

sets on. There is a real world out here where people have to struggle every day to make it. Not all of us are lucky enough to get paid about \$15,000 for a couple months "work" like our elected "representatives" do.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not antitechnology. I agree, people are going to have to be computer literate in the future, but if these people can't come to school in the first place, they will have no future to be computer literate in.

As far as this computer leasing deal is going to go, I have to say I'm skeptical. It may be cheaper for students, but it's still an extra unnecessary expense.

I would like to see who will be getting the contracts to set up these computer leasing programs.

Whoever it is will be making quite a bit of money.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you to speak to the community for some support for the yearbook. It appears that the staff does not have enough candid photos of organizations, let alone some organizational pictures. Even some faculty and staff departments have ignored their requests for picture-taking times, like the science department, who said, "count us out!" Why? Don't you want to be included in a year of GSC life? Especially in a year when the yearbook will have a lot of campus-wide material!!!!

Please, those of you who haven't had your picture taken, call us and schedule a time. We need your pic-

tures, and your support, to make the Kanawhachen what it should be, for everyone. It would take too long to mention all of those departments and organizations who have ignored our

requests--you know who you are! Please contact us at ext. 290, and we'll be glad to include you in the yearbook!

A. Cauffman, Advisor

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Mercury Corrections

To March 23, Mercury--

Dr. Shepherd tendered his resignation as coach of GSC women's basketball February 27.

The Open House advertisement should have read "Pioneer into the 21st Century."

Let's Talk Retention!

by Carl G. Sears
Staff Writer

Everyone gets excited when they think about first going away to college. However, once they get to school and are there for a while, they decide that they just can't handle the pressures that come along with college.

They are ready to just drop out and just go back home. At Glenville State College this may no longer be the case.

Glenville State recently developed a retention committee to help make sure that students who begin school at GSC stay at GSC.

The committee, headed by Dr. Nancy McClure of records and enrollment, was formed during the fall semester of 1994. Soon after the first meeting in September of last year, a Retention Plan was drawn up to show exactly what the goals of the committee are.

The GSC Retention Plan is a two phase project that is set on a time-line to take three years to be incorporated totally with all students and prospective students. The first phase of the plan is to aid in the retention of prospective and new students at GSC. The first phase is set to take place during years one and

two of the time-line.

The second phase involves the retention of upperclassmen and is slated to take place during the third year of the project. The committee has been working on phase one religiously, but has yet to begin on phase two.

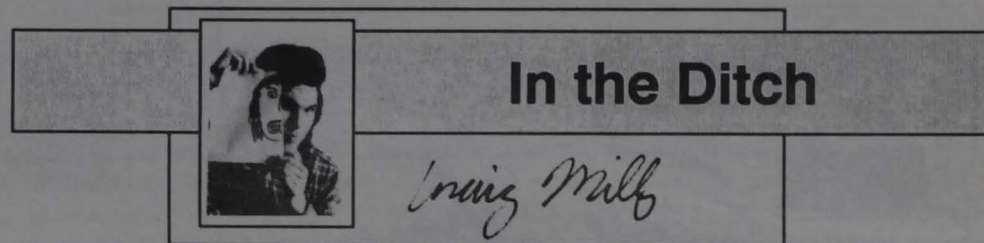
Under phase one, there are two parts of the project. Part one which is being addressed now during the first year of the plan, deals with recruiting prospective students.

Part two of phase one deals with freshman retention. In recruiting students, the committee is working with three groups of individuals. These include top-notch traditional students, non-traditional students and the general population.

Members of the committee are: Brenda Peyser, Jennifer Nottingham, Nolan Browning, Lowell Peterson, Jill Harman, Ewanna Hayhurst, Nancy McClure (chair), Joshua Bonnett, Patty Knicely, Al Billips and Gayle Burkowski.

McClure said of the committee, "I'm very pleased with the work the retention committee has done. I think we are moving in the right direction--it is just going to take time and a lot of support from everyone on campus."

This is a two part article and will be continued in next week's paper when each part and phase of the retention plan will be discussed in detail.



"...his wrath has come; and who shall be able to stand?"--Revelations 8:6.

Something really weird happened to a friend of mine last week. It all started when we stopped at a small store in a rural area.

He went in to get some peanut butter M&Ms and a beverage and I stayed in the car and juked around to my "Elvis: Live in Las Vegas" tape.

I was right in the middle of "Suspicious Minds" when he runs out, jumps in the car and yells, "hit it!"

His face was pale and he was visibly shook. "What?!"

"Just go man. The guy just went nuts...the police...might be on their way--just go, now!"

I whipped the car back on to the road and began driving at an unreasonable speed, all the while trying to figure out just what had happened.

"Did you steal something?"

"No! All I did was ask for M&Ms and the guy just went off. I mean, it was severe. I'm just glad he didn't have a gun or anything."

"Hold it. You went in, asked for M&Ms and the guy just goes nuts?"

"Well, here's what happened: I go in and ask for some M&Ms. He says, 'We don't have any.' And I start joking around with him. I said, 'Awww, what day a mean no M&Ms? You gotta have M&Ms' and stuff like that."

"Did he laugh?"

"Well, no. But, I just thought he probably had a real dry sense of humor."

"Oh."

"Anyway, I ask him if he has Junior Mints and he says, 'no.' Then when I ask if he has Goobers, he just goes nuts. He starts rapidly firing off something about his store's candy policy...and I, for real, thought he was joking. I mean, who goes

ballistic about M&Ms?"

I start to ask something else and he comes out from behind the counter and gets in my face, I mean *right* in my face and starts telling me what a smart ass I am and all about my attitude. So, I put my hand on his shoulder and said, "Hey, man, I'm real sorry I didn't mean anything by it." I was hoping he would calm down."

"Did he?"

"No way. He jumped and screamed, 'I'm callin' the police and charge you with assault!'"

"For being a smart ass?"

"No, because I put my hand on his shoulder."

"Didja knock him backwards or something?"

"No. I placed my hand on his shoulder, I was trying to apologize--it was a friendly gesture."

"Well," I sighed, "maybe, you're right. He must just be a madman."

A few days later, I asked my friend about the confrontation and this was what he had to say:

"For a long time, I was just stunned that someone could get so pissed at me. Then, after I thought about it a while, I got mad. He acted incredibly unprofessional and frightened me for no good reason. I thought about going back into the store and bouncin' his head off the counter a couple times and showing him what assault really is...But, that's not the answer. I'm not a vengeful person and I don't wanna hold a grudge the rest of my life, so if I had to send him a message, I'd just say, 'Hey, man, I'm sorry about the whole thing. It's not gonna happen again because I won't be back.'"

And then he asked me to write an 'In The Ditch' about it. I told him point blank, my column was about hard hitting issues and was no place for obscure personal stories.

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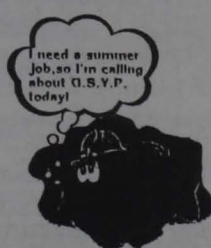
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The Athletic Supporter

Emile Shure

In case you haven't noticed, I am the new addition to the "new and improved" *Mercury* staff. For those of you who don't know me, I'm the guy with black hair that you see running everywhere.

When I was first approached by a *Mercury* staffer about taking on the responsibilities of writing for *The Mercury*, I was at a New Year's Eve party. It was one of those few times a year that I allow myself to consume all my troubles away. (Runners like to refer to this as "carbohydrate loading," it sounds a little better than drinking.)

Anyway, I was watching a ball game and having a deep conversation about sports while wondering out loud, how in the world eight skinny cross country runners could store so much yeast and barley in such a small mass. Realizing that I really enjoy sports greatly, a *Mercury* staffer told me I should try to express my interest in print.

I was flattered, but declined. Not because I wasn't interested, but for a couple of other reasons. One being the fact that I am not a very patient person. I realize that this job should require a little more attention than I think I could give it. I can't even cook a box of macaroni and cheese without putting the noodles in before the water comes to a "rolling" boil. Coupled with the fact that, when I was having this discussion, the *Mercury* staffer was trying to finish a cake pan full of peach gelatin that was made with peach schnaps instead of water. So, under the circumstances I didn't think it was a serious offer of me writing for *The Mercury*.

After making the semi-famous trip to the Big Apple, the staff at *The Mercury* has decided to give this paper a com-

plete overhaul. After further consideration, I gratefully decided to meet the challenge of this sports page. I may not be an improvement, but I am definitely new. I want everyone reading this to understand that I'm writing to express my opinions, give information, and most importantly, to stir up interest.

Therefore, if you feel the need to have any questions answered, want to agree or disagree with me, or just have something to say, feel free to drop me a written letter at *The Mercury* office. I look forward to the challenge you may want to greet me with.

Now for some controversy! What in the hell was West Virginia's "greatest athlete" Randy Moss thinking when he put a kid in the hospital by almost beating him to death. Word has it that not only did Moss severely jeopardize his chances of playing football at Notre Dame, but he may not be allowed to graduate on time after being expelled from school.

I was watching ESPN the other week when I nearly choked on my under-cooked macaroni and cheese. I was trying to get interested in some fat guys racing to cut logs of something, when I heard the news that Michael Jordan has decided to un-retire. This news was not so shocking; believe it or not, I expected it.

But then, "his airness" claimed his reasons stemmed from the lack of respect among the younger players in the NBA, and their greed for unearned money through shoe endorsements.

I agree that the salaries are a little outrageous, but I'd jump at the chance to have a shoe named after me, not to mention big bucks from McDonalds, Hyenas, Bugs Bunny, Gatorade

Before I forget, I would like to congratulate Coach Nottingham for the fine job he and his well deserved team displayed at Charleston. You guys make it easy to walk in the TownCenter Mall with a Glenville jacket on.

Rookie of the year in the NBA? Check the stats. It should be Eddie Jones of the LA Lakers.

My pick in the NCAA's: UCLA is the only team with a go-to man, a true point guard, and a true center. And they can hit their free throws. (Not to mention Coach Jim Harrick is a West Virginia native.)

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by the athletic department

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Pilant leads Track Team to Fine Season Start

by Monica Ann Null
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track teams had a successful first meet Saturday in Charleston. The men placed seventh overall out of sixteen teams and the women finished ninth.

Leading scorer for the men's team was senior Kent Pilant. He placed first in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.2, third in the 400 meter race with a time of 50.9, fourth in the 400 hurdles and was a member of the 4 x 400 meter relay team that placed fifth.

Other contributors to the team were Lee Petty placing fifth in the 800 meter race with a time of 1:58.4 and Phil Fazzini throwing the shot 43.7 3/4 feet to earn a fifth place finish and throwing the discus 137.9 feet placing him fourth overall.

The other members of the 4 x 100 relay team were Phil Wilson, Reggie Cash and Nathan McKee with a fifth place time of 44.3 seconds.

Former trackster, Chup Robinson, ran for the Pioneer

Track Club and placed third in the men's 100 meter race with a time of 11.0.

Coach Steve Harold was very pleased with the results of the meet and the individual performances of seniors Kent Pilant and Lee Petty. "I also was impressed with Phil Fazzini's performance considering he has not competed in two years," he adds.

The women were led by junior Mel Moody. She placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 115.2 feet and sixth in the shot with a distance of 34.8 feet. "Moody had a great early season performance," claims Harold.

The 4 x 100 meter relay consisting of Tracy Wilson, Kimbra Hott, Tanisha Brown and Emily James placed sixth overall.

"I was very pleased to see the women give forth the effort they did," Harold explains, "and I look forward to better things in the future."

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Glenville Golfers Finish Second at Tusculum

by Ernie Shreve
Sports Editor

Prior to the spring season of 1995, Tim Carney, coach of the Glenville State golf team, has had the luxury of experiencing about as much success as a small college coach could. Thanks to the ability to land Division I talent from as far away as Ohio, Canada and Ireland, Carney has put his Pioneer program on the map.

All-American talent, such as Bob Sowards, Vance Fitzsimmons, Michael Barrett and Gary O'Flaherty, were always available to lead the pioneers to a second place finish at the NAIA Nationals in 1993 as well as an eighth place finish last year. Due to graduation, this year's depleted team will be faced with the challenge of depending upon more local talent in order to continue their strong tradition. So far this year, the golf team has participated in three tournaments, finishing eighth out of 21 teams, eighth out of 24 teams and second out of 15 teams. To most programs, these fine performances would be more than satisfactory, but for Glenville State, winning has

become the norm.

Senior Michael Barrett expressed his displeasure by stating, "We've been playing brutal," (Irish slang for "playing terrible"). He is especially disappointed in the way he has performed and feels the need to step up and lead the team by example.

Carney, though displeased as well, doesn't feel the pressure to panic just yet. "We're not as strong as last year," he admits, "but we still have a good chance to win the conference and qualify for nationals."

A first place finish in the conference tournament guarantees a trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Glenville should have little problem repeating as conference champs, though West Virginia Wesleyan and the University of Charleston have the potential to upset the powerful Pioneer team.

To begin the 1995 golf season, which got underway on March 4 and 5, GSC shot a two-day total of 313-312 for a 625 final score at the Cheerwine-Alan Holden Realty Challenge of the Carolinas. Individually, Colin Cassidy shot a consistent 73-73 for 146, good enough for a third overall finish and making the All-Tournament Team.

At the Max Ward Invitational, hosted by Elon College at Elon, North Carolina, the Pioneers shot 302-318 for 420. Barrett lead the GSC team by shooting an impressive first round of 69 and a second round of 77 for a 146.

The golfers ended their spring break in the second annual Tusculum College Invitational in Greensville, Tennessee, finishing a heartbreaking one stroke behind the home team, Tusculum College's 600 final score. Barrett and Cassidy both shot a two-day total of 147, fellow Irishman, John Moran, was close behind with a two-day score of 148.

Though dissatisfied with the narrow loss, Carney was pleased with his team's performance and the ability of Americans Roy Hammond and Andy Brode, stepping up to give the team a solid performance at the number four and five spots.

This Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, the Pioneers will host the GSC Invitational. The first round will be held at Oxbow in Belpre, Ohio and the second round at the Woodridge Plantation in Mineral Wells, West Virginia.

Glenville, returning tour-

namment champions, will have a difficult task repeating this year because of the strength of the 17 team field, which includes powerhouse Indiana, Pennsylvania, Malone College, Ashland University and Cleveland State.

Currently ranked eighth in the nation, the GSC golf team seems to be on the right track of keeping with tradition, but

Carney feels this team has yet to reach its potential.

"Anytime you lose two All-Americans in one year, you can't expect the same results," Carney stated, "but this team can be really good if two guys can step up and fill the number four and five spots on the team," referring to Brode, Hammond and Travis Woodford.

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Meet Terry Reale--A True Educator, A True Professional

by Carl G. Sears
Staff Writer

"Education is one way to build a stronger West Virginia. I believe that higher education is a very important part of that, because learning is life long and should be a part of everyone's life."

This is what Terry Reale had to say about what she strongly believes in in life. She says the most important advice she could give to anyone is that they, "Read! Read! Read! Read!"

Reale is an assistant professor of education at Glenville State College, where she teaches language arts and reading methods courses. She is also the host of a tutoring program in conjunction with Sand Fork Elementary called the BOOST (Building On Our Students Talents) program. Reale is a native of Vienna, WV, where she graduated from Parkersburg High School.

Reale graduated from GSC and went on to get her masters in education from West Virginia Graduate College. She moved back to this area looking for a teaching job and was offered a position at GSC as a visiting instructor. This is currently Reale's fifth year.

Reale says she is happy to be an instructor here because this is a very unique school. Reale feels this uniqueness comes from the fact that it is easy to become involved in academics and many extra-curricular activities as well, due to the size of the school. Reale said, "I like Glenville because your interests can be varied here. It's really open and you can take full advantage of academics and other activities."

Reale belongs to many professional and personal organizations including the International Reading Association, WV State Reading Council, Sigma Sigma Sigma Alumni, GSC Alumni and WVU Alumni. Reale is also the

campus advisor for Kappa Delta Pi educational honorary, and is the president of the American Association of University Women, Glenville branch.



Terry Reale, photo by Dave Sagan

In her spare time, Reale enjoys swimming, golf and reading. Reale says she does these as a way to escape and have a good time with her family.

"A true educator needs to be socially interactive with their students beyond the academics." —Terry Reale

Reale's husband, Phil, is an attorney for Robinson and McElwee in Charleston, and is a member of the West Virginia legislature. They have two sons, Phillip and Anthony, who are students at Glenville Elementary. Reale says her children have made the biggest difference in her life. They have changed her not only as a person, but as a teacher as well.

Reale plans to continue her education by beginning work on her doctorate in the future. As for her main goal, Reale says, "see my sons into a good place of higher education and into good jobs."

Something that really frustrates Reale is when she sees an educator who believes that his or her work day is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reale said, "A true educator needs to be socially interac-

with their students beyond the academics. To be an educator, you must care!" If there was anything that Reale could change, it would be to make people more open to change. "I would like to see people have the willingness to change, see them be more open to new ideas," she commented.

Reale said that she likes teaching here at GSC and only has one complaint--the small office that she has with no windows to allow light in. Reale finished by saying, "I love what I do! I really enjoy it."

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—Terry Reale

Delta Zeta News

by Mary Beth James

The Theta-Xi chapter of Delta Zeta held a formal meeting on March 27, where we discussed the upcoming events. There was a rush party on Wednesday, March 29, at the Twist and Shake. We thank everyone who came. There will be a car wash on April 7 at Foodland Plaza.

New Cheerleading Clinic Offered

The Glenville State College cheerleaders will be conducting a cheerleading clinic on Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the campus of GSC.

The clinic is open to cheerleading squads and interested students in fourth through ninth grades. Aerobics, gymnastics, floor cheers, sidelines, mounts and cheerleading fundamentals will be covered. The

cost is \$15 per student for all the day's activities. Students can bring a bag lunch or buy lunch at the college cafeteria for \$3.50.

If you have a child who is interested in attending, or know of some local "young" cheerleaders, you are encouraged to get them involved in this new program. To register call Brenda Peyser, GSC cheerleading sponsor, at 304-462-4118.

Chancellor Trump to Visit Campus

Dr. Clifford Trump, Chancellor of the State College System of West Virginia, will be on campus Thursday, April 6, 1995, as one of a series of get-acquainted visits to the state colleges in the system. He also expects to visit Shepherd College and West Liberty before commencement exercises are held in May.

Campus groups will have an opportunity to meet the Chancellor in the Verona Maple Room of the Heflin Center. The schedule is as follows:

Student Congress.....10:00-11:00 a.m.
Faculty Senate.....12:30-1:30 a.m.
Staff Council.....2:00-3:00 p.m.
Wrap-Up Session.....3:30-? p.m.

The Chancellor will meet with the administrative staff at 9 a.m. in the President's Office.

Other interested students, faculty and staff are free to attend these meetings at their designated times.

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12:00	Lunch	Heflin Center
1-3pm	Mini-Conference*	Fine Arts Classrooms

*Four 25 minute sessions relating to the college experience.

Outstanding Students Wanted

by *Thelma Samples*

The Glenville State College Alumni Association would like to acknowledge an outstanding student at Commencement. We need the assistance of the faculty and staff members to bring to our attention the names of worthy nominees. It is my hope that department chairpersons will discuss this award with division members and submit a nomination, or nominations from, the group.

Nominees must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average and must have made significant service contributions to the college, including involvement in campus activities. Activities may include services for which the student was paid as a workshop or workstudy

employee. Nominees must be selected from those individuals having graduated in August 1994, December 1994, or May 1995.

The Selection Committee will review the nominations and select the recipient. If you would like to nominate a student, please contact the Alumni Office by Thursday, April 13, 1995. We encourage you to have the student complete the form and then make your comments.

We hope students will regard their nominations as an honor of signifying the high regard the college faculty and staff members hold for them. It is the desire of the Glenville State College Alumni Association to encourage and honor their achievements.

New Transient Students--Beware!

Beginning with the 1995-1996 school year, financial aid consortium agreements will no longer be provided for new transient students. Those transient students will be allowed to receive financial aid consortium agreements, if needed, for the 1995-1996 school year only.

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Tax Help Available

This free service will be available on the second floor of the library from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 3-5 p.m. on Thursdays. Sponsored by the Student Accounting Society.

Tutoring Program Available

by *Kim Sees*
Staff Writer

The Glenville State College tutoring program shutdown only two months after getting started. The reason--the money was all used up.

The money comes out of the budget for student workers. This means there are many different campus divisions trying to get their share of this money so they can pay their student workers.

Last semester the tutoring program received \$1,250 for the entire year. That was enough money to cover 294 hours of tutoring. Forty one students requested tutors, which meant each of those students could receive seven hours of tutoring for the entire year.

This semester the tutoring program received \$1,300 more. This is enough money to cover 306 hours of tutoring. There have

only been eight students requesting tutoring, but it has not been advertised until now that they have funding.

Brenda Wilson, the coordinator of the program would like to see this program get fully funded. How much money is Wilson taking about? "Around \$5,000 a year would be a nice start."

With an unlimited amount of money you could build a tutoring center, have an instructor to teach the tutors things that might help them and special classrooms designed to help students.

Because of the money shortage, Wilson told her tutors about tutoring jobs at Gilmer County High School that were available. Now, she does not know if they will be too busy with students at the high school to come back and help her program.

If you would want to help a student and become a tutor contact Brenda Wilson at ext. 304 in the education division.

Freshman Counselor Applications Available

Each year approximately 40 outgoing, dedicated students are chosen to work with new students entering Glenville State College. Those students selected to serve as Counselors are expected to attend a training session during the month of April and will be expected to report to the campus in August before the new students arrive. A great deal of time and effort is necessary on your part if you are to be a Freshman Counselor; therefore, only apply if you are willing to make the commitment. Applications are available in the Office of Student Services. Contact Jennifer Nottingham for more information at ext. 114.

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Percussionists practicing for the show. photo by Dave Sagan

GSC Percussion Ensemble Snares Sell Out Crowd!

by Joni Rittenhouse
Staff Writer

Tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. the music department, in correlation with Glenville State College, brings you the 15th annual Percussion Ensemble in concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The ensemble is presented to the college and the community every year. Directed by Mr. John McKinney, it has been one of the music departments fastest growing events.

These two nights have, in the past, proven to be a smashing success.

"The energy and overall playing ability is the best it has been in years," says Danny Moore, a percussion major.

The first half of the concert will feature contemporary twentieth century music.

The latter half will exhibit such styles as jazz, pop, latino and the ever popular country.

"The variety of music is so extreme," claims Lori L. Crouter, a senior music major, "and you get a chance to explore that music."

Everybody has their reasons for working with the ensemble.

"Even though I am not a music major, I like having the ties to the music department." Whitney Silcott said, "The percussion ensemble gives me that

opportunity, plus it's a lot of fun."

Freshman Seth Lilly added, "It's a chance to perform."

"It makes people see that percussionists are musicians," said Tommy Chappell, "not just people who can't do anything but keep a beat."

Mrs. Cheryl McKinney works with the ensemble every year. When asked why, she responded, "I appreciate the opportunity to work with all of the talented students. They are like my own children."

With all of the fun and enjoyment of the ensemble, comes a lot of hard work. The performers and Mr. McKinney work for weeks just to put a two hour performance together.

The end result, is happy audiences and satisfied performers.

"It shows a large group of people working very well together," said Bo McMillion, a senior music major, "It also shows professionalism. They appeal to any age group."

When asked her opinion on the situation Mary Grace Gainer said, "It's really cool to know you're playing to a sold out crowd."

If you had the good fortune to get tickets, Mr. McKinney says, "I hope you enjoy the concert and have a good time."

As a general rule, nobody has money who ought to have it.

—Benjamin Disraeli

Bill Pitzer--Sitting on Top of the World in Bridgeport

by Gene Breza
Staff Writer

Bill Pitzer doesn't have far to go to work. He rises at 5:30 a.m. with his wife Jackie who soon leaves for work, while he watches his sons, three and a half year old, Will and 18 month old, Sam. He takes Will to a daycare center, then waits for a babysitter to watch Sam. He opens a set of double doors to the pantry, walks through, opens a door, and enters what he calls his "virtual design studio."

The studio, a spacious 520 square foot room with a vaulted ceiling, has a double-wide window to the east and a northern window for that coveted artist's light where Pitzer does "a lot of drawing." This home-studio set-up is in Bridgeport, West Virginia.

As managing graphics editor for large newspapers, Pitzer normally puts in a 13 hour day. He has taken control of his life and now works a normal work week, though he doesn't have far to go to tinker with an idea or access his files. Pitzer sees the future of corporations as no longer located within buildings

or corporate headquarters. He sees the corporation as a group of people with specialized talents doing business from wherever they are in the world; all connected electronically.

Pitzer is on that cutting edge. Right now he is working with a researcher in Washington and a publisher to produce a new series; to give an example--PITZOGraphics, through a one man operation, can reach anywhere in the world by phone, FAX, modem or an on-line service such as CompuServe.

Typically, Pitzer will sketch out his ideas and FAX them back and forth for approval and editing. His "Geofacts"--"Geodatos" panel, which he contracts for *National Geographic* magazine in Washington, D.C. when complete are transferred by modem to modem in D.C., where they make multiple copies on a three and a half-inch disk. The disc is sent Federal Express to the *New York Times*, which then distributes the disk and copy to papers such as *The Houston Chronicle* and *The Philadelphia Daily News*, and far away places such as Madrid, Istanbul, Singapore, Sydney, Athens, and all over South

America.

When asked what advantage is to be had in locating to Bridgeport, he thought a while and then said, "Within a 500-mile radius of Charleston and Bridgeport is where two-thirds of the United States live and work." He can get up at 6:30 a.m., catch a plane and be in New York City by 10 a.m. He can have lunch with John Monahan, graphics designer for the Associated Press, and be back home by 10 p.m. Pitzer says, "It's very feasible for me to do that."

Presently, Pitzer is self-producing a new project called "Building the Bomb" in collaboration with D.W. Welch, who is doing the aforementioned research. This will be a nine part series to be distributed electronically. If this works out, he plans to do more.

Mr. Charles Scott has two items from Bill Pitzer--one a self-portrait and the other a sample graphic--if you would like to have more information.

This article is the third in a series about Bill Pitzer, a graduate of GSC. Next time--"Bringing it Back Home: Years at Glenville State College."

And The Band Played On

by Annie McCourt
Assistant Editor

This week's featured band is Blues Before Sunrise, a very eclectic name for a very eclectic band. Members, Bo McMillion (vocals/lead guitar), Matt Schoonmaker (drums) and Allan Bearfield (bass) have been practicing in the Fine Arts building these past few spring nights and I've had the esteemed pleasure of listening to them wail. Schoonmaker had this to say, "We're in this for good times and good music."

All three members are music majors here at Glenville State College, but they met each other in high school. McMillion, from Summersville, started playing

guitar in tenth grade, "I just picked up a guitar and it was the instrument that I could express myself best on."

Schoonmaker, from Canaan Valley, started his freshman year, "Because everybody else quit and they needed help on the drum line in high school."

Bearfield, from Charleston, started playing bass his freshman year in college, in a church band, "Because the church needed a bass player."

Though their musical journey has been short so far and they have only been playing together a few weeks, it has been very fruitful. They have a sound unlike any other local band I've heard thus far. McMillion and the other guys described their music

as psychedelic blues, jazz and funk. They prefer Stevie Ray Vaughn and Pink Floyd, to country and heavy metal. A very commendable sound from such a young band; McMillion and Schoonmaker are both only 23 and Bearfield is 22.

When asked if their sound will stay the same, McMillion stated, "No, it could change tomorrow," Bearfield added, "It could change in a moment."

With McMillion writing his own songs and the whole band choosing cover tunes, it's not hard to see that new songs are added to their play list all the time. McMillion added, "We really don't care about anything except playing. We just want to jam and learn."

Concert Review

Petty still knows how it feels to rock the house

by Rick Conklin
Staff Writer

The first Sunday of spring break, March 13, I had the privilege of seeing one of rock n' rolls' living legends, Tom Petty, at the Cincinnati Gardens.

Throughout his 19 year recording career, Petty has not become a commercial sell out by altering his music to maintain record sales or popularity. He just keeps doing what he does best, producing striped down, toe tappin' rock n' roll.

Unlike his last tour in 1991, Petty left the huge stage props behind and replaced them with Persian rugs and candelabras, leaving the stage visible from all sides.

He opened the show with "Love is a Long Road" backed by the ever talented Heartbreakers (Mike Cambell on lead guitar, Howie Epstein on bass, Benmont Tench--rock n' rolls most sought after keyboardist, Steve Ferrone on drums and Scott Thurston on guitar, harmonica and keyboards) to a very diverse crowd of nearly 10,000.

The two hour, 22 song show covered all but one of Petty's 11 albums, supplying the crowd with a parade of hits like "Refugee," "The Waiting," "Free Fallin'," "I Won't Back Down" and "You Don't Know How It

Feels."

At one point in the show, Petty took a break turning the spotlight over to Mike Cambell for a '60s-style surfer jam followed by the return of Petty for a country folk song called "Girl on LSD."

Petty told the audience not to get the wrong impression, "I'm completely sober, but extremely high." Yeah Tom, whatever, just keep rockin'--and that he did by cutting into the Muddy Waters blues classic "I Just Want To Make Love To You" which had every couple in the audience grinding as if they were possessed.

After several more Petty classics, T.P. and the band left the stage only to return to the roar of the crowd to bless them with a few more songs.

The encore began with a hard-rockin' tune off his latest album, *Wildflowers*, entitled "Honey Bee," which turned into a several minute guitar frenzy. After thanking the crowd by bowing, with hands held together as if he was addressing a Japanese emperor, he went on to play his first hit song, "American Girl."

Petty then strapped on an acoustic guitar and ended the show with the mellow "Alright For Now," proving his longevity is no mistake.

Director Wolfgang Peterson has created an infectious hit with his latest film "Outbreak." This thriller about a deadly virus which threatens to wipe out an entire city, and eventually the world, is scarier than most horror films today, largely because of the believability of its plot.

The superb cast lends credibility to this haunting tale which seems even more likely, given the recent discovery of flesh-eating viruses and HIV.

Dustin Hoffman portrays Sam Daniels, a military doctor who researches deadly viruses. He is assigned to investigate what he believes to be a new virus which has destroyed an entire village in Zaire, Africa. Stunned by his discovery, he enlists the aid of his ex-wife, played by Rene Russo, a researcher at the Center for Disease Control. Together they try to piece together the history of the virus, and prevent it from spreading.

Of course, it does spread, and the audience gets to see first hand, through the eyes of the virus, how it picks its victims. The audience travels through air ducts and crowded theaters along with the virus, looking at the world from its point of view.

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John Shock

scenes follows the air-born virus around a movie theater in Cedar Creek, California. One man's cough infects an entire audience of moviegoers, and eventually most of the town. Considering I was sitting in a theater at the time, it was even more unnerving, not to mention the Cedar Creek reference.

Morgan Freeman and Donald Sutherland play military Generals who sabotage Hoffman's attempt at finding a cure for the deadly disease which kills its victims in 24 hours by liquefying their internal organs. It's pretty grizzly, to say the least. To make an antibody for the virus, Hoffman must find the original host of the bug, which is a very elusive monkey. He must find the crafty critter before the infected city, which has

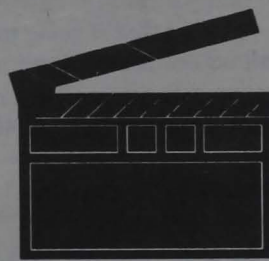
been quarantined, is fire-bombed by the military, in an attempt to destroy the virus (and all of its inhabitants as well).

Although the plot, at times, seemed more than a little implausible and convenient, it still maintained a sense of scientific believability. Perhaps that's due to the recent hysteria created by the discovery of new viruses, or the threat of biological weapons in Iraq. Whatever the reason, "Outbreak" is a fascinating portrait of the men and women who struggle daily to discover, and then cure, these deadly diseases.

When you go to see this movie, take my advice, carry some Kleenex along, not to dry your tears, but rather to give to the person sitting next to you if they start coughing.

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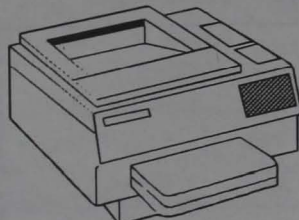
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Athletic Spotlight on Kent Pilant

by Ernie Shreve
Sports Editor

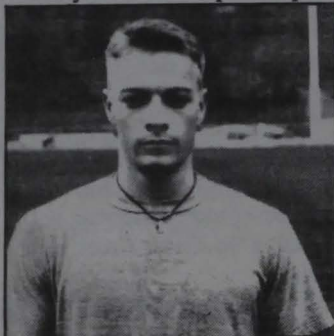
As a spectator of a trying event such as track and field, it seems easy to marvel at the physical conditioning needed for an athlete to propel themselves around a synthetic oval against the unbeatable time clock. To find a man with the rare combination of imposing talent and an infinite desire to excel, one has to look no further than Glenville State's own Kent Pilant. Even a casual fan can appreciate the fluid motion of Pilant at full speed.

Accustomed to being first in a foot race, Pilant rarely experiences the empty feeling of losing to a more formidable foe. "I like to stand out," stated Pilant, modestly trying to hide a proud grin. "I don't mind losing to someone better than me," he admits, "but sometimes I have a hard time convincing myself that someone can beat me as long as I work harder than them."

During his four years of high school at Magnolia High School in New Martinsville, WV, Pilant excelled as a runner. Adjectives such as "Magnolia Flash" and "Superman" were used frequently to describe him in the local papers.

By his senior year, hard work in the weight room had transformed his slender frame into a chiseled physique that

even Michelangelo would appreciate. Capping off this illustrious senior year, Pilant claimed the High Point award while participating in the West Virginia AA boys state championship.



"Superman" Kent Pilant.

photo by Dave Sagan

Through his continued improvements, Pilant was able to convince schools such as the University of Tennessee, West Virginia University and Marshall University that he was worthy of an athletic scholarship.

Thankfully, for Glenville, he chose to become a pioneer. Due in part to the great recruiting job of Coach Steve Harold and the fact that ex-high school teammate Chup Robinson decided to attend Glenville, was enough to persuade him that Glenville was the right place to go.

When asked if going to a small school has hindered his progress as a runner, Pilant replied "No, the track is still 400 meters around whether it's at WVU, UCLA, or Glenville."

This unique attitude is praised by Harold, who claims, "I knew he was talented and a

"My family is always there for me. I'd hate to imagine where I would be without them."
—Kent Pilant

hard worker and he has done nothing to disprove himself of that label."

In three years at Glenville, Pilant has accumulated many awards in appreciation for his exciting performances. Some of which include being undefeated in the 110 meter hurdles in the conference and being on the conference winning 4 x 100 meter and 4 x 400 meter for the last three years.

But, the award that he's most proud of is being a contributing factor on the conference champion teams in 1992-93. Pilant also barely missed qualifying for nationals in the 110 meter hurdles and the 55 meter hurdles, both by a tenth of a second. He hopes that this will be the year that he improves the fraction needed to make the trip to Azusa, CA, sight of the NAIA national track and field championships.

With Pilant's determination to be the best, there should be little doubt that he will be running on the West Coast this May.

Pilant's continuous refusal to be second best does not end on the track. "The thing that impresses me most about Kent is the fact that he hates to lose in anything he does," Harold brags, "whether it's in the weight room, track, or classroom. He wants to be the best."

Pilant attributes this successful attitude to his teammates. "I like it when people depend on me to perform well." From the look of things, Pilant is really going to enjoy his senior year here at Glenville.

"He is definitely one man that I depend upon to score points in meets, regardless of the competition level," says Harold. The real Superman may derive some of his powers from a cape, but not for Pilant. He obtains his vigor from a more down to earth source. "My family is always there for me," says Pilant, "I'd hate to imagine where I would be without them."

A close knit bond and a strong love for one another, was something that Pilant's strict parents would demand from their siblings. Reverend Ray Pilant and mother Allene have no reason to be disappointed.

Pilant seems to have met his parent's challenge he feels extremely close to his family, especially for his twin brother, Keith.

During his sophomore year at Glenville, Pilant for the first time in his life was faced with unfamiliar insecurities. The one constant motivation and source of stability was gone. His father had received a transfer to teach his sermons in Missouri.

"My sophomore year was the low point of my life," Pilant confessed. "I was going through

personal problems as well, but I never let my family know because I didn't want them to worry about me."

The additional emotional and mental strain placed upon a man previously numb to pressure and not use to failing, was too much to handle. Consequently, his running suffered as well.

"For the first time in my life, I wanted to quit." Fortunately, with the patience of Coach Harold, the unity of his teammates and the love of his twin, this "Superman" had now allowed himself to depend upon the aid of others.

Like the champion he is, Pilant is now back to his old habits of winning and he would like to thank everyone at Glenville for supporting him and the Glenville State track team.

He hopes that people will continue to show their support this track season and come out to see him in his quest to qualify for nationals as well as to recapture the conference team title held at Glenville.

So, even if you are just a casual fan who appreciates an athlete in motion or a die hard Glenville fan, you should do yourself a favor and attend the wonderful event of track and field. You should have something to marvel at this track season. He may not be Clark Kent, but, for the Glenville State track team, Kent Pilant will do just fine.

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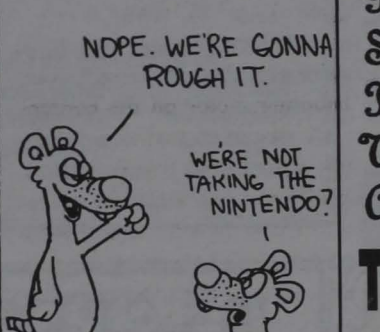
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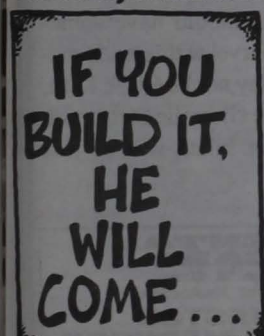
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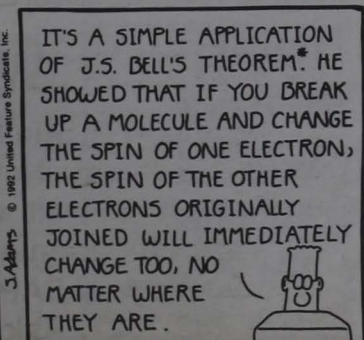
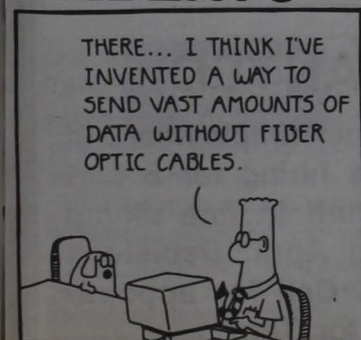
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Outstanding Faculty Nominations Wanted

by Thelma Samples

The Glenville State College Alumni Association is accepting nominations from faculty and staff for the "Outstanding Faculty Award" which is to honor, encourage and show appreciation for outstanding instruction.

Paramount in the criteria for selection is individual teaching achievement and teacher effectiveness.

Considerations will be given to such attributes as humaneness and humanitarian concerns, personal scholarship and service to the campus community.

Glenville has many faculty

members who are outstanding teachers. If you would like to make a nomination, please submit your recommendation in letter form with supporting material to the Selection Committee in care of the Alumni Association by Thursday, April 13. Late nominations will not be accepted.

The Selection Committee will review the nominations and select the recipient. The recipient will be honored at the 1995 Commencement ceremonies and will be presented with a plaque and a monetary award.

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such as Marshall University, Kentucky State, Cumberland, Brooks Track Club (officially sponsored runners), Cedarville, Morehead State and others, Glenville held their own.

The GSC Invitational will

be held Friday, March 31 with the field events beginning at 11:15 a.m. The women will be competing in a dual meet with WV Wesleyan on Wednesday, April 5, at Glenville. The meet is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

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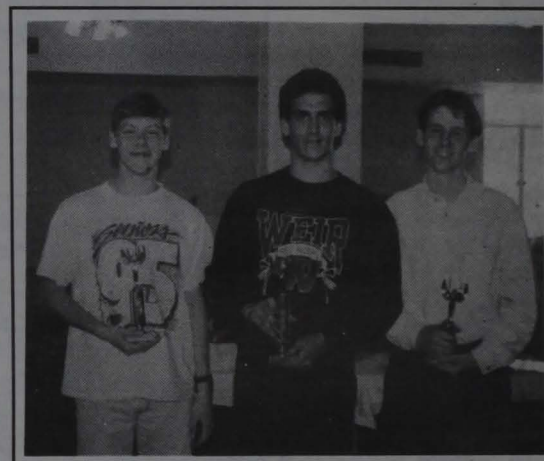
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Computer Programming Contest Scholarship Winners Announced

The GSC scholarship computer programming contest, sponsored by the division of business and the records office was held Friday, March 10. Awards were presented by Dr. Nancy McClure and Professor Jenny Dawkins to the winners.

High schools and their students participating in the contest included: Oak Glen, Tygarts Valley, Hurricane, Gilmer County, Nicholas County, Preston County, Weir, Wahama and South Harrison.

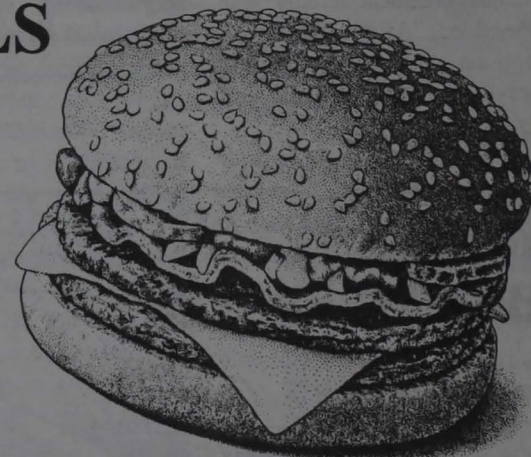


Computer Programmers, Thomas Judge, Brian Ellenberger, and Richard Baird. photo by Dave Sagan.

The Winners of the Glenville State College programming contest were:

First Place	Brian Ellenberger	Weir High School	full-year tuition waiver
Second Place	Thomas Judge	Wahama High School	\$200 scholarship
Third Place	Richard Baird	Wahama High School	\$100 scholarship

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