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## College: Investment in America's Future

### Congress Severely Cuts Education

by Jena Ellyson, staff writer

Each fall, students returning to school are often asked: "What did you do during your summer vacation?" However, this fall, an even more important question should be asked: "What did Congress do while you were on summer vacation?" Unfortunately, the answer will be quite alarming to all college students.

Both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate agreed to cut \$10.5 billion from the Stafford Loan program, targeting their cuts completely at students while ignoring the bil-

lion dollar subsidies to banks and loan agencies that use government money to issue student loans. The House Appropriations Committee has recommended eliminating the in-school interest exemption for graduate and professional students.

The House Appropriations Committee also adopted a plan that would remove 280,000 students from the Pell Grant program, eliminate the State Student Incentive Grant program, and hold funding at 1995 level for other major student aid programs, including Supplemental

Educational Opportunity Grants (\$583.4 million), Federal Work-study (\$616.5 million) and TRIO (\$463 million).

In addition, the House Appropriations Committee has proposed a phaseout of the Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) program for students studying for health professions. Loans to students now in the program would be phased out by fiscal year 1999, with no loans to new students.

House and Senate Republicans proposed capping the Fed-

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### Senate Protests: Simmons Responds

by Theodore A. Webb, staff writer

On June 5, 1995, the Glenville State College Faculty Senate voted unanimously to send a letter of protest to college president William K. Simmons. The letter concerned the removal of three division chairpersons and the procedures used in naming their replacements.

Together, A. Edwin Grafton, James F. Hilgenberg, and John S. McKinney have over sixty-one years experience teaching at GSC.

McKinney of the fine arts division and Hilgenberg of the social sciences division had been chairpersons of their divisions since 1993. Grafton had been chairperson of the division of

land resources since 1972.

President Simmons replaced them with faculty who collectively have less than three years GSC experience.

"Removing three division chairs with 25, 23 and 13 years experience at GSC and replacing them with three faculty who collectively have less than three years experience seems unwise at best," stated the Faculty Senate's June 9th letter. "No reason regarding their performance was given to justify the removal of the three chairs."

President Simmons says he first received the letter sometime in June. He says that no one in the Faculty Senate spoke to him before the letter was sent.

"Obviously, every story

has two sides," President Simmons said of the issue. "When I read the letter, I was shocked that the Faculty Senate would jump to a conclusion based on only one side of a story."

According to an article in *The Charleston Gazette*, Grafton, Hilgenberg and McKinney were removed in May, a month after they shared their opinions of presidential practice at a faculty meeting. Later, each signed new teaching contracts, contracts without chairperson duties.

"The Senate notes that Hilgenberg, Grafton and McKinney spoke openly at the faculty's April 6th meeting with

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Photo by Gene Breza.

## GSC's Heroes Remembered

by Amy Jo Rowan, staff writer

Fifty years ago our nation was celebrating the end of World War II and the victory over the Axis Powers. Congratulatory parades welcomed home the troops who risked their lives in defense of freedom and democracy. Yet, over 292,000 Americans did not return home. They died in defense of their country in strange lands and nations. Among them were 4,991 West Virginians and 23 Glenville State College students.

In commemoration of these 23 GSC heroes, Brigadier General Vorley M. Rexroad, retired from the United States Air Force, and his wife Ruth Cutlip Rexroad organized a memorial dedication on the GSC campus.

As GSC Foundation Chief Ed Hamrick explained, "It is through the General's interest and generosity that the memorial was made possible."

The ceremony and unveiling of the memorial took place on Thursday, September 21, at 1:30 p.m. on the Verona Maple Lawn. The dedication began with musical selections and the National Anthem performed by the GSC band. Dr. Alfred T. Billips, dean of student services, then gave the invocation, after which, President William K. Simmons presented the welcome and introduction.

In his address President Simmons expressed the gratitude he thinks everyone should feel to these 23 soldiers (22 males and one female) who served in WWII. He stated, "These soldiers paid the ultimate and supreme price for their country and their people. Today we are a free country due to their sacrifices."

Colonel Arley F. Ball, West Army National Guard, ex-

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### From the Editor's Desk

*Sandra Gibson*

This past week, an event took place on our campus that many were unaware of or little informed about. Brigadier General Vorley M. Rexroad, who had previously been here as a guest speaker returned to bestow us with a gift of gratitude and personal need.

As a first time guest, he toured our campus this past spring with his grandchildren. While in the library, he noticed the names of 23 alumni who had lost their lives in WWII.

Himself a veteran, he was especially touched by this and immediately began asking his wife if it might be possible to consider some type of contribution to our school for the purpose of honoring these students. Upon obtaining approval from both his family and President Simmons, he set about making provisions for the building of a monument to house the names of these 23 former GSC students.

While it is true that GSC has no doubt lost many other students over the course of time to other wars and other

causes, it still can not go unnoticed that this gentleman, who himself was also a brother to GSC and its students made a most generous contribution.

Using his own resources, he gave our school a gift that will stand hopefully for many years to come, serving as a constant reminder to all who pass by it the true price of war -- human life.

I would hope that his is a sobering and solemn acknowledgment for us all.

I wish to thank all of those who had the opportunity to attend the dedication ceremony, knowing that many of you were unable to do so because of classes, prior engagements and such. I especially wish to thank the GSC band and their talented director, John McKinney. You were magnificent as always.

Although this monument was not included in the original master plan, I know that it certainly made it much easier for at least myself to give this formal gravel parking lot back its original grass.

## Around the Bend Getting Ready for Winter

by Eric Ware, contributing writer

Old Man Winter is knocking on the door and it won't be too long before the long awaited (and sometimes unwanted) snow starts its decent.

For commuters that means battling the snowcovered roads and icy conditions on "The Twister," Route 5. It also means leaving earlier and winterizing your car.

For all brave travelers out there, here are a few essentials for winterizing your vehicle:

1) Check the antifreeze. If it pours out dark and dirty, replace it and check for its strength about 15 to 20 degrees below zero.

2) Have plenty of windshield washer fluid in your car.

3) Install winter type tires -- mud and snow tires, radial's type, or rough tread with or out without studs.

4) It's a good idea to check the heater hoses and radiator hoses for soft spots and if bad, replace.

5) Make sure the thermostat is good and holding temperature of about 195 degrees or more, depending on the vehicle make an size of engine.

6) A good thing to have is a set of chains to use in case of deep snow and icy conditions.

Remember, the difference of being ready is making it to Glenville or ending up in the ditch.

Dear Editor:

Why is Bill Diehl teaching a course in Public Relations? I mean, don't get me wrong, but isn't Mark Loudin more qualified as he is Public Relations Director for the Glenville State College administration? That is Mark's specialty isn't it? Last year, the Administration and Mark went to great lengths to prove that Mark did have a degree from Kent State that enabled him to teach a public relations class and this year he isn't teaching it. Now I may not be a rocket scientist, but I don't think a person has to be one to see what went on. I have two words: CAUGHT YOU! Oh, by the way, I am keeping several copies of letters that I write so that I may not fall under the same B.S. that has swept a few other students under the rug. Viva La Glenville.

JohnPark

P.S. Is there any chance that I can get a job at GSC when I graduate?

Dear Editor:

There is a rumor going around campus that *The Mercury* staff has been getting some heavy criticism from a member of the GSC faculty. I wonder if this person realizes that every article submitted to *The Mercury* for publication is not written by an English major. Sounds to me that this person has an ego bigger than the state of Alaska. Let's face it, even God said he was not perfect.

My dad always told me that, "If you don't have anything nice to say about people who are trying to do their best, then KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL!"

So, the next time you run into a *Mercury* staff member, give them a pat on the back, instead of a slap in the face.

Sincerely,  
Granny Kay

### Quote of the Week

If we win men's hearts throughout the world, it will not be because we are a big country but because we are a great country. Bigness is imposing. But greatness is enduring.

--Adlai E. Stevenson,

Address

February, 1953



### Conversational Green

*Jeremy Dean*

## The American Dream is Dead

She sits hugging her pillow, staring out the window she'll never own. She hears a bottle crash against the sidewalk, and the meaningless laughter of some unseen group of drunks.

Her cat Millie curls up in her box by the broken radiator that is supposed to heat the apartment when the chill of winter comes looking through the window.

She tosses the pillow onto the floor and picks the cat up out of the box. Sitting down on the edge of her bed, she began to pet the animal. At first Millie clawed at her lap, but soon settled down to enjoy the affection.

Looking around the room, she saw the pile of books laying on the floor. She should be studying for class, but what would be the use? As tired as she felt after returning home from work, she probably couldn't concentrate anyway.

Besides that there is no guarantee that she'll even be able to go back to school next semester, the money just isn't there.

She just couldn't understand how it had happened. She had been told so often, by all the people she trusted, "Work hard and you'll get ahead," but every day she saw how untrue that statement was.

She had countless friends who had been forced to give up their dreams by the necessity to eat and hold on to a room that would never be theirs. Now she was being faced with the same, the inevitable.

There are no guarantees in life, and she knew she would never have a free ride, but shouldn't there be something, some kind of hope, or is that just another fantasy that she was fed as a child, along with the Pillgrims Progress and Washington's cherry tree?

Reality had left those stories for dead somewhere along the road of life, and now poised it's sacrificial knife over the story of hope.

She looked at the scene with her minds eye, and somewhere in the back of her head she could hear Millie purr.

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# River Cleanup in Late October

by J. Jeremy Dean, staff writer

For all you avid environmentalists, and anyone interested in community service, this article should be of particular interest.

During the week beginning October 23 there will be a clean up of the Little Kanawha River. This Sunday afternoon, however the Glenville State Pioneer football team will be kicking off the local beautification project by removing the old tires from the river.

Starting at 2 p.m. Coach Rich Rodriguez, at the request of Glenville's Mayor Joe Putnam, will have his Pioneer football team putting their strength to work for the community. They will be removing the old tires from the river, and hauling them away.

Also later this month, Dr. Carl Armour, Gilmer County's new anti-litter director, will be leading the clean up effort to handle the rest of the debris.

Dr. Armour is a GSC alumni who majored in biology. He went on to the University of Massachusetts for his masters in fisheries biology and ecology, and then to the University of Idaho for his PhD.

Right now the river is littered up with all sorts of trash, large and small, that has col-

lected there over the course of many years. Anything from old oil tanks to broken refrigerators and even the occasional kitchen sink, can be found along the banks and in the river.

Not only does the river look bad, but because it is so riddled with debris, Dr. Armour feels it is a health and safety hazard.

The retired biologist is looking for support for this project from the surrounding community. This includes GSC students and organizations.

"I'm trying to show what can be done through a community effort," said Dr. Armour, adding, "Any help from organizations would be appreciated."

For the next few weeks his time will be spent inventorying the area and dividing the banks into sections. These areas will be assigned to different groups and organizations who volunteer their time to this effort. In this respect, the clean up will be similar to the Adopt a Highway program that has been so effective in keeping our roads clean.

For information on how you and your group can get involved in the cleanup effort, contact Dr. Armour at 462-7550, or just come out next Sunday to join the football team in trying to score a victory for the environment.

# Censorship in the United States

by Amy Jo Rowan, staff writer

Literary classics: they offer a history of our culture, a study of our language, and often, important moral lessons and instructions. Why then is censorship of or classics still an issue in America's modern society?

The answer is because literacy classics are still being banned throughout the United States. The latest act of censorship occurred in Eureka, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 20.

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Chancellor Trump," the Senate's letter said. "The Senate also notes that the WV College System Board of Directors encourages employees to 'inform the chancellor or board when they feel a president is not properly performing his duties and responsibilities'."

"The contention that I removed the division chairs because they criticized me is completely untrue," President Simmons says. "If everyone were removed because they were critical, a lot more people would be gone. Others have been more critical, but they are still in their positions."

In the June 8th letter, the Faculty Senate also claims that Simmons violated college policy in the naming of the new chairpersons.

"In March 1993, the GSC Faculty Senate passed a resolution regarding division chairs that stated in part that 'academic division faculty consistently be provided mechanisms for input in the selection/appointment of new division chairperson'," the Senate's letter said. "In fact, institutional policy now calls for 'faculty within the division to be involved in the process'."

lege system, under the section titled "Duties and Responsibilities of a Division Chairperson", in policy number 17, it says:

"If the position of a chairperson becomes vacant, selection procedure for filling the vacancy shall be developed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The procedure shall call

School officials banned Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* after some parents claimed the 14th century classic was "too bawdy."

School Board President Eric Franz responded by saying, "The issue is education, not censorship. Teachers must handle sensitive material appropriately."

This issue should be of interest to many Glenville State College students, especially those in Dr. Edward Palm's En-

glish 303 class. Students in the Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 a.m. class just completed a unit in which four of Chaucer's tales were discussed.

J.B. Park, a student of the class, shared his views. "The *Canterbury Tales* is classic English literature and they [school officials] should leave the selection of class materials to the discretion of the teachers."

Palm agreed that there cer-

for faculty within the division to be involved in the selection process."

Simmons says that when the former division chairs were removed, people in those divisions who were qualified were appointed to fill the vacancies. He says that since the positions never officially became vacant, the faculty didn't have to be consulted.

"Dr. Peterson and I do not feel that we violated any institutional policy," Simmons said.

According to the article in *The Gazette*, the professors' pay has now decreased several thousand dollars. Hilgenberg's pay dropped by \$5,100 a year, McKinney's dropped by \$4,700 and Grafton's dropped by \$4,459.

Grafton, McKinney and Hilgenberg have filed a lawsuit against President Simmons, academic vice-president James L. Peterson and the State College System Board of Directors.

Hilgenberg is quoted in *The Gazette* as saying: "I do feel as though the way they did it and the reasons for which I was removed strike me as wrong. I don't mean to sound overly principled or anything. The job is a headache. It doesn't pay a lot. Objectively seeking it back doesn't make a lot of sense. It [the way I was removed] just strikes me as wrong."

"I think some people like to have the satisfaction of having a leadership role," Faculty Senate President Paul Peck says

about division chairs. "They feel good about doing their best for the college. And, there's also a certain amount of prestige."

As to why the division chairpersons were removed in the first place, President Simmons has no comment at this time.

In a letter to Mr. Peck, President Simmons explains:

"Since the matter had and has legal ramifications through the grievance process and court system, it would have been inappropriate for me to comment on any details regarding the matter."

He goes on to say: "It appears that you [Mr. Peck] are willing to draw conclusions based on only one side of the issue to this point. Since the matter is now in court, it seems to me that the resolution now lies in the presentation of the evidence and conclusion of the court."

Simmons says that if he explains why the chairpersons were removed, he could be sued for breaching confidentiality.

"People have to understand that there are laws which protect employees," Simmons says. "And I think that is the way it should be."

When asked whether there would ever be a time when the reasons for the removal of the division chairpersons would be available for public scrutiny, Simmons said:

"Yes. When the matter is brought to court, the reasons for the dismissals will be explained, and the public can make up its own mind as to who is right and who is wrong."

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## The Athletic Supporter

Emie Stone

The other day I found myself getting caught up in the fast paced life-style commonly associated with the city of Glenville. So I decided to do something that I hadn't done since my fifth year of college.

I waited until the sun went down, so that no one could see me, I put on my running shoes and shorts and began to shuffle my body toward the east side of town.

The cool autumn air that filled my lungs and the sound of my own breath was enough to smother the fatigue that filled my limbs and the sickening thought of having to write this column. I had forgotten how good it can feel to be alone. It's the same feeling I often experienced when my former girlfriend took me home to meet her family.

Suddenly, as I was rounding a turn, I was immediately confronted by a set of headlights. A young lady was on roller blades and headed in my direction. I guess she was noticing my interest in her, because she started shouting something about me being a jerk as she saluted me with her middle finger (At least she didn't call me candyass).

At first I was angered, then I realized at least she was working on improving herself physically. Speaking of physical women, have you checked out the women's v-ball team. They are on a four game winning streak and are starting to play as a team. Coach Osborne and Chup Robinson have been doing a great job getting the team ready for the rest of the season.

The football team got a slight scare from WV State, but the team showed a lot of maturity and patience as the pioneers

came back to play like conference champs.

Have you noticed who is starting for Notre Dame? Playing as a true freshman Dupont High graduate, Bobby Howard is already making an impact on the Irish defense. Rumor has it that his ex-teammate Randy Moss is being equally impressive at Florida State. Many of the upper classmen are begging head coach Bobby Bowden to play him. Of course he cannot because Moss is on probation.

I was watching the Miss Fitness Pageant with my roommate's grandfather, but I was frequently interrupted with the old man asking me "What I'm learning" in school. Here is my advice to all the freshman on campus. This is what I've learned at Glenville over the years.

If you are a guy, then don't worry about putting on your good pair of underwear for Thursday, because you will probably go home alone. If you plan on getting sleep then don't room with Jerry Burkhammer. He is a very nice guy but man he can snore. Be extra careful when he tells his son over the phone, "Hi, Punkin, Daddy has gas." Don't call a drunk man "Jack" when his real name is "John." Don't go to Dr. Gillispe's class without a book. Don't drink budwieser then rub skoal for the first time. Don't brush your teeth in the dark when your room mate has hemorrhoids. Finally, don't tell your professor that you were late for class because of parking when you live in the dorms. Oh yeah, and do go to the athletic events for the best entertainment on campus (the only exception is Grayson Samples at Amy and Julie's on Friday night).

by GSC Sports Information

Senior quarterback Scott Otis threw for three scores and ran for another in leading Glenville State to a decisive 31-13 victory over West Virginia State in WVIAC action Saturday afternoon in Institute.

Behind the stellar passing of Otis and defense that yielded only 238 total yards, the Pioneers opened to a 10-7 half-time lead and put the game out of reach with a pair of their period scores.

But GSC found themselves in the whole early on as WV State quarterback Varion Cunningham scrambled for a 15 yard touchdown to give the Jacks a 7-0 advantage with 8:08 to play in the first quarter.

The Pioneers parried with six yard scoring strike from

Otis to sophomore wide receiver Carlos Ferralls to knot the score at seven with 10 minutes and 11 seconds left in the first half of play. Ferralls paced all receivers by posting career highs with 12 receptions for 210 yards and a pairs of touchdowns.

Another Otis-to-Ferralls scoring pass in the third quarter, coupled with a two yard scoring run by the Pioneer quarterback, gave GSC a 24-13 lead heading into the final period.

With three minutes and 48 seconds remaining, Otis put the game away with a 42 yard touchdown toss to sophomore wide receiver Trent Sherman for the final score of the game.

On the day, Otis hit on 24 of 40 attempts for a season high 376 yards with the three touchdowns against no interceptions. In the process, he moved

past former Pioneer signal-caller Chris Anderson (class of '75) to become the second leading passer in Glenville State history with 3,707 yards -- a feat which he has achieved in only 14 games!

A strong defensive effort, meanwhile, was led by senior linebacker Tommy Lloyd's 16 tackles and the solid play of senior strong safety Barrett Embrey. Embrey registered eight tackles while also intercepting a second period pass to thwart a Jacket drive.

The win moves the Pioneers to a 2-1 mark overall and 1-0 in conference play this year. This Saturday GSC will be at home to play host to conference for West Liberty, who will arrive in Glenville fresh off a 24-19 win over Shepherd College. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m.

## GSC Pioneer Athletic Club Needs Your Support

by Wade Samples, staff writer

Have you ever wondered where all of the money for sports scholarships comes from?

Well, here at Glenville State, it comes from the Pioneer Athletic Club, the fund-raising arm of the GSC Athletic Department. Headed by Coach Steve Harold and comprised of 150 die-hard Pioneer fans, the PAC has one goal: to raise as much money as possible for the nine sports in which GSC competes.

"We've got coaches, members of the Athletic Department, and a lot of interested community citizens as members right now," says Harold, "but we're looking for a lot more." He continues to say, "We are looking for anybody whose willing to roll up their shirt sleeves and get busy."

"We have a lot of fun, but you also have to do some work to get people to contribute their hard-earned money. But it all goes to helping out our athletic program and all of our student-athletes. Obviously, the more

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You, too, can be a winner!

Glenville State College's football team is developing a winning tradition. You like to be on the winning side, and so do we. In the past several years, the GSC record proves that we're a winner. But, to keep us up at the top in our division and to aid other male and female sports at GSC, it takes money to make ends meet. That's why we now desperately need our fans' financial support.

#### Join the Pioneer Athletic Club!

Then, we all will be winners.

Choose the level of membership that you're comfortable with and, then, set back to enjoy the benefits.

Be a Booster for a donation of \$25-99; a Blue, \$100-249; a Silver, \$250-499; a Starter, \$500-999; Captain, \$1,000-2,499; Coach, \$2,500-4,999; or a Royal Blue Pioneer, \$5,000. For more details, telephone either Coach Rich Rodriguez or Coach Steve Harold at 462-4102.

Join a winning team by making out a check in any amount to the "GSC Foundation" with a check memo to "P.A.C." for membership.

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scholarship money we have, the better teams we can field," says Harold. With the current amount

of talent in the NCAA Division II this year, GSC will need all of the good players it can get.



## Cross Country Team Climbs

by Ernie Shreve, staff writer

The anticipation of every WVIAC cross country season, can mean only two things to an experienced runner. Making all-conference and competing on the unique terrain at the tradition rich Forrest Festival Invitational at Davis & Elkins College.

Considered by many, as the most challenging five miles found on West Virginia soil, the Elkins course consist of mud, rocks, many creek crossings, log hurdling and steep hills.

However, these gut wrenching variables weren't enough to slow the men and women on the Pioneer running squad.

Junior Daniel Edgell, running a conservative race, wisely elected to stay away from the leaders early fast pace. His patience paid off, as he was able

to fight off fatigue to capture top ten honors finishing seventh overall, thus narrowly missing the course record with an impressive time 28 minutes and 50 seconds.

Jimmy Galloway also placed tenth, giving Glenville two medalists. Sterling Beane placing 12th, starting to show signs of the form that enabled him to become an all-conference runner last year.

Beane ran a personal best for the Elkins race in 29 minutes and 22 seconds. David Bee (14th) and Mike Bee (30th) rounded out the balanced attack that enabled the Pioneers to place second overall out of nine teams.

Coach Rick Conklin seemed pleased with his teams performance, stating "Weslyan [WV] looked impressive, but I still have confidence in our

team," Conklin said, "If we keep getting better I feel we have a shot at the conference title".

The women's team has shown much improvement since their debut race. Though finishing sixth out of the nine teams, the Lady Pioneers exceeded their pre-meet plans by placing all five runners in the top 55. Leading the way was once again freshman Cristi Keith (33rd). Not far behind Keith was the trio of Monica Null (37th), Clarissa Scott (42nd) and Bobby Hatcher (44th). Sophomore Jennifer Pingley rounded out the much improved team score, with a 53rd place finish.

"The women are starting to run like I knew they could, but we still have much room for improvement," Conklin said, "we just need all the runners to have a good race on the same day at conference."

Next Saturday both teams will be traveling to Bluefield State College, sight of the conference championship course. Look for the Pioneers to tackle the course against all the conference schools. It should be a challenging day, but compared to Elkins, the course should be a breeze for the harriers.

## Lady Pioneers Win Big on the Road

by Ernie Shreve, staff writer

Last week in women's volleyball, the Lady Pioneers defeated the College of West Virginia and West Virginia State during a home tri-match. The Volleyball team was back in action on Tuesday, traveling to Waynesburg College for another two games. The ladies had two hard fought wins on this road trip.

"I am proud of our effort. Having so many games in one week can be very tiring, but we have continued to play very

## Pioneers Place 5th at Bell Meadows

by Kevin Lake, staff writer

Last weekend the pioneer golf team, under the mentorship of Bruce Hayhurst, traveled to Buchannon to compete in the Bell Meadows Invitational, hosted by West Virginia Wesleyan College.

The team finished fifth out of 15 of teams, one placed lower than last week, yet managed to improve by one shot.

"Our scores are improving, that's good," said Hayhurst. "We play really well on the first day, but not as well on the second. That's something we need to work on."

John Moran led the Pioneers by shooting 74-73 and placing first. "I'm really proud of John, he beat some great golfers from some D2 [Division II] schools," Hayhurst modestly stated.

Number two man Roy Hammond also played a great game, shooting 74-78. Travis Woodford shot 80-84, Kevin Sparks shot 84-83 and Jeff Hardman rounded out the squad

by shooting 89-88.

Hayhurst noted that in order for his team to win tournaments they must have three of the five men shoot in the 70's for both days.

Both WVWC and University of Charleston managed to beat the Pioneers this weekend. Wesleyan won the tournament and UC placed fourth. Last weekend the Bobcats of Wesleyan beat the Pioneers by only nine shots, yet increased that to 21 this week.

"The invitationals this time of year don't count toward conference rankings," Hayhurst pointed out. "The one that counts (conference) is in April." The Pioneers have plenty of time to improve.

When asked if he felt if his team could defeat Wesleyan and UC by conference, considering if they gain consistency and begin playing as strongly on day two as they do day one, there was no ifs, ands or buts about it. In a cool calm voice, his reply consisted of only one word. "Yes."

well," stated Coach Osborne on Wednesday.

In Waynesburg, the Lady Pioneers defeated Bethany in three exciting matches. Then they went on to beat Waynesburg in five matches. After being down two to one the pioneers took over. This was particularly due to Michelle Smiths' record breaking four sets in one match.

This leaves the Lady Pioneers on a four game win streak that will hopefully continue. The Lady pioneers play Thursday

Sept. 28 at West Liberty.



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### Baptist Campus Ministry

BCM meets weekly in the Verona Maple Room on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m.

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the P.E. Building, room 207.

### Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation serves lunch on Tuesdays at 12 p.m., followed by Chapel Services at 12:40 p.m. Bible Study is held on Thursdays at 8 p.m. followed by a movie at 9 p.m.

### GSC Game Room

The Game Room is open daily during the following hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Come and check out the fun!

### Student Teachers

Prospective Spring 1996 Student Teachers will meet on Tuesday, September 26, 1995 at 12:30 p.m. in Clark Hall, room 201. Attendance is Mandatory.

### Sex & Relationships

Thursday, September 28th, at 7 p.m., Eric Murphy and Jeanine Woodruff will be conducting a discussion on Human Sexuality and Relationships in the Ball Room. The content at this discussion will be graphic.

### Parking

Work on campus parking lots will begin on September 22nd with the AB lot, on the 23rd, the Fine Arts lot and on the 25th, the gravel lot near the North Entrance.

## The Video Dance Hits the Top!

by Shawana Smith, staff writer

Waiting to get on the elevator, I overheard people gossiping about the video dance. Tina Bell and Amanda Bailey sure were excited! On the way up to the Ballroom all I could hear was how stupid it was going to be. "I hate dances they're so damn dumb," I thought.

As I got inside, the place was empty, except for the guys setting up. So, I promptly went over to speak with them. Tad Kohl was happy to talk with me. He said, "The company has seven different affiliates. EVC does about 450 shows a year, across the continental United States. Our shows run from two and one half to four hours. On special events, such as homecomings, we will do a five hour show."

After about an hour the dance floor was jumping with about 20 or 30 people. I went around to get the people's views of the dance so far. "It's great!" said Amanda Bailey.

"It's a happening party, groovy chick," commented Jason Daniels. Housing Director of Student Activities Chris Sedlock said, "I think I should open up all the windows so everyone can hear and have something to jump to." Stacey Lancaster said, "It's rockin'!"

However, despite the good music, some still were not convinced of how good the dance would turn out to be. According to Doug Bennett, "It needs more people. It sucks."

Greg Williams thought, "It needs two kegs to get a thousand people here. It's pretty dead."

All night I heard, "It's too

loud," and "This dance rocks." However, by the end of the dance nearly everyone left with the idea of how cool the dance was. Julie Schwarz said, "It's definitely cool." Later Williams added, "It's a hell of a lot better than it was."

I had a chance to catch up with Michele Hanson, who said, "It's great! I think this should be done every year. I liked the variety of music they played. They haven't played any country, so I'm happy!"

Jill Harmon said, "I think it was a good alternative to going to the bars. I think we had a fairly decent turnout. I would like to see this kind of thing happen more often."

Darryl Taffe said, "I liked it. More people showed up than I expected. Actually, it was a lot of fun." Rod Barns said, "It was great." However, Barns and his buddies still thought, "This dance sucked." While Christina Akers thought, "It was almost better than sex."

In all, people mostly thought it was "loud, hot and steamy." Kohl said, "The turnout wasn't as good as usual, but considering the lack of advertisement the turnout was great."

Sedlock had this to say, "I thought it was great." If the students want this back more than once a year, Sedlock says, "I'll go along with what the students support."

In summary, everyone grooved all night and had fun. Although, it was too "loud, hot and steamy" people seemed to enjoy it. Personally I thought, "This was the best dance I'd ever been at. I would like to see it happen more often."



Photo by Gene Breza.

## Mother and Daughter Candidates for GSC Homecoming

by Chad Samples, staff writer

Glenville State College students are once again making history, as Vivian and Shannon Carr, mother and daughter, are both in the running for the 1995 Homecoming Court.

Vivian, a senior majoring in chemistry and biology, is in the running for Homecoming Queen. Shannon, a sports management major, is competing for Sophomore Princess. Both were nominated by the American Chemical Society.

"After listening to a lot of people who supported me, I thought it was a good idea to have nontraditional students involved in Homecoming," says Vivian. She is running under

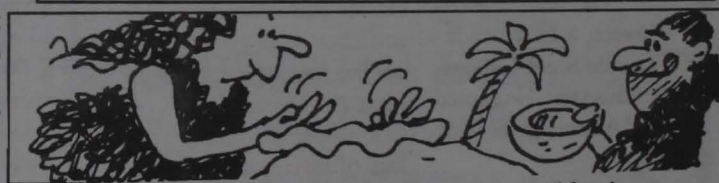
the slogan, "Nontraditional is becoming traditional."

"It kinda makes me feel good about getting nominated, because I was never nominated in high school," commented Shannon, who is very supportive of her mother. "Even if I don't get it, I hope my mother does."

The Carrs seem to enjoy campaigning together. "I'm proud to be running with my daughter," states Vivian.

"I think it's great. It's not every day that a 42-year-old runs for Homecoming Queen," says Shannon.

Vivian Carr sums this up best: "I just think this goes to show that times are changing. We're making history."



Pancakes are probably the oldest prepared food.

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Glenville State College huddle of Fellowship of Christian Athletes would like to invite everyone attend their meetings at room 207 in the Physical Education Building on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m.

They also would like to thank Pastor Tim Webb for leading the program last Tuesday and also before the football game last Saturday.

Guest speakers include

Pastor David Mastro September 26th and on October 3rd Mr. Rat Saunders will be guest speaker. Both of these gentlemen have appeared on Christian television networks and "He's Alive Radio."

All interested students are urged to attend these meetings and enjoy inspiring messages as well as Christian fellowship with fellow students.

Best wishes to all students

## Encourage Participation

and coaches competing in intercollegiate battle and to others campus wide struggling with their own types of battles. FCA hopes you will keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

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- 4) All injured athletes (request from Coach Janet James)
- 5) Students with family members who are ill.

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--Lou Holtz

If you know a special person who deserves recognition, please let us know. *The Mercury* is interested in stories which contain human interest. Call ext. 290.

The best music should be played as the best men and women should be dressed—neither so well nor so ill as to attract attention to itself.

—Samuel Butler



# What's in the Dog?

by Angi Riffle, contributing writer

Enjoying her summer activities, Dr. Dawn Rager a general psychology and human sexuality Professor here at Glenville State College traveled to the University of Georgia Veterinary School for three months to study dogs.

While she was there, she observed laboratory dogs mainly beagles to see if exercise helped their mental and physical well-beings. Researchers took the dogs through series of testing, for example a number of blood tests were performed, their hormones were studied as well as behavioral testing on them.

After all the testing was measured up, the results were it did not make any difference whether or not the dogs had exercise or not. The only difference was, dogs did not get exercise were more acceptable to illnesses.

That they would have to do a series of more testing to find out just what exercise does for dogs and that would have to be done at another time. She really enjoyed herself while she was



Photo by Chad Samples.

## Givers of the Heart

by Chad Samples, staff writer

Last week, nearly 75 people gave a life saving gift when the Red Cross conducted its blood drive conducted at the Wesley Foundation.

Wednesday, September 20th, 10 Red Cross volunteers participated in the blood drive. Refreshments for donors were supplied by the Gilmer County Lion's Club.

Among the group of donors was Haymon Cottrill, who gave his 75th pint of blood during this drive.

All blood collected will benefit patients across the state. Donors and their families will receive blood free of charge, in the occurrence of an emergency.

Suzy Jones, a Red Cross supervisor from Morgantown, expressed her gratitude to those who helped with the drive by stating, "We appreciate their support and hope that they will continue to support the blood drive."

Those interested in donating blood in the future should contact the Red Cross. Thank you for giving new life.

there working and learning about the dogs.

When asked if she thought that dogs were man's best friend,

she replied her two dogs were her best friends, and she could not say much for laboratory dogs.

## Tribute to an Alumnus

by Stormy W. Amos, contributor

Dr. Layman Dewitt "Jack" Moyers, a 1936 graduate of Glenville State College, died earlier this year. He earned the honor of Alumni of the Year in 1970.

Few people may realize how vast this man's accomplishments were. Moyers joined the Navy in 1940 as an aviation cadet and earned his wings in 1941.

He went on to become a US Naval Pilot in command of Patrol Squadron 26. During this time, he would make history. Before 1961 he led the first Navy Squadron that flew over the North Pole.

Also, Moyers performed the photographic map-

ping of the Bellot Straights. He was also in command of four operating squadrons and a service squadron with 1500 people under his command while in the Fleet Air Department.

He also had the privilege of serving as an operations officer and an executive officer during World War II.

In addition, Moyers received several ribbons and awards for his duties. For the Normandy Invasion, he was a recipient of the Battle Star, for the European-North African, American and Asiatic theaters he received theater ribbons, and for North African, Mediterranean, and Bay of Biscay operations, he received air medals. He also accumulated over 8,000 pilot hours.

Moyers went on to become a professor at Middle Tennessee State University for 15 years, and he had resided in Murfreesboro Tennessee 25 years prior to his death.

Moyers and his wife Virginia, also an alumna of Glenville State College, formed a considerable scholarship fund at Glenville in 1993. The scholarship is to aid those who are academically capable, but have no funds with which to attend college.

He was undoubtedly a valuable person, husband, officer, professor and friend. Moyers is missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known him. Through his contributions, his memory will always flourish.

# Nicholas News

## Nicholas County Center Expansion Underway

by Melissa Tanner, staff writer

The much needed expansion of the Nicholas County Center is moving forward. President Simmons and members of his staff; Dr. Peterson, Dr. Browning, Mr. Diehl and Mr. Bailey, have met with members of the Nicholas County Building Commission and representatives of the architectural firm of Gandee and Partners of Charleston to review the preliminary drawings and cost estimates.

The site plan includes additional parking to the existing building. The proposed addition currently under consideration includes a multipurpose science lab, computer lab, conference room, additional classrooms and storage space. Also included will be an expanded commons area that will hopefully accommodate a lounge area with vending machines and a television.

The next step is bringing this proposed expansion to reality is for President Simmons and his staff to determine how much of the proposed addition the college can afford as well as to finalize plans with the architect and the Nicholas County Building Commission.

If all things continue to progress, construction is hoped to start in the spring and be ready for use by the Fall of 1997.

The Nicholas County Center currently accommodates over 650 students, up from this time last year, and 65 faculty members, several of which come from GSC's main campus or other colleges.

NCC has two main organizations; Student Congress and Baptist Campus Ministry. Student Congress was newly formed last fall.

Currently there are 13 members involved. Present officers are David Tarry, representative; Anthony Moats, co-representative; Janet Farrell, secretary; James Green, treasurer; and Karen Compton, financial secretary. The Student Congress was instrumental in getting lines painted for the parking lot this summer.

New officers will be elected soon. NCC students are encouraged to attend the meetings. With your support, they will become a strong organization for our center.

BCM is our other organization. They meet Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the center. Students who wish to attend are welcome.

Clark Hall Tech Lab will begin evening hours on Wednesday evening, October 4th from 4-7 p.m. Lab staff will be available for questions at that time.

Students and staff who do not yet have an account to use the lab can be registered during these hours as well. As always, there is no cost for printing up to 10 pages on the dot matrix printers.

Laser printing is ten cents per page. Call Brenda Wilson (ext. 304) or Lee Kraus (ext. 307) with questions.

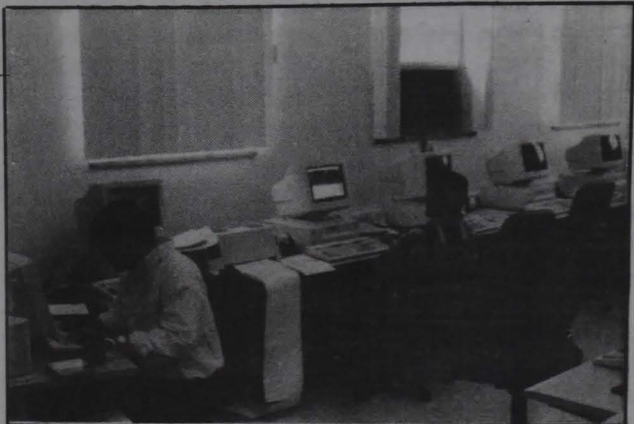


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## Movie Review

Kenneth Williams

# "Seven"

Imagine working on a homicide case that did not make any sense to you and your only clues are the seven deadly sins. That was what Detective Summerset and Detective Mills had to face in the suspense thriller "Seven."

Morgan Freeman ("Outbreak") and Brad Pitt ("Interview with a Vampire") star as the detective duo of Summerset and Mills, who have their hands full with a psychotic maniac that uses the seven deadly sins as an excuse to kill.

Freeman stars as the veteran homicide detective Summerset who has only seven days to go before retiring from the homicide unit. Pitt portrays the rookie homicide detective Mills who is to replace Summerset when he retires.

What starts out as a simple homicide case for the two detectives soon turns into a spell bounding murder mystery as

they track down the psychotic killer. Since each detective has their own style of handling a homicide case, they soon learn that they must work together to solve the case.

Freeman's and Pitt's performances as the two homicide detectives are outstanding. They bring the characters to life right before your eyes as you watch them work their way through the mess of bodies to find a clue that would lead to the murderer. With a support cast of several well-known and rookie actors blend in perfectly to the suspense killer.

The only down point would be the graphic nature of the film, however this graphic nature bring out the best of the movie.

So if you want to see a suspense thriller that will make you wonder what the hell is going on while watching the film, "Seven" is the movie to see.

# Up Close and Personal with Temper

by Eric Ware, contributing writer

Local breakthrough band, Temper, is making new waves on the music scene with their new EP, *Severed*. A different array of sound, this band puts out extreme bursts of energy that send club crowds from Glenville to Huntington into a frenzy as members, Tony Rohrbough, Johnny Lamb, Phil Collett and Bill Hale rip into songs like "Erupt," "Severed," "Nooseride" and "Slugfest."

Temper, formed in the summer of 1993 when Bill, Phil, Tony, Johnny and former guitarist, Don Smith met each other in college. From there, they recorded their first EP, *The Emancipation of Dissonance*, and hit the clubs with a vengeance. I got to interview Bill and Tony about their new tape *Severed* which was released on the band's private label.

Eric: Your first EP is called *Emancipation of Dissonance*, when you recorded the EP did you have any idea about the recording process?

Tony: Johnny and I had been in the studio on different occasions with our last band (Brick Mistress) at a recording studio (Chillicothe) in Ohio. So we knew what to expect, but we were still pretty green. There are still some parts I listen to and think we could do much

better...Hindsight is always 20/20.

E: Now your new EP is called *Severed*. How is it different from your first EP?

T: The main difference is that between *Dissonance* and *Severed*, our guitarist [Don Smith] left to go to graduate school, so the new material is centered around...a one guitar line-up.

The songs are a bit slower...and the production is different. But I felt we recorded this new tape a lot better.

E: What would you call the sound of Temper?

Bill: (Thinking a bit) Schizophrenic manipulation of lyrical oddities!

T: (In a calm composure) Powersludge! Deconstructionist Powersludge! Really heavy with a power groove.

Whatever the sound Temper makes, it's working on crowding fans as they rave to the ear-piercing screams of Tony's guitar, the massive drum sound of Johnny, the heart-stopping power of bassist Phil, and the banter of a lunatic screaming in your face. Bill tends to be emotional on stage.

E: What's your most memorable moment on stage?

Bill and Tony: Opening up for Ozzy's ex-guitarist, Jake E. Lee!

T: We got to see these two

roadies. They did everything, that was an experience. The first band plays, they leave, the roadies start working. But we only got [forming a small box on the table with his hands] this much space...and we didn't even get paid! Not even gas money! It's like, jeeze Jake, you could come up with gas money! But it's something I'll remember.

B: I like Joe's at Fairmont, it's a really great place to play.

E: What's some advice for other musicians?

B: Stick to integrity and keep playing. (My philosophy on life is) pride, perseverance, and the mind is stronger than the fist.

T: If you're going to play in a band you need to write your own music. Cover bands are okay if you want to make money on the weekends, but if you're young, you need to find what you do best and center on that and work on it. Do your own thing, because if you try to be the next Pearl Jam or Greenday, it's useless. By the time you get to that level, the fads have changed and it's on something else. No matter what you want you're going to have to work for it.

Look for upcoming Temper show dates soon.

You can pick up *Severed* at the Towne Bookstore and at the Video Zone in Weston.

# Hear the Caribbean Beat!

by Ken McWhorter, staff writer

This Sunday, October 1, the Caribbean Jazz Project will perform a concert at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. A workshop will also be held at 4 p.m. with Dave Samuels.

All featured musicians are internationally known artists. "Dave Samuels is a fantastic player whose style is like no one else you've ever heard," explained Matt Schoonmaker, percussion major. Andy Narell will be playing the steel drums which, incidentally were made by their inventor at West Virginia University. Paquito D'Rivera will be playing tenor sax and clarinet.

"They began as a concert group in the summer of '93," explained Keith Haan, chairperson of the Cultural Affairs Committee bringing the group to Glenville. "They were playing at the Central Park Zoo in

New York and were so well received that promoters asked if they would do other engagements."

Haan went on to say that some of the influencing factors in this style of music are Latin dances and the carnival music of the Caribbean Islands. Schoonmaker explained the unique sound of Caribbean music is largely do to the instrumentation, particularly the steel drums, which are made from ordinary metal barrels and bent out to play all notes in a scale. Schoonmaker stated that he has listened to the group's album and says it is excellent.

Haan concluded saying, that the Caribbean style is a little unusual from what most people have heard. Because it is unique, people become interested in it and catch on quickly. The group's CD's and t-shirts can be purchased in the Fine Arts Building.



Caribbean Jazz Project; Andy Narell, Paquito D'Rivera, Dave Samuels

## Ms. National College Photo Model

Entries are being sought for college women to participate in the 1996 Ms. College Photo Model contest. Entrants must currently be enrolled and attending college on a full or part-time basis at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Entrants must be between the ages of 18-35 and may be single, married or divorced. No modeling or pageant experience is necessary to enter the contest. Entrants must be willing to provide a positive image for the contest.

For application and contest information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: S. Peterson, National College Director

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# Oklahoma', Here We Are!

Joni Cutlip, Staff Writer

Ever since I can remember, the music department and the theatre department have gotten along famously, as famously as the British and the colonists before the Revolutionary war. I have to admit it, I even became involved in the interdepartmental wars.

I usually look at things with a pretty open perspective, but last night I went with the attitude of finding problems.

This was generally because I have a bad tendency to believe that nobody but a theatre person knows anything about theatre.

I have to admit it, I was pleasantly surprised. The show, opening to a medium sized crowd, had a few faults, as any show will, but overall it was a smash.

All of the energetic talent really kept my attention. Never having seen the show, I watched attentively.

Not having seen Allan Earfield on the big stage in while, it was nice to see him again and be reminded that he is still alive and kicking. He portrayed Curly as no one else could. My only complaint is I think there could have been more of Curly. He wasn't deep enough in some scenes and got lost instead of being at the center.

Darlene Evans, the very small bodied and big voiced young lady that always sets me at awe when I hear her, was a great success. As always, she floated across the stage with elegance as Laurey.

around the corner.

Jamie Atkins, as Will Parker was once again was pleasant and fun. The audience loved to love him. He was bouncy and full of his character. In my opinion he was the show stealer.

Craig Worl delighted the onlookers as Jud Fry. After being discovered last year, many questioned whether or not he would be gracing our stage again. I for one was glad to see him back.

Joelle Harris, Heath Hersberger and Jenny Downs were great comic relief.

Playing Ado Annie, Ali Hakim and Gerti Cummings, they gave the play some flavor. Whenever they were around, the audience knew laughter was just

around the corner.

It was nice to see faces in the play that are not seen on campus. So many times people won't audition because they think that since it is run by the college it is only open to the college community.

Here were the problems that I found. The dream sequence could have been better. Darlene and Allan should have been in the dream. I was left wondering what was going on. When I finally figured it out it was over.

That leads to my next problem I couldn't see faces during the dream. The lights were too dark, it looked like a bunch of shadows running wild across the stage. They were dark enough to be used as scene

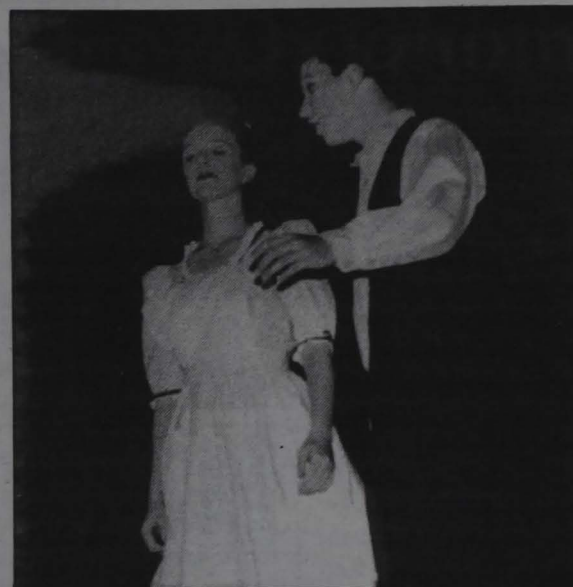


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change light.

In the final fight I think the body needed blood since it was seen by the audience. A stab wound is no good if it isn't realistic.

Even with its minor diffi-

culties, it is a great piece of theatre for the whole family. It is playing through Friday, so if you're looking for a fun evening reserve yourself a ticket for a mere dollar and experience "Oklahoma!"

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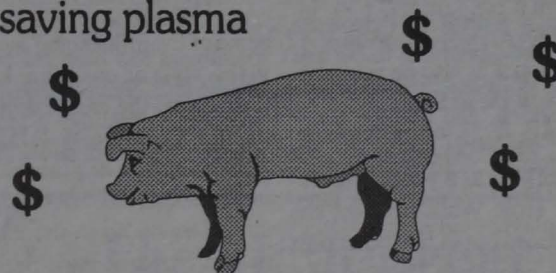
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## Mercury Photo Requests

The Mercury Photography staff asks Glenville State College faculty and organizations to write requests for photographs one week in advance. This is in order to schedule a session. Also photographs will be sold by the Mercury office. The prices will be \$2 for an 8x10, \$1.50 for a 5x7 and \$1 for a 3 1/2x5. Thank you.

Gene Breza, Photo Editor



# Mary Alltop is the "Super Secretary"

by Monica Ann Null, staff writer

It's a bird...it's a plane...no, it's Mary Alltop! For those of you who are majoring in the social sciences, Mary Alltop is a common name. Alltop is the administrative secretary in the social science division. She has held this position for three years.

When she first assumed the position, she did not know all the duties it would entail. However, her co-workers feel she has adapted quite well.

Former Division Chair Dr. James Hilgenberg expressed, "She does an excellent job." As far as the mechanical aspects (typing, filing, organizing, etc.) are concerned, she handles them "expertly" according to Hilgenberg.

He went on to say, "But there is a whole other realm. Mary goes beyond the requirements of her job description. She has shown remarkable abilities in her interpersonal skills, initiative and the ability to grow."

Alltop, who is a native of Leading Creek (near the Troy area), graduated from Gilmer County High School. She then received her associate in arts degree in administrative science from Glenville State College in 1978.

After three years of employment with Trio Petroleum Corp., she gave birth to her son James. With her husband Robert working, she became a domestic engineer. Later, she began working as a postmaster relief at Troy. While at Troy, she was loaned out to five other post offices, including Weston, as a casual letter carrier.

Alltop became employed at GSC in July 1992. She feels it is "the best job she has ever had." Working closely with individual students is the most rewarding part of her job.

Working for the college has given Alltop the opportunity to pursue her degree in behavioral science. She takes one class per semester in order to complete her degree. Although she is only

forty-four hours away from receiving her degree, it will take a few more years to complete it at this rate.

Alltop has an extremely busy schedule. While trying to balance her career and home life, she seldom has time to enjoy her favorite activities.

"Mary goes beyond the requirements of her job description. She has shown remarkable abilities in her interpersonal skills, initiative and the ability to grow."

-Dr. Hilgenberg

She has a passion for Appalachian square dancing. In the past, she has taught lessons in clogging and Appalachian square dancing in Gilmer and Braxton counties. She has also been involved with workshops throughout West Virginia.

In what spare time she finds, quilting and sewing are favorite pastimes. She also enjoys going on horseback trail rides with family and friends.

Her son is an eighth grader at GCHS. With him participating in Mini-Titan basketball, her face is not uncommon to be seen in the crowd cheering for her son. She tries to be involved in as many of James's activities as possible.

With the cutbacks at Glenville State this year, her appointment has been lessened to an eleven month position. Alltop has mixed feelings about this change. She says she will, "en-



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joy having more time to spend with her son at home, but it involves more work during the regular day."

The amount of work has increase this year with added registration duties and a large number of students enrolled in social science programs. However, scheduled days to complete all of the work have been lessened.

According to Division Chair Dr. Charles Holt, "The title and the salary of the position Mary holds to no match the responsibility she assumes." He says he finds himself in an "awkward position" as he notices the enormous potential she possesses. "She willingly does everything asked of her and more," he concludes.

Alltop is always pleasant in the office and the public setting. Joking is not uncommon, especially with the division faculty and students. She likes to deal with people on a personal basis.

Students will agree, she definitely makes time to help others, even during her half hour lunch break.

Alltop is frequently called "super woman" by division faculty. She manages her work load and time extremely well. It is not uncommon for a professor to bring something by her desk to be typed immediately (if not sooner), but she does not mind. She feels it is her duty to complete these simple tasks.

The atmosphere of the office is ideal to Alltop. She expresses, "I feel this is a fine division and a wonderful group of faculty. I truly enjoy working with each of them."

Mary uses every minute she has. In fact, I had to meet with her during lunch just to get the information for this story. She felt it was something that had to be completed during "personal time" rather than during regular working hours. She truly is a "super secretary."

## Residents' Rights Week

by WV Health Care Association and WV Commission on Aging

The National Citizen's Coalition for Nursing Home Reform has designated October 1-7, 1995 as Resident's Rights Week. In 1987 the Nursing Home Reform Act was passed, guaranteeing fair and equal treatment, and residents' rights to nearly two million nursing home residents nationwide.

This year Residents' Rights Week will focus on promoting care that protects and respects individual rights and enhances the quality of residents' lives.

It is important that the community be aware of the ongoing improvements in long term care. Residents' Rights Week is a time for the community to celebrate the lives of the American citizens living in a nursing home and to reconfirm their rights as citizens.

The public can honor residents by visiting local nursing homes as an individual, church, music or theater group. You can become a volunteer at your local nursing home or your local ombudsman program.

We all play an important role in educating residents and the general public about the importance of residents rights. For more information on what you can do concerning Residents' Rights Week please contact WVHCA (304) 346-4575 or Theresa Cowan at ext. 277.

teaching kids proper moral behaviors."

GSC's resident Chaucer expert Dr. Barbara Tedford added, "I believe it is a foolish controversy, and it shows a certain timidity on the part of the school board."

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—La Rochefoucauld

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tainly are bawdy parts to the tales. However, he added that Chaucer was not condoning such behaviors. Instead, he was trying to be very realistic about society at that time.

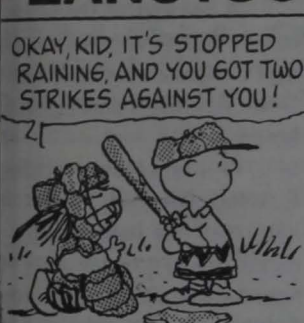
He concluded, "Classic literature teaches moral lessons and bedrock values. The *Canterbury Tales* illustrates the disastrous consequences of such 'bawdy' behavior, and thus, can be a wonderful platform for



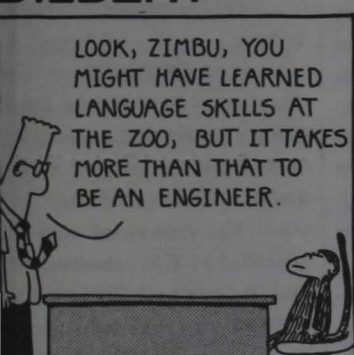
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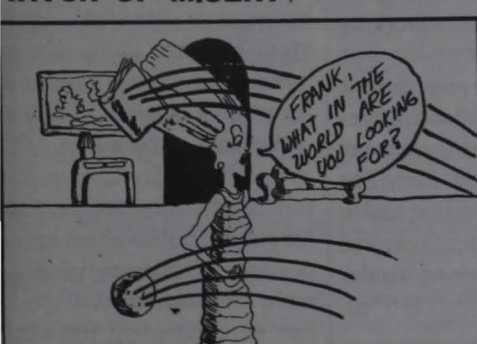
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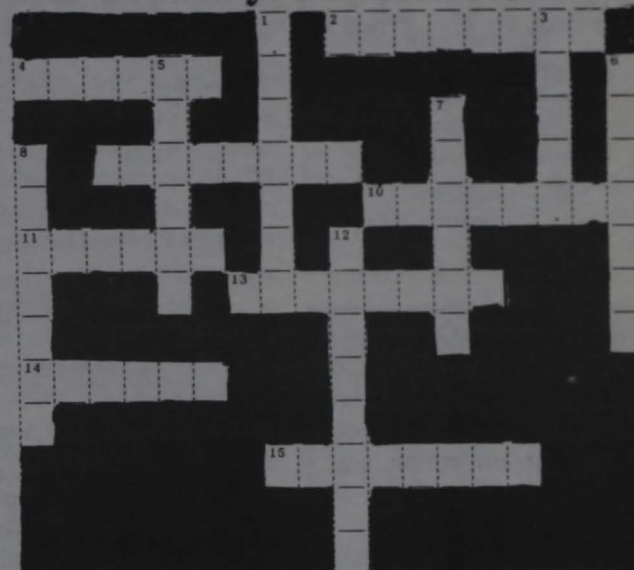
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#### ACROSS

- 2 manual laborers
- 4 constructs
- 9 a small battle
- 10 surrounded
- 11 kidnapped
- 13 not acceptable
- 14 not fair
- 15 can be annulled

#### DOWN

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- 3 strikes with a foot
- 5 nonsense
- 6 to make happy
- 7 proper places
- 8 not very strong
- 12 illegal firesetter

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## College: Investments continued from page 1

eral Direct Student Loan program at 40 percent of new borrowing. Actually, in a July press conference, House Republicans announced they now seek to eliminate the direct lending program entirely.

•The House of Representatives passed a plan that would eliminate the Department of Education.

•A particularly noxious amendment introduced by some members of Congress, which student groups have labeled the "Campus Gag Rule," would cut all federal funds to universities that allow student activity fees to be used to fund campus-based groups involved in activities aimed at "influencing public policy."

The true irony is that these cuts are supposedly being made to "save our future"—a future few Americans will be able to fully enjoy because they will be unable to afford a college education.

According to Director of Financial Aid Karen Lay, approximately 597 subsidized and 189 unsubsidized direct loans here at Glenville State College, have been awarded this year alone. (Borrowers' loans may overlap.) Plus, 894 students attend this college through Pell Grants.

"I am greatly concerned

about student financial aid," President William Simmons explained. "This proposal would drastically reduce the amount of money available and we're not really heading into any grants. It would lead to tremendous diminishing of enrollment as well as opportunity. After all, I view federal financial aid as an investment for the future. If we don't spend on education now then later we'll have to spend on other forms of assistance much less desirable."

In a September 11 speech at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, President Bill Clinton himself took the offensive in support of education funding and student financial aid.

"I want you to know that I oppose these cuts," he proclaimed in a speech that was simulcast to fifty other campuses across the nation. "I will do everything in my power to fight them and see to it that the dream of higher education remains real for all Americans."

Student aid is an important investment in our nation's most precious resource—our people. It's an investment that repays us many times over, through a stronger economy and increased revenue. Federal spending on student aid programs this semester alone provided nearly two million dollars for GSC students. Undoubtedly, this proposal will effect hundreds of

people attempting to advance their education in just our institute.

"These are very serious cuts that need to be considered more fully than they have been up to this point," Jeremy Dean, president of GSC Student Congress, said. "This is the future of our country, and I don't think it is something that needs to be sold away for the profit of a balance budget."

"If this [proposal] goes through," GSC student Chad Samples commented, "it will make it very difficult, if not impossible, for me to continue my education. Hey, I pay taxes. Instead of cutting my fair share through financial aid, why not cut their wages!"

A college education benefits not only the individual, but society as a whole. A highly educated work force has become an essential component of economic growth and competitiveness—it is estimated that increases in national educational attainment have accounted for almost thirty percent of the growth in national income this century. Because they earn more, save more and are unemployed less frequently, college graduates make fewer demands on the public purse while paying more taxes. Members of Congress must remember that when the federal government assists students in attending college, it is a critical investment in our nation's future. Shouldn't

that be our main priority?

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pressed similar sentiments in his dedication address. "Freedom is not free. Therefore, we stand here forever indebted to our comrades who gave us our freedom with their lives." He added, "As Americans we enjoy freedom that was paid for the sacrifices of others."

A reading of the soldiers names was then given by Student Congress President Jeremy Dean. Rexroad's dedication followed.

In his solemn address Rexroad explained, "We the living, must pay homage and remembrance I order that the names of the 23 heroes remain forever engraved in the archives of time."

He concluded, "This dedication is made in hopes that whenever GSC students, their family members and the general public, travel this walkway, 23 heroes will be remembered for their supreme sacrifices."

The memorial was then unveiled by GSC students Melissa Rogers and Carrie Lightle. Billips then gave the closing Benediction.

After the ceremony, Rexroad shared his views on the dedication. "It was a very impressive ceremony. It was a distinct honor to be here today, and I'm proud to be a part of this school."

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