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The crowd looks with awe as the Pope prepares to enter the platform.

Dr. Kraus Attends Pope's Mass in Baltimore

Amy Jo Rowan

On Sunday, October 8, at 5:30 a.m., most Americans were still in bed. However, Dr. Sharon Kraus, director of field experiences, and her family, were preparing to catch a train at Union Station. They were heading to Baltimore's Oriole Stadium to attend a mass conducted by Pope John Paul II.

The mass was a part of the Pope's U.S. tour. Kraus and her family were among approximately 50,000 Catholics in attendance.

Tickets to the event were free, but very limited in number. Each parish in the Baltimore and D.C. area received six tickets. Due to excessive demand, these tickets had to be dispersed in lottery drawings.

Each West Virginia parish was originally slated to receive two tickets. However, due to the vast distance and the fact that the mass was on a Sunday, many parishes couldn't distribute all

their tickets. The extras were thus sent to any parish requesting more.

Kraus and her husband Richard received their tickets from their St. Boniface parish in Camden. As the extras became available, they obtained tickets for their daughter and son-in-law, fellow St. Boniface members, Beth and Rich Haley.

Their party arrived at the stadium around 8:30 a.m. Yet due to the need for excessive security measures, such as metal detectors and parcel searches, they did not reach their seats until 9:30 a.m.

A very ball game like atmosphere prevailed at this time with food and vendor sales. The audience was also entertained by the music of Cathy Traccoli, Michael W. Smith, Boyz II Men and local choirs, until the Pope arrived shortly before 11 a.m.

Before beginning his mass, John Paul II circled the field, which had been transformed into an outdoor cathedral. He then took his place at the altar, which

Fisher to Compete for the Crown

Sandra Gibson
staff writer

Miss Regina Dawn Fisher, a 20 year-old junior of Glenville State College will participate in the upcoming 1996 Miss West Virginia USA Pageant to be held at the Holiday Inn Gateway in Huntington this Saturday and Sunday, November fourth and fifth.

Fisher is an education major pursuing a degree in Multi-subjects (K-8) with specializations in specific learning disabilities, behavior disorders and mental impairment. Her hobbies include horseback riding and working with children. She is a Gilmer County native.

Fisher placed first runner-up in the Strawberry Festival, the only WV USA held preliminary pageant to the Miss WV pageant. She has also competed in other competitions, as well as last year's Miss WV Pageant where she tied for top ten.

Having already com-

peted before, Fisher believes it will definitely be an attribute to her overall performance this weekend. "Last year, I had no idea what to expect. Now, I am

ent. "I believe that it would allow each contestant a better opportunity to show something more about themselves as opposed to exterior appearance only. The inner self needs to be something more valued when weighing a person's qualities."

Saturday morning begins with the young ladies being interviewed and is followed by swimsuit and then gown competitions. By Sunday, the field will narrow down to first ten contestants and then, five. From these five final contestants, one lucky lady will receive the crown and the chance to represent our state and our re-



more prepared and more at ease with what is expected of me."

Competition includes a swimsuit competition, an evening gown competition and interviews with the judges. Each girl will have three minutes to vocally express themselves to each of the five judges.

Fisher wishes the contest would include platforms and tal-

lion. Fisher is supported by many local sponsors in addition to many sponsors in the surrounding counties. She looks forward to representing them and also, GSC this weekend. This is the USA pageant system, which means the winner will go to compete in Texas for the title of Miss USA in February.

had been constructed in front of the bullpen.

As Kraus explained, "Everything was very ceremonial. I was very comfortable though, because the mass was identical to the one we use at St. Boniface."

She added, "It was sometimes difficult to understand him because of his thick accent."

The mass lasted until

about 1 p.m. All the bishops, priests and dignitaries in attendance received communion from the Pope himself. He then blessed the communion of everyone else and chosen priests and seminarians distributed it throughout all the sections. All 50,000 people were served in approximately 15 minutes.

"A parade though the streets outside followed the

mass, but do to the maximum security, it was difficult to see unless you watched it on the screens inside the park," Kraus reported.

She concluded, "It was a once in a life time opportunity, and therefore, we felt it was worth making the effort to attend. It was very inspirational to see everyone coming together for this purpose."



From the Editor's Desk

Sandra Gibson

Well, that big ugly, fearful word just came across my desk again. You know, the one that makes all good students shudder and quake with fear while their computers tick away at those assignment papers--**plagiarism**.

Why fear a word, you say? Like most things which we fear, we do it because of our lack of knowledge and understanding. Therefore, we need to change this if we are to become more at ease with our foe.

According to ole Mr. Webster, to plagiarize is to steal published thoughts. Note--the key word here is published and incidentally, this does include your roommate's or your cousin's work (regardless of what campus they're on).

This means that when you are nearly frantic for that ideal way to express yourself and you just happen to find someone who does a superb job at it, or in fact, says just what you were wanting to say, DON'T do it--it's the "P" word. Now, if nothing else works for you, it is acceptable to use these words of wisdom, but only if you credit your source. However, you can take the new thought that these words have sent rushing through your mind and transpose it by using new and different words. Simply, say it another way.

Remember to keep in mind, information classified as general knowledge does not fall into this category nor does other commonly known info that is shared by the greater majority.

But don't despair, there is still much a writer can do without using the "P" word. Inspiration is still relatively free for the taking. It lies as close as our finger tips, our little ears, eyes, and noses. It is undoubtedly hard to not relay a thought which we have not gathered along the great highway of life. In all respects, we are the end products of that which we have been exposed to. Our thoughts, beliefs, and ideals are sprung from these and they are ours to take and use as we may.

So true but sad, us great multitude of aspiring writers probably have very few original thoughts to choose from. Platos, Chaucers, and Shakespeares are as scarce as hen's teeth these days, but incidentally, these dudes were probably some of the biggest robbers. Still, it was they who placed it down in pen and ink and passed it down to us.

Conclusion, you out there with the genius minds and aspiring fresh ideas, if you have a one of a kind mega idea, beware, because around every corner lurks a starving burned out writer who needs your ideas as much as a vampire needs blood. If you don't have them written down and published they could end up purloined!

Dear Editor:

I feel it necessary to respond to the audience's reaction (mostly male) to the play, "Prelude to a Kiss" that ran last week. First of all, I'd like to say that aside from the one scene, where the old man and Peter "kiss" the audience members I am referring to were appropriately responsive, yet when this particular scene came around, night after night from backstage I heard moans, groans and even cursing at the exact moment when this was about to take place.

This is a play, that means it is pretend. The action you see is not real. It is only the actors portraying the character in the way that their role was written in the script. I must say also, although my knowledge of Heath and Ezekial's abilities may be limited to the few plays I've seen before this and the one play I did previously, in my opinion this was perhaps their greatest performance and one of the best plays they have taken part in. I am so impressed by their skill and what they each brought into the role that I can only think the harassment they received by

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Todd Longanacre's letter last week. The article sent the blood racing to my head.

First of all, your terminology was about as stereotypical as it comes. I'm sure that a good many of the African-American men at the march are law abiding citizens. My question to you is: who are you to label how black men should act? I am quite sure if we were discussing a White Supremist group's demonstration you would not have bent over backwards to describe how they need to become more "clean cut, law abiding and positive. Oh, I forgot goal-oriented."

Despite your Swedish roots you consider yourself American because you were born here, and you say because of this you can't understand why black-Americans choose to consider themselves African and American. Please remember: slaves were not asked to come to this country. They were brought here. They were separated from their families and separated from their religions, then, forced to work, fight and devote their lives to white people. They witnessed their daughters, mothers and sisters being raped and heard their sons, fathers and brothers beaten and killed. Things of this nature are not easily forgotten, especially considering they are still affecting black people today.

After being oppressed--mentally and physically--for centuries by Americans, it's a

few choice people in the audience only made me admire their work more.

So, for those of you whose manhood was somehow threatened by that one scene in the play, I think you need to get a grip and if that is the only thing you came away with after watching it, then you missed the meaning and the beauty of the story entirely. Maybe when you are more mature you should return to theatre with an open mind and a closed mouth.

Sincerely,
Colleen Vance
Barfly #2

little bit hard to jump up and start calling yourself an American.

I would also like to educate you on life in the inner-cities. You commented on how blacks are beaten due to their initiating car chases. You painted a beautiful picture of how police officers have had to use excessive force to control 'belligerent' individuals. I am sorry to inform you that your little dramatization, while certainly heartfelt, isn't the way it works. You probably believe that the speeches, poems and songs protesting police brutality are lies. I'm sure someone living in the inner-cities could rustle up a video tape for you, but gee, that probably wouldn't make any difference would it?

You spoke of the gallant message of Martin Luther King. Of course you would. Martin Luther King vowed to love white people despite whatever they may do to black people. If you were a black man you may choose not to kiss the hand that has beaten you.

Don't get me wrong, I am not hateful and I do not feel that hate will accomplish anything constructive. Still, I do believe there are many issues that need to be addressed before groups like the Black Muslims die out.

A closing thought: without a basis for hate, there is no basis for a hate group. Everyone

Dear Editor:

I am writing concerning a certain resident assistant in the Pickens Hall Dormitory.

I do not fit the typical stereotype of an unruly or ignorant problem instigator that I am sure she will accuse me of being. I knowledgeablely understand that there is a job to be done in being a resident assistant and that you must be stern and confident in your actions for it is not one of the easiest positions to adequately fulfill. This specific person however barks more loudly and more often than any female K-9 I have ever encountered in my 21 years of life. From my understanding of the circumstances, she desires being the "head" Resident Assistant next year which is an admirable goal, but she is willing to do anything and step on anyone's toes to get what she wants. She is intrinsiget because of an attitude problem and does not need or deserve any more responsibilities while her thoughts are being clouded by personal desires. I hope the intent of her actions is as obvious to others as it is to myself.

D. Delisle

needs to realize there are still many compromises to be made before we can begin to function as one nation.

Lisa Belknap

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Even More Views of the Old Coot

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Perhaps an apology is in order for some of the latter day Barney Oldfield's referred to in my last writing. I assumed that their headlong downhill haste was either to escape further tedium in these hallowed halls of higher education, or possibly a high speed beer run. An article in this publication, of a couple weeks past, shed new light on this Indianapolis 500 without a checkered flag.

It is now apparent that their get-out-of-my-way-if-you-can flight was precipitated by their desire to make use of the only available "campus" parking spots left in the Greater

Glenville Metroplex. The revelation by a campus authority that there were, in fact, several parking spaces available, and that there is a brand-new bed and breakfast conveniently located to provide overnight lodging for the trek back to campus, was reason enough (if reason is required) for several Thursday night celebrations. I suppose that these overzealous, would-be parkers might be excused for their extreme reaction.

It was gratifying to note that the powers-that-be have designed to inform the students of this startling development. They say that they also informed us of this wonderful news in this same publication just last year. If someone is not careful, the students could accidentally get the idea that there is some concern up there for their petty problems.

There is even a nice map provided with the parking space

hunting permit issued for the low, low sum of only ten American dollars. Adjusting for inflation, this makes the probability of parking on campus (an actuality almost as likely as winning the state lottery) available to the masses for a mere pittance. Unfortunately, this oasis in the parking desert is not to be located on the handy-dandy little map.

However, real concern for the students' general well-being almost came shining through this momentous announcement. How many institutes of higher learning would go to such lengths to insure that their students have the opportunity for morning and evening cardiovascular workouts? It is extremely difficult for me to conceal my glee at being able to walk from the football field to the campus in a driving rain. All that I would need is a can of "old Kidney

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Dear Editor:

I thought it was time to convey a message to my family at Glenville State College. I want you all, faculty, staff, and students (if you weren't here there wouldn't be a "family on the hill"), to know that I am so grateful to finally be able to serve at GSC.

I was born and raised in Gilmer County and graduated from high school here. I never had the desire to go on to college. If I did decide to though, it would be here at GSC.

Now, I have children of my own and I'm very proud of them. My two daughters and one son, all attend GSC and are part of the "family on the hill."

I like my job very much, and the gentlemen I work with are a pretty good group of guys. It's the students though, that I am around the most, and I have to say that they're the best. They come from everywhere and bring to campus a variety of personalities.

I would like to thank Dr. Simmons, Mr. Diehl, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Wilmouth for giving me the opportunity to serve at GSC. Let's go Pioneers!

Grateful,
Michael Frame Sr.
Driver/Maintenance

Dear Editor:

Where to begin? Well, anybody that truly knows me, knows that I'm not much for beating around the bush. I guess I should start as close to the beginning as possible. Ernie Shreve says, "Hey, our school newspaper is not bad!" You are correct Ernie, the school newspaper is not bad, it is in a far worse shape than bad, it sucks! Fill you Athletic Supporter full of Instant Heat and open your eyes!

J. Jeremy Dean, what a disappointment you have become. You continually criticize people and fail to see the fault of your own ways. By the way, don't think I don't know where the steak of your article about women giving men a bad rap came from. Should I sue? Have you been promised a job at the college after you graduate as well? Put on Ernie's Athletic Supporter when he gets done with it.

Now that your eyes are open J. Jeremy Dean, I have a question for you. Is there a re-

sponsible staff of some sort up there putting ink on paper that would serve the world better if it had been left as trees? They don't want to cover much that is happening on campus (unless it involves a picture of people with this unknown, bright gleaming light that extends from the head area of a seemingly mountainous blob).

I bet you think that I'm bitter about something don't you? Well, the cast and crew of "Prelude" didn't bust their ass for a month and a half for the shoddy pictures that your photographers would take of us anyway, so I guess I'm not that bitter. But we remained for pictures that would never be because the photographer (two different ones with the same incompetent work ethics) failed to show for their shoot. That's okay, you can always fill the yearbook with unforgettable pictures of *The Mercury* staff. Hey, why don't you just return portions of student fees and just re-release this year's yearbook. In the words of an MTV icon, Uh, you suck!

John Park



Conversational Green

Jeremy Dean

Monsters!



Art by Kurt Williams

When I was a child I believed in Monsters.

There was a monster in my closet, and one in the hall, but they could never get me because they were too short to reach the door knobs. All I had to do was keep the doors shut, and they couldn't get out, or in.

The ghouls that lived under my bed were the worst. They would slip out of their catacombs once the lights had been turned down, and creep around my room in search of human blood, my human blood. If it were not for the protective powers of my yellow blanket and also my expert camouflaging skills (I could make myself look like a part of the bed and covers), I would not be alive today to tell the story.

Everything that lived in the lower recesses of the dark domain beneath my bed was not evil and intent on my demise. I had a friend who lived down there, a great and mighty waring tiger who protected me for that brief moment when I had to scurry across the floor into the protective arms of my bed, after I turned the lights off. Tiger would then lay down by my bed and I would pet him until we both drifted off to sleep.

Sometimes in the most peaceful times of the night, long after I had drifted off to sleep, the monsters would attack. They would come out from all the crevices and corners of my room and screech and scream. The Banshee would shriek from the trees outside my window, and the werewolves would howl from the crests of not so distant hills. Bats would fly and ghosts would rattle their chains of torment in the attic above my head. The paint would peel from the walls, and the Goblin King would rise up out of the floor and say Boo!!!

And just as suddenly as they came, they would all be gone, gone for another evening at least.

Sometimes I miss my monsters. Sure they were ugly, and they frightened me. Yes, they kept me up more nights than not, but at least I knew what to expect from them, at least I knew who they were. Sometimes I miss my monsters very much.



Movie Review

Kenneth Wilkins

"Vampire in Brooklyn"

With the ever so popular fright night just behind us, I thought it would be nice to review a horror movie for this week's movie review. The only two horror movies that were playing in the movie theater this past weekend were "Halloween 6" and "Vampire in Brooklyn." Since I'm not an avid fan of the "Halloween" sequels, I decided to see "Vampire in Brooklyn."

First, I would like to say that a "Vampire in Brooklyn" is not your typical horror film. It's a horror movie with a twist of comedy, a big twist of comedy. With a script written by the ever so elusive Eddie Murphy and directed by the famed Wes Kraven, "Vampire in Brooklyn" will make you laugh.

Eddie Murphy ("Beverly Hills Cop") stars in the horror/comedy as the last known living vampire Maximillion, who travels to the joyful city of Brooklyn to look for a long lost relative that he needs to find in order to survive for another century.

Murphy is also up to his old performance tricks as he portrays several characters in "Vampire in Brooklyn." Here we witness the transformation ability of a vampire being brought to life before our eyes.

Angela Bassett co-stars in the horror/comedy as the long lost relative Rita. Being born human in all aspects, Bassett is soon faced with the vampire desire that has been hidden inside her for most of her life.

Murphy's performance as the vampire Maximillion is outstanding. The rest of the cast keeps you rolling in laughter throughout the movie, especially the dying henchman and the boat dock.

"Vampire in Brooklyn" is an okay film that will make you look at Halloween in a different way. So if you are wanting to see a comedy this Halloween season instead of a horror film, I would recommend "Vampire in Brooklyn" as the movie to see.

Music Fest '95 Performance

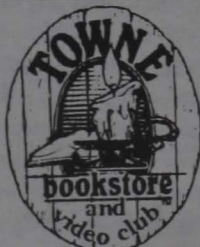
Ken McWhorter
staff writer

Music Fest '95 will be performed in the Fine Arts auditorium at 8 p.m. tonight. What it is, for those who don't know, is a concert featuring all the ensembles of the GSC music department. This will include: the Brass Ensemble, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Woodwind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and Marching Band.

The concert will be relatively light with everything from rags to rock. The choir will also be performing a very unusual piece called "Geographical Fugue."

The cost of the concert will be a \$5 donation for students and a \$10 donation for the general public. All profits will go towards music scholarships and the Alumni fund.

Music professor Harry Rich stated that it will be a "great concert" for students, parents and the general public. Rich also stated that the concert will consist of a wide variety of music played by music majors and non majors alike.



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Jena Ellyson
staff writer

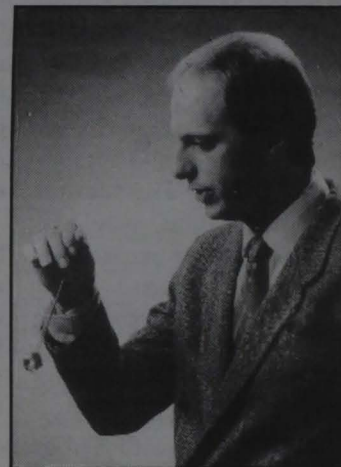
On November 9, at 8 p.m., in the Fine Arts Auditorium, the Ronny Romm Show will entertain and amaze Glenville State College staff and students. At 35, Ronny Romm is one of this country's most sought after entertainers. He produces an E.S.P. / Hypnosis show with a twist of comedy using total audience participation.

During the show, names and numbers known only to the members of the audience are revealed with startling accuracy. Even their innermost thoughts and personal questions are revealed and answered.

"Ronny's show held the audience for two hours and they still wanted more! The amount of audience participation that took place was incredible and

I'm sure helped in creating the standing ovation that he received," responded Texas A&M University.

Is it sleep or some altered



Romm mystifies his audience with the quick move of this pendulum.

state? And why do people under hypnosis respond to the slightest suggestion? Ronny enlightens you to these answers as he draws

the audience into a side-splitting demonstration of what hypnosis -- and the human mind -- can do. Imagine watching your friend in a body building competition, speaking martian, or becoming a prima ballerina or even an army drill sergeant right before your eyes! These are just a few of the characters who appear nightly in the Ronny Romm Show.

"I can not stress how fantastic Ronny's show is. I would highly recommend it to any college or university that is looking to make a strong mark with an exceptional performance for the student body," commented University of Southern Maine.

With his unique style and total command of the stage Romm leads everyone into his world of mystery and fun. His program claims to be both exciting and unforgettable. Find out for yourself.

Evans and Lloyd to Give Senior Recitals

Amy Jo Rowan
staff writer

After four years of hard work, study, practice and planning, seniors Darlene Evans and Tracie Lloyd have reached the beginning stages of their destination as music educators: the senior recital.

The recital is a requirement for all music education majors prior to student teaching. It is an event looked forward to

with both nervousness and excitement.

Evans and Lloyd will perform on Tuesday, November 7, at 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. The recital will feature Lloyd in both solo and piano accompanied flute pieces and Evans in a variety of vocal selections. The ladies will also perform a duet with back-up piano accompaniment by professor John Mark Walkup.

Lloyd will perform three pieces ranging from classical to contemporary. The include "Suite Modale" by Bloch, an A minor sonata by Bach and "Syrinx" by Claude Debussy. "Syrinx" and the sonata are both solos, while the Bloch selection

will include Walkup's accompaniment.

Like most seniors in this position, Lloyd is both nervous and excited. She stated, "The recital is a lot of hard work, but it is also very exciting. It gives us a chance to demonstrate the talents we have acquired over the last four years."

Evans will be performing eight vocal selections also ranging from classical to contemporary. They include an impressionist piece by Debussy, works of Mozart and a contemporary accappella number called "The Singer."

She is also very excited about the performance. "It's like taking your final exam in front of all your peers and I'm really looking forward to it. I have tried to include something for all."

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The Cross Country team heads for the goal of defeating the Bobcats.

Cross Country Competes

Ernie Shreve
staff writer

On Friday, October 27, the much anticipated WVIAC cross country championship meet was finally held at Camp Creek State Park. The Bluefield State course is relatively flat and generally produces fast times, but the late autumn weather, typical for this time of year, had transformed the earth into a saturated muddy mess that made the footing conditions almost unbearable.

The slippery terrain was of little concern however, to the men and women on the Glenville State team. The real challenge would be facing conference powerhouse WV Wesleyan and the usually talented Wheeling Jesuit teams. Both of these schools have traditionally taken turns winning the conference title. This year, the Glenville men found themselves in a unusual position. The Pioneers were the only team with a legitimate shot unseeding nationally ranked Wesleyan, as defending Conference Champions.

When the gun went off the Bobcat team took over, immediately having six runners leading the pack through the first stages of the race. However, by the end of the race the Pioneer men were able to make a run at their conference rivals, but came up a little short. In the process, Glenville did manage to have two all conference performers and qualified as a team to compete at Saratoga Springs NY, site of the Division II east region.

Leading the way for the Pioneers, was perhaps the conferences most improved runner, Daniel Edgell, who managed to finish second overall with a time of 27:43. Unfortunately for Edgell, he elected to wear his racing flats, instead of the much more appropriate spikes, for the wet course. This lack of proper traction may have cost him the individual title. Nonetheless his second place is the highest finish by a Glenville harrier since Bubby Dent won the title in '89.

Sterling Beane, showing senior leadership and perfect timing, bounced back from a lackluster year by repeating his all conference performance of last year by clocking a time of 28:40, which placed him in a much earned ninth position.

Jimmy Galloway narrowly missed making All Conference by just four seconds. Being a top ten finisher is the only requirement for receiving this All Conference trophy. His 11th place was an improvement over last year though.

Rounding out the team score was David Bee, 12th; Mike Bee, 16th; Nathan McKee, 34th and Chuck Dunbar, 43rd. All except Dunbar are freshman who will likely make all conference in the near future. This overall team effort enabled the men to finish second place out of eight teams.

First year coach, Rick Conklin seemed to be very pleased with the team's effort

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GSC Sports Info

Carlos Ferralls and Juan Hartsfield tallied three touchdowns each as Glenville State routed West Virginia Tech by a 56-0 count in WVIAC action in Montgomery on Saturday. The loss marked Tech's 48th defeat in 49 decisions dating back to 1991. It was also the Pioneers' third straight victory in 1995 as well as their second consecutive shutout.

Hartsfield got the scoring started less than two minutes into the game when he plunged in for a one yard score on the third play of a 28 yard drive. The score was a result of a Tech fumble that the GSC special teams caused on the game's opening kickoff. Sophomore Robbie Buffington nailed the point after giving the Pioneers the 7-0 advantage.

Minutes later, the Glenville offense put together an impressive 80 yard scoring march that culminated in Hartsfield's second one yard touchdown of the opening period. The extra point attempt was blocked, leaving the score 13-0 in favor of the Pioneers.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Glenville State special teams again made their presence felt by forcing a second Golden Bear fumble that was recovered by junior defensive back Dumar Lee at the Tech 25 yard line.

The Pioneer offense quickly capitalized on the miscue with their third score of the game, coming on a one yard run by senior wide receiver/running back Kevin Waterfield.

Senior quarterback Scott Otis scrambled into the end zone for a successful two-point conversion that put the score at 21-0 with four minutes 25 seconds remaining in the opening stanza.

With five minutes 33 seconds left to play in the half Hartsfield struck paydirt with his third score of the afternoon, coming in the form of a six yard run.

Hartsfield ended the game with 89 yards on 17 carries to pace the GSC ground attack.

The point after was no good and the score stood at 27-0, Pioneers.

Just before the half, Otis hooked up with the sophomore Ferralls on a ten yard score. In the game, Ferralls, added to his WVIAC-leading totals with six receptions for 89 yards and the three touchdowns. He currently ranks number one in the conference in each of those receiving categories. Otis scored his second two-pointer of the game to make the score 35-0 at the intermission.

In the third period, reserve quarterback Rod Smith, a junior, added to the Glenville lead when he hit Ferralls on a 28 yard scoring strike. Buffington's kick made it 42-0, GSC.

The Pioneer defense forced no fewer than eight Golden Bear turnovers in the game (four fumbles and four interceptions).

G is for the grades we strive to make.

L is for the lessons we learn.

E is for the exams we are forced to take.

N is for the nights we burn.

V is for our vivid imaginations.

I is for the important decisions.

L is for loads of frustration.

L--and late night revisions.

E is for the everything that we do to see our goal through.

P is for Kevin Waterfield's punts.

I is for the itch of our jocks.

O is for the outstanding offense.

N is because we're number 1.

E is for everything they do.

E--by entertaining us all.

R is for the righteous rumps.

S is for the outstanding stats.

One of those turnovers, a third period fumble recovered by senior defensive lineman Bill Kehrler, resulted in another Smith-to-Ferralls touchdown, this one from eight yards out. The point after by Buffington made it 49-0.

Freshman quarterback Bob Reed orchestrated a 52 yard drive that ended with Glenville State's final score of the day. The touchdown came on a three yard jaunt by junior running back Marlon Patterson, who finished the day with 45 yards on six carries. Buffington added the PAT to put the final score at 56-0 Glenville.

Glenville, 6-2 (5-1 WVIAC), takes to the road this week to close out their WVIAC schedule with rival Shepherd College. The game is slated to begin at 1 p.m.



-Suzi "Big Sue" Godfrey, NCC student

Campus Happenings

Tutoring

Need a tutor or want a tutor? Contact Brenda Wilson in Clark Hall or at ext. 304. Any student eligible for any subject.

Computer Lab

The Computer Lab in Clark Hall will be opened during the following hours: Mon. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Tue. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wed. 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.; Thurs. 1-3 p.m.; Fri. 1-3 p.m.

Baptist Campus Ministry

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

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!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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

Benefit Concert

A benefit concert for Rick Simmons will be held November 8 at 8 p.m. in the fine arts building. Performing will be Hammer Strait, Sloppy Joe, Structure, and Jody Herndon. Any act interested in joining the lineup should see Jeremy Dean.

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

A man is rich in proportion to the things he can afford to let alone.

—Henry David Thoreau

State Wide Chemistry Project Begins

J. Jeremy Dean
staff writer

The Glenville State College science department is in the process of coordinating state wide staff development workshops in chemistry. The workshops are designed to assist high school chemistry teachers, mainly those teaching grades 7-10, who, until now, have not had to teach upper level chemistry concepts. Under the new West Virginia Science Curriculum Framework instructors will have to teach these concepts, but, at this time, they are ill prepared for the task.

This project has its roots in a grant that was given to Drs. Angela and Jack Bedenbaugh who work at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). This grant was to be for development of chemistry activities in their state, but there was a component to the grant that allowed the couple to determine the effectiveness of the program in another region of the country. The region the Bedenbaughs have chosen is West Virginia.

The program will consist

of eight, three day long, workshops to be presented at each of the states' RESAs. Each workshop will be presented by one college professor, and one high school teacher. Representing GSC in RESA VII will be Dr. Tom Vallombroso.

Ms. Phyllis Barnhart, a science specialist from the WV Department of Education, and Dr. Joe Evans, a professor of chemistry at GSC, chose a workshop on ChemSource, which was developed by the American Chemical Society, as one of three workshops to be presented at the RESAs. This workshop's presentation was discussed at a meeting held on the GSC campus Oct. 27-29.

At this meeting Dr. Dorothy Gabel and Dr. Mary Virginia Orna presented an overview of the ChemSource material. They both served as chief editors of the SourceView and SourceBook used with the ChemSource program.

During the meeting the Bedenbaughs presented a lab activity from the SourceBook. They also directed the discussion of how the workshop should be

delivered.

"These are the initial efforts," says Dr. Evens, "to staff develop the science teachers in the field, to better prepare them to implement the new WV Science Curriculum Frame Work."

The second workshop topic was also decided upon. It will be a workshop on Microscale Chemistry. The pre-

sentation of this workshop will be discussed at a meeting on January 12-13, at which time the topic of the third, and final workshop will be determined.

The workshops on ChemSource will begin on November 21, and continue through December 15. Dr. Vallombroso will be presenting to RESA VII on December 7.

Bands Play to Raise Money For Simmons

In an attempt to raise funds for the Rick Simmons Medical Fund, the Glenville State College Student Congress, with the help of the Fine Arts Department, GSC Cheerleaders and FCA, have organized a benefit concert to be held on November 8, at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Quite a few talented local musicians will be playing that evening.

The southern rock band Hammer Strait, featuring GSC drummer Tommy Chapel, will be hammering out some good time oldies and some original sounds for everyone to enjoy that evening.

Also in the line up will be

the alternative freak rock junksters Sloppy Joe who will be slopping up the stage with some old hits and future misses.

Jodie Herndon and his merry band of Wesley Foundation wall hangers will be jamming some oldies and some folk favorites.

For the hard core speed metal audience, Structure will be tearing the walls down with their blistering sounds.

The admission will be \$1 for GSC students, and \$3 for everyone else. Any donations above this would be highly appreciated. Come out to help raise money and enjoy the entertainment. It will be a treat for all in attendance.

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Glenville State College Huddle of Fellowship of Christian Athletes held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 31, in Room 207 of the Physical Education Building.

The group will be start-

ing a new program entitled "Big Brothers" in the local areas and at home.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in this outreach program, please contact Coach Burkhammer, Huddle Coach Tim Webb, or attend next Tuesday's

regular meeting.

Best wishes and traveling mercies to our sports teams, as some are nearing season completion, while others are beginning their adventure.

Proverbs 17:9

West Virginia Penitentiary Tours Begins Tomorrow

The West Virginia Penitentiary in Moundsville will be open to the public for tours beginning November 3, 1995.

Visitors will be able to see what life was like behind the hick cold walls of the first territorial prison in West Virginia, which was constructed in 1866. The Civil War era prison was

the site of over 100 executions. Tourists will see "Old Sparky," the electric chair where 11 prisoners were executed for their crimes against society.

Visitors will also be able to walk through "Alamo Cell Block," where the worst of the worst inmates were housed 22 hours a day.

A variety of historical firearms are on display to give visitors a glimpse of the weaponry that kept the people of West Virginia safe from hard core criminals. Visitors will also see several beautiful hand painted mural created by inmates.

Walking tours of the prison will begin at the Eighth Street Wagon Gate. Visitors should be at the gate ten minutes prior to the start of their scheduled tour. Tours will depart every 20 minutes and will last approximately 45 minutes. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Contact Phi Remke, Moundsville Economic Development Authority, at (304) 845-5010, for operating hours.

Tickets are \$5 per person, \$4 per person for groups of more than 25. The penitentiary is located 15 minutes from Wheeling.

Release forms must be signed before entering the prison. Children under 18 must have a release signed by their parent or guardian. No eating, drinking or smoking is permitted inside the prison. For additional information, please contact Jeff Harpold, West Virginia Division of Tourism at (304) 558-2286.

It's Good to be King

Theodore A. Webb
staff writer

"It's good to get high, and never come down. It's good to be King of your own little town."
-Tom Petty

If you've ever been walking along the sidewalk and heard this song, it probably came from the guitar of Josh Metz.

You may also have heard "Hotel California" by the Eagles, "Run Around" by Blues Traveler and "Sweet Home Alabama" by Lynard Skynard. Metz can play them all.

Josh Metz lives on campus in a large white place next to the Alumni House. He is a first year student from Preston County who is working on an associates degree in computer science. Josh lived in Preston County most of his life before moving to Gilmer.

"My hometown of Rowlesburg, is about the same size as Glenville, so it's a lot like being at home," Metz says.

What differentiates Metz from most other GSC students is, not only his easy-going personality, but also the fact that he has trouble seeing.

"I can see to get around okay," says Metz. "But it's hard for me to make out details or read books; especially ones with fine print."

Metz is carrying 12 hours this semester. He takes a tape recorder to most of his classes and records the lectures and assign-

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ments. In some classes, like algebra, he gets the notes from Melanie Frame and his other friends.

"Mr. DeRosset is my favorite teacher," says Metz. "He's been real helpful. He knows a lot about a lot of different things. He's interested in a lot of the same stuff I'm interested in too."

Metz became involved with computers when he was a sophomore in high school.

"I had some computer classes, and they interested me from the first time I worked with them."

Metz says he wants to have a job with computers, but he doesn't know where yet. He says he'd like to stay in West Virginia if he can.

Besides playing guitar, Metz likes to play chess and computer games. He also likes to ride motorcycles, but he says he hasn't done that for a while because his motorcycle is broken down.

One of Metz's special talents is his phenomenal memory. He seems to have no trouble remembering names, dates or even phone numbers, even when he has heard them only once.

"I guess my memory is so good because it has to be," Metz says. "When you can't see too well, you have to remember things."

Metz is a really special guy," says Mrs. Stephanie Hunt, his friend and landlady. "Most people can't remember half the things he does."

Metz has one brother, Wes Metz and one sister, Sarah Metz. His parents are James and Laura Metz of Rowlesburg. He says that he misses his family a lot and is always glad to see them when they visit.

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Notice:

Denise Brown was supposed to speak at Fairmont State College on November 2, but due to transportation problems, this seminar has been cancelled.

Renovations Planned For Historic Cemetery

Wade Samples
staff writer

Simply by walking around campus and noticing the cornerstones on some of the older buildings, it's obvious that the Glenville area has an impressive amount of historic value. But unfortunately, one of the most important landmarks in Gilmer County, the old Glenville Cemetery, is now nearly indistinguishable from the wooded area behind Louis Bennet Hall.

It has now become the mission of Hunter Armentrout, a member of the Gilmer County Historic Preservation Society, to correct the outcome of years of neglect, and restore the cemetery to its original luster.

"I think that it is a disgrace not to fix up this place," says Armentrout. "I believe it says a lot about the community that they would let it get to be this bad."

According to the Historic Society member, originally the land was deeded by William Ball to a board of trustees in 1849, and as these trustees died off, no one was appointed to replace them. Eventually, many family members of the deceased in the cemetery moved away, and now most of

the graves are all but forgotten.

Complicating matters is the inaccuracy of the records that are on file involving the tract of land behind LBH. Many of the tax maps covering the span of years since the founding of the cemetery aren't to be trusted, and most of the deeds of sale of adjoining lots are rather ambiguous by today's standards.

"There are quite a few references to different trees as landmarks," laments Armentrout, "I guess the old-timers weren't real particular about these things."

Armentrout's current plans for the renovation are quite simple. First, the brush that has overtaken the plots is to be cleared away. The next step would then be to carefully clean the grounds making sure not to disturb any fragments of grave-markers.

Finally, the monuments will need to be reset, with broken stones being repaired and family members being asked to replace any that can not be repaired. Hopefully, this desperately needed renovation will be quickly completed, and Gilmer County's final resting place for State Senators, judges and Civil War soldiers will again be a fitting memorial.

Moyers Cleans Up GSC

Lisa Belknap
staff writer

So, you're strolling down one of the hallways in the Administration Building. You accidentally drop a piece of paper. What do you do? Oh, forget it, someone will clean it up. Does this sound familiar?

Well if you're wondering who that somebody is, say hello to Mary Moyers. Moyers has been a custodian at Glenville State College for almost 16 years now. She has spent that time cleaning, sweeping and scouring--she even does windows--eight hours a day, five days a week and she loves it.

Moyers has always worked and her husband reminds her that she probably wouldn't be happy doing anything else. "I really like my job," she smiles. "I really like the people I work with." She goes on to add, "I find that having a good attitude is the best thing that I can give my job."

When asked what she dislikes about the job, she replied that she would like to have more help so she could get the building as clean as she'd like it to be. During the day there is usually nobody but her to take care of things. However, Kathy Carter, a temporary employee, does a "wonderful job," in Moyers' own words, of helping



Photo by Gene Breza.

out when on duty. Doing anything less than a grade A job is something that just doesn't seem to agree with Moyers.

Faculty members have no trouble acknowledging Moyers' grade A work. When asked about her, Dr. Tedford of the language division had this to say, "Mary is always cheerful, pleas-

ant and hard-working. My office stays spotless under her care."

Also, downstairs of the AB, Moyers is also known for her good coffee. She habitually brews coffee for two offices before their occupants arrive. "I know how they like it, so I just do it," she states, noting that she doesn't upstairs because she's uncertain how Mrs. Tickle and Dr. Palm like theirs.

As would be expected there is more to our "cleaning lady" than taking care of our messes and wiping away finger prints. For 43 years, she has been the wife of Walter Moyers of Linn, WV and together, they have raised two children. Her daughter Carol and son-in-law Mike Bennett are both GSC graduates and live in Florida where they both teach. When talking about her children in Florida, her cheerful mood becomes tainted by sadness. "We get to visit them twice a year."

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Likes and Dislikes of NCC

Melissa Tanner
staff writer

Last week I asked the students at Nicholas County Center to respond to a questionnaire which I had left on the bulletin board. First, I asked them what they liked about the center. Second, I asked what they would like to see added or changed and third, their favorite teachers or classes.

Sophomore Eric Stewart "Likes the technical college vocational materials available," to him. Senior Janet Ferrell likes the "family atmosphere of the center." Many students like senior C.A. Meiser expressed how they liked the "closeness to home" of the center. The location of the center, being able to

work while taking classes, and scheduling of classes to fit the students' needs seemed to be important to all. Others like the diverse age group of the students.

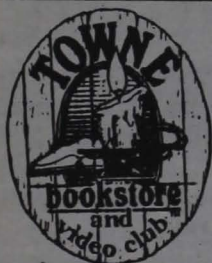
Not surprising were the complaints. They mostly dealt with the inconvenience of the registration and book sale. Another big problem for the students is the lack of materials available to them at the library. Two other concerns are how classes are spread throughout the county and the need for more upper-level classes.

"This center has the potential to be a college within itself. Students would like to have more full time instructors and more upper level classes in order to complete a degree here

without going to main campus," stated another student.

The favorite teachers mentioned were: Mrs. Mary Lou Bailey, Mr. Eric Collins, Mr. Mike Ford, Miss Kitra Burnham, Mrs. Jeanne Brown and Dr. Mike Smith. Franklin Riffle's explanation of his favorite teacher, Mr. Collins, is that "He's slightly warped and demented." Sociology, Psychology and Criminal Justice were the favorite classes. Reasons given for the favorite picks were that the classes were interesting and that they learned a lot.

Hopefully with the upcoming changes to the extension, many of these concerns will be addressed. I hope to be able to interview many of your favorite teachers in the future. If you have an interesting topic or student at the center that you would like to see addressed or interviewed, leave your comments in the office for me. Thanks for reading.



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Tedford and Palm Join Together for Presentations

Sandra Gibson
staff writer

When it comes to staying abreast with educational concerns, the language division is no exception. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, in the Media Center Classroom located in the basement of the library, Dr. Barbara Tedford and Dr. Ed Palm will both be making multimedia presentations.

Tedford will be combining music and literature in a talk entitled "Sitwell and Walton's *Fa* *cade*: An Enduring Icon of Modernism." She first gave this presentation, which grew out of

an National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar, at the annual meeting of the West Virginia Association of English Teachers at North Bend State Park on October 28.

Palm will be speaking and exhibiting original photographs he took as an enlisted Marine in Vietnam. His presentation, entitled "The People of Papa Three: A Photographic Record of the Combined Action Program" consists of a short introduction followed by an unnarrated monage of color slides set to music.

This presentation was first made on October 7 by Palm at the annual Sixties Generation

Conference at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Connecticut.

Professors Palm and Tedford believe that it is good for faculty to share the results of their scholarly endeavors with others on campus. "Faculty Forms are fairly common at most colleges and universities," stated Professor Tedford. "This will also be a good opportunity to show off the new facilities in the Media Center Classroom," she added.

Each of their presentations is about 25 minutes long. All interested faculty, students and staff are cordially invited to attend.

Hough to Attend Conference

Marty Armentrout
contributor

Mr. Gerald B. Hough, faculty member of the division of business, will be attending the FACDIS Fifteenth Anniversary Conference at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown on November 9-11. The workshop in which he will participate is "Teaching Human Rights and Ethical Issues in World Affairs."

FACDIS workshops are sponsored by the West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies. Established in

1980, this consortium consists of 20 West Virginia institutions of higher education with over 325 participating faculty in international studies and foreign languages. Workshops are devoted to improving international education in West Virginia and also stress innovative teaching techniques.

Mr. Hough participated during the summer of 1995 in a FACDIS Summer Seminar entitled "The Summer Seminars on Teaching International Business." These seminars are taught by nationally renowned professors.

The division of business at Glenville State College is committed to developing the students' global awareness of concepts and events that affect local, state and national business affairs, as well as an understanding of and a responsibility for ethical conduct. Therefore, having a member of its faculty pursue professional training in teaching international issues with an ethical theme will benefit the institution doubly. Students will benefit through course enhancement and colleagues will benefit from in-service training sessions.

Race Relations: The Test Of The Future

J. Jeremy Dean
staff writer

We have all been hearing a lot of talk about race relations lately. In the light of recent events, such as The Million Man March, O.J.'s trial, and the numerous arguments and fights that break out over racial topics even in the sleepy town of Glenville, one must wonder what can be done to reach a peaceable middle ground where everyone can live without fear and

hatred.

Dolores Mysliwiec, professor of sociology for Glenville State College, believes she may have the answer through education.

Mysliwiec recently taught a class in race relations at GSC, and has also written a review of the text she used in that class.

The book, *Race Relations* by Harry H. L. Kitano, explores the definition of prejudice, different types of discrimination, causes of these behaviors and minority groups in the United

States.

She was very involved in the civil rights movement of the sixties and seventies and finds the current situation in the US to be disheartening.

During the sixties there was a push by educated people to have tolerance for minority groups taught, because as Mysliwiec puts it, "Ignorance breeds a lack of tolerance." According to her, studies show that educated people are, on the whole, more tolerant than under-educated people.

In the News Looking Back

Lisa Belknap
staff writer

Tragedy struck last week when a commuter train slammed into a school bus filled with children. Seven students died and 21, including the bus driver, were hospitalized. There is debate on whether the bus driver could have moved the bus, thus preventing the crash.

Cuban President Fidel Castro spent the end of October protesting the embargo on Cuba. Stating that Cubans "... Lay claim to a world without ruthless blockades that cause the death of men, women and children, youth and elders, like noiseless atom bombs." He went on to denounce his intolerable treatment in the United States, accusing President Clinton and other United Nations officials of rendering him "a demon."

Over the weekend, approximately, 140 world leaders were using their 50th birthday celebration of the United Nations, to voice worries about the functions and life expectancy of the organization--that many feel has become to bureaucratic.

Louis Farrakahn has threatened to file a law suit against the US Park Service. The minister says the Park Service has cheated a very large number of black men out of their spot in history by reporting only--roughly--400,000 men at the Million Man March two weeks ago. A much smaller figure than the 2 million that Farrakahn and his fellow march organizers boast.

Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chretien pleaded with her Quebecers to vote against separation from Canada. Asking the French speaking province, "Have you found one good reason to destroy Canada?"

Of course we cannot forget the high blown battle at home. Washington was once again the scene of a boxing match between President Clinton and the GOP last week. Instead of throwing punches, the two have taken turns exchanging threats. Congress has maintained that unless Clinton approves their budget plan, they will not raise the debt limit. If something isn't done soon the country may go into default in early November.

Riots have been springing up in prisons nationwide. They are apparently the result of Congress' decision to maintain stiff penalties for crack cocaine sentences. Many --including civil rights leaders and judges--feel that the sentences are aimed at young black men.

Therefore, she concludes that if there is to be a resurgence of tolerance it should be among the college educated.

"Unfortunately, by the end of the seventies people believed (race relations) were going to be OK," said Mysliwiec, "and much of the education that had gone on ended. Now there seems to be a resurgence of KKK, gay bashing and other hate groups in the US."

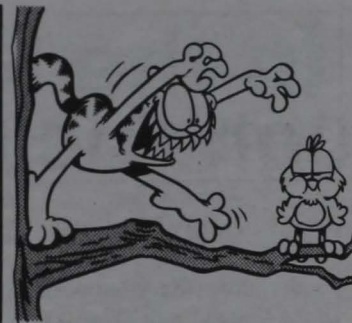
Mysliwiec believes that in order to end the hatred and intolerance we must go back to the

roots of educating people that started in the civil rights movement.

She says that without clear and open discussion of the topic, no conclusions can ever be reached. "All sides must feel free to express themselves, because if they are not, the real problems will never be discussed."

She adds that there is still curriculum out there for teachers who are willing to accept the challenge of educating the next generation to be tolerant of other cultures, races and beliefs.

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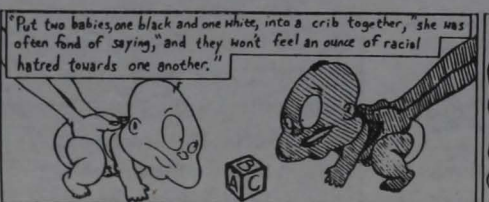


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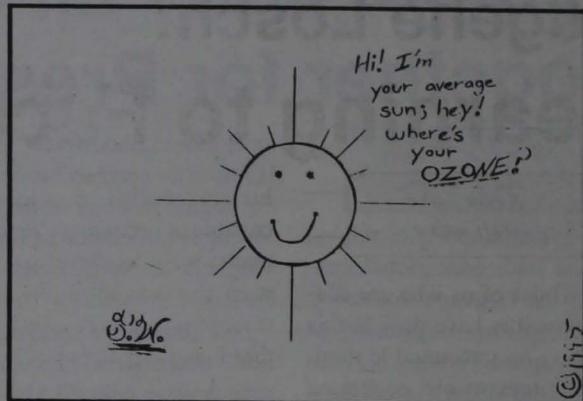


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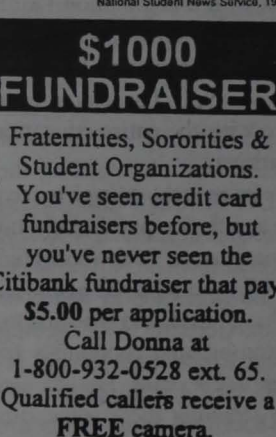
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Theodore Allen Webb



By Scott Bateman



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Eugene Losch: Learning to Face Life Through Facing Death

Kevin Lake
staff writer

Those of us who are education majors have been in this situation an uncountable number of times in our education classes; we are told to take out a sheet of paper and list as many characteristics as possible of both affective and ineffective teachers. Almost always we start with the negative aspects and fill an entire page.

When it is time to list the characteristics of effective teachers it is possible to hear a pin drop on the other side of the room but not much noise is heard from the friction of pencil rubbing paper. Everytime I am faced with this situation I simply think of a man by the name of Eugene Losch and I am able to list enough characteristics to share with the entire education department.

I was lucky enough to have Mr. Losch for psychology my senior year at Richwood High School, where he has also been teaching world and U.S. history, geography, and economics for the past 28 years. He has also been teaching these same subjects at the Nicholas County extension of Glenville State College since 1979.

The goal of this article, though, is not to inform you of such facts. It is not to inform you that Mr. Losch graduated from Marshall University in 1968, then returned to receive a masters in geography in 1979. It is my hope to convince you that Eugene Losch is perhaps one of the most influential educators of our time. He is a true humanist in every sense of the word. He also, as you will find out in the latter stages of this article, is a medical wonder; a man who has survived an illness no other human ever has.

Mr. Losch has a way of touching students that is comparable to none other. It is his goal to make each and every one of

his students all that they are capable of becoming. "It doesn't matter what level they are on, I want to take them farther," he states. "I want to convince them that I am there for them."

Losch has touched the lives of nearly six thousand students in his teaching career and he is constantly seeing the results of his influence. On the evening I spoke with him in his home in Richwood, he shared with me a card he received earlier that day from the mother of one of his former students.

"There's no telling where your influence ends," Eugene Losch explains, "and where it begins."

In her letter, she thanked Losch for the impact he had made on her daughter's life. Her daughter still quotes things she remembers Losch saying in class and remarks that, "He would make an excellent President." Mr. Losch had this woman's daughter in class nearly thirty years ago.

"I once worked with a carpenter who told me, 'The good thing about carpentry is that you can always go back and view your work,'" Losch told me. "In teaching it's all intangible. There's no telling where your influence ends and where it begins."

When asked what inspired him to become a teacher, Losch quotes Dwight L. Moody by stating, "All that I am and all that I ever will be I owe to my natural mother." He remembers his mother taking on his chores at home so he could study.

Losch also credits his first grade teacher, Mrs. Ramsey, for his influence. She taught him that books were windows to the world and a way to escape boredom. "She made us believe in ourselves and gave us confidence."

Mr. Losch runs his class in a democratic manner where freedom of expression is encouraged. Unlike a great number of teachers who tell you what to think and why you should think it, he asks you what you think and why you think it. In his classes you not only learn about the subject, you learn about yourself. He feels that self-discovery is more important than content. Over time, content is forgotten. If one doesn't know one's self, they will never become all that they are capable of becoming.

Mr. Losch strongly believes that as teachers, "If we don't believe we can make a difference in a child's life we don't need to be there." When asked if the love for what he does has dwindled in the least bit over the past three decades, he said, "I have always lived each day like tomorrow will be the last day, because some day it might be."

This belief of his is very ironic, for one year ago this month it was nearly inevitable that his last day would come as he was diagnosed as having Weagner's disease, a disease that deteriorates the immune system. Only about five people in West Virginia are diagnosed as having Weagner's each year, yet this is not the rarity in Losch's case.

The rarity is that he developed Rhisopus mold on his right lung. This is a type of bread mold that, in the past, has only been found in transplant patients. No one has any idea how Losch was infected with this mold, including doctors from the Universities of Wisconsin and Massachusetts as well as from the Air Force Academy.

With his right lung engrossed with Rhisopus mold, it was only a matter of time. No one in past history has ever lived through this ordeal. In hopes of doing all that could be done, they proceeded to remove the upper lobe of his right lung and put him on antifungal medication that

would destroy his kidney's 100%. To the amazement of everyone, all of the Rhisopus mold was extracted and he still has 48% use of his kidneys. This is something that has never happened.

Losch now takes medication for Weagner's disease but has had no altercations from the surgery, and there are no signs of the mold returning. He has returned to teaching at both RHS and GSC after being told one year ago that he would never teach again.

When asked if he ever questions why he got sick in the first place, he solemnly replies, "This is life. This is the lot I was given. I plan to carry it." On replying to whether or not his ordeal has affected his out-

look on life he says, "I faced death, now I know how to face life."

When asked if he ever wonders why he was the only one to survive when all those others didn't, he replied, "That's not up to me, that's up to God." Losch credits his miraculous recovery to divine intervention and I doubt him in no way. It is my opinion, and only mine, that Mr. Losch has touched so many people in so many special ways that God, perhaps, saw fit for him to touch a few more.

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Destroyer," and I could declare, with a beatific smile, "It just doesn't get any better than this!"

It may be inappropriate for a mere student to make this observation. However, since it has apparently escaped detection by someone higher up, I will make it anyway. The parking problem (admitting that there is a problem is the first step to full recovery) is greatly exacerbated by the lack of any serious effort to discourage the 8:05 arrivals who park illegally and block

those 7:30 arrivals who are parked legally. They also block sidewalks (even those not cunningly disguised as streets) and, in some cases, even the landing strip needed by their even-later-arriving contemporaries.

It is a difficult concept for me to swallow, but there may actually be a method to the madness. Enough paperwork is generated documenting these illegal parkers to almost necessitate the clearcutting of Siberia. No more serious action, which might accidentally cure the problem, is taken. Action like towing and

impoundment or immobilization. Just additional withdrawal slips from the students' (or Daddys') bank accounts. No real effort at a deterrent. Just more and more tricks.

Without these generous donations from the students, the school might have to raise tuition and student fees. This is a repulsive idea to the powers-that-be, which is why these costs are raised only very rarely, like almost every other semester.

If I might offer a suggestion? Why not convert another lot from parking to "student

use?" Construct another General Erection on another Simmon's Folly. This could conceivably double the number of illegal parkers, greatly enhance the school's fiscal outlook and possibly underwrite more and longer sports road trips. Anyway, congratulations are in order for an innovative and ingenious money sca...I mean fundraising activity.

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stating," I expected Wesleyan to run well, but I'm pleased that we put ourselves in the position of winning by having everyone run good." He also added, "Edgell ran a smart race and it was good to see Sterling (Beane) run like he can. Everyone should be pleased with themselves."

Conklin also mentioned that the Glenville team is still relatively young and was able to gain experience. He likes the team's chances of winning the title next season, but there is one more race yet to run.

The women were not as fortunate. Having lost a runner, they were forced to run with a depleted team. The team that should have finished fourth, instead, finished sixth out of seven

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She sighed as her conversation tone came back.

Moyers will be retiring soon after working at GSC and serving its student body for the better part of two decades. Perhaps then, she will have more time to indulge in her favorite pastimes, baking and cooking. We wish her well.

teams.

As individuals though, the Lady Pioneers ran well. Christie Keith finished in a respectable time of 24:37 over the five kilometer course, good enough for 21st place. Monica Null was directly behind with 24:58 (22nd). Bobby Hatcher (28th), Jennifer Pingley (32nd) and Amy Thomas (37th) was the team scoring.

"I think our women did a great job all year, and though I was disappointed with not having five runners, I am proud of the way the women ran all year."

The men will be running in New York for their next challenge. The East Region includes 13 states from Virginia to Maine. The top two teams will qualify for nationals.

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