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Holidays!!

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Photo by Gene Breza.

## Angel Tree

Each year, a small tree with pink and blue angels decorates our campus. This tree signifies hope for unfortunate children in and around the area. Taking an angel off of this tree and buying a gift for one of these children, supplies them with a special gift. A gift they otherwise may not receive.

Our photographer caught Dr. Gail Burkowski unaware in the act of picking her angel. Why not follow her lead and get your angel before they're gone?



Marcie McDonald's wish comes true thanks to the Make A Wish Foundation.

photo by Chad Samples

## Wishes Do Come True

Amy Jo Rowan  
staff writer

Eighteen-year-old Marcie McDonald of Grantsville was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at birth. Due to her illness, she has been forced to accept bi-monthly doctor visits and even hospital stays on two occasions, as just another fact of life. Yet, in spite of the struggle, Marcie has strived to maintain a normal, happy lifestyle. Part of this lifestyle includes following her dreams: among these being the desire to come to Glenville State to study information sciences.

Today, Marcie is a freshman at GSC majoring in administrative office support systems and working to make that dream come true. She is not alone in the fight to fulfill her dream though. On Thursday, November 30 at 8:00 p.m., the Make A Wish Foundation of Southern West Virginia traveled to GSC and presented Marcie with a computer to aid her in her studies.

Make a Wish of Southern West Virginia is a branch of the

national organization which grants wishes to children ages 2 1/2 to 18 who suffer from life threatening diseases. Marcie's name was presented to the organization by her physician Dr. Stephen Aranoff of Morgantown's Ruby Memorial Hospital.

A three member wish team was then assigned to the case. The representatives, Lisa Cunningham, Dean Lauffer, and Ed Balevic, first met Marcie in September of this year. They have been working to fulfill her dream (the branch's 36th wish this year) ever since.

Marcie's original wish was for a shopping spree at Meadowbrook Mall. The computer was originally her secondary wish. However, she changed her mind once she began her studies at GSC.

As wish team member Cunningham noted, "We always ask for a secondary wish, just in case, for some reason, we have difficulty fulfilling the first." She went on to explain that this is sometimes the case in "celebrity wishes," and there-

fore, the secondary wish helps to safeguard against disappointment.

Marcie's computer was presented during a reception held for her and her honored guests in the sixth floor Scott Wing lounge of Pickens Hall. Among her guests were aunts, uncles, close friends, her niece and nephew, her sister Michelle Patrick, and her mother Shirley Rentschler.

Marcie was very pleased with her Gateway 2000 Hewlett Packard computer and laser jet printer.

"I'm very excited," she exclaimed. "I hope (this) makes other kids aware of what's out there and lets them know that there are people that care."

Cunningham notes that Make A Wish is always looking for volunteers, as 90 percent of their funds go back into the wishes. For more information about the foundation, or volunteering instructions call 304-342-WISH, or write their Charleston office at 101 Washington Street East, Charleston, WV, 25302.



## From the Editor's Desk

Sandra Gibson

## Home Schooling

With today's rising crime rate finding its way into many public schools and with individual rights being sanctified, many parents are opting to return their children's schooling to the home arena. Although, this wasn't looked upon as a problem in the days of Abraham Lincoln, many educators and community leaders particularly in rural areas are looking with a scornful eye at this practice. Should these public figures and educators have the right to decide what is best for your children and how it should be administered, or should it indeed be the right of the individual and their unique set of personal needs to decide how they will meet educational requirements?

In larger states, home schooling has become so increasingly popular, many families have united in the effort. They join to take their children on field trips and sometimes pool money to hire drama, dance and music instructors to come to group settings to teach their children. In fact, there are even home schooling legal groups to provide representation, counseling and defense to these groups.

In addition to complaints about violence in the schools, these parents also cite other grievances. Among them are a distaste for the double standards which they feel their children are being taught, such as, *Don't have sex, but you will so here's a condom*, and they think it will only be a matter of time before educators tell them, *Don't use drugs, but you will so here's a clean needle*.

Academically these home schooled children have proven to be on the average, more efficient on achievement tests than their public schooled peers and never at a lower level of efficiency. Therefore, the battle to choose the home as a better alternative to the classroom has made great strides. Many Ivy League schools have even accepted these pupils for their higher education needs.

Recognizing that this is not the ideal situation for all, I still find it to be a fantastic option for those parents who have the discipline and determination to teach their own children. With track records showing so many positive results, I find it hard to understand why fellow educators would disapprove. Many of the educators themselves would no doubt prefer to do their teaching in safer environments and with a more personalized quality if given the chance.

It seems believable to me that home school children advance faster academically when you count the time wasted in the public school system teaching holidays and traditions, teaching them to sell goods to family and friends, and watching television. Honestly, aren't these things the ones that could be left to the privacy of the individual families? Why should any public official make it a priority to make our children be held responsible for learning and taking part in the customs and traditions of any particular culture? The way we teach these to our children should be as personal as politics and religion.

Don't misunderstand, I have a high regard for education overall, and I truly believe that for the most part there remains a multitude of wonderful teachers out there, who are working overtime to ensure that children's needs are being met. Also, I applaud a government which provides such a wonderful public educational system. It deserves nothing but respect.

Still, the paranoia needs to end concerning home schooling. If these parents are providing adequate education which meets state standards, why should they not be respected? After all, are they not doing exactly what politicians and the rest of society have been harping about for the past decade—building stronger family bonds?

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone for their support and efforts toward another successful football season. Even though the attendance was sometimes a little disappointing, I believe those that came saw an exciting, hard-working and dedicated group of young men who earned their third straight WVIAC TITLE.

I would especially like to thank Coach Steve Harold, our Assistant Athletic Director, for the great job he did in the difficult task of game administration and all of those great Pioneer supporters and students who assisted in the ticket booth, program sales, P.A.C. store, tailgate brunches, press box duties, parking, clean-up and field preparation. There is a lot that goes into hosting a college football game and we are fortunate to have so many hard workers to make it possible.

I also feel very fortunate to have a group of Assistant Football Coaches that are committed to excellence and are willing to put the extra time and effort toward the program. A lot of people probably don't realize the many hours these young men work for the program and Glenville State College, but I certainly appreciate them and I'm sure our student-athletes do as well. And we are very proud of the effort, commitment and dedication of our players—they did a great job of staying focused, working hard and playing like champions!

I hope the GSC faculty, staff and students will support our men's and women's basketball teams this winter. Coach Nottingham, Coach Harold and their assistants have worked hard preparing their teams, and this promises to be an exciting basketball season for our PIONEER squads! We need your support and hope you can make it to the games and cheer loudly for our TEAM!! We would like to make the most of our home-court advantage and we can only do this if we can get people in the stands showing their support for the PIONEERS!!!

Thanks again to all those that continue to support our ath-

letic teams and those that have worked hard to help establish our tradition of excellence. Hope to see you at the basketball games!!!

Sincerely,  
Coach Rich Rodriguez  
Athletic Director/Head  
Football Coach

Dear Editor:

Recently there have been a lot of very negative letters sent your way from all over campus, and while I'm proud of our paper for publishing them, (I feel we must be presented both sides of an issue before we judge it.) this letter is just a way for me to express a few positive ideas that have been wandering around aimlessly inside me for a while.

1. I want to thank the people of *The Mercury* for allowing us to vent frustrations (be they earned or not) at them. Without trying to justify just let me try to explain one of them. Theatre people put a tremendous amount of effort into a show in a very short time, and when it is over we have very little to remember it by. That is why your pictures mean so much to me (us). They are a permanent link to a show that has powerful memories for us. So please be patient when we get mad for no apparent reason.

2. Recently I was given the chance to direct a couple of short works in theatre. (*Teeth* and

*Beached*) I would now like to take the chance to thank the people who worked so hard. We had a very short time to rehearse and everyone made me so proud by willingly giving up all of their free time. So to the entire cast and crew of *Teeth*, *Beached* and *Trifles* I wish to say that if you had forgotten all of your lines, knocked the set down every night or even showed up and performed at the wrong theatre, I AM PROUD OF YOU BECAUSE YOU PERFORMED! You gave me memories from my first directorial debut that I will treasure forever.

And lastly on a side note, I'd like to include that *Beached* made an interesting historical note. Lori L. Crouter will be leaving us due to that pesky thing called graduation and *Beached* may be her last theatrical appearance at Glenville State College. As they say, nature abhors a vacuum, we have sunk our claws into poor, little Gerri Johnson who made her debut in this work. (And Gerri honey, now that I know what you can do, we ain't never lettin' go!)

Thank you for your time,  
Ezekiel "The Director" Flowers

*Journalism is the ability to meet the challenge of filling space.*

—Rebecca West

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Dear Editor:

Religious right political hacks like columnist Cal Thomas try to portray use of condoms and safer sex as a liberal-left political plot.

Yet Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello, appointed by Republican President George Bush, issued a statement published in the June 9, 1993 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* strongly supporting condom use for prevention of HIV transmission. Similar statements were issued by her predecessor, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who was appointed by Republican President Ronald Reagan.

Novello claims that 20 percent, 40 percent or 80 percent of all new HIV seroconversions in the United States will be avoided if 25 percent, 50 percent or 100 percent, respectively, of persons use condoms consistently and correctly.

As to the question of pores

in condoms, which has replaced the medieval question about how many angels can stand on the head of a pin in the minds of modern day religious zealots, she cites a National Institutes of Health study which found no holes even at 2,000 times magnification.

Acknowledging that holes can occur, she refers to quality control testing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration which has found an average condom waterleak rate of 0.3 percent. If the failure rate of a batch of condoms exceeds four per 1,000, the condoms are recalled and barred from sale. This is a far cry from the 33 percent failure rate hysteria mongers like Thomas proclaim.

She says that there are further obstacles to passage of HIV even though a microscopic hole. A free virus, which is nonmotile, would pass through a hole only if it were associated with a cell that moves or if it were moved

by hydrostatic pressure through a hole.

However, monocytes and lymphocytes that may carry HIV are too large to pass through microscopic holes detected by routine testing. And an FDA study simulating free HIV in fluid under pressure found that most condoms leaked no fluid at all and that, "even the worst-performing condom reduced estimated viral exposure 10,000 fold."

The statement cites condom effectiveness during actual use evidenced by contraceptive failure rates ranging from less than one per 100 to 16 per 100 users per year. She illustrates the importance of proper condom use by results from a British study of married, more experienced users with condom-user failure rates for pregnancy as low as six per 1,000 per year.

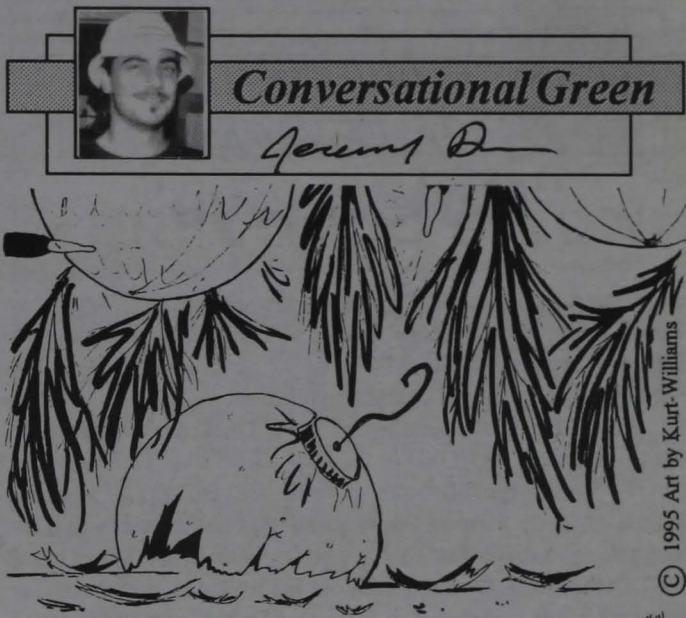
The Center for Disease Control's August 6, 1993 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* estimates that the HIV transmission rate for consistent condom users is 1.1 per 100 persons, compared with 9.7 for inconsistent users.

C.M. Roland's concerns about the barrier performance of latex rubber featured in the June 1993 issue of *Rubber World* were rebutted by an article by M.D. Morris and T.D. Pendle in the very same issue.

Morris and Pendle attribute condom failures mainly to misuse rather than any inherent defect in the product. Leaching in water, which is part of the normal condom production process, effectively makes the porous structure in the latex disappear, they claim. They also refer to the two rubber layers of a condom saying that, "the possibility of a hole being made through both layers, or of a hole in each layer being perfectly aligned seems extremely remote."

They say that their contention is further borne out by the tensile strength of condoms under high elongation and direct experimentation with the HIV virus.

A March 1989 *Consumer Reports* article "Can You Rely on Condoms?" also reports that examination of stretched latex



## Tis the Season To Be Guilty

Christmas shopping is the single most disgusting tradition human kind has ever inflicted upon itself. It is the disease of a guilty mind.

Think about it. In the old days people would spend long hours constructing beautiful gifts for their loved ones. A lot of time and heart went into those gifts, and when you received one, you knew you were really loved.

Now this ritual of affection has turned into a demonstration of guilt. An angst driven society expresses its own self-loathing each year with the exchanging of cheap store bought favors on a self-satisfying day veiled in the disguise of peace on earth and good will toward who?

There is no good will in my Christmas shopping. I dread the Christmas season each year. Why should I take part in a tradition that I find personally degrading to the human condition? Guilt that's why.

How can I say, "Well Grandma I didn't buy you that bottle of cheap scented bubble bath this year because I'm philosophically opposed to it." What would grandpa think if I said, "It's not that I don't love you, but I just couldn't bring myself to purchase those chocolate covered cherries twenty-one years in a row, so I didn't get you anything at all."

What about all the so called charitable people who suddenly come out of the wood work around Thanksgiving, and just as abruptly disappear on December 26. There are people in need year around, but few individuals are up to that task.

People say, "Oh, It's the holidays. We should do something." That is bull! You should give because you want to, and because you care. As it stands now the mass of people only act compassionately when they feel guilty, and this just is not right.

Christmas is so much crap. It seems to be a good idea in theory, peace hope love joy and all that, but it just doesn't work. It's just one more piece in the great puzzle of human sorrow. It's just one more lie in the book of truth. It's just one more drop in the sea of sorrow. It's just one more flake of snow leaving the soul cold and dead.

condoms by an electron microscope showed "no pores" and "an effective intact barrier which won't even let water--one of the tiniest of molecules--filter through." It also describes various laboratory experiments showing that various sexually

transmitted germs cannot pass through latex condoms.

The leaky boat rumors about condoms spread by the religious right do not hold water. But condoms do hold water and hold back the HIV virus too.

Jim Senyszyn

## Family Ties

Kenta Kano  
contributing writer

When I made some friends here in the U.S., I felt sorry for them because they had either a father or a mother. None of my friends had both a father and a mother. I also remember that they all said they couldn't believe or trust anybody for some reason. A friend of mine said that she got divorced twice and that this was the third time she had gotten married. Another friend of mine said that he didn't like his family because he couldn't get along with his stepfather. Although, this is quite different

than what I am familiar to, I don't think this it is any of my concern to judge, because families in Japan are also beginning to collapse lately.

In a psychology class, I learned Freud maintained that childhood memories affected people's behavior later in their life. I think it is somewhat true. If we don't have a good relationship with our families, we may well have some stress in our life. It is kind of strange because we technically have the closest relationship with our family members, but still it is hard to get along with them. I know it is difficult to get along with your parents if you went through a tough time when you were little; however, if you really want to be happy, I think you have to start improving the relationship with your family. As I mentioned earlier, you might have some kind of underlying stress if you don't feel good about your family. Again, I understand that it is very hard to forgive your parents if you suffer from what they have done to you. Still, you must try if you want to have inner peace for yourself.







## Movie Review

*Kenneth Wilkins*

### "Goldeneye"

When was the last time you went to the movie theater and heard the famous words: "vodka martini, shaken not stirred" or "Bond, James Bond." Those famous words have been heard ever since the late sixties and will be heard again and again as Ian Flemming's James Bond character still lives.

Pierce Brosnan ("Remington Steele") makes his debut as the notorious British agent 007 in the latest Bond film "Goldeneye."

In "Goldeneye," Brosnan is faced with the task of tracking down a runaway Russian fascist group that holds the key to a remarkable spy satellite that carries a powerful electronic punch when fired. Before long, Brosnan finds out the reason behind the movement and is left in disbelief as he is faced with a part of his past.

Being a Bond film, everyone knows that he will save the day and get the girl. Well, he definitely does save the day and gets the girl. Also, the ever so popular aging "Q" makes his return role in "Goldeneye" as the crafty inventor behind all of James Bond's neat little gadgets.

Being a Bond fan since the first day I ever saw a Bond flick, I couldn't wait to see this new installation of the series. Of course I was worried about what impact the recent changes of the nineties would have on the new film, since most of the previous films are based on the cold war. This Bond film lives up to its name though and faces the changing era in an explosive fashion.

"Goldeneye" is a suburb film that keeps the Bond tradition alive. Brosnan's performance as Bond is outstanding. In fact, I think he does a better job as Bond than Timothy Dalton.

So if you want to see an action movie this month, "Goldeneye" is the one to see. But do be warned that this film is the most popular one out right now, so there may be a huge crowd when you go to watch it.

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## Concert Choir Gives Exciting Performance

*J. Jeremy Dean  
staff writer*

The lights were dimmed around the audience, as the choir filled the aisles of the Fine Arts Auditorium. A profound silence descended over the mass, a moment was frozen in time. The choir opened the show surrounding their audience in a veil of their signature song "My Home Among the Hills."

The choir took to the stage in the mist the applause of those in attendance. They preceded to do three different versions of the Bach classic "Ave Maria," all of which were very beautifully done.

While many of the songs were done acapella by the choir, there were a number with instrumental accompaniment. Lori

Garvin played keyboards and piano for the Concert Choir, and Amanda Sedlock tickled the ivories for the Chamber Singers, as well as one choir song.

One of the highlights of the evening was an interesting number titled "Geographical Fugue." It was a very percussive sounding piece that incorporated the names of countries, rivers and other geographic features into a musical framework. It was very rhythmic, and enjoyable to listen to.

Although this was not a Christmas concert the chamber singers did add a few holiday tunes to the end of their show.

It was a very excellent show without any slip ups that I could see. I had a wonderful time, and I'm sure that everyone else who attended did too.



*The GSC choir warming up before their performance.*

*Photo by Chris Simpson*

When manners and customs are to be changed, it ought not to be done by laws.

—Montesquieu

## Auditions for Scapino!

Glenville State College Theatre announces auditions for *Scapino!*, a comic caper in two acts, on December 11 and 12. All roles are open to anyone who cares to audition. There are roles for 10 men and four women, ranging in size from very large with many lines, to very small with few lines but a lot of comic action. We are also looking for variety acts of all sorts to add life to our pre-show and intermission. Singers, magicians, jugglers, rhythmic dancers such as cloggers and folk dancers are all invited to audition.

Auditions will be held in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium. Phone Dennis Wemm at 462-7361 et. 214 for further details.

## Congratulations Dr. Burkowski

*Chad Samples  
staff writer*

After nearly six years of hard work, Gayle Burkowski has finished her Ph.D. in English Composition at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"I feel great satisfaction after six years of work," says Burkowski. She expressed that she would be glad to have weekends and summer vacation, which had been devoted to course work, free for relaxation.

Dr. Burkowski wrote a description dissertation about how her freshman composition classes used computers in their work.

"My dissertation topic is very valuable to me and my job," says Burkowski. "I think my topic is valuable to me and GSC, because it is exactly what I do."

While researching for her dissertation, she learned the importance of using computers in class. According to Burkowski, computers allow students to write and revise more of their work.

"I wish there was a computer lab for freshman composition classes," says Burkowski.

Originally from New Jersey, Burkowski earned her bachelors degree at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. She earned her masters degree at WVU.

Burkowski resides with her husband, Robert, in Glenville. She has four children: Roger, Richard, Robin and Ellen.

Dr. Burkowski earned her Ph.D. on September 26, and officially graduates on December 17, 1995.

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## Fifth Annual West Virginia Student Accounting Conference Held at GSC

**Mark B. Starcher**  
contributing writer

Try as it might, Old Man Winter could not stop the Fifth Annual Glenville State College Accounting Conference; however, it did make for low attendance with only three speakers and 14 students from Glenville attending. We had two speakers and all the other colleges cancelled due to hazardous conditions.

The morning started off with a welcome and orientation by Cheryl F. McKinney, CPA, Associate Professor, Chair, Division of Business, Marty G. Armentrout and Dr. James Lowell Peterson, Vice-President of Academic Affairs gave some words of encouragement and best wishes for yet another successful conference.

With the first speaker unable to make it, we joined in on a round table discussion of various topics ranging from the CPA exam, future expectations, types of jobs we want and then general talk about the exciting world of accounting.

Edward R. Cokeley, CPA, Vice-President & Trust Office Manager for United National Bank in Charleston, WV, was our first speaker. Cokeley worked at Earnst & Young, a "Big Six" firm in the tax department, as a senior manager for 12 years before taking his current job.

Cokeley advised all in attendance to become proficient in technology, especially the Internet, which he called the "cutting edge of modern technology." He also stressed the importance of activities along with

good grades. He stated that when he interviews someone and sees a list of activities on their resume he thinks they show leadership ability and can handle stress. He also stated that they are, in his opinion, a well-rounded person and not a book worm.

Volunteering and community service were stressed in his speech. Not only does it look good on the resume, but it also gives you contacts and job opportunities down the road.

An explanation about the trust department and studying for the CPA exam concluded Cokeley's presentation. He stated that a trust department is responsible for managing people's money and investing it, they also serve as executors of various estates.

Cokeley recommended that every senior sit for the exam as soon as they graduate. He also stated that there are numerous study helps available, from going on and getting your MPA, to classes, to home study with computer programs and videos.

Following a luncheon in the Verona Maple Room, Paul Helmick, President of CityNet Corporation and Marti Riggall, Business Services Director, covered the rest of the afternoon with a presentation on exploring the Internet. First, they explained that CityNet's goal is to deliver affordable Internet access to individuals and business in West Virginia. The cost is \$25 a month with unlimited usage, and you receive connection twice as fast.

Helmick stated that the Internet now allows you to work when you want to, it is there 24 hours a day seven days a week.

There is no longer any open/closed sign in the world of business. He also stated that all the Big Six Accounting Firms can be found on the Internet.

Throughout the day, door prizes including calculators, West Virginia Society Certified Public Accountant History (WVSCPA) books, umbrellas with the WVSCPA logo on them, a leather attache, case, a leather pad holder and a commemorative silver picture frame with the society's logo on it were given away. These door prizes were graciously donated for this conference by the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Any accounting major who missed this conference missed a fun filled, but also educational day to meet people in the world of accounting and get the real picture.

Hard-covered books break up friendships. You loan a hard-covered book to a friend and when he doesn't return it you get mad at him. But twenty-five cent books are different.

*John Steineck*

## Thomas to Speak on Graduate Options

What will you do after graduation from Glenville State College??? One path often considered by some students is the pursuit of a graduate degree. A representative from *West Virginia University's College of Business & Economics* will be on campus Monday, December 11 to help explore available options in that arena.

Mary Thomas, of the College of Business & Economics Graduate Programs office will make a presentation to PBL, SAS and SIFE business students at 3 p.m. Monday, December 11, in Room 208 of the Administration Building. This event is open to any interested GSC student, even though your major may be something other than business!

There are three graduate programs which Ms. Thomas will be discussing: the Masters of Professional Accountancy (MPA), the Mas-

ters of Business Administration (MBA) and the Masters in Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR). Interestingly, the MBA program has recently been targeted more toward those students without a business undergraduate background, but who are interested in honing their managerial skills in conjunction with another field, such as engineering or education.

In addition to her formal presentation, Ms. Thomas will be available in the lobby of the Heflin Center beginning at 11 a.m. to answer general questions. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time to talk with her personally, please contact Michelle Mansfield in the Careers Office. Please direct any other questions to Cheryl McKinney, CPA in the Division of Business. Remember, this is but one option that awaits you after graduation--come by on Monday and check it out!!

## Access the Internet through GSC

Glenville State College offers Internet access for only \$15 per month. Obtain an application at the GSC Computer Center, Room 117, Louis Bennett Hall (First Floor). For more information call the GSC Internet Help Desk at 304-462-4106, weekdays, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or via E-mail at [WEBMASTER@WVNGSC.WVNET.EDU](mailto:WEBMASTER@WVNGSC.WVNET.EDU). This West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing (WVNET) dialup Internet Service is intended to support the missions and goals of higher education, public education, libraries and state and local government. These mission and goals include education, research, community service and economic development.

Internet Modem access training sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 1995. Sessions times are: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sessions will be held in Room 100 of the Administration Building at Glenville State College. Session size is limited to 25 per session.

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*Note: This is Modem Access Training NOT how to use the Internet Training. That will be conducted at a later date.*

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*Micky Spillane*

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## In My Opinion

Todd Longunacre

Well it's finally happening again! Without mentioning names, it appears as though somebody who once skipped town at the thought of defending democracy abroad has decided to commit American soldiers overseas. The place is war-torn Bosnia located in south-central Europe. Hundreds of years worth of hate and fighting between two religious sects is now expected to vanish with the recently signed peace agreement.

I don't have to imagine the fear and confusion a young trooper will experience as he digs his fighting position into the foreign soil and wonders how to justify being there. Although not Bosnia, I've dug into foreign soil and thought about why I had been deployed; thought about my mission and how long it would take. In all my reasoning, could I actually justify my two separate deployments as a soldier?

At least during both of my two deployments (Panama '89 and Saudi/Iraq '90) we had clearly defined missions. We had specific reason. We had "unwavering" support and we did exactly what "soldiers" get paid to do (needless to say, we did so with minimum American casualties). When our missions (apprehend the Panamanian dictator and liberate Kuwait) were completed, we tied up the loose ends and came home in record time.

In considering American soldiers being sent to Bosnia, I can only recall two other "humanitarian" missions controlled by the same Commander-in-Chief. Sure, they were both quick fixes but both had only short term results. Several American lives and several billions of tax dollars later, Somalia and Haiti are still singing the same ole' song and dance. They're both still "ate up like a soup sandwich"! Now we go into yet another foreign country with "soldiers" who will be expected to put on their happy faces and be "humanitarians" to maintain peace.

I have only two questions. First, is there really any peace in Bosnia to maintain? Secondly, how many billions of tax dollars, American lives and years will pass before hundreds of years of hate and violence are eliminated from that region? In my opinion this may be yet another "humanitarian" mission of compassion which we may learn to regret.

## This Week in News

# Looking Back

Jena Ellyson  
staff writer

President Bill Clinton continues struggling to gain public support for his plan to send U.S. troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina, but he has managed to win important endorsements from three of his predecessors.

While he has "significant misgivings" about the mission, former president George Bush said American credibility is now at stake. Ex-president Gerald Ford agreed that the U.S. "would be seen as totally unreliable" if Clinton couldn't fulfill his commitment to send troops. And

former president Jimmy Carter said the decision was "the only thing (Clinton) could have done."

Still, the White House acknowledged Clinton hasn't yet convinced most Americans that his decision to send 20,000 U.S. troops as part of a NATO peace-keeping force was wise.

A chemical leak in Nitro, W.Va. forced about 30,000 residents indoors in five communities and closed several roads for two hours. Emergency crews contained the colorless liquid at the FMC Corp. chemical plant before it formed more than a trace of hydrochloric acid vapor. The leak posed no danger to the

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community, according to Bill White, Kanawha County's emergency services director. The cause is still under investigation.

The White House, meeting Republicans demands, said Tuesday it will detail its own plan on balancing the budget in seven years by week's end. Republicans have complained the administration has attacked their budget plan without specifying its own.

According to USA Today, House Speaker Newt Gingrich warned in a speech that if a balanced budget deal isn't reached this month, "you will see interest rates skyrocket and the stock market crash." White House



## Keeping Up With Miss West Virginia

1995 Miss West Virginia, Regina Fisher made her first appearance in Columbus, Ohio on November 25. She was a guest at the 1996 Miss Ohio USA pageant.

"I had a great time," Fisher commented, explaining that she was very excited to have been invited.

On Saturday night she was interviewed on stage by Master of Ceremonies Johnny Parizzo. Then on Sunday, she was interviewed by tri-state Director Mr. Carmine Verno.

She also assisted with the questioning of the five finalists, and presented the new Miss Ohio USA with her bouquet.

Fisher's second official appearance occurred on December 1 at Grantsville in the annual Christmas parade. Although the weather was a little cold, she felt honored to be a guest.

Miss West Virginia's next appearance will be Saturday, December 9 in Glenville in the area Christmas parade.

chief of staff Leon Panetta replied with a smile, saying "Merry Christmas."

In a vote-by-mail Oregon primary, millionaire Gordon Smith won the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate while U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden led in the Democratic race. As Oregon officials counted the final votes in the special primary election for U.S. Senate, Secretary of State Phil Keisling hailed the mail vote as a money saver.

Oregon presidential primary March 12 is by mail. How-

ever, the 1996 presidential election won't be unless officials expand the mail-vote-law. Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber, who vetoed a bill this year to expand mail voting, asked for more study.

Higher stamp prices and more business led to a record \$1.77 billion profit for the Postal Service in fiscal 1995, which ended Sept. 30. Postmaster General Marvin Ruyon explained Tuesday that indications conclude the momentum will continue for 1996.



# The Mercury's 66th Anniversary: Special Edition

## MERCURY Celebrates 29th Anniversary Nov. 25th

J. Helmick Enforces Campus Regulations



MERCURY STAFF took time from "making the Mercury" to pose for a picture last Wednesday afternoon in honor of the 29th birthday of the paper. The Glenville MERCURY will begin its 30th year of publication on Nov. 25; it was on this date in 1929 that the first issue was published. Staff members seated around the copy desk in the news room are Ann Dessent, reporter; Gene Rowe, business manager; Joan Armstrong, reporter; Masil Dobson, reporter; Patty Mace, reporter and circulation manager; Joyce Newell, circulation manager. Standing: Edwin Ware, sports editor; Nancy Wilfong, reporter; Miss West, adviser; Dorothy Butler, editor; Phil Cottrill, photographer. (MERCURY photo by Cottrill)

### First Paper Staff Had 14 Reporters

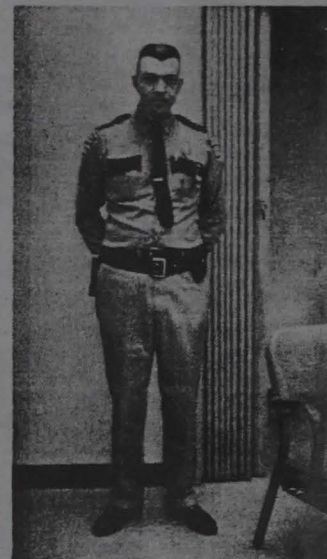
The MERCURY will celebrate its twenty-ninth birthday Thursday, Nov. 25, for it was on that day in 1929 that Vol. I, No. 1 was published by the class in Journalism One.

Prof. Everett Withers, a member of the Glenville Normal School faculty at that time, was the first adviser of the MERCURY.

#### Name Is Chosen

The name for the paper, submitted by Miss Carmen Rinehart was selected from a list of 30 names submitted by the student body.

Among other names considered were: The Pioneer Post, The Mountain Sun, General Remark, the Weekly Washout, the Damburst, Sympathetic Insight into Contemporary Student Life, and the Glenville Galaxy.



Jerry Helmick-Campus Policeman

As first person to hold the new office of college policeman, Jerry Leon Helmick, 27-year-old native of Gilmer County, has been given full authority by the Glenville State College administration to enforce all campus regulations, according to Dr. Alfred T. Billips, Dean of Student affairs.

Duties of a college policeman include traffic control, investigation, and security. Dr. Billips also announced that students violating parking regulations will appear before the campus parking committee.



The TKE pledges pose with the '67 Fiat which will be given away at the annual Court Ball on May 6.



"Oh, my gosh! No, Gary!" Dr. Alfred Billips screams. "Not my car! You're supposed to smash my name on the band's car." The tension-relieving smash will be on Verona's nameplate lawn this afternoon.

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### Special Youth Fare Opposed By Board

Congressman Ken Hechler is a member of a bi-partisan group of House members fighting to keep the youth discount fare for air line travel. Congressman Hechler is co-sponsoring legislation to insure that the youth fare be retained.

The Civil Aeronautics Board will hear oral arguments March 12 on a CAB examiner's recommendation that special youth discount fares be abolished because they are discriminatory.

"This is carrying the definition of discrimination a little too far," observed Congressman Hechler. "We might as well throw out special ticket prices for youngsters going to the movies and student prices for those attending football and basketball games."

Hechler said the abolition of these special air fares would work a particular hardship on college students and their parents. "Generally, students have little money and little time off from their studies. Those going to college great distances away must rely on air travel to get home and back during short school holidays. Abolition of these fares certainly would discriminate against these students and their parents who are making sacrifices to send them to college," Hechler explained.



# The Way We Were: A

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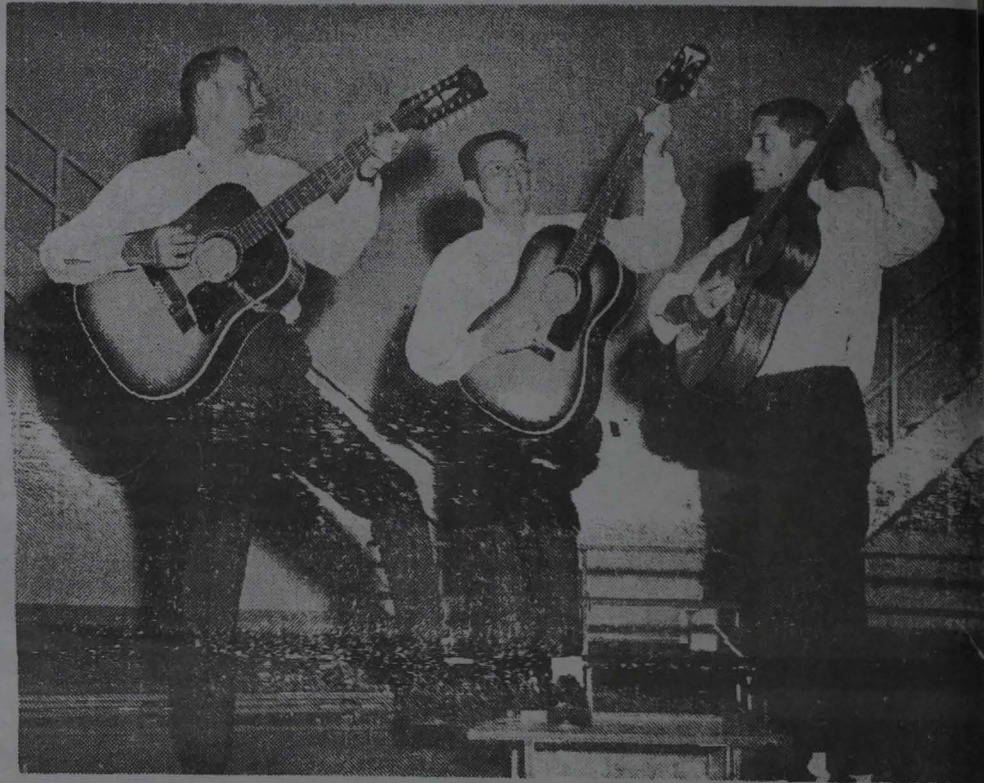
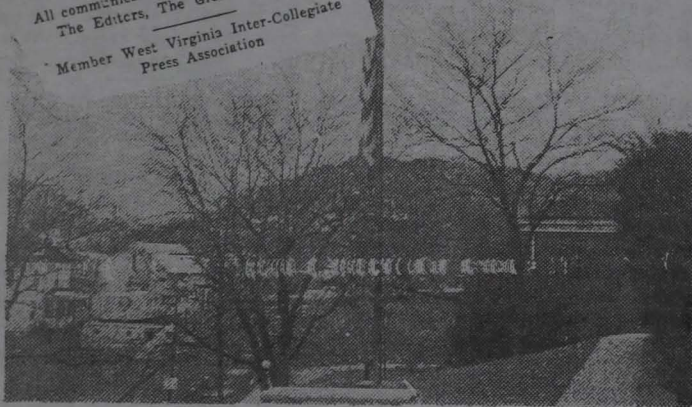
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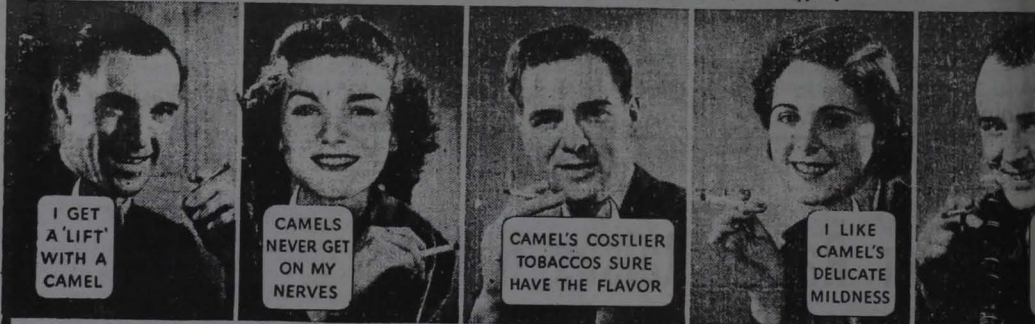
The DMF Trio, Frank Beall, Mack Samples and Darrell Messenger.

## A Wave of Grief

OUR MINDS did not readily accept the terrible truth that was thrust upon them recently. Anguish, unbelief, shock and sorrow swept across us Friday afternoon, Nov. 22, as the flash from Dallas became a wave of grief: "President John F. Kennedy is dead."

THE NATION mourns, still mourns and will continue to mourn for time to come.

THE ANGUISH AND THE AGONY of this experience must remind us that all who hold freedom dear must assume responsibility for knitting tighter the bonds of understanding, brotherhood and reason.



WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT



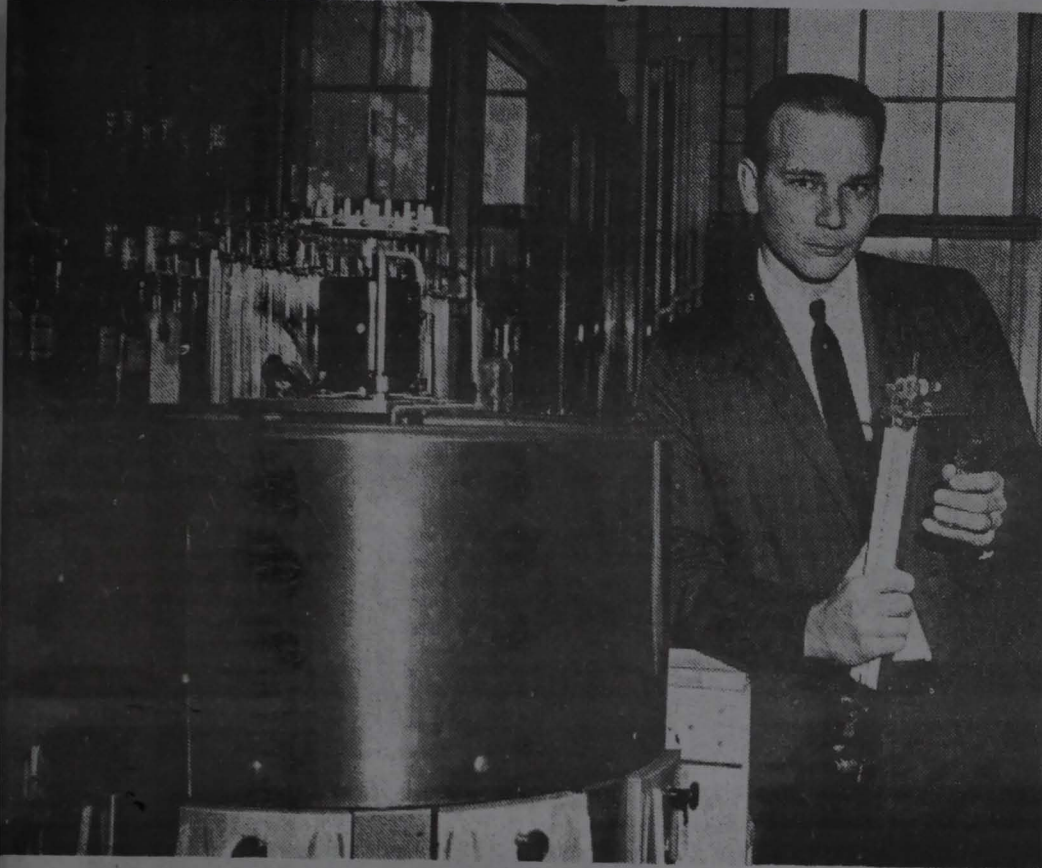
SURROUNDED BY HER attractive princesses, lovely Flora Ann Dyer smiles happily following her election as Queen of the '59 Homecoming activities. Left to right, princesses are Sue Creasy, senior; Doris Conkle, sophomore; Mary Simmons, freshman; Joyce Newell, junior.



Theta Xi's new pledges discuss pledge rules while lounging on the steps of their fraternity house in Camden Flats. (MER-photo by Hall)



# Look Throughout the Years



## Dr. John A. Chisler Undertakes Research

By JUDITH MUSGRAVE

If you are planning to set out tomato plants in your garden this spring, you should find Dr. John A. Chisler's research project most interesting. Dr. Chisler, assistant professor of botany, is working with *Fusarium oxysporum f. lycopersici* which is a fungus causing a wilt disease of tomato plants.

Working under a research grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Dr. Chisler wants to know how some fungus cultures will cause the wilt disease and some cultures of the same fungus will not. His approach is to find out what the cellular difference is in the fungal cultures.

Working as undergraduate research assistants with Dr. Chisler in the *Fusarium* research project are Richard Frame and Jim Meads. Both are sophomore biological chemistry students. Frame is a graduate of Nicholas County High School, Summersville, and Meads is a graduate of Spencer High School.

Certain enzyme systems produce toxins or poisons which damage tomato plants. However, in some of the cultures of *Fusarium* there

is a difference in toxin production, therefore, a difference in their ability to cause disease. This study hinges around the virulence factor or the ability of the fungus to cause disease.

In a program outlined for a two year period, Dr. Chisler later wants to study various types of proteins formed in the fungus. If the cells are different, their proteins should be different.

At this time, Dr. Chisler is mostly concerned with measuring respiration of the fungus. By using the Warburg Constant Volume Manometer, one can measure the production of carbon dioxide and the use of oxygen. Manometry, as the process is called, is measuring this gas exchange.

In connection with the biological chemistry of the respiratory process of the fungus, Dr. Chisler plans to determine the effect of different kinds of food on the fungus to see how they will affect the respiratory rate. These metabolic intermediates will be sugar-like compounds.

By going through this process, he hopes to be able to say what type of respiratory system the fungus has. This may be a major factor in learning how the fungus becomes attenuated — loses its power to cause a plant disease — and how some types are able to cause a wilt disease in tomato plants.

Dr. John A. Chisler is engaged in a research project dealing with *Fusarium*, a disease which causes wilt in tomato plants. The apparatus beside him is the Warburg Constant Volume Manometer.

## Peter Rabbit Raises Hare

Dear Editor:

With due consideration for the management and staff of "The Glenville Mercury," I would like to express my ideas on the issue of March 5. Of all the Mercurys I have seen in my college career (and I have seen some poor ones) this is the worst one yet. Let me explain why. (1) the Dean's List took up half of the front page. The list has been posted in the Administration building for several weeks and because of this, I considered it a back page story.

(2) The picture of Betsy Wingfield on the front page was very nice, but why was the story concerning her printed on page 3? (3) Why was the story concerning the allocation of funds for housing on the front page? By the time these buildings are built, most of us will have already forgotten about good old GSC.

(4) The letter to the editor from Paul Steven Wells was about as intellectually stimulating as a dried grape and because of its stupidity shouldn't have appeared in the paper. (5) If the Greek News was so large that page 2 could not hold it, why not print it on the back page instead of putting inklings on each of the four pages?

(6) There was so much white space on the sports page that I thought discrimination was back in style. (7) Who cares if the high school tournament will be in the gym beginning at 7:30 each evening? Does this "hoopie" news belong in a college newspaper? (8) Who cares what females say about sideburns and whiskers when most of us would accept them whatever way they looked. (9) It is nice to know that 14 will join the Gamma Beta Phi society, but just what is the Gamma Beta Phi society?

(10) Who cares about Gilmer Station and how it developed the college community? By the way what is "Norfolk"? I have heard of a city in Virginia by the name of Norfolk. (11) Who cares if the faculty has indicated that they desire to chaperone for social events. Why not let us hear the "cry of Despair"? (12) Who cares what fraternity led the fall semester in grade averages and why wasn't it under Greek news?

This letter might upset the "Mercury" staff but will have a limited effect on me since I am "hair today and gone tomorrow."

Sincerely,

Peter Rabbit, the "hairy hare"

P.S. Happy Easter to the "Mercury" staff.

Dear Editor,

Like "Peter Rabbit," I have read some issues of the MERCURY that I thought were something less than good. However, I have not been able to determine how his letter helped improve the situation. Some of his complaints were so trivial and so vague it amazed me that he had the audacity to criticize anyone else.

Of course he has never heard of "Norfolk." But surely he has read articles before than contained typographical errors. If "Peter Rabbit" would have read the letter by Steve Wells more objectively, he would have realized that it was directed towards the girls of GSC. It would be nice if the girls would get later hours and I'm sure Steve really cares whether or not some "self-made critic" thinks his letter was "intellectually stimulating." The issue itself is far more important.

"Peter" also disagreed with how the news was placed in the newspaper. Making the Dean's list is a well-deserved honor for a student and I see no harm in putting it on the first page. "Peter" admitted that there was too much Greek news to be placed in one section. However, he then complained because the fraternities averages were not placed under Greek news. Someone should inform "Peter" that he should leave such matters to the editor and his staff. That is their job, you know. You surely know that, don't you, "Peter?"

The "all-knowing" "Peter Rabbit" thought that the allocation of funds for housing was not important enough for the front page. We do need new housing facilities and just because he is apathetic doesn't mean all students are. His statement, "there was so much white space on the sports page that I thought discrimination was back in style," also confused me. What type of discrimination is he talking about? When was discriminating against sports pages ever in style? That is what he means, isn't it?

I think it is nice that the faculty intends to chaperone social events. Chaperones are required for social events and social events are needed. Man is a social being, "Peter." After all, there is more to college life than eating carrots to protect your eyes from the strain of studying.

Poor "Peter" doesn't know what the Gamma Beta Phi society is. What do you expect from a newspaper, "Peter?" Would a footnote explaining each article in detail help you any?

If this letter upsets you, "Peter," I am glad. It must be wonderful to have the time to scrutinize a newspaper and discover all the errors that were made. But if you have to spend that time on such a trivial matter you have surely shut yourself off from the outside world. There are other problems facing the GSC student that are far more important than a few mistakes made by the editor and staff of the MERCURY.

Sincerely,

David Marshall Scott

## Rabbit - You Lose

Dear Editor:

With due consideration for the low mentality of Peter Rabbit, I would like to express my ideas on the editorial of March 12. Of all the editorials I have seen in my college career, this is the worst one yet. Need I explain why?

A small percentage of the student body works hard enough to get on the Dean's List. Dear Peter Rabbit, are you jealous? I didn't see your name on the list. Would it be less noticeable if the story was on the back page?

Who is to say what is most important? I like to find out that GSC is expanding and funds are being allocated for housing. Listen, big ears, if you forget that quickly about good old Glenville you don't deserve to flap your trap.

So Paul Steven Wells has written a stupid article, and it doesn't matter what girls say about sideburns. GSC has undue restrictions on females and more people should protest. Glenville is ridiculously backward in its restrictions and your rabbit hare is slowing this school down even more. Have you ever heard of human interest stories? Should a paper be straight fact and not have some stories of lighter nature? Well, I'm tired of straight news.

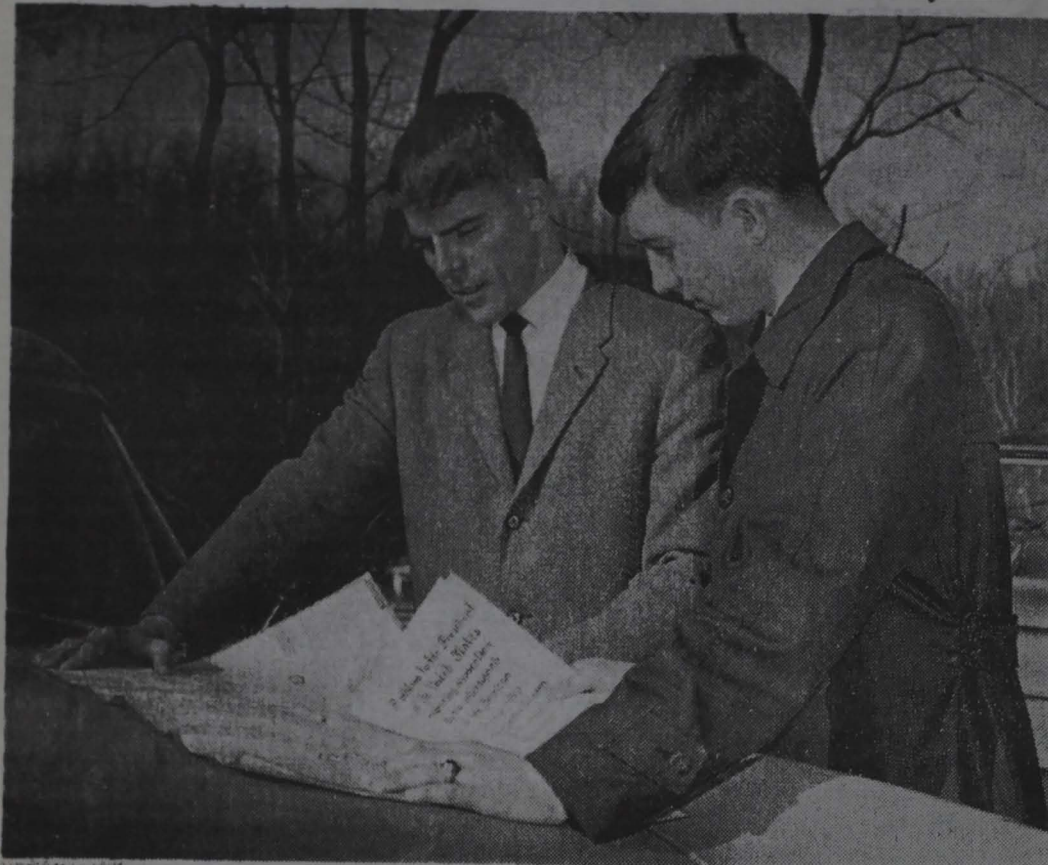
I would like to know what news you want in the "Mercury." Every lead that was cut down was Glenville news. Don't worry Peter, my questions are burning your fur but many professors are on your side. These professors can't cut their perfect bodies down so they take it out on the "Mercury." Lay off! Anyone who considers the paper so poor should transfer their Christ-like souls down to the "Mercury" office and work for the paper!

The "Mercury" has some faults that need to be ironed out but GSC has a lot more faults to work with. Why don't we all try to improve this place for once instead of writing trash against the "Mercury." For all the lazy professors and the dead rabbit with the charred hair, I submit my name. I sign my name to cartoons and I'm too brave to hide behind the name of an egg-bearer.

Sorry Rabbit, but your eggs are rotten!

Bob Bailes





Bob Marshall and Randy Wiseman prepare to leave for Washington with petition to be presented to the President concerning American foreign policy in Viet Nam. (MER-photo by Dougherty)

## GSC Supports Pres. Johnson On Vietnam

"Let them know we're all behind them." This is the essence of the student petition in defense of President Johnson's policies in Vietnam. The petition which was signed by well over 600 people was drafted by Theta Xi fraternity and took approximately two months of preparation.

Robert Marshall and Randolph Wiseman headed the committee that drafted the petition, and set up arrangements for the petition to be delivered. Correspondence was carried on with Congressman Ken Hechler to establish to whom the petition would be given, and at what time.

It was hoped that President Johnson would be able to accept the petition, but Congressman Hechler reported it impossible and said that Mr. Chet Cooper had been delegated to receive the petition on behalf of President Johnson. The presentation time was set for 2:00 p.m. Friday, Mar. 4, at the Capitol in Washington.

Marshall and Wiseman left for Washington Thursday, Mar. 3, and met Mr. Hechler in his office in

Washington Friday morning at 10:00.

The three then met Mr. Cooper at 2:00 for the presentation.

Following the presentation Marshall and Wiseman were taken on a tour set up by Congressman Hechler. The tour included the Peace Corps, State Department, United States Information Agency, Supreme Court, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Senate and House of Representatives, FBI and Library of Congress. Mr. Hechler reported that he was "very proud" of the idea, and he was very cooperative in his efforts.

The petition was to be a move toward more unity of the people behind our President. This was the basic idea that inspired the Theta Xi's to compose the petition. Also there have been many incidents on college campuses across the nation in protest of our President's policies in Vietnam. This the Theta Xi's did not want to see happen on our campus.

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### Student Forum

**Those Late-Comers**  
To the editors of the Mercury:  
Delay is always annoying. People never like to be kept waiting, and most especially do public speakers and actors become annoyed by useless delay on the part of the audience in getting to their seats on time.

The curtain will be drawn for first act of the senior class play, "Holiday," Saturday, night, May 30, at 8:15 o'clock. Would it not be possible for all of us to be in our seats at precisely 8:15 o'clock, thus eliminating the unnecessary noise and detracting commotion after the curtain has been drawn. This confusion causes the actors to forget their lines and that part of the audience that arrived on time to completely miss the opening of the play. Since these late arrivals are entirely unnecessary they can be eliminated. May we suggest that we all try to be in the College auditorium at 8:15 o'clock. Why can't we step up our schedule for doing things and see to it that we don't hold up what promises to be an interesting dramatic performance.

May 11, 1936

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College and former College coeds enjoy those big double-dipper Imperial cones at the Grill. Look at this trio, Mary Helen Smith (right), Clotelle Shock (center), and Mary Hazel Butcher (left). Are they enjoying those delicious cones? Well, we should say they are. Drop in for a friendly chat, get yourself a double-dipper cone and while away a few minutes. See 'em, buy 'em, eat 'em.

Next Door to Pictureland



John Humink

On March 13, John Humink will discuss, "Diary of a Double Agent." Humink is a scientist and engineer. While working for a Soviet spy network he reported his meetings to the FBI. The spy network worked out of the Embassy in Washington. He made several trips to the Dominican Republic during his spy activities.

Humink was a counter spy for six years and in September, 1960, the spy ring was exposed.

He wrote a book, Double Agent, telling his true story. "It is also an urgent and timely reminder that eternal vigilance is the price a nation must pay for its freedom." Pictured above.

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## Spy To Speak

## Student-Faculty Forum?

The lack of student-faculty understanding is considered by many students to be a serious problem. A recent meeting on campus has attempted to clarify both student and faculty positions.

This meeting dealt primarily with student ideals, existing problems, and solutions to these problems. While nothing concrete was established in the solution of the problems, the meeting provided a forum for students and faculty to air their views.

The actual purpose of the meeting was simply to develop a better understanding of the various positions taken on campus problems. Those attending the session did not consider it as a final answer to all problems.

Yet there is much to be said for such a meeting. Perhaps it is the key to a healthier student-faculty relationship. Certainly it is a means by which students, through their representatives, may have a voice in campus policies.



# Lady Pioneers Young, Talented, Explosive, But Inconsistent

## GSC Sports Info

At 3-3, the Lady Pioneers proved in their first three outings proved they can put the ball in the hoop and prevent their opponents from doing it as effectively as themselves.

Starting the season at 3-0, the Lady Pioneers achieved this by aggressive defence and explosive transition. With victories over Ohio Valley, Bluefield College of Virginia, and Davis and Elkins, the Lady Pioneers traveled to Kentucky State University where they were handed their first loss by a last second shot. Lead by junior Lori Chonoploski and freshman guard Mandy Ralston, the Lady Pioneers played a good game and as Head Coach Steve Harold explains, his young team

had no reason to be disappointed with their effort,

"I told the girls after the game, I was pleased with the effort they gave and felt we proved we can play the big games."

As far as the loss to a last second shot, Harold stated, "It's tough to lose a game that way but it's part of competition."

The ladies dropped to 2-3 December 2, after losing at home to Geneva College in a close game despite having five players benched for disciplinary reasons, including two starters.

Wednesday, December 5, the Lady Pioneers traveled to Buchannon for conference competition against West Virginia Wesleyan, an outing the ladies dropped to 3-3 in a lopsided loss of 79-48.

In these six games, the individual play has been inconsis-

tent but overall aggressive, with the inconsistencies being picked up by others.

But, at Wesleyan the intensity was not there and no one stepped up for the Lady Pioneers. "We just didn't show up to play," Stated Harold. "We need to show up for every game like it is the biggest game of the year before we can overcome our inconstant play."

The inconstant play can be attributed to youth and inexperience. In the starting lineup are two freshmen and three returning starters with a first year transfer and several other freshmen coming off the bench.

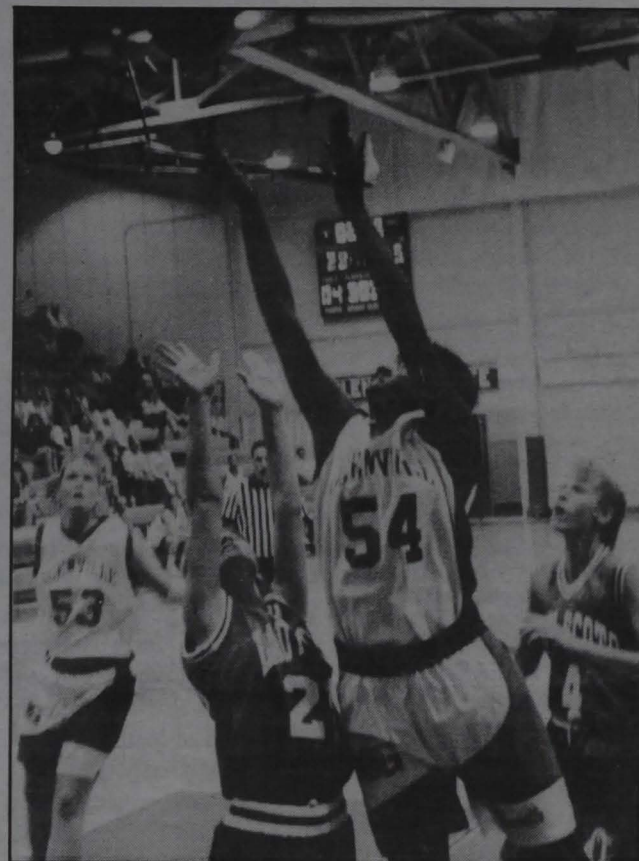
The team has been led thus far by Charnoplosky, averaging 19.8 points per game with no other player averaging double figures.

"A major problem right now is our maturity level," says

Harold. "I'm confident we can overcome this. It's just a matter of time."

The Lady Pioneers com-

pete next against the University of Charleston Saturday, December 9, in Charleston.



Tanisha Brown makes a ballerina basket at the Pizza Hut Classic.

Photo by Gene Breza.

## Pioneers Off To Rough Start

### GSC Sports Info

For the Glenville State Pioneer Men's Basketball team, the first month of the 1995-96 season has provided more obstacles than the opponents ability to execute their game plan.

Since the Pioneer's season opener at the Westminster Tournament in Pennsylvania, Coach Gary Nottingham and team have seen the departure of four members of the squad. Three of these four former players were returning members of last year's squad and the remaining player was a first year transfer, who before his departure had found his way into the starting line-up.

Of these four, the one that may be missed the most is senior Fred Wilson. With the graduation of last year's leader Steve Shuff, Wilson's 94-95 performance and his WVIAC first team tournament honors, Wilson was going to be looked upon as a major contributor and leader. Before his departure, Wilson averaged 17 points and 7 rebounds. But Coach

Nottingham is not dwelling on what is no longer there.

"I'm not worried about the guys that are gone. My main concern is with the ones that choose to remain part of this team."

Despite a 1-4 record and missing faces, the Pioneer team still continues to improve. In their December 2 meeting with Pitt. Johnstown, the Pioneers marked their first win with an impressive 62-47 victory. Scoring for the most part was evenly distributed with four Pioneers in double figures and the other five with playing time contributing.

Monday, December 4, the Pioneers picked up their fourth loss on the road to conference foe West Virginia Wesleyan on a last second 3-point shot by Bobcat Troy Battle. Despite the 67-68 loss, there were some positive things to come out this game.

Second year transfer Troy Sexton proved he could score from all over the court, especially from long range, as he scored 28 points and pulled down 8 rebounds.

On both ends of the court

the Pioneers gave a solid effort in front of an enthusiastic Wesleyan crowd. "I was pleased with our all around play," stated Nottingham, "We just made some little mistakes that put us down 10 points in the middle of the second half."

To overcome the ten point deficit, the Pioneers stepped it up defensively, lead by Eric Contee and Kenny Gross along with Jeff Brockell inside.

One of the biggest problems this team has to face is with the first year players who are not yet comfortable with the system. "Once these guys get more acquainted with the system we're going to be alright," stated Nottingham.

Though this team still has a long way to go before they are a consistent threat, they have shown that the potential and depth is there to come around as the season progresses to compete for a good conference finish.

The Pioneers travel this Saturday, December 9, to Charleston for conference competition against the University of Charleston.

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## Campus Happenings

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### 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.

### Fellowships of Christian Athletes

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

### Baptist Campus Ministry

BCM meets weekly in the Verona Maple Room on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### Career Planning Open House

The office of Career Planning and Placement cordially invites all staff and students to a holiday open house on Friday, December 8. Please visit the office in the Heflin Student Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for conversation and refreshments.

### Open House

There will be a Christmas Open House, hosted by the Alumni Association and the Glenville State College Foundation, Inc., held at the Alumni House on Monday, December 18, 1995 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come and share with us the joy of the Holiday Season. Food and beverages will be served. Happy Holidays!

## International Student Program Approved

J. Jeremy Dean  
staff writer

The Glenville State College administration has recently approved a plan to convert what was once the Intensive English Program (IEP) into an English as a Second Language (ESL) Support Program.

The ESL was revised by Dr. Edward F. Palm, Chairperson of the Language Division. He feels that this new program is better than its predecessor,

because the new plan allows the international students to begin earning academic credit right away.

Under the IEP, students would spend nearly a year mastering English before earning any credit.

Admission to the program will require one of three requirements to be fulfilled. The student must either score a 450 on the TOEFL exam, have lived in an English speaking country for six months or have studied for at least one year in a school using English as its primary language.

Once enrolled the student may enroll for a maximum of twelve hours, three of which must be the newly designed ESL course. This course must be taken until the student scores a 500 on the TOEFL.

In addition, there will be an optional summer program to help students get acclimated to GSC and classes they will be taking in the fall.

## Attention Poets

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is December 31, 1995. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1986, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1995. A new contest opens January 1, 1996.

The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

## Around the Bend

Eric Ware  
contributing writer

Another semester is near to finishing, I'm seeing happy--with a mixture of panicky--faces about the halls. Could it be that students are looking forward to break? Could it be the fact that students have counted the actual days till class is over? Or is it some paranoid, hysterical thought that just occurred... I HAVE A PROJECT DUE TOMORROW!

Whatever the situation, remember that finals are rapidly approaching and the need for study time is important, especially if you're a commuter constantly on the road.

Here are some tips about studying for finals for those on and off the roads:

1. Don't wait until the last minute to study! All professors have stressed this to you one way

or another. Take their advice. After all, at one time they were in the same situation.

2. Keep all notes orderly and organized for better study. I use a notepad so I can make quick references on the road. Keeping calm and steady before taking tests.

3. Cramming doesn't work! Relate to tip number one.

4. Use time wisely when studying. If you feel confident about a class, then study more for another that gives you difficulty.

5. And finally, give yourself plenty of sleep and time for preparation. Think confidently! Keep alert and spirited.

Remember, time, preparation and good study habits are keys to better performance with tests. From AROUND THE BEND to the students of Glenville State College, have a happy holiday!

This is my last semester at Glenville State College, and I would like to say good-bye to all the students and faculty. May your Christmas be filled with joy, and have a happy New Year!

-Ken McWhorter

## Just ask



Dear J,

I am fumed! A certain professor gave our class a 10-page paper assignment to be turned in before mid-term. It is now one week before finals and our papers have not been returned (and possibly not graded?) To make matters worse, we have another 10-page paper to be turned in this week to the same professor. How can we hope to improve or rectify problems on our second paper if we

haven't seen an evaluation of our first one? Can we feel confident that our work will be read, or assume that our labor was in vain? I feel we are being cheated by a negligent professor. Am I wrong?

All Steamed Up

Dear Steamed Up,

Although I realize that professors have enormous amounts of work to accomplish in a semester, we as students do also. I understand that a large number of 10-page papers would take a substantial amount of time to evaluate. However, that amount of time should be reasonable. If those papers were due in mid-October, then I agree that, by all means, you should have gotten

them back by now. In all honesty, you actually should have had them returned before Thanksgiving break. A month should be ample time to grade those papers.

My suggestion to you is that you discuss your concerns with this professor and if nothing is accomplished, then perhaps you should go to the Chairman of his/her department. Since your second paper is due this week, it's really too late to make a difference this semester. However, by voicing your problems and concerns about this professor, maybe you could make a difference for those students who have to take his/her class in coming semesters.

## Internship Available

Another intern position has been made available. It is a journalism internship with *The Weston Democrat*. Mr. Bob Billeter, owner and publisher, has specified that an upperclassman Lewis County resident with some experience on our school paper would be the ideal candidate.

Interested students should see or call Dr. Edward Palm ext. 121 or Dr. Charles Holt ext. 124.

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# The Mercury Celebrates 66th Anniversary

Sandra Gibson  
staff writer

"Have you noticed that guy sitting behind Dorsy in biology class?"

"Hmmm...a Greek god; he's swift and strong."

"What?—I wouldn't go that far, but he is handsome, don't you agree?"

"I'm sorry. I wasn't listening. I was just thinking about the paper and about giving it a new name."

"Geez—Carmen, is that all you ever think about—the paper?"

"Okay, I noticed. The guy is cute, and he's probably a great dancer, but don't you think our paper deserves a better name? There's a contest going on you know."

"I suppose. Well, what do you have in mind?"

"Mercury—The Mercury—He was the messenger god of the Greeks, you know."

It was the fall semester of 1929. The school was Glenville State College, and although this may not be exactly how it occurred, it was in similar fashion that a great idea was born. On November 25th, 1929, Carmen R. Moss, the paper's managing editor, renamed the student newspaper known as *The Tower*, to *The Mercury*. Like all other fine vintage items, *The Mercury* aged silently but with great pride over the years. Through thick and thin, through classes, tests, loves that were and loves that almost were, and the steady flow of students and professors, *The Mercury* has maintained its rich tradition of reporting and recording the student atmosphere and history for the past 66 years. Even though underground newspapers were started at various times, rivaling *The Mercury's* popularity, they soon died away, leaving *The Mercury* in its role of leader.

Thanks to a great Mercurian, who we are privileged enough to have in our midst, we are able to share some of your student newspaper's history with you. While she no

longer wears her silver winged shoes and hat, she still continues to bear the word to all who will hear the divine truth on how a good paper will be run. To most, she is currently referred to as Mrs. King, professor of English, but don't be fooled; she is no doubt the Queen (King) of Press at Glenville State College. Yvonne King has loved writing as long as she can remember and after journalism classes here at GSC, she proved herself worthy of carrying out the role of editor for *The Mercury* for two consecutive terms and remained a staff reporter all four years of her college days.

After interviewing her graduation speaker, J.C. Penney (1957) and accepting a well-earned B.A. degree, she was still on fire for the press, so off she headed to pursue this a little more. At West Virginia University, she earned a Masters in Science of Journalism (MSJ) along with additional graduate honors. At this time, young women were primarily encouraged to teach, so she did, and she taught her love; journalism, along with all the other good things a professor of English would teach. She taught in public schools and then returned to her alma mater GSC in 1966 to teach journalism. For 24 years, she continued to teach and be the adviser for the student newspaper and yearbook.

During these years she oversaw changes and improvements as technology and finances afforded, along with making certain to send well-trained students into a field which held such great importance to her. *The Mercury* went from being published every two weeks to being a weekly publication as it remains today. The paper quality improved to graded white, and it changed from letterpress print, to offset, and then, finally to electronics. She compares the luxury of today's computers to Corvettes against bicycles. "They got the job done but with much more difficulty."

Prior to King being the



Yvonne King.

Photo by Gene Breza.

journalism advisor, she knows of three living advisors. Among them are: Virginia West, professor emeritus, Troy, WV; Dr. Espy Miller, professor emeritus, Glenville, WV; and Edgar Elder, Florida.

Under the leadership of King, four students were placed in journalism intern positions. Becky Potasnik and Michelle Bruce Mills interned for Parkersburg newspapers, with Mills leading the way. Marcie Greene interned for *The Glenville Democrat*. Mike Smith interned for the Charleston newspaper and Stephen Boilin also interned with a county newspa-

per. Boilin is now a magazine editor in California. When recalling these accomplishments, she was teased, "they were in the days of 'B.P.' and unless revealed, such fine acts can not be known." True; however, in her eyes these were simply the ordinary expectations of an aspiring professor of journalism.

Students at GSC can still have the privilege of receiving King's fine lessons on journalism, although she left the position of advisor in 1990 after the program went through reclassification. This changed the division, placing it under the leadership of Public Relation. Her 29 years of teaching here, combined with the experience of working hands-on and in public schools teaching journalism, undoubtedly make her one of GSC's and journalism's finest. Thus, fittingly it seemed, King was the guest of honor Monday evening, November 27th, 1995 when the staff of *The Mercury* got together in the Verona Mapel Room to toast one more vintage birthday.

With King to inspire them, the staff like any proud child, would like to pay tribute to an outstanding parent and all those lovers of pen, ink, print and free voice who have led the way for us. We invite you to share in a brief look back at some of Glenville's wonderful years, where it seems that amidst all the changes, youth is still as vibrant and spirited as ever and college days are in many ways, much the same.

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Any writer, I suppose, feels that the world into which he was born is nothing less than a conspiracy against the cultivation of his talent—which attitude certainly has a great deal to support it. On the other hand, it is only because the world looks on his talent with such a frightening indifference that the artist is compelled to make his talent important.

James Baldwin



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*W. Somerset Maugham*

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# Suicide: Separating Fact From Fiction

Sandra Gibson  
staff writer

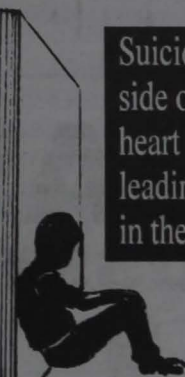
Suicide—the taking of one's own life—is a cold and powerful word. Like the word—murder, it carries a fearful and confused message to our ears. Each year, particularly during holidays, there is an increase in this tragic occurrence. Can anything so devastating be understood and can anything help to prevent it?

In Western society, there is little love for those who take their own life or for those who are left behind. Often, the religious community removes them from grace, the social community judges their character, and the medical community pronounces insanity. This is not hard to understand when we examine past history concerning suicides. In ancient days, a suicide victim's family had to relinquish all material goods to the government, since a crime had been committed. The suicide victim could not receive a proper burial. As late as 1961, an person unsuccessful in committing suicide could be sent to prison. With viewpoints like these in mind, it is therefore, justifiable to find so much fear and frustration, which lead to much ignorance on the subject of suicide.

Hidden in our inner sanctums, most of us at one time or another have wondered about suicide, because at times, life does seem unmanageable. We are all vulnerable. We can all feel extreme loss and be made to submit to extreme challenges, whether they are real or imaginary.

Chances are that most (if not all) of us will be affected by

suicide at some point of our life. It may be a casual acquaintance, a close friend or even a family member. These are concrete reasons to become better informed



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on suicide, its causes, its aftermath and its preventions. It is estimated that every seventeen seconds, someone will die of suicide. It ranks along side of cancer and heart disease as a leading cause of death in the U.S.

Categories of these suicide victims range from young children who are from very abusive backgrounds, to young adolescents between 15-21 years of age. Their causes vary, from alcohol and drug abuse, to a general lack of coping skills and depression. There are also some cases of those who are terminally ill and the aging who seem to lose their zeal for life. Females tend to attempt suicide most often, while males are most likely to succeed.

Depression is a disease which studies have linked as the number one cause of suicide. It can be psychosocial, that is, brought about by stress socially, at work or through a sudden loss. The loss may be the death of a loved one, a sudden move or a divorce. Depression is also genetic and tends to run in families.

lies. New findings are now linking biological factors to depression. These include changes in the brain chemistry, abnormality in the frontal and prefrontal lobes of the brain, and particularly the left side.

Many myths cloud our view points concerning these suicide victims. It is important to separate fact from fallacy in order to deal with the subject. The following is list of common myths and truths:

\*We may believe that those who attempt suicide are fully intent on dying and therefore, we should worry little since they will eventually have their way. However, psychologists tell us most of these people wish to live, even the most depressed individuals having mixed feelings. They often waver until the last possible moment with the choice, giving obvious signs of help cries to others. Therefore, it is important to be able to recognize these signs and know how to follow up.

\*Do not ignore the subject around an extremely depressed person fearing you will introduce new ideas. The fact is they usually already have these ideas and bringing them into the open will help you talk about it and hopefully steer them in a direction for help.

\*Don't assume that anyone attempting suicide is crazy. Unhappy yes, but not necessarily insane. Most depression is treatable.

\*If someone seems to improve after a suicide attempt, don't be misled into a state of security. If the conditions which

To succeed in chaining the multitude, you must seem to wear the same fetters.

—Voltaire

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caused the first attempt are not identified and dealt with, the person may find a second attempt easier. 80% of victims have made one or more previous attempts. "Repeat" attempts usually occur three months after "improvement" periods.

\*Suicides are not prevalent among certain classes. There is no indication that it is linked to wealth, or extreme poverty, or that the middle ground is safe. Studies have shown, there is no single group, color or class of people free of suicide.

\*Suicide is not inherited; however, death in the family—whether natural, accidental or suicidal—can lead to suicide in the family if the resulting depression from the original loss is not treated.

\*Suicide is treatable. Feelings of helplessness, depression and thoughts of suicide only last for limited periods of time.

In order to grow up healthy, people must learn to deal with the highs and lows of life. Chemicals can cripple minds and prevent this healthy growing process. Love sometimes means being hated a little. Setting limits and rules can help us maintain safe boundaries. Reach out and don't be afraid to care. If you recognize that someone or yourself is in danger, don't be afraid to get help. Counselors are available and mental health clinics across the nation are also set up to deal with the problem.

By pulling together, and helping to enlighten ourselves, we can do our part in bringing an end to this senseless, brutal act. We can help to end the terrible aftermath suicide brings with the gnawing pain of neglect that comes from not knowing until it's too late to help.

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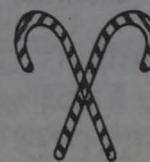
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The schedule given below will be followed. Students in courses having multiple sections must take the examinations at the time scheduled for the section in which they are enrolled.

Examinations in evening classes are to given at the last regular class meeting. In arranged classes the final examinations may be given at the last regular session(s) prior to the final examinations period.

In case of a conflict in schedule, the instructor concerned should see his Division Chairperson or the Dean of Teacher Education, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs about special arrangements.

Each examination will be held in the room where the class has been meeting. Final examinations are to be given in all classes unless waived by the Division Chair or the Dean of Teacher Education, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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