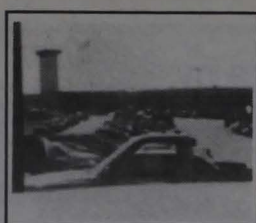


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It's GSC Week!

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Have Fun!

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All in a Day!



Photo by Chad Samples

On Wednesday April 3, students enjoyed hunting for eggs in the Court House yard. (above photo).
Photo of Lunar Eclipse which occurred on April 3

(Lower right photo).

Photo by Gene Breza.

Find 'em, Find 'em, Find 'em

Eric Ware
staff writer

Pickens Hall · R.A., Jill Hardman, delighted at least 25 GSC students April 3 with an Easter Egg Hunt on the Court-house Lawn at 4 p.m. This event, sponsored by Hardman, allowed students to break away from the normal routine of classes and celebrate a tradition age old.

"It's just for fun," replied Hardman, "and I hope everyone has fun."

Prizes of free movie rentals, free tanning sessions, Blimpy's Subs, etc., were given away, made possible by local

sponsors, at the egg hunt for those with the most eggs and eggs that were specially marked.

John Michael Kane, gathering the most with 13 eggs, gave a healthy cheer for what he called "a great time to be outside."

"We had a lot of people who came out for the (Easter Egg) hunt," Hardman said, "and I would like to thank those businesses for sponsoring this event."

Hardman also would like to thank Gilmer County Officials who provided for the location and those involved in helping with the hunt.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

Jill L. Harman
contributing writer

Saturday, March 30th 1996, marked the day of Glenville State College's Spring Open House. For those not familiar with the function of Open House, it is a time for prospective students and their families to spend a day at GSC.

Guests on Saturday watched our renowned Percussion Ensemble perform, received a campus tour from our Ambassadors, ate in the cafeteria, and talked with faculty members in their expected field of study. Many of the prospective students were from West Virginia, but students from Ohio and Pennsylvania, and New York were also in attendance. While the perfect weather made for record setting attendance, the cooperation from everyone on campus helped make Open House a success.

"Open House was very well organized and well attended. I felt that parents and future students seemed appreciative of the efforts that the college made to inform them of the important issues facing students." Stated President Simmons.

Other activities during Open House included an Organizational Fair and a tour of the new Electronic Classroom. Many campus clubs and organizations were on hand in the Verona Maple room to meet and chat with the students about what their respective clubs can offer.

Admissions Counselor, Heather Messenger and Senior Electronics Technician, Ed Mes-

senger demonstrated the capabilities of the new distance learning classroom. After the formal presentation, guests were encouraged to go up and experiment with the system.

Not only is Open House a time for prospective students to get a glimpse of campus life, it is also a time for GSC's Student Ambassador Program to shine. Kris Radcliff, Junior Elementary Education major, was named as one of the Student Coordinators of the program in 1995. For Kris, Open House not only helps with people skills, it lets her show off her second home, the GSC campus.

"Open House 1996 was a success because of all the hard work and efforts put forth from everyone involved." Added Professor Wayne deRosset, "Overall the day went very well. From the campus tours to the afternoon activities, this year's organization and efforts provided a meaningful day for our future students and their parents."

What was established at Open House will be reiterated over the next three months as the high school seniors of 1996 are asked to become the Glenville State College freshmen

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GSC Week

John Clise
Staff Writer

This year's GSC Week is a "tribute to the creativity of the students," said Chris Sedlock. This is why GSC Week will actually be twelve days long this year.

The expansion of GSC Week is intended to accommodate the goal of the committee, which is to "showcase the school." It was decided to translate this goal into a series of events to celebrate the people of Glenville and the school.

The schedule of events was planned to attain maximum participation of students, faculty, alumni and visitors.

With a schedule of over twenty events and the possibility of events being added, there will be something for everyone.

Sedlock commented that forty students had already signed up to be volunteers. This, Sed-

lock said, was "a sign people really do care." He also said the "genuineness of the people of Glenville really makes a project like this easier to plan."

The committee has gathered almost one hundred items to be given away as door prizes at practically every event. The diversity of prizes will reflect the celebration of "something for everyone."

This is the sixteenth annual GSC Week celebration. This year's theme is "Hog Wild," a concept created and designed by GSC student Susan Hunter.

Sedlock hopes students will participate in GSC Week. He intends to be at every event and hopes everyone else will too.

Look for a schedule of events in *The Mercury* and around campus. If you have any questions or comments about GSC Week, contact the Student Activities Office at 462-4172, Ext. 172.



...and They Shall Lead the World

While most of us thought that slavery was a thing of the past, others have been lobbying to bring an end to its ever popular grip throughout the international world. Recent studies report that 25% of children between the ages of 10-14 in both Asia and western Europe are estimated to be working, many under illegal or dangerous conditions. In some African countries, 20% of all children are forced to work. In Nigeria alone, there are some 12 million child laborers. In some Asian countries children make up 11% of the work force. Spain has an estimated 100,000 children working primarily on family farms.

Perhaps even sadder is the earning power of these children. In an Indonesian light bulb factory, children work an eight hour day, six days a week for the equivalent of \$3 in US currency. In Zimbabwe, for the same wage, children pick coffee beans in a ten hour day, six days a week. In Nepal, children earn approximately \$1 a day working in carpet factories.

Many may think that these practices are so distant and believe that if they do exist, it is only on a small scale. However, in this day of international industrialization, the problem has actually grown. Children as young as five work in factories all day, never learning, never playing, making all sorts of goods. They are not only deprived of childhood but they are also often forced to work in harsh and brutal environments beyond the consciences of most modern day people. Ironically, most of the goods that these poor little hands are making will be shipped to countries and will be bought by rich little educated children who live in worlds that these children do not even know how to dream about.

Most countries do have established legal ages for child laborers—14 is the most common. Extreme poverty often leads children to lie about their ages while the greed of their landlords look aside. Also, mothers are encouraged to bring their young along with them to the work place where they may accompany them in toiling laboriously. They particularly take pride in young girls because they tend to be born more docile creatures and it is believed they do not need the same book education as males do. They defend these practices by claiming they are likely preventing worse fates such as prostitution and begging.

Many activists are campaigning to bring the onslaught of child labor to an end. True, many of these children could fall into worse fates. Still we are left with the question—Do international contractors have certain moral obligations in the international trade world?

They may be able to claim that some of these standards are justifiable because they are sound cultural practices in the countries where they are

being performed. They may argue that if they pulled their trade out altogether, these poor would only have increased sorrow. But are they sound ethical judgments when held up in the light of most western world standards? Is it truly helping modernization to continue to be contributors to this cycle of poverty and continue sowing the seeds of illiteracy generation after generation?

Many global corporations have adhered to helping make changes, such as Levi Straus who has developed strict guidelines for hiring, encouraging schooling and providing safe work conditions. Others, however, are still rambling for excuses while most likely dreading to see the large cuts in profits they would be forced to take.

Child advocates are calling on not only the governments to enforce laws that will help bring an end to this exploitation but they are asking that consumers too become involved. Boycotting the buying of these goods where corporations and countries are turning their back to sound ethical practices is a powerful persuasive device to improve these unsavory conditions.

Those opposing may argue, calling this protectionism while claiming this is only a ploy to keep goods made by the poor out of the world's richest markets. They claim that it would marginally depress the export earnings of the country concerned, keeping it impoverished and undeveloped longer. They feel it is more beneficial to allow these practices to continue while giving contributions to education through the aid of organizations and charities in order to give incentives to poor families to keep their children out of factories. Since 1989, the US has been battling a controversial bill around that would prohibit the importing of any goods made by children under the age of 15.

For those who label this bill, protectionism, they may want to look at other protected world resources such as some species of animals like elephants, whales, and lions. When exploited, did these not receive world protection? Why cannot children be expected to receive the same protection?

Exploitation of child labor stunts bodies and minds, it robs childhood, hope, and growth. Economies are condemned to unbalanced and unjust development in countries where the practice continues. Do not countries who employ their work done by third world companies owe it to consumers whom they sell their goods to abide by wholesome nonconflicting values? Countries who wish to participate in the global economy need to accept standards acceptable to those countries they wish to do business with.

"Childhood sometimes does pay a second visit to man; youth never."

Anita Jameson

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to recent articles submitted to *The Mercury* concerning the Glenville State College library. My concern is the constant deterioration in the quality of an institution that was once a highly functional library for a small rural college. Over the past several years, the library has not been expanded nor improved upon; in fact, it has experienced considerable damage and irreversible harm. The following examples are presented to support my argument.

One major concern has been the elimination of the government documents section of the library. Government documents are very important to any library in that they are a highly-valued resource for student papers, professional research, grant proposals and general public interest. The government documents section existed for many years at GSC and then suddenly the library could no longer meet accreditation standards to continue as a government documents depository. I find it very perplexing that the library was able to meet the standards for so many years and then abruptly fail to meet the criteria.

A second concern is the practice of discarding valued library materials, especially periodicals. It is no doubt important

for the library to weed out damaged and useless material, but in this case the good has been tossed out with the bad. Headed for the garbage dump, truck loads of boxes containing discarded periodicals discreetly left the library in 1995. These boxes were piled one on top of one another in a campus storage building awaiting underground burial when some highly-concerned faculty members became aware of the situation and voiced opposition to this decision. At a later point the decision was changed to state that the periodicals were placed in permanent storage and could be retrieved within a reasonable period of time. I invite anyone to go to the storage building by the tennis courts and view the mountainous heaps of boxes that illustrates what was once the library's retrieval system for materials put into permanent storage. The latest word on the fate of the doomed discards is that they may be saved by recycling or auctioning.

In addition, there have been numerous personnel management problems at the library. Various employees at the library have made formal complaints to the administrations concerning management actions and behavior. In fact, one former employee

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Dear Editor:

During my 32 years of service as a legislator, there have been times when I questioned whether the effort one puts forth and the criticism one receives is worth it, and then some well-timed event or occurrence will happen that is so rewarding and inspiring that it gives much meaning to my life as a legislator.

Last Friday evening, March 30th, as if some magical wind breathed new and refreshing life into my body, one of those meaningful events occurred in the form of a spectacular performance by the Glenville State College Percussion Ensemble that I was privileged to watch.

Seeing such a highly professional production by students at GSC gives my work as a State Senator meaning and purpose. I have tried to describe to others just how magnificent the performance of the Percussion Ensemble was. Frankly, I am not sure that there are enough superlatives to adequately describe the professionalism and entertainment value of the work of these young musicians. They are, to many, a well-kept secret that needs to be shared with all throughout our state.

Kudos and commendations to the members of the Glenville State College Percussion Ensemble and the group's leader, Mr. John McKinney.

Sincerely,

William R. Sharpe, Jr.

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filed a formal grievance charge concerning management practices. Also, some users of the library have been exposed to the unprofessional and at times abrasive behavior of a certain library worker. This worker's manner makes library patrons feel like they can not read a book, let alone find it in the library.

In conclusion, I find it very sad and uncomfortable to have such a situation at our GSC library. The library workers and staff are dedicated and competent employees who strive to make the library a highly efficient and effective component of GSC. I commend them for their



Shorts and Ties

Eric Ware
staff writer

Finally, it happened! THE SUN!

Spring is finally here and summer is moving upon us. So what does that mean? Shorts. T-shirts. Clothing for the comfortably fashionable. It's time once again to break out those sandals and short-sleeve shirts, put on an Oasis tape, roll down the window and ride on.

But for those that dress for the professional jobs, try something summer this year in the wardrobe.

Dear Editor,

I agree with Mr. Longanacre about the disgusting aspects of an irresponsible relationship which results in a woman receiving an abortion, but unwanted pregnancies are not always the result of irresponsible actions, and early-term abortions need not be as involved as Mr. Longanacre portrays them to be.

I also have trouble with our columnist's use of "infant" when describing a fetus. *Webster's Third International Dictionary* defines *infant* as "1a: a child in the first year of life; baby." *Minor*: "1a: a child several years of age; 2b: a person who is not of full age." It would appear that Mr. Longanacre's spiritual rhetoric is an abortion of reason.

There are other aspects of this world that I find equally or more disturbing than abortion. First of all, when people have such high opinions of themselves that they feel they have the right to condemn or forgive the "sins" of others, my stomach feels as though I have taken an emetic. I'm sure that the women of the world are much relieved to know that "Father" Longanacre will forgive them if they feel guilty enough about their "fallen" con-

Around the Bend

Light suitjackets and sportsjackets are especially cool with a cotton white or off-white shirt worn beneath. A lighter shade of dress is also fashionable for spring or summer.

Ties that aren't loud, yet smooth and cool in colors (i.e. an off-blue, light blue or green or tan) are fashionably attractive and looks appropriate for the weather.

The most important aspect for dressing the season is look much like the season. Cool is in, hot is out. Also remember one important detail...never let them see you sweat!

dition.

Second, I feel that women are well aware of the gravity of the decision to choose abortion, and I find the arrogance of men in their assumption that women need to be told the "truth" about so personal a decision to be ludicrous.

But, to me, the most disgusting aspect of the pro-life movement is the willingness to raise the government to the level of a national father or even worse, a God, possessing the power over a woman's body to force her to carry a fetus to term. A government with that much control over our bodies has more far-reaching implications than are raised by the issue of abortion. As it is now, we already are not allowed to choose euthanasia over a long and painful death. Where will the control over our bodies end?

Finally, I am amused as to how people such as Longanacre are content to "let nature run its course," when that course is going in a direction that they agree with. I suppose if a woman had severe complications at birth, we could let nature run its course and let both the mother and the baby die--that would be natural, too.

Tom Kennedy

rest. I hope that the future of our has in the past.

A Concerned Library User
Name withheld by request

DANGER
HIGH
VOLTAGE

In My Opinion

Todd Longanacre

**SLOWER
TRAFFIC
KEEP
LEFT**

Most of you left-wingers out there have various reasons why you voted for Clinton in 1992. Some voted pro-Clinton because he was cute, he was younger, he could play a "mean sax". The generation "X" MTV'ers voted because he was homophilic (as opposed to homophobic) and he sometimes wears briefs rather than boxers!

There were many different reasons why you voted as you did, and like you will again in November. I'm quite certain, however, that among all of your petty reasons, consistency, value and character will not be found. To demonstrate my point I've decided to give you some literal quotes from this current liberal administration. Be forewarned, if you're a moderate liberal these quotes are going to hurt. If you're a hard-core, die-hard liberal you may not even see a problem; typical! Instead of writing out "Bill Clinton" every time, I'll use BC for short.

*"I've offered a comprehensive plan to get our economy moving again. It starts with a tax cut for the middle class" (BC, January '92). * "We should cut middle-class taxes immediately by 10%" (BC Campaign Document, September '92). * "We want to give modest middle-class tax relief to restore some fairness, especially to middle-class people..." (BC First Presidential Debate, October '92). * "From New Hampshire forward, for reasons that absolutely mystified me, the press thought the most important issue in the race was the middle-class tax cut. I never did meet any voter who thought that" (BC Press Conference, January 14, 1993).

* "It's a disgrace to the American people that the president of the United States would make a claim that is so baseless, that is so without foundation, so shameless in its attempt to get votes under false pretenses" (BC October 1, 1992, in response to a Bush-Quayle ad that people with incomes of as little as \$36,000 would pay more taxes under "The Clinton Plan"). * "There are [tax] increases for every family making more than \$20,000 a year" (New York Times "Analysis of Clinton's Budget" '92).

* "He [Bush] hasn't fought a real war on crime and drugs. I will" (BC Democratic National Convention, July 16, 1992). * 121 positions at the office of National Drug Control Policy eliminated. Policy of random drug testing for BC's White House staff revoked (White House Announcement, February 9, 1993).

Having fun yet? Wait, they get better (or worse depending on how you look at it)! * "I think President Bush played racial politics with the Haitian refugees. I wouldn't be shipping those poor people back" (BC March 27, 1992). * "The practice of returning those who fled by boat will continue, for the time being, after I become president. Those who do leave Haiti by boat will be stopped and directly returned by the U.S. Coast Guard" (BC January 14, 1993).

* "The health-care task force has just met" (BC referring to the 526 members under Hillary Clinton, January 25, 1992). * "The health-care task force has never met" (Argument made by White House Lawyers before a Federal Judge, March 1993). * "If I'm elected, I'll have the bills ready the day after I'm inaugurated. I'll send them to Congress and we'll have a hundred-day period" (BC "Good Morning America", June 23, 1992). * "My first one hundred days will be the most productive in modern history" (BC June 1992). * "People of the press are expecting to have some 100-day program. We never ever had one" (BC's press secretary Dee Dee Myers, January 12, 1993).

In my humble opinion, I think that even the Clinton's themselves have no idea of what the truth is. If you smoke (but never inhaled), maybe you should vote for Clinton/Gore in '96!

Politics is more dangerous than war, for in war you are only killed once.
--Winston Churchill

WCHS TV Announces 1996 Jefferson Award Winners

Seven area residents have been named recipients of the prestigious Jefferson Awards by WCHS TV, according to station Operations Manager Jo Corey.

Karen Baker of Charleston—who excels in her work with the home-bound, but is best known for her helping abused women seeking shelter. She often becomes personally involved, sometimes facing danger.

Earl and Mary Dotson of Wharncliffe, WV—Community leaders who worked diligently to establish a community sports park at Ben Creek.

Charles R. Duke of Paden City, WV, who has made major contributions to physically challenged residents in making their lives more enjoyable.

John M. Mickey Protan of Sylvester, WV is a tireless contributor to the people of Boone County—best known for providing hundreds of Christmas dinners to Sylvester residents and presents to area children and needy seniors.

Kermit F. Tolbert of Sissonville, WV, works more time per week as a volunteer than many people work at their jobs. He has made phenomenal contributions to mathematics education in the Sissonville area.

Pershing F. "Peck" Tucker of Glasgow has literally given the needy the shoes from his feet and the Thanksgiving dinner from his family's table.

Cynthia Wood of Charleston continues her nearly half century prison ministry of spiritual counseling, encouragement

and visitation.

WCHS TV also awarded Honorable mentions to seven nominees: Gladys Campbell, Gladys Fox, Evelyn Daughtery, Golfa Worley and Helen Arthur of Pratt, who help fund maintenance on the historic Town Hall and John and Paul Watson of Putnam County who risked their lives to rescue a teen from a fiery auto crash.

WCHS TV will once again honor those individuals who are making outstanding public service contributions to their communities, families or neighbors with the Jefferson Awards.

The winners will be honored at a luncheon this spring and highlighted on WCHS TV's "News 8 at 6."

Each will receive a medalion featuring a replica of the seal of the United States, signed by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Robert Taft, Jr. and Samuel Beard. One of those selected will receive a trip to Washington, DC. In 1994, one of WCHS TV's local winners was selected as one of five national winners and presented a \$1 thousand reward in Washington, DC.

This is WCHS TV's 12th year of involvement with the Jefferson Awards and the American Institute for Public Service in Washington.

Past local winners have come from all walks of life including policeman, teachers, nurses, coaches, a food and clothing bank and neighbors-helping neighbors. Some are paid volunteers, and most are unrecognized.

We are here and it is now. Further than that all human knowledge is moonshine.

—H.L. Mencklen

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High Quality Sound Systems

If you're passionate about music, then you'll definitely appreciate the benefits of a high quality audio system. But you're probably thinking, "Hey, I'm working hard just to pay tuition. How can I spend money on high end electronic gear, too?" Well, you're not alone in your thinking, and you're also not alone thinking that high performance must mean high cost.

Believe it or not, high quality sound systems are attainable in all price ranges, beginning at around \$1,000, up to systems in the six-figure range. You don't have to pay top prices to get great quality, and you don't have to do it all at once. Here are some tips to get you started.

Begin by taking a look at what you have now...a CD player, receiver or amplifier/pre-amplifier, loudspeakers. Determine the weakest link in your system, and start upgrading from that point.

A specialty audio retailer is the best person to tell you which product you should replace first, and what products will blend well with the remaining ones. (Look for a retailer in your yellow pages under "Stereophonic Dealer," or ask for recommendations from your music-loving friends.)

The advantage to owning a stereo system made up of several components, instead of all-on-one-box types, is that you can improve a single element of the system at a time, and thus, the system can grow and mature with you over many years. This makes a high end audio system a great value in addition to a superb source of musical reproduction.

For more information, take a look at the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association (CEMA) website at "http://www.cia.org/cema." There, you'll find the latest information on the companies that bring you the best personal entertainment.

Friendship is like earthenware, once broken it can be mended; love is like a mirror, once broken that ends it.

—Josh Billings

Creative Writers Conference to be Held at Wesleyan

West Virginia Wesleyan College will be hosting a Creative Writers Conference on April 13. It will be a day of readings and discussions by student poets, fiction writers, and non-fiction writers. There will be public readings of works, meeting times set aside for writers to meet student editors of campus magazines, and an outdoor picnic lunch for all participants.

The day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and breakfast and run until roughly 5 p.m.

The highlight of this year's

conference will be a reading by West Virginia writer Pinckney Benedict at 3 p.m. He will also be available to meet and talk with students.

Past participants have included students from West Virginia University, Marshall University, Alderson-Broaddus College, Davis and Elkins College, and Fairmont State.

The conference is free and open to the general public. There will be a van available to take interested GSC students. For more information, contact Dr. Gayle Burkowski, ext. 218.

Read Aloud Conference Slated May 4

contributed

West Virginians interested in encouraging children to read for pleasure have the opportunity to attend a day-long conference on May 4, in Charleston.

The theme of the conference, to be held at the Charleston Civic Center, is "Let's Talk Books." A highlight will be the address by featured speaker Jim Trelease, author of the "Read Aloud Handbook". Trelease's work has been instrumental in the success of Read Aloud West Virginia, the organization sponsoring the conference.

Read Aloud West Virginia, a program of the West Virginia Education Fund, involves more than 5,000 volunteers reading aloud to some 65,000 children in traditional classroom settings, as well as non-school environments.

The conference will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Trelease will be giving his keynote address during lunch to the participants.

Twelve workshop topics will be offered throughout the day. Conference participants may choose to attend two in the morning and two in the after-

noon. Topics will include: "Let's Talk Fiction" and "Let's Talk Non-fiction", each offered in two sections highlighting book selection for children from birth to age ten and for children eleven and older; "Let's Talk West Virginia Authors"; "Books that Beg for Bells and Whistles"; and "Children's Choices". The latter will feature a professor from West Virginia University and two librarians, as well as several children who simply will talk about their favorite books. In addition, vendors will have numerous exhibits set up at the Civic Center. Cost of the conference will be \$25, which will include breakfast and lunch.

Mary Kay Bond, Read Aloud program coordinator, said her organization is delighted that a number of West Virginia children's authors have indicated they plan to attend. She said the conference is geared to parents, educators, reading volunteers, librarians, Newspaper in Education personnel and "anyone who has an interest in children and books".

For further information and registration forms, contact the Read Aloud West Virginia office in care of the West Virginia Education Fund, P.O. Box 3071, Charleston, WV 25331-3071 or call (304) 342-7850.

GSC Alumni Day Set for April 27

It's that time again--time for alumni to get together and reminisce their days at Glenville State College. Alumni Day, scheduled for April 27, is right around the corner, and the GSC Alumni Association is excited to invite all alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff of the college to attend.

The day will be filled with activities here on the campus of GSC and in the Glenville community. The day will begin with the annual alumni golf tournament at the Glenville golf course. Alumni and friends may enter individually or as a team. Lunch will be provided at the golf course. This 18 hole tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and offers valuable prizes to the winners.

The Alumni Center Open House will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Alumni and friends are invited to enjoy the morning in the beautiful Victorian decor of the Alumni House. It's truly a great place to meet old friends and reminisce!

In the afternoon, the GSC Foundation, Inc. will hold its annual scholarship presentations in the Fine Arts Building (across from the Alumni House). The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. and will include a performance by the always impressive GSC

jazz band. Come watch your scholarship contributions go to deserving students and enjoy the performance. Then, immediately following the ceremony, join fellow alumni and scholarship recipients for a reception in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building.

The highlight of the day will be the annual alumni banquet at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Heflin Center. The menu will include your choice of prime rib or fish for only \$15 per person. The alumni awards will be presented after this elegant dinner and an always outstanding performance by the GSC brass ensemble. In the spotlight will be the class of 1946 and the class of 1971, who are the 25 and 50 year honor classes, and, among other award winners, the Alumna of the Year, Dr. Barbara (Bobbi) Nicholson. The recognition class will be Dr. Nicholson's class of 1973.

The Alumni Association and the college hope to see all the alumni of GSC in attendance for this very special day. For more information on any of these activities, please call the Alumni Center at (304) 462-4122 or send correspondence to: GSC Alumni Association, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351-1292.

You're invited to

ALUMNI DAY 1996

at Glenville State College April 27!

Come reminisce with your classmates and enjoy a fun-filled day!

9 a.m. Golf Tournament
9:30 - 12 p.m. Alumni Center Open House
1 p.m. Foundation Awards, Jazz Band
Reception following ceremony
5:30 Alumni Banquet

Call us the Alumni Association at 462-4122 for more info.

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of 1996. Dr. Phillip K. Cottrill, Registrar and Director of Enrollment Management will be overseeing these efforts.

"I talked with many pro-

spective students from our service area, and they all seemed to be positive and enthusiastic about attending Glenville State College in the fall. I felt the day was well organized and that this was a very successful Open House."

377 Slowly Implementing

*Lisa Belknap
staff writer*

The committee charged with devising a policy for the distribution of merit pay held its second meeting on Monday, April 1st. In attendance were Chair Dr. Lowell Peterson, Faculty Senate President Paul Peck, Faculty Senator Dr. Jim Hilgenberg, Dr. Chris Orr, and Division Chairs Marty Armentrout and Keith Haan.

The committee has taken on the task of formulating a merit pay policy which will effectively live up to the standards of Senate Bill 377 and Senate Bill 547 while at the same time satisfying the overall faculty concerns.

Merit pay does have the potential to be divisive, the members each have their worries as to what could go wrong. They are painstakingly reviewing each suggested procedure for flaws.

"This is their (faculty's) policy," says Armentrout. "We have to focus on coming up with something they feel is fair."

The law mandates "effective faculty involvement" in the administration of the pay policy. The problem is: such broad terminology aides in creating conflict. While each member does agree faculty involvement is essential, there are discrepancies

in how much involvement constitutes being "effective."

While semantics are one stumbling block for the committee members, the role of the faculty peer review committee is another. Orr said he was under the impression (at the first meeting) that peer review's role in the administration of merit pay would be similar to its role in the promotion and tenure process. However after the second meeting it appeared to him that Holt and Haan had misgivings about it playing such a large part.

"One of the problems is that of sequencing," commented Haan during a personal interview, "At what level should the peer review committee from the division get involved? Do they just give some advice to the chair or do they actually give an evaluation of their own?"

Hilgenberg has proposed a process in which peer review and the division chair work side by side. In this particular process the peer review and the division's chair will evaluate the teacher simultaneously.

Then they would average their figures. In the event there is a significant discrepancy between the two he feels they can meet, determine why it exists and work it out. "If the peer review and division chair are looking at the same information there should be some consistency between the two," comments Hilgenberg.

Once again semantics play a part in creating tension. While Hilgenberg and Orr believe fluctuating a few points is still a consistency that can be discussed and worked out, Haan feels the situation calls for a more concrete approach. He noted a system being currently used in an Ohio university as a good model for GSC to consider.

"In this system the faculty

member submits an application which goes to the division's peer review committee. Then, the peer review committee makes its recommendation to the division chair.

At that point the division chair and the teacher would have an interview. If the teacher did not agree with the chair's evaluation, then, there would be the opportunity to appeal. It seems illogical for them to appeal to a group (peer review) that has already made their decision." He said he agrees with a suggestion made by Holt that the appeals be made to a separate review committee made up of faculty members campus wide.

"I like that idea much better," states Armentrout. "My original vision of this separate committee was that they would provide objective input in the event that there is a disagreement between peer review and the chairperson. I feel that committee is where the final say should rest. That particular route would be least likely to cause problems and would be more acceptable to the faculty as a whole."

While there are some obstacles for the committee to overcome, these obstacles are simply the result of being thorough. "It's hard for us to sit up here in the abstract and think of all the things that could go wrong," Peterson said to the other committee members during the Monday meeting.

The committee is scheduled to meet next on Friday, April 12th. The *Mercury* will continue to update this story.

Many a man is mad in certain instances, and goes through life without having it perceived.

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Dr. Orr Named Guest Editor to the Journal, *Film Criticism*

Gene Breza
staff writer

Dr. Chris Orr, Glenville State College language arts professor since 1973 has been named guest editor for a special issue of *Film Criticism*. Orr is presently publishing essays for this issue which is due to be published in the fall of 1997.

The special issue will be devoted to genre film. This is an area in which Orr has done search and upon which he has published several essays in national journals. He has been a member of *Film Criticism's* editorial board since 1984.

Orr said in an earlier article that the film English 335 (Introduction to Film) is the basis research in the field has grown.

From Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., Orr said that the desk of Lloyd Michaels, editor of *Film Criticism*, solicitation for manuscripts addressing genre is counting for variations, transformations in emergence of generic hybrids; how these changes in the cultural environment; can the text based approach effectively define genres; on out to questioning the audience theory as a better means of classification.

Deadline for manuscripts is March 1, 1997. Queries can be addressed to Dr. Chris Orr, Language Division, Glenville State College.

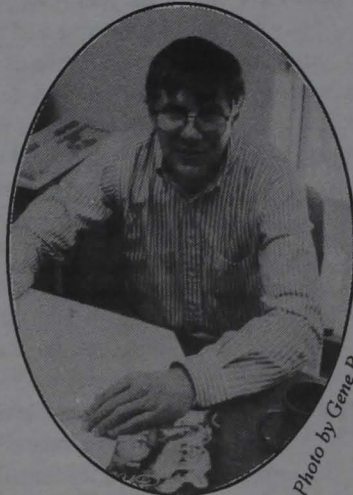


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ACS Hold Meeting

Patricia Drake
Staff Writer

The ACS held their weekly meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in SH 400. There were 16 in attendance.

The club discussed their trip to New Orleans and watched the video taken. Members signed up to participate in the GSC Week Olympics for Saturday, April 20.

Yearbook pictures were discussed and Patricia Drake talked to *the Mercury* to set up a day and time. Pictures will be on Tuesday, April 9 at 12:45 p.m.

The election of officers for the 1996-97 school year was brought up. Members decided that nominations and voting would take place at the April 9 meeting.

Fundraising activities that were discussed were a Walk-A-Thon, a car wash and a salad dinner.

The next meeting of the ACS will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. in SH 400. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

GSC Sponsors Conference

The Division of Business, chaired by Marty Armentrout, is sponsoring a Professional Development Conference on Thursday, April 11, 1996 in the Verona Maple Room of the Heflin Center.

Speakers will be as follows: 9:00-9:45 a.m.--Gerry Hough, Assistant Professor of Business at GSC, will be discussing sexual harassment; 10:00-10:45 a.m.--Beverly "Jo" Harris, Associate Professor and Chair of Administration, WV Tech will be addressing time management; 11:00-11:45 a.m.--Karen Larry, Assistant Director of Education, State Department of Education will be discussing interpersonal relations; 1:00-1:45 a.m. Abby Reynolds, Business Education Supervisor, State Department of Education will discuss networking people; 2:00-3:00 a.m.--Jennifer Nottingham, Director of Residence Life at GSC, will be discussing ways to project a professional image.



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FCA News

Fellowship of Christian Athletes met Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in Room 206 of the PE Building. The members enjoyed a Carman video for Rose who missed the concert.

Special thanks to Becky Frasure, Tracy Lane, and Rich Clark for setting up our booth for GSC Open House. Group pictures will be taken April 9th at 8:30 p.m. which is also our regular meeting time.



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Annual Job Fair to be Held

"Forty-nine student teachers will meet with 12 recruiters from nine school systems across West Virginia and from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, Friday, April 19, 1996," announces Director of Career Services, Michele Mansfield. The annual job fair provides opportunities for teacher candidates to interview with professional educators for possible teaching positions.

"Making initial contacts is the greatest benefit of attending a career fair," says Mansfield. "Employers want to see as many candidates as possible, to assemble lists for later follow-up. Although students may not get a job right away, they will still have an interview with a professional in the field."

Mansfield, who took over the job as Director of Career Services in September, has conducted many job search skills' workshops for students in all fields of study. The Office of Career Services also provides year round placement services for students and alumni and for a nominal fee will type and reproduce resumes.

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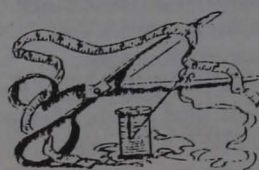
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National Debt Update

Drexell King II
contributing writer

Washington--On March 29, 1996, President Clinton signed into law a bill which raised the ceiling on the National Debt to \$5.5 trillion, narrowly averting a first-ever federal default (it was originally \$5 trillion). The Outstanding Public Debt as of April 2, '96, at 12:00 EST is \$5,074,761,026,041.85. The estimated population of the U.S. is 264,531,503 people, so each citizen's share of this debt is \$19,183.96. This debt is increasing an average of \$620 million everyday.

In lighter news, this month we have two Entrepreneurs of the Month. They are Earl and Jim Fitzwater, owners of Hair

Expo Barber & Beauty Shop at the Foodland Plaza. They have owned this business for 23 years. Jim has been a barber since 1960 and Earl has been one since 1963. When asked how he decided to become a barber, Earl said it was a spur of the moment decision. He also told me that this business has its ups and downs, but it can be a rewarding job by making lots of friends.

Both of these gentlemen's hobbies include hunting, fishing and they help manage a farm. If you ever get a chance to get a haircut down at the Hair Expo, jump at the chance to do it. They offer a very nice environment, and also you get to meet two very special friends.

GSC WEEK PART 1

4/10/1996 Mr. GSC Week Contest At 8 p.m. in the Heflin Ball Room the DZ's will be sponsoring this pageant in which GSC's finest males will compete for the coveted title of Mr. GSC.

4/11/1996 Video Dance Party The Video dance will begin at 9-12 p.m. in the Library Parking Lot (Ball Room If Raining). This event will serve as the kick off party for GSC week (plus a few days).

4/12/1996 GSC Week Talent Show At 7-11 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium Jeremy Rodriguez will be hosting the annual GSC Week Talent Show where you can show off your special talent, and win great prizes.

4/13/1996 Family Day Family Day activities start at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ceder Creek State Park. This event will be hosted by Kappa Delta Phi, the honorary Education Club.

Professional Development Conference

The Glenville State College Division of Business (Marty Armentrout, Chairperson), is sponsoring a professional development conference on Thursday, April 11, in the Verona Maple Room in the Heflin Student Center on the GSC campus.

This conference is being held to help individuals in every field prepare for challenges they will be facing in the workplace.

The conference promises to be both beneficial and interesting. The following is the agenda and list of guest speakers:

"Sexual Harassment," 9-9:45 a.m. Gerry Hough, Assistant Professor of Business, Glenville State College.

"Time Management," 10-10:45 a.m. Beverly "Jo" Harris, Associate Professor and Chair of Office Administration, West Virginia Tech.

"Interpersonal Relations," 11-11:45 a.m. Karen Larry, Assist. Director of Education, State Department of Education.

"Networking People," 1-1:45 p.m. Abby Reynolds, Business Education Supervisor, State Dept. of Education.

"Projecting a Professional Image," 2-3 p.m. Jennifer Nottingham, Director of Student

Life, Glenville State College.

Lunch will be served from 11:45-1 p.m.

The conference is avail-

able campus-wide and open to the community. For more information, contact Deana Barton at 462-7361, ext. 237.

Corrections Class Visits

Mt. Olive

Chad Samples & April Rector

On Tuesday, March 26, a group of Glenville State College corrections students traveled to the Mt. Olive Correctional Fa-

techniques practiced at the facility.

The maximum security prison can presently house up to 802 inmates, and expansion is planned for the near future.

Mt. Olive is a convicted



Photo by Chad Samples

cility. The students were given the opportunity to tour the maximum security prison and ask questions about the corrections system.

The group departed from GSC at 9 a.m. for a three-hour trip to the Fayette County facility.

"It was very informative about the corrections system," stated freshman Tina Bell. Bell also expressed that she was very interested in the processing of inmates and the rehabilitation

felon's first stop before being transferred to other prisons in the state. Here it is determined where they should be placed, based on the seriousness of their crime, and what programs are required to rehabilitate them.

"I was impressed with the types of rehabilitative units on the prison campus, because each unit caters to the different kinds of correctional problems," says Mark Cutlip, sophomore.

Students agree it was a very beneficial trip.

Talent Contest

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COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Book Scholarship Program Established

The West Virginia Society of Washington, D.C. (the Society) and the Glenville State College Foundation, Inc. have announced the establishment of a Book Scholarship Program for Glenville State College students. The program will go into effect in the 1996-1997 school year with four scholarships of \$500 each being awarded to help defray the cost of the college texts to be used by the recipients. In announcing the program, President William K.

Simmons praised the Society for its initiative, "Textbooks are a significant part of the increasing cost of pursuing a college education. The Society has recognized this situation and established a program to address the increasing cost of textbooks," said Simmons.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Ed Hamrick, Executive Vice President, GSC Foundation, Inc. at (304)462-4125.

The best way to haze
Freshmen is to make them
study



"Sgt. Bilko"

How many of you out there remember the old television show "Sgt. Bilko?" Well, if you don't remember the show at all, then I would recommend that you see the movie adaptation of the hit comedy as soon as possible.

Steve Martin ("Father of the Bride") is back to his same old ways as he stars in the slap-stick comedy as Master Sergeant Bilko. Bilko's stay in the Army as commander of the motor pool division has been a classic one as he operates a money making factory in the motor pool hanger.

Before long, his relaxed life style turns into hell as one of his fellow commanders comes back to haunt him and attempts to get him transferred to an outpost as far away as possible. With his career on the line, Bilko tries to pull off the impossible scam and save his career and easy life style.

Martin is teamed up with his fellow "Saturday Night Live" friend and partner Dan Akroyd ("Coneheads") as Bilko's commanding officer. Another "Saturday Night Live" star also makes a guest appearance in the film as a former commander with a vendetta against Bilko.

"Sgt Bilko" is a very funny movie that will make you laugh all the way through. Steve Martin's performance is outstanding as he is up to his old "Saturday Night Live" tricks and comedy again. If you are looking to have a laugh this weekend, I would recommend "Sgt Bilko" as the movie to watch.

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Dennis and Nancy Wemm closed down the Oral Communications Department for a few days before the beginning of Spring Break and took a group of eight students to Louisville, KY, for the Southeastern Theatre Conference on March 6-10.

While there, everyone had a hectic time deciding which workshop (out of 226), job interview (about 500 people for about 450 jobs in summer theatres), or meeting to attend. The main question came to be "When did he have time for dinner?"

While there they met Glenville Alums Mike McKibben and Keith Miller, who were interviewing applicants for electricians and riggers for AE Mitchell Co., in DC. Other Glenvillians attending the conference included Dr. Bill Lewis, '71, from Parkersburg South High School, and Tom Mace, '87, who teaches at Roane County High School and also appeared in the WV Community Theatre offering *Oleanna*.

Probably the most popular workshops were the ones on clowning, stage combat, and scene painting.

Dennis Wemm was selected this fall to represent the state of West Virginia on the SETC Board of Directors, which meant his choices were limited to meetings. Following the Board meeting on Sunday, everyone piled back into the car and van and traveled back for the rest of their Spring Break, after a short stop to Churchill Downs.

It proved to be a productive as well as fun weekend. Wanda Roff will have to choose between costuming job offers, and Jeremy Burks, whose Danc-ing Waiter was a favorite in *Scapino*, was just offered a Staff Carpenter position at Williamstown Theatre Festival in Massachusetts.

The trip was sponsored by, Alpha Si Omega, the Glenville branch of the National Theatre Honorary Society.

Chamber Singers to Hold Spring Concert

On Thursday, April 11 at 8 p.m., the Glenville State College Chamber Singers will present their Spring Concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The concert will include selections from the Renaissance to the present, as well as the cantata *The Lonesome Train*.

The Lonesome Train was written in 1944 by Millard Lampell and Earl Robinson. Lampell, a graduate of the University of West Virginia, wrote the text of this work about Abraham Lincoln's funeral train winding its way from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois. It is a portrait of Lincoln and the love of his people.

The work changes constantly from a dirge to a dance to a rollicking ballad, describing how Lincoln comes alive in the hearts and minds of his people as the train moves through the states. The mood is summed up in the often-repeated refrain: "They were his people, he was their man./You couldn't quite tell where the people left off./And where Abe Lincoln began."

The story is told by a ballad singer, a narrator, a gospel preacher, a square dance caller and various other soloists.

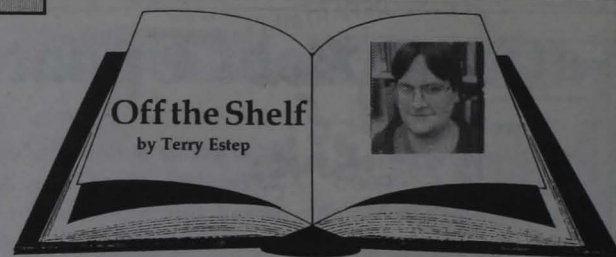
The concert is conducted by Keith Haan and accompanied by pianist John Mark Walkup of the GSC faculty. Admission is free to the public.

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Are You Dating with Success?

A book has been lying around the *Mercury* office, waiting for my review. It is a slim volume, dog-eared and coffee-stained by months of office browsing. The book contains good advice for developing healthy dating relationships. *Dating with Success*, by Joe Riggle, Joe Preller, and Mike Breschi, contains the wisdom of their 35 cumulative years on the dating circuit.

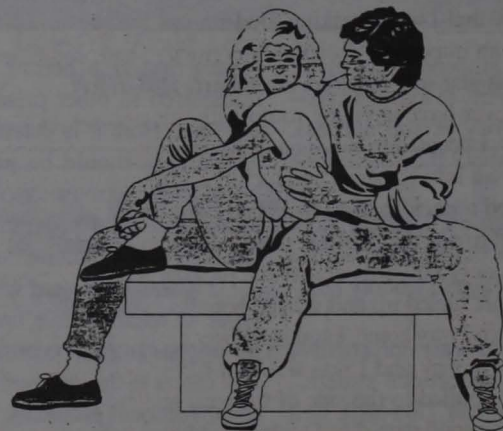
This is not a survival guide, but if you need a survival guide this is the book for you. That may sound contradictory, but this book can help create a positive view of dating that eliminates life-and-death dating anxiety. The book covers the healthy dating mentality, fear, sex and its place in the dating scene, and a list of 35 do's and don'ts for the first date. The final section contains 50 commonly asked questions and answers.

Readers who want to form friendships and long-term intimate relationships are advised to view dating as an opportunity to get to know other people and to learn a little about themselves in the process. Relationships which are mostly sexual in nature are not dealt with in this book because the authors believe that relationships based entirely on sex do not last very long. Sex is handled in a thoughtful, non-judgemental way as a part of the dating process. It is up to the individual to set specific sexual boundaries.

The list of first date suggestions are practical and are meant to set up a pro-active strategy for dealing with situations ranging from family ("Don't introduce a first date to your family unless your parents insist upon it."), safety ("Meet in a public place."), "Tell a third party where you are going to meet."), and conversation ("Try to be a good listener." "Keep the conversation light."). My personal favorite is #21: "Mention the date's name in conversation." If that becomes a problem, it may be time to go home.

Dating with Success is a fresh, no-nonsense look at the elements that go into creating a fun dating experience. I would recommend it as a gift to that son or daughter about to start dating, but I can too easily imagine the looks of stunned disbelief and embarrassment the high schooler or college student would fire at their well-meaning parents. This is the type of book a parent or teacher keeps on the shelf for teenagers to "discover" on their own, away from prying eyes.

Note: Because *Dating with Success* is from a smaller publisher, it may be impossible to find in the larger chain stores. Contact me at The Mercury office for ordering information.



"That's fascinating, Bill...John! No, I mean Adam!"



Last weekend I went to Huntington to watch our track team perform in the Marshall University Invitational. All-American Chris Cress proved his abilities once again by winning the 400m hurdles and Daniel Edgell and Lee Petty proved Glenville does have a distance team.

On the way home from the meet, I was jamming to the only station my A.M. stereo would pick up when I suddenly realized I was out of gas. I reached into my pocket only to pull out an empty wallet. All seemed hopeless until I saw lying in my consul, under all the food wrappers, D-F slips and excessive absence notices, two books full of food stamps.

I quickly pulled off at the first exit I came to to begin breaking foodstamps for change to use for gas money. The first place I stopped was some sort of carry-out grocery store that had pool tables in the back. The only thing I could find that would yield a considerable amount of change was a 2 oz. package of honey roasted almonds for \$1.09. As I payed for them, an extremely large red-neck at one of the pool tables announced, "Looks like *perty* boy there likes suckin' on nuts!"

Lucky for him he was twice my size or I would have done something about that. Instead, I ignored him and got in my car and drove on to the next stop.

I then came to a Foodland where I went in, spotted some hamburger buns for \$1.09, grabbed them and ran to the check-out. When the cashier asked for 98 cents, I said, "I thought they were \$1.09."

"They're on sale," she replied.

"They can't be on sale," I told her.

"Do you not want to save money?" she asked.

"No...I mean, I don't need buns."

I then grabbed the buns and ran back to replace them for a can of diced tomatoes. Why diced tomatoes? They were \$1.09.

As I got to the counter, I asked the cashier if the tomatoes were on sale. She said no, rang them up, then was appalled when I gave her two food stamps. "You're breaking food stamps for 'Pepsi' money aren't you?" she scornfully pronounced to me. "These are for needy children with lazy parents! I'll give you your change because I have to but not because I want to!"

Instead of trying to convince her I am a lazy child of needy parents, I simply got into my car and drove to my next stop; Go-Mart.

I went into Go-Mart and purchased a two liter bottle of Coke for, you guessed it, \$1.09. I had planned on taking my total, which was now \$2.67, and buying my gas here but wouldn't you know it, the cashier was the most beautiful girl I have probably ever seen...well, if she would shave. I was too embarrassed to let this girl know that I was breaking food stamps for gas money so I had to make an important decision: buy my gas here and risk running out of gas just so I wouldn't be embarrassed in front of a girl who would never have anything to do with me anyway, or drive on to Kroger's. I decided to drive on to Kroger's.

I went into Kroger's and luckily their buns were not on sale. I purchased a pack for \$1.09. When I got to the parking lot, I was surprised to see that my car would not start. Luckily the gas station was only 50 yards across the parking lot. I pushed my car to the pumps, fueled up and started home.

On my way home, I suddenly became hungry but as you know I had no money and I was now out of food stamps. No problem, though. I pulled to the side of the road and made myself a honey-roasted almond with diced tomato sandwich on a sesame seed bun. It wasn't the greatest, but luckily I had an entire two liter bottle of Coke to wash it down.

Kevin Lake
staff writer

GSC Tracksters Open Season at M.U.

On Saturday, March 30, the men's and women's Pioneer track teams opened their seasons at the Marshall University Invitational track meet in Huntington, WV.

Standout Chris Cress picked up where he left off last season by winning the 400m hurdles in 55.1 in a field that included runners from Cincinnati U., M.U., Kentucky State, Moorehead State and a couple conference schools.

The amazing thing is that Cress won this event in only minutes after placing 4th in the open 400m with a time of 51.4.

Distance runners Daniel Edgel and Lee Petty led a strong charge for the Pioneer distance team. Edgel ran a lifetime best in the 5,000, clocking a 15:53. Petty finished second in the 1500 in 3:59.1, pushing the winner and himself under the previous

meet record.

Canadian Frank Konig was able to place 6th in triple jump with a jump of 37'4" and Chris Burley placed 5th in the 100m with a time of 11.5.

The men's 4x100m relay teams placed 3rd and 5th respectively in times of 44.6 and 3:39.6.

Running the 4x100m was L. R. Sammons, Chris Burley, Kevin Waterfield and Mitch Carte. The 4x400m consisted of Sammons, Burley, Nathan McKee and Cress.

The women's team was able to place in a few events. Emily James was 6th in the long jump with a jump of 14'8.5". Freshman Amy Thomas was also 6th in the 200m run, in a time of 28.1.

Freshman Bobbie Hatcher managed to place in three events. She was 5th in the 400m hurdles in 1:10.9, 6th in the 400m open in 1:03.9 and was a member of the 4x400m relay team that

placed 6th, comprised of Thomas, Becky Andrew, and Jennifer Pingley.

Women's head coach Rick Conklin was quick to point out that he was very pleased with Pingley this year.

Conklin comments, "She is running better and has a much better attitude than last year. Pingley ran a 2:40 in the 800m to finish one second behind team mate Mindy Ralston, who ran a 2:39."

Becky Andrew is another freshman Conklin feels good about. Andrew seems destined to help this Pioneer team, as well as being a member of the 4x400m, she also ran the 100m in 13.8.

With the talent of assistant coach Chup Robinson, the sternness of coach Conklin and the experience and perfectionism of head coach Steve Harold, it appears that the Pioneers may no longer be the underdogs for the running of the WVAC.

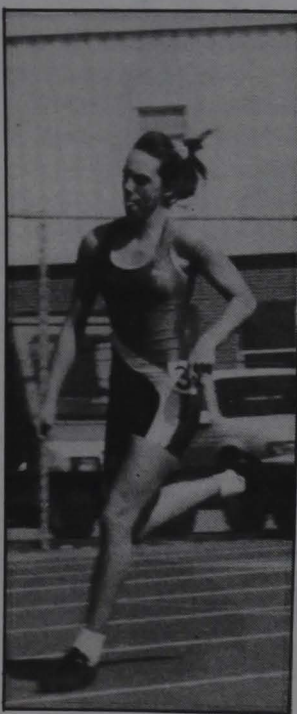
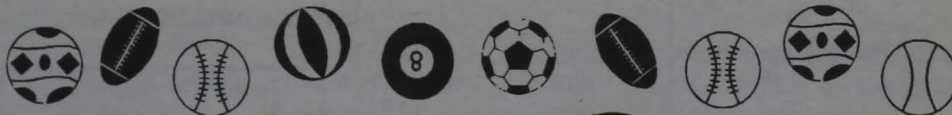


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Jennifer Pingley gives it her all as she rushes towards the goal.

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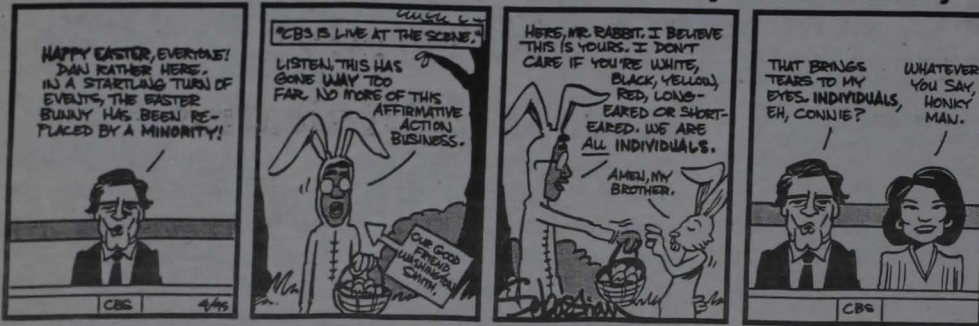
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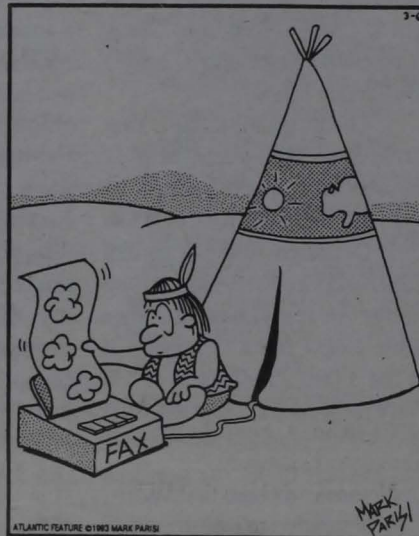


National Student News Service, 1995



off the mark

by Mark Parisi



To teach is to learn twice.
—Joseph Joubert

ARTLESS PHILOSOPHY



In staying with the current trend of political correctness sweeping the country, I have decided to change my name to something more acceptable, more attention grabbing.

For far too long we have been bound by the constraints, limitations and expectations put on us by others.

Much of this unneeded "baggage" comes via the name given one at birth. This is a painful thing to take through life. So I have decided to cast this name off and take one that better suits the person I am and wish to become.

From this point on my name will be the Peace symbol, as signed above.

There will be no communication problems, as you can refer to me as the writer formally known as John Clise. It is to this end that I would give up the name John Clise which has been in my family for over ten generations. It is also to this point that I surrender the name Harvey even though I am the last to carry this name in my family.

It is only now through this new found sense of freedom that I can truly explore who I am and who I want to be.

Fellow classmates I urge you to do the same. Lose the oppression of your life and meet freedom with an open heart.

In picking new symbol names, I suggest you try punctuation and editors marks for starters. As these are sometimes obscure to people and would cause them more confusion. Plus it makes my new peace symbol look really cool.

Life in a PC World

In this strange age of political correctness, things seem to have gone awry! People are claiming political affiliations that tend to become strange and even bizarre when coupled with personal hobbies and beliefs.

A few examples relating to this trend would be the self-proclaimed Marxist whose passion in life is golf. Isn't golfing a sport of the elite class who want to keep the people imprisoned to labor?

To continue, wouldn't all these golf courses, beautiful tributes to The Man be better used for housing and agricultural needs? After all, isn't that the light of Marxism? Or has his vision been weakened by intellectual misunderstanding.

Then who would believe this strange twist, a communist who believes in free will. It happens in our P.C. Society, which now embraces the fallen communist because they have changed. Communism didn't change, it failed. How could someone embrace Communism and free will?

This Communist/free will affiliation would be like a Christian eating the forbidden fruit and thinking it is all right.

Lately, there are the militant feminists who refuse to open their own doors because they are women and shouldn't have to. Isn't the point of feminism to empower women against the male-dominated world and themselves out of the roles placed on them by stereotype or force?

Though, I would say to me personally there really isn't anything more appealing than a woman who can strike a balance between a career, being a wife and mother, and being a woman with goals, dreams and desires, but that balance comes from within and not from a political affiliation.

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

—Phyllis Diller

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The Old Coot Philosophizes

Allen Carr
contributing writer

As philosophers go, most modern ones should. Philosophy is theoretically supposed to encourage individuals to expand their horizons, to exercise the process of the brain, to enlarge upon the individual's view of the world and how it works.

Unfortunately, philosophy has resisted modern efforts to reduce its relevancy to sound blurb format and is, therefore overlooked as anything worth pursuing by the fifteen second attention spans of the current generations of lesser mature individuals. By the time most of them have read the word "Aristotle", the familiar whine "I'm so bo-o-o-o-oored" is reverberating off the walls of academia.

This generation has found, by their estimation, worthy alternatives to Plato, Thales, Socrates, Aristotle and Hobbes (sans Calvin).

Now it is possible to get one's philosophy accompanied by throbbing bass and danceable beat! Musicians have ascended to lofty positions as purveyors of wisdom by which to live. The "really neat" thing is, that while the words of wisdom are being absorbed, the modern philosopher is being enriched beyond the dreams of avarice (but not beyond the needs of this generation of stars, apparently). The "achy-breaky heartache" of lost love is a lesson of life so

valuable to the world that it bears repeating, repeatedly incessantly, unendingly.

One is supposed to recognize these individuals as intellectual titans because they have "suffered for their art." They have suffered hangovers, bad drugs, venereal disease, rough bus rides, harassing police officers, ugly groupies, broken guitar strings, late limousines, hot stage lights—the suffering that these individuals endure for a mere few million dollars per tour is incredible!

They should, indeed, be revered as gods and whatever they say should be incorporated into society as quickly as ten or eighty clodillion repetitions of "I've got friends in low places" can be arranged. Their benevolence even carries over into regular education. One philosopher expounds on mathematics but only gets "halfway down" (one is left to ponder if this individual is not "totally cool" and is, therefore, incapable of "getting down" or if this was an aborted attempt at oral gratification?), while another duo ponders meaningfully whether their hearts are half full or half empty (thereby answering the question satisfactorily about their crania).

Another imparts a geography lesson and a philosophical observation simultaneously by revealing that both of his former spouses (spice?) live in a large southern locus of braggadocio so he is compelled to reside in another southern location (presumably to avoid being harassed

for his late alimony).

It is encouraging to note that the powers-that-be here at SSC have studied enough traditional philosophy to be making concessions designed to placate the peasants.

Hobbes relates his observation that once the sovereign is in power, it is wise to soothe ruffled feathers and keep the peons happy. He suggests religion for the masses and limited authority for the nobles. Here at the dukedom in the hills, the faculty Senate has graciously been allowed to participate in the implementation of the policy already decided upon by the henchpersons of the powers-that-be (help us decide whether we implement it now when I say or later when I say) and the general student populace has been given country line dancing lessons to fulfill their otherwise meaningless existences.

No one can claim that William the Hirsute isn't on top of things. If this proves insufficient to quell the restlessness of the natives, the speed limit (as if there really is one) can be raised in front of the student union to reduce the possibility of survivors among those opting to vacate the relative safety of the snack bar and venture forth across the street to class.

The old coot would not have you be ignorant, brethren, of the words of a philosopher/musician of a former generation, so I will close with his words "Hey, bartender, there's a big, black bug in my beer."

The independent commentary above does not reflect the views of The Mercury staff.

We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.

—Will Rogers

Outstanding Faculty/Student Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for Outstanding Student and Outstanding Faculty Member. To make a nomination, please submit, for faculty, a nomination in letter form, or for student, a nomination form completed by the staff/faculty member and student. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, April 12, 1996 at the Alumni office. For nomination forms or questions, call Holly Wilkewitz, Alumni Coordinator, at ext. 122, or (304) 462-4122.



The average age of a first time mother is 23.7, only slightly higher than the average age of first-time mothers in 1940 but nearly two years higher than in 1960.

Tom Kennedy: Lessons in Dedication

John Clise
staff writer

To some of us, dedication is going to classes before 11 o'clock, to others it is studying "right before" tests. To Glenville State College Junior Tom Kennedy it has meant a total change in life as he knows it.

Kennedy said, "I had no trouble about the decision to return to school. It was an economic decision because no one wants to hire old guys these days."

He began his academic comeback at WVU in Parkersburg, where he maintained a 4.0 GPA. Kennedy then made the decision to

transfer to GSC for secondary education (grades 5-12) something WVU-P does not offer.

This decision didn't come without a price. It meant commuting three to four hours each day to and from Parkersburg, a drive which makes him very tired. It also meant losing time with his wife Vickie, with whom he has had a 20-year relationship. "All this time apart is hard for both of us," Kennedy said.

He has tried to strike a balance between time with his wife and his studies. Studying two hours a night during the week and studying on Saturday while spending Sunday with his wife, he said, is an arrangement that usually works, but that there are times when compromise has to be made.

When talking about relationships, Kennedy said compromise is the key to the whole thing.

The decision to go into education was not made easily. Kennedy researched possible fields and found there would be growth in education towards the end of this century, coinciding perfectly with his Spring of '97 graduation date. "Plus there is no age discrimination in teaching due to the governmental affiliation," Kennedy noted.

He added that he felt his age and life experiences would be very beneficial to teaching.

Kennedy takes only 12 hours of classes a semester plus summer school so he can devote more time to studies. He tries to make it fun and to get something out of it, instead of just wasting four years going through the motions.

Kennedy knew he could handle it academically—he graduated a few years ago in the top 10% of his class with an electronics degree. He was named to the Junior College list of "Who's Who," something he thought was "really cool."

On being an older student, Kennedy commented, "I never really worried about getting older as long as I was happy." He has been in "original rock bands" (bands that play their own music). It was a great experience for him, as well as attending the original Woodstock. The feel of Woodstock is hard to put into words. It was a feeling of "being part of everyone there," he explained.

Kennedy says that happiness is something people lose when life becomes dull for them.



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April 15 is almost here--have you filed your income tax returns yet?

If not, don't despair! The VITA site at the Library will have available extended hours from Tuesday, April 9 through Tuesday, April 15. Nine GSC accounting majors are participating in the IRS-trained VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program which is administered on campus by Associate Professor Cheryl McKinney, CPA of the Division of Business. Operating this year's VITA site are: Kim Riffle, Drexell King, Loretta Currence, Molly Morikawa, Tracy Williams, April Rose, George Yokota, Mark Starcher, and Amanda Hardman. These students assist taxpayers in the preparation of basic federal and state income tax returns at no charge. Simply bring all pertinent tax information to the second floor of the RFK Library during the following extended hours for assistance in making this year's taxes less taxing!

Extended VITA Hours will be April 9-10, 4-6 p.m.; April 11, 4-8 p.m.; April 13, 1-4 p.m.; and April 15, 12-6 p.m.

Official Recognition Granted to Appalachian Native Indians

Although many West Virginians are unaware of it, March 1, 1996 was a historic day in the state of West Virginia. On that date, the West Virginia Senate passed Senate Resolution #25 which recognized Appalachian American Indians of West Virginia as an official intertribal tribe of West Virginia. The resolution was sponsored by Senator Shirley Love of Oak Hill, Senator Randy Schoonover of Clay and Senator Tony Whitlow of Princeton.

"This resolution is of profound importance to all Native Americans in the state," says Clemenceau Allen, Chief of Appalachian American Indians of West Virginia, Inc. With this resolution, the Senate has acknowledged that there have been Native Americans of many tribes living in West Virginia for many generations, and that there are many hundreds living today within the state who are important contributors to West Virginia's ecological, economical, cultural and political systems.

"Native Americans were the original inhabitants of the United States of America and West Virginia and West Virginians should remember the assistance given to early European visitors to North America by the ancestors of today's Native Americans," said Love.

"The state of West Virginia is greatly enriched by the ideas and traditions perpetuated by Native American descendants," said Schoonover.

Appalachian American Indians of West Virginia (AAIS) is an intertribal tribe, which means that each member retains the diverse traditions of his/her respective tribal identity while

Among the tribes represented in AAIS are Apache, Blackfeet, Catawbe, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Choctaw, Comanche, Delaware, Lumbee, Micmac, Mingo, Mohawk, Navajo, Pueblo, Seneca, Shawnee, Sioux and Walla Walla. "The intertribal history unique to West Virginia is a great treasure which will be preserved," adds Whitlow.

In the late 1980's, a small group of people began meeting to informally explore their heritage. Since that time, the desire to know more about history and personal histories and to share a common cultural heritage has brought over 500 persons into AAIS. "The group meets monthly in Charleston, but we are not a Charleston area organization. We have members from throughout the state and from other states," explains Bill Stone, Tribal Officer. Most of those persons from Ohio, California, New York, North Carolina, Delaware and Kentucky have either moved from West Virginia to their new homes or have traced their genealogical line back to an ancestor within the state.

In the future, members of AAIS hope to continue learning

and teaching about the Indian culture in the Appalachian Mountains. Plans are being made to sponsor the third annual Homecoming Pow Wow in the autumn. Educational presentations will be given to schools, colleges, churches, NASW meetings and private organizations about Native Americans in the state. A Color Guard of Native American veterans is being formed of Indian warriors who have served in the US Armed Forces. This group will represent AAIS at parades and pow wows.

Chief Allen wishes to express his gratitude and that of the members of AAIS to Senators Love, Schoonover and Whitlow for sponsoring the legislation which has provided this unique opportunity for Native Americans who live within West Virginia to be recognized finally as persons whose heritage can no longer be denied. It is with deep respect that gratitude is also extended to those Senators who supported the resolution.

Any persons wishing additional information on AAIS can contact Bill Stone, Tribal Officer, at 505 Virginia Avenue, Rainelle, WV 25962 or may call him at 304-438-8902.

Spring Nature Tour In North Bend State Park

North Bend will be holding its yearly Spring Nature Tour on April 19-21, 1996. This package weekend's activities include a canoe trip, a birds and reptiles exhibition, a country/western "Spring Hoedown" dance, and several hikes. Meals and lodging are included. There are several packages to choose from, making this the perfect weekend for the family or anyone interested in discovering nature in Springtime. For more information, call North Bend State Park at (304) 643-2931 or call 1-800-CALL-WVA.



John enjoys the sunshine Thursday before leaving on springbreak.

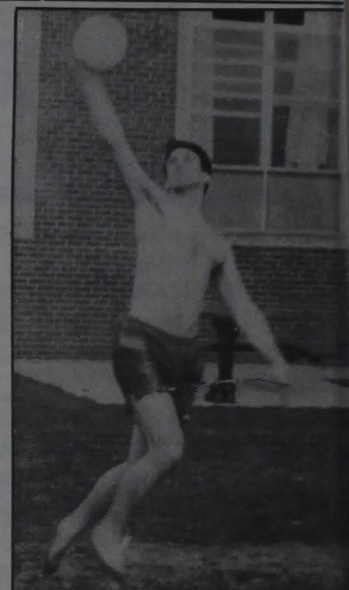


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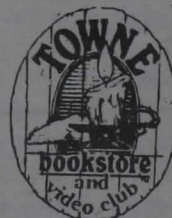
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