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Fire Causes GSC Evacuation

John Clise &
Eric Ware

Glenville State College students were evacuated Wednesday night due to the fire at Flying "W" plastics, located on Rt. 33 just past Hays City. People are calling this the greatest catastrophe in Glenville's history.

As a result of the evacuation, students and faculty lost two days of preparation for finals week as well as two days of registration, causing much confusion among students.

The blaze, which started about 10 a.m., completely destroyed the plant's warehouse and also caused the evacuation of the local elementary school.

Smoke from the fire was visible 15 miles away at the exit of highway 79 in Burnsville.

Authorities speculate that a spark from welding equipment caused the fire when propane

tanks in the area were ignited. Fire departments from Braxton, Calhoun, Lewis, Harrison and surrounding counties assisted in extinguishing the fire. EPA emergency units were deployed to the scene.

"It looked like hell itself," an onlooker described the scene. "Flames and dark clouds...filled the air!"

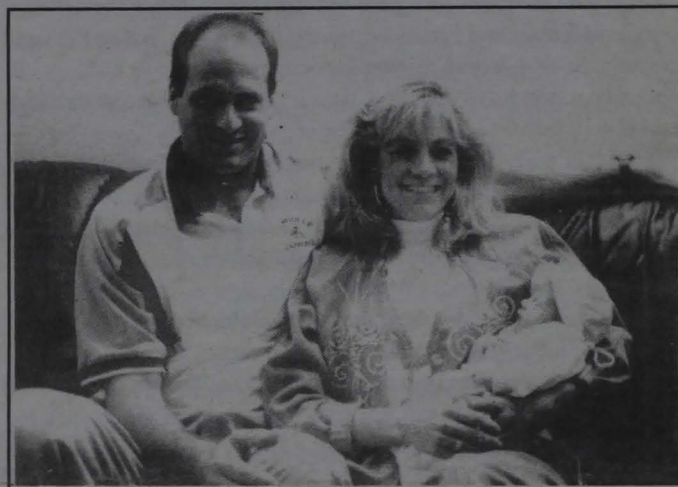
Evacuation procedures on Rt. 33 proceeded several hours after the fire, and with complaints about a "coughing odor," students were evacuated at 11 p.m.

Classes were cancelled until Monday morning, but students were allowed back into the dorms on Friday. Questions still persist about the fumes, the hydrochloric acid made from toxins mixed with water, and the ground water system that may be affected. Further information concerning this issue has not yet been available

It's a Girl! It's a Girl! It's a Girl!

Coach Rich Rodriguez and his wife Rita would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Raquel Lee. Raquel was born April 17, at 11:45 p.m. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Raquel's entrance into life had an unexpected start when an emergency C-section was performed on her mother, but fortunately all proved well when the healthy babe emerged. The Rodriguez family would like to thank all who showed them support during this time of mixed anxiety and proud triumph.



The Rodriguez family with their latest addition, the new coach, Baby Raquel.

Photo by Gene Breza.

GSC to Hold 122nd Commencement Ceremony

Glenville State College will hold its 122nd graduation ceremony on May 11, 1996, at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium of the Health Building.

At present time, 210 students are slated to graduate.

Congressman Bob Wise will be the guest speaker. The GSC band and choir will provide the music, under the direction of Philip Rossano and Keith Haan.

(Photo left): The community of Glenville stands in shock as the Flying "W" Plastics Plant goes up in flames, leaving a smoke-filled atmosphere.

In Memoriam

Off the Breeze

Poem by John Shock

*A day of humble splendor
and gentle persuasion
Society's stigmas lost
their piercing bite
Peace fills me.
Bleary eyes full of
hatred and strife
haunt me no more.*

Glenville State College mourns the loss of a fellow student. John Paul Shock was allegedly murdered February 24. His alleged assailant, Craig Craft, a former GSC student, was arrested April 16.

The following week of Shock's disappearance his grandmother, Greta Shock passed away. She taught school for thirty years, teaching her first class at a one room school on Chestnut Lick in Gilmer Co.

Shock, a history major, was inducted into the Historical Society, Pi Gamma Mu. He is best remembered by his former history teachers, William (Bill) Dean and Dan Wright

"He was unique," Dr. William Dean stated, "He was my best student. He was extremely intelligent. He got a bad rap here. I don't know why. He'd say when he liked someone, 'I like your attitude.'"

His fiancée Lisa Hayes, said, "No one could accuse him of being a conformist. Instead of 'Just say No', he said, just say know."

His twin brother, Jim. Shock said "John made no apologies about his non-conformist attitudes, though he was judged and persecuted for them, and likewise he never judged his enemies for their ignorance. I was blessed to share his wisdom." He will be missed.



Photo by Carl Wilson



Home -- Finding my way back

When I was young, I remember my being puzzled over some words that I found in a book--*You can never go home again*. I reminisced the strangeness of this all. After all, it seemed a rather simple task. Later, I came to realize that the writer was not speaking about a physical home but was instead speaking of those intangible elements that make up a home. They are the love and the spirit, the conditions and those things we touch and sense that are not destined to remain. These conditions and feelings are subject to change with the passing of time and experience. Often they change our perspectives and beliefs scattering them about just as the wind scatters the pollen of the flowers. As unpredictable as a ship without sails and as unavoidable as time itself, we accept this as inevitable.

At an early age, I left my youth. I left my classmates and I left my plans of furthering my education. I became deeply embarked in the life-style of a domestic and declined myself to live it whole hearted. By age 23, I had three children and could not look beyond the livelihood of my little family.

Well, several years later and a few children more, the idea of seeking a higher education was simply a dream. However, a good friend who remembered my dream came to me and encouraged me to pursue it. For every obstacle that I encountered, she helped me in finding solutions.

Now, here I stand at the threshold of that dream and a few more. It seems so unbelievable that I often am my biggest doubter. I did return to try and capture something that I had left a long time ago. While this was not the classmates or the era that I had departed from several years ago, I discovered new friendships, new ideas, and learned that age, time, and space are without boundary. Words cannot express nor can they act as a requital for what my days at GSC have meant to me. How can one sum of something of such magnitude? My journey has not only brought me to obtaining the higher education which was once a dream I thought could not be brought back, but it has been a passage to my finding an identity and the person I thought had been abandoned.

Perhaps, we can never go home again to youth and innocence. These fleeting elements are unconquerable by mere mortals. They stand like mystical icons before us. But maybe, not they, but wisdom instead is the greatest virtue of all for it is continual and steadfast in the never ending flow of time. Maybe this new place where it has brought me runs so deeply in my veins because it is in a sense *home*. I thank all of you who have given me the opportunity to fulfill my dream and to never say *never*. My memories at GSC will always remain cherished.

We welcome letters to the editor and opinioned commentary, so long as the letter does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, religion, or creed or is not libelous or slanderous without truth or accuracy. If duplicate letters are received on a topic, it is possible that your letter or column may not make a publication date, or may be shortened, due to limited space. The Mercury editorial staff reserves the right not to publish questionable, offensive, unethical or libelous material which could be rendered illegal by Associated Press and National Student Newspaper guidelines (New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, 376 U.S. 254; Curtis Publishing v. Butts, AP v. Walker, 388 U.S. 130, Milkovich v. Lorain Journal Co., 497 U.S. 1). All letters and opinions must be addressed to the editorial staff or to an editor, typewritten, signed, double-spaced and include a telephone number (work or home). The Mercury cannot, by law, print letters addressed to other parties. Than Managing Editors reserve the right to edit letters for legal and ethical guidelines, style, grammar, space constraints and punctuation. The editors also reserve the right to postpone an editorial's run, or not to run it at all.

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment concerning a letter that recently appeared in your paper making allegations against the library. First, I felt that the accusations were obviously made by someone who was privy to specific information.

Secondly, I believe that this is information that should be shared with the patrons since it directly has an effect on them and therefore, was justly published; however, I do believe that it was unfair for the writer to have their name withheld. This caused a doubt in the minds of some such as myself of the validity of the letter verses the anger or vindictiveness of the writer.

Of course, my first reaction was, "Why would a person who is apparently tenured not openly speak out?" Then, I realized that Freedom of Speech is currently an issue here at GSC.

Lastly, I would like to add as a patron myself, I have been fully satisfied with the wonderful service the library has. I especially appreciate Jane, Janet, Prim, Mr. Tubesing, Lois, Mark, Mr. Grafton--gosh, all of them! I admit that materials are often hard to track, but for the most, I have been satisfied. My biggest problem is--who sets your clocks?

C.A. Dodger
Charleston, WV

Mercury Photo Requests

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

Gene Breza, Photo Editor

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Dear Editor,

In a letter to college students, Congressman Bob Wise attacked the "cuts" in the student loan programs. It is disturbing to know that he would use such irresponsible rhetoric to scare students. The truth is there are no "cuts."

The current proposal does not end the student loan programs, limit any student's ability to receive a loan, or force anyone to quit school because they cannot afford their loan. Total funding for student loans will increase from \$25 billion in 1995 to \$36 billion in 2002. More loans will be available next year than ever before, rising 6.6 million loans in 1995 to 7.1 million in 1996. Students will benefit from the scheduled interest rate reduction for new loans effective July 1998. Any undergraduate who borrows \$17,125 over four years will save \$549; one who borrows the \$46,000 maximum will save \$2,144. It contains no changes affecting PLUS loan interest rate for parents.

I would suggest Bob Wise refresh his knowledge of basic math. More is not less. We can't balance the budget unless our elected officials know the difference.

Alice Click

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that Todd Longanacre is graduating from Glenville State College and will no longer be writing his "In My Opinion" for The Mercury. This is a devastating loss! Never again will be outraged by his "right-wing extremist" conservative dogma. Never again will I engage in hours of spirited debate with my friends, as we dissect his arguments and render them into itty bitty pieces that salve our liberal guilt. Never again will I get to say, "Oh, come on!"

Darn.

I really do wish Todd the best. He has brightened many of my days by creating some incredible conversations.

He lists many of the names of people have called him during his time at The Mercury in this week's issue. Good luck, Todd.

We also said you were a homophobe.

Terry L. Estep

Every author really wants to have letters printed in the papers. Unable to make the grade, he drops down a rung of the ladder and writes novels.

P. G. Wodehouse

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The Old Coot's Swan Song

Allen Carr
contributing writer

The continued disregard for an area of some concern to members of the lesser-mature group of campus habites by the powers-that-be here at SSC could eventually result in a full-blown dyed-in-the-wool snit if no effort at a remedy is affected. The student's scores may have plummeted and they are actively seeking a receptacle for the onus (for verily, verily, someone must shoulder the blame and it certainly can't be their fault). The student roadkill to actually-made-it-across ratio is abysmal on the campus EMT on-the-job training course. The extremely unattractive mood cries out for the recruitment of students with poorer motor reflexes and lower intellectual capacities.

The ones currently enrolled have been proven too adept for the standard crimson shape roadkill techniques and have displayed the ability to adapt quickly and easily to the modifications being employed. Mayhap a class in Appalling Road Etiquette and Innovative Maiming Techniques 101 should be added to the fall schedule. The professor that almost ran the old coot down the other day could probably be prevailed upon to instruct the class (the maneuver used was original and well-executed, but it lost points because of an adroit and effective, although undignified, evasive maneuver).

Allow the old coot to tender an alternate but feasible solution. An influx of nontraditional students could provide targets for the distressed rockers. Their reflexes are considerably diminished and their physical abilities are drastically impaired (*everyone* knows that after 30 it's all downhill). It would probably take them several semesters to tumble to all of the nuances of the if-they-want-to-cross-the-street-then-they-re-fair-game crowd. The downside to expanded recruitment of non-traditionals is the possibility that one might accumulate several old coots. Per-

haps not. Perhaps the old coot is like a Dali original—warped but one of a kind!

The old coot has come under fire for "mellowing out" and not maintaining the biting satirical bent his readers have come to know and tolerate. At the expense of encouraging a mood of unrestrained giddiness in the powers-that-be and the head henchmen, the old coot is poised to experience parturition due to diploma from his educational emporium. No more will Simmon's Folly and the General Erection echo with the old coot's heartfelt "ha!" No more will his blunt-object-like wit be brought to bear upon the foibles of Duke William the Hirstute and his loyal minion, the Sheriff of Kent State. The student population may rest finally, knowing that the old coot will not be further chiding them for their failure to exercise their ambulatory appendages, cranial capacity, and their constitutional rights. The old coot will cease taking umbrage at the somnambulist who how to an apparently overpowering whim to drive their motorized pedestrian runner-downers from the Pickens Hall parking lot to the lots adjacent to the student union and Science Hall for their morning classes. Probably all will respire with more facility.

The old coot will endeavor to allay some of the misgivings directed at his recent divergences from strict political satire. The powers-that-be and his head henchmen pall as comedic relief when their tirades take on personal insult. The head henchmen's breezy dismissal of two nontraditional student's participation in the balloting for homecoming queen as "a joke" was mean-spirited and totally unwarranted. The persistence of shortsightedness that disallows any public relations releases that do not feature athletic events and participants and/or "traditional" (read young) students is an insult to the nontraditional students and the accomplishments that they have striven for at this institution. To refuse to give credence to the input from valuable

members of the faculty because of perceived (or even real) personal differences smacks of pettiness and narrow-mindedness. To perpetuate the instability of the faculty due to personnel turnover more than hints at an attitude of indifference to the needs of the student body. No slight is being offered or intended to new faculty members by this observation. Many are valuable assets to this school. By many of these recent additions are no sooner here than they began the search for employment elsewhere. Why?

The old coot chose several weeks ago to cease violently agitating the waterborne vessel because, as Victor Hugo pointed out: "Great thinkers take a delight in chastising great despots, and sometimes enlarge them a little to render them worthy of their wrath." The old coot has no intention of contributing to the aura of invincibility for Duke William. He is, after all, subject to oversight by (theoretically anyway) public officials who are supposed to be answerable to the voting public.

The old coot is again going to offer an apology to someone who perceives that the old coot has wronged a group of people. The old coot does not intend any offense to young people when he calls them members of the lesser mature. The epitaph is intended solely to distinguish the young from the not-so-young. Maturity presumably comes with years (well, he did say presumably). He has no dislike for young people, active or otherwise. If his comments seem to be caustic or condemnatory it was the result of his desire to see more young people think for themselves and understand and strive to fulfill their potential. Their idea of fulfilling or expanding their potential and the old coot's may have been diametrically opposed, but if they even considered their potential then the old coot considers that he has accomplished what he desired. Young people (of whom the old coot still considers him-

DANGER
HIGH
VOLTAGE

In My Opinion

SLOWER
TRAFFIC
KEEP
LEFT

Todd Longman

This is it, folks: the final opinion column of the semester, moreover, the final opinion column written by me, as I will be moving on to bigger and better things! As I prepare for graduation, I look back over the past school year with a sense of accomplishment. It has been a year of ups and ups!

Many people, after reading my weekly column, have coined various catch phrases and fancy words to describe me: jerk, moron, insensitive, male-chauvinist, racist, and right-winged extremist, to name only a few. Amazingly enough, not once was I ever referred to as *wrong*! The latter, right-winged extremist, is one that I hear quite often. It's not only directed towards me but anyone who takes a stand against the way politics have been played for the past forty-plus years. For you see, those of you who did read me didn't have to look too deeply to understand that I had one main agenda behind each and every column; that is, to highlight the at-up philosophies held by liberals in this country!

It is my firm belief that liberals (and liberal leadership) is very rapidly eating at the core of America. For this belief alone I'm considered a right-winged extremist, I'm flattered! Liberals, using our tax dollars, have been rewarding felons, enslaving people in the welfare system, fighting crime by not fighting the criminals, promoting masturbation in sex education, pushing the theory of evolution in public schools and not giving the other theory equal time, encouraging the murder of babies for nothing other than convenience, keeping the Bible away from our grade-schoolers while dope and alcohol are commonplace; folks, the list goes on and on. This is liberalism—if it feels good, do it. All this from politicians and others whose only prestigious bragging rights include getting stoned and wallowing around in the mud at Woodstock!

Most of you who may be voting for the very first time this year keep one thing in mind. The majority of voting Democrats out there are liberals. Likewise, the majority of the Democratic politicians out there are also very carefree and liberal. According to "everyday" media reports, if you take a fervent passionate stand against them, you are automatically labeled "right-winged extremist." Do not let that bother you. Stand firm! Last year (November 11, 1994) American voters stood firm against liberalism and said enough is enough. The results were a complete overhaul of Congress. Conservatives won both the House and Senate, thereby taking control of your tax dollars and your fiscally conservative agenda for the first time in four decades! Consequently, they (the conservative Republicans) are now referred to as right-winged extremists by the press and the Democrats. Not surprisingly, when recent surveys of public records indicate that 82% of all journalists (who are paid to be neutral and non-biased) are voting Democrats.

Again, keep this in mind each time you hear the phrase "right-winged extremists" coupled with phrases like: "poison your water and air," "starve your children," or "shoot your grandparents!" Like it or not, it's my opinion that the Democrats and their liberal press are the extremists. To what extremes will their scare tactics and lies go in these vain attempts to win back their congressional seats? Since when did the liberals start caring about air, water, children, or grandparents, since many of them inhale smoke (either pot or otherwise) on a daily basis, drink 80+ proof alcohol, abort babies, and leave grandmother (out of sight, out of mind) in some home. Remember, conservatives, the fight isn't over yet. Just wait for the lies and playing that will present itself in the Clinton campaign. In my opinion, when both the Whitehouse and Congress belong to the true conservatives (come November) then and only then can they begin to put America back on the right track of financial responsibility; this after forty years of liberal, Democratic rule full of tax and spend philosophies. Vote, carefully and thank God, for the so-called right-winged extremists!

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English as a Second Language Proposal Accepted

Sandra Gibson
staff writer

Glenville State College has converted its former Intensive English Program into English as a second language support program in a move to be more innovative and to comply better with the needs of incoming students who may face language barriers. The new program will be listed under the name English 99.

International students who meet one or more of the following criteria may qualify for the program. (1) They have achieved a TOEFL score of 450 (550 remains the cutoff for unconditional admission). (2) They have resided in an English-speaking country for at least six months. (3) They have studied in a school that uses English as its medium of instruction for at least six months.

The principal condition of the student's admission is that he or she will be required to enroll each semester in English 99 until achieving a TOEFL score of 500.

English 99 is essentially a developmental course. The

credit will be a credit/no-credit with the earned credit not counted toward any degree. Students enrolled in English 99 may take up to nine hours of credit courses that will count toward general studies and major requirements.

English 99 is also recommended to any student desirous of brushing up on their English skills. It is a developmental course and is considered a slight step above English-001.

The intensive phase of the programs begins Monday, June 2, and runs through Tuesday, July 3. The second session picks up at the close of the first session and runs through Friday, August 2. It is recommended that both sessions be taken advantage of; however, it is not required. Fall registration begins August 19, and classes begin on August 20.

Those who would like to learn more about the program are encouraged to stop by the Language-Art Division and arrange to make inquiries to Chairperson Dr. Ed Palm. Palm is responsible for proposing the program as well as being in charge of administering it.

Criminal Justice Internships Available

Jena Ellyson
staff writer

The Glenville State College Criminal Justice Department, in cooperation with selected businesses, is proud to offer several new internships for interested students.

The University of Alabama, in conjunction with GSC, is recruiting student volunteers to work at the Olympics from July 17 to August 4 in Atlanta. These volunteers will work five to 17 hour night shifts each week, for a total of 60 hours, to earn lodging, two daily meals, an Olympic pin set, Olympic uniforms, access to nonrestricted Olympic events and limited ad-

mission to Olympic events requiring tickets.

Applications require a \$50 fee for a background check. If you are rejected, the fee will be returned. If you are approved, the fee will be returned after 80 hours of labor. If you are approved and choose not to work, the \$50 fee will under no circumstances be returned. Therefore, only serious inquiries please.

In addition, Orange County, California is hiring 170 students at up to \$9.50 per hour as security guards at the county's fair. (Orange County is just south of Los Angeles, near Disneyland.) This internship will provide an interesting experience for the more adventurous stu-

dent.

A more feasible internship is available. Although not yet operational, the Intellex Corp has contracted security operations at NASA in Fairmont, West Virginia. Students who are accepted for one of these positions will be financially compensated. Furthermore, the students will be "at the head of line," for a permanent security job, according to Tim Dees, visiting professor of criminal justice. Students seriously seeking a career in private security are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should contact Dees in the social science division at Ext 178 for further information.

New Freshman Program Being Discussed

Jena Ellyson
staff writer

Since last December, an informal group of faculty and staff have been preparing a model program for first-time, first-generation freshman students entering Glenville State College.

"The purpose of the program is to provide structure and bonding to students during their first few months on campus," Dr. Charles Holt, chairperson of the social science division, explained. "An additional goal will be to increase the success rate of our freshmen."

According to Holt, a small

group of 25 students will initially be targeted. All of the students in this group will have at least one class together. The professor of this class will become the students' advisor, thus allowing closer monitoring. In addition to taking a regular class load, these students will participate in weekly comprehensive sessions on such topics as study skills, note taking, library skills and preparing for examinations.

Students will also participate in a variety of social and cultural activities, including cookouts, dances, travel, etc. The bonding experience will, hopefully, build a bridge for isolated students.

"Throughout this process, we hope to make students feel more welcome here at GSC," Holt commented. "We are a small college and we should be providing a very personal atmosphere. We hope to make a more conscious effort to say 'Let's make sure you're comfortable.'"

After the first semester, students' academic and social status will be monitored. Hopefully, the project's outcome will be positive and the process be implemented.

More information will be released. Suggestions or comments can be directed to Dr. Charles Holt in the social science division.

GSC Awarded Grant Funding for Historical Facelift

Jena Ellyson
staff writer

The Archives and History Commission awarded \$4,000 to the Gilmer County Historic Landmark Commission to assist with the Fort Moore Archeological Survey on February 23.

On Wednesday, March 27 Glenville State representatives attended a subgrant orientation meeting at the Cultural Center in Charleston. At this meeting, subgrantee financial and reporting requirements were discussed. In addition, the project coordinator, Dr. Charles Holt,

social science division chairperson, met with staff monitor, Pat Trader, to discuss project guidelines and expected results.

"Grant funding will be used for an archeological survey," Holt explained. "After the survey, we can apply for a variety of grants to explore, continue research and implement reconstruction."

Glenville applied for the grant last fall for a restoration project. However, the Archives and History Commission replied that GSC was not eligible until the college acquired an archeological survey.

Upon receiving this information, an archeologist approved through the state was sent to Glenville. After walking Fort Moore with GSC representatives, he assisted in submitting another application.

On February 26, Holt received a letter from the Archives and History Commission announcing their approval of the grant award funding for the archeological survey purpose.

"After the meeting Wednesday, we can contact the archeological firms," Holt added, "get some, in essence, bids and get started."



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"We the Future:" A National Issues Convention for Young Adults

In September, more than 900 young Americans will meet in Philadelphia to discuss and deliberate the critical issues facing the next generation as it comes of age at a time of great social change.

The three-day forum, entitled "We the Future," will focus on core issues facing America in the new century, on developing a vision for the nation's future, and on keeping that vision alive.

It is a first step in bringing young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 into the political process—a process from which many of this generation feel estranged.

The convention, which will draw delegates from around the country, is being sponsored by The Foundation for Individual Responsibility and Social Trust (FIRST), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded on the premise that every individual has a responsibility to preserve and enhance the society in which they live.

"There is a true hunger among people to participate in these events," said David Surbeck, executive director of the foundation. "People walk

away wanting to continue their discussion. Together, we have the ability to revive the responsibilities of citizenship in this generation and to create a space where real solutions can be forged."

Surbeck has issued a call for delegates to the convention, many of whom will be drawn from college campuses around the country.

In an article published in its April 19 editions, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* praised the event, noting that, "...FIRST's 'Call to Involvement,' the underpinning of We the Future, is laced with good sense and good will...What better place to begin that civil uprising than in Philadelphia?"

The convention will consider nine central issues facing the nation as we enter the 21st century. Topics range from examining and shaping our common identity, to the relationship between self-reliance and the welfare state. In all, nine such issues will first be examined by the full convention and then further deliberated in smaller "breakout" groups. In a final session, results and conclusions will be discussed along with next

steps.

According to FIRST President John F. Smith III, the September forum is expected to be one of five such annual gatherings. In each succeeding year, topics will be refined and progress will be charted.

"Many of these problems are going unaddressed by our current political structure, a structure that has fed a new record low in government and politics among students," he said.

In an election year, Smith said he expects the convention to attract the attention of the candidates seeking the Presidency. President Clinton and candidates from other parties will be invited to address the forum.

"This is an opportunity to speak openly and freely on issues that matter to this generation, and to the society of which we're all a part," said Surbeck. "It is an opportunity to take responsibility for the future and to have a hand in shaping it."

For further information, contact FIRST by telephone at 215-241-7980, by fax at 215-851-1420, or on the web at <http://www.libertynet.org/~first/>.

\$200 Continuing Fiction Scholarship to be Awarded

Remember the game you played as a child where one person starts a story and others continue with the plot until someone decides to end it? Well, how would you like to win \$200 for writing just a segment of the same kind of story? If so, The Gathering's Continuing Fiction Scholarship is for you.

But, what is The Gathering? The Gathering is a new Internet web site which provides a forum for college students' ideas, conversation, humor and creativity by bringing together students from all over the world for discussion about college, life, news, entertainment, sports, views, travel and employment opportunities. Besides serving as host for four distinct scholarships - the Editorial Scholarship, the Essay Scholarship, the Continuing Fiction Scholarship and the Graphic Design scholarship - The Gathering is an interactive and ever-changing World Wide Web site based on your input and submissions. Our primary goal is to allow college students to define the reality of the college experience for themselves.

The Gathering's Continuing Fiction Scholarship is awarded bi-monthly. So, to enter, you need to visit The Gathering at www.takeme.com, get

caught up on the progress of the current Continuing Fiction Story, and then send us your version of the next part of the story. If your segment is selected, it will be placed on the site for every college student in the world to read and to evaluate. These evaluations, made online by The Gathering's student users, will lead to the award of this scholarship - a scholarship which may one day belong to you!

For more complete details about The Gathering's Continuing Fiction Scholarship, as well as detailed information about our other scholarships, check out The Gatherings home page.

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Lattea Recieves Wall Street Journal Award

Marty Armentrout
Contributing Writer

Alice Lattea, a business administration marketing major who graduates in May, has been selected by the Division of Business faculty for the 1996 Wall Street Journal Award. As the recipient of this award, Lattea will receive a free year's subscription to the Wall Street Journal. In addition, Dow Jones & Company will present her with a personalized paperweight. Dow Jones will present to the Division of Business an engraved brass nameplate to

add to a plaque of former recipients of this award.

The selection criteria includes a GPA of at least 3.00. In addition, faculty consider the degree to which the student has participated in extracurricular activities, exhibited leadership skills and demonstrated the potential for continued professional growth and success. Ability to relate to others and participate as a team member are also considerations.

Division of Business faculty extend congratulations to Alice and wish her success in her career and personal endeavors.

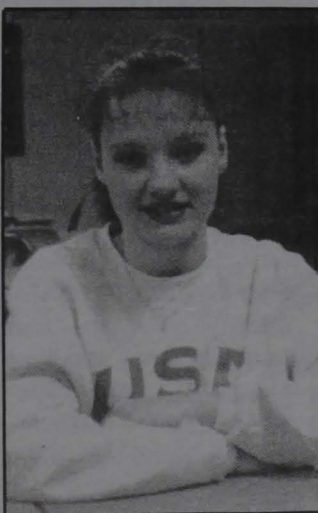


Photo by Gene Breza.

For Alice Lattea, achievement seems to be a natural part of college life.



Photo by Gene Breza

The GSC Power Line Dancers, headed up by Becky Frashure, dazzled the crowds at the home basketball games this year.

SIFE Claims Rookie of the Year Honors

Mark A. Lewis
Contributing Writer

April 18, Glenville State College's Students in Free Enterprise chapter competed in the Richmond Regional Competition held at The Richmond in Richmond, VA. Our SIFE chapter walked away with a trophy for Rookie of the Year in the Richmond SIFE Region. The team presented the accomplishments and projects completed over the past school year and made a big impression on the judges. Judges for the competition were from large companies and the titles ranged from President to Manager for most judges. A career fair was also held by companies interested in hiring SIFE participants.

The experience was fantastic. Not only did I and the rest of the team get the opportunity to make a presentation before important businesspersons, but we got to appreciate the extravagance of The Richmond. The

hotel featured a Rotunda and a professional staff of bellhops and a concierge. At the awards luncheon, a member in high management at Reynolds Metals spoke about the business world, while those in attendance ate an exotic meal of vegetable lasagna, salad and chocolate mousse.

The entire year has been a wonderful year for me in SIFE and I strongly urge all to consider signing up for SIFE next fall. You get one hour credit while experiencing educational trips locally and competing in the Richmond regional. These experiences are very rewarding and should not be missed.

This week, we have decided once again to submit a puzzle. The secret message in the last puzzle was JOIN SIFE, which can be found at the middle left of the puzzle. Dig out those old papers and see if you see it. We have another secret message in this puzzle, so see if you can find it.

SIFE ECONOMIC PUZZLE #2

S T O C K H O L D E R B	BANK
S I N F L A T I O N W U	BUSINESS
E F N N F L A T I O N S	CASH
M I T V C O M P A N Y I	COINS
B N H C E C R E D I T N	COMPANY
A A R A R S I L V E R E	CREDIT
R N E S A F T C Q X Z S	EMBARGO
G C W H T S I M O E B S	FINANCE
O E V E N T U R E I I H	FIRM
H A L T G O L D M N N E	GOLD
O H C T H E P E S O T S	INFLATION
L B A N K D E F I C I T	INVESTMENT
	PESO
	SILVER
	STOCKHOLDER
	VENTURE

Spring Ball: Barnyard Style

Lisa Belknap
staff writer

Glenville State College held its Spring Ball in the Helflin Center at 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th. The once bare walls and floors of the ballroom were transformed into a barnyard style atmosphere complete with hay bails strewn across the floor and six rubber snouts adorning

each table.

Bringing life to the gala atmosphere were the smooth melodies of North Carolina based (and Jimmy Buffet inspired) band Captain Cook and the Coconutz. Playing everything from "Margaritaville" to "Brown-eyed Girl", the band kept the dancers going all through the evening.

Dancing, jumping and

kissing can build up a heck of an appetite--just ask April Recitor and Mark Cutlip. To ease the carnivorous state, there were three tables overflowing with Blimpe subs, chips and tasty beverages. Keeping with the theme, everyone pigged out.

After the final dance, pictures were snapping, students were snacking--except Bob Wibel, who decided to seize the

opportunity to ask the band for autographs. He then recalled the story of how he once met Fog Hat, but he didn't get their signatures but told his mother, "Not to worry because they're nobodies."

Following the dance, several students gathered up their high heels and ties and headed for the amphitheatre to tell comy jokes and awake the inhabitants

of Louis Bennet Hall.

The party was soon broken up by a disgruntled skunk. Extremely sorry for disturbing their neighbor, the students decided it was best to apologize and run along. It was a perfect ending to a magical evening--barnyard style.

Spring Semester Closing

The residence halls will be closed on Thursday, May 9, at 5 p.m., except for students graduating or participating in Commencement Exercises on May 11. The halls will be open for Summer School on Sunday, June 2, at 12 noon. The halls will open for the fall semester on Sunday, August 18, at 9 a.m.

Those planning to live in the residence hall during Summer Session must complete a separate application and contract and send it with the required \$50 reservation fee payable to Glenville State College.

Before leaving campus

for the summer, please be sure to do the following:

1) Complete the sign-out sheet when it is posted by your R.A.

2) Move all your belongings from your room, close and lock the windows, turn off the lights and lock the door.

3) Get an R.A. to check you out of your room with your room inventory card. You are responsible for all damages or missing articles until your room is checked.

Your room must be left clean (all trash, empty pop cans, etc., must be disposed of properly). If your room is dirty, a \$5 cleaning fee will be with-

held in addition to general damages from your \$50 deposit.

4) Sign out and turn in your key at the Residence Hall Office, otherwise the cost is \$15.

Remember, the Residence Hall closes promptly at 5 p.m., so your packing should be done in advance.

Those who are not participating in or attending Commencement will check out of the Residence Hall as soon as possible following their last final exam.

Those staying for Commencement should notify their R.A.

WV Writers Meet at GSC

Eric Ware
staff writer

As part of a collaboration between the West Virginia Humanities Council and WV Writers, Inc., a workshop and forum was held at Glenville State College on April 26, with guest speakers Meredith Sue Willis and Mary Lucille DeBerry.

These programs were open to the public as part of the WV Humanities Council Circuit Writers Program to provide inspired writers firsthand experience with workshops in poetry and a forum by a West Virginia writer, Meredith Sue Willis. The host of the activities, Dr. Barbara Tedford of the language division, arranged the workshops and forums.

"We are glad to have...many young writers with

us today," stated Tedford, "and wish to thank Meredith Sue Willis and Mary Lucille DeBerry, two West Virginia writers...that will talk about their writings of home."

Around 23 participants attended the workshop of DeBerry, learning and expanding skills in "poetry awareness:" becoming aware of ordinary things around you that, as DeBerry muses, "awakens a poem!"

At 7:30 that evening, a forum held in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building brought at least 32 people to attend a reading by well-known writer, Willis.

A native of Shinston, WV, her books have been well-reviewed in the *New York Times*. Her latest book, *In the Mountains of America*, contains many

enlightening poems celebrating the theme of "home" in West Virginia.

Willis' work can best be described as colorful, profound writing from a most profound, colorful writer. She is the author of novels, short stories, and writing texts. Her books include *Marco's Monster*, *Deep Revision*, *Quilt Pieces* (with Jane Joyce), *Only Great Changes*, *Higher Ground*, and *A Space Apart*.

DeBerry is a poet and television producer at WNPB, Morgantown.

"There are many writers in WV," stated Willis, "and thanks to Circuit Writers many of these...are becoming published."

The writing workshop was funded by GSC's language division and the Gilmer Arts and Heritage Council.

Dr. Chris Orr Roasted

John Clise
Staff Writer

Dr. Chris Orr was the guest of current and former students in a roast given in his honor this past Monday, April 29.

Dr. Orr was roasted in poem, impersonations, and in laughter by students who expressed gratitude to him for his support and influence during their time in his class(es).

The band Sloppy Joe performed a musical tribute to the Dr. consisting of Beatles, Ricky Nelson, Van Morrison, and a stirring rendition of "Me and Bobby McGee" by me and Gene



Photo by Gene Breza.

Breza, and other songs.

Orr said he was "honored, most people don't get celebrations until they're ready to retire." Students of Dr. Orr hope he stays for a long time to come.

Attendees shared "Dr. Orr"

stories over tofu burgers and a huge vegetable tray.

Orr seemed to have a good time listening to students talk about the roast being "almost right but not quite." Of course it was a good place to start.

Politics You Can Stomach

Theodore A. Webb
staff writer

When confronted with the word "politics," many people mimic to an extraordinarily acute degree the motion of gagging. When asked why, they will often invoke serious sermons concerning the uselessness and corruption of the political system. Yet, when asked who their elected officials are, rarely will they be able to answer.

A question: how can one be so critical of the elected officials, and yet not even know their names? Even more importantly, if the government is indeed corrupt, how can anyone ignorant and apathetic escape personal responsibility for this condition?

All questions aside, it is difficult to see how even the most fanatical pessimists could keep from getting a humongous appetite when faced with the bountiful array of sweet potatoe casserole, corn on the cob, roast turkey and other delicacies at the Democratic "Meet Your Candidate" feast held at the Gilmer County Recreational Center on April 12.

Twenty-one local, state and national candidates were represented at the Democratic extravaganza to introduce themselves to active and concerned

community citizens.

After the meal, Master of ceremonies Barry Lay began announcing the first of the speakers. Among the first candidates to address the group were those running for local office.

Local speakers included County Commission incumbent Reta Kight, Prosecuting Attorney candidates Gerry Hough and Shelly DeMarino, Sheriff competitors Charles David Hess and Kenneth "Smitty" Smith," and Magistrate Carol Wolfe.

State office speakers were the next candidates to appear behind the podium.

Legislator Marge Burke spoke to the audience about her leadership in the House of Delegates, earning loud applause when she said she was no "yes-man" and proclaimed, "Some women golf. Some play bridge. I like to politic!"

"I am very pleased to be here in Gilmer County," Sena-

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Pi Gamma Mu Initiation

Tuesday, April 30, the West Virginia Zeta chapter of Pi Gamma Mu initiated five new members. The initiation ceremony was held at the Main Event in Glenville.

The new members are Lori Charnoplosky, Kim Conrad, Sandra Gibson, Nancy Holcomb, and Teresa McCourt-Cutlip. In addition, three students joined in the fall, T. J. Drake, Andrew Meier, and Connie Turner.

To be eligible for membership a student must have achieved junior standing, have completed twenty hours in social science coursework (primarily economics, geography, history, political science and sociology, with some criminal jus-

tice courses), have a "B" average in social science courses and be in the top 35 percent of the class.

Pi Gamma Mu is an international academic honorary that promotes excellence in the social sciences. It seeks to promote social service to humanity and interest in the study of human associations. It encourages social science study and programs on campus and supports graduate study in the social sciences.

"We are glad to initiate these students," said Mike Smith. "They have excelled in their classes and honor our organization by their membership." Smith and Gary Arbogast are the faculty advisors for the honorary.

GSC Outstanding Women's Banquet

by: J. Jeremy Dean (Yeah you read this right)

The Panhellenic council hosted their annual Outstanding Women's banquet on April 30th at 5p.m. Honored that evening were 13 of Glenville State College's most outstanding women, as nominated by campus organizations.

The evening was opened by Tonia Quesenberry, the outgoing president of Panhellenic council. She welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Billips who gave the invocation.

Later, after the dinner, Quesenberry announced the guests and introduced the incoming President, Angela Michael. Michael read the names of the outstanding women and Quesenberry presented the women with their certificate.

"It is great," said Quesenberry, "that we get together to celebrate outstanding young women on Glenville State College campus."

This years outstanding women at GSC are:

Cher Mishorich.....	Athletic Trainers
Derickia Browning.....	Cheerleaders
April Ramsey.....	Chi Beta Phi
Norma Stewart.....	Collegiate 4-H
Sonya Blackhurst.....	Delta Zeta Sorority
Emily James.....	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Eri Hirai.....	Japanese Culture
Patricia C. Drake.....	Kanawhachen
Lisa Belknap.....	Mercury
Alice Lattea.....	Phi Beta Lambda and Volleyball
Tracy Wilson.....	Student Accounting Society
Angela Stewart.....	Students in Free Enterprise
Marty Rose.....	Women's Basketball



Photo by Jeremy Dean.

The Panhellenic Council once more hosts their annual banquet honoring some of GSC's most outstanding young women.



Charnoplosky, Conrad, Cutlip and Gibson receive their Award certificates from advisors Arbogast and Smith.

Woodwind, Brass, and Jazz Concert

Teresa Clark
staff writer

On Monday, April 29, the Fine Arts Auditorium was busy once again with the Woodwind, Brass, and Jazz concert.

The concert began with the Woodwind Ensemble, consisting of eleven GSC students and Phil Rossano. The group came on stage and entertained the audience with two numbers, "Adagio and Allegro" by Mozart and "Cumana" by Barclay. Both pieces were played beautifully.

After Woodwind Ensemble it was time for the brass to invade, starting with the Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble's low tones.

They performed three

songs including "Three Pieces from Henry VIII" by Michael Thornton, "My Home Among the Hills" by James and arranged by music student Gene Greathouse, and finally "You Made Me Love You" by James

ing Grace" arranged by Frank Seikman.

To round out the brass invasion the Brass Choir performed "Stardust" by Hoagy Carmichael and "A Londoner in New York" by Jim Parker.

To end the concert both brass and woodwinds joined to form the Jazz Band. Among the many songs they performed were "Someone to Watch Over Me" by Gershwin, featuring soloist Jamie Atkins on trombone, and "I Remember Clifford" by Benny

Golson, featuring soloist Chris Brown on flugelhorn.

Congratulations to all those who played and entertained the audiences on Monday evening.



Photo by Carl Wilson

Monaco.

Then on to more brass with the Trombone Ensemble's three selections: "Sinfonia and Chorus of Spirits" by Monteverdi, "Presto" by Mozart, and "Amaz-

Student Recitals

Teresa Clark
staff writer

At 7 p.m., on April 29, the Fine Arts department buzzed with activity. Several music majors performed their required recital for the semester. The recital was open to the student body.

The participants in this recital were: Matt Schoonmaker, marimba; Amanda Sedlock, piano; Greg Richmond, timpani; Joseph Ude, voice; Jamie Atkins, piano; Dave Wilson, marimba; Leah Wells, tuba; Lori Garvin, piano; Cindy White,

flute; Jay Kearns, vibraphone; Susan Hunter, clarinet; Allegra Richmond, trumpet; Valerie Mullins, trombone; April Estep, trombone; Karen McCullough, alto saxophone; Heidi Cown, piano; Christa Webb, clarinet; Aaron Casto, euphonium; Dale Bowyer, tenor saxophone; Eu-

gene Greathouse, tuba; Deanna Lilly, saxophone; Darlene Moore, voice; and Chris Brown, trumpet.

As you can see, the evening was full of music. Congratulations to all the performers and the accompanist. You did a great job!

Halstead and Smith Senior Recital

Teresa Clark
staff writer

Christina Halstead and Sarah Smith performed for family and friends on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The two music education majors have been working on their recital music for many semesters.

Senior Recitals are a requirement for all music education majors and are open to the public. Smith and Halstead finally had a chance to show off their wonderful talent and obvious hard work.

The program began with

Halstead, who played the French Horn and performed songs from Vivaldi, Mozart, and Strauss. Smith, who played the Trombone, performed songs from Schumann, Uber, and Mozart. The last song, which they performed together, was "Impressions of a Carnival," by Hoffman.

Both women wish to thank their accompanists: Amanda Sedlock and Faye Chambers on piano and Jay Kerns and Danny Moore on percussion. They would also like to thank all those who have helped them throughout their years at Glenville as well as all their music ventures.

Off the Shelf
by Terry Estep



Be the Old Coot Now...Ask Me How!

The old coot is leaving, and I feel a bitter sense of loss. His wit has kept me entertained ever since I started working for (and thus reading) *The Mercury*. Of course, if you have ever read the Old Coot, you know his trademark: 50-cent words! The man endeavors to make William F. Buckley, Jr., look like a third-grade spelling bee loser.

The Old Coot never uses a simple phrase when a more elaborate one can be found. I always increase my word power when I decipher a new obfuscatory Coot article. Well, now I know his secret. There are writers out there (I know there are, did you really think you could hide from me?) who may wish to take The Old Coot's place next fall. To help you, I recommend *The Superior Person's Book of Words*, a two volume set by Peter Bowler.

With words like "afflatus" (a sudden rush of poetic inspiration) and "paronomasia" (wordplay of the punning kind), you can search for the perfect word! Forget the thesaurus. This is more fun.

I'm going to indulge my clinomania, so have a nice day; or, as the (Old Coot's) *Book of Words* would say, "Endeavor to enjoy your half of a dimerous solar event!"

Concert Choir

Teresa Clark
staff writer

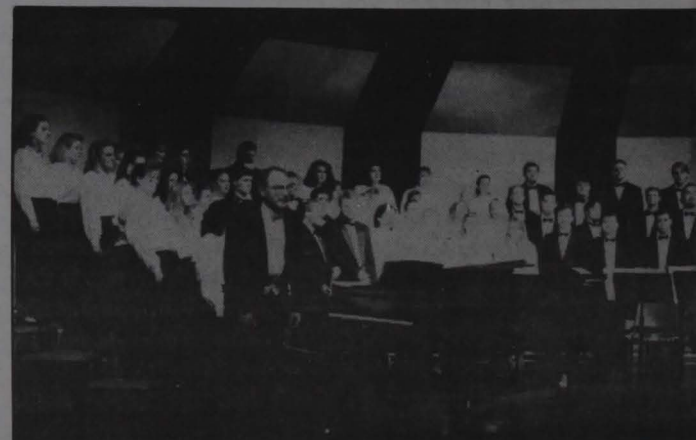
The Concert Choir was finally able to perform their long awaited concert for GSC family, friends, and community members. As most of you know, last week's classes were canceled along with the scheduled concert on April 25. The concert was rescheduled for May 2 at 8 p.m.

The choir began the concert by walking into the auditorium through the audience, singing what has become GSC's signature song "My Home Among the Hills." The choir sang a piece

in Hebrew followed by a religious piece involving members of the choir playing brass and percussion instruments throughout.

Then the choir changed styles and sang a medley of songs, including the old favorite "Oh Susannah," which many of the audience members knew and tapped their feet to.

The choir then performed more current songs, including "The Road Not Taken" with a text by Robert Frost. Finally the choir ended their concert with another signature song, "Precious Lord."



A performance is presented for one final time by the 1995-96 GSC Concert Choir.

The biggest things are always the easiest to do because there is no competition.

—William Van Horne

Adoption Wanted

Loving couple married for eight years wish to adopt healthy white infant. Can pay medical/legal expenses. We would love to talk to you. Please call Jim and Jan at 1-800-881-7905.





Fourth and Goal

Kevin Lake



Well everybody, finals week is here. Just a few more days and we'll have the entire summer off to just sit around and drink "Pepsi Ice." Though most of you will be going home for the summer or maybe somewhere cool for vacation, I myself will be stuck here in Glenville, taking 14 hours of summer classes. Some of you may actually be graduating. Congratulations if you are.

Last week I was talking with Kevin Waterfield and found out he won't be coming back next fall. The athletic department will definitely miss him as he was an excellent running back and contributed to the track team as well. Kevin is one of those people you can't help but like. He is always friendly and always positive. It must be his name.

At any rate, Kevin was expressing to me his feelings of leaving Glenville. He feels he won't necessarily miss Glenville as much as he'll miss the idea of college; no responsibilities. As he puts it, "I'm gonna have to get a real job now, man. I can't just lay around on the couch drinking "Pepsi" all day and shooting sh-- with my BB gun."

It was nice to find out that other college students still shoot sh-- with tier BB guns. I can share Kevin's feelings for leaving here because two years ago this week I myself left to go to school at WVU for a year. For some reason, when you leave this place you actually start to miss it.

Luckily, I made the right decision to come back to Glenville last fall and I would seriously recommend to any of you who may be thinking of transferring to weigh all your options well. I have decided to compose a top ten list of reasons to return to Glenville State in the fall to help you make the right decisions.

10. All the single women. Okay, so I was joking on number 10. Number 9 is legit, though.

9. If you are a female, there are about three males for every one of you. (That's one to date and two to cheat with.)

8. If you are a guy...Fairmont's not too far away.

7. The convenience. Everything you could possibly need can be found in town.

6. If you ever want to work for the college after you graduate, just kiss as much ass as you can while you're a student.

5. The food in the cafeteria is sooooo good.

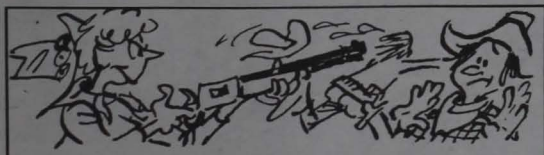
4. The wild night life, especially on the weekends. Nobody goes home. They all stay here and party.

3. The wide variety of fast food restaurants to choose from.

2. In all seriousness, we have perhaps the best library in the state. When I was a WVU last year they had five. You could not find a thing in any of them. Mr. Tubesing and his staff definitely run a class act.

1. Where else can you read the disgustingly crude, unremorsefully distasteful, humorous lies found only in *4th and Goal* (Wow, I've never used that many adjectives in one sentence).

I hope I have convinced you to stay. If so, I look forward to seeing all of you next fall. If you happen to be staying for the summer, stop by and visit me. Especially if you are a woman.



Calamity Jane was the nickname of Martha Jane Canary, a famous American frontierswoman. According to one story, she got her name because she used to warn men that to offend her was a calamity.



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Lee Petty winning the 3000 meter race.

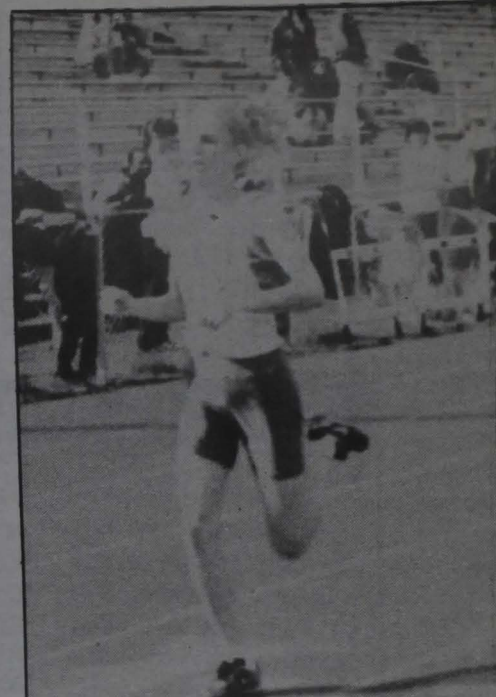


Photo by Gene Breza

Becky Andrew wins the 400 meter event at Glenville Invt.

Petty Shines in Conference Meet; Pioneers Finish Second

Kevin Lake
staff writer

The day after the dorms were evacuated due to the fire at the Flying W Plastic plant, the Pioneer track team hosted the WVIAC championships. Missing two key team members due to the evacuation, the Pioneers suffered a close defeat and were forced to settle for runners up by only nine points.

One runner the evacuation didn't affect was senior middle distance runner Lee Petty. Petty started the day off by winning the 3,000 meter run in a new conference meet record time of 8:51. He also defeated three-time defending champ Eric Chandler of Wesleyan in the process.

After a short break in the meet, Petty stepped on the track once again to win the 1500 meter run in 4:08. Glenville basically dominated this race as Jimmy Galloway finished second in 4:09, Daniel Edgell was third in 4:10, and Mike Bee was fifth in 4:14.

After less than an hour's worth of recovery, Petty raced and won once again, this time in the 800 with a time of 2:00. Knowing they were totally out-

classed, four runners from Wesleyan boxed Petty in and tried to run him off the track. He responded to this by elbowing his way out and releasing an unchallengable surge which left the evil Wesleyan runners far behind in his wake.

At the end of the meet Petty's skills were called on once again as he competed in the 5,000 meter run. After already racing nearly four miles at top speed he was still able to place second in this race of over three miles in a time of 15:58.

Afterwards, Petty was awarded plaques for his three victories, a trophy for the high point award and another plaque for the WVIAC track athlete of the year: not bad for one day's work.

Two other Glenville State College athletes who received top honors at the meet were Becky Andrew and Chris Burley. These athletes were named male and female athlete of the year. Andrew won both the 200 and 400 meter runs and Burley placed second in both the 100 and 200 meter runs.

NAIA All-American Chris Cress won the 400 meter run in 50.3 as well as his specialty, the

400 meter hurdles in 54.04.

The distance running duo originally from Doddridge County, Daniel Edgell and David Bee finished second and third respectively in the 10,000 meter run with times of 34:01 and 34:50. Mitch Carte was third in the long jump and Bobby Burnside was third in the pole vault.

Freshman Bobbie Hatcher took two second places as she ran the 400 meter run in 1:02 and the 400 meter hurdles in 1:07. Kristie was fifth in the 800 in 2:32. Jennifer Pingley also placed fifth in the 400 meter run in 1:03.

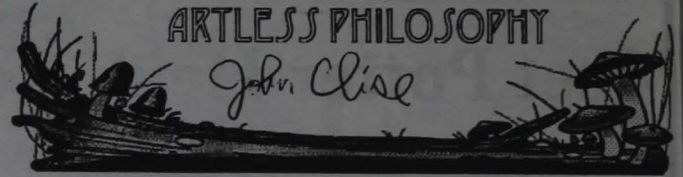
In the field events Emily James placed second in the triple jump and fourth in the long jump while Manda Simmons placed third in the shot put and fourth in the discus, one place behind freshman Carla Curran. Ralston was second in the Javelin.

Though the entire track team must wait an entire year to try to avenge themselves, the distance team will get to have their revenge this fall in cross country. Coached by Rick Conklin, they already appear to be heavy favorites after their performances last week.

COLLEGE LIFE



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So, here we are at the end of the semester. What will summer bring...? Jobs, rest, summer school, all secondary to the need for "summer love."

What is this compulsion for summer company? It is like a moth to flame, a fate without escape. People blindly stumble into this phenomenon without hesitation.

Summer romances are like roller coaster rides--scary at first, exciting during the ride, and when it is all over you feel like throwing up. Suffice it to say summer romance holds no great place in my heart (well, if I had a heart it would!).

What happens when the end of summer comes? All those loose ends of love and Amour are left to dangle like an acrobat at the end of a wire. No nets, no spotters, no soft mats to land on (oh, yeah, that's fall romance. We'll cover that topic if I'm around next year, but it is equally as sick as summer love).

What is the point of summer love? It won't last; everybody knows it, but still people jump into it like swimming in quicksand. It is some form of insecurity developed through mental illness. But isn't that what love is all about? MENTAL ILLNESS! I realize "mental illness" isn't the PC term to use anymore. This illness is nothing we can candy-coat for the sake of "easing people into accepting their fate." This is an illness more foul than smoking cigarettes in a 1st grade classroom. Steps must be taken to end summer love.

We can only liken summer love to a wet dog blanket or coming home after a hard day to find your cat has diarrhea. You see, it's not a pretty sight.

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Meet Potter Heidi Petri

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Someone is living in the ceramics shop! She makes pots all day long! She is serious. "Practice, practice, practice...99% perspiration and 1% inspiration," says Heidi Petri, resident potter, who is taking Advanced Ceramics with Mr. Scott.

Although Petri is originally from Kent, Ohio, she fell in love with the mountains of West Virginia during a camping trip three years ago. She now re-

sides near Floe, in Clay County.

Petri can throw a pot in ten minutes, prefers to use the electric wheel, and is currently working on teapots with round thrown spouts. She has a salty, earthy voice and a practical manner.

She works six to seven hours a day, four days a week in what she calls "the pot shop." She is a woman with direction and purpose.

She also has a mentor, someone to bounce ideas off of and to give her guidance. She is an apprentice of Keith Lahti.

"He just lives down the road," she said. For the past few years she has been helping Lahti at fairs while she uses his pottery equipment.

"My main reason to become a potter is to make things that people can love and enjoy and use in their homes," says Petri.

"I would like to emphasize what a good teacher Mr. Scott is. He's taken me under his wing and taught me a whole lot. I'm very grateful for that. I think it's important for me to carry on the whole pottery tradition."



Photo by Gene Breza.

Heidi Petri threw this pot in ten minutes.

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self one) the world is yours. Consider it, change it, use it, experience it, enjoy it. Grow more mature but never grow old. But, above all else, think for yourselves!

Finally, to all those who felt that the old coot had become lachrymose and had degenerated into a purveyor of sappy sentimentality, let the old coot assure all here and now that he is not averse to tendering bouquets where they are deserved. Can anyone doubt that the woman who undertook the care and feeding and general oversight of the old coot is deserving of any accolades that she might attain? Besides, with the press of this final semester taking its toll, the old coot hopes to get laid.

Sutton Lake Spring Cleaning

The Corps of Engineers at Sutton Lake is making plans for the First Annual "Sutton Lake Spring Cleaning," and would like to invite your group to participate. Every spring the Corps of Engineers spends thousands of dollars cleaning up drift and debris, but our efforts can only cover a small percentage of what washes into the lake.

Saturday, May 18, has been selected for the cleanup effort. Groups, businesses, families or individuals are encouraged to sign up to clean a favorite cove or corner of Sutton Lake. The Corps of Engineer will provide bags for trash. Rope will also be available to tie logs,

trees and other large debris to the shore and keep it from floating back into the main lake.

All participants will receive a "token" of our appreciation and be eligible for special prizes, courtesy of Lockard's Kawasaki, Inc., and Mid State Marina & Cycle, Inc.

Ropes and bags will be available in advance at the Resource Manager's Office. On Saturday, they will be available at the Bee Run Marina, Gerald R. Freeman Campground, or Bakers Run Compound.

If you have any questions or would like to register to clean your favorite fishing hole, call 765-2816.



CONVERSATIONAL GREEN

Riding Off Into the Sunset

Having put a six-inch bullet hole in El Diablo's right temple, the man in black was no longer needed to protect the streets of the dirty nameless town he had sworn to protect. Should he stay a day longer he would be transformed from dashing hero to reprehensible scoundrel. But today...

An old man held his horse's bridal for him while the villagers begged him to stay. The *senoritas* were swooning in the wake of his victory, dreaming of one final kiss before he rode away.

Small children danced at his feet, reenacting the great battle that would be remembered for generations. In the distance, from the shade of some decrepit, sagging back porch, a dog howled.

The villagers offered the man in black a sack of money, which he refused. "I have no need for your pesos in the desert. Keep them and rebuild your homes and church."

He leaped upon his horse's back and faced the crowd. These moments were awkward for him—he had always spoken better with his six shooter.

Before he could address the crowd, a small boy, the son of the family that had given him shelter, came up to him. "Mister, you left your hat." He held the wide-brimmed hat up to him, but the man shook his head. "You keep it." The boy's bright eyes shined, but they couldn't be seen beneath the rugged ten gallon hat now perched on his scalp.

With that he just turned his horse 'round, gave a quick wave, and galloped away.



According to folklore, if travelers lose their way because of what they believe is a fairy's spell, they can break the spell by turning a piece of their clothing inside out and burning it.

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Politics

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tor Sharpe noted. "The people here are among the finest anywhere."

Only one national office seeker was in attendance: congressional hopeful Howard Swint. Swint spoke frankly about the national debt: "The national debt is a mortgage on our children and grandchildren. I will work hard for a balanced budget to ensure opportunities for future generations."

In addition, several candidates who were unable to appear in person had emissaries speak for them. Emissaries represented candidates Mike Gissy, Spike Maynard, John Perdue, Bob Wise, Joe Manchin and Larry

Bailey.

"A fantastic number of speakers were here tonight," said announcer Barry Lay. "We also had a good turnout of Gilmer residents. There's been times when we had more candidates than audience members!"

One notable aspect of the "Meet Your Candidate" dinner was that many of the audience members were middle-age and older. Few young voters were in attendance, a staggeringly low number of college students.

No matter how disgusted or apathetic a person may be towards politics, no one can truly escape the absolute reality of its impact on his or her life.

Despite the fact that many young people seem to be in a

desperate frenzy to hide from this truth, most politicians are eager to speak to voters, no matter what age, and share their views about the issues that will affect people's lives.

The Democratic "Meet Your Candidate" dinner was a great opportunity that many GSC students missed.

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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 be 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 examination period.

In case of a conflict in the 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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Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday from 10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
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Monday from 10:10 - 12:10 a.m.
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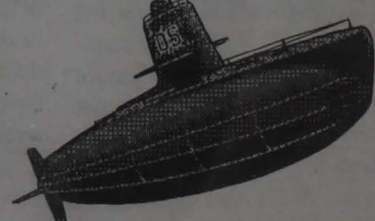
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