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Pioneer Football: Gearing Up To 1996

by Frank Konig

It is that time of year again. As the summer passes, the hype over college football begins. This campus is no different than any other, our football team is in the hunt for a fourth straight Conference Title.

The makeup of the 1996 Glenville State College Pioneers is diverse. With 12 states represented by 92 players, there is someone to root for no matter where you come from. After last season's successes, this year's version of the Pioneers has the burden of proving themselves. This will not be easy, losing 16 letter winners. Most notably is senior quarterback Scott Otis, gone to the Ravens of the National Football League.

To make up this void,

coach, Rich Rodriguez picked up many newcomers. Though Rodriguez has a solid core of returners, he said, "new players play a vital role in our program. They will provide depth and skill once they are accustomed to the new system."

This year's pre-season began on August 11th for the players. They went through rigorous conditioning including two practices a day under the unyielding heat and high humidity. It was a busy pre-season, but with the addition of many new players, it was necessary. Rodriguez denotes, "this pre-season was no different than any other in the past except for the high number of injuries." He continues, "this is the most frustrating pre-season I can remember as far as injuries are concerned."

The West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is much improved as well. West Virginia State and West Virginia Tech have new coaches, and are expected to improve. Tougher schedules and the intense rivalries make this year's WVIAC title race interesting. "I expect to be in the middle of the pack this year in the conference" says Rodriguez, "our difficult non-conference play and the fact that every team in the conference is gunning for us as defending champion makes it that much harder."

"The key to this season is not to look too far ahead," emphasizes Rodriguez, "if we can improve each week as a team we will be in great position."

Admittedly, the de-

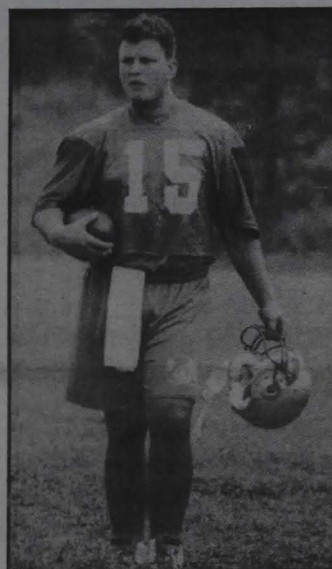


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Rod Smith

fense is under-sized, and will rely on quickness and experience. Chad Baker, a Senior who transferred from University of Cincinnati must be a leader on the field. Mitch Carte, a junior from Midland Trail has played many different positions and will be looked to for solid play. Fifth year senior, Tony Flores brings knowledge of the system and much needed experience. Jevon Hicks, a post-season award winner from last year must also step up as a leader. With the explosive of-

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Estep Named as Trillium Editor

By Tom Kennedy

Trillium, the Language Divisions's literary publication, has a new editor. Terry Estep has been handed the creative reins by John Jeremy Dean, who was the *Trillium* editor for the past three years.

Estep, a West Virginia native from Orgas, comes to the editor position with impressive qualifications. A senior majoring in English Education, Estep has been writing fiction since junior high school, winning the Daniel Boone Writer's award in 1993, as well as the *Trillium* all-night writing contest in 1995. Besides writing fiction,

Estep has had an article published in WV Senior High Magazine and currently writes book reviews for *The Mercury*.

As editor of the *Trillium*, Estep's creative input will be used on the layout of

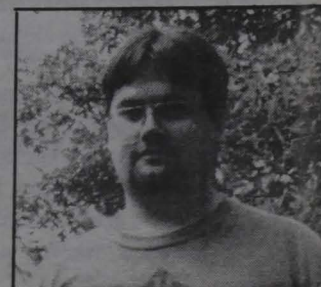


Photo by Carl Wilson
The new Trillium editor Terry Estep

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Allen Ascends to Political Power—

By Theodore Allen Webb

(September 8, 1996) -

Behavioral science major Mark Allen has proudly paraded the rough reigns of Glenville State College's faculty-advised Student Congress and is mounting to maneuver the association in a few new or old directions, depending upon your viewpoint.

Inaugurated last spring via a campus-grounded political campaign, the brassy, blue-eyed, blond-headed Buckhannon boxer follows the footsteps of past-president John Jeremy Dean, solidly setting at least four concrete goals

for GSC's '96-'97 academic year.

According to Allen, the most immediate goal is to elicit complete student compliance with the congress's engineered social agenda.

"I want people to know that we're here," Allen proclaims. "We deal with student issues! If any student has concerns, they may contact us!"

Secondly, Allen asserts his ambition to give students "more bang for their buck" regarding the official program.

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datory "student activity" fees, the administration-sanctioned

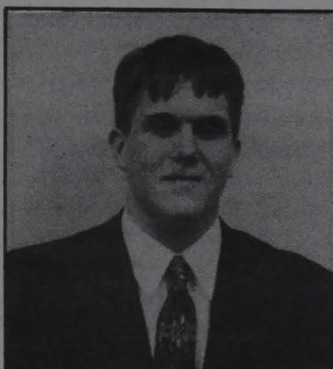


Photo by Carl Wilson
Student Congress President
Mark Allen

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From the Editor's Desk

Gene Breza

Politics

How many times have you heard somebody say, "I'm not into politics." The name however implies dealings with more than one, the (poli) aspect. (Tics), however, is harder to define but seems related to antics, etc.. (The syllabic breakdown was not shown in the *Webster's Third New International Dictionary*.)

Therefore, unless you plan to live life in a solitary vacuum, you can't say politics does not interest you. Gaining knowledge on this subject is in your vital interest. Your day to day dealings with a roommate, a friend, a salesman, a girlfriend/boyfriend-wife/husband all involve politics, though we generally think in terms of masses of people.

Imagine the first couple (not Bill and Hillary) musing upon a carpet of moss under oaken boughs at their leisure, clad only in fig leaves when the pangs of hunger overcome them.

He says to she, "I'm hungry." If you don't think that statement implied she do something about it, we'll go on to say, she says to he, "I'm hungry too."

"I passed a garungee three-toed tapir this morning roasted in a pile of wood hit by lightning, I figure," he recalls, his memory sharpened. "It's fifteen miles over the mountain in a ravine," says he pointing. "I'll gather the plums hither," says she, not in the mood for the hike after the delightful afternoon.

He comes tromping back four hours later with a tapir ham and she says, "Is that for me?"

"No," says he. "You get half of this. Something ate the better part, diz it babe."

Disappointed yet grateful she tastes of the repast (digs in). Not knowing where he stands he asks, "Do you still love me?"

"Of course I do," says she. And tranquility reigns yet once more in the primordial mists of our memory.

Does this story seem familiar? Have you seen this recently? Anywhere?

Yes, these are the basics of politics, who wears the pants in family, the dinner table feud or who's pleasin' who. One might say politics begins in the bedroom where many other things begin.

Among the various definitions, the idea being elaborated finally appeared on the 112th line of the above mentioned dictionary (no wonder there is a lack of interest in a field with such broad meanings) whose main idea defines political science as: a field of inquiry devoted to an analysis of power in society. The gist of most definitions includes shrewdness, government and sagacious devising and promoting policy.

Yet if you do not grasp this one to one, one to a few idea of politics the aspect of masses shall illude you. You will leave yourself vulnerable to all sorts manipulations from the wool pull to wholesale taken to the cleaners.

So you want an example?

It is no wonder police and polite proceed politics in the dictionary. Take a look at the wall across from Pickens Hall. It disturbs some people that college students use it as convenient resting place to chat and play. So merely remove the wall and politely produce an effectual police tactic that has no easily discerned target. Here power has smoothly achieved its aim to control society.

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Separation of Preaching and Teaching

By Tom Kennedy

What are the goals of education? Since the days of Plato, the question as to what should be a part of a good education has been given the utmost consideration by educators and societies. Should a school focus on technological skills needed by society, or the academic pursuits needed for exercises in critical thinking and a continuation of the arts?

There are some who feel that a school should simply concentrate on producing model citizens that preserve the status quo and keep a society running smoothly, saving recondite skills and areas of complex thought for special schools occupied by the society's elite. But no matter what a person's educational philosophy may be, there is no way that creationism should be a part of the science classroom, and there is no way that evolution can be excluded from a quality science curriculum.

Creationists start their argument by pointing out that evolution is only a theory and should, therefore, be given no more or less consideration than the story of creation. By itself, the preceding argument illuminates both the sum total of the creationists' knowledge about science and their bigoted view of the world's religions.

Starting with religious bigotry, when creationists are saying that they want to teach how God created the earth, what they really want to teach is how the Judaic/Christian God created the earth. If creationists really wanted to teach creationism along with, or instead of evolution, a biology course would have to turn into a religions course, teaching how the many different deities of the world's religions created the earth.

Returning to the subject of science, since the days of the Enlightenment, scientific theories are the end result of following the scientific method, the process which has given the world most of its scientific achievements. Most of our modern technologies --medical, electrical, agricultural,

mechanical, as well as biological--come from hypotheses that became usable theories through the process of the scientific method. The experiments leading to a scientific theory must be able to be repeated by others, and if an experiment ever disproves a theory, the theory is no longer valid. So although a theory is not proof positive, it has never been proven wrong.

Evolution is really only defined as a change in the frequency of the occurrence of certain genetic traits on a large scale in a population over time. But since creationists' interpretations of the Bible cannot explain the early life-forms or their ages, they dispute the accuracy of carbon dating or explain that Satan is confusing us. While carbon dating does have a margin of error, it would be impossible to be off the billions of years that creationists are questioning. And I would find it difficult telling a classroom of biology students that prehistoric fossils were planted by the devil.

Some less fervent creationists would accept the teaching of genetic changes as long as the theories about chemical evolution, which are believed to have led to the first cells of life, are omitted. At first thought this might seem a

reasonable compromise. But the workable theories of chemical evolution are an integral part of teaching subjects like microbiology. Even the theories of the beginning of life are useful to scientists and serious students of science.

It is true that these nascent theories of life's beginnings will remain hard to prove (right or wrong) for some time to come, but such theories provide a provocative goal that will continue to provide science with more findings and theories that will be of benefit to humankind. Much as the space program engenders useful spin-off technologies, the search for the beginning of life can provide the human race with new and fascinating knowledge, even if the answer to our beginnings is never found.

Whether evolution is used as a model for teaching the scientific method or to teach more advanced concepts of biology, the teaching of evolution belongs in the science class--the teaching of a particular religion belongs in the church. If a student's faith is so easily shaken by scientific theories, it is the quality of the faith that is in question, not the science.

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ESL: REVITALIZED PROGRAM HELPS OUT

Eric Ware

Imagine yourself in a country where you have problems conveying a message, ordering food, or even asking for directions. Now imagine being in a college where everyone speaks a different language.

The English/Language Division of GSC has revitalized a program called English as a Second Language (ESL) to help students from other countries with problems in areas of conveying or speaking English.

Adopted from the Intensive English Program (IEP), this program concentrates on understanding English, speaking English, and conveying messages to improve reading, writing, and speaking skills.

These students are preparing for the TOEFL, Test of English and Fundamental Language, to measure their ability in the language arts for higher classes. Other colleges, such as A.B., Concord, and Salem-Teikyo, have adopted the ESL program as part of their

curriculum.

"You have to be in the culture to practice these skills," Dr. Burkowski replied. Dr. Burkowski, professor of English, taught this course during the summer and had "great results".

"We had English speaking students come in and help the others in groups, holding conversations, talking freely to one another...and many of these students were invited to dinner and to celebrations."

Also, Dr. Burkowski adds, with the help of Dr. Palm and Ed Given of Sutton, these students were invited to Sutton Lake for a day of fun and excitement.

"Being around other students helps in their language skills," Dr. Burkowski says, "and makes everyone feel better."

If anyone would like to be a Conversational Partner, please contact the English/Language Division at #121, or contact Dr. Burkowski.



Photo by Edward Palm

Students in Dr. Gail Burkowski's class learning English as a Second Language.

Soliciting Answers Proves Difficult

Annie McCourt

Has anyone else noticed the rash of credit card and phone card solicitors regularly appearing on our quaint little campus? Has anyone been quietly walking to class pondering such things as "the meaning of life" when they were rudely interrupted by someone with a clip board and a smile?

According to the Student Congress minutes from September 1, 1994, Student Congress was to have put a stop to their aggressive behavior. Dr. Al Billips, head of Student Services, recounted that Student Congress is currently working on a bill of ethics that all must follow while on the GSC campus.

The college solicitation policy is clearly stated on page four of the student handbook and reads as follows: "Soliciting and/or selling products and articles on campus is limited to approved campus organizations and requires an activities permit to be approved." When asked about this policy, Billips replied, "Well, the campus organization does not physically have to solicit for themselves; they can invite outside groups to do the work for them. Why not, it's free money."

When approached, the woman behind the Sprint



counter was happy to announce that her company, Collegiate Advantage, likes to have sponsors on campus, but because it takes two or three extra business days to find a sponsor, they usually go without.

When asked who her sponsor on GSC campus was, she replied, "I don't think we have one."

After checking in the log book in the Student Services Department, it was revealed that she did indeed have a sponsor. Delta Zeta sorority house Sponsors Sprint, as well as most, if not all, of the preceding solicitors.

Jeremy Dean, Student Congress President of years past, said that he thought a further motion was passed in November of 1994 which stated that solicitors may appear on campus only if they are accompanied by a person from the campus organization

that is sponsoring them. At press time, the minutes from this Student Congress meeting had not been found.

There have been mixed reactions from the college community toward the attitudes of the solicitors. Jondrea Perkiy, a Freshman Behavioral Science major, stated, "I think they are annoying, and I don't like them."

Tony Jones, a sophomore Sports Management major, stated, "It is pretty annoying, they are pests."

While these two share the view that the solicitors are annoying, Brian Chapman, a sophomore nursing major stated, "I like them, and they have cool gifts."

Something may be done in the future to stop the persistent and aggressive behavior of the solicitors. Until that day dawns, you can shake your head from side to side and keep on walking.

West Virginia Legislature Offers

Spring 1997 Internships

West Virginia college and university students are invited to participate in one of five internship programs offered by the West Virginia Legislature during the 1997 Spring Semester. With over 60 positions available, both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply for an invitation to a 60-day learning experience at the State Capitol in Charleston.

The Judith Herndon Fellowship and the Frasure-Singleton Internship are open to undergraduates. Undergraduates (junior or senior) are invited to apply for the Legislative Infor-

mation Internship.

GSC graduate Janet Ferrell attended an intensive one week program at the West Virginia state legislature, coordinated by Political Science Professor Dr. Mike Smith.

Because of the diversity of the programs, credit hours and stipends vary and must be arranged with each student's advisor.

Participants interested in gaining firsthand knowledge of the legislative process are encouraged to call the Legislature in Charleston at 1-800-642-8650 for more information on each program.

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Cross Country 1996 Preview—

By Sports Information

As the 1996 cross country season approaches, the GSC men's squad has their eyes fixed on the one thing that has eluded them the past two years - a WVIAC Championship.

In 1994 and '95, the pioneers had to settle for second best in the West Virginia Conference to the Bobcats of West Virginia Wesleyan. But as it is in any sport, teams rise and fall as graduation and eligibility takes its toll on the dominate teams.

In '96 WV Wesleyan finds it's team without three of '95's all-conference runners and a team that could fall as far back in the standings as third.

Only losing one runner from last years squad, the Pioneers find themselves in the position of the favorites to win the league for the first time since the mid eighties. Leading the way for the Pioneers quest for the title are seniors Daniel Edgell and Jimmy Galloway. Both Edgell and Galloway have had the displeasure of enduring the frustration of settling for second best for two consecutive years.

Edgell, a two time all-conference runner is the pre-season favorite to win the individual title after placing second in '95. "I really don't see anyone challenging him (Edgell) for the title," states second year Head Coach Rick Conklin. "If he is to be challenged, I can only see it being

one of his teammates."

Though Galloway has missed all-conference honors



Photo by Carl Wilson
Senior Daniel Edgell has his sights on a team championship.

by one spot the past two years, Conklin has no doubt he will be among the leaders in '96, "Jimmy has learned to stick with his game plan throughout a race and I expect him to be part of the leaders at the end of every race."

Other returners include sophomores David and Micheal Bee who finished 12th and 16th, respectively in '95. With a year under their belt, the two have acclimated themselves to the longer distance of collegiate competition and will be ready to run with the lead pack all season.

Unlike previous years, the Pioneers have the depth needed to contend for a championship. Newcomers Daniel Ramezan, freshman Brent Gargus form Parkersburg South, Kevin Lake and 1996 WVIAC Track Athlete of the

Year, Lee Petty, all have the ability to challenge this teams top runners and the top runners of the conference.

"Every member of this team has worked very hard in the of season knowing that it is our championship to lose," stated Conklin. "The key to this season is staying focused and to continue doing the things that are needed."

As has been the case for the past three years, the Lady Pioneer squad is lacking in numbers but has a chance to better their 6th place WVIAC finish in '95.

Returning from an injury plagued '95 season is Bobbie Hatcher, the only returner of that squad. Hatcher finished 32nd last year and will be expected to move up in the standings in '96 and lead the way for a young and inexperienced team.

Among those Hatcher will be expected to lead are freshmen Mandy Valentine from Buffalo-Putnam, Tina Mallow from Elkins, and Canadian senior Tanya Johnson. Dawn Petty, who placed 6th in the 1989 championship meet, finds her way back for her final year of eligibility and will also be looked upon for team leadership.

"I'm confident this team can reach the goal of moving up a spot in the conference," stated Conklin, "It will be a slow process but I truly believe we can be there come November 1."

The season opens Saturday, September 14 in California, PA at the California Invitational.

A New Book On Internships

The National Directory of Internship lists thousands of internships in over 85 fields, in government, nonprofit, and corporate settings. It details for undergraduates, graduates, and high school students, as well as those not in school, mid-career professionals, and retired people. The Directory has easy-to-use indexes by name of organization, geographical location, and field of interest.

Each comprehensive listing provides the following information.

- the organization's name, address, phone number, a contact name, and a brief description of the organization.

- a description of the internships--locations, responsibilities, the number and duration of position, whether positions are part-time or full-time, dates of availability, benefits available to the interns, and whether the sponsor will help interns arrange academic credit through their schools.

- eligibility requirements--required education, experience, and qualifications.

- application requirements and deadlines.

The price is \$23 for NSEE members, and \$29 for non-members plus shipping and handling. For information, or to order The National Directory of Internships, please contact NSEE: 3509 Haworth Drive, Suite 207,

Raleigh, NC 27609-7229. Phone: 919-787-3263, Fax: 919-787-3381, e-mail: nsee@interpath.com.

NSEE has been producing internship directories since 1972. NSEE previously published Internship Programs for Women and the Directory of Public Service Internships, which were incorporated into The National Directory of Internships in 1984. NSEE also publishes The Experienced Hand: A Student Manual for Making the Most of an Internship, a companion volume to the Directory that address issues to consider before interning, how to find or create an internship, and how to make the internship a valuable work and learning experience.

The Directory complements the range of resources and services from the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), the only organization working with internship program since 1971. NSEE is a nonprofit membership association and national resource center that promotes active forms of learning as an integral part of education. NSEE supports colleges, schools, agencies, and business in helping student learn through meaningful work experiences. NSEE was founded in 1971 and currently has over 1,700 member.

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Pioneer Have Tough Start in '96

by Frank Konig

Coach Rich Rodriguez led the Pioneers into their first match of their exceptionally difficult 1996 Season. The Pioneers were on the road playing against the Fighting Blue Bears of Livingstone College at Alumni Stadium in Salisbury, NC.

In the wake of Hurricane Fran, temperatures in Salisbury reached the 90 ° F mark. Before a crowd of 600 fans, GSC took the field and opened the scoring 3 minutes into the match. Quarterback Rod Smith connected with Carlos Ferralls for his first of two touchdowns from the Bears' four yard line.

After a defensive stop, the Pioneers marched right back down the field and put place kicker Justin Barnes in reach of a 21 yard field goal. With the score 10-0 in favor of GSC, Livingstone's offense went into action.

Parnell Wilder, quarterback for the Bears opened up the field with a 55 yard completion to W. Perry late in the 1st quarter to tighten the score 10-6 after a failed extra-point try.

The second quarter was dismal for the Pioneers. The Livingstone defense shut

Glenville down, allowing Perry to rush for a touch down from the 2 yard line to take the lead 10-13.

In the second half, both teams scored in flurries. Willie Dodson scored on a rush from 13 yards out. The Bears scored twice on quarterback rushes from the 2 yard line and the 9. Marlon Manassa caught an 11 yard pass from Smith for the Pioneers to round out the third quarter with the score 24-26 in favor of the visiting team.

In the fourth quarter, Justin Barnes added 3 points from the 37 yard line closing out the night 4-4 on extra points,

and 2 field goals for a total of 10 points. With the score 27-26, the Fighting Blue Bears took the lead for good from the 12 yard line. Pioneers remained close due to the poor kicking by Livingstone College place kicker, Shawn Foster.

A desperation 35 second drive by GSC brought the Pioneers within six points, but on fourth down and 2, the defense could not hold off the rush. The score remained 34-40, Livingstone College, as the gun sounded.

Ferralls ended with 127 positive yards on 11 catches. Rod Smith went 30 of



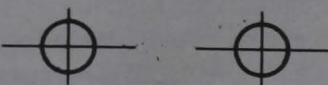
Coaches Rodriguez and Powenski discuss game plan with offensive lineman Perry.

54 with 2 interceptions for 387 yards. The notable difference was the first downs, and the allowed offensive yards by the

Pioneer defense.

Upon reflection, "You can never be happy about a loss, every game shows us where we stand," said Rodriguez, "we made a lot of mistakes."

There is light at the end of the tunnel, but it is 3 weeks away. Next week, the Pioneers head to Johnson City, TN to meet with the Buccaneers of Eastern Tennessee State University who play in the West Division of Southern Conference, a NCAA I-AA affiliation.



West Virginia University



Health Sciences and Graduate Programs
Recruiting Team.

Representatives will be present to answer questions about WVU's professional schools, including Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, and over 105 graduate programs on Wednesday, September 18, at 10 to 11:30am in the Heflin Center Lobby. This would be a good time for student who are considering attending WVU in the near future to get more informed.

Photo by Carl Wilson

Lady Pioneers Roll

By Frank Konig

The Glenville State Pioneer Women's volleyball team was on the road last Monday in Montgomery, WV for the Tech Tri-match. Coming into the match, the Pioneers were 2-4 on the season. Against annual foes, West Virginia Tech and Ohio Valley College, the games were a good opportunity to test the newcomers in game situations.

The Pioneers handled the opposition in a definitive manner, three games straight in each match. "Although the competition was not the highest quality, it was a good opportunity to work on our overall play," said assistant coach Chup Robinson. Cheryl Stout put in

a great performance with 19 kills in the first match and 9 in the second. Manda Simmons added 9 kills against Tech, but without the 39 assists by Michelle Smith and 11 by Withead the hitters would not have been so prosperous.

Heading into this weekend's Glenville State Quad Match at the Physical Education Building, the Pioneers are 4-4 and improving. The competition will be tough, Waynesburg from Pennsylvania, Ohio Valley College, and the College of West Virginia will all be present. The coaching staff is excited about the prospects of this season and know that the community will be out to support them in their efforts.

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fense GSC possesses, the defense could be the key.

As always, the Pioneers will look to the air on offense. With Rod Smith at the helm, the offense is expecting high numbers and good completion percentages. "We have always had a great tradition of effective quarterbacks here at Glenville. We know Rod will be able to continue that," said Rodriguez. Wilkie Perez is an exciting late addition from WVU. Perez is a great athlete and will play a number of positions and have many responsibilities, but most importantly is a solid backup to Smith.

This year, the hands catching the passes and running the ball are remarkable. In the receiving positions are All-American Carlos Ferralls; Anthony Baker, a senior from

San Joaquin Junior College; Kenny Hinton a sophomore from Amanda, Ohio; Rober Talley a transfer from UNLV, all of whom are going to be relied upon heavily. On the ground, the Pioneers expect running back Willie Dodson and freshman, Trone Roseberry to have great years.

The most important thing to the coaches and players of the Pioneers, is the response they get from the community. "It makes us feel really good to see the fans cheering and giving us their support. Believe it or not, it gives us a great boost," Rodriguez said.

It is no doubt that the Pioneers have a tough non-conference schedule. A late fourth quarter drive was not enough to surmount the Livingstone College Fighting Blue Bears last week. Next week GSC will get a taste of Division I AA action when they meet East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN.

W.D. Erhart to visit GSC

Language Division

Glenville State College may be a bit off the beaten path, but no so far off that nationally renowned Vietnam writer, poet, and lecturer W.D. Erhart can't find his way there.

Erhart, a former combat marine whose poetry and commentary on the war have appeared in *The New York Times* and numerous other national publications, will visit Dr. Ed Palm's Vietnam class at the Lewis County Extension Center of Glenville State College on Wednesday, September 18.

A native of the Philadelphia area, Erhart enlisted in the Marine Corps right out of high school in 1966. He served in Vietnam as a rifleman and intelligence scout and was wounded in the battle for Hue during Tet 1968. He first rose to national prominence as one of the featured commentators in episode 5 of the PBS series "Vietnam: A Television History."

He is the author of *Vietnam-Perkasie* and two other memoirs on his combat and postwar experiences, as well as several collections of poetry. He has also taught and lectured at colleges and universities throughout the United States, as well as in Austria, Spain, and Wales.

In 1993, Erhart was one of a select few poets nationwide to receive a Fellowship from the Pew Charitable Trust. This grant enabled him to finish writing *Busted*, the third and final installment in his Vietnam trilogy, published last year by the University of Massachusetts Press.

The class Erhart has agreed to visit—an interdisciplinary course entitled "Vietnam in Fact, Fiction, and Film"—will be open to the public at large that evening. Visitors should arrive at Glenville's Lewis County Extension Center, located in Weston's Lewis County High School, by 6:45 p.m. on

September 18.

The professor, who also served as an enlisted marine in Vietnam, formerly taught at the US Naval Academy. He first met Erhart there in 1991, when Erhart was invited to speak to academy classes about his Vietnam War experiences. The two have stayed in touch ever since.

"Once a marine, always a marine!" Palm quipped when asked how he managed to get such a famous Vietnam writer to come to Glenville and to visit his class in Weston.

"The Marine Corps actually did have much to do with it," Palm added. "I reviewed Bill's Vietnam trilogy last year for *Marine Corps Gazette*, and he wanted to do something for me in return. That's the sort of down-to-earth, unassuming person he still is despite his prominence."

For further information, contact the GSC's Continuing Education Office (462-4105) or the GSC Language Division.

"When one says that a writer is fashionable, one practically always means that he is admired by people under thirty."

—George Orwell

WVU Grad Program Recruiting Team

On Wednesday, September 18, representatives from West Virginia University will be here to answer questions about WVU's professional schools, including Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, and over 105 other graduate programs. The representatives will meet with students from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Heflin Center Lobby.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

The Glenville State College Huddle of Fellowship of Christian Athletes held their first regular meetings on Tuesday at 8:30 in room 206 of the Physical Education Building. At the first meeting held August 23rd the huddle elected leaders for the 1996-97 academic year: President—Bob Wible; Vice President—Jason Gordon; Secretary—Treasure—Becky Frashure; Public Relations/Reporter—Tracy Lane; Program Coordinator—Dawn Nolan.

A program on handling life's interruptions was presented and a tape by Reggie White was enjoyed while consuming refreshments. On

September 3rd the huddle met and discussed plans for upcoming involvement. Also plans to help the Gilmer County High School huddle were made. The group will be studying the book of Phillipians starting September 10th during program time. The first session will be led by Jason Gordon and everyone is welcome to attend. Following the program, Jason, Bob and Paul led the group in some singing.

FCA would like to wish all athletes: Football, Cross Country Volleyball and Golf Best Wishes in their upcoming competition. Ephesians 5:15-17.

A Trip Into the Great Outdoors

By April Kidd

There is a new club in town. You may have noticed the flyers posted throughout the campus, advertising Canoeing, whitewater rafting, and camping, to name just a few. That is exactly what they intend to do.

The "Nature Time Adventures" club got underway this year, having had their first meeting on August 28. The group was started to encourage students to stay on campus during the weekends. Sponsor Charles Holt said the club's mission was "to let students take advantage of

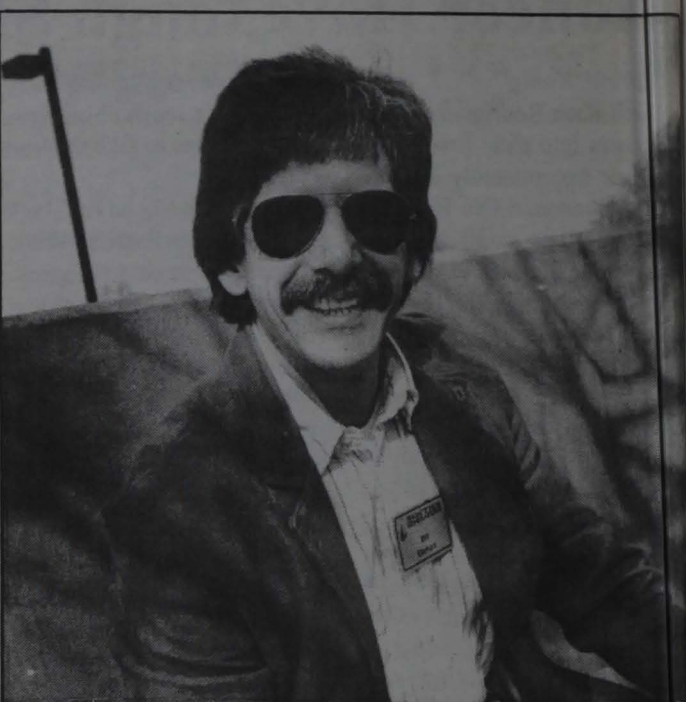


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Vietnam Veteran W. D. Erhart will visit GSC's Lewis County Extension

ACS Has First Meeting

On Tuesday, August 27th the G.S.C. Chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society had their first meeting for the 1996-97 school year.

Topics and issues discussed were: New Faculty Advisor Dr. James Goll; Walk-a-thon for a charitable organization; car wash on Saturday, September 14 at Foodland, starting at

9:00a.m.; standing committees—Fundraising, Activities, and Recruiting; By-Law Revision Committee.

Seven SAACS members were present.

The SAACS met again on September 3rd with four members present.

The issues discussed were: a possible trip to the Pittsburgh Conference, a large instrumentation exposition in Atlanta in March, 1997 possibility of presenting a chemical demonstration for G.S.C. in the Amphitheater, putting on chemical demonstrations for Gilmer and Lewis county high schools, and a garage sale with items that were donated by Dr. Thomas Vallombroso.

The SAACS holds meetings every Tuesday at 12:30p.m. in the Science Hall. All are invited to attend.

Sea World

A trip to Sea World is planned for Sunday, September 15. The van leaves at 7 a.m. and will return later that day. Sign up in Scott and Wagner offices or at the Heflin Center, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seats are limited. Cost: \$20.

Glenville's rural region."

The club has already planned to put the school's new camping equipment to use, and a whitewater rafting trip is scheduled for September 22.

Watch out, because soon paint will be flying everywhere. The group has a paintball trip slated for October 5.

There are a few prerequisites. Everyone who joins has to pay a \$75 activation fee. Members must also maintain 2.0 grade point average. It sounds like a great outdoor adventure.

Homecoming Nominations Open

Nominations are now being accepted for the positions of Homecoming Queen and Court. All nominees must be female full-time students with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Nominations must be taken to the Student Services Office before 4 p.m. on September 18.

Positions are determined by the students classes, deter-

mined by adding total completed hours and enrolled hours this semester.

The available positions are: Queen (90+ hours); Senior Princess (90+ hours); Junior Princess (58-89 hours); Sophomore Princess (28-57 hours); Freshmen Princess (0-27 hours). Nominees will be posted and may campaign until Sep-

tember 23. Elections will be held on Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Heflin Center; students may also vote on Monday, September 23 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Residence Halls.

Students by be nominated by friends, campus organizations, or by themselves.

SNAKE LECTURE

A free lecture by eminent WV snake authority Professor Thomas Pauley from Marshal University will be presented on September 19, 1996 at 8pm at the Weston Senior Citizens Center. Refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by the Land, Livestock and Property Protection Association (L.L.A.P.P.A.), Central WV Chapter.

For more information, contact Secretary Jo Krauss (269-4266) or Treasurer Gene Breza (463-5737).



Photo by Carl Wilson

Left; Ginger Meade(alt.), Tracy Lane, Heather Hanlin, Angie Riffle(alt.), Christina Akers Right; Nikki Gillenwater, Kim Pingley, Tina Kirby, Becky Frashure, Jennifer Gatewood

DANCE CLUB KICKS INTO ACTION

Eric Ware

"I've always wanted to be a solid gold dancer!" This reply came from GSC's new Dance Club choreographer, Becky Frashure, teaching the art of dance.

The new Dance Club, started last year, came from Frashure's own love of all forms of dance. Taking off during the summer, this club features styles of dance from

tap and jazz, to ballett, creating a fun, educational class for anyone who enjoys this popular rave.

"We're a self-motivated team," Frashure says, "and invite anyone who enjoys dancing to check us out." Frashure, winning the Most Innovative Choreographer award in 1994 at Rhee Gold Dance Awards in Dayton, Ohio, studied at the Kelly School of Dance in Parkersburg in all areas of dance.

Being interested in dance for fourteen years, Frashure enjoys teaching private lessons and welcomes new members to her teams. This year she will choreograph GSC's production of "Eden on the River" and will perform at half-time home football games. The dance club will also compete at the NCA dance camp next summer.

"We all have fun," replies Frashure, "and invite everyone to see us perform or try out." This year's try-outs are already full, however, new try-outs begin in January. Members of the team include: Becky Frashure, Tracy Lane, Tina Kirby, Angie Riffle (alternate), Ginger Meade (alternate), Jennifer Gatewood, Amanda Ferguson, Christina Akers, Kim Pingley, Nikki Gillenwater, and Heather Hanlin.

Dear Student,

Since you have chosen to attend Glenville State College, we would like to invite you to join the Glenville State College Chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society. The SAACS is a professional and social organization.

Though you may think that this organization is only for Science majors, we encourage non-science majors who are interested in Chemistry to join as full members of our chapter.

During the 1995-96 school year, the Glenville

State College Chapter of the SAACS became fully active once again.

Members participated in fundraising, banquets, and in March eleven members went to the National ACS Conference in New Orleans for eight days.

Our meetings will be held every Tuesday at 12:30p.m. in the Science & Math Hall in room 400. We would like for you to come and visit us to see what we are all about.

Thank you,
Rubalina Michele Hanson, president.

All Students We Need Your Help!!

In Order for the college to correspond with you efficiently, we need to have your correct address on file. Please contact the Records office before midterm to verify that your local address is correct. Failure to have correct local address can result in lost grade, financial aid or academic information.

Please contact the Records office if you have any questions.

BCM NEWS

By Lisa Belknap

Coming up next month, Baptist Campus Ministries Advisors Eleanor Nichols and Kay Chico have organized "Jesus Week," A full four days of Christian fun, starting on October 21. Joining in on the festivities, local talent Sloppy Joe will play at a dance tentatively dated for October 23. More information will be available in next week's edition of *The Mercury*. If you have any suggestions, comments, or would just like to help out, please contact a BCM member or call Mrs. Nichols at extension 118. On Monday, September 16, BCM members are attending a Pig Roast at Mt. Piscus Baptist Church. Any interested persons are invited. The group will be meeting in front of Pickens Hall at 5:30. BCM invites you to attend Monday Night Bible Study in the Heflin Center's Vandalia Room.



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The Spaces Between:

Telling the Untold Stories (Of Glenville) June Langford Berkley Returns

By Gene Breza

Poet, novelist, storyteller, short story writer and world traveler, June Langford Berkley, entertained a near full house with a performance art monologue on the AB Auditorium stage Tuesday evening, Sept. 10. Her genealogical histories were filled with fascinating anecdotes of her relatives, dating back to English gentry which included the renowned, bare backed Lady Godiva herself.

"My great grandfather Currance C. Conrad, signed the original 1872 charter, establishing the Glenville Normal School," proclaimed Berkley, as a photo of Conrad was projected upon the screen. And so it went, story after story of every relative, documented by artifacts hundreds of years old. These included portraits and photographs, some cracked, some faded.

Berkley, a very tall, auburn haired handsome woman dressed in a black blouse and skirt, carried herself with dignity, articulating her histories with clearly enun-

ated speech.

Born on Ellis Run, Gilmer County, she took an interest in family history at an

present when Chief Logan's gave his famous speech under the Logan Elm. "I've heard the best orators of Virginia," said Berkley quoting Wilson, "Even Patrick Henry's 'Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death' speech. But I've never heard the equal to chief Logan."

Berkley laments the loss of this patriarch's writing, lost in a jealous fit when Withers, author of *Chronicles of Border Warfare*,

burned all of his sources when his scholarship was challenged.

Berkley concluded, saying, "This is a history of my family. But it is your history too if you consider historians claim that fifty generations back we are all related."

This production was brought to GSC by the Gilmer County Arts and Heritage Council, coordinated by Dr. Barbara Tedford.

The facts in this story may not be strictly accurate due to difficulty discerning the sounds from a video tape of the evening in AB Auditorium.

You may know her niece Gloria Langford who now attends Glenville State College.

Her great grandfather generations back was the colonel, Benjamin Wilson a contemporary of George Washington. "He wasn't good enough for my great, great, great, great, great, grandmother," quipped Berkley "but my great grandmother five times back was his first child." He had 30 children. Wilson was



Photo by Gene Breza

June Langford Berkley returned to Glenville to portray it's past.

Attention December Graduates:

Friday September 13th will be the last day to apply for graduation in December. So if you haven't applied as of yet plan to visit the office of Admissions and Records soon.

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the next publication. In addition, it is the editor's responsibility to form a selection committee to help with the difficult job of choosing which of the students' writings will be published. But most importantly, it is the editor who finds

ways of getting students to submit their work. In fact, Estep's biggest fear as editor is failing to get enough students to submit their writing, so he has something to say to all the aspiring writers at Glenville State College: "Submit! Submit! Submit!"

Any student wishing to submit a poem, short story, or play for possible publication in the *Trillium* should contact either Terry Estep or Dr. Tedford, the *Trillium* advisor, for the guidelines. Dr. Tedford's office is in the Language Division of the Administration Building. All submissions must be received by the end of the fall semester.

ON DISPLAY

PAINTINGS BY:

RUTH ELLEN WILSON

Art Professor Mr. Charles Scott urges everyone to stop by room 309 (his class room) to view the works of Ruth Ellen Wilson. Under Scott's guidance during the summer session, she produced 16 works, eight portraits and landscapes.

These portraits are taken from slide projections and sketches. Scott says, "She is making excellent progress placing values, especially with the painting of her and her brother. She handles color qualities and values in modeling forms of the face."

Six of her landscapes are drawn from her imagination while two are painted from photographs. She brings to life a section of Route 5 heading into Elizabeth.

"It was a good experience. I got more in depth in oil painting than I thought I would," says Wilson of her advanced oil painting classes. Currently, she is student teaching at Parkersburg South High School.



Photo by Carl Wilson

Ruth Ellen Wilson displays her proficiency with oils in this portrait of her and her brother Carl.

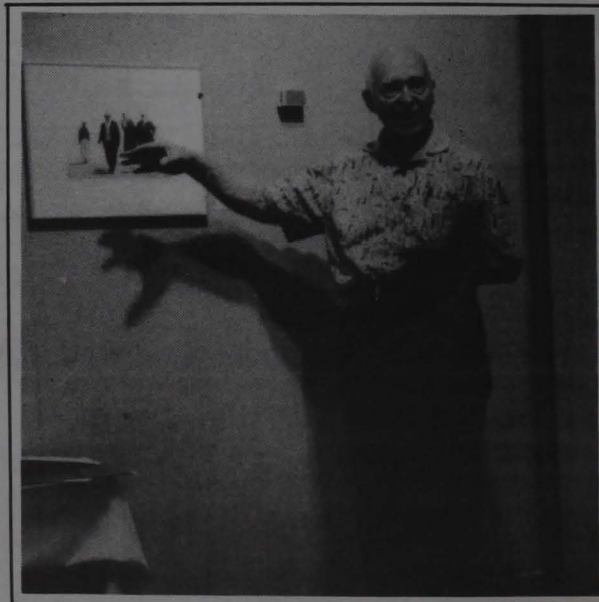


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Elkins artist Jesse Reed demonstrates aquatint technique.

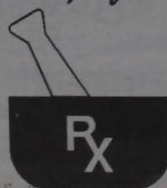
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Bullet Proof Bordello

By Brent Wood

Opening this week is the action/comedy *Bullet Proof*, starring Damon Wayans and Adam Sandler. This movie was made in the style of *Bad Boys* and *The Last Boy Scout*. Adam Sandler plays a wisecracking middleman in a drug cartel. He befriends Damon Wayans, an undercover police officer. When the drug bust goes down, the former friendship unravels. The two meet up again after Wayans is assigned to protect Sandler after the former criminal turns states evidence on the head of the drug ring, played by James Caan. The ensuing adventure between the grudging allies creates an atmosphere for funny cinema. At the start of the movie, the comedy is slow and dull, but becomes hilarious once the chase begins, with great moments with a toilet, an airplane crash, and Adam Sandler singing Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You." This is a very funny movie and worth seeing. It was directed by Ernest Dickerson and written by Joe Gayton and Lewis Colick.

In its third week, *Tales From the Crypt's Bordello of Blood* is on its way to slipping into grade-B horror. The second full-length motion picture from the Crypt Keeper falls far short of its predecessor, *Demon Knight*. The most important factor was the choice of lead actors--*Demon Knight's* Billy Zane versus *Bordello's* Dennis Miller. Miller may be good enough for the MTV Video Music Awards, but as the leading man, he needs help. The plot concerns an ancient female vampire who starts a brothel where her victims come for the time of their lives...or deaths, as it turns out. When her brother turns up missing, Elaine Eleniak hires private investigator Dennis Miller to find him. All clues point to the McCallister funeral home, AKA the Bordello of Blood. Swimsuit model Angie Everheart plays the beautiful Lillith, vampire and madame. She finds a special interest in Miller and decides to use him as her play thing. The writers stooped to using Super Soakers filled with holy water as the weapons to fight the vampire vixens. The majority of this movie consists of bad puns and topless female vampires. I consider this movie degrading to both women and vampires. The only good aspects of the movie were Angie Everheart, Elaine Eleniak, and the end.

Smith Article Published

Mike Smith published an article in the Spring/Summer edition of the *Foreign Policy Analysis Notes*, Vol. XXII, No. 1. Its title is "US Foreign Policy as a Trailing Policy Course." It concerned a course a course about US domestic policy as a prerequisite. Students in the course were better able to discuss foreign policy because they had already acquired useful policy concepts. But it was moderately difficult to find appropriate textbooks because most books about US foreign policy assume little prior knowledge of policy making.

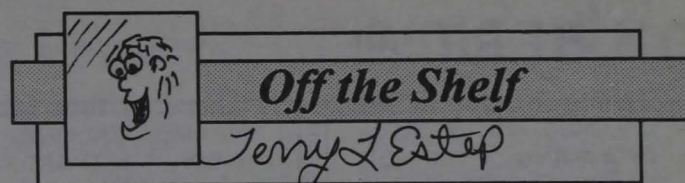
Forensics at GSC

The Glenville State College Forensics Team is forming up for another year of competition. If you like to speak in public, recite drama, poems or short stories, forensics is for you. The team meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m., in Room 123 of the Fine Arts Building. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nancy Wemm.

Pictorial

History Update

The pictorial history book celebrating Glenville's 125th anniversary is now at the publishers, the Donning Company. All the pictures to be included in this book have been located, and the scripts have been reviewed and revised. There remain several hoops to jump through before the book is published late this fall, but all the major tasks have been completed. Orders are being taken, and the price of the book is \$29.95 until the book arrives. The price will increase once the book is published. Contact the Alumni Center for further information.



The Star Trek: Invasion Begins

I love a good publishing gimmick, and since we are rapidly approaching the 30th Anniversary of *Star Trek*, it is time to discuss the *Star Trek: Invasion* series of books. Cross-over stories allow writers to work on a large canvas, incorporating multiple casts of characters in one common struggle. This approach to storytelling is not unusual in the realm of comic books, but is rarely seen in novels. The *Invasion* series follows the casts of *Star Trek*, *The Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine*, and *Voyager* as they face a grave threat to the Federation.

In Book One: *First Strike*, Captain James T. Kirk and his crew must intercept and stop an invasion from a distant sector of the galaxy from a group of aliens known collectively as The Furies. The aliens, who have managed to create a wormhole for travel, believe Federation space is their long-lost home, and are determined to drive everyone else out with their powerful ships. In addition, the aliens physically resemble gargoyles, demons, and other images of evil from the cultures of many Federation Worlds. Although Kirk tries to create a bridge between the Federation and the Furies, battle soon rages and the Furies are banished.

First Strike captures the feel of the original series, as Kirk tries to see past the horrible visages of the Furies to the sad, frail creatures beneath. Add to the mix an irate Klingon who demands more action and less diplomacy, and you have a comfortable mix indeed.

Book Two: *The Soldiers of Fear*, is set 75 years after Kirk's mission. Jean-Luc Picard faces the vanguard of the newly-reformed Fury fleet. The Furies have an extra weapon--an energy field that can project intense feelings of fear. The threat of the fleet's arrival in the Alpha Quadrant leads Picard to attempt sabotage of the Furies' wormhole. In the process, a member of the *Enterprise* named Redbay is lost.

The Soldiers of Fear is a weak novel, depending on *Trek* technobabble for most of the story. Unlike *First Strike*, this novel is strictly a link between volumes and cannot satisfy a reader as a stand-alone volume.

For reviews of Books Three and Four, see next week's "Off the Shelf."

The Mercury will attempt to include pertinent submissions and announcements; however, we can not promise to include them if they are not submitted by the Monday noon deadline.



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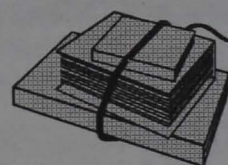
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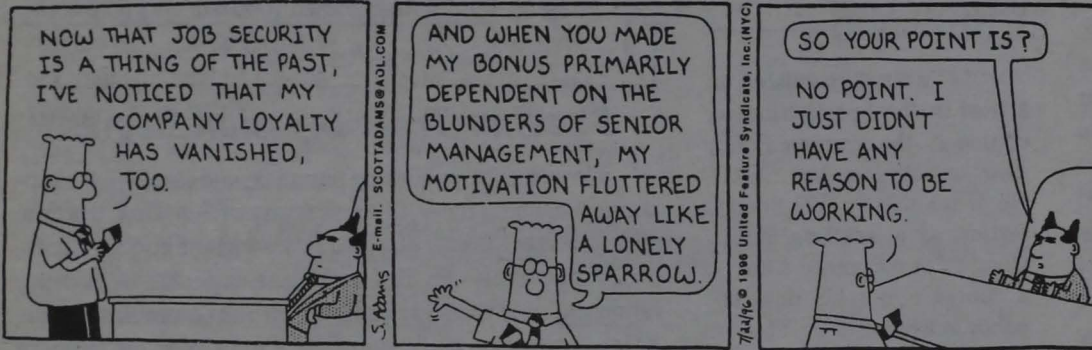
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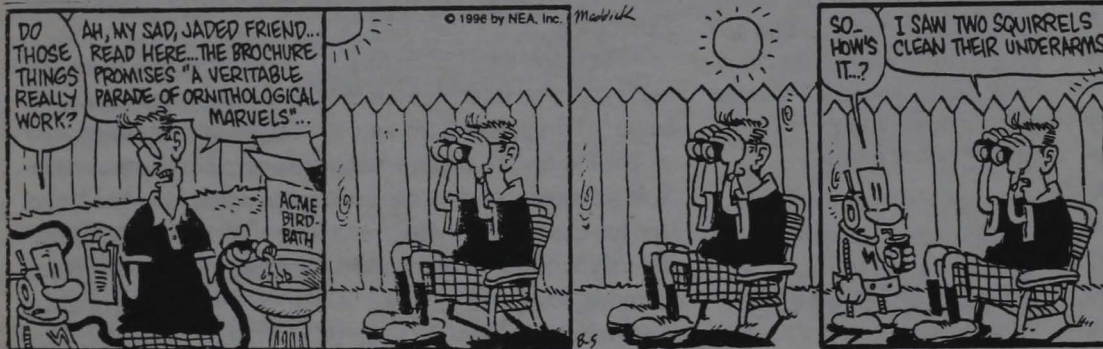
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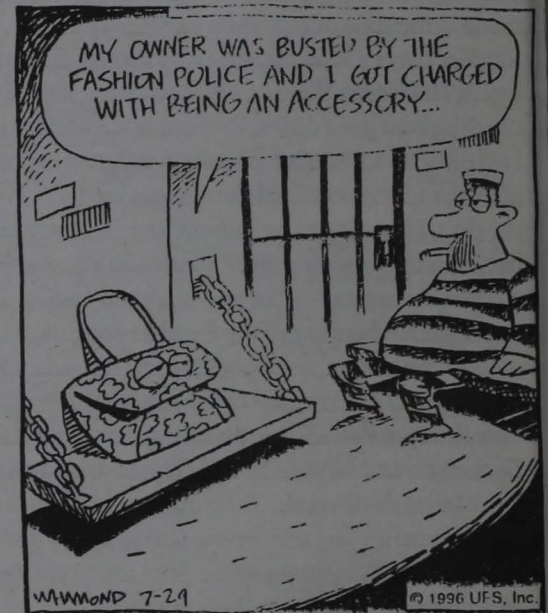
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Survey Shows College Relationships Lasting Longer

American college students are having longer and more sexually creative relationships with a regular partner, according to a new survey in the October issue of *Playboy* magazine.

The poll shows nine out of ten students are sexually active—more than the Kinsey Institute's 1991 figures of 80 percent for men and 73 percent for women. About half of them are having sex at least once a week.

"Most of our respondents practice serial monogamy," according to *Playboy's* College Survey," by Marty Klein and James R. Peterson. The survey showed 77 percent of the men and 71 percent of the women said they had had just one sexual partner in the past school year. About one-third of both men and women, however, admitted to having intercourse with

someone other than their steady partner.

While many students are trying to practice more responsible sex, various pressures conspire to frustrate even the best-intentioned attempts at making condom use easy and sexy.

More than one-third of both male and female college students have been tested for HIV, some because they wanted to know if they had the AIDS virus and others because their new partner wants to know. If AIDS disappeared overnight, however, 66 percent of the women and 49 percent of the men claimed their sex lives would not change.

To test the effectiveness of so-called "conduct codes" that ban intimate relationships between students and teachers, *Playboy* asked students if they had ever had sex with

an "authority figure." Sixteen percent of the men and nine percent of the women admitted they had. More than half of the men and 40 percent of the women said they had

flirted with an "authority figure" at least once.

"*Playboy's* College Sex Survey was compiled from responses from more

than 1000 students who completed a 152 item survey (plus ten essay questions) that was not identified as a *Playboy* project.

Student Congress Holds First Meeting of the Year

Student Congress Info.

Mark Allen, President of Student Congress, called the first meeting to order this semester on Tuesday, August 26 at 12:30 p.m.

According to Dr. Alfred T. Billips, Dean of Student Services, the dorm bathrooms may soon have electric hand dryers. He said the work order was put in at the end of the spring semester for consideration by Glenn Reynolds, the Physical Plant manager.

Billips offered this information when it was suggested by student congress that the bathrooms on campus, particularly the ones in the dorms, needed some improvements.

Also addressed at the meeting was the need for lighting in the parking lot behind the Fine Arts Building. Because there is no light, it has the potential to be a dangerous place at night. Billips said he would check into that as well.

Chris Hannah informed the student congress that a project is being developed that will bus students and faculty from campus to the home football games. This will help the parking situation at the field, as well as making it easier for those without vehicles to get to the field. The program will be headed by Scott Hanna, with help from the campus RAs, as well as Josh Bonnet, the new Pickens Hall House Director.

As a fund-raiser to help with campus improvements, and as a benefit to the students

at GSC, beginning next week "cash cards" will be sold to those interested. The card will cost \$5 and allow the students to get discounts at area businesses. They will be good from now until September of next year.

Over the summer Student Congress President Mark Allen received a letter from President William Simmons who requested ideas from the students for improving communication on campus. Allen asked that the members think about this and bring their suggestions to him during the next few weeks.

Student Congress will be purchasing T-shirts for the members to wear. Allen hopes that by wearing these shirts the awareness of Student Congress will increase, and input will also increase from the student body.

A new committee for Student Congress publicity was formed. The committee will be headed by GSC Pioneer Keith VanNoy.

Meetings of the Homecoming Committee will be held each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. between now and Homecoming week, October 14-19.

New members were sworn in. New officer Marlan Zwoil was sworn in as the new Parliamentarian. Pickens Hall Representatives Kelly Jarvis, Keith VanNoy and Scott Hanna, Senator at Large Melissa Stinson and Freshman Representative Jordy "Rudy" Gutta were also sworn in.

The Student Activities budget was presented at the meeting, totaling \$23,300 for the year. This budget includes entertainment such as comedians, hypnotists, DJ's for dances, Karaoke, and more.

The list of student appointments to campus committees were presented by Allen. These students are the people to whom you need to address questions and comments concerning the committee they are members of.

Academic Affairs: Amie Kouns, Joshua Bonnett, Stacy Rowand. *Activities:* Darrell Roane, Munir Ingram, Josh Hutzler, Derica Browning, Jeremy Dean. *ADA:* Carolyn Wilson, Victor Ice. *Athletics:* J. B. Hunt, Robbi Buffington, Mitch Carte, George Randolph. *Baccalaureate Degree/Curriculum:* Ronald Mays, Michele Hanson, Angela Michael. *Budget:* Mark Allen, William Kouns, Wendy Batson. *Buildings and Ground:* Marlan Zwoil, Kelli Jarvis, Rondel Criehtfield Jr., Patricia Drake. *Community College/Curriculum:* Tim Murdock, Daryl Taaffe, Dave Wilson. *Cultural Affairs:* Josh Bonnett, Chris Kenna, Jamie Atkins, Jennifer Gatewood, Emily Mullenax. *Legislative Affairs:* William Kouns, Richard Clark, Joshua Bonnett, Jennifer Gatewood. *Library/Media:* Shana Louk, Melissa Stinson. *Scholarship:* William Kouns. *Student Life and Welfare:* Scott Hannah, Mark Allen, Jeremy Rodriguez.

From the I Ching

"Religious forces are needed to overcome the egoism that divides men. The common celebration of the great sacrificial rites, which gave expression simultaneously to the interrelation and social articulation of family and state was the means employed by the great rulers to unite men.

The sacred music and the splendor of the ceremonies aroused a strong tide of emotion that was shared by all hearts in unison, and that awakened a consciousness of the common origin of all creatures. In this way disunity was overcome and rigidity dissolved.

A further means to the same end is the co-operation in the great general undertakings that set a high goal for the will of the people; in the common concentration on this goal, all barriers dissolve, just as, when a boat is crossing the a great stream, all hands must unite in a joint task."

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When college students go back to school this month, many parents will look for ways to keep in contact long distance. Using Freemark Mail, they can now communicate free of charge via Internet electronic mail (email).

Most college students are assigned Internet email accounts at their college or university. Parents can now get their own free personal Freemark email accounts, enabling them to send email to their children without sorting through confusing Internet technology or paying expensive on-line charges. Messages can be sent to and received from any computer connected to the

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ents without extensive computer knowledge can connect with their college-aged children using a medium that students are learning at school," says Freemark CEO Dorothy Woglom. "And because it costs nothing to send an email message with Freemark, it's easy to say 'I miss you' or wish a student good luck on a big exam without racking up expensive on-line service fees or postage and phone charges."

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coffer wields a bulky budget for various projects, purportedly "in the best interests" of GSC's struggling student body.

In addition, many students feel that student congress does not represent the diversity which abounds on GSC's campus.

A multi-faceted group including "non-traditional" older adults with families, black and Asian scholarship winners, and poor West Virginia natives who work five days a week just to attend college, all GSC students must pay the "activities" bill whether they enjoy participating in the congress's agenda or not.

"Last year our group was spending anywhere from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a night for live bands to play dances," Allen states with a smile. "This year we've decided to use DJ's instead. This will get us a lot of money, and we'll give the people who can dance a wider variety of music."

Congress plans to hire more comedians and hypnotists with GSC college students' cash and coax more folks to attend the sparsely populated promotional projects.

In addition, super schemes are being formulated

for GSC's traditional Homecoming '96, including a laughable ventriloquist called Taylor Mason on October 14 and the yearly conventional homecoming dance with DJ Neil White that Thursday.

Thirdly, Allen demands a change in what he labels "student apathy" at GSC and postulates that more people should dissipate their free moments away from strictly regimented coursework and hectic jobs by enthusiastically enlisting in the college's campus clubs.

"Commuters are missing out on a lot of social life," Allen claims. "I'd like for more of them to get involved! Participating in activities helps develop social and communications skills which are important assets!"

"I'd like to have at least one representative from each group come to every one of our meetings," Allen solicits. "This goes for all other students too! Everyone is welcome! If students want to come and talk about issues, or if they just want to sit and watch, they can do so. We meet every Tuesday at 12:30 beside the bookstore."

"I also think it would be a good idea to hold a forum where students, professors,

administrators, and community citizens can talk openly about issues," Allen continues.

Although he has many regal plans, Allen, a four-year-plus student, will be graciously graduating at the end of this semester. The reins of power will then pass to second-in-command Darrell Roane.

"We've got a lot of influential members," the charismatic Allen acknowledges. "Darrell's activities committee has spent a lot of time deciding for the students this year's programs, and our treasurer Wendy Batson and her fundraising committee will be promoting a Consumer Cash Card."

Allen says the card will be used as a fundraiser for the club, enticing students with discounts to lucrative businesses like Go-Mart, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, The Towne Bookstore, Mountaineer Mart, and Betty's Floral Shop.

"I'd also like to thank our group's advisors, Dr. Billips and Mrs. Nottingham, for overlooking us," stresses Allen diplomatically. "And I encourage all students to take an ACTIVE part in their lives and GSC. One person can make a big difference!"

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